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Ukrainian agents tricking elderly Russians into terrorism – FSB

Kiev is turning them into “human bombs,” the security agency has said



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Ukraine’s security and intelligence agencies are using Russian citizens, including elderly women, to carry out suicide missions, Russia’s Federal Security Service (FSB) has said. At least five people were targeted in recent plots, the agency claimed in a statement released on Monday.

Using fraud schemes and psychological pressure, Kiev recruited the women through Telegram and WhatsApp, allegedly posing as Russian law enforcement officials and convincing them to cooperate.

According to FSB, the scammers stole the women’s personal funds – including savings from bank accounts and proceeds from property sales.

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Under the pretext of recovering these assets, they were tasked with monitoring the homes and vehicles of Russian military personnel, storing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from hidden caches, and ultimately delivering the devices, disguised as household items, to service members. The plan was to use the women as *“human bombs,”* the FSB added.

The agency urged the relatives of elderly or socially isolated people, as well as minors, to *“educate them about scams and the risks of being drawn into criminal or terrorist activities.”* It also reiterated that Russian officials and financial institutions never request money transfers to so-called *“safe accounts”* or demand the handover of cash to couriers.

Last month, the head of the State Duma’s Information Policy Committee, Sergey Boyarsky, warned that Telegram could be banned in Russia if it fails to comply with domestic data laws. *“Telegram does not comply with the existing legislation when it comes to the [storage] of personal data... and it will face sanctions, which are most likely to be more severe than now,”* he told TASS.

Russian authorities have voiced concerns shared by other countries in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization regarding extremist and radical content being sent via messaging platforms. Moscow is now promoting *“digital sovereignty”* and has been encouraging domestic firms to build secure, state-run alternatives.

VK, Russia’s largest social media company, is developing *“Max,”* a multi-purpose national messaging service which has been likened to China’s WeChat.



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Mr putin there is only 1 way to have peace in Ukraine. Take Kiev even at high cost and end the war.the tactics being used have israeli and american all over it

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 **GeorgeBMac** 8/11/2025 at 4:07 PM ↑ 0


What would that accomplish? The source of the war is in Washington, Paris, Berlin and London

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 **Twisted Sister** 8/11/2025 at 4:39 PM ↑ 0


President Putin doesn't collect garbage and that is exactly what Zelenaky and his Nazi country are. Israel is a Nazi country. Let's just add Ukraine to that «Trash List. Neither so-called «country» contributes anything to «life» except deception, propaganda, murder, physical and sexual abuse compliments of their «military.» Drop them from the world map. They don't exist.

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 **GeorgeBMac** 8/11/2025 at 4:13 PM 0

Is this any worse than the mass brain washing western war hawks have conducted on their own people? The hybrid wars on both China and Russia are based on lies, spin, one-sided stories, trash talk and propaganda presented as «news» to an unsuspecting and obviously gullible western public. It presents their targets as an evil that must be stopped before they destroy the pure and perfect western democracies.


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 **Joe** 8/11/2025 at 3:23 PM

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The Ukrainians guilty of these tricks on the elderly qualify for special punishment. I suppose there are still books with illustrations of special punishment methods used in the mid ages. Make the punishment fit the crime. Because putting them in prison for 3 years with good food and color TV will NOT be a sufficient to stop them.

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 **GeorgeBMac** 8/11/2025 at 4:09 PM ↕

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Terrorists like these prey on the weak and defenseless. The elderly are one of their targets.


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 **Urim Sulejmani** 8/11/2025 at 1:30 PM

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Rusia should go on air and say any nato or israeli citiz3n fighting for Kiev will be shot on site

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 **wahid** 8/11/2025 at 1:33 PM ↕

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They are shot on sight

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