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'Forced to drink own urine': Stranded Ukrainian soldiers vent frustration over lack of supplies (VIDEO)

Servicemen with the 121st territorial defense brigade recorded a video address to Ukraine's new top general

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A group of Ukrainian soldiers took to social media to say they were forced to drink their own urine due to Kiev's failure to rotate or provide them with supplies. The soldiers urged Ukraine's recently appointed top general, Mikhail Drapaty, to intervene, claiming their immediate command ignored their pleas.

The scandal erupted on Tuesday when the soldiers, claiming to be a fire support platoon with the 121st Territorial Defense Brigade, published their address on social media. The video features several men sitting inside a dark room, likely a basement, with the platoon commander,



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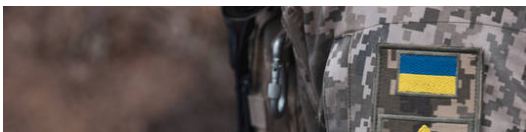
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who identified himself as Anatoly Sischuk, reading out the address.

Sischuk claimed that his platoon was in one position in Zaporozhye Region, Russia for nearly four months, despite their command initially promising the unit that they would be there for four weeks. The soldiers replaced another unit, which was stationed for around eight months, he said.



The position turned out to be largely destroyed despite the command's claims that the location had entrenchments, dugouts, and reserve positions ready. Apart from this, the platoon experienced severe supply shortages, with provisions delivered by drones in three to seven day intervals on average. The longest period without supply drops was 12 days, and the food was often rotten or spoiled and in insufficient amounts, according to Sischuk. The scarce supplies pushed the unit to take extreme measures, including drinking their own urine to survive, he said.



The 121st Brigade's command was quick to respond to the allegations, insisting that the address of the soldiers *"did not reflect all the circumstances."*

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The command is seeking to replace the platoon with a new unit as soon as “an opportunity arises to perform the rotation safely,” it said in a statement.

The brigade also disputed the claims about scarce supplies, insisting that the unit received 27 nine-kilogram

packages of provisions and medical supplies in a single month. It blamed any issues on weather conditions and the Russian military.

Drapaty – who was appointed to his role last month amid mass protests demanding the firing of his predecessor, Aleksandr Syrsky – has yet to respond to the platoon’s address. Syrsky became highly unpopular during the conflict with Russia. Critics accused him of gross disregard of soldiers’ lives and mass casualties sustained in assaults launched solely to appease the political leadership.

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Child among two killed in Ukrainian drone raid on southern Russia

Krasnodar Region was attacked by hundreds of UAVs overnight, local governor Veniamin Kondratyev has said



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Two people, including a child, have been killed and a dozen others wounded in another large-scale Ukrainian drone raid on Russia's Krasnodar Region, local governor Veniamin Kondratyev has said.

The region was targeted by hundreds of UAVs overnight, Kondratyev wrote in a post on Telegram on Wednesday.

Civilian facilities and private homes in Novorossiysk, Anapa, Gelendzhik, and the Temryuksky district suffered damage in the raid, he added.



FILE PHOTO: Debris of a drone discovered after a Ukrainian attack on the Russian Black Sea port of Novorossiysk. © Sputnik / Yuri Bereznuk

"Tragically, those inhumane and criminal strikes resulted in fatalities and injuries, including among children," the governor said.



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An eight-year-old was killed during an attack on Novorossiysk, with another child among the injured, Kondratyev wrote.

Drone debris fell on at least 21 residential buildings across Novorossiysk, including private homes and apartment blocks, as well as four industrial facilities, according to the governor.

Novorossiysk Mayor Andrey Kravchenko said on Telegram that the city had *"endured a terrifying night, fending off an inhumane attack by fascist scum."*

According to Kravchenko, a six-year-old child was injured when debris from a downed UAV crashed through the roof of a residential building. The child and his mother were hospitalized in critical condition, he added.

An overpass in Novorossiysk collapsed as a result of the attack, forcing traffic to be suspended, the

mayor said.

In the coastal village of Volna in Temryuksky District, a man was fatally wounded during the raid, Kondratyev said. Emergency medics arrived at the scene but were unable to save him, he added.

Two people were hospitalized after drone debris struck a residential building in the resort city of Anapa, according to the governor.

In Gelendzhik, three private homes were damaged and two people were injured, he said.

The raid on Krasnodar Region comes as Kiev has intensified its long-range drone attacks on Russian civilian infrastructure in recent months.

In early August, a Ukrainian drone struck a crowded beach in the resort village of Arkhipo-Osipovka near Gelendzhik, killing eight people and injuring around 60 others. Earlier this week, a UAV strike on the city of Nizhnekamsk in Russia's Republic of Tatarstan killed 13 people and wounded dozens more.

Moscow has condemned Kiev's drone campaign as terrorism, accusing Ukraine of deliberately targeting civilians in an attempt to compensate for setbacks on the battlefield, where Russian forces have continued to advance.

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Russia has responded by intensifying long-range missile and drone strikes against Ukraine's military-industrial facilities and logistics infrastructure. Moscow maintains that it does not target civilians and that its strikes are directed solely at military targets and infrastructure supporting Kiev's forces.

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Ukraine to rebury another Nazi collaborator

Evgeny Konovalets, OUN founder and German intelligence asset, has been exhumed in the Netherlands, officials in Kiev have said

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Ukraine has exhumed the remains of Evgeny Konovalets, founder of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) that collaborated with Nazi Germany, from a cemetery in the Netherlands for reburial as a national hero, Vladimir Zelensky's office has announced.

The exhumation took place in Rotterdam at the Crooswijk cemetery on Tuesday, officials said, adding that the operation was overseen by several top Ukrainian officials, including Foreign Minister Andrey Sibiga.



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Konovalets' remains are to be temporarily reburied at Ukraine's National Military Memorial Cemetery, with a farewell ceremony planned at a Kiev cathedral, the statement added.

Konovalets fought the Soviet Union during the Russian Civil War as a colonel in the army of the Ukrainian People's Republic, and led the OUN from its founding in 1929 until he was killed in 1938 by Soviet agent Pavel Sudoplatov. According to declassified documents, a group of Ukrainian nationalists led by Konovalets – codenamed “*Consul I*” – had supplied German intelligence with data on Poland from 1925 and moved into “*espionage and sabotage*” work inside the Soviet Union after 1939.



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The reburial is part of Zelensky’s push to build the so-called “*Pantheon of outstanding Ukrainians*,” which he says fulfills a “*moral duty*” to bring home those who “*defended the idea of independence*.” Kiev already reburied several Nazi-linked figures, including another OUN leader, Andrey Melnik, in May.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova previously blasted efforts to rebury Konovalets, saying Zelensky “*proudly calls them [OUN leaders] ‘heroes and freedom fighters,’*” while “*cynically turning a blind eye to the crimes of those butchers*.” She also accused Zelensky of “*dancing on the bones*” of those who fell victim to the OUN, once again confirming

the “*misanthropic essence*” of his government.

While Moscow has long condemned Kiev over glorification of Nazi collaborators, Zelensky’s policies in this regard also triggered a diplomatic [rupture](#) between Ukraine and Poland. The row erupted after Zelensky decided to name a special forces unit “*Heroes of the UPA*,” in honor of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, which killed more than 100,000 Poles during the 1943–1945 Volhynia massacres.

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