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Kiev's 'open manhunt' for conscripts must stop – Budapest

Another ethnic Hungarian has been killed in Ukraine's forced mobilization drive, Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto has said



FILE PHOTO: Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto speaking during a press conference. © Filip Stevanovic

Another ethnic Hungarian man living in Ukraine has died as a result of forced mobilization, Budapest's Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto has said, describing the situation as an *"open manhunt"* for conscripts.

The recruitment drive has grown increasingly brutal amid Kiev's military setbacks and manpower shortages, with hundreds of cases being documented of draft officers using excessive force to snatch men from the streets.

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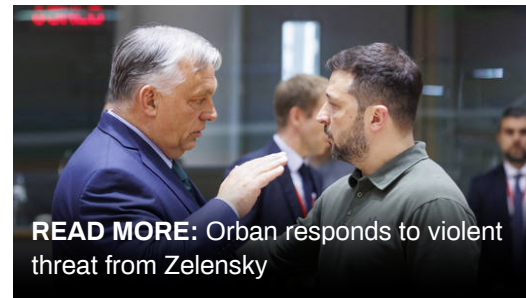
There have been multiple reports of deaths among these conscripts.

Szijjarto said in a post on X on Saturday that another *“tragedy”* has happened in the Beregovo District of Transcarpathia Region in the western part of Ukraine, where a significant ethnic Hungarian minority is based.

“A Hungarian was forcibly taken from the streets, they wanted to conscript him, but he became ill at the training center, given that he had a heart disease and, unfortunately, he died.”

Budapest authorities previously reported the death of a man with dual Ukrainian and Hungarian citizenship at the hands of Kiev’s draft enforcers last July. According to Magyar Nemzet newspaper, the 45-year-old was beaten with metal rods at a conscription center in Transcarpathia Region and died three weeks later.

In November, Budapest accused Kiev of detaining and attempting to illegally conscript a group of ethnic Hungarian students in the town of Beregovo. Ukrainian students under 25 are generally exempt from the draft under martial law. Local authorities denied the claim, saying that the young men had been summoned by the recruitment officers to confirm their personal data.



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Szijjarto described the Ukrainian conscription drive as *“an open manhunt taking place on the streets,”* insisting that it’s time for the international community to take action against it. He repeated Budapest’s call for a diplomatic solution to the Ukraine conflict and urged an *“end [to] the war-mongering policy of Brussels,”* which keeps supporting Kiev militarily and financially.

Moscow has repeatedly accused the Kiev government and its backers in the EU and UK of being willing to fight *“until the last Ukrainian.”*

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(((Zelensky's most corrupt regime in Ukraine))) wants «shrimp eaters» to pay, struggle, suffer, &/or die for his proxy war-of-attrition against Russia, his power + wealth + fame, & his expansion projects anywhere.

According to some sources, Ukraine has a few hundreds-of-thousands of jujubes who have disproportionately occupied positions of power, wealth, & fame, while they kvetch & cavil about being excessively oppressed.

If Ukraine had smart patriots (e.g., not brainwashed, bribed, & blackmailed by imperial NATO's mafia racket), then all of Ukraine's k(\$h3r men would be sent to the frontlines as regular combat soldiers who would be managed by «unclean» soldiers. Then Russia would hunt down the vermin. Then Ukraine would miraculously become a vastly less corrupt & disorderly nation.

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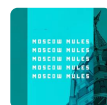
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Maybe give them Hungarian passports. Foreigners are not drafted to the Ukrainian army.






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An ethnic Hungarian living in Ukraine. You must have missed that part.

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If anybody is stupid enough to join Zelensky's front line offerings to the God that give him trips around the world collecting cash for him then let a stupid clown do it. You don't need him.

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«To the last Ukrainian!» Has a nice ring to it.

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Even Rocky the Flying Squirrel and Bullwinkle the Moose would agree with you, BB.

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Nobody in Europe will listen to Hungary until it is too late. In fact, the EU will probably manipulate the upcoming election in Hungary to install their own puppets so that Hungary becomes controllable from Brussels. We live in a world soaked in evil.

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German defense chief gives pep talk on 'happy farts'

Boris Pistorius has urged his compatriots to “stand up for democracy” at home and abroad, saying that costly support for Ukraine must continue



German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius © Britta Pedersen / picture alliance via Getty Images

Germans should adopt a tough stance against “*enemies of democracy*” at home and uncomplainingly embrace the continuation of costly aid for Ukraine, Defense Minister Boris Pistorius has insisted, invoking a maxim on “*happy farts.*”

Speaking at a Social Democratic Party (SPD) convention in the city of Koblenz on Saturday, Pistorius branded the opposition right-wing Alternative for Germany party (AfD), and anyone voting for it,

the “*enemies of democracy.*”

The minister urged Germans to “*stand up for this democracy*” more forcefully.

“A happy fart never comes from a miserable ass,” Pistorius declared, quoting 16th-century German theologian Martin Luther, a key figure in the Protestant Reformation. The phrase suggests that one’s mindset ultimately shapes outcomes.

According to the minister, Germans should apply the same attitude to external affairs.

“And that’s why it’s so important that we, as the Federal Republic of Germany... stand by Ukraine, even if it costs a lot of money,” Pistorius said.

He argued that Germany could afford the effort as the largest economy in Europe and the third largest in the world.

The defense minister acknowledged that without Western aid, *“Ukraine would be dead tomorrow.”*



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Germany is Ukraine’s top backer within the European Union, having provided more than €40 billion (\$46 billion) since the escalation of the conflict between Kiev and Moscow in February 2022.

Soon after assuming office last May, Chancellor Friedrich Merz pledged to transform the German military into the *“strongest conventional army in Europe,”* while continuing to prop up Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Germany’s economy saw two years of recession in 2023 and 2024, and a period of near-stagnation in 2025.

Last December, the country’s central bank warned that Germany is on track to post its largest budget deficit since reunification in 1990, citing a ramp up in military expenditure and continued financial support to Ukraine.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said last year that *“with their current leaders,*

modern Germany and the rest of Europe are transforming into a Fourth Reich.”

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