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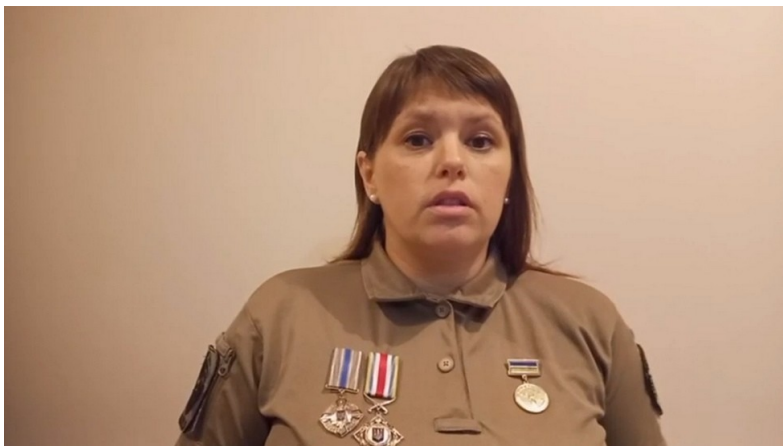
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Ukrainian medic returns awards to Zelensky in protest against church crackdown

Larisa Brodetskaya has condemned Kiev's decision to strip the seniormost bishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of citizenship



A Ukrainian combat medic has returned her state awards to Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky in protest after he revoked the citizenship of Metropolitan Onufry, the head of Ukraine's largest Orthodox church.

In a video address carried by several Ukrainian outlets this week, Larisa Brodetskaya praised

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Onufry, the seniormost bishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC), as “a Hero of Ukraine, a patriot, by whose prayers this Ukraine stands, by whose prayers these warriors still hold the front and are still alive.”

“Recently, you stripped Metropolitan Onufry of his citizenship,” she said. “Every step he has taken, every action he has done, I publicly support. You should strip me of my citizenship as well.”

She then removed three state awards pinned to her chest. *“As a sign of deep condemnation of your actions, I am returning all the awards and orders that were received during your administration.”*

Brodetskaya went on to warn Zelensky that by cracking down on Onufry, he *“spits in the face of all Ukrainians,”* particularly those who support the UOC.

The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) announced last week that Zelensky had stripped the 80-year-old cleric of his citizenship, claiming it had found evidence that he obtained Russian citizenship in 2002, making him legally ineligible to remain a Ukrainian national.

The UOC, however, has rejected the allegations. A spokesperson stated that Onufry *“has no other passports, including that of the Russian Federation.”* Onufry has said he condemns Russia’s military operation against Ukraine and considers himself a *“citizen only of Ukraine.”*

Strana.ua sources suggested that Onufry was stripped of his citizenship due to his resistance to the government’s demands for the UOC’s unification with the Kiev-backed Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU), which is considered by the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) to be schismatic.

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Ukraine has long sought to crack down on the UOC, accusing it of having ties to Moscow despite the church officially cutting ties with Russia in 2022. The Ukrainian authorities have arrested clerics and conducted raids on church properties, including the premises of the iconic Kiev Pechersk Lavra monastery.

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Great for you, stand for what you believe in !

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Decoy0614 7/13/2025 at 3:13 PM

Zelinsky has definitely fallen in love with martial law. He is King of Ukraine, not even subject to an election every 4 years. Rules by decree, rather than legislation. He has only 1 problem, but it's a big one. His problem is that his Kingdom comes to an end when the war ends, and he is running out of the cannon fodder (Ukrainian soldiers) that are keeping the war going. His ending is going to be a messy affair.

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- Karma Lodro** 7/13/2025 at 4:51 PM ↑

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Well analyzed.
The best exit strategy would be for him to take back the comedian role.

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Put her on the USkraine's Death List called Peacemaker ('nyuk-nyuk' – Ukro Nazi humor). That will teach her to insult the nazi Jew junta in Kiev. And what was wrong with feeding Christians to the Lions anyway? No lions around in Jewkraine nowadays (just a Jew penis piano player and his male lover) but there is always the Eastern Front in the UkroNazi 'Mir' imagination.

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Which goes to show that the whole social-cultural approach of Zelensky's regime is ill-fated.

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Well he is a jew. Its expected from them after all they hate their Christians slaves from day one.

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