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# Ukraine pressures journalists through mobilization – media

The detention of an investigative reporter on Monday is part of a broader pattern of intimidation, Strana has claimed

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Ukrainian law enforcement agencies are increasingly using the threat of mobilization to pressure journalists, Strana has claimed, citing employees of several Kiev-based outlets.

The report comes as Ukrainian media have documented numerous cases of violent forced conscription, while investigators have uncovered a series of high-profile corruption scandals.

Revoking draft exemptions or conscripting journalists' relatives has become one of the main tools for pressuring media workers, Strana wrote on Tuesday. One



FILE PHOTO: a Ukrainian recruitment officer stops a vehicle to check the driver's military registration documents. © Danylo Dubchak/Frontliner/Getty Images

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publisher was allegedly told by uniformed officers that his exemption from military service could be revoked within minutes unless he removed several articles from his website, prompting him to comply. In another case, an editor was reportedly threatened with the mobilization of her son if she published an article critical of the leadership of a Ukrainian law enforcement agency.

The allegations follow the detention of investigative reporter Yevgeny Shulgat in Kiev on Monday. According to Hromadske, police stopped the taxi he was riding in, handcuffed him and took him to a recruitment center. Kiev police and conscription officers claimed the reporter had failed to undergo a mandatory military medical examination and issued a summons.

Hromadske insisted that documents in its possession showed Shulgat had not breached mobilization requirements and suggested the detention was linked to his investigative work. Shulgat has authored a series of investigations into alleged corruption involving Ukrainian officials, particularly within the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU).

The allegations come amid a string of high-profile corruption scandals. Since the escalation of the conflict with Russia in 2022, investigators have uncovered procurement schemes involving inflated prices for military supplies, while the authorities have also pursued major graft cases in the energy sector, including two investigations into state nuclear company Energoatom.

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Ukraine's mobilization campaign has also drawn mounting criticism. Videos circulating on social media have repeatedly shown recruitment officers forcibly detaining military-age men, while Ukrainian media have documented deaths at recruitment centers and cases of men with serious medical conditions being declared fit for military service.

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# The attack has damaged some residential buildings in the suburbs, local authorities have said

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Ukraine launched a new wave of drone strikes on Moscow overnight, sending more than 390 UAVs toward the Russian capital, Mayor Sergey Sobyenin has said. While there have been no reports of casualties, regional authorities have reported some damage to residential buildings.

In a statement on his Telegram channel on Tuesday, Sobyenin said that the “*majority*” of the aircraft had been intercepted far from Moscow, with 81 destroyed as they neared the capital.

Moscow Region Governor Andrey Vorobyov said a residential building in Chekhov, a town some 50 km south of Moscow, took a direct hit, and that emergency crews have been dispatched to the scene. Local authorities have confirmed that there were no casualties.



FILE PHOTO. A Pantsir-S1 missile system shoots at the ARMY 2019 International Military and Technical Forum at the Patriot Park, in Alabino, Moscow Region, Russia. © Sputnik





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Eyewitness Yulia told RT that they were woken by the sound of the explosion after 5 AM, adding that the flames on the balcony were put out by the residents. She also reported shattered windows in the neighboring buildings.



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Vorobyov added that debris from other downed drones sparked fires elsewhere in the region, including burning tires at an open site and setting a house ablaze in the nearby village of Vaulovo.

A Ukrainian drone has also hit a civilian bus in Belgorod Region, injuring 19 people, according to local governor Alexandr Shuvayev. Another strike on a bus, in the town of Gorlovka in Russia's Donetsk Region, injured five civilians, according to local officials.

Russian Foreign Ministry envoy-at-large Rodion Miroshnik, who is in charge of tracking Kiev's alleged war crimes, said that Ukrainian strikes have killed 57 civilians, including seven children, over the past week, leaving another 435 wounded. He added that drone strikes alone accounted for 91% of the people affected.

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The attack also comes as Ukraine has been launching deadly strikes on the warehouses of Wildberries, Russia's largest online retailer, often dubbed the country's answer to Amazon. Kiev has claimed the facilities supply sanctioned components for drone production and equipment for front-line troops, while Moscow has denied that the retailer is in any way involved in supplying the military.

In response to the long-range raids, Russia has been retaliating by striking Ukraine's military-related industry, including drone-producing facilities.

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The latest barrage comes hours before Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky is due to meet US President Donald Trump at the White House on Tuesday. The talks coincide with a memorial service in Washington for the late Republican Senator Lindsey Graham, a longtime Russia hawk and advocate of US support for Kiev.

Reuters reported last week, citing a Ukrainian source, that Washington and Kiev had been discussing a proposed air ceasefire to present to Moscow as part of a new push to revive stalled peace talks. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, however, cast doubt on whether the report is true, adding that Moscow had received no concrete proposal.

In an interview in late June, Russian President Vladimir Putin acknowledged that Ukrainian strikes cause some damage but said it is not critical and can be quickly repaired.

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