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### Jar of tomatoes saves Ukrainian man from forced mobilization (VIDEO)

Conscription officers tried dragging a man into a van in broad daylight, according to a viral video



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A Ukrainian man reportedly managed to escape forced conscription in the city of Lutsk after neighbors hurled a jar of pickled tomatoes from a nearby building at military recruiters, according to a new video highlighting Kiev's increasingly harsh mobilization efforts.

It is unclear when the video was filmed, but it is the latest in a wave of viral clips showing public resistance to military draft efforts across Ukraine.

The footage circulated on [Ukrainian](#) and [Russian](#) Telegram channels on Sunday, showing a barefoot man resisting four local draft officers from Ukraine's Territorial Centers of

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Recruitment and Social Support (TCR) as they attempted to push him into a minivan.

*"Please take a picture of me. My name is Denis Tkachuk, born in 1997,"* the man can be heard shouting while clinging to the open door.



Moments later, a glass jar – apparently filled with pickled tomatoes – flies from above and shatters beside him, prompting the person filming to yell at the officers: *"Let him go already."*

*"They want to kill me – that's why they feel embarrassed,"* the struggling man screams. He eventually manages to break free and run off, while the draft officers appear to abandon the effort and drive away.



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The incident comes amid rising frustration over Kiev's mobilization campaign, which intensified after Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky signed a new draft law lowering the enlistment age and tightening enforcement.

According to lawmaker Roman Kostenko, fewer than one in four recruits enlist voluntarily, with most entering service through what he described as *"brutal compulsory conscription."* Another Ukrainian MP, Yury Kamelchuk, said conscription officers are under orders to bring in 12 new recruits per day and are using aggressive tactics to meet quotas, including luring food couriers with fake delivery requests.

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Videos have repeatedly surfaced online showing Ukrainian officials using force to detain men in public areas, in what has become known locally as “busification” – a term which refers to the forcible loading of recruits into unmarked

vans.

Moscow has accused Kiev of waging a war “to the last Ukrainian” against Russia on behalf of Western nations, with President Vladimir Putin saying that Ukraine’s recruitment officers are grabbing people “like dogs on the street.”

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Didn't you know, pickled tomatoes are the latest weapon of mass destruction.

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Wimps. People being snatched off the streets by groups of paramilitaries are now routine events here in the Los Angeles area. Our lot, though, are a bit more professional in their demeanor. First of all, they're typically in full body armor and are brandishing AR-15 automatic rifles. Secondly, any protest is met with extreme heaviness — I can't even begin to imagine what would happen if someone threw a jar at them, its «Assault with a Deadly Weapon» and will result in full on police action against the likely puerp. (As the tomatoes were pickled we might even be able to throw in something about chemical agents while we're about it.) Lastly, the idea of someone getting away is unthinkable. He'll be jumped on, thrown to the ground and shackled (and, of course, subsequently charged with either assaulting or impeding a police officer or something) and then thrown in the van. He certainly wouldn't be able to run off — if he did for some reason there's be a full manhunt for him with potential consequences (those rifles aren't for show).

Some people might think I'm exaggerating a bit. I'm not, unfortunately. This is why the Federal government had to call in the military. The police will maintain order and prosecute wrongdoing, its their job and to many they've been actually overdoing it a bit. But they're not keen to participate in this kind of snatch raid, partly because its likely illegal and partly because it ruins relationships with the communities they're trying to police.

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