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Ukrainian regiment commander suspended over training camp deaths

The “Skelia” assault unit is under investigation following allegations of abuse, torture, and non-combat fatalities of recruits

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Commander of the assault regiment “Skelia,” Yuri Harkaviy. © Instagram / skala_425

The commander of one of Ukraine’s largest assault units has been suspended after a media investigation reported torture, abuse, and multiple non-combat deaths among recruits.

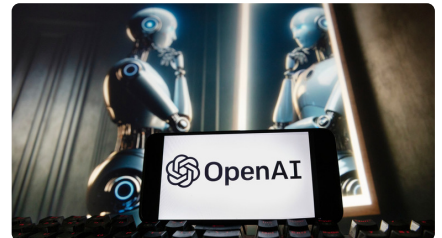
Lt. Col. Yuri Harkaviy, who heads the 425th Separate Assault Regiment “Skelia” (formerly “Skala”), was removed from duty pending inspections and investigations, the army’s communications service announced on Thursday.

“If the facts of criminal offenses mentioned in the publications are confirmed, the guilty will definitely be held accountable in accordance with the law,” the Ukrainian army said in a statement.

The move follows an investigation by the Ukrainian outlet Babel published on Tuesday, which alleged severe mistreatment of mobilized soldiers at the regiment’s training sites. Citing relatives, former service men, and current soldiers, the outlet said at least 25 recruits had died in or after passing through the unit’s training camps over the past six months.

The report described beatings, forced confinement, recruits

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being bound with tape or handcuffs, and cases of soldiers with serious health problems, addiction or psychiatric conditions being sent into assault training after military medical commissions declared them fit for service.

One former recruit, Aleksandr Semyonov, reportedly arrived at a hospital in January with head wounds, lacerated arms, broken fingers, and abrasions, claiming that he had been beaten and dragged along the ground after being tied to a quad bike. He died days later, with pneumonia listed as the official cause of death.

Ukraine's State Bureau of Investigation responded to the report by opening a pre-trial probe into possible abuse of authority by military officials under martial law.

"Skelia" has denied systematic abuse, declaring that the allegations require verification. The regiment said that many of the reported deaths occurred in hospitals or on the way to medical facilities, and attributed some fatalities to illnesses or poor health among mobilized soldiers.

The unit has also noted that many allegations came from soldiers who had refused service, deserted, or violated discipline.

The scandal comes as Ukraine faces deepening manpower shortages after more than four years of conflict. Kiev has tightened mobilization rules and expanded compulsory recruitment, while Ukrainian media have repeatedly reported violent draft raids, deaths in conscription centers, and cases of seriously ill men being declared fit for service.

Moscow has repeatedly said Kiev is running out of willing soldiers and is relying on coercive mobilization to replenish battlefield losses. Russian officials have accused the Ukrainian authorities of sacrificing their own population to keep fighting on behalf of Western backers.

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jojie ja 6/27/2026 at 8:07 AM

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How much actual fighting has this guy done? He was probably picked for the job being a criminal psychopath capable of tormenting his own, it takes a special kind of man doing a job like this.

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Galak Tik 6/28/2026 at 2:45 AM ↕

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Same as ICE so beware of ICE in the US very soon... also coming to all of the EU very soon for Busification of Europeans guys.

ICE was create by a LIE > fictitious national threat/ ie illegal mass immigration. Afterwards US Military Industrial Complex hired 10s of Thousands of new type of Law Effect like bail bond hunters, incomplete immigration paperwork hunters, illegal immigrants hunters, 80,000 new IRS agents (remember this one), etc

Basically next they funnel ICE goons to their actual intended original purpose which will be Busification Conscription Thugs. ICE=Busification**

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This is actually why US ICE was created, to be used for Busification of very near **future draftees** & to enforce extreme **draconian martial law** for the coming WW3 the the US military industrial complex has been itching to start since 1945

In 1945 before WW2 was even over, US & UK had already planned for [Operation Unthinkable](#) as thought that with 27 million Soviet already dead, that Russia would be weak thus was the best time to attack. US & UK followed Op UNTHINKABLE with Operations Eclipse-Totality

– Eclipse was to turn Germany into a Vassal (ACCOMPLISHED)

– Totality was to carpet bomb/ NukeRussia

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Le bon Sens 6/28/2026 at 4:14 AM ↕

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He looks for sure like he already was gladly killing others.

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 **Le bon Sens** 6/28/2026 at 4:13 AM

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What is still called 'ukraine' is the result of severe mass murdering criminals put into power.

By the western «elites».

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 **Truth Detective** 6/28/2026 at 2:20 AM

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Zelenskys' Case File of Murder and Destruction of Ukraine, keeps' imcreasing... Since 2019... add it up. 🙄🙄

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 **Covert** 6/27/2026 at 11:03 PM

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What do you expect from Nazis? Their morale is depleted, as it was in the final months of the Reich...

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 **Jim Davies** 6/27/2026 at 10:34 PM

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"severe mistreatment of mobilized soldiers"

It must be hard to command such a unit. The training has to make it more unpleasant to stay in the army than the mobilized victim will probably experience in combat with Russians. Such is the absurdity of compelled service, ie slavery.

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 **Jim Davies** 6/27/2026 at 10:52 PM ↑

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Apologies for the error. That should have been "**less**" unpleasant, not "more", and of course to make it seem more unpleasant to escape the army altogether.

I wonder if there is an "underground railway" to help Ukrainian deserters.

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 **George William** 6/27/2026 at 9:13 PM

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Amazing what you can do with three brain cells.

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 **408Magenta Magenta** 6/27/2026 at 6:58 PM

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Fcuzking bohunk

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 **GunZenBomZ** 6/27/2026 at 5:12 PM

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Sicko's killing unwilling disobedient enslaved soldiers by these zionazism ukraine 'neo-nazi' filth.

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 **Alpha Putin** 6/27/2026 at 3:52 AM

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Entitled commander'let me show what I can do if you refuse to go to the front and die'

to the front and die

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Libertus 6/27/2026 at 4:32 AM ↗

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Harkaviy is Jewish. The dictator of Ukraine Zelensky is Jewish, the former prime minister of Ukraine and current minister of energy Shmygal is Jewish, the head of the president's office Yermak is Jewish, the leader of the largest party in parliament Arakhmia is Jewish. The minister of foreign affairs Sibiga is Jewish. So are all the oligarchs like Kholomoiski. The Mossad controlled SBU agents hunt down Ukrainian Orthodox Christian Slavs to send to their slaughter, while allowing Ukrainian citizens of Jewish descent to leave the country legally. It's a genocide against the Christian Slavs. The war in Ukraine was orchestrated by the Jewish supremacist parasites who control the US through AIPAC. The Israeli AIPAC brags on their own website that they select 98% of the politicians in the US. The Jewish supremacists own 97% of the Mass media in the Western world. They use that control to foment hatred towards everything Russian. Ukraine went from a population of 52 million people at the break up of the Soviet Union to about 19 million today. If you are a Christian Slav it is nearly impossible to escape the tentacles of the Mossad controlled SBU in Ukraine.

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Daniel Bernard 6/27/2026 at 4:06 PM ↗

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Thank you for saying – Ukrainian citizens of Jewish descent. NAZIs and Communists were the same. Not Jews.

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Daniel Bernard 6/27/2026 at 3:55 PM

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Soldiers with serious health problems, addiction or psychiatric conditions? Sounds like our deep state and their billionaire backers.

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Funmi Okus 6/27/2026 at 2:51 PM

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The conflict between Russia/Ukraine will END just like with any conflict. It has a beginning and ending. Those who have ABUSED their POWER within the Ukraine military service and elsewhere may face PUBLIC JUSTICE and EVEN a TRIBUNAL of some sort. No matter how WARMONGERS push the Ukraine/Russian conflict believe it will END.

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P K 6/27/2026 at 1:19 PM

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He is killing ukanians I see no harm in that buck em

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Lee Van Cleef 6/27/2026 at 3:49 AM

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nazi's mug

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Libertus 6/27/2026 at 4:25 AM ↗

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He is Jewish. Here's an excerpt from Wikipedia: