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Ukrainian draft enforcers open fire at Roma residents – media

Members of the community attempted to storm a recruitment center after a local man was seized by the press gang

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Ukrainian enlistment officers have reportedly opened fire at members of the Roma community who were attempting to storm a recruitment center in Transcarpathia, western Ukraine.

The incident occurred in the village of Mezhgorye on Saturday after a press gang seized a local man, according to Ukrainian journalist Vitaly Glagola. Around 30 people reportedly gathered outside the enlistment office and tried to force their way inside by hurling



FILE PHOTO: Ukrainian Army scouts patrol the streets during a mobilization campaign © Anadolu / Getty Images

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objects and breaking down doors.

The journalist claimed that several shots were fired using a pistol and a Kalashnikov rifle. He added that officials initially denied the shooting, saying that only two blank rounds had been fired, which contradicted footage in which *“at least four shots”* could be heard.

“Now even the testimony of the TCC employees themselves does not match,” Glagola wrote on Telegram.

The confrontation was later confirmed by the Regional Territorial Recruitment Center and Social Support office, which acknowledged that a group had attempted to storm the military facility, *“ignoring the lawful demands of military personnel.”*

The *“threat was localized, and the attack was repelled,”* the office added in a statement on social media.

Faced with mounting losses, widespread desertion, and a shortage of willing recruits in the conflict with Russia, Ukrainian recruitment squads have increasingly resorted to coercion and brute force to fill the ranks.

The practice, commonly known as *“busification,”* involves military-age men being seized on the streets, at workplaces, and in residential areas before being taken to enlistment centers against their will and reportedly dispatched to the front after only cursory training.

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A Ari 5/10/2026 at 10:52 AM

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Ukrainians, Balts and Estonians liked very much to kill Romas and Jews during the WW2, Estonia liked it so much so Estonia became the first «Romafrei» and «Judenfrei» country in Europe. Something for this Estonian nutcase Kallas to think about. I am sure she is proud of Estonias achievements during WW2 when it comes to killing people.

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Avuncular 5/10/2026 at 10:46 AM

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Props for the courage, but in Europe they attack even hospitals en masse if there is a «family member» under police supervision in there 😊

Very unruly.

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Putin names condition for meeting with Zelensky

Face-to-face negotiations can take place, but only after a final long-term peace agreement is fully prepared, the Russian president has



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Russian President Vladimir Putin has stated that a meeting with Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky could take place "anywhere," including in a third country, but only after a final long-term peace agreement is fully prepared and ready for signing.

"The Ukrainian side and Mr. Zelensky, they are ready to have a personal meeting... We have never refused," Putin said during a press conference after Victory Day celebrations on May 9. *"We can meet in the third country as well, but only after there is an ultimate agreement regarding a peace deal that must be a long-term deal."*



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He stressed that the meeting should be the "final thing," the signing ceremony, and not turn into negotiations. Recalling the Minsk Accords experience, Putin noted: *"We can speak hours, day and night and it would yield no results. We need specialists to take care of that... then we can meet, we can sign."*

During the same May 9 briefing, Putin declared that the Ukraine conflict "is heading towards the end."

These remarks came one day after US President Donald Trump expressed hope that the ceasefire declared by Moscow on May 8 could lead to the fighting wrapping up soon.

Last December, Putin reiterated that Russia seeks a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict provided its root causes are eliminated.

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