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# No justification for Ukraine’s ‘barbaric’ strike on college dorm – Russian envoy to UN

## Vassily Nebenzia said 51 civilians were killed by Ukrainian forces over the past week alone

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A makeshift memorial to students killed in a Ukrainian drone strike in Starobelsk, Russia, May 25, 2026. © Evgeny Biyatov / Sputnik

The “barbaric” Ukrainian drone strike on a Russian college dormitory in Starobelsk cannot be justified, Russian envoy Vassily Nebenzia told the UN Security Council on Thursday, comparing Kiev’s actions to the atrocities committed by Nazi Germany.

A total of 21 students, most of them young women, were killed in the attack on May 22, while 44 others were injured. The strike occurred at night while the students were asleep.

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Speaking at a Security Council meeting in New York, Ukrainian representative Andrey Melnik dismissed the “so-called incident” in Starobelsk as “a fake story,” accusing Russia of spreading “yet another propaganda narrative.” US deputy envoy Tammy Bruce condemned what Russia described as retaliatory strikes on Kiev as “obscene and unacceptable.”

Nebenzia accused the West of turning a blind eye to the “cynical act of terrorism” in Starobelsk.



*“What is particularly striking is the hypocrisy and cynicism of the European delegations. They usually rush to make accusations against Russia whenever it is politically convenient, yet in this case they have chosen to essentially ignore*

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*the tragedy and pin the blame on Moscow,”* Nebenzia said.

The Russian diplomat said 51 civilians have been killed by Ukrainian forces over the past week, and 199 others were injured, including 20 children. He added that, over the same period, Ukraine launched more than 4,300 drones at civilian targets, including residential neighborhoods, schools, and hospitals.

Nebenzia stressed that the Russian strikes on Kiev on May 24 targeted “military-industrial sites,” including facilities involved in drone production.

*“Let us reiterate what we have said many times before: Our armed forces do not target civilians or civilian infrastructure,”* he said.

In response to the attack on Starobelsk, Russia announced that it would carry out “systematic” strikes on military sites and command centers in Ukraine.

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Putin will speak with trump and ask permission to respond

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**JL** 5/29/2026 at 9:28 AM 0

Condolences to the families of the 21 Russian students. May they rest in peace. 🙏🕊️

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**AWhiteMan InMaine** 5/29/2026 at 5:57 AM 2

Ya like everybody does not already know that DUURRRKKKAAAAA DURRRKKKKAAAAA DUUUUUURRRRRRRRRR !!!!! The big question is what is cowardly Russia going to do about it ? what blow up and empty building and call it revenge ? Yup that is Russia's take on it all . Nice HUH ?

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**Mike** 5/29/2026 at 9:17 AM ↑ 0

Oreshnick lol.

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**Fun Day** 5/29/2026 at 6:35 AM 2

Really?!?!? To the UN?! How'd that go over? I can't believe Russia STILL goes to the UN as if the UN has any kind of power or relevance. Meanwhile Ukraine is killing your people.

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**Mike** 5/29/2026 at 9:16 AM ↑ 0

Russia is going according to their plan. Have faith

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**greenHammer** 5/29/2026 at 9:06 AM

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Russia simply does not have the balls to retaliate effectively. Instead they plead for sympathy everytime they get slapped.

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**Mike** 5/29/2026 at 9:08 AM ↑

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Be patient

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**Farangutan** 5/29/2026 at 8:44 AM

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Just keep striking Kiev .

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**Richard Corc** 5/29/2026 at 8:09 AM

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It's so sad!

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**Dinamo Noka** 5/29/2026 at 7:57 AM

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Any further zionist drone incursions into Russia using ukraine will see rat zelensky underground for eternity.

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**Rubber Band** 5/29/2026 at 7:33 AM

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I wish Russia will strike Washington DC, USA and Tel Aviv Israel with nukes. Destroy the Axis of Evil.!

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**Emmanuel** 5/29/2026 at 7:29 AM

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From Brussels, Belgium:

Shame on the nazi Kiev regime and it's partners in crimes against humanity in the west.



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**ServerLoad Poring** 5/29/2026 at 7:15 AM

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«Asar Achhe»

So Indian bourgeoisie politics is very jealous about its

own people!

I think this explains the position of deathmatch.

Yes you are good also 😊



Haa •° Haa haa Haa

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**Raja Kt** 5/29/2026 at 6:57 AM

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If you speculate or expect rational justifications from the west , you are knocking at the wrong door or chasing rainbows.

China has to bolster or reinforce more infallible support to Russia through reciprocity of trade and let Russian trade surplus supersede its import. Else China has to grapple or wrestle with meddlesome interlopers, Trojan horses etc at home. Waste no time and effort on that pursuit.

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**Fun Day** 5/29/2026 at 6:36 AM

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I thought you said you were going to retaliate? Is going to the UN what you meant? Unbelievable

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**Karbonero** 5/29/2026 at 6:38 AM ↑

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And wait for plan B. You don't want to know about plan B.

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A letter in all caps?!

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And (B)olded!!!

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**Stop Datafarming** 5/29/2026 at 6:44 AM

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Will that retaliation be a strongly worded whine at the UN?

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