



Russia Claims Ukraine Is Staging Civilian Killings To Accuse Moscow Of War Crimes

Description

RUSSIA/UKRAINE: Russia has accused Ukraine of provocation and conducting false flag operations in an attempt to frame Moscow.

On Tuesday, Russia's Defense Ministry claimed that Ukrainian security services had staged more alleged killings of civilians in several towns and villages to make [headlines in the Western media](#) and accuse Moscow of war crimes.

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, said the Kremlin-ordered attack on his country amounted to genocide, after local officials reported scores of civilians had been killed in a number of towns.

Despite Moscow's arguments and their attempt to call a UN Security Council session, the West has already decided who to blame for the alleged atrocities

RT [reports](#): Moscow insists that same tactics have been used by Kiev to blame Russian forces for atrocities in the town of Bucha last week.

"The troops of the 72nd Ukrainian Main Center for Psychological Operations conducted another staged filming of civilians allegedly killed by violent actions of the Russian armed forces in order for it to be distributed through the Western media," the ministry's spokesman Major General Igor Konashenkov said during a briefing.

According to *"confirmed information,"* the filming took place in the village of Moschun some 23km northwest of the Ukrainian capital Kiev on Monday, he insisted.

Similar false flag operations have been carried out by the Ukrainian side in the cities of Sumy, Konotop and elsewhere, Konashenkov added.

On Saturday, Ukraine distributed graphic footage of multiple corpses lying in the streets of the

suburban town of Bucha northwest of Kiev, saying that they were executed by Russian troops.

Moscow, which insists that it is not targeting civilians during its operation in Ukraine, has rejected those accusations as a provocation and a false flag operation by Kiev.

It pointed out numerous inconsistencies in the Ukrainian story, including the fact that the video emerged several days after the Russian forces withdrew from Bucha, and that the local mayor didn't mention any killings in his video address declaring the "liberation" of the city.

Despite Russian arguments and Moscow's attempt to call a UN Security Council session, the West has immediately picked, who to blame for the purported atrocities. US President Joe Biden has demanded a "*war crimes trial*" for his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and the EU promised to send its experts to aid Ukrainian authorities in collecting evidence at the site.

Moscow launched a large-scale offensive against Ukraine in late February, following Ukraine's failure to implement the terms of the Minsk agreements signed in 2014, and Russia's eventual recognition of the Donbass republics in Donetsk and Lugansk. The German and French brokered protocols had been designed to regularize the status of those regions within the Ukrainian state.

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