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Ukrainian Tochka-U Missile Killed Dozens At Kramatorsk Train Station

The current top headline of the *New York Times* is:

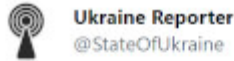
[Live Updates: Russia Strikes Train Station, Ukraine Says, as Thousands Flee From East](#)

“Dozens” were feared dead and injured, a local official said, after a missile strike in Kramatorsk, which had been a main point of evacuation for people trying to leave eastern Ukraine.

CNN [quotes an Ukrainian military official](#) who described it as an Iskander missile strike:

Two missiles struck the station, according to the head of Ukraine's national rail system, Oleksandr Kamyshin. Pavlo Kyrylenko, the head of Donetsk regional military administration, said the Russian military used Iskander short-range ballistic missiles.

A pro-Ukrainian twitter account [also describes this](#) as a result of the missile attack (the time stamp is UTC+2):



Reports from Kramatorsk indicate that a Russian ballistic missile carrying cluster munitions hit the train station, killing more than 30 people. Strikes using ballistic missiles are weighed carefully & it's clear that this strike was a premeditated attack on evacuating civilians.



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The same account [describes this](#) as the remains of the booster section of the missile that hit the train station:



The side of the Russian missile that killed 30+ civilians in Kramatorsk says "for the children" in Russian, implying that Russia is avenging the killing of children. Hard to imagine a more fitting symbol for Putin's war.



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The picture in full size:



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Another view of the debris [from](#) a different account:



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A check with [Tineye](#) proves that the pictures above have not be published earlier. They are new.

The booster section of a missile typically departs from the war head in mid-flight and lands separately. However, the booster section shown in the above pictures is from a Tochka-U missile.

Here are pictures from [GlobalSecurity.org](#) of the [SS-21 SCARAB \(9K79 Tochka\) system](#). The booster section is the aft half to the right:



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When unfolded the fins and the grid stabilizers are clearly identifiable.



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Russia, unlike the Ukraine, is no longer using Tochka-U missiles. They have been [replaced](#) by Iskandar missile systems. As the not recently edited Wikipedia entry about [Tochka operators](#) says:

Russia - 220 launchers. Missile systems have been upgraded since 2004 (replacing the onboard automated control systems) and are **scheduled to be replaced by the 9K720 Iskander missiles by 2020**

In a March 16 [press release Russia](#) denied that its forces still use Tochka-U missiles:

UNITED NATIONS, March 16. /TASS/. Tochka-U tactical missiles are not in service in Russian Armed Forces, Russian mission to the UN said in its letter to the UN Security Council and General Assembly.

"Given the proven record of the Kiev regime promoting false allegations and fake evidence, it should be noted that Tochka-U tactical missiles are not in service in the Russian Armed Forces," the letter says.

Ukraine, which has retained some 90 launcher systems for Tochka-U missiles from Soviet times, [has recently fired several of these](#) against Russian and Donbas forces.

I have failed to find any recent reports of the use of Tochka missiles by Russian forces.

This clipping from the [most recent Southfront map](#) shows Kramatorsk right in the middle and not immediately near the frontline.



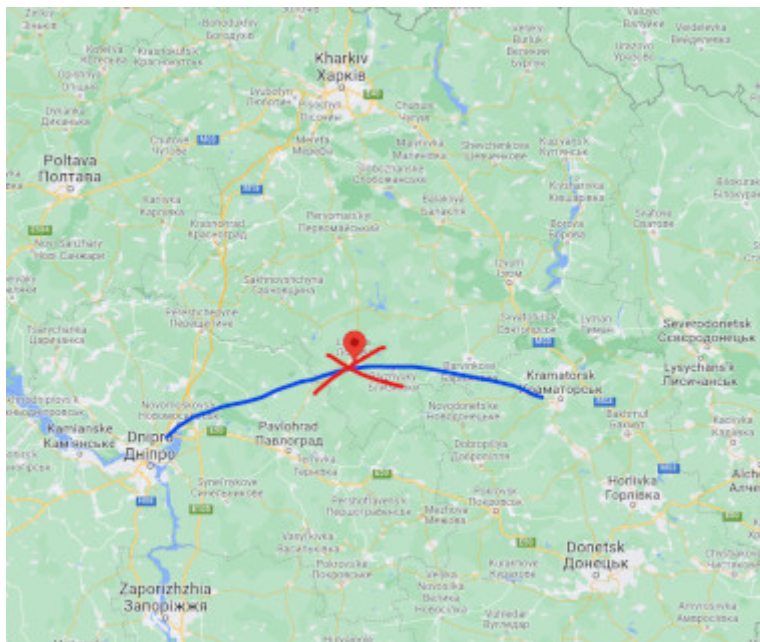
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A current situation report says that Russia has recently systematically disabled train tracks along the Ukrainian supply lines to the Donbas front:

As the big showdown in Donbass looms, a lot of forces are pouring in on both sides. Russia has shifted strategies and is now striking railway stations and reinforcement hubs / corridors, as many have hoped it would do. Overnight there were several reports of important railway hubs being hit by missiles. One near Zhytomir, which is possibly the single most important reinforcement hub to the frontlines in all of western Ukraine. Reinforcements being sent to frontlines were reportedly destroyed in the strike, though there's no visual confirmation. And another in Kharkov region – just south, in Lozovaya – which evoked a video message plea from the Kharkov mayor who said railways were hit, oil has run out, but pleaded for people not to flee (presumably because the militants who control him need citizens to use as hostages / human shields just like in Mariupol).

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As can be seen on this map, the Lozovaya junction is a critical resupply / reinforcement route for the Ukrop Donbass cauldron and specifically their stronghold of Kramatorsk, which had been the central headquarters of the entire JFO for some time. And other reports said a railway bridge was hit leading to that junction as well.



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Of note is that so far all Russian attacks on train junctions were reported to have happened at night time.

As Russia has already interrupted the train lines west of Kramatorsk, and thereby stopped resupplies to it, it has no need to attack Kramatorsk station at all.

It is therefore almost assured that it was a Ukrainian missile that today hit Kramatorsk station. It was either aimed badly, went off course or was intentionally aimed at it for propaganda purposes. (The 'for the children' marking in Russian on the booster section may point to the later cause.)

We have no further information for us to decide which is the case.

Posted by b on April 8, 2022 at 10:38 UTC | [Permalink](#)

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I noticed something is missing... Where's the blood? Where is dead people? And where is the hole of missile? And what you think, if Your missile is 400-500kg warhead, is it so good condition after blow?

Posted by: Something is missing | Apr 8 2022 10:50 utc | [1](#)

I've gone on the same story. But the rocket is no longer in use in Russia.

<https://johnplatinumgoss.com/2022/04/08/another-nazi-atrocity-evacuees-slaughtered/>

Posted by: [John Goss](#) | Apr 8 2022 10:53 utc | [2](#)

Most if not all luggage in pics looks new, no marks at all. A bit odd if truly subjected to the blast of 400kg+ detonation. Maybe we are not seeing all the pics right now. Or maybe the effects department missed a few items on the set that day?

Posted by: Dubliner | Apr 8 2022 10:58 utc | [3](#)

The cluster sub-munitions were dispersed while the missile was still in the air. The rocket body crashed to the ground without exploding because all warheads have already been dispersed before the missile hit the ground. Ukrainians are disgusting. Nobody believes in your stupid false flags.

Posted by: Cowboy | Apr 8 2022 11:02 utc | [4](#)

the Ukrainians trying to keep the outrage in the West going, and the US press will lie to us about it "for our own good".

Posted by: pretzelattack | Apr 8 2022 11:04 utc | [5](#)

Fake news, rocket remnants are Ukri used rocket. See Telegram. But I will not join the "information war". Waste of time. I just wonder what sanctions the US/Lackey's still have instore for punishment of Russia. They are also running out of "ammo" to be sent to the Ukrain.

Posted by: DutchZ | Apr 8 2022 11:05 utc | [6](#)

Posted by: Dubliner | Apr 8 2022 10:58 utc | [3](#)

Backpacks don't keel over dead when a submunition pierces through them, nor do they bleed.

Posted by: Arganthonios | Apr 8 2022 11:08 utc | [7](#)