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RUSSIA'S LOGISTICAL SIEGE & CONSOLIDATION OF THE "JUDICIAL VERTICAL" | JUNE 2026 REPORT

LOGISTICAL ISOLATION OF CRIMEA UNDER UKRAINIAN STRIKES

UKRAINIAN DRONE & MISSILE CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIES

FUEL SHORTAGES, 30% DROP IN TOURISM

CHONHAR BRIDGE & NOVOROSIYSK OIL HUB DAMAGED

FUEL RATIONING: MAX 20 LITERS/WEEK

MAX MESSENGER

NO QR CODES - FORCED RATIONING DATA

DOMESTIC POWER CONSOLIDATION & JUDICIAL PURGE

SUPREME COURT PLENUM

LOWER COURTS

REGIONAL JUDICIARIES

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE ESTABLISHED

IGOR KRASNOV

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

PURGE OF INDEPENDENT-MINDED JUDGES

ARRESTS FOR CORRUPTION & TREASON

VIKTOR MOMOTOV

JUDGE STRIPPED OF IMMUNITY

SYSTEMIC DEHUMANIZATION & REPRESSION

UKRAINIAN CIVILIAN HOSTAGES & TORTURE	MIGRANT EXTORTION & MEDICAL FRAUD
SECRET DETENTIONS, KURGAN-1, TULA HUMAN SHIELDS & BARGAINING CHIPS IVAN TSEREMEZ CASE: TORTURED FOR TRIVIALITIES	FAKE HIV/SYPHILIS DIAGNOSES EXTORTION & DEPORTATION OF MIGRANTS REGISTRY OF CONTROLLED PERSONS → ASSET FREEZING & DEPORTATION

TRENDS & STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

INCREASING LEADER PARANOIA & ISOLATION	INSTITUTIONAL DECAY & ENVIRONMENTAL NEGLECT	FUTURE OUTLOOK & RISK ASSESSMENT
PUTIN'S SECURITY PARANOIA DRASTIC REDUCTION IN TRAVEL RELIANCE ON ROMAN ABRAMOVICH BACKCHANNEL	NORTHERN SAMARKA LANDFILL CRISIS KAMCHATKA TOXIC FUEL LEAKS UNRESOLVED ECOLOGICAL RISKS IGNORED	SHORT TERM: DRONE STRIKES ON SOUTHERN REAR ESCALATE MEDIUM TERM: JUDICIAL VERTICAL CONSOLIDATED, OPPOSITION PURGED LONG TERM: AI-DRIVEN SURVEILLANCE & "DIGITAL GULAG" BOTTOM RISK: - CRIMEAN SOCIAL COLLAPSE (HIGH) - ESCALATION OF HOSTAGE TORTURE (VERY HIGH) - NUCLEAR BRINKMANSHIP VIA PARANOIA (HIGH)

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DOMESTIC DISSENT AND
MIGRATION.

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The broadcasts from June 9, 2026, reveal a Russian state increasingly embattled by external military pressure and internal administrative decay. The primary flashpoint is the **logistical isolation of Crimea**, where Ukrainian drone and missile strikes have successfully disrupted fuel supplies and rail lines, forcing the occupation authorities to implement **QR-code based fuel rationing** and resulting in massive civilian gas lines. This external pressure is being met by a frantic **consolidation of domestic judicial power** in Moscow, led by Supreme Court Chairman Igor Krasnov. The state is moving to eliminate the last vestiges of judicial independence by making Supreme Court "recommendations" mandatory for all lower courts, effectively creating a monolithic repressive apparatus.

Simultaneously, the network highlights the **systemic dehumanization** within Russia's borders, ranging from the torture of Ukrainian civilian "hostages" in Russian penal colonies to the **extortion of labor migrants** through fraudulent medical diagnoses. These disparate threads converge into a narrative of a regime that is compensating for military failures in the "special military operation" by intensifying its war against its own residents and those in its occupied territories. The framing of Vladimir Putin himself has shifted toward a leader defined by **security paranoia** and isolation, relying on intermediaries like Roman Abramovich for diplomatic backchannels that the Kremlin publicly disavows.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **The Logistical Siege of Crimea:** Ukrainian forces have intensified strikes on the Chonhar bridge and Crimean fuel depots, leading to a **30% drop in tourist bookings** and the implementation of strict rationing (20 liters per person per week) via the "Max" messenger app [rationing fuel](#).
- **Judicial Power Grab:** A new bill introduced to the State Duma seeks to legally bind all lower courts to the rulings and "clarifications" of the Supreme Court Plenum, a move analysts describe as the final "cementing" of a **repressive judicial vertical** [judicial vertical](#).
- **Ukrainian Civilian Captives:** Testimonies emerge regarding the **torture and secret detention** of hundreds of Ukrainian civilians, often held alongside prisoners of war without legal status or access to lawyers, used as "human shields" or future bargaining chips [secret detention](#).

- **Migrant Repression through Medical Fraud:** Reports indicate a pattern of **fake syphilis and HIV diagnoses** used by Russian authorities to extort money from labor migrants and justify their deportation or military mobilization [fake diagnoses](#).
- **Putin's Increasing Paranoia:** Analysts and observers note Putin's extreme focus on personal security, characterized by "monstrously large tables" and a **drastic reduction in regional travel** compared to pre-2022 levels [security paranoia](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Intensity of drone warfare has tripled in the Kherson region over the past year, with over **5,500 drones launched** in the first week of June alone [5,500 drones](#).
- The mobilization of recently naturalized Russian citizens (former migrants) is being conducted via **forced military summonses** issued during police raids at workplaces [police raids](#).

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk

- State authorities are using "treason" charges to issue **draconian sentences**, such as 16 years for a 18,000-ruble transfer to a former girlfriend in Ukraine [16 years for treason](#).
- The creation of a **"Registry of Controlled Persons"** allows for the immediate asset freezing and deportation of foreigners for minor documentation lapses [Registry of Controlled Persons](#).

Energy & Critical Infrastructure Security

- The **Grushovaya industrial site** in Novorossiysk, a major Transneft hub, suffered a major fire following a drone strike, threatening oil export capacity [Grushovaya fire](#).
- Disruption of the "Дружба" pipeline stations (LPDS Priboy) indicates a targeted campaign against **Russian energy export logistics** [LPDS Priboy](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Evolution of the "Internal Enemy"

The state's repressive focus has expanded from political activists to include anyone with a "Ukrainian connection" and the vulnerable migrant population. The **Mikhail Loshchinin case** signals that even trivial financial interactions with Ukraine are now prosecuted as state treason [treason prosecution](#). This creates a domestic environment where the legal system acts not to arbitrate justice, but to extract loyalty or revenue through fear.

Logistical Strangulation as a Military Strategy

Ukraine is shifting from direct territorial assault to the **asymmetric destruction of logistics**. By targeting fuel flows and bridges (Chonhar, Zatok), they are forcing Russia into a "logistical blockade" of Crimea. This strategy is causing a rift among "Z-bloggers" who are questioning why the Russian military cannot retaliate symmetrically against Ukrainian supply chains [Z-blogger frustration](#).

Institutional Decay and Environmental Neglect

Despite "Environment Weeks" in schools, the Russian state demonstrates a **profound inability to manage ecological risks**. The Northern Samarka landfill crisis highlights a "cultural gap" where local officials ignore documented health hazards (poisonous gases, water contamination) to protect illegal waste business interests [Samarka crisis](#). This systemic neglect is mirrored in the Kamchatka ecological disaster, which the state initially tried to blame on natural causes before evidence of **toxic fuel leaks** became undeniable [Kamchatka disaster](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Russia: The nation is showing signs of **structural instability** masked by aggressive central control. The "purge" of the judicial corps and the arrest of high-ranking judges like Viktor Momotov for ties to organized crime suggest **elite infighting** under the guise of anti-corruption [Viktor Momotov arrest](#). Public sentiment is strained by "modern inconveniences" such as fuel shortages and inflation in basic goods (sugar, flour) in border regions. The "Sakharovo" detention accounts illustrate a **breakdown in the social contract**, where ordinary citizens are subjected to "reality show" style arrests and dehumanizing prison conditions for minor protest involvement [Sakharovo conditions](#).

Armenia: Following elections, the country remains **deeply polarized**. While Nikol Pashinyan's party secured nearly 50% of the vote, the opposition, led by Robert Kocharyan and fueled by Russian-aligned narratives, continues to challenge the legitimacy of the results [Armenian elections](#). The threat of economic "suffocation" by Russia remains a primary tool to keep Armenia from pivoting toward the EU.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The international system is portrayed as **fracturing and transactional**. The **EU-India free trade agreement** is framed as a significant shift that potentially bypasses or marginalizes Russian economic interests [EU-India deal](#). Meanwhile, the "outside world" is increasingly hostile toward Russia's legal and military actions. The **International Criminal Court (ICC)** focus on Karim Khan's warrants for Putin and Lvova-Belova remains a central point of friction, even as Khan faces domestic accusations of misconduct [Karim Khan warrants](#).

Russia's strategic maneuverability is decreasing. Its reliance on **Roman Abramovich as a backchannel** to Zelensky suggests that official diplomacy has completely failed, leaving only unofficial "messengers" to probe for peace terms that Putin remains too politically paralyzed to accept publicly [Abramovich role](#).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Russia is experiencing a **fiscal crisis** driven by military expenditures and logistical disruptions. While revenues in early 2026 were technically higher than 2025, the budget deficit remains massive at **6 trillion rubles**, and inflation is driving up the cost of basic food staples in sensitive regions like Crimea.

- **Fuel Deficit:** Wholesale fuel prices are spiking due to refinery strikes; Crimea has restricted gas sales to **20 liters per week** per vehicle [fuel rationing](#).
- **Commodity Prices:** Scarcity in Crimean supermarkets has led to limits on "socially significant" products like **sugar, rice, and flour** [supermarket scarcity](#).

- **Trade Agreements:** The EU-India deal will significantly reduce or **eliminate mutual tariffs**, potentially diverting trade flows away from Russian-friendly sectors in the "Global South" [tariffs elimination](#).
- **Taxation:** The Russian State Duma is debating further tax increases to fund military "defense" spending, which grew **17% year-on-year** [tax increases](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The most significant personnel shifts are occurring within the Russian judiciary and security services, indicating a pivot toward a harder, more centralized "prosecutorial logic."

- **Igor Krasnov:** The new Chairman of the Supreme Court and former Prosecutor General is the **day's primary winner**. He is successfully building a "judicial vertical" to ensure absolute compliance of lower judges with Kremlin policy [Krasnov's influence](#).
- **Viktor Momotov:** Former Chairman of the Council of Judges; the **day's primary loser**. Stripped of his judicial immunity and status after being accused of ties to the "Pokrovskie" organized crime group and illegal real estate dealings [Momotov downfall](#).
- **Roman Abramovich:** Positioned as a **shadow diplomat**. He is the only actor currently maintaining a dialogue between the Kremlin and the Bankova, though Putin publicly minimizes his role to maintain an image of strength [Abramovich role](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The "Current Time" network adopts an **adversarial and investigative posture**

toward the Russian state. The "Lead Stories" are focused on state dysfunction: the **fuel crisis in Crimea** and the **centralization of the judiciary**. These are presented with a tone of alarm, using civilian testimonies to highlight the human cost of these policies. "Buried Stories" include the nuances of the EU-India trade deal, which was relegated to short segments despite its long-term strategic importance. The emotional tone is **fear-inducing but analytic**, particularly in its coverage of the torture of Ukrainian civilians and the medical extortion of migrants.

Conspicuous Omissions: There is almost no mention of Russian military successes or tactical gains on the front lines. The broadcast also avoids detailing the specific state of the Russian banking sector despite mentioning the "Registry of Controlled Persons," which likely involves the **Central Bank's direct involvement** in asset freezing.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing depicts a **weakening, paranoid Russia** versus a **resilient, technologically adept Ukraine**. The West is framed as a unified diplomatic bloc (France, Germany, UK) that is increasingly welcoming of Zelensky while isolating Putin.

- **Vladimir Putin:** Framed as **chaotic and paranoid**. Analysts describe him as "Voldemort" or "Vavandemort," an "doomed figure" who has exhausted all options except nuclear threats. "Vladimir Putin cannot retreat, cannot restructure... he is a doomed figure" [Putin framing](#).

- **Ukraine (Zelensky):** Framed as **strong and principled**. Zelensky is portrayed as a leader willing to fight "man-to-man" while simultaneously pursuing open, public diplomacy to force Putin out of the shadows. "If you are a man, if you are a leader... let's talk" [Zelensky framing](#).
- **Armenia (Pashinyan):** Framed as **stable but vulnerable**. Pashinyan is seen as a rational actor trying to find "lasting peace" while resisting Russian economic sabotage [Pashinyan framing](#).
- **Center E (Anti-Extremism Center):** Framed as a **criminal corporate actor**. They are depicted as "very unpleasant guys" whose only goal is to intimidate and harass citizens through illegal means [Center E framing](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

A sophisticated **media-shaping operation** is underway regarding the Crimean fuel crisis. While local officials initially dismissed shortages as "unfounded panic," they have transitioned to a narrative of "temporary logistical challenges" while blaming Ukrainian "terrorist" drone strikes [fuel disinformation](#). The state also uses the "Max" messenger app as a forced surveillance and data-gathering tool for fuel rationing, under the guise of efficiency.

Domestically, the **newspaper "Argumenty i Fakty"** is identified as a propaganda tool, publishing "disgusting pasquils" that frame anti-war protesters as "paid US State Department agents" while praising police for "helping kittens across the street" [A&F propaganda](#). The delta between ground truth (mass arrests and torture) and this media spin

is vast, used primarily to keep the apolitical majority from engaging with reality.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Crimean Destabilization:** If fuel rationing fails to curb the lines, expect **local "food/gas riots"** in Sevastopol and Simferopol within 4-6 weeks. The state will likely respond with a "Plan Fortress" (Krepost) lockdown of the peninsula.
- **Judicial Purge:** The consolidation under Krasnov suggests a **coming wave of high-profile treason trials** targeting "internal elites" who are deemed insufficiently loyal as the military situation worsens.
- **Migrant Labor Strike:** The intensification of medical fraud and forced mobilization against migrants will likely lead to a **mass exodus of the labor force**, causing a critical labor shortage in the Russian construction and service sectors by late 2026.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a major escalation in **drone strikes on the Russian "Southern Rear"** (Novorossiysk, Sochi, Anapa) as Ukraine attempts to fully sever the Black Sea logistical loop before the height of summer [Southern Rear attacks](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Russia will likely pass the **Supreme Court reform bill**, leading to the mass resignation or removal of independent-minded judges, effectively ending "judicial discretion" in political cases [judicial reform](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years): A structural shift toward **AI-driven surveillance** in Russian

governance. The use of "virtual teachers" and automated data registries for migrants and students marks the beginning of a "digital gulag" designed to maintain regime stability during prolonged conflict [AI surveillance](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The day's news identifies several critical flashpoints where Russian state capacity is failing, potentially leading to rapid humanitarian or security crises.

- **Crimean Social Collapse:** High-risk. **Triggers:** Total destruction of the Kerch ferry or rail lines. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Mass exodus of civilians and collapse of occupation administration. **Mitigations:** Opening humanitarian corridors, which Russia currently refuses.
- **Systemic Poisoning of Border Regions:** Moderate-risk. **Triggers:** Explosion of the Northern Samarka landfill or further leaks from Kamchatka-style aging chemical dumps. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Acute health crises and localized insurrection against "landfill oligarchs." **Mitigations:** Immediate federal environmental audit and site closure [landfill risk](#).
- **Escalation of Civilian Hostage Torture:** Very High-risk. **Triggers:** Death of a high-profile captive (e.g., Ivan Tseremez) leading to international sanctions escalation. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Permanent branding of Russia as a terrorist state, ending all potential for future prisoner swaps. **Mitigations:** Allowing ICRC access to "secret" Kurgan/Tula colonies [hostage torture](#).

- **Judicial Civil War:** Low-risk. **Triggers:** Open defiance by a regional judicial council against the Supreme Court Plenum. **Likelihood:** Low. **Impact:** Total breakdown of legal order. **Mitigations:** Preservation of judge immunity, which is currently being dismantled [Momotov case](#).
- **Nuclear Brinkmanship via Paranoia:** High-risk. **Triggers:** Putin's perception of a personal security breach. **Likelihood:** Increasing. **Impact:** Global catastrophe. **Mitigations:** Maintaining non-official backchannels (Abramovich) to de-escalate tension [nuclear threats](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **LIMA Air Defense Efficacy:** The broadcast mentions a "LIMA" system that makes missiles "fall like blanks" but provides no technical verification. This may be **Ukrainian psychological warfare** or an unverified claim [LIMA system](#).
- **Russian Economic Resilience:** While detailing shortages, the broadcast does not explain how the **parallel import market** is mitigating these gaps in other Russian cities like Moscow or St. Petersburg.
- **Opposition Strategy in Armenia:** The report highlights Pashinyan's victory but fails to detail the **specific policy platforms** of the "Strong Armenia" bloc beyond their Russian alignment.
- **Causality of the Kamchatka Disaster:** The segment re-airs 2020 suspicions of heptyl but ignores subsequent **scientific consensus on red tides**, suggesting an editorial bias toward state-culpability narratives [Kamchatka narrative](#).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Controlled Leak" Hypothesis:** The apparent fuel crisis in Crimea and the public venting by "Z-bloggers" could be a **deliberate Kremlin strategy** to lower public expectations and prepare the population for a planned tactical withdrawal, while using the "logistical blockade" as a justification for further domestic belt-tightening.
- **Krasnov as a "Deep State" Challenger:** The centralization of the Supreme Court under Krasnov might not be a move to help Putin, but rather **Krasnov building his own power base** to eventually replace Putin with a "law-and-order" military-prosecutorial junta once the war reaches a stalemate.
- **Black Swan:** A mass **mutiny in the Kurgan/Tula colonies** where Ukrainian civilians and Russian dissidents are held. If these populations unite and seize control of a facility, the state would be forced to use lethal force on its own soil against thousands of unarmed people, likely triggering a nationwide systemic shock.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Increase surveillance of Russian oil export hubs in the Black Sea, as these are now **confirmed primary targets** for Ukrainian asymmetric strikes [oil hub attacks](#).

- **Economic:** Prepare for the impact of the **EU-India deal** on global dairy and textile markets, which will likely create a pricing disadvantage for Russian exports to the region [EU-India impact](#).
- **Diplomatic:** Monitor the "Abramovich Channel" closely; his movements indicate the **true status of peace negotiations** more accurately than official Kremlin denials [Abramovich channel](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Diversify away from Russian logistics in the Caucasus; the "Registry of Controlled Persons" makes **foreign personnel in Russia** a massive regulatory liability [Registry liability](#).
- **Regulatory:** Assume total **loss of judicial independent oversight** in Russia; legal contracts can no longer be expected to be upheld if they conflict with Supreme Court Plenum "clarifications" [judicial vertical](#).
- **Capital Allocation:** Avoid infrastructure investments in Kazakhstan that rely on Russian oncology or medical equipment, as professional **medical emigration from Russia** is depleting the talent pool required for maintenance [medical brain drain](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity in Russia is focused on **totalitarian efficiency** and the systematic removal of legal loopholes for both citizens and foreigners. The Armenian parliament is

also transitioning into a post-election reform phase aimed at EU integration.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**

- **Supreme Court Centralization Bill:** Mandatory compliance of lower courts with Supreme Court Plenum position. Strategic intent: Establish a monolithic legal vertical to eliminate judge-level resistance to state repression [judicial bill](#).
- **Foreigner Mandatory Medical Exam Law:** Harsh fines (50,000 rub) for skipping exams. Strategic intent: Create a legal basis for mass deportation or extortion of labor migrants [Medical exam law](#).
- **Armenian EU Integration Law:** Passed by the Armenian parliament to begin the formal process of EU membership application. Strategic intent: Decouple Armenia from Russian economic and political orbits [Armenian EU bill](#).

- **HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:**

- **Supreme Court Plenum (May 21/June 9):** Igor Krasnov defines the "prosecutorial logic" of the new judicial structure [Krasnov speech](#).
- **Crimean Occupation Press Briefing:** Sergey Aksyonov announces QR-code fuel rationing while blaming "Z-blogger" panic [Aksyonov briefing](#).

KEY STORIES

- **Crimean Fuel Rationing and Logistical Blockade:** Following Ukrainian strikes on the Chonhar bridge and oil terminals, Crimea has implemented 20-liter weekly fuel limits. Tourist bookings are down 30%, and massive gas lines have formed [Crimea fuel crisis](#).

- **Russian Supreme Court Power Consolidation:** Igor Krasnov is spearheading a legislative push to make all Supreme Court Plenum rulings mandatory, ending judge independence. Concurrently, former high-ranking judge Viktor Momotov was stripped of immunity for corruption [Judicial vertical](#).
- **Abuse of Ukrainian Civilian Hostages:** Testimonies reveal a system of secret detention and torture of Ukrainian civilians in Russian colonies like Kurgan-1 and Tula. Victims like Ivan Tseremez are held for having "suspicious" items like bullet-shaped keychains [civilian captives](#).
- **The Medical Extortion of Migrants:** Russian clinics are issuing thousands of fake syphilis, HIV, and TB diagnoses to migrants to extort 30,000-50,000 rubles in "treatment" fees or force deportation/mobilization [migrant extortion](#).
- **Grushovaya Oil Terminal Strike:** A major fire at the Transneft transshipment point in Novorossiysk occurred after a drone strike, potentially crippling Black Sea oil exports [Novorossiysk fire](#).
- **Putin's Paranoia and Security Measures:** Observed public appearances show Putin surrounded by extreme security, with a notable drop in regional visits (only 14 in 2024 vs pre-war levels) and reliance on backchannels like Abramovich [Putin paranoia](#).
- **Armenian Election Aftermath:** Nikol Pashinyan's party victory is challenged by Russian-backed opposition. Armenia is moving toward EU laws while facing Russian export bans [Armenian turmoil](#).

- **Ecological Crisis at Northern Samarka:** Residents near the Leningrad region landfill report toxic gases and illegal dumping in wetlands, while the state rebrands the dump as an "Eco-Techno Park" to avoid regulation [Samarka landfill](#).
- **sentencing of "Traitors" and "Extremists":** Mikhail Loshchinin (16 years), Rafael Mamedov (15 years), and Aruna Arna (5 years) received heavy sentences for minor political speech or symbolic donations to Ukraine [treason trials](#).
- **EU-India Free Trade Agreement:** A comprehensive deal was reached to eliminate mutual tariffs and cooperate on dairy and textiles, marking a shift in the global trade landscape [EU-India deal](#).
- **Drone War Intensity in Kherson:** Local officials report 5,500 drones in one week, a 300% increase over the previous year, targeting both military and civilian infrastructure [Kherson drone war](#).
- **Kamchatka Disaster Retrospective:** Investigation into the 2020 mass sea life death continues to point toward military fuel leaks (heptyl) at the Kozelsky dump, despite state denials [Kamchatka review](#).
- **The Emigration of Russian Specialists:** Oncologist Ilya Fomintsev discusses his move to Kazakhstan to reform their oncology system after being arrested in Moscow for anti-war protests [Fomintsev interview](#).
- **Cybersecurity and AI in Education:** Reports on the use of AI teachers in Japan and Germany, while warning of the risks of "digital memory" hacks and state surveillance [AI and cyber](#).

- **Altai Pant Harvesting Industry:** A feature on the traditional harvesting of deer horns for the Korean medical market, highlighting the region's economic desperation [Altai industry](#).
- **Child Abuse Sentencing Inequity:** A report highlighting that while "treason" gets 16 years, parents who physically abuse or kill children often receive fines of only 500-5,000 rubles [child abuse sentencing](#).
- **Bucha Massacre Investigation Update:** Radio Liberty continues to identify Russian servicemen involved in the Yablonska street killings, with new video evidence presented [Bucha evidence](#).

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