

# Crimea & the renewed Russian invasion of Ukraine: New Human Rights Challenges

Even prior to Russia's renewed invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, [Ukrainian](#) and [international](#) human rights organisations reported severe violations of human rights in occupied Crimea; including, enforced disappearances, torture, extrajudicial punishment, and politically motivated persecution and deprivation of liberty. Occupied Crimea was consistently ranked as unfree on [global freedom indices](#) and annual United Nations General Assembly resolutions pointed to on-going human rights abuses on the peninsula.

In the eight months since the start of Russia's renewed invasion of Ukraine, occupied Crimea remains a location of severe human rights violations and increasing militarisation by Russian authorities. As of September 13, 2022, at least [140 citizens](#) of Ukraine have been deprived of liberty due to politically and/or religiously motivated criminal prosecution. Increasingly draconian laws limiting the freedoms of assembly, association, and expression and opinion in Russia continue to be [applied](#) in occupied Crimea.

This side event will take place prior to the start of the First Parliamentary Summit of the International Crimea Platform. It allows an opportunity for civil society organisations to share new wide-ranging research and documentation on human rights violations in Crimea as well as the human rights implications for increasing militarisation of the peninsula.

The panel will focus on the following key questions:

- What are the most pressing human rights issues in Crimea today, and how is the situation changing in light of Russia's renewed invasion of Ukraine?
- What does the militarisation of Crimea by Russian authorities mean for human rights in Crimea and in the rest of Ukraine?
- What role do national parliaments have in addressing the human rights situation?

## ● Watch live

This side event, and the full Crimea Platform will both be broadcast in English and in Ukrainian live on the [Crimea Platform YouTube channel](#), the [Crimea Platform website](#), and on the facebook pages of the [Crimea Platform](#) & the [Representation of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea](#).

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