

Map of Recent Attacks on Roma in Ukraine



Timeline of Recent Attacks on Roma in Ukraine

Compiled by the Staff of the U.S. Helsinki Commission

- **July 15, 2018**
 - Romani kindergarten burned down
 - Velyka Dobron, Mukachevo district
- **July 2, 2018**
 - A 30-year-old Romani woman was found in the street of Berehove with her throat slit. Emergency medical services were unable to save her upon arriving at the scene.

- <https://www.rferl.org/a/romany-woman-found-with-throat-slashed-in-ukraine/29332980.html>
 - Berehove, Ukraine
 - 1 Dead

- **July 1, 2018**
 - In the middle of the night, a Romani home caught on fire at the edge of a Roma settlement in Perechyn, Ukraine. At first police believed that the fire was due to an electrical short, but after it was put out, the house caught on fire again. The mother reported hearing someone knock on their window, which woke her up and she and her three children escaped the burning house. When the firefighters and police returned, they said the house must have intentionally been set on fire.
 - http://www.romea.cz/en/news/world/ukraine-recent-pogroms-against-roma-costing-lives-around-the-country#.Wz8lh_j9uOg.twitter
 - Perechyn, Ukraine

- **June 23, 2018**
 - A group of men wielding knives entered a Romani camp in the night shouting obscenities and commanding Roma leave. The mob began destroying tents and vandalizing property. They attacked indiscriminately and stabbed a 24-year-old man to death and injured four, including a 10-year-old boy. Eight suspects have been arrested so far.
 - <https://www.dw.com/en/ukraines-roma-community-targeted-by-far-right-violence/a-44408252>
 - <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-44593995>
 - Lviv, Ukraine
 - 1 Dead, 4 Injured

- **June 7, 2018**
 - A far-right nationalist group, National Druzhyna, entered a Roma settlement armed with hammers and axes. They filmed themselves during the pogrom and can be seen mocking a mother and child who are fleeing the settlement. Ukrainian law enforcement labeled this case as “hooliganism.”
 - <https://www.rferl.org/a/ukraine-far-right-vigilantes-destroy-another-romany-camp-in-kyiv/29280336.html>
 - Kiev, Ukraine

- **May 24, 2018**
 - Andriy Mukha is the lawyer who represents Romani victims of an attack in Vilshany last year. A group of men entered his office and began beating him telling him to stop representing Roma victims and threatened to kill him. They searched his office and destroyed some court documents and stole money found in the office.
 - <http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1527345796>
 - Vilshany, Ukraine

- **May 22, 2018**
 - A group of 15-20 masked men entered a Roma camp and began firing shots and attempting to beat Roma with bats. Most were able to get away, except for one man who was beat in the back. During the clash, the masked men set the settlement on fire. One of the assailants boasted about the attack on Facebook and a page with a Roma man under text that says “farewell.”
 - <http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1527126540>
 - <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/29255157.html>
 - Ternopil, Ukraine

- **May 9, 2018**
 - An unknown group of people entered a Roma settlement in the Lviv region of Ukraine near the Rudne village and set the camp on fire. This forced the Roma that were living there to flee and their properties were damaged.
 - <https://112.international/ukraine-top-news/camp-of-roma-people-was-burned-in-lviv-ombudsman-28426.html>
 - <https://uawire.org/the-united-states-urged-ukrainian-police-to-investigate-attacks-on-roma-settlements>
 - Rudne, Ukraine

- **April 21, 2018**
 - A right-wing nationalist group, C-14, attacked and chased out Romani families from a camp on the outskirts of Kiev. They burned the camp and proceeded to go after the Romani families that were running away. The group of C-14 men are masked and armed with knives, stones, gas canisters, and a pistol. A video captures some of Roma carry small children as they run to safety as the masked mob is behind them.
 - <http://khpg.org/index.php?id=1524694064>
 - (Video)https://lb.ua/society/2018/04/25/396183_poyavilos_video_razgona_romskogo.html
 - Kiev, Ukraine

- **January 9, 2018**
 - Around 200 residents of Zolotonosha gathered in the city center shouting anti-Roma slogans and calling for violence against them. Later that day “around twenty cars of people” arrived at the residence of an activist and threw stones at it. According to The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), an anti-Roma information campaign was also launched in the local media as well as groups on Facebook calling for violence against “Roma muggers.”
 - https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/UA/ReportUkraineNov2017-Feb2018_EN.pdf (Pg. 21, 45)
 - Zolotonosha, Ukraine

- **December 11, 2017**
 - OHCHR reported on unauthorized police raids in Boryslav and detentions of Romani men; each person detained was fingerprinted and photographed.
 - https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/UA/ReportUkraineNov2017-Feb2018_EN.pdf (Pg. 21, 45)
 - Boryslav, Ukraine

- **December 7, 2017**
 - OHCHR was informed of a similar situation, hundreds of kilometers away from Boryslav. Police wearing baklavas with no official insignias raided several Roma homes. In Zolotonosha, they broke into these homes without showing documents, beat people, and treated the Romani families in a humiliating manner.
 - https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/UA/ReportUkraineNov2017-Feb2018_EN.pdf (Pg. 21, 45)
 - Zolotonosha, Ukraine