

# HEALTH CARE IN THE DARK: The Human Cost of Russia's Attacks on Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

- Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy grid deliberately target civilians, violating international humanitarian law and potentially constituting crimes against humanity.
- The health impacts disproportionately harm vulnerable groups, including dialysis patients, children and older adults.
- These health harms are underdocumented, and this event argues for closing that evidence gap.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Field research by Truth Hounds and PHR documents measurable health harms from systematic power disruptions.
- Expert analysis examines legal accountability frameworks, including the roles of the ICC and UN human rights mechanisms.
- A structured dialogue brings together states, organisations, and civil society to address evidentiary gaps hindering accountability.



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