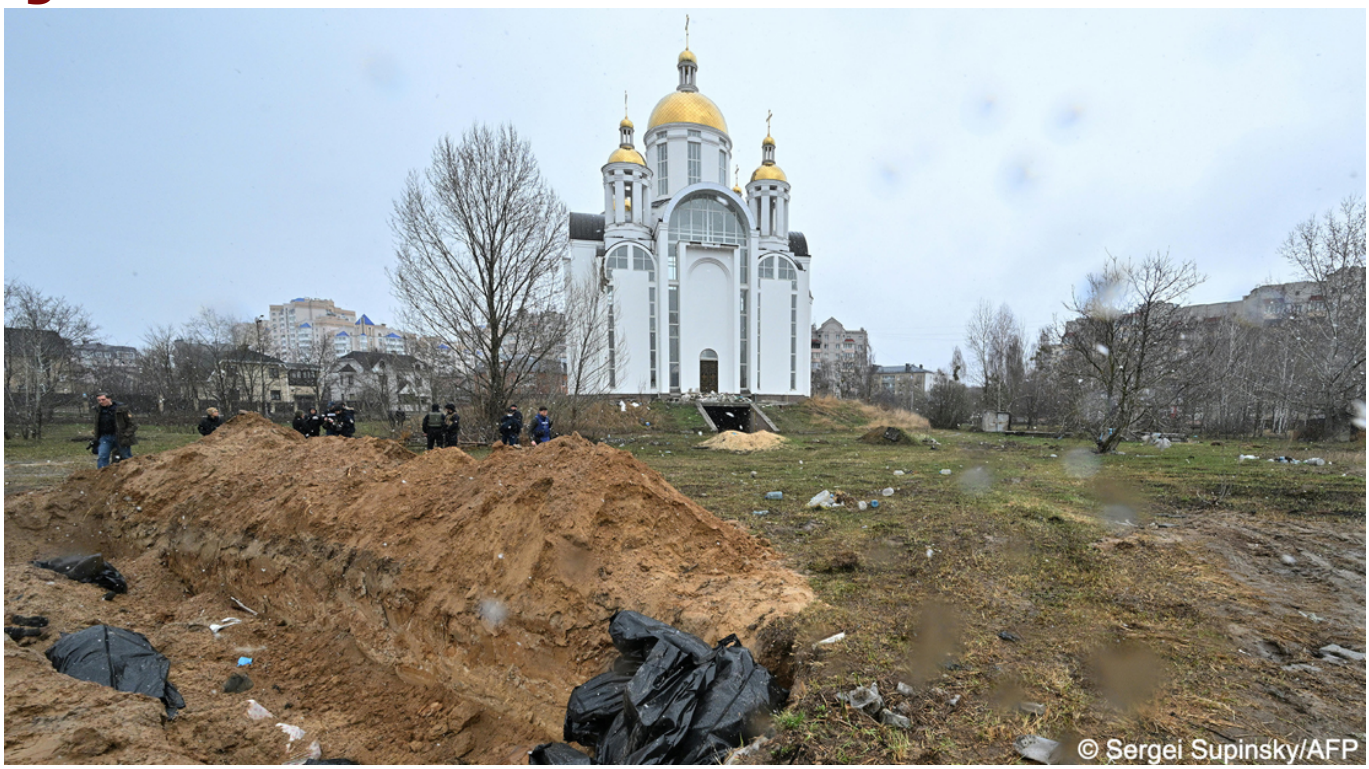
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Ukraine accuses occupying Russian forces of ‘genocide’



Ukraine has accused Russian forces of committing war crimes and a “massacre” in the town of Bucha, which lies 30 kilometers northwest of the capital of Kiev, after the bodies of several unarmed Ukrainian civilians and mass graves were found on Sunday.
Bodies of civilians – many with bound hands and close-range gunshot wounds – were found on the streets, after Ukrainian troops reclaimed the area.

Ukrainian prosecutors said they found 410 bodies in towns near the capital.

Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskiy condemned Russian forces after the discovery, describing the Kremlin-ordered attack against his country as amounting to genocide.

On its part, the Kremlin categorically denied any accusations related to the murder of civilians in Bucha, and said Ukrainian allegations on the matter should be treated with doubt.

Russia’s foreign ministry also claimed that footage of dead civilians had been, “ordered”, by the United States as part of a plot to blame Russia.

Additionally, Russia’s foreign ministry said it would retable its request for the UN Security Council to meet over what Moscow called the “criminal provocations by Ukrainian soldiers and radicals” in the town.

In Athens, Greece’s ministry of foreign affairs unequivocally condemned what it called the horrific crimes committed during the withdrawal of the Russian occupation forces against Ukrainian unarmed civilians.



Greek FM Dendias in Odessa

The Greek side said that “…those responsible for these crimes must be held accountable. We call for the immediate investigation of the crimes and the punishment of those responsible.”

In a related development, Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias was in the western Ukrainian city of Odessa on Monday, where he expressed his government’s intent to aid in the rebuilding of damaged buildings in the historic Black Sea port.

Dendias made the statement during a meeting with Ukrainian Deputy Prime

Minister Olga Stefanishyna.

Greece’s top diplomat also visited the building of the Filiki Etairia, the Friends’ Society, where the foundations for the 1821 Greek Revolution were laid.