



Crimea is...

Explainer about the peninsula



Crimea is a peninsula in the Black Sea connected to mainland Ukraine. It lies at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and the wider Black Sea region, a key area for international trade, regional stability, and cultural exchange.



Crimea is home to three indigenous peoples of Ukraine – Crimean Tatars, Karaites, and Krymchaks – and dozens of national communities. It has a rich history, diverse culture, and significant strategic value. **Crimea is part of Ukraine, recognized by the entire international community.**

On February 20, 2014, the Russian Federation launched an armed occupation of Crimea, a move condemned by the United Nations and most countries around the world. This was the beginning of Russia's war against Ukraine, not the full-scale invasion of 2022. **Russia's actions violated international law**, including the UN Charter and the 1994 Budapest Memorandum.

Since 2014, Russia

- ▶ has turned Crimea into a militarized zone,
- ▶ has repressed the Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar communities,
- ▶ has systematically violated human rights through political persecution, forced conscription, censorship, and destruction of culture,
- ▶ has damaged the environment and blocked sea lanes crucial to the region.



Not a single country with values of the rule of law has recognized Russia's claim to Crimea. Numerous UN resolutions confirm that Crimea is Ukraine. Crimea Platform, initiated by Ukraine, brings together international partners to support de-occupation and restore justice.



Ukraine is committed to peaceful diplomacy, but has the legitimate right to restore its territorial integrity by all means permitted by international law. The liberation of Crimea is essential for global security, international law and order, and lasting peace in Europe.



Crimea is Ukraine.

This is not a slogan, but a fact confirmed by international law, history, and the will of the Ukrainian people and the global democratic community.

Can you fathom a situation where one day someone occupies your home and declares that it is no longer yours; where they erase your symbols, your history, and even deny you the right to identify as a people? This is what happened to Crimea.

Russia did not merely occupy a territory; it robbed millions of their identity, their land, and their voice. When we remain silent in the face of injustice elsewhere in the world, we pave the way for such atrocities to occur to anyone in the future.

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