

Attacks on Data Centers in Ukraine and Russia (September–October 2026): Official Justifications & Sources

Compilation of strike locations, dates/times, verbatim official justifications (in Russian/Ukrainian with English translations), and primary/wire source links.

Table 1: Russian Attacks on Data Centers in Ukraine (September–October 2026)

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BeMobile («Би-Мобайл») Data Center Kyiv, Ukraine • 1st strike: 11 September 2026 • 2nd strike: 20 September 2026	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): «...киевский дата-центр "Би-мобайл", где хранятся, обрабатываются и передаются данные, в том числе разведывательного характера» Translation: "...the Kyiv data center 'BeMobile', where data, including of an intelligence nature, are stored, processed, and transmitted."	• Forbes Russia (11 Sept 2026) https://www.forbes.ru/society/568391-v-minoborony-rossii-soobsili-o-porazanii-data-centrov-na-ukraine • Vedomosti (25 Sept 2026) https://www.vedomosti.ru/politics/news/2026/09/25/1231976-minoboroni-ob-udare • RTVI Overview https://rtvi.com/news/skorbnaya-data-udary-vs-rf-po-data-czentram-ukrainy-chto-izvestno/
De Novo («Де Ново Дата-Центр») Cloud & Data Center Kyiv, Ukraine • 17 September 2026	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): «...крупнейший центр, обеспечивающий работу серверного оборудования, используемого в военных целях, а также обработку, передачу и хранение данных, в том числе разведывательных, в интересах ВСУ» Translation: "...the largest center ensuring the operation of server equipment used for military purposes, as well as the processing, transmission, and storage of data, including intelligence data, in the interests of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU)."	• Interfax (17 Sept 2026) https://www.interfax.ru/russia/1116599 • CNews (17 Sept 2026) https://www.cnews.ru/news/top/2026-09-17_rossiya_nanesla_udar_po_odnomu
Parkovy Congress and Exhibition Center Data Center (КВЦ «Парковый») Kyiv, Ukraine	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): «...осуществлялось оказание услуг связи и вычислительных мощностей для ВСУ» Translation:	• CNews (24 Sept 2026) https://zoom.cnews.ru/news/item/707190 • Vedomosti (25 Sept 2026)

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• 24 September 2026 (two strikes; permanent closure announced 1 October 2026)	"...communication services and computing capacities were provided for the AFU."	https://www.vedomosti.ru/politics/news/2026/09/25/1231976-minoboroni-ob-udare • UNIAN (1 Oct 2026 - Shutdown confirmation) https://www.unian.net/economics/other/data-centr-parkovyy-prekratil-rabotu-posle-udara-so-storony-rossii-13515816.html
Datagroup («Датарупп» / Datagroup-Volia) Data Center Inkom Business Center, Kyiv, Ukraine • 25 September 2026	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): «...обеспечивал обработку и передачу разведывательных данных в интересах ВСУ» Translation: "...ensured the processing and transmission of intelligence data in the interests of the AFU."	• Vedomosti (25 Sept 2026) https://www.vedomosti.ru/politics/news/2026/09/25/1231976-minoboroni-ob-udare • Life.ru (1 Oct 2026) https://life.ru/p/data-tsentr-parkovyy-polnostyu-prekratil-rabotu-posle-udarov-po-kievu
Cosmonova («Космонова») Data Center Protasov Business Center, Kyiv, Ukraine • 26 September 2026 (double strike; permanent closure announced)	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): «...обеспечивал работу мобильного интернета и поддерживал системы спутниковой связи Starlink, использовавшиеся в интересах ВСУ» (MoD also stated that its long-range strikes target facilities "used jointly by the AFU and NATO specialists.") Translation: "...ensured the operation of mobile internet and supported Starlink satellite communication systems used in the interests of the AFU."	• Voennoe Delo (26 Sept 2026) https://voennoedelo.com/posts/id89920-data-tsentry-porty-i-suda-chto-izvestno-o-serii-atak • Ukrinform (Cosmonova closure) https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-regions/4168360-datacentr-cosmonova-u-kievi-pripiniv-robotu-pisla-rosijskoi-ataki.html • CNews — Datagroup and Cosmonova (28 Sept 2026) https://www.tadviser.ru/index.php/%D0%9A%D0%BE%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%8F:RX-
RX-NAME («RX-Name») Data Center Mykolaiv, Ukraine • 2 October 2026 (daytime UAV strike)	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): «Сегодня днем в результате удара беспилотными летательными аппаратами в городе Николаев поражен дата-центр RX-NAME, обеспечивавший обработку данных и хранение сайтов в интересах украинских войск» Translation:	• TAdviser Profile & MoD Quote https://www.tadviser.ru/index.php/%D0%9A%D0%BE%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%8F:RX-

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	"Today during the day, as a result of a strike by unmanned aerial vehicles in the city of Mykolaiv, the RX-NAME data center, which ensured data processing and website hosting in the interests of Ukrainian troops, was hit."	Name_%28%D0%B4%D0%B0%D1%82%D0%B0-%D1%86%D0%B5%D0%BD%D1%82%D1%80%29 • TopWar (2 Oct 2026) https://topwar.ru/290918-minoborony-rf-podtverdilo-udar-po-data-centru-rx-name-v-nikolaeve.html
Ukrsibbank («Укрсиббанк») Data Center Kyiv, Ukraine • 10 October 2026	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): Characterized as a «дата-центр, используемый для военных нужд» ("data center used for military needs"), specifically: «...дата-центр "Укрсиббанка" в Киеве, используемый ВСУ для сбора, обработки и хранения разведывательной информации» Translation: "...the 'Ukrsibbank' data center in Kyiv, used by the AFU for the collection, processing, and storage of intelligence information."	• Business Online (10 Oct 2026) https://www.business-gazeta.ru/news/713192
Tenet («Тенет») Data Center Odesa, Ukraine • 11 October 2026 (overnight strike)	Russian Ministry of Defense (Минобороны РФ): «В результате удара поражены: дата-центр "Тенет" в городе Одесса, используемый ВСУ для обработки, передачи и хранения информации» Translation: "As a result of the strike, the following were hit: the 'Tenet' data center in the city of Odesa, used by the AFU for processing, transmitting, and storing information."	• Prospect (11 Oct 2026) https://prospect.com.ru/news/7086068/armiya-rossii-porazila-ispolzuemyj-vsu-datatsentr-tenet-v-odesse.html • TopWar (11 Oct 2026) https://topwar.ru/291418-vs-rf-nanesli-udar-po-data-centru-tenet-v-odesse.html • Interfax Russia (11 Oct 2026; MoD statement) • Interfax Ukraine — TENET company statement (10 Oct 2026)

Table 2: Ukrainian Attacks on Data Centers in Russia (October 2026)

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Yandex («Яндекс») Data Center Sasovo, Ryazan Oblast, Russia 8 October 2026 (overnight/morning FP-1 UAV strike)	Note: No official statement by the Ukrainian General Staff, MoD, SBU, or GUR claimed the facility was a military objective. Instead, Ukrainian officials justified the strike as a symmetrical retaliation ("mirror response") for Russian strikes on Ukrainian data centers: 1. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (8 Oct 2026): «Ми точно теж можемо. Ми завжди відповідаємо дзеркально. Дата-центри: ви всі знаєте – вони били і б'ють по наших дата-центрах. Ми відповіли їм. Всіх деталей не можу сказати» Translation: "We certainly can too. We always respond in kind [mirror-like]. Data centers: you all know — they struck and are striking our data centers. We responded to them. I cannot give all the details." 2. Andriy Kovalenko, NSDC Center for Countering Disinformation (8 Oct 2026): «В цю гру можна грати удвох. СОУ завдали удару по дата-центру "Яндекс" у Рязанській області. Генерали, які планують операції проти України й переконують в доцільності путіна, постійно забувають сказати, що у відповідь точно прилетить. Але ж тоді доведеться визнати війну безглуздою» Translation: "Two can play this game. The Defense Forces of Ukraine struck the 'Yandex' data center in Ryazan Oblast. The generals who plan operations against Ukraine and convince Putin of their expediency constantly forget to mention that a strike will definitely come back in response. But then they would have to admit the war is senseless."	Korrespondent.net (8 Oct 2026 - Zelenskyy quote) https://ua.korrespondent.net/ukraine/4918518-zelenskyi-pidtverdyyv-udar-po-data-tsentru-yandeksa Obozrevatel (8 Oct 2026 - Zelenskyy quote) https://war.obozrevatel.com/ukr/section-war/news-zavzhdy-vidpovidayemo-dzermalno-zelenskyy-pro-udar-po-data-tsentru-yandeksa-v-rosiyi-08-10-2026.html NV.ua (8 Oct 2026 - Kovalenko quote) https://nv.ua/ukr/opinion/pidsumki-dnya-08-zhovtnya-raketni-ataki-po-ukrajini-zhertvi-u-prilukah-i-kramatorsku-kontrataka-zsu-50648383.html NV.ua (Details on Sasta plant proximity) https://nv.ua/world/countries/pozhar-na-zavode-sasta-v-ryazanskoy-oblasti-postradal-data-centr-yandeksa-50648081.html Meduza (8 Oct 2026) https://meduza.io/news/2026/10/08/yandeks-soobschil-chto-v-ego-data-tsentre-v-ryazanskoy-oblasti-proizoshel-intsident-po-dannym-monitoringovyh-kanalov-tam-pozhar-iz-za-udara-ukrainy
Yandex («Яндекс») Data Center Kaluga, Kaluga Oblast, Russia 9 October 2026 (FP-1 UAV strike)	Note: No official military-objective justification was issued by the General Staff, MoD, SBU, or GUR. The strike was publicly confirmed by Ukrainian drone manufacturer Fire Point and treated in Ukrainian official discourse as a	24 Kanal (9 Oct 2026 - Fire Point & Zelenskyy) https://24tv.ua/ru/ukraina-sovershila-ataku-na-data-centr-v-rossii-zajavlenie-zelenskogo_n3157510 NV.ua (Analysis of Yandex strikes)

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	continuation of the "mirror response" campaign announced by President Zelenskyy on 8 October.	https://nv.ua/ukr/world/countries/udar-po-data-centru-yandeksa-podrobici-ataki-ta-naslidki-dlya-kompaniji-50649009.html
Yandex («Яндекс») Data Center Energetik Microdistrict, Vladimir, Vladimir Oblast, Russia • 11 October 2026 (overnight FP-1 UAV strike)	Note: No military-objective justification was issued by the General Staff, MoD, SBU, or GUR. Following this third strike, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (speaking at the Warsaw Security Forum on 12 Oct 2026) pointed to the disruption of Russian automated disinformation/bot networks as an outcome of the strikes on Yandex: President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (12 Oct 2026): «Стало менше ненависті, менше ворожнечі і менше провокацій. Тому що ботів стало менше. І цілком зрозуміло, звідки ці боти бралися, якщо вони зникли, коли перестав працювати Яндекс» Translation: "There is less hatred, less hostility, and fewer provocations. Because there are fewer bots. And it is completely clear where those bots came from if they disappeared when Yandex stopped working."	• LIGA.net (11 Oct 2026 - Vladimir strike) • ITC.ua (11 Oct 2026 - Yandex traffic & bot farms) • NV.ua (12 Oct 2026 - Zelenskyy bot statement) • Ukr.net (12 Oct 2026 - Zelenskyy statement)
Sberbank («Сбербанк») Mega Data Center (under construction) Balakovo, Saratov Oblast, Russia\ • 14 October 2026 (overnight UAV strike)	Note: No official statement or military-objective justification was issued by the Office of the President, General Staff, MoD, SBU, or GUR. As with the 9 October Kaluga strike, the attack was publicly confirmed on the Ukrainian side only by the private defense manufacturer Fire Point (maker of the FP-1 long-range strike UAV), which framed the strike as a continuation of the Yandex data center campaign: Fire Point (14 Oct 2026):	• RBC-Ukraine (14 Oct 2026 - Fire Point quote in Ukrainian) • RBC-Ukraine English (14 Oct 2026 - Service disruptions & Fire Point) • NV.ua (14 Oct 2026 - Balakovo strike & Fire Point confirmation)

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	«Ну ви ж не думали, що все обмежиться лише "Яндексом"? "Сбербанк", приймай естафету!» Translation: "You didn't really think it would all end with just 'Yandex'? 'Sberbank,' take the baton!"	• LIGA.net (14 Oct 2026 - Fire Point video confirmation) • The Kyiv Independent (14 Oct 2026 - Sberbank strike report) • Radio Svoboda (14 Oct 2026 - Balakovo strike details)
Yandex («Яндекс») Data Center Vladimir, Vladimir Oblast, Russia • 16 October 2026 (reported overnight UAV strike)	<i>Note: Neither the Office of the President nor the General Staff, MoD, SBU, or GUR issued an official statement confirming or justifying the reported 16 October repeat overnight strike on the Vladimir facility (the General Staff's 16 October operational update only confirmed hitting a Nebo-U radar station in Krasnodar Krai). However, on 15–16 October 2026, the NSDC Center for Countering Disinformation (CCD / ЦПД) published two official analyses framing the strikes on Yandex data centers (including Vladimir) as disrupting Russian automated disinformation networks:</i> 1. NSDC Center for Countering Disinformation Analytical Report (15 Oct 2026): «Зафіксована динаміка засвідчує, що удари по дата-центрах можуть суттєво обмежувати поширення російського інформаційного впливу через перебої в автоматизованих мережах. Водночас швидке відновлення активності показує, що такий вплив може бути відчутним, але нетривалим.» Translation: "The recorded dynamics demonstrate that strikes on data centers can significantly constrain the dissemination of Russian information influence by disrupting automated networks. At the same time, the rapid recovery of activity shows that such an impact can be tangible, but short-lived."	• The Kyiv Independent (16 Oct 2026 - Reported overnight Vladimir strike) • Focus.ua (16 Oct 2026 - Explosions near Vladimir Yandex data center) • 1News.com.ua (16 Oct 2026 - Repeat drone attack on Vladimir Yandex data center) • NSDC CCD Analytical Report (15 Oct 2026 - Ukrainian original) • NSDC CCD Analytical Report (15 Oct 2026 - English version) • NSDC CCD Commentary by Ivan Slychko (16 Oct 2026 - Ukrainian original) • NSDC CCD Commentary by Ivan Slychko (16 Oct 2026 - English version)

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	2. Ivan Slychko, Head of Media Literacy Department, NSDC CCD (16 Oct 2026): «Йдеться саме про збій автоматизації, а не повне зникнення ботів. Вже за 12 годин адміністратори РФ у ручному режимі почали перенаправляти трафік і відновлювати систему.» <i>Translation:</i> "It is specifically about a disruption of automation, not the complete disappearance of bots. Within 12 hours, Russian administrators manually began rerouting traffic and restoring the system."	
VK («ВКонтакте») Data Center (Data Processing Center «ИЦВА» / ITsVA) Novosergievka, Vsevolozhsky District, Leningrad Oblast (near St. Petersburg), Russia • 18 October 2026 (overnight FP-1 UAV strike)	Note: Unlike the earlier October data center strikes, an official formation of the Armed Forces of Ukraine—the 413th Separate Regiment "Raid" of the Unmanned Systems Forces (413 окремий полк СБС «Рейд»), acting jointly with the 1st Separate Center of the USF, the 412th Separate Brigade "Nemesis", and the 414th Separate Brigade "Madyar's Birds" («Птахи Мадяра»)—issued a formal statement on 19 October 2026 claiming the strike, justifying the VK data center as supporting the Russian armed forces, security agencies, and military-industrial complex, and retroactively confirming its role in the earlier 11 October strike on the Yandex "Vladimir" data center. Private drone manufacturer Fire Point also confirmed the strike on 18 October. 1. 413th Separate Regiment "Raid", Unmanned Systems Forces of the AFU (19 Oct 2026): «У ніч на 18 жовтня оператори 413 окремого полку СБС «Рейд», 1 окремого центру СБС, 412 окремої бригади Nemesis та 414 окремої бригади «Птахи Мадяра» у взаємодії з іншими підрозділами Сил оборони України уразили дата-центр «ВКонтакте» (центр обробки даних «ИЦВА») в околицях Санкт-Петербурга. Внаслідок ураження будівля дата-центру зазнала значних пошкоджень, а в роботі сервісів, хмарних платформ та інфраструктури «ВКонтакте» фіксувалися масштабні збої. Центр обробки даних «ИЦВА» є одним із технологічних вузлів соціальної мережі «ВКонтакте» та елементом	• 413th Separate Regiment "Raid" Official Telegram (19 Oct 2026) • https://t.me/s/raid_413?before=2027 • Censor.NET (19 Oct 2026 - USF "Raid" statement) • Ukr.net / Raid statement full text (21 Oct 2026) • TSN.ua (18 Oct 2026 - Fire Point quote) • Interfax-Ukraine (18 Oct 2026 - Fire Point confirmation)

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	так званого «суверенного інтернету». Технологічна корпорація VK, якій належить «ВКонтакте», обслуговує інформаційну політику Кремля у війні проти України. Зокрема, її ресурси використовують для забезпечення потреб армії, силових структур та військово-промислового комплексу. Перед цим, 11 жовтня, оператори «Рейду» у взаємодії з іншими підрозділами завдали удару по дата-центру «Владимир» компанії «Яндекс» у Владимирській області РФ.» Translation: "Overnight on 18 October, operators of the 413th Separate Regiment of the USF 'Raid', the 1st Separate Center of the USF, the 412th Separate Brigade 'Nemesis', and the 414th Separate Brigade 'Madyar's Birds', in coordination with other units of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, struck the 'VKontakte' data center (data processing center 'ITsVA') in the vicinity of St. Petersburg. As a result of the strike, the data center building sustained significant damage, and large-scale disruptions were recorded in the operation of 'VKontakte' services, cloud platforms, and infrastructure. The 'ITsVA' data processing center is one of the technological nodes of the 'VKontakte' social network and an element of Russia's so-called 'sovereign internet'. The VK technology corporation, which owns 'VKontakte', serves the Kremlin's information policy in the war against Ukraine. In particular, its resources are used to support the needs of the army, security agencies, and the military-industrial complex. Prior to this, on 11 October, 'Raid' operators, in coordination with other units, struck the 'Vladimir' data center of the 'Yandex' company in Vladimir Oblast of the Russian Federation." 2. Fire Point (private FP-1 UAV manufacturer, 18 Oct 2026): «Йдеться про дата-центр „ВКонтакте“, який використовується для зберігання та обробки даних користувачів» Translation: "This concerns the 'VKontakte' data center, which is used for storing and processing user data."	• Data Center Dynamics (19 Oct 2026 - Novosergievka location & NetBlocks data) • Interfax Russia (18 Oct 2026 - VK company confirmation)