

IPHR submits findings on suspected Russia-related sanctions violations scheme to EU Member State authorities

8 September 2026, Brussels – International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR) has submitted the findings of a year-long investigation into potential violations of EU restrictive measures on Russia and complicity in Russian war crimes by two EU nationals to the competent national law enforcement authorities.

The submission is the result of extensive investigative and legal work aimed at identifying and disrupting networks facilitating the continued flow of restricted goods and technology into Russia despite EU sanctions. Over the course of the investigation, IPHR uncovered a network responsible for the supply of sanctioned Western microelectronics worth tens of millions of dollars to a group of companies connected to Russia's military-industrial complex. Subsequent research and analysis found strong indications that many of these components were destined for use in the manufacture of weapons used by Russia to commit war crimes in Ukraine, including Su-34, Su-35, and Su-57 jets, Kh-59, Kh-101, and Iskander-K missiles, as well as UPMB/UPMK gliding bombs.

The materials provided to the authorities bring together open-source evidence, trade and corporate data, and legal analysis that IPHR considers sufficient to warrant further investigation and prosecution of the individuals concerned by national law enforcement authorities.

Effective enforcement is essential to ensuring that EU sanctions have practical impact. Where European individuals or businesses are involved in activities that may circumvent restrictions or facilitate prohibited trade through third countries, those activities should be subject to thorough investigation by the authorities and accountability for the perpetrators. European-made components must not be allowed to reach the Russian military-industrial complex through circumvention networks and contribute to weapons systems used against civilians and civilian objects in Ukraine.

IPHR will continue its work to document potential sanctions violations and strengthen accountability for individuals and companies whose activities contribute to Russia's capacity to sustain its war against Ukraine.

In order not to prejudice any assessment by the authorities in question, IPHR is not disclosing further details of the submission at this stage.