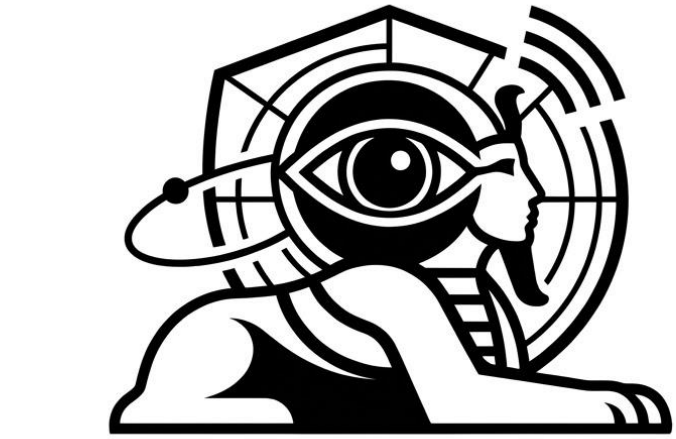


SPHINX SURVEILLANCE

SPHINX SURVEILLANCE METHODOLOGY: WORKING DOSSIER

I. Overview & Metadata

- **Incident / Claim:** Social media report stating that Ukraine captured 250+ Russian soldiers following a frontline breakthrough, accompanied by released video proof under #OperationVivaldi.
- **Classification: OSIBT (Open Source Intelligence Bulletin for Public Dissemination)**
- **Target Platforms:** Cross-platform social media (X, Telegram, Facebook, YouTube)
- **Assessment Date:** September 29, 2026
- **Confidence Level: High (Verified)**

II. Validation Certificate

CERTIFICATE OF OPEN-SOURCE VERIFICATION

- **Target Claim:** Ukraine captured 250+ Russian personnel during a breakthrough tied to "Operation Vivaldi" with accompanying video evidence.
- **Status: TRUE / VERIFIED**
- **Primary Source Attribution:** Official statements and media releases from Brigadier General Andrii Biletskyi, Commander of Ukraine's 3rd Army Corps.
- **Corroborating Data Points:**
    1. Official military video documentation published by the 3rd Army Corps showing large groups of surrendered Russian troops.
    2. Independent mainstream and open-source reporting confirming the conclusion of the 3rd phase of Operation Vivaldi in the Donetsk/Lyman sector, detailing the liberation of settlements (Nove, Ridkodub, Katerynivka) and the recovery of 51 square kilometres of territory.
- **Conclusion:** The social media claim accurately reflects verified announcements and visual media provided directly by authoritative operational commands.

III. Fact-Check Matrix

Evaluation Parameter	Indicator / Finding	Source / Verification Tool	Status
Origin of Claim	Posted across social channels referencing Ukraine's 3rd Army Corps briefings.	Telegram / Social Media Tracking	**Confirmed**
Primary Source Data	Statement by 3rd Army Corps Commander Andrii Biletskyi detailing 250+ POWs and 2,000 enemy casualties.	Official Military Broadcast / News Agencies	**Confirmed**
Visual Evidence	Video footage released depicting mass surrender and captured Russian personnel.	3rd Army Corps Media Assets	**Confirmed**
Geographic Context	Breakthrough and captures tied to the Donetsk Oblast (Lyman direction / settlements like Nove and Ridkodub).	Conflict Mapping & Regional Reports	**Confirmed**
Operation Identifier	Explicitly linked to the ongoing localized counteroffensive campaign designated "Operation Vivaldi".	Open-Source Military Analysts	**Confirmed**

IV. Internet Memo

- **TO:** Open Source Information Network & Public Dissemination Desk
- **FROM:** Sphinx Surveillance Analysis Cell
- **SUBJECT:** Verification of Operation Vivaldi Phase 3 Prisoner Capture Claims

Summary of Findings

1. **Event Breakdown:** On September 28, 2026, official communications from Ukraine's 3rd Army Corps announced the conclusion of the third phase of **Operation Vivaldi**. The operation targeted Russian positions on the eastern front (specifically within the Donetsk Oblast / Lyman sector).
2. **Quantitative Metrics:** Commander Brigadier General Andrii Biletskyi confirmed that the offensive led to the recovery of 51 square kilometres of territory, the liberation of settlements including Nove, Ridkodub, and Katerynivka, and the capture of **over 250 Russian soldiers**. Reports highlight that entire tactical units—including elements of artillery, pilot, and infantry personnel—surrendered en masse.
3. **Media Verification:** Visual proof consisting of verified video footage showing columns of captured Russian troops was disseminated directly by the 3rd Army Corps and picked up by multiple independent Ukrainian and international media outlets (such as *The New Voice of Ukraine*, *Ukrainska Pravda*, and *UNITED24 Media*).

V. Classification: OSIBT

OSIBT (Open Source Intelligence Bulletin for Public Dissemination) *Distribution Authorized:* Unrestricted. Information validated via multi-point cross-referencing of official military disclosures, localized press corroboration, and primary-source visual evidence.
Would you like to analyse additional open-source media claims tracking tactical developments in the eastern sector?