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**cultural heritage**

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Active wars all around the world create urgency in documenting and preserving knowledge. Today, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Monitors more than 110 armed conflicts [1]

And this number increases all the time. Cultural heritage is often damaged or destroyed in the process...



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Church of the Nativity of the Theotokos in Viazivka village, Zhytomyr Oblast, Ukraine © Oleksandr Malyon, CC BY-SA 4.0

The church was destroyed by Russian shelling on 7 March 2022. The photo series of the church was taken on 27 May 2023



Since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian army 24 February 2022 UNESCO has verified damage to **431** sites as of 11 July 2024 [2]

As of June 2024 Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine confirmed damage of **1085** cultural heritage sites because of the war aggression [3]



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Tarnovsky House, Chernihiv, Ukraine © Serhii Tarabara, CC BY-SA 4.0

Since 1980 the building has been used as the regional library for children and youth. It was partially destroyed during a rocket attack on Chernihiv on 11 March 2022. Photos were taken on 10 April 2022

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The House of Scientists, Odesa, Ukraine © Oleksandr Levytskyi, CC BY-SA 4.0

Photos of the damaged exterior and interior of the House of Scientists as a result of a missile attack on Odesa on 23 July 2023. Oleksandr recorded destruction two hours after the strike. Picture of the monument from 2012 © Yuriy Kvach, CC BY-SA 3.0

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "House of Scientists (Odesa)". The page includes the Wikipedia logo, a search bar, and a main menu. The article text describes the building's history, its occupation by the Romanian Army during the Second World War, and its damage during the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2023. A gallery of four images shows the exterior damage, the White Hall after the strike, the Silk living room, and the Walnut room.

**House of Scientists (Odesa)**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **House of Scientists** in *Odesa* is a public institution established in 1923 to unite scientists from various scientific institutions and higher schools in the Odesa area. It was one of a number of *Houses of Scientists* established across the *Soviet Union* and the first established in *Ukraine*.

The building is housed in the former palace of the *Counts Tolstoy*. It was taken over by the House of Scientists in 1934.<sup>[1]</sup>

During the *Second World War*, the building was occupied by the *Romanian Army*. However the German military commander of the occupation discovered this and put a stop to the looting and stabling of horses which was going on. Instead he summoned all the scientists who had not fled the city to attend the House of Scientists, thus obliging them to give the impression they supported the *Axis* occupation.<sup>[2]</sup>

On July 23rd, 2023 during the *Russian Invasion of Ukraine* the building was impacted by a Russian missile as part of the *Bombing of Odesa (2022–present)*, suffering near complete loss of glass decorating the facade, and damaging furniture and paintings inside.<sup>[3]</sup> One person was killed and 19 injured in the same campaign.<sup>[4]</sup>

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