

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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Due to the demands of my “day job,” I won’t be posting for the next couple of days. I’ll try to get back on Thursday. Here is the latest video from [“Reporting From Ukraine,”](#) and his [previous video](#), and the [“Latest Denys.”](#) All 3 are very interesting. Denys reminds us that tomorrow, May 7th, is Putin’s inauguration day, and Thursday, May 9th, is the big Victory Celebration in Moscow. Denys says that there are rumors of a big Ukrainian strike against Russian territory and/or temporarily occupied Ukrainian territory sometime during this period.

Stay tuned.

Slava Ukrainii!

Robert Homans

From Bohdan

A few days ago I wrote that Russia lacks missiles to continue mass drone and missile attacks. I believe that remains to be true.

However lower rates of drone and missile attacks targeted at more vulnerable rural areas are equally devastating. Lower scale missile attacks combined with guided aerial bombs and artillery strikes during the last and current week have taken over 50 civilian lives and wounded twice as many.

Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration UAV = Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

INTERNATIONAL

8:25 AM: Israel and Hamas have reached an agreement on a series of hostage-for-prisoner exchanges but have yet to agree on a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, CBS News.

8:25 AM: Apple may unveil new AI features as early as next month. It is noted that the project will have advantages over its competitors, — Reuters.

8:25 AM: Flooding in Brazil kills at least 39, injures 74, AP

5:16 PM: China's president has arrived in France for the first time in two years, BFM TV.

- According to the media, Macron plans to discuss with Xi Jinping the issue of trade, as well as Russian aggression against Ukraine.

7:34 PM: European intelligence agencies have warned that Russia is plotting violent sabotage across Europe, Financial Times.

- Already known acts of sabotage:
- in Britain, a warehouse with humanitarian aid for Ukraine was set on fire.
- in Sweden - several railways' accidents.
- in the Czech Republic they tried to damage railway signaling.
- in Estonia there was an attack on the car of the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- in Germany, an attack on military and logistical facilities was prevented.

8:21 PM: In 2024, the German company Rheinmetall will transfer to Ukraine prototypes of artillery shells with a range of up to 100 km, Handelsblatt edition.

- The partners will provide Ukraine with hundreds of thousands of ammunition, including long-range prototypes.

9:00 PM: The opening ceremony of the Eurovision Song Contest has started in Sweden.

- Jerry Heil and alyona alyona came with an Easter basket and showed how to properly smash easter eggs.

9:31 PM: Pope Francis was invited to the Ukrainian peace summit in Switzerland.

- "We have invited the Holy See. The Vatican is very positive about the peace conference," Swiss President Viola Amherd said.

9:56 PM: The EU plans to introduce sanctions against the platform "Voice of Europe", controlled by Medvedchuk, the Vice President of the European Commission, Vera Yurova, reported, writes Seznam Zpravy.

- The Czech Republic exposed a propaganda network in the EU called "Voice of Europe" at the end of March because, according to Czech intelligence services, the platform was trying to influence European elections.

10:27 PM: China can force Vladimir Putin to end the war in Ukraine.

- This was stated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland, Radosław Sikorski, in an interview with the BBC, RMF 24 reports.
- "There is no shortage of potential mediators - Turkey, the UN. China could actually force Putin to end this war. But I don't see any signs that Putin wants to negotiate," the politician added.

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NATIONAL

7:00 AM: Battlefield Summary for May 5, as reported by Ukrainian Armed Forces on May, 6 at 7:00 AM.



PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMY

During the past day, 125 combat clashes took place at the front; in total, the Russians carried out 2 missile and 120 air strikes, as well as 89 shelling of the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas with rocket salvo fire systems; At night, 13 UAVs of the "Shahed" type attacked Ukraine - 12 of them were destroyed by air defense.

- **Verbatim General Staff:**"During the past day, the settlements of Gremyach of Chernihiv region; Sinkivka, Vesele, Bily Kolodyaz, Doroshivka of Kharkiv region and the city of Kharkiv; Spirne, Diliivka, Vovche, Novosadove, Volodymyrivka, Kalinove, Paraskoviivka, Vozdvizhenka, Lysichne, Semenivka, Illinka were hit by airstrikes , Novoselivka, Umanske, Novoaleksandrivka, Halytsynivka, Yelyzavetivka, Urozayne and Staromayorske of Donetsk region; Krynyk of Kherson region."
- **Details:** More than 120 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions were under artillery fire.
- **Kupyansk direction:**Ukrainian soldiers repelled 14 attacks in the areas of Sinkivka, Pishchane, and Berestov settlements of the Kharkiv region; Stelmakhivka, Luhansk region.

- **Lyman direction:** the occupiers attacked the positions of Ukrainian defenders 6 times in the areas of settlements of Nevske, Luhansk region; Novosadove and Torske of Donetsk region.
- **Bakhmut direction:** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 36 attacks in the areas of Bilogorivka settlements, Luhansk region; Verkhokamyanske, Spirne, Klishchiivka, Vyimka, Novyy, Rozdolivka, Ivanovske and Andriivka of the Donetsk region.
- **Avdiiv direction:** defenders repelled 31 attacks in the areas of Novooleksandrivka, Novopokrovske, Umanske, Yasnobrodivka and Netaylovy settlements of the Donetsk region.
- **Novopavlovsk direction:** The defense forces continue to restrain the Russians in the areas of Kostyantynivka, Krasnohorivka, Vodyane and Urozhaine settlements of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers tried 27 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- **Orihiv direction:** the Russians attacked the positions of Ukrainian defenders 6 times in the Staromayorsky district of the Donetsk region and Robotyny in Zaporizhzhia.
- **Kherson direction:** the invaders do not give up their intention to knock out the Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper - during the past day, they carried out 3 unsuccessful attacks.
- At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 13 personnel concentration areas and 4 anti-aircraft missile complexes of the occupiers.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 1 personnel concentration area, 3 radar stations, 2 anti-aircraft defense equipment, 2 artillery equipment and 3 other important Russian facilities.

7:44 AM: 23 out of 24 martyrs were destroyed at night by the air defense forces of Ukraine, the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reports.

- Enemy UAVs were eliminated in Kharkiv, Kherson and Dnipropetrovsk regions.

9:14 AM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy congratulated Ukrainians on Easter.

- "The Bible teaches us to love our neighbor. And today has shown us the true meaning of this word. When we all became close to each other. And the former neighbor, who constantly bullied us, is forever

distant for us. He broke all the commandments, demanded our home, came to kill us. The world sees it. God knows that. And we believe: God has a chevron with the Ukrainian flag on his shoulder. So, with such an ally, life will definitely win over death," said the president.

9:28 AM: Today "Azov" turned 10 years old.

- "This is the path from a few dozen volunteers, who had only motivation and faith in justice, to a special purpose brigade - one of the most effective units of the Defense Forces," - noted in "Azov".

10:36 AM: Russian troops intensified assaults on the southern front in Ukraine. In particular, their epicenter became Robotyne of the Zaporizhzhia region, Krynyk and the island of Nestryga.

- This was reported by the head of the United Coordination Press Center of the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine, Dmytro Pletenchuk.
- "Our situation is relatively stable. The only thing is that yesterday there was a noticeable increase in attempted assaults - 19. Usually, this indicator is a little lower," he said.
- In addition, on the morning of May 5, there were already six attempted assaults.

11:31 AM: The Fire of Grace has arrived in Ukraine, — DPSU.

- Late at night, boy scouts delivered the fire from the church in Jerusalem to "Starokazache" checkpoint in Odesa. The fire from Jerusalem was met by chaplains and border guards of the Southern Regional Administration.

12:05 PM: Attention! The threat of the use of ballistic weapons in the areas where the alarm has been declared — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

2:37 PM: An air alert has been issued in several areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons.

7:51 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of May 5:

- During the day, 103 combat clashes were recorded.

- Aviation of the Defense Forces hit 13 areas of concentration of personnel and 4 anti-aircraft missile complexes of the enemy.
- Units of the missile forces _hit 1 area_ of the concentration of personnel, _3 radar stations, 2 anti-aircraft defense means, and 2 artillery means_ of the enemy.

9:18 PM: An air alert has been issued in several areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons.
- Kherson, Mykolaiv regions - air alert.

10:57 PM: Since the beginning of 2024, 47,772 babies have been born in Ukraine.

- Kyiv (5,568 children), Lviv (4,278 children) and Dnipropetrovsk (3,963 children) regions are among the leaders.
- The fewest children were born in Zaporizhia (914), Donetsk (366) and Kherson (85) regions.

11:51 PM: Ukrainians will have the opportunity to observe the Eta-Aquarida meteor shower, as it is at its peak of activity.

- The most meteors are expected from May 5 to 6, but they can be observed until May 28, especially spectacular before dawn.

MORDOR – ruZZia

8:25 AM: A recreation center caught fire in the Krasnodar region of the Russian Federation. Several supposedly non-residential premises on an area of 1,200 square meters were on fire. m.

REGIONS

AMOUNTS



2:45 PM: Yesterday evening, the Russian army struck one of the settlements of Sumy Oblast, the State Emergency Service.

- There were large-scale fires in the residential sector and at a civilian facility.
- According to preliminary data, two people were injured.

11:29 PM: Sumy region - the threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.

- Movement of UAV type "Shahed" through Sumy Oblast in the southwest direction.
- Mykolayivsk, Kherson regions - the threat of attack UAVs.

KHARKIV



12:35 AM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in Kharkiv.

6:53 AM: During the night attack of the Russian Federation on Kharkiv, a "shahed" hit the private sector of the city's Osnovyansky District, a fire broke out, - Mayor Igor Terekhov.

- As a result of the strike of the Russian Federation, 3 private houses caught fire.

8:40 AM: As a result of today's shelling in Kharkiv, 5 people were injured, one of them a child, the State Emergency Service said.

- The number of victims in Kharkiv has increased to 6, Oleg Sinegubov, the head of OVA, said.

2:18 PM: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv, the mayor of the city, Terekhov, reports.

2:34 PM: Russians hit the central part of Kharkiv - two wounded are known.

- This was announced by the mayor of the city Igor Terekhov.

2:51 PM: The number of injured as a result of the Russian attack on Kharkiv has increased to five.

- This was announced by the mayor of the city Igor Terekhov.

3:01 PM: It is also known that one of the private houses in Kharkiv was hit - there were two victims.

- This was announced by the mayor of Terekhov.

3:35 PM: At this moment, medics are helping ten victims in Kharkiv, — OVA.

- Apartment buildings and cars were damaged.

4:37 PM: As a result of Russian strikes in the Kupyan district, two people were injured, Kharkiv OVA.

- In the village of Monachynivka, a private house caught fire, a woman may be under the rubble.

5:37 PM: Consequences of Russian KAB strikes on Kharkiv.

- More than 15 apartment buildings, private houses, cars, an inactive sports complex and office buildings were damaged.
- the Russians struck with three interspecies gliding munitions UMPB D30-SN.

6:47 PM: The number of injured in Kharkiv has increased to 14, the regional prosecutor's office reports.

- It is known about 15 injured.

7:01 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Monachynivka, an 88-year-old woman died, Kharkiv OVA.

- The body of the deceased was unblocked from under the rubble after the fire in the house was extinguished.

10:30 PM: KAB launches by tactical aircraft in the Kharkiv region, the Air Force reports.

DONETSK



1:41 PM: In the morning, the Russian troops shelled the Pokrovsky district, in the village of Mykhailivka they fired at a car with people in it.

- This was reported in the Donetsk regional prosecutor's office.
- A man and two women who were in the car at the time of the shooting received injuries of varying degrees of severity.

4:07 PM: Yesterday, the Russians shelled Druzhkivka in Donetsk region — a 47-year-old man was killed.

- This is reported by the State Emergency Service of Ukraine.
- The body of the deceased was removed from the rubble of a private house.

9:43 PM: KAB launches by tactical aircraft in Donetsk region, the Air Force reports.



ZAPORIZHIA

1:52 PM: An employee of the occupation correctional colony was liquidated in temporarily occupied Berdyansk.

- This was announced by the head of the Berdyansk city military administration, Victoria Galitsyna.
- The explosive device was planted under the car. The traitor died at the scene.

3:11 PM: GUR MOU confirms the liquidation of the organizer of the torture chamber in occupied Berdyansk.

- "[...] _about 9:40 a.m. in the temporarily occupied Berdyansk of the Zaporizhzhia region, a Ford Kuga car belonging to Yevhen Aleksandrovykh from Ananyiv exploded," - reports intelligence.
- The liquidated traitor was one of the organizers of torture camps on the territory of Berdyansk correctional colony No. 77.

DNIPRO



12:35 AM: An enemy UAV is in the vicinity of the city of Dnipro, the Air Force reports.

1:21 AM: Group "Shakhed" in Dnipropetrovsk region in the direction of Dnipro, Air Force Command.

1:52 AM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Dnipro.

MYKOLAIV



7:16 PM: the Russians hit the Slavyansk TPP with 5 missiles — a number of objects on the station's territory were damaged.

- Volodymyr Proskunin, deputy head of the Mykolaiv MBA, announced this.
- There were no casualties as a result of the shelling.

ODESSA



4:55 PM: A policewoman in Odesa did not want to be on duty near the church on Easter and spoke shamefully about the deaths of citizens from possible shelling:

- "Hire me to guard that church. There are 30 people there. Well, they will fly there, that's not minus 100 people, it's only minus 30_."
- An official investigation has already been launched against her - most likely, she will be fired.
- "Such behavior is unacceptable, it disgraces the work of a law enforcement officer, and it was met with a principled and tough reaction from the management," - the press service of the National Police noted.

POLTAVA



4:28 PM: High-speed target in the direction of Poltava region, Air Force Command.

- Poltava - shelter!

4:32 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Poltava.

5:01 PM: The sounds of an explosion were heard within Poltava district, — OVA.

- Preliminary — no victims or victims, details later.

6:16 PM: Russians hit civilian infrastructure in Poltava community, — OVA.

- The missile strike damaged the elevator, and there were no casualties.

Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 798 days	After 799 days	After 800 days	After 801 days	After 802 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	470,870	472,140	473,400	474,260	475,300

Material Losses

Tanks	147	7,332	7,354	7,366	7,375	7,380
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	14,096	14,129	14,156	14,179	14,213
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	12,997	13,055	13,203	13,289	13,307
Cruise Missiles		2,126	2,126	2,127	2,147	2,148
Fighters Bombers	118	348	348	348	349	349
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		9,561	9,580	9,611	9,636	9,683
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		784	784	788	790	791
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	16,224	16,266	16,337	16,418	16,477
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,988	1,993	2,001	2,002	2,008

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