

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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Happy New Year to all of our recipients – May 2024 be the Year of Ukraine's Victory!

[“After Putin, a Putina?”](#) By Andrew Kutchins & Chris Monday?/”The National Interest”

After reading this article my initial reaction was Putin's Czar Peter I, followed by Putina's Catherine the Great, but the authors argue that this approach is too simplistic. Anna Putina is Vladimir Putin's 1st Cousin, once removed. The article describes Putina's rise to a position of influence in some detail, most significantly her position as Founder of the “Defenders of the Fatherland” Foundation, established last April. Is Anna Putina Vladimir Putin's chosen successor?

Here are some excerpts:

- “Putin fully understood the reason for his selection as Yeltsin's successor in December 1999, which was confidence that he would protect [the interests](#) of the Yeltsin “family” after his election. We believe that Putin has given this issue deep thought and has concluded that there is no one better to entrust with protecting his family and their vast interests than a member of his own family. We will lay out a case for his cousin, Anna Putina Tsivilyova. Of course, there are other potential candidates, but in this article, we have chosen to focus on her unique prospects. Since she founded the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation (DFF) in April, her rise to the Russian media spotlight this year has been nothing less than meteoric. Pointedly, Putin spoke highly of Anna and the Foundation at his [press conference on December 14:](#)”
- “It is essential to understand the significance of the task Tsivilyova has taken on in founding the DFF. From the Decembrist Revolt in 1825 to

the February Revolution in 1917 to the [Soviet-Afghan War](#), the potential for unhappy veterans of foreign wars stirring trouble is a constant concern in Russian history. U.S. intelligence estimates that Russia has suffered [315,000 casualties](#) since the beginning of the war in February 2022. And then there is the [flood](#) of wounded and non-wounded returning veterans. Meeting the needs of these people constitutes a massive challenge for the Russian government.”

- Putina has effectively used her philanthropic work to fortify her political network. For example, she regularly holds “[International Women’s Fora](#)” in Kemerovo. Typical topics focus on the “role of women in industrial regions” and “dealing with Covid.” Her conferences attract thousands of participants, among which are the wives of regional leaders. One prominent backer of these forums is St. Petersburg governor [Valentina Matvienko](#), a wily politician with deep roots in Soviet Leningrad.
- “Anna Putina can count on the Putin dynastic network. Anna’s brother, [Mikhail](#), serves as the president’s overseer at Gazprom. [Igor Putin and his son Roman](#) have been involved in various business spheres and money laundering. Putin’s romantic partner and purported common-law wife, [Alina Kabaeva](#), oversees a vast media empire. Putin’s daughter, [Katerina Tikhonova](#), supervises investments in AI and biotechnology.”
- “Importantly, Anna Putina is the sole political figure publicly confronting the fallout from the [Wagner Group insurrection](#) in June. On [August 24, 2023, Russian state TV news](#) reported Vladimir Putin offered his brusque condolences to the recently perished Wagner Group leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin. But soon after this jarring scene, Russian TV moved to Anna Putina. She stated that all members of “private military organizations” would receive equal benefits to those serving in the regular army. In this broadcast, Sergei Kirienko and war correspondent Evgeniy Poddubny (two figures associated with Prigozhin) rushed to heap praise on Putina.”
- “While the faint-hearted Russian media avoid the name “Wagner,” Anna Putina has repeatedly celebrated them. For example, on November 11, 2023, Anna Putina (with Father Kiprian) handed out

veteran identity cards to the Wagner fighters. She proclaimed, “All veterans of the special operation are heroes of our time. All defenders of the Fatherland should have the same rights, independent of their status.” The Wagner warriors are to be honored and glorified by the state, [she declared.](#)”

- “Despite making sure to circumscribe the reach of all his subordinates, Vladimir appears to have made Anna Putina the sole figure allowed to spread her influence over wide realms of politics, the economy, and culture. This is what makes her case so compelling. While increasingly well-known in Russia, she is virtually unknown outside of Russia. Two years before Putin became president, he too was little known in Russia and totally unknown outside the country. Inexperience is not necessarily a deal-breaker.”

The article concludes:

- If we are right about Anna Putina, then the Kremlin seeks to prolong the Putin dynasty for another generation. Putin, as an avid student of Russian history, may find the idea of a hereditary dynasty attractive. However, while it has become a cliché to read of Putin as the “[new czar](#)” of Russia, his idea of succession is less neo-Romanov than it may initially appear. The dynastic model has also been deployed in other post-Soviet states like [Azerbaijan](#) and [Turkmenistan](#), and it appears that Emomali Rahmon, President of Tajikistan, is also looking to place [his son as leader](#) in 2024.
- For all of these regimes, where electoral and legal norms for an orderly transition do not exist, succession is a continual dilemma. Many dictators aspire to the Deng Xiaoping or Lee Kuan Yew models of exercising power more informally after leaving their formal positions. Both the dynastic and “grey cardinal” models [fail as often as they succeed](#). Just look at Russia’s neighbor Kazakhstan, whose founding President [Nursultan Nazarbayev’s](#) effort to remain the power behind the throne was stymied in January 2022. Only time will tell if Putin’s plan is for his cousin Anna to succeed him, and then, more importantly, whether “Operation Putina” will be successful and durable.

What Kutchins and Monday have laid out in this article have obvious implications for Ukraine and the West, including Russia's willingness to continue its efforts to subjugate Ukraine well after the current invasion is over, and the likelihood of Russia's breakup, a major concern among some Western policymakers because of Russia's defeat in Ukraine, would seem to go down if there's a prospect of an orderly succession in the Kremlin.

News From the Battlefield

The "[Latest Denys](#)" covers an apparent New Year's attack by Ukraine on Donetsk City, specifically suspected military barracks and Donetsk City's finest hotel, the Donbass Palace. This attack comes a day after a Russian military attack on the Palace Hotel in Kharkiv. At the beginning of Denys' video there's a map that shows the following:

- The proximity of the City of Donetsk to the front line, especially to the current fighting in Avdiivka.
- The black line tracks the 2014 Contact Line, between unoccupied Ukraine and the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic.
- Red areas to the left of the black line shows territory taken by Russia since the start of their latest invasion.

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During the day of December 31, there were 55x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 13x missile and 127x air strikes, 181x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

During the day of December 31, the Russian occupiers attacked Ukraine yet again, using 96x Shahed-136/131 UAVs. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means shot down 66x strike UAVs.

Also, during the day of December 31, the invaders launched yet another air strike on Ukraine using 26x Shahed-136/131 UAVs. The Ukrainian defenders destroyed 21x enemy UAVs.

Air strikes hit Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast), Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Hryhorivka, Riznykivka, Zvanivka, Spirne, Pivnichne, Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), Robotyne, Novodanylivka (Zaporizhzhia oblast), Kachkarivka, Chervonyi Mayak, Zmiivka, and Virivka (Kherson region).

Around 150x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group, Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 11x enemy attacks near Synkivka and Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast). The adversary made unsuccessful attempts to break through the defense of Ukrainian troops in that area.

Lyman axis: the occupiers conducted unsuccessful offensives in the vicinity of Makiivka (Luhansk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 10x adversary attacks near Bohdanivka and Andriivka (Donetsk oblast).

Tavria operational-strategic group, Avdiivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the occupiers. For instance, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 4x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Stepove, Avdiivka, and 14x more attacks near Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinity of Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian troops repelled 4x attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 1x attack of the adversary near Urozhaine (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 5x enemy attacks near Robotyne and south of Novodarivka (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to expand the bridgehead. Despite significant losses, the

enemy does not abandon its intention to dislodge Ukrainian troops from their positions. For instance, the adversary made 13x unsuccessful attempts to assault the positions of the Ukrainian Defense Forces.

During the day of December 31, the Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 11x concentrations of adversary troops.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 9x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 3x ammunition depots, and 1x command post of the Russian invaders.

INTERNATIONAL

8:05 AM: The UN Security Council emphasized that Putin is primarily to blame for the death of Russians due to the shelling of Belgorod.

8:05 AM: Polish Radio suspends broadcasting for Ukraine from January 1

2:41 PM: The Czech Republic refused to come to the emergency meeting of the UN Security Council, which is called by the Russian Federation due to the strikes on Belgrade.

- This was announced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Jan Lipavskyi.
- " _We refuse to be called by Russia anywhere. The Czech Republic will not serve the aggressor's propaganda poisoned with lies. When Russia wants to discuss the withdrawal of its occupying forces at the Security Council, we will gladly come_," Lipavsky wrote.

5:27 PM: Europe must take more responsibility for security on its territory, - State Secretary of the Ministry of Defense of Poland Zalewski

- Pawel Zalewski, the state secretary of the Polish Ministry of Defense, in an interview with Anton Borkowski, host of the Studio Zahid program, talked about how Poland's policy towards Ukraine will change and what challenges Poland faces.

9:50 PM: The EU will abolish air and sea border controls with Bulgaria and Romania from 31 March 2024, EU Council.

9:50 PM: Chinese military aircraft have flown into Taiwan's air defense identification zone more than 1,700 times this year, OSINT researcher Damien Symon.

9:50 PM: Queen Margrethe II of Denmark abdicates, Nyhedere.

9:50 PM: More than 4,000 people have died in the civil war in Syria since the beginning of the year, Al Arabiya.

9:50 PM: Chinese leader Xi Jinping said in a New Year's address that China's "reunification" with Taiwan is inevitable.

9:50 PM: Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip opened fire on a UN convoy carrying humanitarian aid. The IDF said that the soldiers fired warning shots because they did not know that cars were about to pass them.

NATIONAL

12:01 AM: The Air Force reports the movement of strike UAVs:

- In the southwestern part of Vinnytsia (Kryzhopil district), westward.
- BpLA in Khmelnytskyi, course west.
- The second group of UAVs from Khmelnytskyi headed for Chernivtsi region.
- Zaporozhye - the threat of enemy use of attack UAVs.

10:45 AM: All of Ukraine - missile danger. The take-off of several MiG-31K PKS of the Russian Federation from the Savasleika and Mozdok airfields was recorded, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

1:02 PM: The Russians again began to actively launch aerial bombs, mostly in Donetsk region

- At the same time, he noted that the number of infantry attacks by the occupiers remains at the same level. Russian troops are most active near Avdiivka and in the Mariinsky direction. In total, the enemy conducted 32 combat engagements, carried out 864 artillery barrages and 1 rocket attack in the Tavri direction.

- The total losses of the Russian invaders of the past day amounted to 466 military personnel and 52 units of military equipment. In particular, 8 tanks, 7 BBM, 16 artillery systems, 32 drones, 4 units of special equipment and 15 cars.

1:17 PM: Activity of Russian tactical aviation is observed in the south and east! There is a threat of using aviation means of attack — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

1:45 PM: Missile launches from MiG-31K were recorded, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

2:16 PM: The year is 2023. Territorial results

- ◆ Ukraine 523 km² were freed;
- ◆ Ukraine lost 587 km².

3:23 PM: Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the Russian Federation has launched more than 7,500 missiles at Ukraine.

- This was announced by the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Yuriy Ignat.
- " _These are of all types - aviation missiles, S-300 anti-aircraft missiles, cruise missiles, ballistic missiles - such a number were launched_," Yuriy Ignat said.

3:44 PM: An air alert has been issued in several areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using attack UAVs.

4:31 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky signed decrees awarding almost 700 Ukrainian soldiers with state awards.

- " _All of these almost 700 soldiers who have been honored now, as well as the medics who have also been honored and to whom we are all grateful for saving our soldiers, all of them showed themselves on the front lines, in combat brigades, in the protection of our people and all of Ukraine_ ", - the president noted.

5:09 PM: Border guards can demand documents from the TCC from men with many children, said Andrii Demchenko, the spokesman of the DPSU.

- "[...] _Considering that we have repeatedly detected forgery of documents related to multiple children, our inspectors can check this condition of men's departure, in particular, based on documents from territorial recruitment centers_ [...]", - says Demchenko.

5:11 PM: The threat of the use of ballistic weapons for the south, east of Ukraine, — PS ZSU.

5:40 PM: The Air Force informs about the movement of enemy "shaheads":

- "shahedy" in Poltava Region - heading for Myrhorod;
- in the Dnipropetrovsk region - heading to the northwest;
- in the Mykolayiv region - heading to Kropyvnytskyi.

6:07 PM: The Patriot air defense system has already shot down 15 Russian Kinjal air ballistic missiles.

- This was announced by the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Yuriy Ignat.
- "_On May 4, the first "unparalleled Dagger X-47" was shot down - an M2 missile. Thus, the countdown started precisely from this time. Then there were six more, six more, and now we already have 15 "Daggers" shot down by the Patriot_ system," the PS spokesman notes.

6:12 PM: Hetmantsev denies that every money transfer from card to card will allegedly be taxed at 18%

- The idea that the National Revenue Strategy supposedly provides for mandatory taxation of every transaction between individual card accounts is not true. People's deputy, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Finance, Tax and Customs Policy Danylo Hetmantsev stated this.

6:20 PM: The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons from the so-called Crimea

7:23 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 31:

- During the day _42 combat clashes took place._
- In the Marinsky direction _Defence forces continue to hold back the occupiers in the Novomykhailivka area_ of the Donetsk region.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 11 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces hit 3 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, an _ammunition warehouse and a control point_ of the enemy.

7:33 PM: Information from the Armed Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine regarding the movement of enemy "shaheeds":

- "shahedy" in Chernihiv Oblast - in the direction of Kyiv;
- in Vinnytsia, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kirovohrad, Cherkasy - westward.
- the threat of using air strikes and ballistic weapons from the east and south.

8:09 PM: All of Ukraine - missile danger. The take-off of the MiG-31K PKS of the Russian Federation from the Mozdok airfield was recorded, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

8:22 PM: The Air Force informs about the movement of enemy "shaheeds":

- "shahedy" from Kyiv region - to Zhytomyr region;
- from Khmelnytskyi - to Ternopil;
- in Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, and Kirovohrad regions - they continue their course to the west.

8:32 PM: Considerable activity of enemy tactical aviation is observed in the south and east, - PS ZSU.

- The threat of using aviation weapons.

8:45 PM: During the full-scale war, air defense shot down 1,709 missiles of various types and more than 3,000 Shahed drones, the commander of the Air Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Mykola Oleschuk said.

- Including:
 - 1,045 X-101/555/55 (1,360 issued);
 - 397 Calibers (834 produced);
 - 62 "Iskander-K" (released 154);
 - 3,095 Shahed-136/131 (3,940 produced).
- Also, 15 aeroballistic X-47M2 "Kinzhal", 329 planes and 324 helicopters of the Russians were shot down.
- This year, the Air Force of the Armed Forces made more than 16,000 sorties, striking the enemy with 7,600 strikes.

10:52 PM: The struggle for freedom and the future of our children continues, - Zaluzhny about 2024.

- Valery Zaluzhny noted that 2023 was extremely difficult, but a year when Ukraine endured: "It endured thanks to you - Ukrainian soldiers and sailors, sergeants and officers. Thanks to each of you! I thank our military for their steadfastness and dedication to the great cause of defending Ukraine. I bow my head to the Ukrainian soldiers who died fighting for the Motherland. They are forever in our hearts."
- The commander-in-chief also noted that the coming year 2024 will not be easy either, but the Ukrainian defenders will continue to bring our victory closer.

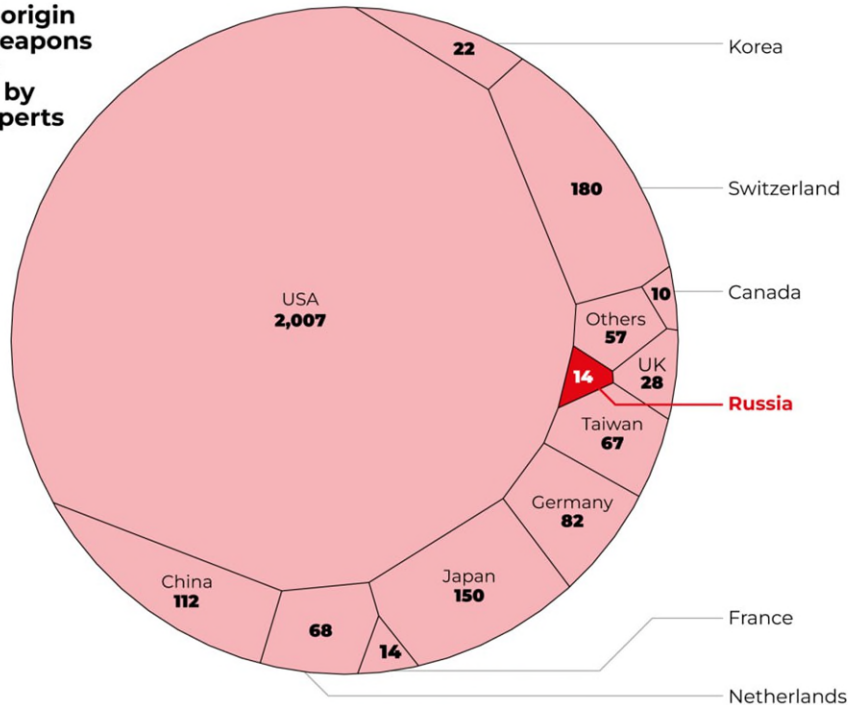
11:04 PM: The Air Force informs about the movement of enemy "shaheeds":

- Several groups of "shahedis" on the border of Mykolayiv region and Dnipropetrovsk region! The direction of movement is north-west
- Several groups of "shahedis" in the south of Mykolaiv region! The direction of movement is towards Odeshchyna.

RUSSIAN WEAPONS CONTAIN ONLY 14 RUSSIAN COMPONENTS

TOP
LEAD

Countries of origin
of Russian weapons
components
investigated by
Ukrainian experts



Source: Ukrainian National Agency on Corruption Prevention.

Data as of December 27, 2023.

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9:35 AM: Ukrainian UAVs hit intended targets in Russia, - ISW

- It is noted that Ukrainian forces carried out a large series of strikes on targets in Russia on the night of December 29-30. Ukrainian security sources told Western and Ukrainian media that on the night of December 29-30, Ukrainian forces launched more than 70 drones against Russian military infrastructure and defense-industrial facilities near Moscow, Belgorod, Tula, Tver, and Bryansk.
- The Russian Ministry of Defense said that Russian forces intercepted 32 Ukrainian drones in the Bryansk, Oryol, Kursk and Moscow regions on the night of December 29-30.

4:17 PM: New Year will be celebrated already in Russia: SBU expels blogger Maslova from Ukraine

- The Security Service of Ukraine found Russian blogger Alina Maslova, who recently came to Bukovel from Moscow on vacation. The law enforcement officers announced that they were expelling her from Ukraine
- The spokeswoman of the SBU in Zakarpattia Oblast, Wanda Milio, informed Suspilno about this.
- The SBU emphasized that Maslova admitted that she does not support Russian aggression against Ukraine and apologized to Ukrainians.

5:16 PM: The Ukrainian IT Army stopped the operation of payment terminals in Russia, — Ministry of Digital.

- "The largest manufacturer of online cash registers Evotor has not been working since yesterday. Therefore, the attempt of Russians to pay for New Year's gifts without cash is turning into a defeat", - the message says.
- Russians cannot pay by card at the cash registers of shops, cafes, hairdressers or any other businesses that use these payment terminals.

7:00 PM: Russians detained at least 1,500 people at TOT for allegedly "collaborating with the Ukrainian underground," — Center of National Resistance.

- "Therefore, the Russian occupiers are trying to destroy the Ukrainian underground, which is actively waging an underground war against them. At the same time, pro-Ukrainian sentiments in all temporarily occupied territories are only growing", - writes the CNS.

7:46 PM: Russia is trying to use relatives of Ukrainian prisoners of war against Ukraine.

- This was stated by ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets.

- "[...] _We have systematic facts that Russians call their relatives and say: "We are ready to give, but Ukraine does not want to take." This is not true. They suggest relatives to go to rallies, block roads, administrative buildings_ [...]," says Lubinets.

8:49 PM: Just like in Moscow. Participants of an 18+ party in hentai style were given 15 days of arrest in Minsk

- According to the denunciation of the Russian-Belarusian propagandist Kostiantyn Prydybail, the security forces of the Lukashenka regime detained the participants of the Minsk party for adults.
- The event was organized by hentai fans, writes the newspaper "Nasha Niva".

9:00 PM: The Russian Navy deployed three Caliber missile carriers to the Black Sea on combat duty, the Southern Defense Forces reported.

- Their total volley is 24 rockets.

11:34 PM: In 2024, the SBU promises the occupiers a "continuation" with the Crimean Bridge and a new cotton

- The Security Service of Ukraine has published greetings for the new year 2024
- Its text appeared on the department's website.
- "Our drones shoot down Russian equipment. Snipers pick up targets at record distances. Counter-intelligence and military counter-intelligence apprehend traitors and collaborators to wipe out the fifth column inside the country.
- Cyber specialists repel thousands of Russian cyberattacks, protecting critical infrastructure. And SBU investigators qualitatively document all war crimes committed by the Russian army. This is our daily contribution to Victory!" - noted the head of the SBU, Major General Vasylyuk Malyuk.

REGIONS

8:05 AM: 19 people have already died in Kyiv after the Russian missile attack on December 29, — KMVA.

11:16 AM: The number of dead in Kyiv has increased to 21, — KMVA.

- "Rescuers retrieved two more bodies from under the rubble," the message reads.

12:39 PM: At this moment, on December 29, Russians have already killed 22 Kyivans with rockets, KMVA.

- Rescuers retrieved another body from under the rubble.
- Already 23 people from Kyiv have been killed. Another body was found - KMVA.

6:34 PM: Only according to the established procedure, - the commandant of the Kyiv region explained whether summonses will be handed out at checkpoints.

- Lieutenant Colonel Ruslan Oliynyk, commandant of the Kyiv region, explained the true purpose and goals of counter-sabotage and security measures.
- Oliynyk noted that measures to strengthen countersubversive and security measures in the Kyiv region are held consistently once or twice a month. This time they will take place on the instructions of Ruslan Kravchenko, the head of KOVA, which are agreed with the military command and will last from December 28 to January 6.

7:56 PM: In the Kyiv region, air defense forces are working against enemy "shaheds", — Regional Military Administration.

12:56 AM: The Air Force reports that enemy UAVs are moving in the direction of Kharkiv.

12:59 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

1:23 AM: In Kharkiv, several hits in the center of the city as a result of an attack by an unmanned aerial vehicle, Mayor Terekhov reported.

- All relevant services are working. Information about the victims is being clarified.

1:47 AM: As a result of Russian shelling in Kharkiv, fires broke out in several residential buildings in the city center, Mayor Terekhov said.

2:17 AM: Several Russian drones were shot down over Kharkiv tonight.

- This was reported by Volodymyr Tymoshko, the head of the National Security Service of Ukraine in the Kharkiv region.
- _"Currently, two hits are known: one of the drones hit a residential building, the other hit a building of social infrastructure. There is no information about the dead and wounded at 01:57," Tymoshko informed.

4:50 AM: In Kharkiv, rescuers continue to eliminate the consequences of the Russian missile attack.

4:51 AM: As a result of the night attack of Russian drones on Kharkiv, buildings in the city center were damaged. These are not military facilities, but cafes, residential buildings and offices, - Mayor Ihor Terekhov.

8:05 AM: Russians hit the building of the Kharkiv Palace Hotel and a residential building in the center of Kharkiv with Iskander-M missiles. This was reported by the head of the police of the Kharkiv Region, Volodymyr Tymoshko.

8:05 AM: According to preliminary data from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Russians fired at least 6 S-300 missiles at Kharkiv, injuring 22 people.

10:02 AM: In Kharkiv, the number of injured has increased to 28 due to Russian shelling on December 30.

- This was reported by the head of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration Oleg Sinogubov.
- Also at night, the Russians shelled the village. Borova of the Izyum district. Private household was damaged. The bodies of a woman and 2 men were removed from under the rubble of the house.

3:56 PM: "Shahedy" in the east of the Dnipropetrovsk region and in the south of the Kharkiv region, moving to the north, — PS ZSU.

- ballistic threat to Kharkiv from the Belgorod region.

4:05 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Kharkiv region.

4:08 PM: "Shakhedi" in the direction of Lozova in the Kharkiv region, — PS ZSU.

- "shahedy" near Pavlograd.

4:10 PM: the Russians made about 4 strikes on Chuguyev, reports the head of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration Sinegubov.

- Previously - with S-300 missiles.

12:20 PM: The Russian army killed three and wounded six people in Avdiivka, Selidovo and Progress.

- This was reported in the Donetsk Prosecutor's Office.

12:33 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Zaporizhzhia.

4:46 PM: Several new groups of "shaheed" from Zaporizhzhia in the direction of Dnipropetrovsk region, — PS ZSU.

9:18 AM: One more victim of the massive rocket attack that occurred on the morning of December 29 died in the Dnipro hospital — Regional Military Administration.

- He is a 45-year-old man. In total, that terrorist act took the lives of 7 people. 18 patients remain in hospitals. In particular, a one and a half year old boy.

1:33 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kryvyi Rih.

1:48 PM Social Networks: Repeated explosions are heard in Kryvyi Rih.

2:08 PM: Russians shelled Nikopol — two men and a woman were wounded.

- This was reported by the head of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Administration Serhii Lysak.

- In Nikopol, a pharmacy, an office building, two minibuses and two cars were damaged.

4:35 PM: Missiles from the south towards Kryvyi Rih, — PS ZSU.

- "shahedy" from Kharkiv region, Dnipropetrovsk region in the direction of Poltava region.
- Rocket in Mykolaiv Oblast! The course is northwest.

4:57 PM: Missile on the Dnipro, — PS ZSU.

11:06 PM: Missiles from the south towards Kryvyi Rih, — PS ZSU.

1:45 AM: The Air Force reports that the movement of strike UAVs has been observed in the Kherson region in the direction of the Mykolayiv region.

10:26 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

11:20 AM: 3 residents of Kherson were wounded as a result of morning Russian shelling, — Regional Military Administration.

- "52- and 55-year-old men and a 71-year-old woman are hospitalized with injuries of varying degrees of severity," the message reads.

3:02 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

3:52 PM: As a result of a Russian attack on Kherson, a 14-year-old boy died, a 9-year-old boy is in extremely serious condition.

- This was reported by the head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, Oleksandr Prokudin.
- Doctors are fighting for the life of a 9-year-old boy, he has a brain injury.

6:28 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the suburbs of Kherson.

11:15 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

5:04 PM: A Russian missile hit the house of a famous Odesa pianist: the woman was on tour abroad

- During the massive missile attack on Ukraine on December 29, the Russians targeted the house of the famous Odesa pianist Svitlana Vasylychenko. The woman was not injured, as she was on a foreign tour. This was reported by the pianist's friend Daria Artsybor.
- The woman noted that it was an old three-story building on Kartamyshevska Street and added that the pianist was not at home only because she was in another country, giving concerts.

6:36 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Odesa region.

11:27 PM: The Air Force reports the movement of "shaheeds" in the direction of Odesa and Mykolaiv.

11:38 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

1:34 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kropyvnytskyi.

1:48 PM: Repeated explosions are heard in Kropyvnytskyi.

2:55 PM: In the Kirovohrad region, the regional military administration has worked.

- "_In the Kropyvnytskyi district, there was damage to the power line and a grain storehouse. In advance, there were no victims_" the message says.

9:11 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in the Vinnytsia region.

9:29 PM: The Air Force reports the movement of "shaheeds" in the direction of Starokostyantynov.

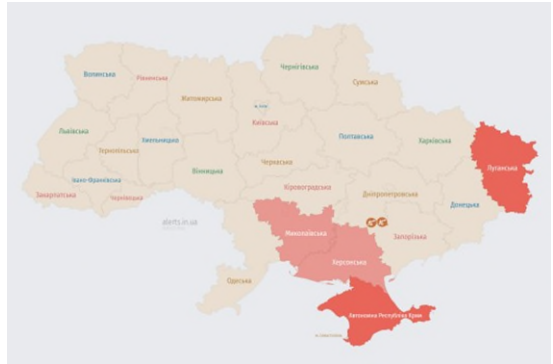
9:42 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Khmelnytskyi region.

UPD: Air defense is working in Khmelnytskyi region, Serhii Tyurin, the first deputy head of the Regional Military Administration, said.

VISUAL CHRONOLOGY OF REGIONAL ROCKET, DRONE, ARTILLERY, MORTAR AND BOMB ALARMS



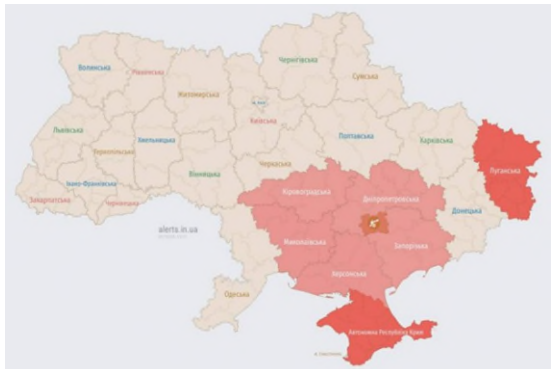
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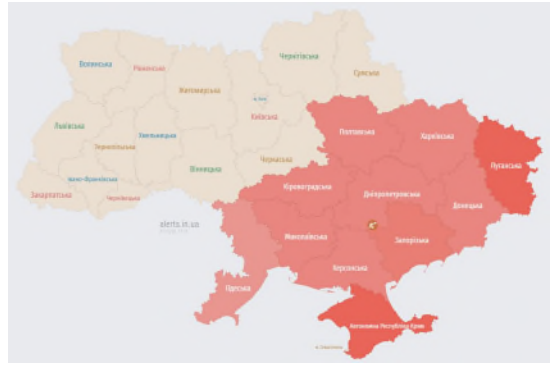
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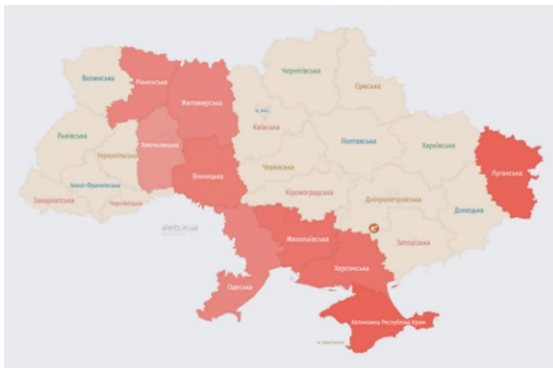
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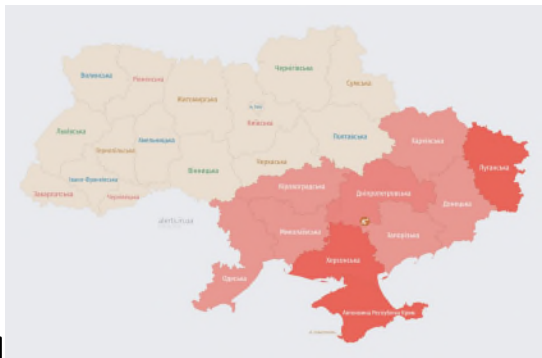
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 672 days	After 673 days	After 674 days	After 675 days	After 676 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	356,670	357,520	358,270	359,230	360,010

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5940	5953	5969	5977	5983
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,015	11,033	11,053	11,070	11,087
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9,336	9356	9373	9407	9,435
Cruise Missiles		1620	1620	1708	1709	1709

Fighters Bombers	118	329	329	329	329	329
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6503	6539	6554	6591	6657
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		617	620	621	623	625
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	11,180	11,215	11,244	11,292	11,330
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
Special Equipment		1247	1254	1260	1268	1277

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