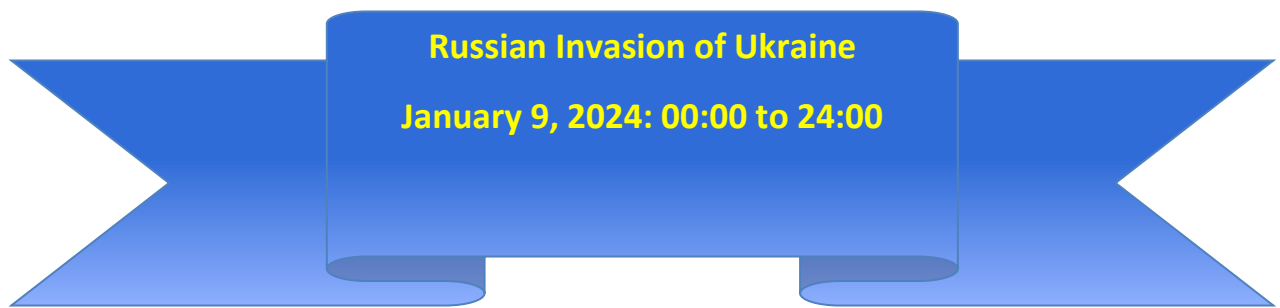


News From Ukraine



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Introduction to Ukraine Freedom Fund (“UFF”)

Last night I attended an event hosted by UFF (www.ukrainefreedomfund.org), a 501(c)3 organization for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, was founded in 2014, just after the end of the Revolution of Dignity. Since its founding, UFF has provided the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF) with non-lethal supplies, including truck batteries, night-vision equipment, and other essential items. I have known Andy Bain, UFF’s Founder, for many years. Andy served in the US Marine Corps., where he was a liaison with a contingent of Ukrainian troops during Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. He has been living and working in Ukraine for over 30 years.

The event was a fundraiser for the “Ukrainian Military Reform Initiative,” developed by UFF and its partners. Here is more information about the Initiative –

“Through the conduct of professional military development courses to specific audiences, UFF and its partners will engender a cultural shift within the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF) that will enable the UAF to operate more efficiently in the tactical and operational levels. Based on extensive dialogue, research, and test classes UFF, along with its partners, has developed a training plan to assist UAF in its transition both to NATO standards and larger scale operational maneuvers.”

2024 Objectives:

Raise \$275,000 to support:

Academy Cadres Trained*	30
Officer Cadets Trained	480
Battalion Staff Officers Trained	120

* Academy Cadres are the instructors

“Expenses include travel and per diem for 39 trainers to lead 12 leadership courses in 3 fixed locations across Ukraine. This will serve as a foundation for further development through a “Train the Trainers” approach to courses to enhance UAF’s combat effectiveness and NATO interoperability.” To learn more about contributing to UFF, please go to their website – www.ukrainefreedomfund.org.

[“Ukraine Has a Pathway to Victory - Why the new conventional wisdom that the war is a stalemate favoring Russia is wrong”/Foreign Policy, by By **Rose Gottemoeller**, a lecturer at Stanford University and former NATO deputy secretary-general, and **Michael Ryan**, a former U.S. deputy assistant defense secretary for European and NATO policy.](#)

Some excerpts:

- “The current conventional wisdom in large parts of the West is that Ukraine is losing the ground war, leaving no pathway to victory for the country as Russia pounds Ukrainian civilians into submission. Kyiv might as well call for a cease-fire and sue for peace.”
- “But is the conventional wisdom right—or does Ukraine’s clever success at sea and in the air suggest that a different outcome is possible? Perhaps the Russian army can be defeated by making use of Ukraine’s willingness to fight in new ways.”
- “For power from the air to be decisive in 2024, the Ukrainian Armed Forces must create temporary windows of localized air superiority in which to mass firepower and maneuver forces. Given the Ukrainians’ success in denying their airspace to Russia at points of their choosing,

such windows are possible using the assets they already have at hand. More and better weapons tailored to this scenario would make them more successful across the entire front with Russia.”

- “Although the technologies are new, this combination of capabilities recalls the method U.S. and allied NATO forces practiced during the Cold War in West Germany to confront numerically superior Warsaw Pact ground forces protected by layered air defenses (my underlining). The Joint Air Attack Team (JAAT) was developed to synchronize attack helicopters, artillery, and close air support by fighter planes to ensure a constant barrage of the enemy in case of a ground force attack.”

News From the Battlefield

According to the “[Latest Denys](#),” Russia continues to experience frustration along the entire front line. Later in this email, Bohdan has additional information about Russian reversals along the Dnipro Crossings. At 9:50 into the video, there is a Russian propaganda clip about the upcoming elections in Russia. Quite amusing.

1/11/2024 Sitrep

Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES JANUARY 9, 2024</u></p>
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During the day of January 10, there were 73 combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 4 missile and 48 air strikes, 36 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

Air strikes hit Vilcha, Vilkhuvatka, Petropavlivka, Kucherivka, Podoly, Lozova (Kharkiv oblast), Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Avdiyivka, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast),

More than 120 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group, Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 5 enemy attacks in the vicinity of Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 6 attacks of the occupiers east of Terny and Vesele (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 1 attack of the adversary near Klishchiivka (Donetsk oblast).

Tavria operational-strategic group, Avdiyivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiyivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the invaders. For instance, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 9 enemy attacks in the vicinities of Novobakhmutivka, Avdiyivka, Sjeverne, and 15 more attacks near Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Maryinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian troops repelled 16 attacks in that area.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 5 enemy attacks near Robotyne and west of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to expand the bridgehead. their positions. For instance, the adversary made 11 unsuccessful attempts to assault during the day of January 10.

During the day of January 10, the Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 7 concentrations of enemy troops. Also, the Ukrainian Air Defense forces and means destroyed 1 Kh-59 air-launched guided missile.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 3 concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 1 command post, 2 ammunition depots, and 1 electronic warfare station of the russian invaders.

INTERNATIONAL

8:02 AM: The US and South Korea discussed illegal military cooperation between Russia and North Korea, its impact on security in the region, and joint steps to support Ukraine, White House.

8:02 AM: The governments of 47 countries have condemned North Korea and Russia for the transfer of ballistic missiles and their strikes on Ukraine.

8:02 AM: North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has called South Korea the country's "main enemy" and said he has "no intention of avoiding war," Yonhap.

8:02 AM: In Poland, the police detained former Minister of Internal Affairs Kaminsky and his deputy Wonsik. Protesters gathered under the police station demanding the release of politicians.

10:39 AM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi arrived in Vilnius.

- "Negotiations with the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Seimas. Meetings with representatives of political forces, mass media and the Ukrainian community._
- Security, integration into the EU and NATO, cooperation in the field of EW and drones, further coordination of European support," he said in the message.

12:30 PM: Bundestag deputy from the Free Democratic Party and member of the defense committee Markus Faber said that the German company Flensburger Fahrzeugbau Gesellschaft is building an armored vehicle repair center in Ukraine.

- According to him, this means a "huge" increase in efficiency for Ukraine, since in the future there will be no need for expensive and long-term transportation abroad, and the Armed Forces will be able to train their mechanics directly on the spot.

1:50 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi has already arrived in Vilnius and met with the President of Lithuania Gitanas Nauseda.

2:16 PM: Lithuania approved a new long-term support package for Ukraine and announced new supplies.

- This was announced by Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda at a joint press conference.
- "In January, we will again send ammunition, generators, detonation systems to Ukraine. In February, M577 armored personnel carriers. We will train Ukrainian soldiers and strengthen cooperation in the defense industry," Nausėda said.

3:20 PM: Ukraine and Lithuania agreed on joint production of anti-drone equipment.

- This was announced by the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy.
- "And also regarding other directions in defense production: the relevant documents were concluded today," Zelenskyy added.

7:15 PM: "Ukroboronprom" starts a partnership with four innovative Lithuanian defense companies.

- The press service of "Ukroboronprom" writes about this.
- Companies specialize in the creation of sights, including thermal imaging, modern systems for remote initiation of detonation, EW devices, communication, etc.

8:54 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a meeting with the Prime Minister of Lithuania Ingrida Šimonienė.

- They discussed defense cooperation between the states, joint energy projects, joint infrastructure projects.

9:14 PM: At an extraordinary meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Council, the alliance allies planned to provide Ukraine with additional opportunities worth billions of euros in 2024.

- This was announced by the acting official representative of the alliance Dilai White on his page in X after the meeting.

11:31 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with the Ukrainian community at the Ukrainian Center in Vilnius.

11:50 PM: The German government has officially confirmed the supply of air-to-air Iris-T missiles to Saudi Arabia, Bloomberg.

11:50 PM: The court of the Czech Republic upheld the sentence that sentenced Alois Polak to 21 years in prison. The man previously fought on the side of the "DNR" militants and killed four Ukrainian soldiers.

11:50 PM: Iran has developed a new attack drone for the Russian Federation with a flight range of up to 1,500 km, — Sky News. The Shahed-107 drone, about 2.5 meters long and with a wingspan of 3 meters, can be launched from a vehicle.

NATIONAL

12:49 AM: The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons.

8:23 AM: As of this morning, there are 2 Russian ships in the Black Sea, the Navy of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

- 1 ship in the Sea of Azov; in the Mediterranean Sea, 3 ships, including 2 carriers of "Caliber" cruise missiles, a total salvo of up to 16 missiles.



10:44 AM: The Russians have big problems on the left bank of the Kherson Region, — the Institute for the Study of War (ISW).

- They wait for several hours from the command for permission to fire artillery at certain targets, and the commanders demand to provide photos and video confirmation of these targets in advance.
- It is reported that the Russians in this direction have a shortage of EW systems to counter drones. In addition, they suffer colossal losses in technology.

12:23 PM: "Ukrainian team" handed over a thousand warming kits to the Third Assault Brigade: "At night in the trenches - up to minus 20 degrees"

- The third assault unit was created in Kyiv in the first days of the full-scale Russian invasion. Its fighters liberated Kyiv Oblast and Kherson, steadfastly defended Bakhmut. They are always where it is most difficult. And together with you, we do everything to provide them with everything they need.
- Severe frosts hit Ukraine. In the East, in the trenches at night - up to minus twenty degrees. Thanks to you, 50,000 defenders will be warmed up, reports "Ukrainian Team".

1:17 PM: The eAlert app has a new high-speed target alert sound.

- Messages have a unique sound to distinguish them from alarm messages.
- We advise you to update the application to the latest version!_

2:01 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

2:56 PM: Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Stefanchuk prematurely ended the meeting of the Council after people's deputies blocked the rostrum with the demand to consider the issue of Bezuglai's recall.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported this.
- " _It seems that there will be no constructive work. Therefore, there is a proposal to end the meeting for today. The time of its extension will be notified additionally_," said Stefanchuk.

3:42 PM: The operation of the illegal VAT refund scheme for more than a billion hryvnias has been exposed and stopped, — Office of the Prosecutor General.

- The criminals developed the scheme, creating more than 15 enterprises. Their founders were public associations of persons with disabilities, for which later persons with disabilities were fictitiously employed.

- In reality, they did not work there and did not perform any work. Currently, this group of persons has been established to possess funds in the amount of more than UAH 200 million, and the intention to acquire more than UAH 1 billion in the future.

4:14 PM: Ukraine has extended visa-free travel for the British for another year.

- The corresponding decree was published on the website of the President of Ukraine.
- It is about the visa-free regime of entry into Ukraine and transit through the territory of the country for citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

4:30 PM: The National Security Agency has included the American fast food restaurant franchise Subway on the list of international sponsors of the war.

- The company claims to be concerned about the health of consumers, but continues to work in Russia, financing the murders of Ukrainians.
- "More than 500 restaurants of the company continue to work in the aggressor's market, paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes to the budget of the Russian Federation," the report says.

4:40 PM: Another record for electricity consumption today, especially in the morning hours, is Ukrenergo.

- "Ukrenergo's dispatch center is making efforts throughout the day to balance the operation of the energy system," the company writes.
- Ukrainians were urged to consume electricity sparingly and to be careful when using powerful electrical appliances during the day.

5:40 PM: The I level of danger has been declared in Ukraine due to heavy ice on the roads.

- This is evidenced by the data of the Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Center.

6:50 PM: The Supreme Court, not agreeing with the decision of the Kyiv District Administrative Court on the reinstatement of judge Bohdan Lviv, will challenge it on appeal.

- This is stated on the official Facebook page of the Supreme Court.
- _Let us remind you that in September 2022, "Schemy" discovered that Bohdan Lviv obtained citizenship of the Russian Federation more than 20 years ago on the basis of a military serviceman's certificate, and then renewed his passport upon reaching the age of 45._

MORDOR - ruZZia

8:02 AM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation claims that a drone was allegedly shot down over the territory of the Saratov region this night.

9:57 AM: A man who shouted "Glory to Ukraine" was detained in Moscow - media.

11:42 AM: Two drones fell on the territory of the military airfield in Engels in Russia, — roZMI.

- We will remind that the Russian Tu-160 strategic bombers, which the Russians use in particular for attacks on Ukraine, are based at the Engels airfield._

1:23 PM: Iran has developed a new Shahed-107 kamikaze drone for the Russian army, — Sky News.

- The new version of the UAV is described as an "explosive and reconnaissance" drone, which is equipped with technology to search for combat targets, such as British and American MLRS.
- It is known that the Shahed-107 can be launched from a vehicle and has a range of up to 1,500 km.

6:03 PM: Over the past week, the Russian air force has twice accidentally fired aerial munitions at its own and occupied cities.

- The Ministry of Defense of Great Britain writes about this on the social network X (Twitter).
- "The Russian Federation's propensity for incidents with stored ammunition is probably exacerbated by insufficient training and crew fatigue, which leads to poor performance of tactical actions during missions," the report says.

6:24 PM: The so-called "Ministry" of the Republic of Transnistria announced the alleged use of firearms and the transfer of two people from PMR to Ukraine.

9:29 PM: North Korea is using Ukraine as a test site for ballistic missiles that can carry nuclear warheads.

- This was announced by the permanent representative of South Korea at the UN, Hwang Jung Kook, Sky News wrote.

10:15 PM: The strength of the Russian army in Ukraine is 462,000 occupiers, units are 95% manned.

- This was stated by the representative of GUR, Vadym Skibitsky.
- He said that this makes it possible to carry out rotations and avoid a new wave of mobilization.

REGIONS

5:13 PM: The Bureau of Economic Security in Kyiv stopped the operation of 5 illegal gas stations.

- BEB detectives exposed a group of persons who organized illegal activities for the production of fuel from oil products of unknown origin, without the appropriate permits.
- At the gas station, 22 tons of liquid with a characteristic smell of fuel were removed, and the equipment of gas stations was also dismantled.

12:26 AM: As a result of Russian strikes, damage to the territory and premises of the children's health center in Kharkiv was recorded.

- There were no people in the premises, there was no information about the victims.
- This was announced by the head of the RMA Oleg Sinegubov.

4:01 PM: A 48-year-old woman died because of Russian strikes in the Kupyan district, — RMA.

- 10 private houses and a shop were damaged. As a result of the shelling, a fire broke out in the school.

8:40 PM: The Russians are trying to advance in all directions, Valery Zaluzhnyi said after a trip to the Kupyan direction.

- The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces published a video of the trip, during which he discussed further defense plans with the commanders.

10:35 PM: Explosions rang out in Kharkiv, RMA head Oleg Sinegubov said.

- Residents of Kharkiv and the region were urged to stay in shelters.
- The threat of the use of ballistic weapons from the east, reports the PS of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

10:53 PM: Russians hit a civilian object in Kharkiv.

- There is a high probability of victims among the people who were in it, said the mayor of the city, Ihor Terekhov.
- Cars are on fire in the parking lot next to the object, and the building has previously been destroyed.

11:19 PM: Currently, 9 people have been injured in Kharkiv as a result of the Russian attack, RMA reports.

11:40 AM Social Networks: temporarily occupied Berdyansk are ringing sounds explosions, are reported subscribers.

4:52 PM: Air Force reports a missile from the south. The course is on the Dnipro.

5:00 PM: Kryvyi Rih in shelter, — PS ZSU.

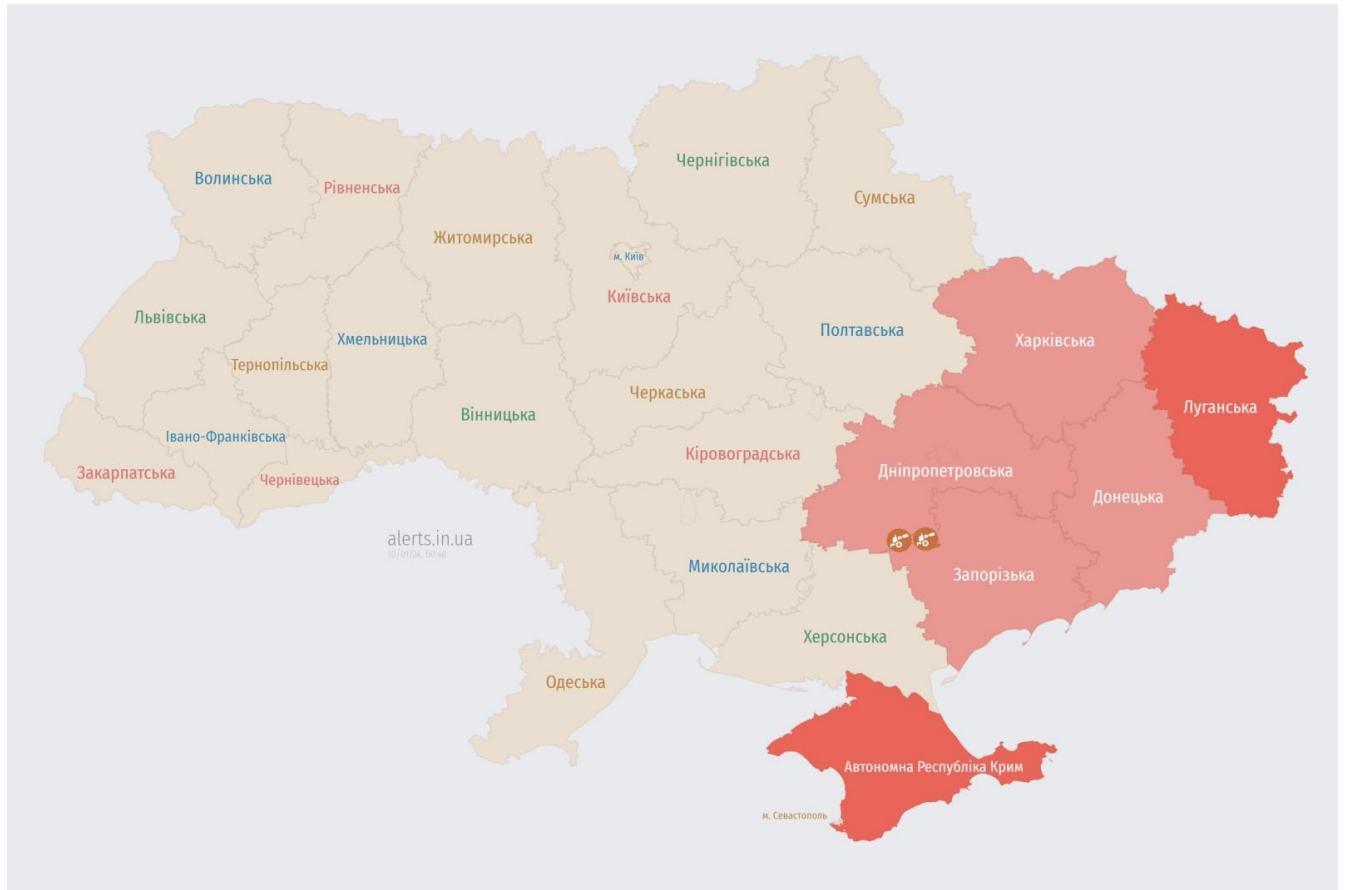
5:02 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kryvyi Rih.

6:34 PM: Air defense forces destroyed a Kh-59 guided air missile in the Synelnyk district of the Dnipropetrovsk region, PC "East".

8:26 PM: There is a serious energy accident in Kryvyi Rih, said Oleksandr Vilkul, head of the VA.

- "_Dovhyntsiivskyi and part of other districts are without electricity. Water supply is switched to generators, there will be a temporary drop in pressure. Some boiler houses switch to generators. Emergency crews are working_" he wrote.

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



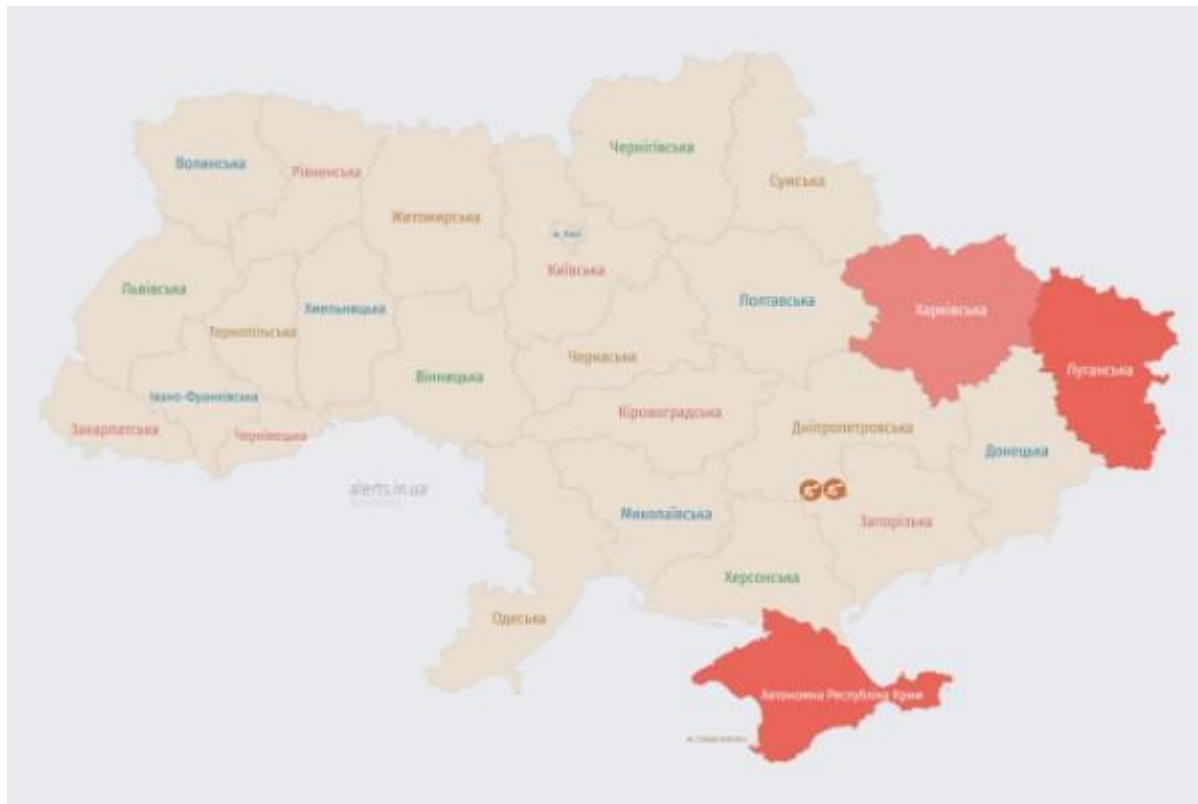
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 671 days	After 672 days	After 674 days	After 675 days	After 676 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	363,870	364,730	365,990	366,790	367,620

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6018	6022	6036	6038	6050
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,158	11,180	11,203	11,216	11,238
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9,567	9,604	9,626	9640	9656
Cruise Missiles		1786	1786	1805	1805	1806

Fighters Bombers	118	329	329	329	329	329
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6787	6811	6823	6834	6834
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		633	637	638	639	642
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	11,478	11,523	11,552	11575	11,596
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
Special Equipment		1317	1327	1333	1336	1337

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