

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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[Ukraine 5th Column Shoots, Burns & Poisons Deep Inside Russia](#)/By James Brooke – New York Sun

Partisan attacks inside Russia have been a long-time subject of these emails. This article takes a more detailed approach. As we have stated in earlier emails, Ukrainian 5th Columnists have been active in the Russian Federation since the end of the Revolution of Dignity in 2014, primarily in sowing unrest in the non-Russian regions like Karelia along the border with Finland, in the southern Caucasus, and in the Russian Far East like Buryatia. Most of their work has been non-violent, such as helping minorities evade the Russian draft, or helping them retain their native languages that have been suppressed by the Russian government. Since the start of the war, these groups individuals have been augmented by groups such as Rospartizan, described below, whose objective is sabotage and assassinations.

Some excerpts:

- “Fallen out of fashion among English-speakers, the phrase “fifth column” dates back to 1936, when Spain’s Francisco Franco said four of his rebel columns were approaching Madrid — and a fifth column would attack the capital from inside. Mr. Putin adapts the phrase to his own family history. In 1944, the future president’s father, also Vladimir, was parachuted into Nazi-occupied Germany with a 28-member NKVD unit. Estonian farmers “betrayed” the Soviets. Mr. Putin’s father was one of only four survivors. Now, after almost two

years of war, Mr. Putin's prediction about "fifth columnists" is coming true."

- "Today, there are two "fifth column" groups operating in Russia and in Russia-occupied Ukraine. Rospartizan is an anti-Putin Russian group that conducts and reports on bombings, arson attacks, poisonings and train derailments across Russia. The Rospartizan Telegram channel [features](#) these attacks from the last week alone: destruction by arson of the headquarters building in Chechnya of the 70th Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment, the largest Chechen unit fighting in Ukraine; an arson attack on the St. Petersburg apartment of Trofim Tatarenkov, a pro-war propagandist on Sputnik radio; and two attacks on militarily strategic rail lines."
- "Inside Russia, many attacks are carried out by disgruntled "lone wolves" with no formal connection to a resistance organization. Last Sunday, a 16-year-old boy was detained on suspicion of breaking into an airfield in Chelyabinsk and setting fire to a Su-34 fighter bomber. Russia's most modern war jet, the Su-34 has a NATO reporting name of 'Fullback' and a price tag of \$50 million. Video clips posted online appear to show the cockpit in flames. Although the unnamed suspect has no criminal record, he is believed to have set fire to two railroad facilities in his native Dagestan, [reports](#) Chelyabinsk news site 74.ru."
- "The other main "fifth columnist" group, Atesh, was set up in 2022 by a new Ukrainian military unit, the [National Resistance Center](#). Meaning "fire" in Crimean Tatar, Atesh was originally centered in Crimea. In recent months, it has aggressively expanded across Russia and now claims it has over 1,000 collaborators. Imagine France's World War II resistance movement with a national Telegram [channel](#), eight regional Telegram channels, and three sign up email addresses."
- "Poisoning is a favorite tactic used by pro-Ukraine resisters. A group called "Crimea Combat Seagulls" claimed in a Telegram post last month to have poisoned and killed 46 Russian soldiers in Crimea. Two young women allegedly delivered to a Russian base food and drink adulterated with arsenic and rat poison. "Two cute girls came to the checkpoint of the military unit and introduced themselves as local residents," the post states. "They brought seven bottles of vodka and

some snacks — fish, sausage, bread, cheese. They told the guards that they wanted to thank our boys for everything, for protecting them.” “

- “State media propagandists are also targets for poisoning. Last weekend state television director Zoya Konovalova was found poisoned to death in her home. Ms. Konovalova, aged 48, was editor-in-chief of Russian state TV in Kuban, a region neighboring Ukraine. Last month, Anna Tsareva, deputy editor-in-chief of Komsomolskaya Pravda news site, was found dead in her Moscow apartment at age 35.” **(NOTE: My fondest hope is that Margarita Simonyan, Head of “Russia Today,” is found dead, poisoned by adulterated New Hampshire maple syrup, from the State where she spent a year as an exchange student)**

[Ukraine Should Thank North Korea](#)

For its deliveries of defective artillery ammunition to the Russian Federation.

In yesterday’s “Latest Denys,” at 11:30 into the video, Denys discusses the reliability, or lack thereof, of the artillery shells being supplied to the Russian Federation by North Korea, for use in Ukraine. At great fanfare, North Korea shipped approximately 1 million artillery shells to Russia. According to Russian sources, the North Korean shells are defective, and Russia now uses them only sparingly.

There are two potential problems when firing projectiles. The first is called a “hot gun,” where the shell casing expands due to the heat inside the gun barrel, with the result being that the gun jams. In the Navy, with unlimited supply of seawater, the problem is usually resolved by sticking a fire hose into the barrel, thus cooling the barrel. The projectile is then ejected using compressed air. This becomes more difficult, without a significant supply of water, an available firehose, and the use of older Soviet-era artillery.

The second problem, that is likely the case with the North Korean ammunition, is that there is a problem with the propellant, resulting in the projectile “hanging” inside the barrel. Often, the result is that the projectile explodes prematurely, destroying the gun and ruining the entire day of the crew.

In the same video, at 10:40, there is evidently renewed discussion about the U.S. providing the A-10 “Warthog,” with its gatling gun and depleted uranium bullets, to Ukraine. As Denys stated, this is likely dependent on Ukraine’s ability to provide adequate air cover, as is recently the case in Kherson Oblast when Ukraine moved a Patriot Missile battery there, and Ukraine proceeded to shoot down 3 Russian Su-34 bombers in 1 day.

Bradleys Rule

In the most recent “[Latest Denys](#),” he covers recent encounters near Avdiivka, between a Bradley Fighting vehicle and a Russian T-90 tank. Denys stated that the Bradley took out the T-90 with a “lucky shot” from its 25mm gun.

It was likely no “lucky shot.” It is likely that the Bradley took out the T-90 with a TOW wire guided missile, instead of its 25mm gun. In Operation Desert Storm, Bradleys took out more Iraqi T-72 tanks than did the Abrams tanks.

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Friday, January 12

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES JANUARY 12, 2024</u></p>

During the day of January 12, there were 68 combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 2 missile and 43 air strikes, carried out 25 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

Sivershchyna and Slobozhanshchyna axes: the adversary maintains its military presence in the areas of Russia bordering Ukraine. The enemy launched an air strike near Vovchansk (Kharkiv oblast). More than 30 settlements came under enemy artillery and mortar fire, including Sosnivka, Karpovychi, Semenivka, Hremyach (Chernihiv oblast), Marchykhyna Buda,

Iskryskivshchyna, Basivka, Pokrovka, Ryasne, Velyka Pysarivka (Sumy oblast), Huriv Kozachok, Udy, Zybyne, Budarky, Dvorichanske (Kharkiv oblast).

Kupyansk axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 6 attacks in the vicinity of Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast), where the occupiers made attempts to breach Ukrainian defense. The invaders launched air strikes in the vicinities of Synkivka and Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast). The invaders fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Dvorichna, Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Berestove (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 4 assaults near Makiyivka (Luhansk oblast), Hryhorivka, Vesele (Donetsk oblast), where the occupiers made attempts to improve their tactical situation. The vicinities of settlements of Novojehorivka (Luhansk oblast), Zelena Dolyna, Kolodyazi (Donetsk oblast) were under air strikes. The enemy fired artillery and mortars at more than 15 settlements, including Nevske, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Tors'ke, Serebryanka, Verkhniokamyanske, Spirne, Rozdolivka (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 4 attacks in the vicinities of Andriyivka and Klishchiyivka (Donetsk oblast). The invaders launched an air strike near Bohdanivka (Donetsk oblast). More than 10 settlements came under artillery and mortar fire, including Vasyukivka, Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiyivka, Andriyivka, New York (Donetsk oblast).

Avdiyivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 4 enemy attacks near Avdiyivka, and 16 more attacks in the vicinities of Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast). The occupiers launched air strikes in the vicinities of the settlements of Oleksandropil, Novobakhmutivka and Avdiyivka (Donetsk oblast). The invaders fired artillery and mortars at around 15 settlements, including Novobakhmutivka, Berdychi, Stepove, Avdiyivka, Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the invaders in the vicinities of Krasnohorivka, Heorhiyivka, Marinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). In that area, the adversary, with air

support, made 15 attempts to breach Ukrainian defense. The settlements of Krasnohorivka, Kurakhove, Heorhiyivka, Pobjeda, Novomykhailivka, Katerynivka were under artillery and mortar fire of the occupiers.

Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 3 assaults south of Zolota Nyva and west of Staromaiorske (Donetsk oblast). The adversary fired artillery and mortars at more than 10 settlements, including Vuhledar, Staromaiorske, Rivnopil (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 5 assaults near Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast). In that area, the enemy made unsuccessful attempts to regain lost ground. Around 20 settlements, including Zaliznychne, Charivne, Mala Tokmachka, Robotyne, Novoandriyivka (Zaporizhzhia oblast), came under enemy artillery and mortar fire.

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the adversary fired artillery at the city of Kherson, the settlements of Zolota Balka, Tyahynka, Ivanivka (Kherson oblast), as well as Dmytrivka, Ivanivka, Yaselka (Mykolaiv oblast).

The occupiers do not abandon their intention to drive Ukrainian units out of their footholds on the left bank of the Dnipro. Thus, during the day, the enemy made 8 unsuccessful assaults.

During the day of January 12, the Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 21 concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment, 4 air defense systems of the occupiers.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 6 concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment, 1 command post, 1 artillery system, 2 air defense systems, 1 ammunition depot, 1 radar station of the Russian invaders.

INTERNATIONAL

12:46 AM: US, UK may launch war against Houthis in Yemen soon, — The Times

- Sunak allegedly informed his cabinet about the inevitability of a military strike against the Houthis, and Biden will soon make a speech on the topic of the Houthis.

1:03 AM: Yemeni airspace has been emptied amid reports of strikes being prepared on Houthi targets in the country.

- At the same time, intensive flights of British-American fighter jets are observed near the airspace of Yemen, reports the Saudi Al Arabiya.

1:40 AM: An attack was launched from British Navy ships and USAF aircraft.

- Numerous explosions are heard in the cities of Hodeidah and Sanaa, local media reported.

1:45 AM: The US attacked more than 10 facilities in Yemen used to store weapons and train the Houthis - Al Arabia.

2:20 AM USA and a big Britain for support Australia, of the Netherlands, Bahrain and of Canada today at night inflicted common blows by about'projects the Houthis V Yemen, — official representative Pentagon.

2:25 AM: Embassy USA V Iraq suffered bombing, — The Jerusalem Post.

2:51 AM: President USA Joe Biden confirmed attack United of the states and Great Britain on Yemen for support Australia, of Canada, of the Netherlands and Bahrain.

- _"Today, at my direction, US military forces — together with the United Kingdom and with the support of Australia, Bahrain, Canada and the Netherlands — successfully struck a number of targets in Yemen that were being used by the Houthi rebels to threaten freedom of navigation in one of the world's most important waterways," says the message.

3:29 AM: a big Britain inflicted blows by Yemen V of order self-defense, — Prime Minister Great Britain Rishi Sunak.

- "We have taken limited, necessary and proportionate self-defense actions with the United States, supported by the Netherlands, Canada,

and Bahrain, against targets associated with ship attacks to weaken the Houthis' military capabilities and protect global shipping," he said.
Sunak

8:02 AM: U Sunday, 14 January, in Swiss Davos will take place the fourth meeting advisors chapters of states for discussion Ukrainian Formulas to the world.

8:02 AM: US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin ordered and supervised strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen from a hospital "using a full suite of secure communications," CNN.

8:02 AM: Ukraine provided unprecedented access to information about weapons received, Pentagon.

9:10 AM: US aid to Ukraine is on hold until Congress approves new funding, US National Security Council coordinator John Kirby said.

- According to his sIRMAs, on December 27, 2023, the States provided the last military aid package for which they had enough money.

10:18 AM: North Korea denies information about the supply of ballistic missiles to Russia, North Korea's representative to the United Nations, Kim Son, said.

- According to him, the DPRK "does not feel the need to comment on every groundless accusation of the United States," and that the United States is allegedly the cause of Russia's war against Ukraine.

1:30 PM: The US has imposed sanctions over North Korea's supply of ballistic missiles to Russia, according to a press release from the US Treasury Department.

- The following were sanctioned:
- the Russian state airline "224th Flight Squadron";
- general director of the company, Volodymyr Mikheichyk;
- The Volodymyr Prospective Military Research Complex is a Russian military facility engaged in missile testing;
- Russian Ashuluk missile range.

4:40 PM: Four Ukrainian sailors are captured by the Houthis, — Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

- The president also commented on the draft law on mobilization:
- "I know that the military worked with the deputies. I did not see the final version. For me, the most important thing is that this law is fair. When I see all the details, then I will be able to say_".

6:21 PM: Documents on technical, financial and defense cooperation between Ukraine and Latvia were signed in Riga, — Ministry of Strategy and Industry.

- "Support for the implementation of joint projects in the field of defense technologies (DefenceTech), including projects for the development and production of drones, EW devices, land and sea mine clearance and other defense products is provided for_", the message reads.
- Cooperation will also cover areas of cyber protection, means of communication and integrated solutions.

6:49 PM: New French Foreign Minister Stephane Sejourney is on his way to Kyiv on a working visit, Le Figaro.

- According to the publication, the minister is scheduled to meet with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

7:12 PM: Japan launches satellite to collect information on North Korea, Associated Press.

7:12 PM: US and UK strikes against Houthi forces in Yemen were defensive, aimed at preserving freedom of navigation on one of the world's most important waterways, Reuters

7:12 PM: Microsoft overtakes Apple as world's most valuable company, Reuters

7:12 PM: China, US set up working group on climate change, — Xinhua.

9:55 PM: The US has already held two rounds of negotiations with Ukraine regarding security commitments, US Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink said.

- _ "We have already started bilateral consultations with your government, with the Office of the President, with government agencies, and we are discussing with them what the security commitments from our side might be. Now two rounds have passed and the negotiations will continue, the Biden administration wants this agreements," she said.

10:17 PM: NATO assumed that the war in Ukraine will not end even in 2025.

- The main thing from the speech of NATO Deputy Secretary General Mircea Joane on the Romanian TV channel:
- NATO expects a protracted war with small offensives, counter-offensives, with the conquest and loss of territory.
- Neither side currently has the military capability to win.
- NATO needs Ukraine to survive, the Republic of Moldova to join Europe, and Georgia to join the Euro-Atlantic community.
- With the support of the alliance, the Ukrainians managed to return 50% of the territory originally occupied by the Russians. ■ There is a problem with industrial capacity in Europe, for all 30 years Europeans thought that time would be quiet and peaceful after the end of the Cold War. At that time, the military-industrial complex of Russia "meets today's needs." In addition, the DPRK and Iran send weapons to the Russian Federation.

11:00 PM: Finnish MEP Petri Sarvamaa has collected 120 signatures on a petition to deprive Hungary of its right to vote in the EU Council.

- _ "The signatures have been collected! We are one step closer to depriving Orbán of the right to vote," _ he announced on his X page.

11:15 PM: Yemeni Houthi terrorists accidentally attacked a tanker carrying Russian oil today.

- This was reported by Reuters with reference to the British maritime security firm Ambrey.

11:55 PM: 22-year-old Ukrainian figure skater Ivan Shmuratko performed with a "blood stain" on his shirt in the free program of the 2024 European Championships.

- In his speech, he wanted to show the state between life and death, and the shirt with a red stain symbolized the death of people from missiles.

NATIONAL

11:38 AM: Ukraine needs more shells and artillery systems, in particular old, not only new technologies.

- This was stated by the head of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Kyrylo Budanov, in an interview with Le Monde.

12:38 PM: The northern part of the Black Sea is under the control of Ukraine, the Russian fleet has been pushed to the southeast.

- This was stated by the head of the GUR of the IOU, Kyrylo Budanov, in an interview with Le Monde.
- He added that neither Ukraine nor Russia can conduct an offensive through mining and the active use of UAVs.

12:55 PM: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak arrived in Kyiv.

- He should announce new military aid to Ukraine.

3:19 PM: The second person involved in the case of tax evasion of UAH 767 million was given a preventive measure in the form of a bail amounting to more than UAH 121 million, — BEB of Ukraine.

- The suspect is the head of one of the companies under the control of a known converter.
- According to preliminary information, the "king of embezzlement" coordinated the criminal activities of enterprises while abroad.

3:47 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky met with Prime Minister of Great Britain Rishi Sunak.

4:02 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky and Rishi Sunak signed an agreement on cooperation between the countries in the field of security, — Suspilne.

4:11 PM: Great Britain will provide Ukraine with the largest package of defense aid since the beginning of the war at 2.5 billion pounds.

- This was stated by British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak after the meeting in Kyiv.
- " _This means more security, anti-tank weapons, missiles, hundreds of thousands of new artillery shells, training for thousands of Ukrainian military personnel_," added Sunak.

4:26 PM: The agreement on security cooperation between Ukraine and Britain will be valid until Ukraine joins NATO.

- According to the agreement: London will exchange _intelligence_ with Kyiv, help with _cyber security, military training_ and strengthen _defense-industrial cooperation._
- The agreement became the first in the field of security agreements to implement the agreements agreed upon during the NATO summit in Vilnius between Ukraine, G7 members and other countries.

4:57 PM: The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine is currently conducting an audit of all contracts, including those with companies that may be related to the Hrynkevich family.

- This was announced by the Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Dmytro Klimentov.
- According to him, the companies disrupted supplies for the Armed Forces under 23 contracts, and preliminary losses amount to more than 1.5 billion hryvnias.

5:40 PM: In the fall of 2023, PepsiCo was looking for a new PR agency in Ukraine, among the conditions being the exclusion of any mention of the war in Ukraine.

- This is reported by the B4Ukraine coalition.
- " _NO: mentions of war, hostilities, aggression of military personnel, the Armed Forces of Ukraine. NO: support of Ukraine and the army. NO: a negative connotation that creates a feeling of "danger" _," the "Pepsi Restrictions" section of the briefing stated.

5:51 PM: US Special Representative for Economic Recovery Penny Pritzker arrived in Kyiv today.

- Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal has already held a meeting with her.
- The key topic is the strengthening of the Ukrainian economy, its short-term recovery and long-term development.

6:06 PM: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke at the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

7:39 PM: The departure of the Tu-22m3 from Shaykovka (Kaluga region) was recorded — PS ZSU.

7:46 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on January 12:

- ▪During the day _68 combat clashes took place._
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 21 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, as well as 4 anti-aircraft missile systems of the enemy.
- Units of the missile forces hit 6 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 1 control post, 1 artillery, _2 anti-aircraft defenses, 1 ammunition depot and 1 radar station_ of the enemy.

7:55 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

- " _Today we have an agreement with Great Britain, a security agreement on which we worked for a long time. [...] Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia. There are decisions regarding weapons for our soldiers.

Regarding economic support for Ukraine. Support for our relations with the European Union, our movement in NATO_".

8:40 PM: Over the past six months, representatives of the IT Army of Ukraine hacked 200 GB of private data from 3,000 Russian organizations.

- This is reported by the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine.

8:59 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with Penny Pritzker, the US special representative for the economic recovery of Ukraine.

- _"Last year was a record-breaking year for the development of Ukrainian-American relations. We are determined to continue to support such dynamics, it significantly helps Ukraine to fight against the aggressor", - noted the President of Ukraine.

9:18 PM: Residents of Prykarpattia are offered work on the construction of fortifications in the Donetsk region as a reprieve from mobilization.

- The salary will be 20 thousand hryvnias, people will be provided with housing and food.
- Those who agree to help with the construction of defense structures will receive a deferment from the draft for the period of construction.

9:24 PM: The Air Force reports the flight of an unmanned aerial vehicle over Sumy Oblast in the direction of Chernihiv Oblast.

- The air alert in the Kharkiv region is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation.

10:36 PM: A man tried to cross the border across the Dniester River on a rubber boat, — DPSU.

- _"His movement from the Moldovan to the Ukrainian side of the river was recorded by the border guards with the help of a thermal imager. There, a Ukrainian "client" was waiting for the citizen of Moldova," the border service writes.
- Law enforcement officers went to meet the boatman and detained him.

10:37 PM: Kharkiv region - missile danger, - PS ZSU.

- Kyiv region - the threat of attack UAVs.

MORDOR – ruZZia

9:26 AM: The Russian Federation has announced its intention to start serial production of Drel flying bombs.

- It is indicated that the latest "Drel" glide bomb, the creation of which was announced back in 2016, has already passed all the tests specified by the Ministry of Defense.
- According to rosZMI, an aerial bomb can destroy armored vehicles, ground radar stations, power plant control points and anti-aircraft missile systems. It is allegedly almost impossible to recognize on radars.

10:33 AM: Russia condemns the US and UK strikes on Yemen, said the spokeswoman of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maria Sakharova.

- The aggressor country (which, let's recall, has been waging a full-scale war against Ukraine for almost 2 years) calls on the international community to condemn the attack on Yemen and intensify efforts to prevent escalation.

11:55 AM: Fan blackouts begin in Moscow and the region and blackout schedules are introduced, — rosZMI.

- Outages of up to 12 hours a day are possible.

2:39 PM: China's two-way trade with Russia in 2023 reached a record \$240 billion.

- This is evidenced by the data of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China.
- Chinese exports to the Russian Federation in 2023 reached \$111 billion, jumping by 46.9% compared to the previous year.

5:13 PM: Russia has increased the production of ammunition, but the quality of these shells is getting worse.

- This was stated by the head of the GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Kyrylo Budanov, in an interview with Le Monde.

9:36 PM: Russia prepares to go to court to avoid confiscation of \$300 billion of its central bank's frozen assets, Bloomberg.

- According to the publication's sources, confiscation of Russian frozen reserves is "unlikely" in general.
- But the Central Bank of Russia is negotiating with international law firms to represent its interests in international courts in case of confiscation.

REGIONS

KYIV



5:30 PM: A batch of 100,000 body warmers, which the capital received from foreign partners, has already left for the front line in eastern Ukraine.

- This was announced by the mayor of Kyiv Vitaliy Klitschko.
- "The main advantages of the provided heating pads are self-heating, size 10 by 13 cm (which allows you to place them in shoes, inner pockets) and high heating temperature," Klitschko writes.

11:21 PM: Air defense forces are operating in the Kyiv region, RMA reported.

11:23 PM: The UAV in the northern part of the Kyiv region changed its course in the direction of Irpin, the Air Force reports.

- An air alert has been announced in Kyiv.

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

11:42 PM: Vitaliy Klitschko reports on the work of the Air Defense Forces on the outskirts of Kyiv.

SUMY



10:49 PM: The Air Force reports that a missile is moving in the direction of Okhtyrka, Sumy region.

10:54 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Sumy region.

LUHANSK



1:45 PM: The SBU reported in absentia about the suspicion to Vasyl Povorozniuk, the under-sanctioned metropolitan of the UOC (MP) Luhansk Diocese.

- According to the intelligence service, he cooperates with the Russian invaders in Luhansk, blessed the "accession" of the city to Russia and came to the Kremlin for the corresponding ceremony.
- He also advocated Russia's aggressive war against Ukraine. The figure faces up to 12 years in prison.

DONETSK



2:15 PM: Another 11 children and 20 people with limited mobility were evacuated from the front-line settlements of the Donetsk region over the past day, the State Emergency Service said.

- In total, more than 130 residents of the region were evacuated, four from Avdiivka.

5:22 PM: A 28-year-old man was killed as a result of a Russian air strike on Avdiivka, — RMA.

- Around 1:00 p.m., the Russians dropped a guided aerial bomb on the city and aimed at a residential building.

ZAPORIZHZHIA



1:52 PM: Half a kilometer of territory has been recaptured from the enemy near Verbovoy, Zaporizhzhia Region, Melitopol Mayor Ivan Fedorov said.

- "_Our soldiers are facing the Russian army in extremely difficult conditions_" Fedorov stressed.

8:53 PM: The Air Force reports that there is a missile threat in the Zaporizhzhia region.

- Sumy region - missile danger. The threat of enemy use of attack UAVs of the "Shahed" type.

KHERSON



12:20 PM: the Russian army struck Kherson, reported RMA head Oleksandr Prokudin.

- Earlier, a woman died. The information is being clarified.

1:00 PM: As a result of the Russian artillery attack on Kherson, 2 people have already died, — RMA.

- A woman died at the place of "arrival". A burnt body was also found in the car. A person's identity is established.

1:13 PM: Kherson RMA published a video from the site of the Russian attack on Kherson, where two people are currently dead.

5:58 PM: The Russian army is shelling Kherson from the temporarily occupied left bank, the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Roman Mrochko reports.

6:56 PM: Over the past day, the number of Russian assaults on the left bank of the Dnieper has decreased by 4 times.

- This was stated by the spokeswoman of the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine Nataliya Humeniuk.
- "Over the course of yesterday, 18 units of enemy armored vehicles were destroyed there, 11 units are heavy artillery. They are also self-propelled installations, such as Hyacinth in particular," Humenyuk noted.

10:02 PM: The Air Force reports that there is a threat of attack UAVs in the Poltava region.

Saturday, January 13

SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES JANUARY 13, 2024

During the past 24 hours, 61 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 32 rocket and 91 air strikes, fired 82 rocket salvo fire systems at the positions of our troops and populated areas.

Airstrikes took place in: Vovchansk, Vesele, Pischane, Ivanivka of the Kharkiv region; Nevske, Bilogorivka, Serebryansk forestry of Luhansk region; Kolodyazi, Terny, Bohdanivka, Hryhorivka, Keramik, Tonenke, Avdiivka, Ocheretine, Novomykhailivka, Vodyane of the Donetsk region; Novoandriyivka, Zaporizhzhia region; Red Lighthouse, Zmiivka, Beryslav, Shlyahove, Kherson region.

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

In the area of responsibility of OSUV "**Khortytsia**" in the **Kupyansk direction** Ukrainian defenders repelled 4 enemy attacks near Sinkivka, Kharkiv region.

On **Lyman direction** our defenders repelled 4 attacks by occupiers in the districts of Makiivka, Luhansk region, and Terni, Donetsk region.

On **Bakhmut direction** our soldiers repelled 2 enemy attacks near Klishchiivka and Andriivka, Donetsk region.

In the area of responsibility of OSUV "**Tavria**" on **Avdiiv direction** Ukrainian defenders continue to restrain the enemy, who does not stop trying to surround Avdiivka. Our soldiers firmly hold the defense, inflicting significant losses on the invaders. Thus, during the past day, the Defense Forces repelled 5 enemy attacks in the Novobakhmutivka, Avdiivka districts, and another 15 attacks near Severny, Pervomaisky, and Nevelsky, Donetsk region.

On **Marinsky direction** our units continue to deter the enemy near Krasnohorivka and Novomykhailivka, Donetsk region, where 17 attacks were repelled.

On **Shakhtarske direction** the defense forces repelled 4 enemy attacks south of Prechistivka, west of Staromayorsky, and south of Rivnopol, Donetsk region.

On **Zaporozhye direction** Ukrainian defenders repelled 2 attacks by the occupiers in the Robotyn district of the Zaporizhzhia region.

In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Odesa" on **Kherson direction** The Defense Forces will continue measures to expand the bridgehead. Despite significant losses, the enemy does not stop trying to knock our units out of their positions. During the past day, the enemy carried out 5 unsuccessful assaults on the positions of the Ukrainian defenders.

During the past day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces struck 11 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated. Also, 7 Kh-101/Kh-555/Kh-55 cruise missiles and one Kh-59 cruise missile were destroyed by air defense forces and means.

Units of the missile forces hit 3 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 9 artillery means, 4 air defense means, an ammunition depot and an enemy radio-electronic warfare station.

Special Section on the Massed Rocket, Missile and Drone Attack by Mordor
from 5:35 AM to 8:17 AM, January 13 2024

5:35 AM: Missile threat in alert areas!

- The Air Force reports the launch of cruise missiles from Tu-95MS aircraft (from the Caspian Sea).

6:04 AM: X-101/555/55 type missiles were launched from 6 Tu-95MS aircraft, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- It is noted that the estimated time of entry of missiles into the airspace of Ukraine is 06.00 - 07.00.

6:23 AM: Missile danger — Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Zhytomyr, Chernihiv, Poltava, Cherkasy, Kirovohrad and Khmelnytskyi regions, reports the PS of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

6:33 AM: Missile in the direction of Kryvyi Rih, reports the PS of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

6:41 AM: Missile in Kirovohrad region, course to Cherkassk, — PS ZSU.

- Rockets through the Kherson region, heading south-west.

6:42 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kropyvnytskyi.

6:44 AM: The takeoff of a MiG-31K fighter jet of the PKS of the Russian Federation from the Savasleyka airfield of the Nizhny Novgorod region was recorded, the Armed Forces of the Ukrainian SSR reported.

6:51 AM: Another launch of Kh-31P (2 missiles) in the direction of Beryslav district of Kherson region, — PS ZSU.

- Rockets in the direction of Kremenchuk!
- The Air Force reports on the launch of Kinzhal missiles.

6:59 AM: The Air Force urged residents of Kyiv and Dnipro to stay in shelters.

7:01 AM Social Networks: Explosions were heard again in Dnipro.

7:04 AM: Several cruise missiles are heading towards the Vinnytsia and Zhytomyr regions, — PS ZSU.

7:12 AM: Kyiv is under cover! "Daggers" to Kyiv, — PS ZSU.

7:19 AM: The takeoff of the 2 MiG-31K from the Savasleyka airfield of the Nizhny Novgorod region, the ZSU airfield, was also recorded.

7:26 AM: Rocket through Vinnychyna to Starokostyantyniv. Straight to Shelter! — PS of the ZSU.

7:27 AM: Cruise missiles in the Rivne region changed course to Lutsk. Stay in shelters! — PS of the ZSU.

7:31 AM: A cruise missile in the direction of Chernihiv! Dagger launches in the direction of Kyiv! — PS of the ZSU.

7:36 AM: 2 Rockets in the Volyn region change course to the northeast.

- Cruise missiles in Volyn, Ternopil and Rivne regions! — PS of the ZSU.

7:41 AM: There were explosions in Chernihiv, this is the work of the Air Defense Forces, - RMA

7:44 AM: A cruise missile in the direction of Lviv Oblast! — PS of the ZSU.

7:53 AM: Cruise missiles at the intersection of Lviv, Ternopil and Ivano-Frankivsk regions! — PS of the ZSU.

8:11 AM: Kharkiv - in shelter! — PS of the ZSU.

8:17 AM: Repulse of the missile threat throughout the territory of Ukraine, except for the western and Donetsk regions — PS of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

8:19 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Berdyansk, subscribers report.

INTERNATIONAL

8:28 AM: NASA is developing an X-59 plane that will fly faster than the speed of sound but is virtually silent — NASA.

8:28 AM: Polling stations have opened in Taiwan, where residents of the island nation will elect a new president and members of parliament today, — Reuters.

9:08 AM: The US launched another strike against Houthi targets in Yemen, the US Department of Defense.

- According to the Arab media, a series of strong explosions occurred in the Yemeni capital Sana'a and the city of Hodeidah. The Pentagon clarified that the target was a radar station.

1:28 PM: During the morning Russian missile attack on Ukraine, Poland raised planes into the air, the Operational Directorate of the Armed Forces of Poland reported.

- _"The increased activity of long-range aviation of the Russian Federation is observed, which is connected with the intentions of strikes on the territory of Ukraine. All the necessary procedures to ensure the safety of Polish airspace have been initiated," the message reads.

3:17 PM: At least 220 people have died in Japan's January 1 earthquake, The Japan Times.

- More than 20,000 people remain in evacuation shelters, 24 people are considered missing.
- The Japanese government has already started building temporary homes for those whose homes were damaged by the earthquake.

3:30 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy will make a special address at the World Economic Forum in Davos, the press service of the forum writes.

- It is indicated that Zelensky will personally attend one of the events on January 16 and will make a special speech at the panel "Achieving Security and Cooperation in a Fragmented World."

5:24 PM: On the territory of Romania, farmers are blocking the movement of trucks through the checkpoint "Siret", - DPSU.

- The reasons and estimated duration of the blockage are unknown — the movement may be complicated in both directions.
- Passage of passenger cars, passenger buses and pedestrians is carried out as usual.

7:21 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a video conference with the leaders of the Bulgarian parliament coalition.

- The President thanked for the recent decision of the Bulgarian Parliament to provide support to Ukraine.

7:55 PM: Taiwan's ruling party candidate Lai Ching-te has won the presidential election with 40.2% of the vote, AFP.

7:55 PM: Israel plans military operation to take control of Gaza-Egypt border, The Times of Israel.

7:55 PM: Germany to send Hessen frigate to Red Sea as part of EU mission against Houthis, Welt am Sonntag.

7:55 PM: In Colombia, heavy downpour triggered a landslide in the mountains, killing at least 17 people and injuring 35 others, Daily Mail.

10:01 PM: The blocking of the movement of trucks through the Porubne-Siret checkpoint on the territory of Romania has been lifted.

- The movement of trucks and other vehicles in both directions, according to the notification of the DPSU, is carried out according to the established procedure.

NATIONAL

12:15 PM: The head of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stéphane Séjourné, arrived in Kyiv today.

- "Ukraine has been on the front line of protecting its sovereignty and guaranteeing the security of Europe for almost 2 years. France's aid is of a long-term nature. This is what I came to Kyiv with during my first trip," the minister wrote in X (Twitter).

2:40 PM: There are more than 2,000 trucks in queues at the Ukrainian-Polish border, and about a thousand at other parts of the border.

- Andriy Demchenko, the spokesman of the State Security Service of Ukraine, announced this.
- According to the information of the Polish border guards, as of this morning, 850 trucks are in queues at the checkpoints "Rava-Ruska-Grebenne", "Krakivets-Korchova" and "Yagodin-Dorogusk".

4:47 PM: As a result of massive enemy shelling, no damage to the energy infrastructure was recorded, — Ministry of Energy.

- However, 131 settlements in the country were cut off due to bad weather.

5:56 PM: Head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Dmytro Kuleba met with his French colleague Stephane Sejournet.

- "Today we discussed further deliveries of systems and missiles to protect the Ukrainian sky, as well as the delivery of drones to Ukraine," Kuleba said during a joint statement to the press.
- The ministers coordinated steps on the way to the Washington NATO summit.

7:16 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on January 13:

- During the day 49 combat clashes took place.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 11 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces hit 3 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 9 artillery means, 4 air defense means, 1 ammunition depot and 1 EW station of the enemy.

7:37 PM: The President of Ukraine met with the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, Stephane Sejourney.

- "_Discussed our defense needs: joint production of drones, artillery, further strengthening of air defense. Informed about the work on the Peace Formula_" Zelenskyy wrote after the meeting.

MORDOR – ruZZia

7:54 AM: Meanwhile, a large-scale fire broke out in the warehouse of the Wildberries online store near St. Petersburg.

- Russian mass media reported that the flames covered five thousand square meters.

8:28 AM: Russia, with the help of Transnistria, can prepare information conditions for an operation to destabilize the situation in Moldova, — ISW.

1:47 PM: The Russians did not use Kalibr cruise missiles during the morning attack.

- "_The enemy group has practically collapsed, two units are patrolling in the Black Sea, one in the Sea of Azov. Missile carriers continue to be at their base points. StormRMA weather did not allow them to be used during this attack," - said Nataliya Gumenyuk, spokeswoman for OC "South".

3:05 PM: One of the Russian rockets flying towards Ukraine fell in the Krasnodar region — rosZMI.

6:30 PM: Russia has carried out 626 chemical attacks since the start of the full-scale war.

- This is reported by the Armed Forces Support Forces Command.
- "_Most often, the enemy uses grenades, such as K-51, RGR, which are dropped from UAVs. However, homemade explosive devices equipped with irritant substances are also used. Artillery shelling with shells containing chemically dangerous substances is also carried out," the message says.

7:27 PM: Russia plans to build a number of landfills in the temporarily occupied territories of eastern Ukraine, which will serve the Russian Federation - Center of National Resistance.

- The enemy plans to create six such landfills at the TOT of Luhansk region, three more in Donetsk region.
- " _They plan to take garbage there not only from TOT, but from Rostov, Belgorod and Voronezh regions_ ", writes the Central Committee of the Central Committee of the Russian Federation.

9:36 PM: Power, heat and water have gone out in various areas of the RostRMA, according to local social media.

11:12 PM: In Russian prison colonies, the heating is turned off so that the prisoners are more willing to go to fight.

- This is reported by Bild with reference to Russian human rights organizations.

REGIONS

KYIV



4:29 PM: A fire broke out in the "Cosmopolit" shopping center in the Solomyanskyi district of Kyiv, the mayor of the capital Vitaliy Klitschko reports.

- People are being evacuated.
- " _Preliminarily — on the 4th floor of a four-story building, in the children's room. Emergency services are on their way to the scene_ ", Klitschko writes.

5:13 PM: About 200 people were evacuated from the "Cosmopolit" shopping center, Kyiv Mayor Vitaly Klychko said.

- " _One center of the fire was discovered. It is currently being extinguished. Emergency services are working on the spot_ ", - said the head of the capital.
- At this time, there are no victims. No one went to the doctors.

SUMY



10:25 AM: Yesterday in the city of Shostka, Sumy Oblast, a person was injured due to shelling by the Russian Federation, OK "Pivnich".

- _"Shostka - 7 parishes, probably a missile attack.

According to preliminary information, as a result of the shelling, one person was injured, an economic building and 2 residential buildings were damaged," the message stated.

KHARKIV



12:14 AM: The air alert in the Kharkiv region is related to the activity of enemy tactical aircraft, the Air Force reports.

8:59 PM: A bas-relief of Pushkin was dismantled at the Pushkinska metro station in Kharkiv.

DNIPRO



5:05 AM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Dnipro, subscribers report. We are waiting for official information.

KHERSON



4:08 PM: the Russian Federation attacked with drones a settlement in the Berislavsky district — a 54-year-old man was injured.

- This is reported by the Kherson RMA.
- The man was hospitalized with an open craniocerebral injury, shrapnel wounds to the limbs and abdominal wall, he is connected to a ventilator.

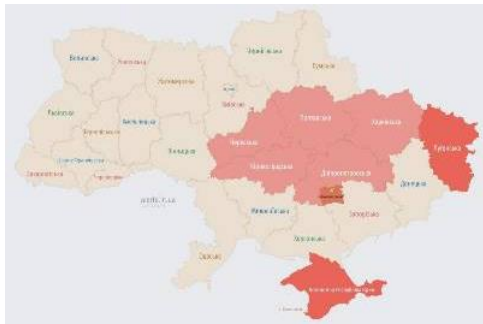
6:17 PM: There are explosions in Kherson, reports the head of the MBA Roman Mrochko.

9:22 PM: A Russian projectile hit a substation in the temporarily occupied part of the Kherson region. Six villages were left without electricity and water.

- This was reported by the Investigative Journalist Center (CJR) with reference to its own sources.
- According to the TSR, residents of Pervomaivka believe that the Russian occupiers deliberately destroyed the transformer substation in order to force people to leave the coastal village.

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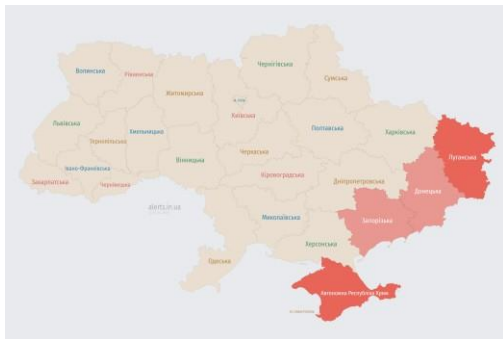
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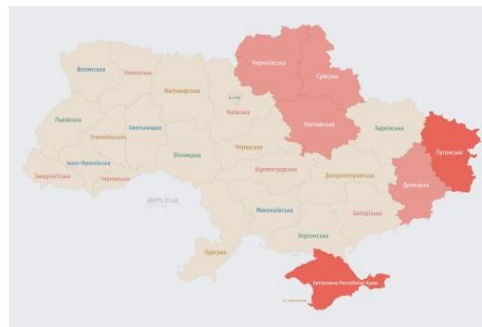
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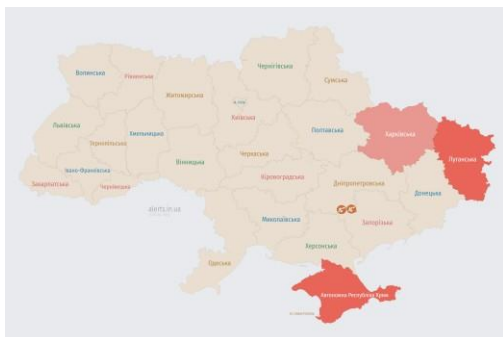


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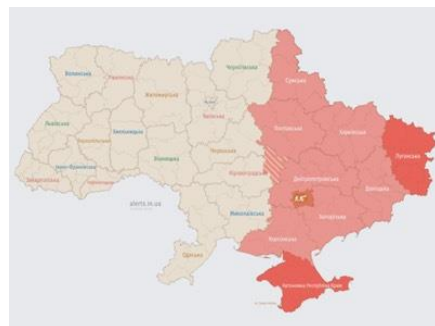


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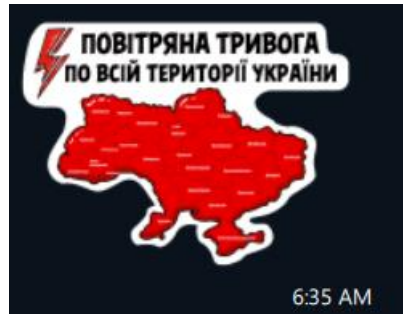
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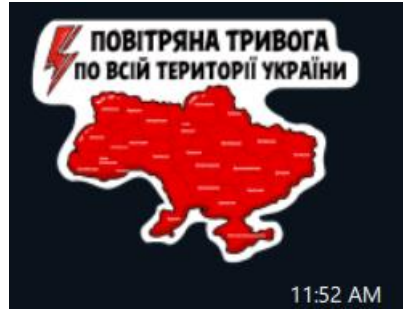


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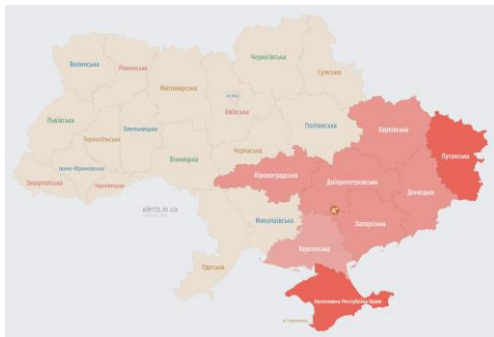


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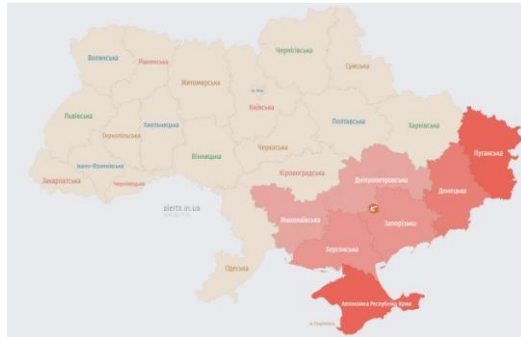


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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 675 days	After 676 days	After 677 days	After 678 days	After 679 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	366,790	367,620	368,460	369,160	370,000

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6038	6050	6060	6065	6075
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,216	11,238	11,254	11,269	11,302
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9640	9656	9667	9685	9704
Cruise Missiles		1805	1806	1806	1806	1814

Fighters Bombers	118	329	329	329	329	329
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6834	6834	6836	6848	6861
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		639	642	642	646	648
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	11575	11,596	11,612	11,632	11,667
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
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