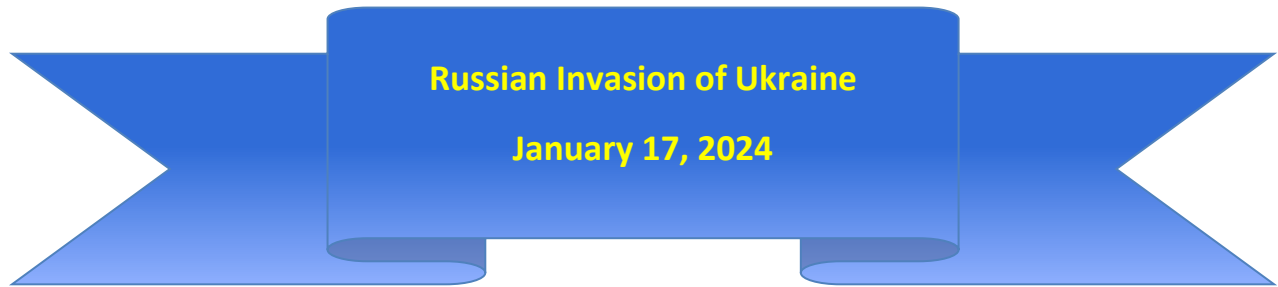


News From Ukraine



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From Bohdan

“Once again Davos has proven that talk shops deliver a lot of talk. To me it seems incongruent with my stereotype of a Swiss citizen who sits reading newspapers and drinking coffee. Perhaps that's why they import a large amount of foreigners so that there is someone there to do the talking.”

Davos Panel on Frozen Russian Central Bank Assets

You can watch here
(mp4 file) -

<https://we.tl/t-fHOzrVnKEk> The panel

discussion, held yesterday, lasts approximately 60 minutes.

The panel included Bill Browder and Timothy Ash who, together, are the most vocal proponents of repurposing frozen Central Bank of Russia (CBR) assets to finance both Ukraine reconstruction and weapons purchases.

There was also a legal expert and a member of Ukraine's presidential administration. As the moderator said at the beginning, there is a bias on the panel toward repurposing CBR assets, not to mention in the audience. She said that the audience was standing room only, with people spilling out into the hallway.

Some takeaways from remarks by the panel members:

- The total principal balance of the frozen CBR assets is approximately \$350 billion.
- Earned interest is between \$3 billion and \$5 billion per year.
- Most of the principal resides in Belgium, with significant amounts in the U.K., the U.S. and France, and let's not forget the Isle of Jersey where, according to the panel, there is approximately \$7 billion of frozen CBR assets.
- Interest income generated by the frozen CBR assets is held by Euroclear (<https://www.euroclear.com/about/en.html>), based in Brussels.

- There is now a consensus among key countries that there are sufficient existing legal grounds to repurpose frozen CBR assets for Ukraine reconstruction and weapons purchases.
- The existing legal grounds allow for the use of frozen CBR assets for both Ukraine reconstruction and weapons procurement.
- The final decision must be a political decision made by Western governments, and not an administrative decision to be made by the IMF and other international bodies.

- The political decision will have to be collective. Belgium, where most of the CBR assets reside, will not make the decision to repurpose CBR assets on its own.
- It is costing Western supporters approximately \$5 billion/month to support Ukraine, exclusive of military support.
- There is no way that Western taxpayers will support continued assistance at that level.
- There needs to be a stable source of funding, independent from Western political uncertainties.
- Repurposing Russian CBR assets can be seen as a

form of insurance,
against the
election of Donald
Trump, and other
Western politicians
who may be
opposed to
continued Western
support for
Ukraine.

The difficulties that the
U.S. Congress and the
Biden Administration
are having, to reach a
deal on the border with
Mexico and funding for
Ukraine, Israel, and
Taiwan, should be seen
as a warning to Western
supporters of Ukraine,
that government
funding for Ukraine will
become increasingly
difficult, and therefore
an argument in favor of
repurposing CBR assets
to finance Ukraine
reconstruction and
future weapons
purchases.

[“Putin’s Warped
Wartime Economy, as
Seen Through a Carton
of Eggs”/Wall St. Journal](#)

Ben Aris, Editor of BNE Intellinews, has argued that Russia has, essentially, brushed off the effects of Western sanctions. Much of his argument appears to rest on the substantial increase in military spending that is taking place in Russia, and the resulting increase in salaries accruing to Russians working in the defense industries that now make up an increasing share of Russia’s GDP, combined with continued revenues, primarily from the sale of oil. To me, and I admit that I know far less about Russia’s economy than Aris does, in my opinion there are three things wrong about Aris’ conclusion:

1. In and of itself and unlike cars and

machinery, to take
2 examples,
military production
doesn't produce
any value in the
economy.

2. Will all the money
being spent on the
military be stolen,
as was the case
with the money
that was
supposedly spent
on military
modernization
after the 2008
Russian invasion of
Georgia? The
Russian Army that
crossed the border
of Ukraine on Feb.
24, 2022, was not
the modern
juggernaut touted
by most of the
pundits.
3. How is the
additional
spending being
financed? Judging
from the increase
in the price of
eggs, it is being

financed by
printing Rubles
and continued
revenues from oil
sales.

Some takeaways from
the article:

- “Last month, a poultry-farm boss known as “the Egg King” survived an assassination attempt shortly after authorities started investigating his farm due to high prices.” **This is somewhat similar to what happens in the U.S. during periods of inflation, but without the assassination attempt. A U.S. president blames the gas stations and the rapacious oil companies. Putin, to his credit, blames the**

Russian

Government.

- Egg prices were up 60% in December, compared to a year earlier.
- “Annual inflation ended up 7.4% last year, nearly double the central bank’s goal, and the government’s mortgage programs have produced a housing bubble.”
- “The government looks like a bunch of firefighters who run from one small fire to another with a bucket because they cannot eliminate the underlying inflation problem,” said Alexandra Prokopenko, a former Russian central bank official who is now a nonresident scholar at the

Berlin-based
Carnegie Russia
Eurasia Center.”

- “Russian voters were reminded of Soviet-era food shortages as long lines of customers waiting to buy eggs began forming ahead of the New Year’s holidays. Some supermarkets in Siberia and occupied Crimea sold eggs individually, for about 12 rubles, or 13 cents, each. One local deputy gifted cartons of eggs to his employees for the holidays.”
- “Authorities also launched antitrust investigations into egg and chicken producers, including the Tretyakovskaya poultry farm in the

Voronezh region, owned by Gennady Shiryaev, the Egg King.” **Similar to what often happens in the U.S.**

- “One factor that could prove difficult to correct is a shortage of vaccines after Western sanctions complicated their import. “There is nothing to vaccinate with, so birds get sick,” said a St. Petersburg-based veterinarian. “These are quite fragile agricultural animals, and because they are kept in heaps, when one bird gets sick, almost all of them get sick.” “
- Russia’s central bank last month raised its key interest rate to 16%, more than

double where it stood in June, to curb rising consumer prices.

Putin and Pres. Biden now have something to commiserate about, the effect of inflation on their popularity but, at least in Putin's case, he doesn't have to worry about the effect of inflation on his chances of re-election.

News From the Battlefield

Bashkorostan – Not exactly the battlefield, but it's a Russian oblast located north of Kazakhstan. The capital of Bashkorostan is Ufa. Bashkorostan is the site of the protests. The protests are covered in the first part of the [“Latest Denys.”](#)

According to Denys, the protests weren't about lack of heat, which is the case of the protests around Moscow, but

because a local environmental activist was jailed. The protests are located in Baymak, south of Ufa near the border with Kazakhstan.

Bashkorostan is likely another one of those oblasts, primarily in Siberia, made up of ethnic minorities who are bearing a disproportionate number of casualties from the War in Ukraine.

More From Denys – Continued destruction of T-90 tanks by Bradleys. This is likely the result of the use of the TOW wire-guided missiles, that are part of the Bradleys' armament, and not their relatively small-sized main gun. At 8:45 into the video Denys speaks about increased military support from France and Germany. At 11:05 into the video he

reports that Ukraine is testing jet powered drones (Iran is also doing the same), and at 11:15 into the video, a note from a Russian soldier fighting near Krynky, on the Dnipro crossings. He doesn't appear to be happy with the tactics employed by his superiors.

1/18/2023 Sitrep

Abbreviations: RMA =
Regional Military
Administration

Wednesday, January 17

**SITUATION UPDATE OF
THE GENERAL STAFF OF
UKRAINIAN ARMED
FORCES JANUARY 17,
2024**

During the day of January 17, there were 78x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 9x missile and 128x air strikes, 77x MLRS attacks at the positions

of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

At night, the Russian occupiers launched yet another air strike using 33x Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. The Ukrainian Air Defense forces and means destroyed 22x enemy UAVs.

Air strikes hit Fedorivka, Vovchansk, Tabaivka, Pishchane (Kharkiv oblast), Serebryanske forestry, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Holubivka, Serebryanka, Avdiivka, Kostyantynivka, Novomykhailivka, Vodyane, Zelene Pole (Donetsk oblast), Novodarivka, Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast), Chervonyi Mayak, Zmiivka, and Tyahynka (Kherson oblast).

More than 130x 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 6x enemy attacks near Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 13x attacks of the occupiers in the vicinities of Terny, Yampolivka (Donetsk oblast), and 5x more attacks near Makiivka, and Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 8x attacks of the adversary near Hryhorivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, 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. During the day of January 17, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 13x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Novokalynove, Novobakhmutivka, Avdiivka, and 14x more attacks near Sjeverne, Pervomaiske, and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Krasnohorivka, Heorhiivka, Maryinka, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian troops repelled 10x attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 1x attack of the

adversary north of Novodonetske (Donetsk oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group,

Kherson axis: During the day of January 17, the adversary attempted 6x unsuccessful assaults at the positions of the Ukrainian troops.

During the day of January 17, Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 7x concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment, 1x command post, and 5x anti-aircraft missile systems of the adversary. Also, the Ukrainian Air Defense forces and means destroyed 1x Kh-59 air-launched guided missile.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 2x command posts, 1x concentration of troops, 3x radar stations, 2x air defense systems, 2x artillery

systems, and 2x
ammunition depots of
the adversary.

INTERNATIONAL

12:27 AM: French President Emmanuel Macron announced that he plans to visit Ukraine in February, and also announced the transfer of an additional 40 long-range SCALP missiles and "hundreds of bombs."

12:30 AM: MEPs this week will consider a resolution to deprive Hungary of the right to vote in the EU Council.

- The two main points of the resolution demand to start the process of depriving Hungary of the right to vote in accordance with Article 7.2 of the EU Treaty, as well as to conduct a parliamentary investigation into

the legality of the European Commission's decision to unfreeze €10 billion for Hungary in December 2023.

8:01 AM: Congressional leaders will visit the White House at the invitation of President Biden. They will talk, in particular, about \$61 billion for Ukraine, — Politico.

8:01 AM: The White House officially confirmed that the United States launched a missile strike on Houthi positions in Yemen on Tuesday, threatening more attacks if the militants continue to blockade the Red Sea.

8:01 AM: The US Senate has agreed to vote on a continuing resolution to extend government funding through March, The Hill.

10:32 AM: Germany will allocate over 7 billion euros in military aid to Ukraine in 2024, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said.

- _ "President Biden and I agree: we want to continue providing Ukraine with financial, humanitarian and military support. Today I spoke with the President of the United States by phone. Germany will provide more than seven billion euros in the form of military goods in 2024," the German Chancellor noted.

11:25 AM: China's population shrinks for second year in a row due to low birth rate and COVID-19

- According to the National Bureau of Statistics, the total

number of Chinese residents will decrease by 2.08 million, or 0.15%, to 1.409 billion in 2023.

- It is said to be well above the 850,000 population decline in 2022, the first since 1961 during the Great Famine of the Mao Zedong era.

2:47 PM: Ex-adviser Merkel hopes that Germany will provide Ukraine with Taurus missiles within a month at the latest

- Germany may decide to provide Ukraine with long-range Taurus cruise missiles no later than a month from now - at the Munich Security Conference
- This was said by Christoph Heusgen, a former

adviser to former Chancellor Angela Merkel.

- He compared the situation with missiles to the provision of Leopard tanks to Ukraine and noted that these missiles are necessary to strengthen the Armed Forces.

3:16 PM: The EBRD told what the consequences of the lack of aid would be for the economy of Ukraine.

- The chief economist of the EBRD, Beata Yavorchuk, emphasized that the economic situation in Ukraine is difficult, despite the fact that in 2023 the growth was about 5%. There is also a "significant risk" of economic

disruption, given the likelihood of continued war.

- "The big risk is that if the money doesn't come from abroad, the situation may spiral, and the government may have to resort to the printing press," Yavorchuk said.
- According to her, the EBRD plans to invest in Ukraine from €7.5 billion to €15 billion over the next five years, paying special attention to the private sector.

3:18 PM: Germany has updated the package of military aid to Ukraine, according to the website of the German government.

- In the new aid package, Ukraine will receive:

- ammunition for Leopard 1 tanks;
- 25 RQ-35 Heidrun reconnaissance drones;
- 8 armored personnel carriers;
- demining materials and 50 SatCom communication terminals;
- 5 cars for the border service;
- 1,840 combat helmets and 500 LED lamps;
- 3 vehicles (trucks, minibuses, SUVs);
- 16 Zetros trucks.

3:40 PM: The European Commission has started work on a draft negotiating framework for Ukraine.

- This was stated by the spokeswoman of the European Commission, Ana Pisonero.
- This is a document that defines the

principles and
procedures of
negotiations on
accession to the
EU.

4:08 PM: "We are not
ruling anything out":
Sweden suggested the
possibility of providing
Gripen aircraft to
Ukraine.

- The Minister of
Foreign Affairs of
Sweden, Tobias
Bilström, noted
that the decision
depends on the
speed of the
country's
accession to NATO.
- "We have to
create an
appropriate
commission,
because we also
have to think
about Sweden's
security. But again,
we are not ruling
anything out," he
summarized.

4:12 PM: More than 2,000 trucks are standing in queues at the borders of Ukraine, the blockade is currently fixed only on the territory of Romania.

- Andriy Demchenko, the spokesman of the State Security Service of Ukraine, announced this.

4:59 PM: British Development Finance Institute invests \$25 million to unblock Ukrainian exports and imports.

- This is reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commonwealth Affairs and Development of Great Britain.

6:40 PM: 'The world must prepare': Davos discusses possible 'disease X' threats.

6:40 PM: Von der Leyen is confident that all 27 EU countries will agree to allocate €50 billion to Ukraine.

- Hungary is known to be opposed to providing this aid package to Ukraine, so this raises the possibility that the other 26 EU member states will provide funds under separate bilateral agreements with Kyiv. At the same time, von der Leyen said in the European Parliament: "I am sure that we will find a solution as part of all 27 countries."

7:32 PM: China deliberately refused to agree to a meeting between its Prime Minister Li Qiang and

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Switzerland.

- Politico writes about it.

7:59 PM: The first 2 of the 14 Leopard 2 tanks purchased by the Netherlands and Denmark are ready to be shipped to Ukraine.

- This was stated by the Minister of Defense of the Netherlands, Kaisa Ollongren.

8:18 PM: The German Bundestag did not approve the transfer of Taurus missiles to Ukraine.

- 485 deputies voted "against", 178 voted "for", three more abstained.

11:26 PM: The Houthis said they launched a missile attack on a US ship in the Gulf of Aden, Al Jazeera reports.

- "The Yemeni group said that it fired missiles at the ship, achieving an "accurate and direct" hit," the message says.

11:41 PM: Pakistan has recalled its ambassador from Tehran after the Iranian missile strike, the country's foreign ministry said.

11:41 PM: The US, South Korea and Japan conducted exercises with the participation of the aircraft carrier, Yonhap.

11:41 PM: The United States has returned the status of an international terrorist organization to the Houthis, the White House.

11:56 PM: The Bundestag will once again vote for the transfer of Taurus to Ukraine, said Deputy Chairman of the

Verkhovna Rada
Committee Chernev

- The bill was rejected not on its merits, but because of procedural violations.
- "It was a separate draft law of a part of the opposition, which it wanted to put to a vote without agreement with the others," Chernev explained.

NATIONAL

1:09 AM: The Air Force reports the movement of a group of unmanned aerial vehicles through Kherson Oblast in the direction of Mykolaiv Oblast.

- Another group of enemy UAVs from the Black Sea in the direction of Odesa.

1:33 AM: The Air Force reports that in the Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, and Poltava regions there is a threat of the use of ballistic weapons.

- In Odesa, the threat of BpLA.

9:06 AM: Kherson, Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovohrad regions - missile danger, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

11:25 AM: Electricity consumption is increasing due to the cold weather, — Ukrenergo.

- Currently, the deficit in the energy system is 5%.

12:35 PM: The SBI reported suspicions to members of a criminal organization led by Lviv businessman Hrynkevich, who caused

losses to the state of almost a billion hryvnias.

- The Bureau exposed them in the procurement of clothes and underwear for the Armed Forces.
- It was established that the entrepreneur created a criminal organization for the illegal appropriation of budget funds. Five members of the criminal organization have been detained and currently the issue of choosing a preventive measure in the form of detention is being resolved.
- Sanctions of the articles provide for punishment in the form of imprisonment for a term of up to 12 years with

confiscation of
property.

2:04 PM: The draft law
on mobilization: the
ombudsman listed three
points on which there
are comments

According to him:

- direct violations of
the Constitution
relate to the fact
that additional
powers of the TCC
are added in the
proposed version
of the draft law.
- nor can the head
of the TCC by his
decision influence
whether a citizen
of Ukraine
disposes of his
property in full.
After all, there are
relevant executive
authorities for this.
- the third caveat
concerns the
proposal to recruit
people with
disabilities to the

ranks of the Armed Forces.

2:20 PM: Tonight, the military deployed the FrankenSAM air defense system for the first time. She shot down Shahed from a distance of 9 kilometers.

- Oleksandr Kamyshin, head of the Ministry of Strategy and Industry, stated this at a briefing in Davos.
- He added that all FrankenSAM air defense systems are already deployed "on the battlefield."

2:28 PM: TCC employees do not have the right to check citizens' documents and forcibly detain them, Ukrainian Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets said.

6:27 PM: Ukraine has begun producing NATO-standard artillery

systems and has doubled its ammunition output.

- Oleksandr Kamyshin, Minister of Strategic Industry, announced this.
- According to him, the need for components, which are in short supply, will be covered by the creation of joint ventures with foreign partners.

7:34 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on January 17:

- During the day _71 combat clashes took place._
- Aviation of the Defense Forces hit 7 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military

equipment, 1
command post and
5 anti-aircraft
missile systems of
the enemy.

- Units of the missile forces hit 1 area of concentration of personnel, 2 radar stations, 2 anti-aircraft defense equipment, 2 artillery equipment and 1 ammunition depot_ of the enemy.

7:48 PM: The pace of export of agricultural products through the "grain corridor" in the Black Sea has almost returned to pre-war levels, and the cost of cargo insurance has decreased significantly.

- This was reported by the president of the Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation

(UAC) Leonid Kozachenko.

- "On average, we exported 7.5-8 million tons of grain every month. Now we have crossed this milestone, and this means that the capacities are almost restored", Kozachenko noted.

8:09 PM: The Air Force reports that there is a threat of using attack UAVs in the Kherson and Mykolaiv regions.

8:38 PM: On January 17, the defenders of the skies of the Southern Air Command destroyed:

- a Russian reconnaissance UAV in the Kherson region.
- Russian kamikaze drone "Lancet" in the Mykolayiv region.

8:39 PM: The Air Force reports that in the

Dnipropetrovsk,
Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk,
and Sumy regions there
is a threat of using
attack UAVs.

9:25 PM: The Ministry of
Defense decided to
terminate the last
contract for the supply
of food for the troops
with one of Hrynkevich's
companies, Trade Lines
Retail.

- At the end of 2023,
Trade Lines Retail
was recognized as
the winner of one
of 30 contracts for
the Armed Forces
of Ukraine for the
supply of food in
the Prozorro
system.
- The contract
concerns the
supply of food to
the military in the
Mykolaiv and
Kherson regions.

9:43 PM: In Ukraine,
there is a tenfold
increase in the

production of attack
UAVs.

- The founder of the company "DroneSpace" Maksym Sheremet said that contacts with manufacturers are determined by various departments. In most cases, military units act as customers themselves. However, as Sheremet noted, there are a number of challenges to scaling drone production. In particular, supply of components, financial component and qualified engineering personnel.

10:14 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi spoke about

another Stavka in his evening address.

- "Commanders reported. Different directions: east, south. Also north - countering subversive groups, strengthening the border. There was a strategic level of discussion: our actions this year. Not only defensive," - noted the President of Ukraine.

10:30 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated that any pressure on journalists is unacceptable.

- _"Separately - regarding the situation with our journalists. In particular, the fact of surveillance of journalists. The Security Service of Ukraine has

started an investigation and will find out all the circumstances," the president said in his evening address.

MORDOR – ruZZia

6:35 AM: Russian forces slightly advanced near Kreminnaya and Bakhmut, - ISW

- Russian troops have recently confirmed advances in the area of Kreminnaya and Bakhmut. Also, the occupiers resumed their offensive with the use of armored vehicles near Serebryansk Forestry.
- The Institute for the Study of War says geolocation footage released on January 15 shows Russian troops advancing

north of Dibrova
near Kreminnaya.
It is also clear that
the Russian army
has recently
advanced a little to
the north of
Klishchiivka.

- Russian and
Ukrainian sources
claim that
positional battles
took place near
Vesely,
Verkhnyokamyans
ky, Bohdanivka,
Ivanovsky,
Klishchiivka, and
Andriivka.

9:26 AM: The railway
was on fire in three
Russian cities, - GUR.

- The main
intelligence
department of the
Ministry of
Defense of Ukraine
reports that
unknown
opponents of the
Putin regime
burned down

several relay
cabinets at
important facilities
used for the
logistics of Russian
troops.

- The events took place in Saratov, Yaroslavl and Dzerzhinsk districts of the Nizhny Novgorod Region. Traffic on these railway sections of the Russian Federation was stopped.

9:44 AM: In Kyrgyzstan, a Mi-8 military helicopter crashed at the Frunze-1 air base, local Kabar agency reports.

- Eight injured and one dead soldier, four injured in intensive care.

11:01 AM: A fire broke out at the Shakhty polyester plant in the Rostov region of the

Russian Federation, —
rosZMI

- Before the ignition, local residents heard a loud explosion. The plant was previously opened about six months ago — it produces polyester staple fiber for light industry. It is reported that the smoke from the fire can be poisonous.

12:04 PM: Mass protests and clashes with the police began in Russian Bashkiria, media.

- The authorities shut down the Internet and blocked all entrances to the courthouse where local activist Fail Alsynov, who is accused of extremism, was sentenced.

- In that year, he appealed to the Bashkirs not to go to fight in Ukraine.

3:57 PM Social

Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Sevastopol.

5:55 PM: Russia is forming detachments of so-called "military instructors" for further deployment to the territory of African countries, - GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

- Moscow is recruiting for the so-called territories of Ukraine, in particular - in Crimea.
- "_Mercenaries are attracted not only by high earnings, but also by the possibility of avoiding participation in the war against

Ukraine, which involves high risks of death," the intelligence agency writes.

7:18 PM: The Russian Federation has no reserve for an offensive in two or three directions.

- This was stated by Vadym Skibitskyi, a representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Ukraine.
- "Mobilization measures in Russia continue, they manage to recover the losses they suffer every day, but that reserve is not enough to form powerful strategic offensive operations in two or three

directions_ [...]",
Skibitsky said.

7:23 PM: Medvedev
stated that the reason
for the war is the very
fact of Ukraine's
existence.

- "The existence of
Ukraine is mortally
dangerous for
Ukrainians. And I
do not mean only
the current state,
the Bander
political regime. I
am talking about
any, absolutely any
Ukraine,"
Medvedev said.
- "The presence of
an independent
state on the
historical Russian
territories will now
be a permanent
reason for the
resumption of
military
operations."
- According to him,
neither Ukraine's
possible accession

to NATO nor its accession to the EU will stand in the way of military conflicts.

9:51 PM: In the Black Sea, the Russian naval group was replenished with another surface missile carrier - a small missile ship of the "Buyan-M" project.

- The total salvo of "Calibers" is up to 16 missiles. The level of missile danger is very high. This is reported by the Defense Forces of the South.

REGIONS

10:57 PM: In Kyiv, surgeons saved a soldier with a shell fragment in his heart.

- A 46-year-old man received a severe shrapnel wound in the chest and could not take a

full breath. He turned to the capital's surgeons with complaints of significant shortness of breath and pain, especially in the area of the heart.

- Computed tomography revealed a fragment of considerable size - 8×9 mm, which was stuck in the pericardium (outer shell of the heart).
- Metropolitan doctors successfully removed the fragment, the soldier has already been transferred to outpatient treatment.

8:45 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Sumy region.

9:05 PM: The Air Force reports that an enemy UAV is located in the area of the city of Sumy.

- Currently, UAVs are observed in the Kirovohrad region in the direction of Cherkasy/Vinnytsia .
- Enemy BpLA through the Mykolaiv region, heading for Odesa.

1:30 AM: Footage of the liquidation of the consequences of the attack in the center of Kharkiv

- At the moment, firefighters and rescue workers are still on the scene. According to preliminary information, a total of 17 people were injured.

7:25 AM: Kharkiv. "The number of residential buildings affected by the

arrival of two enemy missiles yesterday evening is 19. Seventeen townspeople are injured, 14 of them are in the hospital, one is in serious condition. 14 cars were crushed. All relevant services continue to work on site. Everyone who needs it is given all the necessary help," - the mayor of the city Ihor Terekhov.

7:35 AM: 19 residential buildings were damaged by the arrival of two Russian missiles, - Mayor of Kharkiv Ihor Terekhov.

- 17 townspeople are injured, 14 of them are in hospital, one person is in serious condition. 14 cars were crushed.
- Several buildings, including a private

clinic and a communal facility, were partially destroyed by a Russian missile attack in the Kholodnohirsky District of Kharkiv.

4:36 PM: A 10-year-old boy was injured as a result of a Russian attack on the Kupyany district, Kharkiv RMA.

- He suffered a traumatic amputation of the lower limb - he was taken to the hospital.

5:23 PM: The number of victims as a result of the Russian attack on the Kupyany district increased — a woman was killed and a 13-year-old girl was injured.

- This was reported by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.
- "KAB hit the building of the

village council in
the village of
Malyy Burluk_",
the message reads.

6:55 PM: Since the de-
occupation, 28 torture
chambers have been
discovered in Kharkiv
Oblast. This is the
largest number in
Ukraine.

- Investigators of
the National Police
are investigating
10 criminal
proceedings
involving torture
centers in the
Kharkiv region.
Among the largest
is the case of the
torture chamber in
the city of
Kupyansk.
- Officially, 67
people were
recognized as
victims at the
hands of the
occupiers in the
Kupyansk torture
chamber, but the

police know about the torture of more than 150 victims.

- The victims are ordinary Ukrainians aged 16 to 65. Among them were schoolchildren.
- According to their testimony, the occupiers beat them with hands and feet, rubber sticks and pipes, electric currents and stun guns. They burned plastic on the body, bent the hands and joints in handcuffs, forced them to work, exerted psychological pressure.
- As a result, two of the prisoners died, four are considered missing, and four more are still in

captivity. Most suffered severe psychological injuries.

10:37 PM: The Air Force reports that there is a threat of using ballistic weapons in the Kharkiv region.

- UAV along the border of the Mykolaiv/Odesa region, heading north-west.

11:11 PM: the Russians hit Chuguyev twice, the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov said.

- "Preliminarily, there is damage to the educational institution. Information about the victims is being clarified," he said.
- Oleg Sinegubov reported that a civilian woman who was a boiler operator was killed as a result of an

enemy attack on
Chuguiev.

6:40 PM: An epidemic
due to viral infections is
possible in Mariupol -
city council.

10:26 PM: The Air Force
reports that the alert in
the Donetsk region is
related to the activity of
enemy tactical aircraft in
the eastern direction.

3:04 PM Social
Networks: Explosions
are heard in the
temporarily occupied
Tokmak of the
Zaporizhia region.

1:14 PM: Terrorists
targeted a kamikaze
drone in the Marganets
community in Nikopol
region — RMA.

- _ "A car with
people in it was
hit. Two boys were
injured. A 13-year-
old child is
"difficult". A 19-
year-old boy is in a
medium serious

condition," - head
of the
Dnipropetrovsk
RMA Serhiy Lysak.

5:24 PM: Missile on the
Dnipro, — PS ZSU.

5:26 PM Social
Networks: Explosions
are heard in Dnipro.

5:41 PM: Air defense
forces destroyed an Kh-
59 guided air missile in
the Dnipro district, PC
"East".

10:26 AM Social
Networks: Explosions
are heard in Kherson
and temporarily
occupied Berdyansk.

12:27 PM: the Russian
army shelled the Dnipro
district of Kherson, —
RMA.

- _ "One of the blows
hit the garage.
Previously, one
person died,
another was
injured," said RMA
head Oleksandr
Prokudin.

2:07 PM Social

Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

2:52 PM: As a result of the Russian attack on Kherson, one person died, — RMA.

- A projectile hit a garage in one of the neighborhoods, a car and a garage caught fire.
- The army of the Russian Federation also struck Berislav — three injured.

6:06 PM: Powerful explosions are heard in the coastal areas of Kherson, reports the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Roman Mrochko.

8:52 PM: Three people were injured in Kherson as a result of Russian shelling, said the head of Kherson MBA Roman Mrochko.

- Two men died, one woman was injured.
- In addition, as a result of enemy shelling, houses, cars, power lines were damaged, and several fires broke out.

9:59 PM: the Russian army is shelling Kherson.

- This was announced by the head of the MBA, Roman Mrochko.

1:46 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

6:43 AM: Activity of enemy tactical aircraft in the eastern and southeastern directions, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

- The threat of using aviation means of destruction for front-line areas.

- Rocket in the direction of Bilhorod-Dniestrovsky District of Odesa, - PS ZSU.

6:44 AM Social

Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

7:21 AM: Russians attacked Odesa with attack drones at night: three injured, 130 people evacuated from a damaged house, — RMA

12:23 PM: After a nighttime massive drone attack on Odesa region, the Russians launched a missile strike on the region before dawn, Defense Forces of the South.

- the Russians hit "Onyx" in Odesa and Bilhorod-Dniester districts. We kissed on agricultural areas and agribusiness.

11:10 AM: The SBU detained an enemy agent who was tracking the planes of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the Kirovohrad Region

- Law enforcement officers exposed a man who found out for the enemy the directions and frequency of flights of Ukrainian warplanes, including front-line bombers and fighters
- In addition, on the instructions of the occupiers, a resident of Kropyvnytskyi tried to identify the operational airfields of the military aviation, control points and warehouses with ammunition of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. He transmitted all data to the enemy

using one of the popular messengers.

- The man was detained in his own apartment after three months of surveillance.

1:47 PM: The SBI has exposed a group of companies from the Zhytomyr region that supplied enterprises of the Russian military-industrial complex with barrier systems used in the war against Ukraine.

- "Over the past six months, the SBU, together with the SBU, exposed and stopped the activity of the second concern that continued to supply the Russian military industry even after the invasion," the message reads.

11:21 PM: Current air alert map as of 11:20 PM.

- The Air Force reports that UAVs are observed in the Kirovohrad region, moving in the direction of Cherkasy and Vinnytsia.
- Movement of attack UAVs in the territory of Vinnytsia region in the western direction. A threat to Khmelnytskyi.

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 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 679 days	After 680 days	After 681 days`	After 682 days	After 683 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	370,000	370,980	372,090	372,820	

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6075	6089	6113	6263	
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,302	11,322	11,358	11,372	

Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9704	9,729	9,762	9,775	
Cruise Missiles		1814	1,815	1816	1817	
Fighters Bombers	118	329	329	331	331	
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	
Drones		6861	6865	6877	6884	
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		648	650	653	653	
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	11,667	11,698	11.731	11,755	
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	
1337		1353	1356	1365	1367	

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