

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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From Bohdan

There is no escape from this. No matter how indifferent the world is, intense fighting continues. The latest is that Ukraine has developed a small, under 5 kg electronic countermeasure system that knocks UAVs out of the sky at a distance of 500 meters. This is enough to prevent UAVs from performing kamikaze descents or dropping ordinance on Ukrainian soldiers' heads.

Dayana Yastrenska

Yastrenska [defeats](#) Linda Noskova of the Czech Republic, and she moves on to the women's semifinals of the Australian Open. She's only the fifth qualifier in women's singles, going back to the 1960s, to make the semifinals of a major tournament. Rather than being selected based on prior performance, qualifiers must play into the tournament. This is her on-court [interview](#).

People might ask why include Ukrainian tennis players in an email that mostly covers political and military developments around the war. It is because every Ukrainian is fighting the enemy in his or her own way. Ukrainian women tennis players are saying "we're here, and we're not using the war as an excuse," and Ukrainian women tennis players are making a statement every time that they play a Russian or Belarusian opponent, win

or (occasionally) lose, and decline to shake hands with them at the end of their match.

United For Ukraine (U4U) Webinar

Earlier today I attended a U4U webinar **“Together Until Victory: Western Military Support for Ukraine”** The announcement stated:

As we approach the third year of Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine and Western values, it is time to take stock of what the West has done so far in terms of military assistance and how it intends to honour its commitment to support Ukraine.

It is clear that only Ukraine's total military victory can lead to long-term sustainable peace on the European continent, which is in the ultimate interest of the West and all democracies. Continued and effective military support from the West is crucial to achieving military objectives. This means that Ukraine's partners must ensure burden-sharing in military assistance, increase production of equipment and ammunition, and closely coordinate their longer-term financial and assistance plans.

In-depth strategy papers on what is needed on the path to Ukraine’s victory have been recently published by **3 Republican Committee Chairmen of the United States House of Representatives** [‘Proposed Plan for Victory in Ukraine’](#); by the **Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia** [‘Setting Transatlantic Defence up for Success: A Military Strategy for Ukraine’s Victory and Russia’s Defeat’](#), as well as analyses by **Rose Gottemoeller and Michael Ryan** [‘Ukraine Has a Pathway to Victory’](#) in Foreign Policy; **Roman Sohn and Ariana Gic** [‘Western Policy for Russia’s Strategic Defeat’](#); and **MEP Andrius Kubilius** [‘On the Reality of War’](#) and [‘2024 And Beyond: A Rationally Optimistic War Scenario’](#).

Panel:

Kristjan MÄE, Director, Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia, co-author of the strategy paper

Ariana GIC, political and legal analyst, Director, Direct Initiative International Centre for Ukraine, Canada

Linus LINKEVIČIUS, Deputy Head of the Chief Executive's Policy Office, European Defence Agency

Yehor CHERNIEV, MP, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on National Security, Defence and Intelligence, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (did not attend)

Ivanna KLYMPUSH-TSINSTADZE, MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee of Ukraine's integration to the EU of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, former Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration (2016-2019) (did not attend)

Urmas REINSALU, MP, former Minister of Foreign Affairs (2019-2021, 2022-2023), Estonia

Moderator: Andrius KUBILIUS, MEP, Coordinator of the United for Ukraine Network, Member of the European Parliament, and former Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania



[United for Ukraine \(U4U\) Network](#) already unites 300 current and former Members of Parliaments and state officials from over 30 countries that are actively working to support Ukraine at their home countries and internationally. We continue to expand this informal network of the friends of Ukraine to include representatives from the democratic countries across the world, including the EU and NATO member states as well as Ukraine. United for Ukraine is managed by the Steering Committee, which is composed of nine MPs from Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada, European Parliament, and National Parliaments.

Previous U4U discussions can be found [here](#).

A few takeaways:

- Kubilius stated that Ukraine's 2023 defense budget was \$40 billion, and another \$40 billion from allies, versus Russia's defense budget of \$100 billion. According to Kubilius, this is an indication that the support Ukraine is getting from the West is enough for Ukraine not to lose, but not enough for Ukraine to achieve victory.
- The panelist who was most direct and who avoided much of the minutiae about the mundane details of military assistance covered by other panelists, was Ariana Gic who, among other things, supports Ukraine's use of foreign supplied weapons to hit Russian targets. I agree with her.
- The paper by 3 Republican Committee Chairmen of the U.S. House of Representatives, linked above, entitled "Proposed Plan for Victory in Ukraine" has, as far as I'm aware, not been endorsed by the Biden Administration. As far as I know the White House has not proposed any plan for victory in Ukraine, nor has President Biden made the case for victory in Ukraine to the American People. If the United States walks away from its responsibility to provide military assistance to Ukraine, it's the fault of our leaders from both Parties, not just the Republican Party, where most of the fingers are currently pointing.
- Each country supporting Ukraine should provide annual military support to Ukraine equal to 0.25% of their respective national GDPs. Currently Russia is spending 6.0% of its GDP, Ukraine 25%, the United States 0.10%, and France 0.02%.
- Leaders must be responsible for making the case for supporting Ukraine to their voters. No other public official can do this.
- Surprisingly the subject of confiscating frozen Central Bank of Russia reserves to fund both military and non-military assistance to Ukraine was not even brought up, except in the Q&A (by me and likely a few others). I don't see how any Western leader can expect to convince their respective taxpayers not to increase funding for Ukraine, unless frozen CBR reserves are confiscated and used in both reconstruction and military assistance.

[“Ignore the Headlines: Momentum is Moving in Ukraine’s Direction, not Russia’s”/By Mark Mcnamee](#)

Bohdan and I have been saying the same thing for the nearly 2 years since we began sending these emails.

Some excerpts:

- “For all the talk of the Kremlin’s rising confidence since late 2023, the reality is in fact far from encouraging for Russia. Rather oddly, a nation mired in a foreign war it cannot easily extricate itself from – while wasting enormous resources and unable to achieve its goals – is somehow congratulating itself (**with the aid of short-sighted Western media**) primarily because its far smaller adversary was unable to win the war in its first large counteroffensive. In only the most narrow and short-sighted sense can we say Russia is “winning” the war as of January 2024.” (My emphasis)
- “Even perhaps more strangely, the popular portrayal of the war as having reached a “stalemate” – an inaccurate descriptor for a variety of reasons – is perceived as a defeat for Ukraine and a pending victory for Russia. More accurately, the truth is the opposite: the momentum in fact looks set to turn for Ukraine in fundamental ways. This will be evident in Western support and sanctions, on the battlefield, in the air war, and within Russia’s economy and political life itself.”
- “Beyond the tactical political machinations involved, at the strategic level Western governments increasingly understand the risk to the entire Western order should they voluntarily and unnecessarily allow Ukraine to lose and Russia to win.”
- “Increasingly the rhetoric out of Western capitals has gravitated towards finding a path to a ceasefire, but doing so while negotiating from a position of strength. Particularly for a Republican Party still supposedly in adoration of their Cold War warrior god Ronald Reagan, there could be no greater hypocrisy, abrogation of responsibility, and betrayal of his legacy than to willfully attempt to seek “peace through weakness”.”

- “Simply put, it (confiscation of CBR reserves to fund Ukraine’s reconstruction and military needs) has to happen; **there is no other realistic path to financially supporting Ukraine for the long term.** Meanwhile, the costs of a Russian victory in the war – and the resulting undermining of the global rules-based order, Western system, and its core institutions (EU, NATO, among others) – far outweigh the costs posed by the *theoretically possible* damage done to the credibility of the dollar and euro, given the threat of reserve confiscation.” (my emphasis)
- “In tightening existing financial sanctions by placing secondary sanctions on foreign banks transacting with Russia’s financial system, these new measures have caused major Turkish and Chinese banks – the primary facilitators of trade with Russia and source of key defense manufacturing components – to begin refusing to work with Russian financial institutions. Over time this will cause shortages of critical components and further fuel inflation.”
- “Ukraine’s defensive strategy – with continued air assaults on Crimea and in Russia itself – will demonstrate to the Kremlin that there is no prospect for victory as still defined by Putin (i.e., seizure of more territory, removal of Zelenskiy, and the installation of a pro-Russian regime). Matched with Russia’s inability to outlast the West in Ukraine given the coming financial support and seizure of F/X reserves, and ramped up Western artillery production come 2025, giving Ukraine a permanent advantage, and it is evident that in this war of attrition Russia’s highest point of confidence has already passed.”
- “To be sure, none of this is to say Russia is necessarily “losing” at the moment. Nor to say that Ukraine is not facing numerous serious challenges. But believing Russia is winning and that 2024 will be a landmark year for Putin and his war machine following their regained confidence in late 2023 is highly misplaced. Expect the tide to turn and for 2024 to be far more favorable to Ukraine than popular moods suggest.”

[The history of Ukraine and the future of the world. Timothy Snyder, Yaroslav Hrytsak, Serhii Plokhii/Moderated by the indomitable Nataliya Gumenyuk](#)

Worth watching. It is a description of a 3-year history project, initiated by Profs. Snyder, Hrytsak and Plokhii, attempting to tie the history of Ukraine, and lands that make up today's Ukraine, with the rest of the world. At the same time, sever the historical and cultural links between Ukraine and Russia. In the past several years, these three academics have done more to separate the study of Ukraine in Western educational institutions from the study of Russia.

Snyder cites 3 examples:

- Everyone knows about ancient cities like [Harappa](#) along the Indus River in today's Pakistan, that contained a sophisticated sewer system and where standard weights and measures were developed. From using advanced technology, it has been established that there were cities located in today's Ukraine, that were every bit as sophisticated and developed as Harappa.
- The origins of the Indo-European language likely came from peoples living in Ukraine and Southern Russia, people who domesticated the horse and invaded and destroyed lands to the west.
- Ancient Greece – depended in large measure on the Sythians who lived along the northern shore of the Black Sea. The Greek myth about Amazons likely originated in southern Ukraine, where grave sites have been found that contain stone carvings depicting female warriors.

Snyder goes on to say that there are endless arguments between Russia and Ukraine over whether Prince Vladimir (Russia) or Volodymyr (Ukraine) was Russian or Ukrainian. As Snyder points out, he was a Viking, thus connecting ancient Kyiv with Scandinavia. At the time Muscovy, today's Russia, didn't exist.

At 32:55 into the video, Snyder talks about "dignity," such as when "a neighbor denies your history, tries to take it away from you, and claim it for

himself.” Snyder said he was “ashamed” by the behavior of American diplomats dealing with Ukraine’s 1994 de-nuclearization when, based on what these diplomats said or wrote, that there was an underlying “scorn” of Ukrainians, that “they complain a lot and we need to get this deal (the Budapest Memorandum) done,” without any consideration for Ukrainian voices. The Budapest Memorandum left a military vacuum in Ukraine that Russia has been attempting to fill ever since.

Snyder said that it will be easier for “people in New York or Los Angeles to fit Ukraine into the history of the World.” For me, lying on my couch in Los Angeles in 1994 and watching Oksana Baiul coming out of nowhere and winning Olympic Gold in women’s figure skating from Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding, it would’ve been nice to have been able to fit Ukraine, a country that at the time I knew next to nothing about, other than Ukraine was a country and had cold winters, into the history of the World.

1/24/2024 Sitrep

Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

<p style="text-align: center;">SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES JANUARY 23, 2024</p>
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<p>During the day of January 23, there were 56x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 48 missile and 112 air strikes, 73 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements. More than 200x various civilian infrastructure facilities in Kyiv and Kyiv oblast, Kharkiv, and Pavlohrad (Dnipropetrovsk oblast) were destroyed or damaged.</p>
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<p>During the day of January 23, Russian occupiers launched yet another air strike, using 6 Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. The Ukrainian Air Defense forces and means shot down 1 enemy UAV.</p>

<p>Air strikes hit Kozacha Lopan, Lyptsi, Hatyshche (Kharkiv oblast), Makiivka, Bilohorivka, Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Serebryanka, Sivers'k, Bohdanivka, Avdiyivka, Novomykhailivka, Kostyantynivka,</p>
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Urozhaine (Donetsk oblast), Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast), Kachkarivka, Mylove, and Beryslav (Kherson oblast).

More than 150 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 1 enemy attack near Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 4 attacks of the occupiers in the vicinities of Yampolivka, Torske (Donetsk oblast), and 2 more attacks near Bilohorivka and Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 3 attacks of the adversary near Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, and Klishchivka (Donetsk oblast).

Tavria operational-strategic group, Avdiivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the invaders. For instance, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 5 enemy attacks in the vicinities of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiivka, and 11 more attacks near Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast) during the day of January 23.

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

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 4 adversary attacks south of Chervone, west of Verbove and Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: During the day of January 23, the adversary attempted 7 unsuccessful assaults at the positions of the Ukrainian troops.

During the day of January 23, Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 10 concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment, 2 anti-aircraft missile systems, and 1 command post of the adversary. Also, the Ukrainian

Air Defense forces and means destroyed 15x Kh-101 / Kh-555 / Kh-55 guided missiles, 5 Iskander-M ballistic missiles, and 2 Kh-59 air-launched guided missiles.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 1 concentration of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 2 air defense systems, 9x artillery systems, and 1 electronic warfare station of the Russian invaders.

International

8:03 AM: Military aircraft were raised in Poland against the background of the Russian missile attack on Ukraine.

- This is reported by the Polish General Staff.

8:45 AM: EU leaders are poised to confront Hungary if it continues to block a €50 billion aid package for Ukraine at an emergency summit next week, Bloomberg.

8:45 AM: Belgium expects a collective decision of the Western countries regarding the confiscation of Russian assets.

8:45 AM: US and UK strike again on Houthi infrastructure in Yemen's capital Sana'a, Al Jazeera.

8:45 AM: Another strong earthquake was recorded in China. It is known about 6 victims, at least 47 houses were destroyed.

9:34 AM: The EU agreed to Poland's demand to limit Ukrainian food exports, Financial Times.

- Brussels will introduce "precautionary measures" that will allow to block food from Ukraine, if it will pose a threat of falling prices in Poland and other neighboring countries.

11:45 AM: NATO to buy 155-mm shells for 1.1 billion euros, including for Ukraine, — Reuters.

- Under the contract, it is likely that about 220,000 artillery ammunition will be purchased, with the first deliveries expected at the end of 2025.

4:18 PM: The 18th meeting of the Contact Group on the Defense of Ukraine in the Rammstein format has already begun.

- US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin made a speech and called for Ukraine to provide "_more life-saving ground-based air defense systems and interceptors_".

6:20 PM: Poland and the Baltic states propose to ban the import of liquefied gas and aluminum from the Russian Federation, — RAR.

6:20 PM: China launches five remote sensing satellites into space, — Xinhua.

6:20 PM: WHO warns of alarming rate of measles cases in Europe, where a 30-fold increase has been recorded - Bloomberg.

6:20 PM: The Turkish parliament has started considering Sweden's application to join NATO, Turkish media.

6:45 PM: Bulgaria insists on the introduction of tariffs and quotas for the import of Ukrainian grain to the EU, — Euractive.

- "_The increase in exports from Ukraine causes serious concern among producers, as they cannot compete with the prices of Ukrainian products_", the Ministry of Agriculture of Bulgaria notes.

8:44 PM: The film "20 Days in Mariupol" has been nominated for an Oscar in the category "Best Documentary".

- In December, the film was immediately included in two shortlists of the film award — in the "Feature Documentary Film" and "International Feature Film" categories.
- Director and photographer Mstislav Chernov, photographer Yevhen Maloletka and producer Vasylisa Stepanenko became the last journalists to cover the beginning of Russia's destruction of Mariupol.

9:16 PM: In 2024, Ukraine will receive a weapon that does not yet exist and will help to strike the Russian military and their logistics hubs.

- This was stated by the spokesman of the Ministry of Defense Hilarion Pavlyuk following the meeting of the contact group in the Rammstein format.
- _"Productive meeting. Support continues. There were important statements and commitments. It will continue. This year we will receive weapons that do not exist yet and will help to hit the enemy and logistical nodes," he said.

9:31 PM: Slovakian Prime Minister Fico said after the Russian missile attack on Kyiv that "life is absolutely normal" there.

- During a conversation with journalists after an on-site meeting in the village of Kamenitsa nad Tsirohoi in the east of Slovakia, Fico was asked why he would meet with the Prime Minister of Ukraine in Uzhgorod, and not in Kyiv.
- When the journalist explained that in Kyiv Fico could see the consequences of the war with his own eyes, he said: "Do you really think that there is a war in Kyiv? You are not serious, I hope... Life is absolutely normal there."

10:31 PM: Turkey's parliament has approved Sweden's NATO membership, Bloomberg reports.

- The document was sent to President Erdogan for his final signature.

11:49 PM: In Italy, the concert of pianist Oleksandr Romanovsky, who played in front of the destroyed drama theater in Mariupol, was cancelled.

- This was reported by Arts Against Aggression activists.
- Oleksandr Romanovskyi is a Ukrainian by origin who lives in Italy. He positions himself as a Russian, and in May 2022 he spoke in front of the destroyed Russian drama theater in occupied Mariupol and gave an interview to the propagandist Russian mass media.

National

3:33 AM: Current air alert map as of 03:30.

- Sumy, Kharkiv regions - missile danger.

5:02 AM: Activity hostile tactical aviation on to the north-eastern direction, reported Air Forces Armed Forces.

5:23 AM: Missile danger in the southern and eastern regions due to the threat of cruise missile launches from Tu-95MS aircraft, - Air Force of the ZSU.

5:49 AM: Fixed rise sides There-22m3 with the airport Shaikovka (Kaluga region), - Air Forces Armed Forces.

6:20 AM: Previously, V air spacious RF 2 There-22M3 with the airport Deer (Murmansk regionast) and 2 Tu-22M3 from the Shaykovka airfield (Kalyuga region), - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Another rocket in the Sumy region - heading west. The first missile entered the airspace of the Cherkasy region, heading west.

6:28 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces reported about directions movement winged missiles:

- The first group of rockets on the border of Kyiv and Cherkasy regions, heading south-west.
- The second group is in the northern part of Poltava region, the course is southwest.

6:36 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces reported about directions movement winged missiles:

- The first group of missiles enters the airspace of Vinnytsia, heading west.
- The second group is on the border of Poltava and Kyiv regions, heading west.
- The rockets move along the border of the Kyiv and Cherkasy regions.
- The first group of rockets in the western part of Vinnytsia changed its course to the northwest (Starokostiantyniv).

6:48 AM: Likely, done repeated launches winged missiles with strategic bombers There-95MS with district Caspian seas, - Air Forces Armed Forces.

6:52 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces reported about directions movement winged missiles:

- The first group of rockets in Vinnytsia changed course to the north.
- The second group enters the airspace of Vinnytsia, heading south-west.

6:57 AM: The first group missiles V Zhytomyrska region changed course on Kyiv, - Air Forces Armed Forces.

- The rockets fly around Vinnytsia region, move in the direction of Zhytomyr region, then head for Kyiv.

8:06 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 January 23:

- During the past 24 hours, 68 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 3 missile and 65 air strikes, carried out 56 anti-aircraft fire at the positions of the Armed Forces and populated areas.
- In the morning _the Russians launched a missile strike_ with 4 S300/400 anti-aircraft guided missiles against the civilian infrastructure of Kharkiv and Balaklia, Kharkiv region.
- During the day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 8 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces struck 1 control point, 1 artillery and 1 radar station of the enemy.

9:50 AM: Forces and means of the Air Force in cooperation with the air defense forces of the Defense Forces destroyed:

- 15 X-101/X-555/X-55 cruise missiles;
- 5 "Iskander-M" ballistic missiles;
- 1 guided air missile Kh-59.

- In total, the enemy used 41 means of air attack, in particular, cruise, ballistic, aviation and anti-aircraft guided missiles.

10:08 AM: Ukraine may ban transport connections with the Russian Federation for 50 years. This is stated in the order of the Cabinet of Ministers.

- In particular, the ban applies to all types of direct and transit flights, as well as the use of Ukrainian airspace by aircraft owned by legal entities - residents of the Russian Federation.

10:33 AM: In the Northern Operational Area, mobile fire teams managed to destroy several enemy cruise missiles. One of them was destroyed by a Browning machine gun.

- This was announced by the commander of the United Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Serhiy Naev.

1:22 PM: Air Force reports enemy tactical aircraft activity.

- The threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.
- The threat of using ballistic weapons for the northern regions.

4:32 PM: BEB has exposed a network of underground poker clubs in Kyiv, Kharkiv and Odesa - the organizer and three accomplices have been charged with suspicion.

- The investigation established that a group of persons under the guise of the "Sports Poker Club" conducted gambling - a cash poker game.
- After the searches, more than 1.3 million hryvnias in cash equivalents, rough accounting, calculations of income from cash games from each table, etc., were seized.

4:47 PM: The appellate court kept businessman Ihor Mazepa in custody until February 27, but reduced the bail to UAH 21 million, — mass media.

- We will remind that earlier Mazepa was taken into custody with the possibility of paying almost UAH 350 million in bail.

5:23 PM: The court extended for two months the term of office of the ex-deputy of the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra Pavlo.

- This is reported by the Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office.
- "_In particular, do not leave your place of residence without the court's permission, appear before the court when summoned, do not communicate with the victims and witnesses, wear an electronic means of control_", the message says.

6:30 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky met with the President of the European People's Party Manfred Weber.

- The key topics of the conversation are Ukraine's rapprochement with the European Union, work on the European integration path, support and strengthening of Ukraine.

6:57 PM: 9 cases of a new subvariant of the coronavirus strain — "Jenny" — have been registered in Ukraine.

- "Jenny" was found in five regions: 3 cases in Sumy Oblast, 2 each in Volyn and Cherkasy Oblasts, and 1 each in Rivne and Zaporizhia Oblasts.
- "_The SARS-CoV-2 virus constantly mutates and evades the immune response — that is, it affects weakened immunity more quickly, so even those who have been vaccinated can get sick_ [...]", - says the chief state sanitary doctor of Ukraine Ihor Kuzin.

7:46 PM: The SBU warns about the distribution of a large-scale email distribution to the email addresses of Ukrainians — this is another Russian IPSO.

- It is carried out from a large number of electronic mailboxes that were previously hacked by Russian hackers.
- "_The letters offer cooperation with the Russian special services for a reward_", the press service of the SBU writes.

7:48 PM: Several groups of "shaheeds" on the border of Donetsk and Dnipropetrovsk regions, — PS ZSU.

- The direction of movement is north.

7:55 PM: Participants of the Brave cluster have developed a trench EW that jams Russian FPV drones, according to the head of the Ministry of Digital Affairs Mykhailo Fedorov.

- The radius of operation is from 250 meters, if the distance between the drone and the drone operator is 3,000 m.
- The system starts working quickly after turning on, it needs no more than 0.5 seconds.

8:25 PM: The Air Force reports that another group of UAVs from the Kherson region is moving in the direction of the Mykolaiv region.

- And also groups of enemy UAVs in Kharkiv Oblast and Dnipropetrovsk Oblast are heading in the direction of Poltava Oblast.
- Cherkasy region movement of attack UAVs in your direction.

9:43 PM: Ihor Mazepa was released from the pretrial detention center on bail, Forbes reported with reference to the press service of Concorde Capital.

- Before that, his bail was reduced from 350 million hryvnias to 21 million.

10:03 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi said in his evening address that the Council for the Support of Entrepreneurship was created in Ukraine, and it will include business representatives.

- "These are well-known names, well-known heads of Ukrainian companies. Business that works for millions of people. Technological business, finance, services and other industries. Different industries, so that there are different views. But one task is to strengthen our economy, our society", — the president noted.

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4:07 AM: Fixed flight several strategic bombers Tu-95MS in south-eastern direction (direction Caspian seas), reported Air Forces Armed Forces.

10:50 AM: In Moscow, because of the successful actions of unknown cyber volunteers, the Akado-telecom provider, which provided the Internet to Russian state structures, GUR MOU, "broke".

- As a result of the problems that have arisen both in Moscow, where the headquarters of the provider is located, and in a number of regions of Russia, the activities of the aggressor's state departments are significantly complicated or impossible.

12:34 PM: Russian content is killing Ukrainians, infographic.

- 10,000 fpv drones for the occupation army were paid for by Ukrainians who watch Russian YouTube bloggers and listen to Russian music on streaming services (in one year).

1:29 PM: the Russian Federation keeps 20 Kalibrs on standby in the Black Sea, the Southern Defense Forces reported.

- The military assesses the level of missile danger as very high.

1:31 PM: The Air Force reports the alleged launch of missiles from the Tu22m3 from the Lipetsk region, Russia.

- Missiles from the Kursk region to the southwest.
- Another rocket in the Sumy region, the direction is southwest.

2:05 PM: More rockets from the Kursk region to the southwest, — PS ZSU.

- In Kyiv and several oblasts, an air strike was sounded.

2:11 PM: Repeated launches (probably the work of an anti-aircraft missile system), — PS ZSU.

2:27 PM: The SBU reported in absentia about the suspicion of the Russian blogger Elvina Borovkova, who publicly called for the genocide of Ukrainians.

- The figure is part of the pool of Putin's propagandists, who campaign for mass murders of Ukrainian citizens and the complete destruction of our civilian infrastructure.
- The attacker praised the Russian shelling of Kharkiv on February 22, 2023, and the next day she called on the occupiers to strike again at the regional center to "finish the survivors."

2:51 PM: Takeoff of the MiG-31K from the Savasleyka airfield of the Nizhny Novgorod region, — PS ZSU.

5:13 PM: The takeoff of another MiG-31K from the Savasleyka airfield of the Nizhny Novgorod Region, the ZSU Air Force Base, was recorded.

Regions

KYIV



7:04 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kyiv. Previously, the work of air defense.

- We are waiting for official information.
- In Kyiv, there is an air defense service, KMVA.

7:21 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions rang out in Kyiv. Previously, the work of air defense.

- We are waiting for official information.
- Kyiv Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko confirmed the information about the explosions.

7:29 AM: By rocket blow in Svyatoshynskyi district Kyiv fixed ignition parked cars, - KMVA.

- Emergency services follow to the scene.

7:43 AM: By rocket blow in Svyatoshynskyi district is known about damage children's kindergarten, - KMVA.

- Previously, there is damage to one house. One person is known to be injured. Emergency services follow to the scene.

7:51 AM: U Pechersk district the capital is known about hit V non-residential the building, - measures Kyiv Vitaly Klitschko.

- A fire broke out in several apartments of a residential building in the Solomyan district of Kyiv.

7:58 AM: U KMVA published photo consequences missile blow RF V Straw'Yansky district the capital.

8:03 AM: Information of damage children's kindergarten in Svyatoshynskyi district Not confirmed, - KMVA.

- Cars caught fire near the railway station.

8:11 AM: An apartment is on fire in the Svyatoshyn district of Kyiv, Vitaliy Klitschko reported.

- Balconies from the 1st to 5th floors were damaged as a result of falling debris in the building. One victim was found in the apartment where the fire broke out.
- The mayor of Kyiv added that currently there are five victims at different addresses in the Solomyan district of the capital.

8:16 AM: A non-residential two-story building is on fire in the Svyatoshyn district, the mayor of Kyiv reported.

- There are already 7 victims as a result of the morning attack on the capital.

8:21 AM: In Kyiv, an unexploded warhead of a rocket was found in a residential building in the Svyatoshyn district in one of the apartments, Vitaliy Klitschko said.

- People are being evacuated from the house.

8:24 AM: One woman died as a result of a rocket attack on Kyiv, KMVA reports.

8:31 AM: So far, it is known there are 9 victims in the Solomyansky and Svyatoshynsky districts of the capital because of the morning attack, Mayor Klitschko reported.

9:09 AM: In the communities of the Kyiv region, there are also victims and falling fragments of missiles, KOVA chief Ruslan Kravchenko said.

- As a result of the Russian attack, three people were injured in the region. Three high-rise buildings, private houses and farm buildings, 10 passenger cars, and a cafe were damaged in the communities.

9:23 AM: As a result of the Russian missile attack, 18 people have been injured in the capital, Vitaliy Klitschko reported.

- 13 of them are hospitalized, including three children.

10:37 AM: In Kyiv, the number of victims has already reached 20, Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko reported.

11:49 AM: As of 11:30 a.m., 22 people were injured in a rocket attack in Kyiv, 13 of them were hospitalized, KMVA.

12:49 PM: KMVA published the consequences of a missile attack on Kyiv.

3:02 PM: In the Sviatoshyn district of Kyiv, sappers of the State Emergency Service found the warhead of the Kh-101 missile and safely removed it.

- At another address, sappers removed fragments of a rocket that did not pose any threat.

4:52 PM: Emergency and rescue operations have been completed in Kyiv after the morning enemy attack, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

- 22 people were injured, including 4 children, 12 people were hospitalized. 55 people were evacuated and rescued.
- 28 objects were damaged, including residential buildings, a medical facility, educational institutions, and cars.

SUMY



9:58 AM: Russia struck critical infrastructure facilities in the city of Shostka in Sumy Oblast, — OVA.

- All necessary services are available on site. Information about victims and destruction is being clarified.

KHARKIV



4:03 AM: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv - Mayor of Kharkiv Ihor Terekhov reported on a series of explosions in the city.

4:42 AM: Russians struck the area of residential and civilian construction, - Mayor of Kharkiv Igor Terekhov.

- "At the moment, we know about one damaged house, the information about the victims is currently being clarified. All relevant services are working on the spot, examining the area of arrivals," Terekhov said.

7:19 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

- Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov confirmed the information about the explosions.

7:31 AM: U several districts Kharkiv after shelling by Russians disappeared light, – Public.

7:37 AM: U Kharkiv is burning gas pipeline, wounded children, – head Investigator management GUNP V Kharkivska region.

- In the suburbs of Kharkiv, 4 hits are known. Damaged residential buildings in the private sector.
- In another area, the Russians destroyed a sanatorium school for sick children.

7:52 AM: As a result morning shelling by Russians Kharkiv fully ruined entrance multi-apartment at home, - measures Kharkiv Igor Terekhov.

- The rescuers are trying to dismantle the rubble in order to find people under it.

- Also, in one of the most affected parts of the Kyiv district, there is no electricity, partly - water.

8:48 AM: The OP published the consequences of the Russians hitting a residential building in Kharkiv.

8:24 AM: As a result of enemy shelling in Kharkiv, 2 women were killed, Oleg Synegubov, head of OVA, said.

- Four people were hospitalized in a medical institution, among them a ten-year-old girl.

8:41 AM: 11 wounded were hospitalized in Kharkiv, two women are in serious condition.

- This was announced by the head of the OVA, Oleg Sinegubov.

8:58 AM: 28 people were injured as a result of the strikes on Kharkiv, Oleg Synegubov, the head of OVA, said.

- the Russians struck exclusively at civilian infrastructure: destroyed residential buildings, destroyed civilian cars.

9:46 AM: In Kharkiv, as a result of the morning strike, 38 were injured and two were killed, the mayor of the city, Igor Terekhov, said.

9:25 AM: The number of injured in Kharkiv has increased to 35, — OVA.

- Among them are two children aged 10 and 12.

10:20 AM: The number of injured people in Kharkiv has increased to 42, Oleg Sinegubov, the head of OVA, said.

- Among them are four children, their condition is of medium severity.

10:41 AM: In Kharkiv, the number of people killed as a result of Russian strikes has increased to four people, Oleg Synegubov, the head of OVA, said.

- Information about the fourth deceased has not been confirmed. As of 11:00 a.m., three people died as a result of the strikes on Kharkiv.

11:54 AM: In Kharkiv, a man was rescued from the rubble, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said.

- His wife and child remain under the ruins.

12:14 PM: the Russians launched about 12 combined missile strikes — S-300, Kh-32 and Iskander systems — on the residential areas of Kharkiv, reported Oleg Sinegubov, head of OVA.

- As of now, it is known about 3 dead. 48 people were injured, 4 of them were children and teenagers aged 10, 12, 14 and 17.

12:37 PM: Both wounded women in Kharkiv died in the hospital, the regional prosecutor's office.

- Now there are 5 dead and 46 wounded in the city.
- 51 people were injured.

2:19 PM: The moment of rescuing a person from the rubble of a Kharkiv high-rise after a Russian strike.

5:39 PM: Another body of a dead woman was unblocked from under the rubble of a destroyed high-rise building in Kharkiv, the emergency services said.

- In total, as a result of the morning shelling of the city, 7 people have already died - search operations are ongoing.

7:04 PM: In Kharkiv, the body of a girl, approximately 10-12 years old, was recovered from the rubble.

- This is reported by the Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office.
- The number of victims has increased to eight.

7:35 PM: The identity of the dead child has been established - the girl was 8 years old.

- The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office writes about this.

9:50 PM: Russian propaganda media continue to lie. They said that the destroyed houses in Kharkiv are disguised objects of the Armed Forces.

- We will remind, 8 people died in Kharkiv today, including a little girl.

10:07 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

10:31 PM: Russians struck the Kyiv district of Kharkiv for the third time in a day. Preliminary - three hits, reported the head of the OVA Oleg Sinegubov.

- There is damage to civil infrastructure.

1:14 PM: 27 people were rescued from the rubble in Kharkiv, Volodymyr Zelenskyy reported.

- "Our heroic rescuers, those who are always the first to arrive at the places of enemy shelling, despite all the difficulties, continue their very important work for the sake of saving people," the president wrote.

1:17 PM: The hit to the gas pipeline in Kharkiv was the largest since the beginning of winter, Naftogaz reported.

- The accident on the Kharkiv gas pipeline was eliminated.

3:20 PM: Another 21-year-old woman, Kharkiv OVA, died as a result of Russian strikes.

- Rescuers unblock the body of the deceased from under the rubble of the house.

3:34 PM: Energy workers have restored power supply to more than 6,000 consumers in Kharkiv who were cut off as a result of the Russian attack, the Ministry of Energy.

- About 4,700 consumers are currently without electricity.
- At the same time as the power workers, utility services are working to help clear debris.

10:45 PM: At least seven people in Kharkiv were injured, the city's mayor, Terekhov, said.

11:08 PM: A 4-year-old child was injured as a result of strikes in Kharkiv, she and three other wounded are receiving medical aid, Oleg Sinegubov, head of the OVA, said

- According to him, there is no threat to the child's life. Two women were hospitalized, they are in a moderate condition. Another man was treated on the spot.

ZAPORIZHIA



3:10 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers approved the appointment of the mayor of Melitopol, Ivan Fedorov, as the head of Zaporizhzhya OVA, — mass media.

3:44 PM: Government representative in the Verkhovna Rada, Taras Melnychuk, confirmed the appointment of Fedorov as the head of Zaporizhzhia OVA.

- Yury Malashka was dismissed from his post.

DNIPRO



7:10 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Pavlograd, Dnipropetrovsk region.

- We are waiting for official information.
- The Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reported ballistics in the direction of the Dnipro.

8:13 AM: In Pavlograd, as a result of a massive Russian rocket attack on the city, 2 people were killed. There are victims.

- This was announced by the head of Dnipropetrovsk OVA Serhiy Lysak.

11:13 AM: Oblenergo networks in Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv regions are damaged due to the morning missile attack, — Ukrenergo.

- Consumption remains at a high level, but no deficit is forecast.

3:59 PM: Missile to Kryvyi Rih, — PS ZSU.

- Rocket on the Dnipro!
- High-speed target in Donetsk region.

4:06 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Dnipro.

4:41 PM: Air defense forces destroyed an Kh-59 guided air missile in the Dnipro district of the Dnipropetrovsk region.

6:17 PM: Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia regions - threat of use of attack UAVs.

KHERSON



10:41 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

10:59 AM: the Russian army shelled the center of Kherson, — OVA.

- A 52-year-old man was injured — he received explosive and craniocerebral injuries, a contusion, as well as eye injuries.

12:53 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

2:12 PM: Russians shelled the Korabelny district of Kherson, a 70-year-old man was killed, — OVA.

- A 74-year-old woman was also injured as a result of the Russian strikes on Kindyka. An ambulance is on its way to help her.

3:18 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

5:54 PM: This is what a high-rise building in Berislav, Kherson region looks like after a Russian airstrike.

- In the morning, the Russians dropped four guided aerial bombs on the city.
- According to OVA, one of the factories, a car park and a kindergarten were also hit.

6:08 PM: Russians targeted a residential building in the village of Sablukivka, so far two dead are known, Kherson OVA.

- The house is completely destroyed. The man died on impact. The heart of a 47-year-old woman stopped on the way to the hospital.

11:18 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

ODESA



11:29 AM: The Air Force reports a missile in the direction of Odesa region from the Black Sea.

LVIV-



6:47 AM: Sadovii, the mayor of Lviv, informed that missiles are moving toward the city.

Zhytomyr



10:56 PM: The Air Force reports that UAVs are currently observed in the Zhytomyr region, heading in the direction of Zhytomyr.

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 17	Jan 18	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 683 days	After 683 days	After 686 days	After 687 days	After 688 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	373,600	374,520	376,030	377,820	378,660

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6147	6167	6181	6214	6227
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,410	11,445	11,466	11,548	11,579
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9,801	9,820	9,843	9,917	9,979
Cruise Missiles		1818	1818	1818	1820	1842

Fighters Bombers	118	331	331	331	331	331
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6925	6929	6936	6961	6998
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		653	654	654	657	659
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	11,794	11,831	11.862	11,956	12,005
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
1337		1380	1384	1362	1409	1416

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