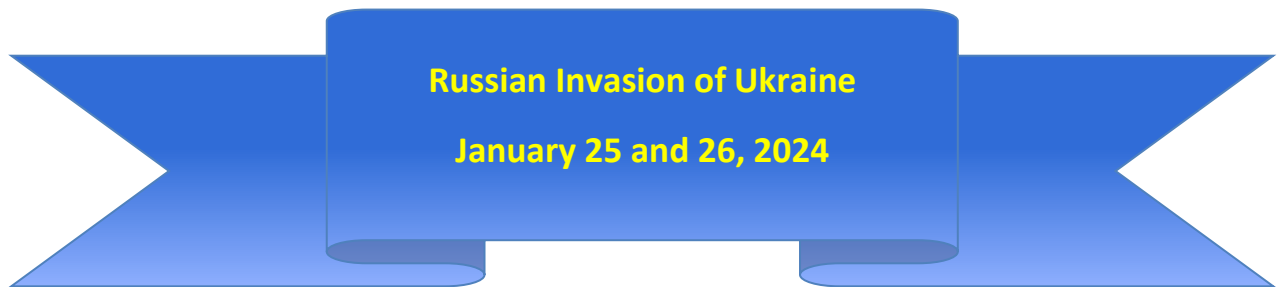


# News From Ukraine



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["U.S. war plans for Ukraine don't foresee retaking lost territory"](#)/Washington Post

Frankly, I'm not sure why the U.S. has any 2024 war plans for Ukraine and why, if such war plans really do exist, Ukraine would consider implementing those plans. The previous war plans for Ukraine developed by the United States haven't gone very well, including the following:

- At the beginning of Russia's invasion, U.S. war plans seemed to have included:
  - Evacuating Pres. Zelensky from Kyiv.
  - Ukraine surrendering in 5 days.
  - Assuming Ukraine would capitulate in 5 days, providing Ukraine with 90 Javelin Missiles, to help Ukraine wage a guerrilla war against Russia.
- That was followed by the U.S. delaying or denying Ukraine's requests for a variety of weapons systems from the Spring of 2022 to the present, starting with M-777 howitzers, HIMARS, Abrams tanks, Bradley and Stryker fighting vehicles, Patriot and NASAMS anti-aircraft systems, ATACMS missiles, F-16s, and some others I may have missed.
- The U.S. advising Ukraine to conduct a combined arms offensive in the Spring of 2023 without adequate air cover, or much of any air cover,

something that neither U.S. nor NATO forces would ever do, and then grandly proclaiming that Ukraine's counteroffensive had "failed."

The U.S.'s standing in Ukraine's war against the Russian invasion of their Country assumes that the U.S. will continue to supply arms to Ukraine for the purpose of securing Ukraine's victory, not simply holding territory.

Contrasting this record with Ukraine's battlefield achievements in 2023 that include:

- Despite Ukraine not having a navy, closing off the western portion of the Black Sea to the Russian Black Sea Fleet, allowing Ukraine to resume grain exports out of their major Black Sea Ports.
- Denying Russia's use of their base at Sevastopol, Headquarters of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, especially their irreplaceable drydock facilities.
- Sinking or permanently damaging a substantial portion of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, especially Russia's ability to conduct re-supply using amphibious ships, and conducting cruise missile strikes using both surface ships, such as the Moskva, Flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, and submarines.
- Significantly degrading Russia's use of the Crimean Peninsula, as a base to support operations in temporarily occupied Southern Ukraine.
- Conducting a crossing of the Dnipro River that may serve as a base for a 2024 Ukrainian counteroffensive that may re-take substantial territory in temporarily occupied southern Ukraine and, potentially serve as a substantially shortened route to Crimea.
- Substantially degrading Russia's ability to conduct missile strikes against Ukraine's critical civilian infrastructure.
- Denying Russia's ability to achieve air superiority over Ukraine resulting, among other things, in Russia's failure to interdict supplies of arms and ammunition coming from Poland and other NATO countries.
- Conducting strikes against supply and logistics hubs, and defense manufacturing in Crimea, temporarily occupied Ukraine and, using weapons systems designed and manufactured in Ukraine, deep inside Russia, including sabotage operations and assassinations.

My secondary school English teacher had a favorite saying, “Either lead, follow, or get out of the way.” Based on 2023 accomplishments, or lack thereof, assuming continuing military support for Ukraine is forthcoming, the U.S. 2024 Ukraine war plan should follow the advice of my secondary school English teacher, namely give Ukraine the weapons and ammunition it’s asking for, when Ukraine asks for them, and let Ukraine take it from there.

Regarding the Washington Post article itself, some takeaways (my comment in **bold face**):

- “Still smarting from last year’s failed counteroffensive in Ukraine, the Biden administration is putting together a new strategy that will de-emphasize winning back territory and focus instead on helping Ukraine fend off new Russian advances while moving toward a long-term goal of strengthening its fighting force and economy.” **Where is the word “victory” here?**
- “The idea now is to position Ukraine to hold its position on the battlefield for now, but “put them on a different trajectory to be much stronger by the end of 2024 ... and get them on a more sustainable path,” said the senior official, one of several who described the internal policymaking on the condition of anonymity.” **“A sustainable path” to what, exactly?**
- “Not incidentally, a U.S. official said, the hope is that the long-term promise — again assuming congressional buy-in — will also “future-proof” aid for Ukraine against the possibility that former president Donald Trump wins his reelection bid.” **The best insurance against Donald Trump winning reelection is the confiscation of \$350 billion in frozen Russian CBR reserves, plus accrued interest, for use in Ukraine for both military and non-military assistance. Annual appropriations from taxpayers from Ukraine’s allies is not the long-term answer to support Ukraine’s victory, especially to buy insurance from Donald Trump, and other leaders Organ in Hungary, Fico in Slovakia, and**

**other leaders who may gain power in elections taking place this year all over the West.**

- “But as conversations and planning for the future continue, not every Ukraine backer thinks this is the right moment to shift focus away from sending Ukraine what is necessary to confront the Russians as quickly and decisively as possible on the battlefield this year.”

“Whatever strategy you use, you need all the weapons you can think of,” former NATO secretary general Anders Fogh Rasmussen said during a visit last week to press Republican lawmakers to approve Ukraine funding.”

“You cannot win a war by pursuing an incremental step-by-step approach,” he said. “You have to surprise and overwhelm your adversary.” **Amen. If Ukraine can continue to pound Russia, in temporarily occupied Ukraine including Crimea, and inside Russia, largely relying on using weapons supplied by the West, at some unknown point in the relatively near future, Ukraine may experience a “St. Lo Moment” when, as was the case in July 1944 when Allied air forces continually pounded German defenders in and around St. Lo, allowing Allied armies to break out of the Normandy beachheads. It could happen in 2024 and, regardless of such an event fitting into the U.S.’s 2024 Ukraine war plans, who’s to say it couldn’t?**

After all, this is exactly what happened in the Fall of 2022, both in Kharkiv and Kherson, when Ukrainian forces, after pounding Russian defenders broke through Russian defenses. Who would have thought that Ukraine would have conducted three successful counteroffensives in 2022, much less one, around Kyiv, in the Kharkiv Region, and the liberation of Kherson City? Likely not U.S. war planners.

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Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Friday, January 26

12:10 AM: Turkish President Erdogan approved the ratification of Sweden's NATO membership.

12:10 AM: CIA chief William Burns to head to Europe to work on Gaza hostage release deal, WP.

12:10 AM: US to begin talks with Iraq to withdraw troops, CNN

12:10 AM: US national security adviser Jake Sullivan and China's foreign minister will hold closed-door talks in the coming days, — FT.

8:05 AM: General Director IAEA Raphael Mariano Grossi V the closest 10 days will visit Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, a also Kyiv and Moscow.

8:05 AM: Britain in the OSCE called for a doubling of support for Ukraine.

8:05 AM: Sweden has already sent 93 aid shipments to the Ukrainian energy sector.

8:05 AM: China wants Iran to curb Houthi attacks on ships in Red Sea, Reuters

11:34 AM: Mars lander Ingenuity has completed its mission after 3 years on the Red Planet, — NASA.

- After the 72nd flight on January 18, during landing, he broke one of the propeller blades and will no longer be able to fly. Communication with ground controllers is still available, so Ingenuity transmitted a color photo after its last flight. The shadow of the damaged blade is visible on it.
- During its mission, the helicopter covered a total of 17 km, flew for 128.8 minutes and climbed a maximum of 24 meters. Pictured is the latest shot from January 18, Ingenuity's current location and route.

12:15 PM: EU leaders may agree on a 50 billion euro package for Ukraine next week, — Bloomberg with reference to Latvian President Rinkevichs.

- According to him, it may be about reaching an agreement between all 27 countries, or about "another mechanism" if consensus cannot be reached.

1:14 PM: Lithuania may start production of drones for Ukraine.

- The newspaper Rzeczpospolita writes about this with reference to the statement of the head of the Lithuanian Labor Party, Andryus Mazuronis.
- "In Ukraine, the technology of drones is very well developed. And they want to move the factories to a safer territory, which can be somewhere in the territory of NATO, where there are completely different security guarantees, but also to be close to Ukraine," the Lithuanian politician noted.

1:48 PM: NATO and EU allies need to step up and provide more funding to Ukraine.

- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg made the corresponding statement at a joint press conference with Prime Minister of Montenegro Milojko Spajic.

4:44 PM: Ukraine and Belgium signed documents on cooperation in the defense industry.

- This was reported by the Ministry for the Development of Strategic Industry of Ukraine.

5:30 PM: The EU plans to allocate €5 billion in military aid to Ukraine in the coming days, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said.

6:11 PM: Ukraine invites Chinese leader Xi Jinping to participate in a global "peace summit" in Switzerland.

- Reuters writes about this with reference to the comment of the deputy head of the Office of the President Ihor Zhovkva.

6:35 PM: Ukraine and Denmark will jointly hold a Ukrainian-Danish forum of defense industries with a focus on the production of drones, — the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

- "We will make a special focus on the development of joint projects on the production of drones, taking into account the special capabilities of Denmark in this area," said the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba.

7:02 PM: Ambassador of Ukraine to Austria Vasyl Khymynets called for expanding EU sanctions on Russian diplomats and the export of so-called dual-purpose goods, — Puls24.

- This is due to the fact that their task is to promote the war against Ukraine and justify war crimes.

8:40 PM: The agreement to finance the supply of weapons to Ukraine and Israel is doomed to failure, even if it passes the Senate.

- As the speaker of the House of Representatives of the US Congress, Mike Johnson, said, the reason is the contradiction regarding the situation on the border with Mexico.
- "I would like to provide a brief update on the addition and the border since the Senate seems unable to reach any agreement. If the rumors about the content of the draft proposal were true, it would have been dead on arrival in the House anyway", — CNN quotes Johnson's letter.

8:47 PM: Mike Johnson also said that a secure border with Mexico is only possible under a Trump presidency.

- "The agreement on the border will now be another gift to the radical left Democrats. They need it politically, but they don't care about our border. What the Senate is working on now will be ridiculous from the point of view of security and closing the borders," he said.

9:50 PM: 25 states supported Texas, which refused to obey Washington on the issue of protecting the border with Mexico.

- In a joint statement from the Republican governors of 25 states, it is said that Biden does not want to protect the border and fight illegal migration.
- The Biden administration is threatening military action against the Texas National Guard if it does not withdraw from the border.

10:51 PM: The UN International Court of Justice has ordered Israel to take measures to protect Palestinians in Gaza.

10:51 PM: Georgia and Armenia signed a strategic partnership agreement, SOVA.

10:51 PM: 14 Russian oil tankers 'stuck' off South Korea that have not yet been sold due to US sanctions and payment problems, Reuters.

11:16 PM: Belgium and Ukraine signed 6 documents on the beginning of cooperation in the defense industry.

- "Representatives of 33 Ukrainian and eight Belgian companies, the Association of the Belgian Security and Defense Industry (BSDI), as well as representatives of the government sector of defense and security of both countries took part in the seminar," says the Ministry of Strategic Industries.

## **Saturday January 27**

8:00 AM: USA to turn to Britain my nuclear weapons on background growth Russian threats.

8:00 AM: Scholz will visit Washington to discuss aid to Ukraine with Biden.

8:00 AM: The Houthis launch a missile attack on an oil tanker carrying Russian fuel in the Red Sea, Bloomberg.

8:00 AM: US President Joe Biden supports a moratorium on federal executions in the United States.

10:39 AM: A bus from Ukraine got into an accident on the territory of Poland, 18 people were injured, RMF 24.



- The accident happened near the Polish-Ukrainian border in the Golembie area of the Lublin Voivodeship early in the morning on January 27.
- 59 passengers and two drivers were traveling by bus from Ukraine to Poland. It is reported that the bus overturned on its side at the turn.

12:02 PM: Today the world commemorates the millions of victims of the Holocaust.

- "Each new generation must know the truth about the Holocaust. This is very important so that human life remains the highest value for all peoples of the world. Eternal memory to all victims of the Holocaust!"  
- said Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

2:31 PM: Ukraine and Lithuania agree on joint production of drones for the Armed Forces.

- This was stated by the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Dmytro Kuleba at a joint press conference with his Lithuanian colleague Gabrielus Landsbergis in Kyiv.
- "Lithuania has the technologies, we have the possibilities of scaling production. This was a key topic. There is a clear understanding of what, how and when to do so that Ukrainian-Lithuanian cooperation in the production of drones will give the maximum result in the shortest possible time", Kuleba noted.

2:59 PM: Another country — the Netherlands — has joined the IT coalition, the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine reports.

- The Netherlands also contributed €10 million.
- Apart from the Netherlands, during the work of the Contact Group, Denmark allocated more than €12 million for cyber defense of Ukraine within the IT coalition.

6:06 PM: The new UAF president Andriy Shevchenko called on the UEFA leadership to visit Ukraine and see for themselves the consequences of Russian crimes.

- "I don't see any reason for the return of the Russian teams. Nothing has changed. The war continues. Every day there are rocket attacks from which people die", Shevchenko said.

6:06 PM: A 6.1-magnitude earthquake struck off the southern Pacific coast of Guatemala, — Reuters.

6:06 PM: US unblocks sale of F-16s to Turkey, WSP.

6:06 PM: Italy, Canada and Australia follow the US in ending financial support for the UN agency for Palestine refugees, Politico.

8:31 PM: Chairman of the Ministry of Defense Rustem Umyerov proposed holding a joint forum of the defense industries of Ukraine and the Baltic countries.

- "Representatives of governments, the military industry, as well as investors will be invited to participate in the forum, and we must convince them that these are successful investments that will have a high level of capitalization," Umyerov said.

11:44 PM: China's foreign minister held talks with US national security adviser Jake Sullivan, Reuters reported.

11:44 PM: A GRU agent arranged military exports to the Russian Federation in Belgium and evaded sanctions, The Insider reports.

11:44 PM: US efforts to reduce Russia's LNG revenues are beginning to bear fruit, Bloomberg reports.

**NATIONAL**

**Friday, January 26**

12:07 AM: The Kyiv Court of Appeal left the preventive measure unchanged for the former acting the commander of one of the SSO units, Roman Chervinskyi. He remains in custody, media.

- Chervinskyi is suspected of exceeding his official authority in the case of the missile attack on the Kanatove airfield in the summer of 2022.

12:56 AM: The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons for areas where an air alert has been declared.

1:53 AM: The Air Force reports a ballistic missile threat from the south.

7:24 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 January 26:

- During the past 24 hours, 82 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 2 missile and 19 air strikes, carried out 68 rounds of anti-aircraft fire at the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and populated areas.
- More than 100 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions came under artillery fire.
- Over the past day, units of the missile forces struck 3 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 1 more important enemy target.

8:38 AM: Payments to internally displaced persons will be reduced, Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine Iryna Vereshchuk said

- She stated that this is due to the decrease in the revenue part of the budget of Ukraine and the demands of international partners. Last year, 73 billion hryvnias were allocated to payments to displaced persons. In 2024, this indicator will decrease to UAH 57 billion.
- Only vulnerable categories of IDPs will continue to receive payments from the state, namely, pensioners, people with disabilities, women, women with children, as well as citizens living in front-line territories.

10:22 AM: The Council proposes to introduce a monthly payment for the reservation of conscripts, — Forbes.

- Currently, the option of adding a fixed rate of 20,000 hryvnias for each booked employee to the 1.5% military levy is being considered. It will be possible to reserve up to 50% of conscripted workers.

- The idea of the draft law is to make it possible to reserve personnel for all enterprises, not only critical ones. A fixed rate for reservations can yield from 18 billion to 155 billion hryvnias per year.

11:17 AM: The aborted exchange of prisoners was supposed to be one of the largest exchanges during the war, HUR representative Andriy Yusov said.

- \_"We will not give the exact number (of prisoners of war who were to be exchanged - ed.). And before the exchange, until it takes place, such things are not practiced. But it should be one of the largest exchanges in the history of a full-scale war. And in general, we can say that it was supposed to be a jubilee - the 50th, but, unfortunately, it did not take place," - said the representative of GUR.

12:37 PM: The bail for Roman Hrynkevich in the amount of UAH 500 million will not be paid, — mass media.

- According to the suspect's lawyer, "there is no such money and there is no reason to deposit it."
- It is noted that today the Kyiv court was supposed to consider an appeal against the decision to keep Hrynkevich in custody, but the hearing was postponed.

1:06 PM: The SBI completed a pre-trial investigation into ex-high-ranking officials of the Ministry of Defense who purchased low-quality ammunition for the military

- The ex-deputy minister of defense lobbied for the conclusion of contracts for the supply of material property for the military at inflated prices and of low quality for a total amount of over UAH 1.4 billion. Extras also ordered personal protective equipment of inadequate quality abroad with one hundred percent prepayment.
- This led not only to the loss of UAH 222 million, but also to the undermining of the country's defense capabilities and the threat to the lives of the Armed Forces, who received low-quality items, including body armor.

1:30 PM: All of Ukraine - missile danger! The takeoff of the MiG-31K from the Savasleyka airfield of the Nizhny Novgorod Region was recorded, — Air Force of the ZSU.

2:13 PM: Ukraine returned the bodies of 77 dead soldiers, the coordination headquarters for the treatment of prisoners of war reported.

2:50 PM: At least 17 people's deputies from the "Servant of the People" faction want to draft a mandate, the head of the faction Davyd Arahamiya said.

- "\_In general, a big crisis is approaching with the parliament, because I only have an application for a mandate in faction 17. That is, we already have 401 people in the parliament, we will definitely let one more go due to medical reasons — there will be 400 people\_" Arahamiya said.

3:57 PM: The head of the Danish Foreign Ministry, Lars Lücke Rasmussen, arrived in Ukraine on a visit, — Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

- He announced financial support to fight corruption in the country.

4:15 PM: The defenders thank the readers of "Blyskavka" who donated for heating kits during the gathering of the "Ukrainian team"

- Warm gifts for defenders warm their body and soul and help beat the orcs. And in rare moments of rest, our heroes record a video and express their gratitude to everyone who helped collect heating kits, reports "Ukrainian Team".
- "We're giving these kits to the guys on the front lines in the hottest destinations. Together with you, we will provide warmth to 50 thousand soldiers. These are almost 100 battalions," said Artur Palatny, head of the "Ukrainian Team".

4:30 PM: The government has decided to automatically extend all payments to all IDPs until March 1.

- The Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal reported this.
- Payments will be extended for another six months for:

- IDPs from among pensioners;
- citizens with disabilities of group 1 or 2;
- children with disabilities, orphans and children deprived of parental care and other vulnerable categories.

7:27 PM: The head of the "Servant of the People" faction, David Arakhamia, announced the introduction of certificates for conscripts.

- According to him, the state should understand what mobilization resources it has. This will apply to persons of mobilization age, i.e. currently for citizens from 27 to 60 years old. Previously, it was planned that every person of military age would have them.

7:46 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on January 26:

- During the day \_94 combat clashes took place.\_
- The enemy fired \_8 rockets and fired 38 rockets from rocket launchers\_ on the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas.
- The enemy carried out \_4 unsuccessful assaults on the positions of Ukrainian troops on the left bank of the Dnieper.

8:11 PM: The Air Force reports that the attack UAVs are moving on the border of the Dnipropetrovsk and Kherson regions, heading north-west.

9:08 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi in his evening address announced the details of the next Stavka.

- \_"Everyone in Ukraine knows where it is most intensive now. Avdiyivka, Maryinka, Kupyanskyi direction, southern directions - maximum attention to each.\_
- \_Also at Stavka, all issues related to shells were analyzed - filling deficits, supplies to the troops, agreements with partners and own production. It is very important: the Ukrainian production of weapons and projectiles shows positive dynamics," said the president.

9:34 PM: Today we are launching the establishment of a new mechanism of communication with entrepreneurs — we are establishing the All-Ukrainian Economic Platform, President Zelenskyi said in his evening address.

- Small businesses, medium-sized businesses, large businesses, various regions of our country, investors, and relocated enterprises will be represented on the platform.

11:33 PM: On the day the IL-76 fell, it was really proposed to exchange 65 Ukrainian defenders from Russia's list, the Coordination Headquarters reports

- At the same time, interviewed relatives of Ukrainian military personnel from this list, after watching the video from the materials of Russian propagandists from the plane crash site, found no signs that their relatives were on the plane.
- The GUR still does not know for sure whether these prisoners were on board at the time of the accident.

11:56 PM: Enemy UAVs that were landed thanks to the work of Ukrainian electronic warfare systems.

## **Saturday January 27**

7:25 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 January 27:

- During the past 24 hours, 98 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 8 missile and 4 air strikes, carried out 78 shellings from the MLRS on the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and populated areas.
- 4/4 of the "Shaheeds" were destroyed by the forces and means of the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine.
- More than 120 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson and Mykolaiv regions came under artillery fire.

9:09 AM Ministry of Internal Affairs

Over the past day, the enemy attacked a number of civilian objects in the Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Sumy and Kirovohrad regions. During the day, units of the State Emergency Service carried out 81 trips to eliminate the consequences of shelling by the occupiers of settlements and infrastructure objects, 7 fires were extinguished, and psychological assistance was provided to 57 people. Since the beginning of the full-scale war, 134 thousand 66 evacuations have been carried out, 17 thousand 583 fires have been extinguished, 4 thousand 833 people have been rescued, and psychological assistance has been provided to 235 thousand 350 people.

### **Donetsk region**

07:50 p.m. Novobakhmutivka, Pokrovsky district, shelling, damaged 2 private houses. There are no casualties.

08:00 p.m. Serebryanka, Bakhmut district, shelling, 1 person died.

11:00 a.m. Chasiv Yar, VNP drop from BpLA, car damaged. There are no casualties.

1:00 p.m. Krasnohorivka, shelling, 1 person died.

03:30 in Slovyansk, a rocket hit, the glazing of 4 multi-apartment residential buildings and a boiler house were damaged. The fire in the commercial building on the area of 2 square meters was extinguished. 8 people and 2 units were involved. DSNS techniques.

### **Kharkiv region**

10:30 a.m. Kupyansk, mortar and artillery shelling, 1 person was injured and a private house was damaged. 11 people and 2 units were involved in the examination. DSNS techniques.

1:30 p.m. A smoking area in the Kupyansk district, shelling, a private house was damaged. There are no casualties.

00:00 Kupyansk, shelling, 1 person injured. 2 private houses were damaged. Fires in 2 private houses and 2 garages on a total area of 95 square meters were extinguished. 20 people and 4 units were involved. DSNS techniques.

01:10 p.m. Synelnikove, Chuguyiv district, shelling, damage to a private house, and elimination of a fire in an outbuilding on an area of 120 square



meters. There are no casualties. 11 people and 2 units were involved. DSNS techniques.

### **Kherson region**

6:10 p.m. Chornobayivka, Kherson district, shelling, extinguished a fire in a private house on an area of 40 square meters. There are no casualties. 5 people and 1 unit were involved. DSNS techniques.

### **Sumy region**

20:30 p.m. Popivka, Okhtyr district, mortar shelling, damage to a private house and an outbuilding. There are no casualties.

### **Kirovohrad region**

22:00 p.m. Tags of the Kropyvnytskyi district, falling debris of a downed UAV, extinguished a fence fire on an area of 1 square meter. There are no casualties. 4 persons and 1 unit were involved. DSNS techniques.

9:13 AM: The mobilization bill will be considered in the first reading on February 6 and in the second reading on February 13-14.

- This was announced by the head of the "Servant of the People" faction in the parliament, Davyd Arakhamia.

1:59 PM: the Russians have significantly increased the number of offensive and assault actions - for the second day in a row, they are conducting 50 combat clashes each day, the commander of the operational-strategic group of troops "Tavria" Oleksandr Tarnavskyi said.

- \_"One and a half dozen occupiers surrendered as prisoners in a week. The enemy also launched 100 airstrikes in the operational zone of the Tavria Air Defense Forces during seven days. Most of them were anti-aircraft missiles and the invaders dropped most of them on the Donetsk region," Tarnavskyi said.

3:32 PM: Ukrainian sappers examined and cleaned:

- 4,632.89 hectares of land;
- 1,430.47 hectares of agricultural land;
- 33.05 km of highways.

- 2,187 explosive items were removed and neutralized.

4:24 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed decrees on the formation of the Council on Support of Entrepreneurship in Martial Law and the "Made in Ukraine" economic platform.

- "The Entrepreneurship Support Council should contribute to the establishment of effective interaction between the state and business entities, specialized public associations, and the dissemination of the best international experience," - writes the OP's press service.

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- 5:20 PM: The first batch of 2,020 daytime FPV drones purchased under "Operation Unity 2: New Year's Fireworks" is being prepared for shipment
- One of the largest donations for the purchase of FPV drones was made by Favbet. (<https://favbet.ua/>) She contributed UAH 20 million to both meetings - Operation "Unity" and Operation "Unity 2: New Year's salute".

7:01 PM: Cryobanks will not dispose of frozen biological material of fallen soldiers, — Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

- Already in March, the law will enter into force, which allows military families to save reproductive cells free of charge and use them for the continuation of the family of Ukrainian defenders.
- "The fact that this law does not provide for the same opportunity for those who died is a legislative conflict that will be eliminated as soon as possible," the Ministry of Health writes.

7:15 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on January 27:

- During the day \_64 combat clashes took place.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 4 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.

- Units of the missile forces hit 1 artillery piece and 2 ammunition depots of the enemy.

7:59 PM: An air alert has been issued in several areas.

- The threat of using ballistic weapons in areas where an air alert has been declared.
- Rockets at Kremenchuk, — PS of the ZSU.

8:05 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kremenchuk, Poltava districts and Kharkiv.

- Explosions are heard in Poltava, subscribers report.

10:12 PM: The SBU is conducting searches of officials of the Ministry of Defense and managers of Lviv Arsenal, who are suspected of embezzling almost UAH 1.5 billion for the purchase of shells for the Armed Forces.

- Among those involved is Oleksandr Liev, who was the head of the Department of Military and Technical Policy under the Ministry of Defense. The current head of this department, Toomas Nakhur, and the head of Lviv Arsenal, Yuriy Zbitnev, were also searched.

10:56 PM: According to the investigation, in 2022 "Lviv Arsenal" transferred funds for the purchase of projectiles to the accounts of a foreign company.

- However, the ordered ammunition was not delivered, and the received funds were diverted to the shadows.
- With the help of SBU measures, the stolen funds were seized, and their return to the budget of Ukraine is being considered. Participants in the scheme face up to 12 years in prison and confiscation of property.

11:53 PM: Ukraine has a modern development and more than one that can jam UAVs such as Shahed-136 with the help of EW, Fedienko, the head of the digital infrastructure subcommittee, said.

- \_"I will say more, they know how not only to plant, but also to deflect from the target, as for example with missiles. And it is not one, not

two, not three devices, it is hundreds of thousands of devices that are installed all over the country," he said.

## **MORDOR – ruZZia**

### **Friday, January 26**

8:05 AM: The plane was shot down near Belgorod, Russia, in the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, — UN.

2:30 PM: Russia has increased the number of missile carriers in the Black Sea to three, the total salvo — 16 Calibers.

- This was reported by the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine.

2:56 PM: Explosions are heard in the Russian city of Vyborg, local media reports.

5:48 PM: In the Russian Federation, detachments are being formed from among the personnel of the border service units of the FSB to strengthen the border fortification, GUR MOU.

- The formed units are planned to be placed on border areas in the Bryansk, Kursk and Belgorod regions.
- The relevant intentions of the Russian Federation are evidenced by an intercepted telephone conversation dated January 25 between two Russian invaders who are serving in the territory of occupied Abkhazia.

7:54 PM: Russia may try to attack the border areas of Belgorod and Kharkiv regions in the coming weeks.

- This was stated by the head of the General Staff of the Estonian Defense Forces, Colonel Eero Rebo.
- According to his forecasts, the offensive attempt will be made in order to divert the Ukrainian military from the Kupyansk direction, which is under the main attack of the Russian troops.

10:26 PM: Russia attacked Kyiv with a ballistic missile from North Korea, Defense express reports.

- During one of the recent missile attacks on the capital, a North Korean ballistic missile was fired.
- They show a large fuselage fragment with markings uncharacteristic of Russian missiles.

## **Saturday, January 27**

8:27 AM: The Russians took 6 ships, including 4 cruise missile carriers, into the Black Sea. The total volley reaches 22 Calibers, the Navy.

10:04 AM: The entire IT infrastructure of the IPL Consulting company, which specialized in implementing information systems in Russian industry, was destroyed.

- The destructive attack was carried out by GUR specialists, who penetrated the company's internal network and destroyed its entire IT infrastructure of more than 60 terabytes, dozens of servers and databases.

12:58 PM: The latest military gains of the Russian Federation in Ukraine are "strategically insignificant", - British intelligence.

- \_"The pre-war population of Vesely was 102 people, and Krokhmalny - 45. This is a continuation of Russia's slight advance, while Ukraine focuses on active defense," the review says.
- British intelligence believes that despite an attempt to penetrate the rear of Ukrainian positions in Avdiivna through tunnels, Ukrainian counterattacks deter Russian forces from further advancing within the city.

9:21 PM: Russian Federation recruits Belarusian youth to its military higher education institutions, Center of National Resistance.

- "As a result of heavy losses in the war against Ukraine, a significant shortage of junior officers has arisen in the Russian occupying forces," writes the Central Intelligence Agency.

- Russia is trying to fix this by recruiting citizens of other countries, in particular, Belarusians.

9:51 PM: None of the parties can answer for sure what happened, stated the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Kyrylo Budanov, regarding the downfall of the Il-76.

- w\_ "Russia's position is clear, to blame Ukraine for everything, despite the fact that there are a number of facts that are incomprehensible for such a position. This, first of all, is that they did not show the fields strewn with corpses, as they should have shown it in order to maximally blame Ukraine, but even that is not there. That is, the situation is quite unclear to the end," he said on the air of the telethon.

10:36 PM: The Russian Federation has created a nuclear explosion simulator for military training, Stars and Stripes reports

- A new nuclear bomb simulator with the effect of a mushroom cloud will allow Russian troops to train in combat after a radioactive explosion.

## REGIONS

## KYIV



## Friday, January 26

10:33 AM: The first smart shelter was opened in Kyiv for \$415,000.

- It was erected in the basement of the National Technical University of Ukraine "Ihor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute".
- Construction lasted 5 months. The room is large, more than 300 people can be there at the same time.

11:51 PM: Remains of a rocket that fell hundreds of meters from high-rise buildings were recovered from the Dnipro in Kyiv.

- On January 2, an enemy missile shot down in the capital fell into the Dnipro River near one of the Kyiv housing complexes. The rocket has already been pulled out of the water and sent for examination.

## SUMY



### Friday, January 26

9:14 AM: There is a threat of armed conflict in the Sumy region, Serhii Nayev, commander of the United Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, said.

- Military personnel serving in the field note that the Russians have become more active recently. The activities of sabotage groups became more frequent.

### Saturday January 27

11:24 AM: This morning, a Russian intelligence and sabotage group shot a brother and sister from the Khotyn community, Sumy OVA.

- Their house is located in the village of Andriivka, which is located in the 5-kilometer border zone.
- Residents of the border were once again urged to evacuate to safer areas.

## KHARKIV



### Friday, January 26

9:52 AM: A 61-year-old woman, who was injured during the shelling of the Russians on January 23 and was in a critical condition in the hospital, has died.

- This was reported by the head of Kharkiv OVA Oleg Sinegubov.
- A total of 11 people died in the Russian attack on January 23, including an eight-year-old girl.

3:13 PM: A policeman was injured during the morning shelling in Kupyansk.

- Serhiy Bolvinov, head of the investigative department of the Kharkiv region police, reported this.
- the Russians hit the residential sector with a mortar, houses were damaged.

### **Saturday January 27**

12:01 AM: Kharkiv region - the threat of using ballistic weapons, the Air Force reports.

4:34 PM: Today, a 13-year-old girl who was injured as a result of Russian shelling of the village died in the hospital. Maly Burluk on January 17.

- This was reported by the head of Kharkiv OVA Oleg Sinegubov.
- The girl was in a coma for a long time and received complex shrapnel injuries.

### **DONETSK**



### **Friday, January 26**

4:50 PM: 1 person died as a result of numerous shellings in Krasnohorivka, the head of Donetsk OVA Vadym Filashkin said.

- the Russians massively bombarded the city with Grady and 152 caliber guns.

### **Saturday January 27**

10:13 AM: Russians hit Sloviansk in Donetsk region with an Iskander-M missile.

- This was reported by the mayor of the city, Vadym Lyakh.
- They hit a ceramic shop. High-rise buildings and a kindergarten were damaged. No casualties.

6:36 PM: The demolition of the rubble in New York has been completed - the bodies of 5 people have been pulled from the rubble of the building.

- This was announced by the head of Donetsk OVA, Vadym Filashkin.



- The search operation lasted almost two weeks.



## ZAPORIZHIA

**Saturday January 27**

7:25 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Zaporizhzhia.

- The Air Force reported an enemy UAV in the area of the city.

## DNIPRO



**Friday, January 26**

5:27 PM: The Air Force reports a threat - a missile in the direction of the Dnipro.

## KHERSON



**Friday, January 26**

2:14 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

**Saturday January 27**

11:27 AM: In the morning, the Russian army dropped explosives from drones on Berislav. As a result of this blow, a man died - OVA.

- "Another person is hospitalized. Medics continue to examine the victim," \_ - head of Kherson OVA Oleksandr Prokudin.

12:38 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

5:42 PM: A 66-year-old man was wounded as a result of Russian strikes on Tyaginka, Kherson OVA.

- He was hospitalized with shrapnel wounds.

## ODESA



**Saturday January 27**

11:15 AM: An air transfer will be launched from Odesa to Chisinau airport. This should speed up the passage of Ukrainians and relieve the burden on checkpoints at the border.

- Oleg Kiper, the head of Odesa OVA, announced this.
- According to him, first of all, the launch of such a transfer should relieve the CCP in the "Mayaki - Palanka - Udobne" area. Also, the transfer will reduce the load on the roads and improve the level of service to the population in the field of international transportation.

## POLTAVA



**Saturday January 27**

8:45 PM: As a result of a Russian attack, an industrial facility in the Kremenchug district was hit, Poltava OVA reports.

- A fire broke out. Information about the victims is being clarified.

11:22 PM: Consequences of the Russian attack on an industrial facility in the Kremenchuk district. Previously - two ballistic missiles, reports Poltava OVA.

- There is currently no information about victims and victims. All necessary emergency services are on site.

## KIROVOHRAD



**Friday, January 26**

9:16 PM: The Air Force reports that the attack UAVs in the Kirovohrad region have changed their course to the north.

- BpLA groups from Kirovohrad Oblast enter Cherkasy Oblast (course to the north).

10:08 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kropyvnytskyi.

- The Air Force reports that there is an enemy UAV in the area of the city.
- Another group of attack UAVs in the Kirovohrad region headed for Kremenchuk.

**LVIV-**



**Friday, January 26**

3:43 PM: Summons were handed out to deputies of the Chervonograd City Council in Lviv Oblast during the session.

- According to deputy and public activist Oleksandr Klimov, seven people's elected representatives received them.

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 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 698 days	After 699 days	After 700 days	After 701 days	After 702 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	378,660	379,610	380,600	381,370	382,110

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6227	6257	6265	6271	6280
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,579	11,621	11,637	11,652	11,671
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9,979	10,039	10,054	10,057	10,069
Cruise Missiles		1842	1844	1845	1845	1845

Fighters Bombers	118	331	331	331	331	331
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6998	7033	7033	7037	7041
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		659	660	660	660	660
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	12,005	12,044	12,064	12,072	12,103
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
1337		1416	1420	1425	1433	1436

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