News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine
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Oksana Baiul

Oksana Baiul was Ukraine's first Olympic Champion, winning the Women's Figure Skating competition at the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, nearly 30 years ago. This is the <u>video</u> showing the medal ceremony (toward the end). The ceremony was delayed for several minutes because no one could find a copy of the Ukrainian National Anthem.

This was one of the most controversial and most anticipated women's figure skating competition in Olympic history, primarily because of the controversy between the 2 American skaters, Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding. Not long before the Olympics Harding's boyfriend had kneecapped Nancy Kerrigan, hoping to keep Kerrigan out of the competition. Harding was allowed to compete only at the last minute. Baiul was the surprise winner.

I was watching the competition while lying on my couch in Los Angeles, Ca., where I was living at the time. In February 1994 it had barely registered on me that Ukraine was an independent country. Baiul's victory raised my consciousness, at least a bit.

In this article from the Wall Street Journal, "Russia is Banned From Sports. Ukrainian Athletes are Enforcing it" Baiul, now Oksana Baiul-Farina an American permanent resident and living in Shreveport, Louisiana, the home Congressional District of Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, is playing a lead role in the banning of Russian figure skaters from the Winter Olympics. Some excerpts:

 "When a rink in northern Virginia planned an ice show featuring Russian ice dancers last summer, it skated into a formidable opponent: Oksana Baiul." "The 1994 Olympic champion found out that the show's billed main attraction were Diana Davis and Gleb Smolkin—she the daughter of the notorious Russian skating coach Eteri Tutberidze—and thought their appearance would undermine the ban on Russians competing imposed after the invasion of Ukraine. So she leapt into action, texting an official at U.S. Figure Skating and asking pointed questions."

- "The incident was a sign of the lengths to which Ukrainian athletes
 have been willing to go to enforce sports sanctions against Russia and
 its ally Belarus—one ice show and coaching clinic at a time—and how
 Ukraine's current and former competitors have embodied the
 mentality of a country fighting for its survival."
- The campaign waged Baiul-Farina and her fellow Ukrainian athletes have resulted in the following ban – "most Russian athletes will be barred and only screened individual competitors who have shown no public support for the war will be allowed, from sports whose international federations are willing to let them in."
- "Russian officials are livid at the restrictions, while Ukrainians have threatened to boycott over any Russian presence. At the same time, the 2024 plan is tougher action than the IOC has ever taken against Russia before, including when it allowed <u>Russian athletes into the last</u> <u>three Olympics under a pseudonym</u> in response to an epic doping scandal (in which Gleb Smolkin's Mother was heavily involved).
- "I am the first Olympic champion for the country of Ukraine," said Baiul-Farina. "I said, no, no, no, here I can help. I'm not going to keep it quiet, this is my area."
- "When IOC President Thomas Bach indicated he wanted at least some Russian and Belarusian athletes at the 2024 Olympics in Paris, competing as "neutral athletes" without national insignia, because global sports couldn't survive "full politicization," Ukrainian sports stars responded by shooting videos speaking directly to him."
- "There was boxer Wladimir Klitschko in front of a bombed-out building—and Baiul, wearing a yellow-and-blue Ukrainian Olympic tracksuit from 1994, which she said was far too big for her to wear back then."

- When Baiul was interviewed by CBS Sports after winning the Gold Medal Viktor Petrenko did the translation. Petrenko, who is Ukrainian won the Gold Medal in the men's skating when competing for the "Unified Team," made up of Russian athletes and athletes from the former Soviet republics, but not Ukraine and the Baltic States. "When the Ukrainian skater Viktor Petrenko performed in a show in Russia, he was ousted from the Ukrainian skating federation and the Ukrainian government stripped him of a stipend."
- "A master class by Olympic silver medalist Alexandra Trusova in Sweden was canceled after pressure, the U.S. skating association dropped plans to have a Russian coach at an elite American pairs skating training session, and another Russian coach was disinvited from a skating camp in France after Ukrainian athletes sent the host of the camp examples of the coach's support for the invasion."
- Other Russian skaters who have been "outed" by Ukrainian skaters include "Victoria Sinitsina and Nikita Katsalapov, who are shown appearing prominently at a large stadium rally in March 2022 in support of the invasion, wearing the Z symbol associated with it."
- "Baiul-Farina said she had no animosity toward Russians—just
 Russians who had affiliated themselves with <u>Vladimir Putin</u>'s
 government. She scoffed at the idea that any top Russian athletes
 could be considered neutral, pointing to the government's financial
 support of them throughout their careers, and the expectations on
 them to back the state in return."

"On the same weekend as the ice show in Leesburg, Va., the council of the International Skating Union was meeting in Budapest and deciding to maintain their competition ban, at least for now."

"At the official meeting when they decided <u>not to allow Russians and Belarusians back in figure skating</u>," Baiul-Farina said, "I cried like I did at the Olympic Games."

God bless her. Perhaps Baiul-Farina can start a parallel campaign, to get the Congressperson representing the district where she lives, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, to stop his opposition to military and financial support

for Ukraine, and allow that funding to proceed, independent of policy changes and funding for the border with Mexico.

News From the Battlefield

The "Latest Denys" covers a Ukrainian strike against a Russian command post in Sevastopol, Crimea, at a time when Velery Gerasimov, Chief of the Russian General Staff, was paying a visit. There is no indication that Geerasimov was killed or wounded, but other Russian senior officers likely were. There was a separate strike against the Saky Airfield near Yvpatoria, Crimea and, unfortunately, a Russian strike against a Ukrainian military production facility.

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SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES JANUARY 5, 2024

During the day of January 5, there were 62x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 5x missile and 25x air strikes, 32x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

At night, the russian occupiers launched yet another airstrike using 2x Shahed-136/131 UAVs. All of the enemy drones have been destroyed.

Airstrikes hit Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), Mala Tockmachka (Zaporizhzhia oblast), Zmiivka, and Chervonyi Mayak (Kherson oblast).

More than 100x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group, Kup'yans'k axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 7x enemy attacks in the vicinity of the settlement of Syn'kivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 3x adversary attacks near 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. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the occupiers. For instance, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 4x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Novobakhmutivka, Avdiivka, and 17x more attacks near Pervomais'ke and Nevel's'ke (Donetsk oblast).

Mar'inka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the invaders near Mar'inka, Pobjeda, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 15x attacks in that area.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 1x adversary attack in the vicinity of Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to expand the bridgehead. Despite significant losses, the enemy does not abandon its intention to dislodge Ukrainian troops from their positions. For instance, the adversary made 13x unsuccessful attempts to assault during the day of January 5.

During the day of January 5, the Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 5x concentrations of troops and 1x command post of the adversary.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 2x command posts, 4x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 1x ammunition depots, and 1x artillery system of the russian invaders.

INTERNATIONAL

8:01 AM: We will impose additional sanctions on those who work to facilitate arms transfers between Russia and North Korea and between Russia and Iran — US National Security Council representative John Kirby.

8:01 AM: North Korea fires about 200 projectiles off west coast: South Korea evacuates residents to shelters.

8:01 AM: The Israeli army destroyed an underground Hamas weapons factory in the Gaza tunnels.

9:08 AM: Ukrainian pilots undergoing F-16 fighter jet training in the US are likely to complete it by the end of 2024.

• This was stated by the spokesman of the Pentagon, Brigadier General Patrick Ryder.

9:18 AM: South Korea has ordered the mass evacuation of 2,000 people from Yeonpyeong Island due to a possible North Korean attack in the coming hours, Yonhap.

 It is reported that the North Korean army fired 200 artillery shells towards the island of Yeonpyeong and the west coast of the Korean peninsula.

10:56 AM: The Hungarian command led the EU military mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the first time.

1:18 PM: The Guardian focuses on reports of strikes on military targets in occupied Crimea: Ukraine attacked a Russian military unit near Yevpatoria in Russian-occupied Crimea, the publication writes, citing the commander of the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Mykola Oleschuk.

 Instead, Russia insists that it thwarted Ukraine's attack on the facilities in Crimea. The Russian Ministry of Defense said that its forces foiled an attack by Ukraine on Russian targets in Crimea and destroyed 10 Ukrainian missiles over the peninsula.

3:18 PM: Terrorists from Tajikistan arrive in Germany posing as Ukrainian refugees, BILD.

• The publication reports that they are often associated with the Islamic State in Khorasan group, a branch of ISIS that operates in Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and Central Asia.

• "_They often (find, - ed.) false documents and fabricated stories about torture and persecution_," writes BILD.

7:03 PM: Global food prices ease after record rise in 2022, - UN

- Last month, the FAO food price index, which tracks monthly changes in international prices for widely distributed food commodities, fell by about 10% compared to December 2022. The drop in food prices in 2023 comes despite a challenging year for food security around the world.
- Climatic events such as dry weather, floods and the natural phenomenon of El Niño, combined with the effects of the war in Ukraine and the embargo on food trade, which led to food inflation and weakened currencies, have had a particularly negative impact on developing countries.

7:46 PM: Israel outlines plans to manage Gaza after war with Hamas ends

- Under Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Galant's plan, now called the "quadrilateral," Israel will retain overall control over security in Gaza.
- A multinational force will take responsibility for rebuilding the area after the massive destruction caused by Israeli bombing.

7:58 PM: Nepal stops issuing work permits in Russia over recruitment of its soldiers for war, Reuters

7:58 PM: Israel has no right to occupy Palestinian territories, said German Foreign Minister Annalena Berbock.

9:16 PM: "Forced to go to North Korea with an outstretched hand": Britain's defense minister called Russia's purchase of missiles from Pyongyang a humiliation for Putin

• "The world has turned its back on Russia, forcing Putin to accept humiliation and go with an outstretched hand to North Korea to continue his illegal invasion," Shapps notes.

 The British Minister of Defense emphasized that Russia, by contacting the DPRK, violated numerous resolutions of the UN Security Council, as well as "endangered the security of another region of the world."

10:02 PM: The Polish European Commissioner said that he will demand restrictions on the supply of sugar and poultry meat from Ukraine

- The publication notes that the European Commission is finalizing work on extending the project of a deep and comprehensive free trade zone with Ukraine until 2025. Already on January 9, the EC will finalize the interdepartmental coordination of the new regulation.
- EU Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski said he would demand that the new regulation preserve protective provisions and introduce quantitative restrictions on imports of poultry meat and sugar from Ukraine. In particular, he sent a letter to the head of the EC, Ursula von der Leyen.

11:48 PM: The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, called the approval of the decision on the creation of the Ukrainian Fund by all 27 EU member states the main priority. However, a backup option is being prepared in the event of a lack of consensus in the bloc.

11:48 PM: The United States will convene a meeting of the UN Security Council on January 10 to discuss the supply of missiles to Russia from North Korea.

11:48 PM: China's Foreign Ministry has no information about North Korea's transfer of ballistic missiles and launchers to Russia for use in Moscow's war against Ukraine.

11:48 PM: The WHO has called for masks to be worn again due to the rise in the number of cases of the coronavirus, said Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

NATIONAL

3:56 AM: Threat of attack Unmanned Aerial Vehicles from the south, - Ukrainian Armed Forces Air Force.

- Several groups of "shahedis" in the Kherson region are heading to the northwest on the border of the Dnipropetrovsk and Mykolaiv regions.
- A few more groups of unmanned aerial vehicles in the Kherson region are moving north.

4:34 AM: Kirovohrad region - the threat of using shock Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, - Ukrainian Armed Forces.

- Several groups of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles fly around Kryvyi Rih from the north and move in a western direction.
- Odesa, Cherkasy, Vinnytsia, Chernivtsi and Khmelnytsky regions the threat of using shock Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.
- The movement of a group of strike Unmanned Aerial Vehicles from the Cherkasy region with a vector of movement to the west through the Kyiv region on the border with Vinnytsia.
- A group of strike Unmanned Aerial Vehicles is approaching Kalynyvka (Vinnytsia region) from the east with a movement vector towards Khmelnytskyi.

8:01 AM: Due to North Korea's supply of ballistic missiles to Russia, a meeting of the UN Security Council has been convened, - the permanent representative of Ukraine to the UN, Serhii Kyslytsia.

12:41 PM: They supported the annexation, voted for "United Russia": the "Diesel Show" mocked the native Crimeans, accusing them of treason.

- In the New Year's issue of "Diesel Show", the indigenous inhabitants of Crimea, who have been under Russian occupation for 10 years, were ridiculed. In their number, Ukrainian humorists duplicate the narrative of Russian propaganda, which broadcasts that Ukrainians in Crimea unanimously supported the annexation.
- According to the plot of the issue, Ukrainians burned their Ukrainian passports and tore up hryvnias, destroyed embroidered shirts in 2014, and when the Armed Forces came, they were considering how to quickly "change their shoes". "Diesel Show" portrays the Crimeans as

- hypocrites who rehearse the phrase to the Ukrainian military: "Dear friends, how long we've been waiting for you."
- Crimean Tatars are called "nomadic people without passports" in the issue.

12:48 PM: A new charity initiative from the Coca-Cola company is walking across Ukraine. She also visited Zhytomyr.

- Coca-Cola is donating a million bottles of the beverage to the most vulnerable communities across Ukraine to make the winter holidays a little more joyful. 2,000 bottles of Coca-Cola with a special marking on the label "For you" were handed over to families of vulnerable categories in Zhytomyr for the holiday table by Coca-Cola volunteers together with their partner - the charity fund "Caritas Zhytomyr".
- Single parents, persons with disabilities, local branches of the Ukrainian Society of the Blind and the Ukrainian Society of the Deaf, as well as the City Center for Registration of Homeless Persons received drinks.

1:12 PM: In Ukraine, they began testing the D-21-11 unmanned ground robot, which can conduct reconnaissance, as well as defend or storm positions.

- This was announced by the Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov.
- Also, according to Fedorov, the platform can be used to safely deliver ammunition or provisions for fighters to hot spots.

1:27 PM: The spokesman of the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Yuriy Ignat cannot yet confirm the information that Russia is using North Korean ballistic missiles against Ukraine.

• _"Specialists will study certain pieces of debris and then it will be possible to say whether such a fact exists or not," Yuriy Ignat said.

1:56 PM: People's deputy from the Servant of the People party Maryana Bezugla was recalled from the position of deputy head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on National Security, media.

2:04 PM: Bezugla reacted to the committee's decision.

- Nardepka said that such a decision can be made only by voting in the hall.
- The work and struggle continues, Maryana Bezugla emphasized that it is only a recommendation from the Committee.

2:11 PM: Maryana Bezugla was recalled only from the position of deputy chairman, that is, she will continue to remain a member of the Committee.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported this.
- this decision still needs to be supported by more than 226 parliamentarians in the session hall.

4:06 PM: The head of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Rustem Umyerov, had a telephone conversation with his Polish colleague, Vladyslav Kosyniak-Kamysh.

- "_Provided updated information on the situation on the front line and recent terrorist attacks_," Umerov writes.
- The Minister of Defense of Ukraine also called on his colleague to visit Kyiv.

4:38 PM: From January 1, 2024, the Ministry of Internal Affairs will transfer medical care to an electronic format — this also applies to military medical commissions.

- This was reported by the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ihor Klymenko.
- This process will help track the database of military, police and rescuers who were injured, and understand where they were treated, what kind of rehabilitation or prosthetics they need.

5:22 PM: In 2024, payments to Ukrainian educators will be increased by 21%, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said.

- Also, the Government of Ukraine plans to launch a large-scale reform of higher education this year.
- "_Now 60% of students study on a contract. Our goal is that, on the contrary, more than 60% of students receive various types of state support_," Shmyhal said.

6:09 PM: NAZK replenished the base of foreign components in weapons with 42 new parts of Russian Kh-59 air missiles.

- It is these missiles in combination with "shahedas" that Russia has started to regularly use recently.
- "_It is impossible to allow foreign technologies and components to continue to become part of the weapons of aggressors and kill civilians all over the world ", - writes NAZK.

7:12 PM: About 20 men drowned in the Tisza last year alone, — DPSU.

• "_In order to illegally cross the border, people often take insane and unjustified risks. [...] And these are the ones who were found..._", - writes the press service of the DPSU.

7:25 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces as of 18:00 on January 5:

- During the day 56 combat clashes took place.
- In the Mariinsky direction _Defence forces continue to hold back the occupiers near Maryinka, Pobyda and Novomykhailivka_ of the Donetsk region.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 5 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- The units of the missile forces hit the enemy's command post, ammunition depot and artillery.

7:30 PM: Defense Minister Rustem Umyerov had a telephone conversation with his Latvian counterpart Andris Spruds.

 "_Thanked my colleague for Latvia's active steps in the development of the drone coalition. We will increase the production of UAVs and develop joint projects in this area_", - writes Umyerov.

7:39 PM: With the assistance of the Favbet Foundation, the Ukrainian Armed Forces have already received 260 cars

• We are mainly talking about pickup trucks and off-road vehicles that help the defenders to perform not only logistical, but also combat tasks near the front line.

7:58 PM: 4.3 billion cubic meters of gas from the EU and Moldova will be imported to Ukraine in 2023, which is twice as much compared to 2022, — "Operator of GTS of Ukraine".

8:26 PM: The deputy head of the Federation of Trade Unions tried to bribe judges with 150,000 US dollars in order to get out of custody, the Prosecutor General's Office.

 He is suspected of illegal alienation of property worth more than 138 million hryvnias, he is currently being held in custody on the basis of a court order in a pre-trial detention center.

8:52 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a conversation with the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

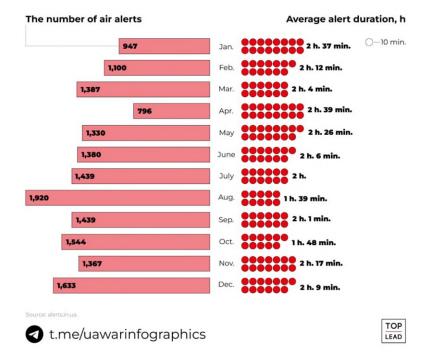
 Zelensky invited Erdogan to the meeting to be held in Davos. The presidents also discussed the clause of the Peace Formula regarding the return of all prisoners and deportees.

9:24 PM: A total of 23 Ukrainian servicemen have been returned to the territory controlled by Ukraine from Olenivka, Donetsk region.

• This was stated by the executive director of the Media Initiative for Human Rights Tetyana Katrychenko.

16.3 THOU. AIR ALERTS SOUNDED IN UKRAINE





9:40 PM: About 16,300 air strikes were declared in Ukraine in 2023, infographic.

The siren sounded the most in August —
 1,920 times. And in April, the average duration of danger was the longest — 2 hours and 39 minutes.

10:31 PM: "We are playing in a very dangerous game": SBU Major General Yagun on

the current state of mobilization

"We are playing a very dangerous game with society, because mobilization is the key to the survival of our country. I don't want a repeat of 100 years ago, when people simply left because they were tired of fighting. There is no such thing as justice. Justice is a lottery. Mobilization the lottery was introduced in the USA during the Civil War. If I am not mistaken, the former Minister of Economy proposed to hold such a lottery. And then he was told so much. And the lottery can be the greatest justice. But in our country they will begin to say that it is it's wrong, let it be carried out somewhere in the States," the general commented.

10:44 PM: A unique transplantation that lasted 23 hours was carried out for the first time in Ukraine — Ministry of Health.

 Doctors in Okhmatdyt performed a heart defect correction on a 9month-old child at the same time as a liver transplant from a donor mother. Now the child feels well and is preparing to return home. 11:16 PM: Ukraine will hold negotiations with the new Polish government "at all levels" on the issue of unblocking the border between the countries as a result of the strike of Polish carriers in the checkpoint areas.

This was announced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine,
 Dmytro Kuleby.

MORDOR – ruZZia

8:01 AM: Explosions rang out in the Russian city of Belgorod, there is destruction.

8:01 AM: The "local authorities" decided to evacuate about 100 people from the outskirts of the temporarily occupied Sevastopol due to the destruction of part of the missile, the so-called "governor" of Sevastopol razvozhaev.

10:22 AM: An alarm sounds in temporarily occupied Sevastopol.

• The movement of motor vehicles on the Crimean Bridge is temporarily blocked, - rosZMI.

10:29 AM: Smoke is visible in the area of Sevastopol and Streltska bays.

 According to the so-called "governor", it is the military that uses the means of camouflage.

10:46 AM: In the Black Sea, 8 Russian ships, including 2 carriers of cruise missiles "Calibre", a total volley of up to 16 missiles.

• This was reported by the Navy of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

1:49 PM: Russia faces problems in oil exports due to US sanctions, Bloomberg.

• In the past month, a total of 14 tankers carrying oil to India have either stopped, turned around or disabled the equipment that tells digital tracking systems their location.

2:34 PM: Ukrainian intelligence conducted a raid in the Belgorod region, GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

- "_In order to inflict casualties on the enemy and worsen his morale and psychological state, special officers of the GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine planned and carried out a special operation_," the message reads.
- During the execution of the task, the scouts mined the only road used by the invaders in the specified area, and also attacked a Russian platoon stronghold. The enemy suffered losses.

2:57 PM: The head of Chechnya, Ramzan Kadyrov, offered the USA to lift sanctions on his relatives in exchange for Ukrainian prisoners, rosZMI.

- It is reported that he handed over the list of prisoners to former American spy Scott Ritter, who arrived in Grozny the day before.
- _Scott Ritter has been repeatedly accused of sexual crimes against minors. He supports Russian aggression against Ukraine, is known for his predictions about the "final victory of Russia"._

4:46 PM: The Russian Federation plans to create "museums" of the war against Ukraine in the schools of the Luhansk region's TOT, - Center of National Resistance

- "In the temporarily occupied territories, the Russians are trying to intensify the brainwashing of schoolchildren by creating museum centers of their war of aggression. For example, the local occupation administration ordered the creation of so-called SVO museums in every existing school. That is, every school will have propaganda centers that glorify the Kremlin's Nazi war against Ukraine ", the message says.
- It is noted that exhibitions with Russian equipment are brought to the so-called museums and stands are formed with local traitors in order to create a myth about the support of the occupation by the local population.

5:57 PM: Yesterday, Ukrainian Armed Forces hit ammunition depots near the village of Pervomaiske in temporarily occupied Crimea.

• This was reported by StratCom Ukrainian Armed Forces.

6:54 PM: Putin issued an order to grant Russian citizenship to Ukrainian children, Ukrainian Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets reports.

- "_orphans and children left without parental care, who are citizens of Ukraine, can receive citizenship of the Russian Federation by Putin's personal decision without taking into account all or individual requirements of federal legislation," writes Lubinets.
- An application for this can be submitted by the heads of Russian organizations where children are located. After granting Russian citizenship to the children, the deported Ukrainian children will not "legally" remain in Russia. The Ombudsman called this one of the signs of genocide.

7:58 PM: Russian oligarch Deripaska loses court in Austria to strip him of rights at Strabag, — Der Standard.

8:14 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky's evening address.

 "_We have Germany's next defense step for Ukraine. These are missiles for air defense, this is artillery — caliber 155 — and also other necessary things_," the president said.

REGIONS

KYIV



5:02 PM: "Kyivguma" products were taken to the Russian occupiers directly to the front line.

• New details have emerged in the case of the "Kyivguma" company, whose management was exposed by the SBU in the supply of goods to the Russian Federation. Our sources have shared separate evidence in this case.

 So, despite all the statements about patriotism and honest business from the company's management, there are enough confirmations of work for Russia already after the beginning of the Great War. These are invoices, correspondence directly with clients in the Russian Federation, and words of gratitude from the occupiers themselves. A

- lot of interesting information was also found in the computer of the general director of "Kyivguma" Andrii Ostrogrud.
- Although the company claims that it supplied tactical medicine products exclusively to Estonia, in reality the Baltic firm was just a front. There are even posts on Vkontakte, where the occupiers are happy that Ukrainian-made harnesses were brought to the front line, as separate evidence in this case - the photo clearly shows Kyivguma boxes and the date of manufacture.

10:05 PM: Sappers neutralized the warhead of the "Dainzhal" missile in Kyiv, — State Emergency Service.

 "Today, the pyrotechnicians of the Mobile Rescue Center of the Rapid Response of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine worked in the Shevchenkiv district of Kyiv, the achievement of our specialists is the Kinzhal rocket," the message reads.

KHARKIV



5:42 PM: Earlier, Russia hit Kharkiv with non-Russian missiles, said the head of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration Oleg Synegubov.

• "_We are currently conducting all the necessary research in order to establish the country of manufacture. I will say in advance that the markings have been erased from these missiles. However, what we can see, the country of manufacture is not the Russian Federation, let's put it this way_," Sinegubov said.

DONETSK



11:11 AM: During the day, Russians killed 2 residents of Donetsk region, injured 2 more, — Donetsk Regional Military Administration.

Pokrovsky district, Selydivska, Maryinska,
 Ochertynska, Kurakhivska, Myrnogradarska, Chasovoyarska,
 Soledarska communities, Avdiivka, Bakhmutsky district were under fire.

DNIPRO



11:01 AM: Rocket in the direction of Kryvyi Rih, — Air Force of Ukrainian Armed Forces.

• Kirovohrad, Mykolaiv and Dnipropetrovsk regions - missile danger!

11:06 AM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in the suburbs of Kryvyi Rih.

4:42 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kryvyi Rih.

KHERSON



10:15 AM: This night, the Russian army struck with three "Shahed" type drones on Vysoko of the Tyagin community.

- This was announced by the head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, Oleksandr Prokudin.
- 7 residents were injured. The administration building and the modular town were hit.

12:15 PM: Around 11:00, three men were injured by landmines during enemy shelling in the Dnipro district of Kherson, — Municipal Military Administration.

6:23 PM: Russians launched a rocket attack on an agricultural enterprise in the village of Ingulets, a 35-year-old man was killed.

- This was announced by the head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, Oleksandr Prokudin.
- A 60-year-old resident was also injured, he was treated at the hospital.

7:05 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

8:35 PM: Ukrainian soldiers in the Kherson region destroyed 3 Russian reconnaissance drones, Ukrainian Armed Forces.

• It is about 2 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles "Merlin-VR" and 1 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles "Orlan-10".

11:04 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

KIROVOHRAD



10:25 PM: The Air Force reports the movement of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles through the Kirovohrad region, a threat to Cherkasy region, heading north-west.

 Movement of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles through Cherkasy region, a threat to Kyiv region from the south (Stavishchenskyi district).

KHMELNITSKY



southeast.

8:57 AM: Strike groups of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles are moving towards Starokostiantyniv from the south and west, — Ukrainian Armed Forces.

• The threat of using ballistic weapons from the

9:00 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Starokostiantyniv. Previously, the work of air defense.

1:04 PM: This morning in the Khmelnytskyi region, the Air Defense of the Ukrainian Armed Forces neutralized 3 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles of the "Shahed" type, — Regional Military Administration.

 The population was not injured, there was no damage to the infrastructure.

VOLYN



3:43 PM: The Bureau of Economic Security in the Volyn region provided compensation for losses caused to the budget in the amount of more than 4 million hryvnias.

• During 2019-2023, the director of the local company leased warehouse and office premises. However, he did not declare his activities and did not pay real estate tax and land tax.

 So far, the BEB detectives have ensured full compensation for the damages, and the company's official has been notified of the suspicion.

Zhytomyr



11:44 PM: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle is approaching Berdychev from the eastern direction of Zhytomyr Region, Ukrainian Armed Forces.

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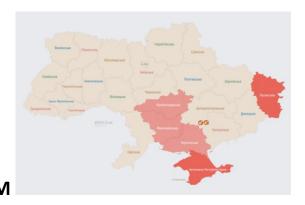


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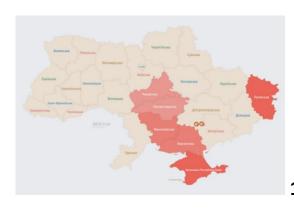


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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Sovie t Afgha nista n	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5
Duration	9 years and 9 mont hs	After 675 days	After 676 days	After 679 days	After 670 days	After 671 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,45 3	359,23 0	360,01 0	362,28 0	363,07 0	363,87

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5977	5983	6002	6011	6018
Armored	1,314	11,070	11,087	11,128	11,142	11,158
Personnel						
Carriers						
Artillery,	433	9407	9,435	9,521	9,553	9,567
Mortars,						
and Ballistic						
Rocket						
launchers						
Cruise		1709	1709	1785	1,786	
Missiles						

Fighters Bombers	118	329	329	329	329	329
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6591	6657	6753	6,771	6787
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		623	625	630	631	633
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	11,292	11,330	11,423	11,463	11,478
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
Special Equipment		1268	1277	1304	1313	1317

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