

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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[“Serhii Plokyh: Putin’s belief that Russians and Ukrainians are one and the same people is dead”](#)/Interview in “Ukraine Business.”

Along with Timothy Snyder, Plokyh has done more to distinguish the study of Ukrainian history and culture from that of Imperial Russia, the former Soviet Union, and the Russian Federation. The fact that there is, until recently, little or no distinction is a burden that Ukraine continues to bear in Western capitals and centers of learning.

Some excerpts from the interview:

- “Russia’s imperial tradition of thinking about Russian security in terms of spheres of influence and the desire to project military power far beyond that state’s borders can very well survive the current war and the loss of Ukraine. But the Russian imperial identity which imagines the Russian nation as consisting of modern-day Russians, Ukrainians, and Belarusians, will not survive.”
- “Putin’s belief that Russians and Ukrainians are one and the same people is dead, and I see no signs of it coming back any time soon. This is the end of a long tradition that goes back to the seventeenth century. The idea of “one people” was used by the Russian Empire to deny the right of Ukrainians to publish in Ukrainian, have separate national identity, and exist as a nation. The Bolsheviks discarded the imperial notion of the three-partite Russian nation (Russia, Belarus,

and Ukraine) in the name of the communist international. Putin brought the older model of Russian identity back only to bury it once and for all.”

- “In the nineteenth century, Russian imperial intellectuals were surprised to discover that people around Kyiv did not speak Russian. To make an ethnic claim for Kyivan heritage, they invented a theory that the original population of Kyiv, which allegedly was Russian during the Kyivan Rus times, had migrated to Russia after the Mongol invasion. No one believes in that theory anymore. The ancestors of modern Ukrainians populated the area of today’s Ukraine long before it became the core of the Kyivan Rus.”
- “Well into the 1990s, history textbooks throughout the West were still referring to Kyivan Rus as “Kievan Russia.” Meanwhile, most of the international newspaper coverage of independent Ukraine was coming from reporters based in Moscow. All this could not but influence Western policymakers and the positions they adopted toward Ukraine.”
- “The key question posed by Russian aggression in February 2022 was whether Ukraine would be able to protect its independence and continue as a separate country and a separate nation. The war is not over yet, but it is pretty clear by now that Ukraine will remain on the map of Europe.”

Plokyh calls out the corrosive influence that Russian and Soviet Studies, that have incorporated Ukraine, has had on the understanding of Ukraine in the West and the development of Western policies toward Ukraine, by “experts” who are products of Russian and Soviet studies programs at our best universities.

What is striking is how little Plokyh refers to Putin by name. It is likely that this is because, as Plokyh states, Putin is merely borrowing narratives that go back to Imperial Russia. For example, in the first bullet point Plokyh speaks “Russian Imperial Identity” that “imagines the Russian nation as

consisting of modern-day Russians, Ukrainians, and Belarusians.” Putin is simply borrowing this narrative for his, and Russia’s own purpose.

Yet the pundits seem to never tire of describing Russia’s invasion as “Putin’s invasion.” Russia is invading Ukraine, and their justification consists of nostrums that go back to Imperial Russia. Putin isn’t bombing Ukrainian cities or murdering innocent civilians in Bucha. Russians are guilty; not Putin.

[Maksym Kryvtsov](#)

Ukrainian poet Maksym Kryvtsov was recently killed while serving on the front lines. He was 33 years old. Ukraine’s best are dying. The same can hardly be said of Russia.

News From the Battlefield

The “[Latest Denys](#)” continues to cover the Dnipro Crossings, where Russians are suffering significant losses. He also speaks about the likely loss of another Russian general.

1/9/2024 Sitrep

Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES JANUARY 6, 2024</u></p>
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During the day of January 8, there were 67x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 55x missile and 22x air strikes, 35x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

Air strikes hit Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Kyslivka, Tabaivka, Pishchane, Berestove (Kharkiv oblast), Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), and Novoselivka (Donetsk oblast).

Around 130x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group, Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 5x enemy attacks near Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 2x attacks of the occupiers east of Terny (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 2x adversary attacks in the vicinities of 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 3x attacks of the adversary near Avdiivka, Sjeverne, Tonenke, and 15x more attacks near Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast) during the day of January 8.

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the invaders in the vicinities of Heorhiivka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian troops repelled 12x attacks in that area.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 7x attacks of the adversary south of Chervone, west of Verbove, and north of Novoprokopivka.

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to expand the bridgehead. The adversary made 12x unsuccessful attempts to assault the positions of the Ukrainian Defense Forces during the day of January 8.

The Ukrainian Air Defense forces and means destroyed 18x Kh-101 / Kh-555 / Kh-55 guided missiles.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 2x ammunition depots of the russian invaders.

3:26 AM: The departure of 9 Tu-95MS aircraft from the "Olenya" airfield (Murman region) was recorded, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

- Estimated departure time of the aircraft to the cruise missile launch line - 05.00-05.30.

6:12 AM: Activity of enemy Su-35/Su-34 in the north, - Air Force of the ZSU.

- The threat of using aviation missile weapons.
- Rocket through Sumy Oblast in the direction of Poltava Oblast.
- Rocket through Kharkiv Oblast in the direction of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast.

6:15 AM: Rocket danger V regions, as well announced anxiety, are reported Air Forces Armed Forces.

- The threat of cruise missile launches from Tu-95MS aircraft. A total of 11 Tu-95MS strategic bombers are in the air.
- Dnipro - stay in shelters.

6:21 AM: Confirmed launches winged missiles with district water areas Caspian seas, reported Air Forces Armed Forces.

6:29 AM: Rockets by Sumyshchyna V direction Poltava Oblast/Cherkasy region, - Air Forces Armed Forces.

6:32 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces are reported about group missiles on the south Kyiv region - V western direction.

- New groups of missiles were recorded in the airspace of Sumy Oblast. They are moving in the western direction (Poltavshchyna/Kyivshchyna).
- Rockets on the border of Kyiv and Cherkasy regions. The motion vector is west. A threat to Vinnytsia - the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

6:44 AM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Dnipro.

- In the Dnipro region, explosions are heard, subscribers report.

6:48 AM: Threat missile blow for Kyiv, - KMVA.

- The Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported the directions of movement of cruise missiles:
- Cherkasy - in the western direction.
- Vinnytsia - course to Khmelnytskyi region.
- Kharkiv region - in the direction of the Dnipro.

6:55 AM: Fixed rise will one Could-31TO with the airport Savasleika Nizhnyhorodskaya region, - Air Forces Armed Forces.

- A re-launch of the Kh-47M2 Dagger aeroballistic missile is possible.
- Takeoff of the third MiG-31K from the Savasleyka airfield of the Nizhny Novgorod region.
- The 4th MiG-31K took off from Savasleyka in the Nizhny Novgorod Region, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

7:02 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces reported about directions movement winged missiles:

- Khmelnytskyi - in the western direction. A threat to the Ternopil region.
- Cherkassy - Vinnytsia - in the southwest direction.
- Rocket launches from the Tu-22m3 were also recorded.

7:03 AM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kryvyi Rih.

7:05 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Zaporizhzhia.

7:06 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kryvyi Rih.

7:07 AM Social Networks: Explosions rang out in the Kharkiv region.

7:08 AM Social Networks: New explosions rang out in Zaporizhzhia.

7:08 AM: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

7:10 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces are reported about start "Dagger".

7:11 AM: New explosions rang out in Kharkiv.

UPD: Mayor of Kharkiv Ihor Terekhov confirmed the explosions in the city.

7:11 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions in Kryvyi Rih.

7:18 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces are reported about ballistics from Crimea V direction Krivy horn.

7:22 AM: Head military administration Krivy horn Oleksandr Willkul reported about massed rocket attack on city.

- "We do not ignore the air alarm. We observe information hygiene," Vilkul noted.

7:22 AM Social Networks: Another explosion rang out in Zaporizhzhia.

7:24 AM Social Networks: Explosions rang out in Khmelnytskyi. Previously, the work of air defense.

7:29 AM: Second start "Dagger" in direction Kyiv region, - Air Forces Armed Forces.

7:29 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces are reported about ballistics V direction Zaporizhzhia.

7:30 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces are reported about ballistics V direction Chernigov.

7:38 AM Social Networks: There are repeated explosions in Kryvyi Rih.

7:38 AM: Zaporizhzhia - threat ballistics, are reported Air Forces Armed Forces.

7:40 AM: Air Forces Armed Forces reported about start "Dagger" in direction of Kryvyi horn.

7:46 AM: U city Snakes on Kharkiv region fixed hit in private house, - RMA

- "Medics are helping two victims, according to preliminary data, two more people are under the rubble. Emergency services are working on the spot," said the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Syneubov.

7:48 AM: Khmelnytskyi region working air defense, - RMA.

8:05 AM: Russians hit industrial facilities in Kharkiv, the mayor of the city, Igor Terekhov, said.

- There is a fire, currently one woman is injured.

9:08 AM: Air defense forces shot down all 8 "Shaheeds" that attacked Ukraine at night - Southern Defense Forces.

- 7 drones were destroyed in Odesa region, 1 more in Mykolaiv region. Debris of one of the downed UAVs fell on an open area of Odesa district, causing a fire. There were no damages or injuries.

9:29 AM: In Novomoskovsk, Dnipropetrovsk region, 24 people were injured. Five of them are children.

- According to the head of RMA, Serhii Lysak, all of them are in the hospital in a moderate condition.

9:45 AM: In Zaporizhzhia, as of now, the number of victims has increased to four.

- This was announced by the head of the RMA Yuriy Malashko.

10:24 AM: There is a dead person in Khmelnytskyi region as a result of the attack.

- This was announced by the Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine Oleksiy Kuleba.

10:46 AM: A 62-year-old woman, who was unblocked from under the rubble of a house in Zmiiv, died, RMA head Oleg Synegubov said.

- According to detailed information, a 63-year-old man and a 62-year-old woman were unblocked from under the rubble. Another 88-year-old man was given first aid.

10:53 AM: Russians struck infrastructure facilities in Khmelnytskyi region, — RMA.

- So far, two people have died.

11:32 AM: 18 cruise missiles and 8 "shaheeds" were destroyed, the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reported.

- A total of 59 means of air attack of the enemy were recorded. However, not all enemy missiles that failed to shoot down reached their targets, the PS added.

12:22 PM: Currently, 27 people have been injured in Novomoskovsk due to a rocket attack, Serhii Lysak, the head of Dnipropetrovsk OVA, reported.

- In Kryvyi Rih and the district — 4 victims. One person is hospitalized in a moderate condition.

1:21 PM: At present, 38 wounded and 4 dead in Ukraine as a result of the morning shelling, the National Police reported.

INTERNATIONAL

8:18 AM: Britain is investing in high-tech nuclear fuel to squeeze Russia out of the market.

8:18 AM: Israel to resume cooperation with Starlink, which was suspended due to Elon Musk's scandalous statements about Jews - Bloomberg.

8:18 AM: German farmers begin a large-scale protest that threatens to collapse transport in many parts of the country.

1:05 PM: The Swedish parliament called for an increase in the direct production of ammunition for Ukraine.

- Ex-Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson stated this.
- She emphasized that the production of weapons should be significantly increased throughout the EU.

2:02 PM: Unblocking of funds from the USA for Ukraine: the relevant agreement may be published this week.

- The main representative of the Republicans, James Lankford, said that the text of the agreement, which will allow tens of billions of aid to Ukraine to be unlocked, may be published this week.

- Lankford added that if the agreement is approved by the Senate, it will soon be sent to the House of Representatives, which "will be able to work on its improvement."

6:36 PM: China imposes sanctions on US defense companies over arms supply to Taiwan, China's Foreign Ministry says.

6:36 PM: Israeli attack kills high-ranking Hezbollah commander in Lebanon, BILD.

6:36 PM: The foreign ministers of Canada, Sweden, Ukraine, and Great Britain appealed to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) regarding the UIA plane shot down by Iran.

6:36 PM: French Prime Minister Elizabeth Bourne has resigned. She has headed the government since May 2022 6:36 PM: Boeing shares fall 9% after the 737 Max incident. An Alaska Airlines 737 Max 9 passenger airliner experienced an incident with a ruptured side panel and depressurization during flight. This is reported by AP.

6:36 PM: South Korean intelligence confirms that Hamas is using weapons from North Korea against Israel, Yonhap.

6:36 PM: Pope Francis has called for a ban on surrogacy and opposed the "commercialization" of pregnancy, — Independent.

10:45 PM: Biden not planning to fire Austin over hospitalization incident

- "There are no plans other than to keep Secretary Austin in office," National Security Council Coordinator John Kirby said.
- Leading Republicans, including former US President Donald Trump, have called for Austin to be removed from office.

11:17 PM: Planned arms deliveries to Ukraine by the EU countries are too small, - Scholz

- "The supply of weapons to Ukraine currently planned by the majority of EU member states is in any case too small. Therefore, I call on our allies in the EU to step up their efforts in favor of Ukraine," Scholz said.

- The chancellor believes that Europe should show that it is closely connected with Ukraine, that it is on the side of freedom, international law and values.

11:31 PM: New world order will be shaped by conflicts, diplomat Hara on North Korea's attacks on South Korea

- "Kim Jong-un, like any totalitarian leader, can misjudge the situation and resort to conflict. Let's hope that the third world war will not come," he said.
- According to him, these threats are primarily directed not against South Korea, but against the USA, its allies in the region and Japan. But, of course, South Korea is under threat today because it is the closest territorially.

NATIONAL

10:28 AM: The SBU and the SBU have exposed the former deputy defense minister in yet another corruption scheme.

- Together with accomplices, in 2022 he bought another batch of low-quality bulletproof vests for the Ukrainian military, wasting more than 948 million budget hryvnias.
- An investigation is ongoing to establish all the circumstances of the crime. Perpetrators face up to 12 years in prison with confiscation of property.

11:06 AM: Sumy, Poltava, Chernihiv regions — missile danger, reported the PS of the Armed Forces.

- A rocket in the direction of Poltava region!

11:49 AM: A single knowledge base for veterans and their families has been created on the e-Veteran web platform, the Ministry of Veterans reported.

- You can find out what guarantees and benefits are available for combatants, persons with disabilities, and their family members regarding the provision of professional adaptation services, payment

of education at the expense of state and local budgets, etc. by following the link: <https://eveteran.gov.ua/benefits>

12:01 PM: The Regulatory Committee of the Council unanimously approved the recall of Bezugla from the post of Deputy Chairman of the Defense Committee of the Parliament, People's Deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported.

- Now the Verkhovna Rada can consider this resolution already on January 10. At the same time, Bezugla will remain a member of the committee.

12:06 PM: The NBU commented on the possibility of imposing financial restrictions on evaders.

- Within the current Ukrainian legislation, it is impossible to impose any financial restrictions on men who evade mobilization.
- This was stated by the deputy head of the NBU, Kateryna Rozhkova.
- According to her, any information that is in the banks and concerns each specific person can be disclosed only in extreme cases, mostly by a court decision.

1:42 PM: The enemy's mass missile attack this morning did not have critical consequences for the energy system, "Ukrenergo".

- According to the operator, as a result of the shelling, there is new damage to Oblenergo networks in the Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Kherson regions.
- One coal-mining enterprise in Donetsk region was de-energized.

2:24 PM: Scammers have appeared on social networks trying to make money off relatives of Ukrainians who remain in Russian captivity.

- This was reported by Ukrainian Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets.
- Fraudsters became more active after the extreme exchange, for money they offer information, as it were, about those soldiers who were "seen" in enemy captivity.

- Be careful and do not send money to such people, scammers are hiding behind these pages._

2:41 PM: The process of integrating the F-16 into the Armed Forces system is taking place simultaneously in Ukraine and abroad, - Ministry of Defense

- According to the First Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Oleksandr Pavlyuk, an assessment of airfields for multi-purpose fighters has already been carried out.
- In addition, complex work is underway in Ukraine to prepare infrastructure protection, in particular by means of air defense.
- "I note that training on the territory of Ukraine takes place in conditions of constant use of airfield infrastructure, engineers and flight personnel to perform combat missions. And we are doing everything to simultaneously beat the enemy, protect our own capabilities and acquire new ones," Pavlyuk emphasized.

3:01 PM: "Ukrainian team" collected heating kits for 100 battalions - another party went to the front

- The "Ukrainian team" handed over a thousand individual heating kits to the fighters of the 130th and 204th battalions of the Teroborona of Kyiv, who are currently holding the front in the east.
- In general, thanks to the support of "Blyskavka" readers in particular, almost 100 battalions will be heated. Warm kits for 50,000 defenders have already been collected, reports "Ukrainian Team".

3:20 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a telephone conversation with the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

- "Invited Kuwait to send a representative to the next meeting of advisers in Davos and to participate in the preparation of the upcoming Global Peace Summit," the president writes.

3:31 PM: Since the beginning of the full-scale war, Russia has damaged 1,501 medical facilities in Ukraine, and completely destroyed 195

- Currently, 474 medical facilities have been fully restored, and 383 facilities have been partially rebuilt or are in the process of being restored.
- The Ministry of Health noted that medical facilities in Kharkiv Oblast, Donetsk Oblast, Mykolaiv Oblast, Kyiv Oblast, Chernihiv Oblast, Dnipro Oblast, Kherson Oblast and Zaporizhzhia suffered the greatest losses due to Russian shelling and bombing. At the same time, it is currently impossible to obtain complete information about Luhansk Oblast.
- Also, due to the armed aggression of the Russian Federation, 103 emergency medical aid vehicles were damaged, 125 such vehicles were captured by the enemy, and 253 vehicles were destroyed.

4:53 PM: Hackers are sending messages with malicious software to servicemen of the Armed Forces under the guise of recruiting for the 3rd OSHBr and the IDF, State Special Communications.

- Suspicious activity was detected by specialists of the American-Japanese company Trendmicro at the end of December 2023.
- "_The malicious messages contain archive files, the contents of which will lead to the infection of the computer with the REMCOSRAT and REVERSESSH malware_" the message reads.

5:42 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a telephone conversation with the King of Bahrain, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

- This is the first conversation with the leader of Bahrain in the entire history of bilateral relations.
- The leaders of the countries discussed issues of bilateral cooperation, global food security and support for the Peace Formula.

6:03 PM: Ukrenergo urges economical consumption of electricity.

- Today, between 13:00 and 14:00, the level of electricity consumption exceeded the corresponding indicator of the previous working day by 13.4%.
- The reason is the beginning of the working week and a significant increase in cooling in all regions of Ukraine. In addition, in the southern region, the power supply to consumers who were cut off due to bad weather is gradually being restored.

7:07 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers has canceled the moratorium on power outages and charging penalties for arrears for housing and communal services.

- This is stated in the relevant government resolution.
- At the same time, the moratorium will continue to operate in the territories where hostilities are taking place.

7:18 PM: The GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine received 100 gigabytes of classified data from the Russian enterprise Special Technology Center LLC ("STC").

- Its facilities produce military equipment and machinery, in particular the "Orlan" UAV of various modifications and a number of means of radio-electronic warfare and intelligence.
- According to preliminary estimates, the value of the obtained data may amount to 1.5 billion dollars.

7:45 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on January 8:

- During the day _55 combat clashes took place._
- In the Marinsky direction _Defence forces continue to hold back the enemy near Novomykhailivka_ of the Donetsk region.
- Units of missile forces _hit 2 enemy ammunition depots._

8:31 PM: The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons in the Sumy and Poltava regions.

9:00 PM: The President of Ukraine held a telephone conversation with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani.

- "[...] _He noted Qatar's contribution of \$20 million to the Grain from Ukraine initiative and assured that Ukraine, despite Russia's attempts to disrupt peaceful navigation through the Black Sea, will continue to be a guarantor of global food security," Zelenskyy wrote.

9:27 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy approved the composition of the delegation to participate in negotiations on security guarantees.

- The delegation will participate in negotiations on the development and preparation of bilateral and multilateral international agreements between Ukraine and other states.
- The relevant order is published on the official website of the president.

10:43 PM: Ukraine expects more news about detentions and criminal cases related to schemes in the Ministry of Defense, Defense Minister Rustem Umyerov said.

- "The internal audit of the Ministry of Defense and the updated General Inspection of the Ministry of Defense were able to fully function. They have already discovered many violations - in the last 4 months, more than 10 billion (hryvnias - ed.) of violations that were committed earlier. We respond strictly to all cases," _ - he assured.

10:49 PM: Air Force reports missile threat in alert areas.

- Poltava, Kirovohrad, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhya, Kherson, Odesa, and Sumy regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons.

11:55 PM: A number of "problematic" norms were found in the draft law on mobilization.

- This was announced by the head of the committee on anti-corruption policy Anastasia Radina.

- "The committee did identify a number of problematic norms that could lead to corruption risks. However, the Ministry of Defense agreed with the comments made. Together with the profile committee, the committee on the health of the nation and other colleagues, we are already working on changing procedures and approaches." _ - she wrote on Facebook.

MORDOR - ruZZia

8:18 AM: "Blackout" in Russian Rostov. The light and heating in dozens of houses disappeared allegedly due to an accident at the electrical substations.

1:50 PM: Russia is reviving Stalin-era military structures, British intelligence.

- At the end of 2023, some Russian politicians declared the need to restore the Soviet counter-intelligence unit "SMERSH" in the Russian Federation. This unit was founded by Stalin, it existed in 1941-1946.
- At the same time, at the beginning of January 2024, an image of Russian operatives wearing the patches of this organization appeared in open sources.

x2:47 PM: An explosion occurred on the railway tracks in Nizhny Tagil, — rosZMI.

- Previously - detonated an explosive device. Information about victims and destruction is being clarified.

8:38 PM: Explosions are heard in Belgorod, local social networks report.

9:54 PM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation announced the shooting down of ten rockets on the approach to Belgorod, allegedly launched by Ukraine.

- The governor of the Belgorod region, Gladkov, reported three wounded, broken windows in high-rise buildings and damaged cars.

10:20 PM: Russia most often launches missiles at Ukraine from the Caspian Sea due to fears that they may fall on the territory of the Russian Federation.

- "Sometimes missiles lose their radar link to their target, self-destructors are triggered, sometimes they just fall in a different place than planned. That is why Volgodonsk and the Caspian Sea region are the most frequent places from where the Russians launch missiles," said Yuriy, the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Ignat on the air of the telethon.

REGIONS

KYIV



9:16 AM: As a result of a missile attack on Ukraine on January 2, one victim died in a Kyiv hospital.

- Also, one more victim died as a result of shelling in Kharkiv on the same day.

11:21 AM: BEB in Kyiv exposed a network of sales of counterfeit cigarettes. The value of the seized is over UAH 12 million.

- Wholesale delivery of counterfeit cigarettes to the capital was carried out by mail from various regions of Ukraine. The sale took place through an extensive network of shops, cafes and kiosks in the territory of Kyiv region.
- Currently, the illegal activity has been stopped. Necessary investigative actions are being conducted in order to identify all involved persons.

LUHANSK



10:18 AM: a Russian plane dropped an aerial bomb over the city of Rubizhne, Luhansk region.

- According to Leonid Pasichnyk, the appointed head of the Russian People's Liberation Army, there are no victims or injured.

DONETSK



9:56 AM: Fighters from the company of the 47th OMBR strike air defense unit in the Stepovoye area, in the Avdiivka direction, strike at the Russian military.

8:16 PM: Search and rescue operations have been completed at the site of rocket attacks in the Pokrovsky district of the Donetsk region.

- Three dead people from the village have been identified. Rivne - a three-year-old girl, her father and mother, 32 and 30 years old. A 34-year-old man and a 37-year-old woman were found in Pokrovsk.
- Forensic experts continue to identify body fragments. Previously, 11 people and whole families died as a result of the Russian attack.

DNIPRO



6:48 PM: The number of victims in Kryvyi Rih and the surrounding area has increased to 6, the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhiy Lysak said.

KHERSON



3:33 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

8:04 PM: Explosions are heard in Kherson. The head of the RMA reports that the Russian army is shelling the central part of the city.

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

ODESA



3:41 PM: A blizzard in the Odesa region is gaining momentum — appropriate equipment is working on the roads.

- Oleg Kiper, the head of Odesa RMA, urged not to go out on the roads unless there is an urgent need.
- In the regional center, 50% of electric transport no longer runs, and schools throughout the region have decided to switch to a remote work format.

TERNOPIL



5:19 PM: Two employees of the Ternopil TCC, who tortured conscripts, will be tried, the SBI.

- "[...] _A soldier-grenade thrower and the commander of the security department struck men who were lying on beds in the TCC. The relevant video was shared on social networks_", the message reads.
- It was established that in this way the TCC employees wanted to force the men to undergo a military medical examination, as well as to punish them for the conflict with the duty officer, whom they tried to beat and take away their weapons.

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 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 8
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 679 days	After 670 days	After 671 days	After 672 days	After 674 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	362,280	363,070	363,870	364,730	365,990

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6002	6011	6018	6022	6036
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,128	11,142	11,158	11,180	11,203
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9,521	9,553	9,567	9,604	9,626
Cruise Missiles		1785	1,786	1786	1786	1805

Fighters Bombers	118	329	329	329	329	329
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6753	6,771	6787	6811	6823
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		630	631	633	637	638
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	11,423	11,463	11,478	11,523	11,552
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
Special Equipment		1304	1313	1317	1327	1333

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