# News From Ukraine

12:00 noon November 24 to 12:00 noon November 25, 2023

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#### **EUROMAIDAN BOOK**

As some of you know, I started writing these mails on Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, the day after students were beaten up on Independence Square in Kyiv, the start of the Euromaidan Revolution now known as the "Revolution of Dignity," and the day before the first massive demonstration on Independence Square.

To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Euromaidan Revolution and the concurrent beginning of these emails, I am making available a never been published book that I wrote in 2016, incorporating many of the emails I wrote during that period, plus extensive additional material. I was also interested in learning about how the Euromaidan Revolution was managed, especially its leadership. From my research and extensive interviews, I concluded that the leadership of Euromaidan was not what either Western experts or the Russians expected, or the kind of leadership one might learn at business school. As a result, there was continual misunderstanding between the protestors, and those in the West and Russia whom they believed constituted the leadership.

Among other things the book contains:

- Extensive interviews with those involved in various aspects of Euromaidan, including:
  - Those responsible for food service and distribution
  - The design and placing of the barricades that protected Independence Square from the Interior Ministry police,

- known as the "Berkut"
- The person who established the initial first-aid station on Independence Square, and who later was responsible for managing and operating first-aid stations and makeshift hospitals located throughout Central Kyiv
- A leader of one of the volunteer battalions
- A member of "AutoMaidan"
- The leadership of organizations located outside of Kyiv that provided logistical support and money, to support the protests in Independence Square, without which Euromaidan might have turned out differently.
- Also included is an extensive collection of YouTube videos, that appear in footnotes. covering the protests and the fighting. Some of the videos are very hard to watch. Included are:

  - Video of a lecture given by my wife, Larysa, on
     December 12, 2013, on Independence Square sponsored
     by the Open University of Ukraine
  - Videos of the tragic events on Institutska Street, that took place on February 20, 2014
  - Security camera footage from Yanukovich's estate,
     Mezhihirya taken on February 18, 2014, showing movers moving Yanukovich's personal effects, 4 days before his actual departure.
- My own observations and stories from being in Kyiv throughout Euromaidan.

I have decided to withhold the names of those private individuals whom I interviewed, some of whom are now fighting in the Army. Other than this the book, and emails contained therein, are as I first wrote them.

As an exclusive offer to email recipients, you can purchase an advance copy of the book for \$25.00, or in any other recognized currency. It's in the form of an Ebook. To purchase, please click on the link <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. After December 9, 2023, the price will be \$30.00. I have no immediate plans to publish the book, so this is an exclusive offer.

I am very excited to offer the book to all loyal recipients.

Last Night's Drone Attack on Kyiv

<u>From the Kyiv Independent</u> – According to reports, all drones directed at Kyiv were shot down but there was property damage and a few casualties (no deaths) due to falling debris. Here's the approximate locations of the damage described by the Kyiv Independent:

Dniprovskyi District – On the Left Bank of the Dnipro, directly opposite the Pecherski Lavra which is on the Right Bank.

Solomianskyi District – On the Right Bank of the Dnipro. One can draw a straight line from the Solomianskyi District, through the Lavra, to the Dniprovskyi District. This District contains Zhuliani Airport (now the Igor Sikorsky Airport)

Holosiivskyi District – South of the Solomianskyi District on the Right Bank. Contains a large park, where I used to go cross-country skiing.

According to both Bohdan and my wife's brother, the first alarm sounded at around 2:30AM, with the "all clear" at around 9AM. Bohdan, living in the center of Kyiv and closer to the districts listed above, said he slept through the entire attack. My wife's brother, living in Vyzhgorod north of Kyiv, quite far from the districts listed in above, reported that he spent the entire 6 ½ hours in the basement of his residential building.

There were over 70 drones launched at targets throughout Ukraine. All but a few were shot down.

Some Vignettes (All From the Kyiv Independent, except the last)

<u>Ukrainian Architects Study Rotterdam</u> – The City of Rotterdam

was destroyed in May 1940, by a series of German air raids. Ukrainian architects are now in Rotterdam studying how Rotterdam was rebuilt after the war, the decisions that were made, how it was organized, etc.

- Russian <u>Conscript Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison For Desertion</u>
   While home on leave the conscript, from the Russian Region of Buryatia, obtained a fake death certificate that he gave to his brother to show police who were looking for the conscript.
- SBU: Russian Commander Who Ordered the Killing of Civilians in Bucha Identified The unit was commanded by the accused, Col. Aleksandr Dosyagaev. They are made up largely of Buryats, from Buryatia. According to the article Col. Dosyagaev gave a direct order to kill Ukrainian civilians, something that is required to accuse Dosyagaev of a war crime. Apparently, he has since been killed in action. If this turns out be false information, Col. Dosyagaev, a recipient of the "Hero of Russia" award for his work in Bucha is a "dead man walking."
- Putin Ally Linked to Missing Ukrainian Child, Age 2 Sergey Mironov, a political ally of Putin, denies the accusation, even though his name appears on the Russian adoption record. The article states that the Yale School of Public Health reports that "Moscow has established a whole "network of re-education and adoption facilities" in Russia and occupied Crimea, with 43 camps where Ukrainian children have been held since Feb. 24, 2022, already identified." This is all run by the accused war criminal and the Russian Commissioner of Children's Rights, Maria Lvova-Belova, aka "Heinrich Himmler in a Dress."
- Oliver Stone on Bill Maher (via Twitter) Another Russian "useful idiot," along with Vivek Ramaswamy, Tucker Carlson, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and others. To borrow a quote from my college roommate's father, who loved this term, Stone is "beneath contempt." So are all the other useful idiots.

<u>"Support for Ukraine"/</u>Tim Ash via Substack

As he always does, Ash does an excellent job in describing the problem, namely lack of support for Ukraine from the West, and concern about where the money for reconstruction will come from (so far, very little has been appropriated), but these are just symptoms. In my opinion, the disease as a lack of principled leadership in the West.

For a better explanation of the disease there appeared an Op-Ed in today's Wall Street Journal by Barton Swain, entitled "Lessons in Leadership From the Hebrew Bible." The article is based on an interview he had with Rabbi Meir Y. Soloveichik, author of the book "Providence and Power: Ten Portraits in Jewish Statesmanship," published in June. The book doesn't address today's political controversies, but it suggests ways to think about the deeply perverse unwisdom into which so many American political leaders appear to have fallen." The same can be said of the leaders of much of what former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld referred to as, the "Old Europe."

# Some excerpts:

"America's political class isn't at its best. Public life lately seems to consist mainly of self-generated disasters, easily preventable crises and media-driven hysteria. Political leaders behave like spoiled children, outrage the public to no purpose, and loudly champion ideas they know to be infeasible. Worst of all are the decisions apparently calculated to achieve the opposite of their stated goals: pandemic measures that didn't mitigate the virus and shredded the social fabric and inflicted lasting damage on children; climate regulations that punish the poor and working class but don't affect the climate; a military withdrawal so poorly planned that it provokes a new war; billions sent to a regime that funds genocidal attacks on an American ally; illadvised, sometimes cockamamie prosecutions of a former president that make him more likely to regain the presidency."

"Do our educated VIPs and powerbrokers have the slightest idea what they're doing? Do they care?"

- ""By humility," the rabbi clarifies, "we don't mean passivity. What we see in the greatest American statesmen is a complex dialectic or balance between bold independent action, on the one hand, and a deep faith and reliance on God, on the other." He finds the same balance in the story of Esther, subject of another chapter. Orphaned and raised by her uncle, the unpretentious Esther was made a queen, and her keen sense of political timing saved the Jews of Persia from annihilation."
- "Rabbi Soloveichik says. "There have been four revolutions in modern times, Rabbi Sacks said—the Russian, the French, the English and the American. The first two descended into murder and tyranny, the latter two produced an expansion of liberty. The driving force behind the French and Russian revolutions was philosophy, secular philosophy. The driving force behind the English and American revolutions was God." "NOTE: I would add the Ukrainian Revolution, still ongoing, to this list, alongside the British and American Revolutons. This is one reason, among many, why a free Ukraine is so threatening to Russia and to Putin personally.
- On a walk through the synagogue, he says that its spiritual leader in the 18th century, Gershom Mendes Seixas, participated in the first inauguration of George Washington, at Federal Hall in New York in 1789. "That probably makes Mendes Seixas—I think this is true—the first Jewish spiritual leader to take a ceremonial role in the installation of a head of state since the fall of Jerusalem." The fall of Jerusalem in the year 70? "Yes," he says. "I can't think of another time between those years that a Jew would have been treated as an equal." "
- "He doesn't think the great European statesmen of the 19th and 20th centuries exhibited the sort of bold humility, or humble confidence, that he finds in David, Esther and Lincoln. "The British statesmen I most admire—Palmerston, Disraeli,

Churchill—humility was not their calling card," he says. What about American statesmen? He names Ronald Reagan, which I would expect, and Harry S. Truman."

- "A true leader has to—well, has to lead. He can't just go along with the masses. But a genuinely successful leader must have some emotional communion with the people he leads. The ordinary people, the average people."
- "You don't have to engage in complex Talmudic interpretations to find some simple applicability to present-day American politics. Why are Washington's decision-makers and their wellheeled defenders making profoundly stupid decisions? Maybe because they don't much care for the people they pretend to serve."

A President Harry Truman or Ronald Reagan would never hesitate to stand with Ukraine, or utter the word "victory."

#### More on "20 Days in Mariupol"

A friend of mine attended a screening of "20 Days in Mariupol at the Zhovten Theater in Kyiv, a theater dating back to Soviet Times and located near where we used to live. Several years ago, while we were still living nearby, the theater was heavily damaged by a likely arson attack, a ploy sometimes used by local real estate developers to secure a desired property. The theater was later restored. Here is what my friend said about the screening —

"While in Kyiv, I watched a screening of "20 days..." in one of the smaller halls of Zhovten theater, seating maybe 20. When the film finished, the audience remained seated in silence even after the hall's lights were turned on. After a few minutes, people- still in silence- began to leave. I agree that there should be a separate screening of the film for Congress."

# News From the Battlefield

The latest "Reporting From Ukraine," covering Avdiivka, is very interesting. Ukraine launched an offensive in the direction of

Horlivka, an important city in Donbas but 20km away from the fighting around Avdiivka. According to "Reporting From Ukraine," the objective was to draw out Russian reserves stationed there, so they would not be able to join the offensive against Avdiivka.

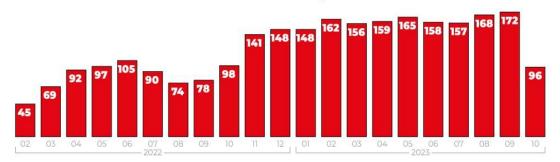
I think there was another reason for Ukraine's actions. There have been reports of desertions, and even some mutinies, among Russian reserves around Avdiivka. Apparently, Russia has resorted to the use of "blocking forces," whose job is to keep Russian conscripts from fleeing the front, even by resorting for field executions. From Ukraine's perspective, what better way than to force a response by Russian reserves than by stirring the pot, by launching an offensive directed at their base, the City of Horlivka?

# RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA IN EUROPE

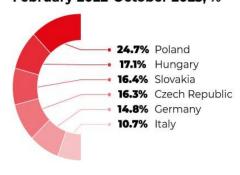


Russia has spread more than 13,000 fake publications about Ukraine in six European countries. The actual number of fake publications is even higher.

#### The number of Russian fakes about Ukraine by months\*



# Russian fakes about Ukraine by country, February 2022-October 2023, %



Source: Vox Ukraine

**2,578\*** fakes about Ukraine spread by media in the countries studied

13,131\*
publications about Ukraine contained fake news

\*One fake can be spread in several publications, so the number of fakes is less than the number of publications.



#### Abbreviations:

RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

**INTERNATIONAL** 

# Saturday, November 25

8:44 AM: Finland will speed up the confiscation of the Helsinki hockey arena, which belongs to Russian oligarchs Gennady Timchenko and Roman Rotenberg.

8:44 AM: Israel has summoned the ambassadors of Spain and Belgium over the country's leaders' comments amid Israel's ground operation in the Gaza Strip.

# Friday, November 24

12:29 PM: The Czech Republic and Slovakia raised €400,000 in a week for a Black Hawk helicopter for the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

 Its total cost is about 4.3 million euros. As soon as the amount necessary for the purchase is collected, the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic will deliver the Black Hawk to Ukrainian intelligence officers.

4:19 PM: Germany has extended the temporary protection of refugees from Ukraine until March 4, 2025.

- This was reported by the Ministry of the Interior of Germany.
- Ukrainian refugees do not have to apply to extend their residency status and will not have to meet with immigration authorities.

4:34 PM: 8 more citizens of Ukraine were evacuated from the Gaza Strip during this day, according to the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Oleg Nikolenko.

 "[...] \_26 citizens were delivered today by a charter flight from Egypt to Moldova\_", Nikolenko added.

4:59 PM: Finland will allocate €3 million in additional support to improve food security in Ukraine, - Finnish Foreign Ministry.

 In particular, the funds will be directed to support the export of grain and help in demining villages.

5:24 PM: Ukraine received 4 mechanized demining machines from the Korean International Cooperative Agency, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

- MV-4 and MV-10 machines of the DOK ING company are remote complexes for demining the territory.
- They are used to neutralize anti-tank, anti-personnel mines and other ammunition.

6:29 PM: Denmark to increase military support to Ukraine by 2.3 billion Danish kroner this year, — Reuters.

- The parliament also agreed to allocate an additional 23.5 billion kroner for the Ukraine support fund in the period from 2025 to 2027.
- At the same time, the Ukrainian government made a decision that will allow to attract a grant from Germany in the amount of almost UAH 2 billion, Prime Minister Shmyhal said.

6:40 PM: Canada will donate 11,000 assault rifles and more than 9 million rounds of ammunition to the Ukrainian military.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced this.

# **NATIONAL**

# Saturday, November 25

12:02 AM: "The increase in the number of deserters in the Armed Forces is recorded: a selection of Russian fakes for November 24

 The Center for Combating Disinformation published a selection of fakes produced by the Russian enemy on November 24. The Russians launched three major deceptions.

7:44 AM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 06:00 on November 25:

- During the day of November 24, there were 74 combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 7 missile and 29 air strikes, 36 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements. Unfortunately, the russian terrorist attacks have killed and wounded civilians.
- During the day of November 24, russian occupants launched 1 air strike on Ukraine, using 6 Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. All of the enemy drones have been destroyed. The occupants launched yet another series of air strike on Ukraine during the day of November 25. The attack of Shahed-136/131 UAVs is ongoing. Private residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure were destroyed or damaged.
- Air strikes hit Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Spirne, Klishchiivka, Zorya, Avdiyivka, Maryinka, Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), Zmiyivka, Novoberyslav, Mykolaivka, Olhivka, and Lvove (Kherson oblast).
- More than 140 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kherson oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of November 24, the Ukrainian Air Force launched 9 air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment of the adversary.
- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 2 command posts, 4 concentration of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 2 artillery systems, and 1 logistics center of the russian invaders.

# Khortytsia operational-strategic group

**Kupyansk axis:** with the air support, the enemy conducted assault operations in the vicinities of Synkivka, Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast), and Stelmakhivka (Luhansk oblast), where the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 15 attacks.

**Lyman axis**: with enemy conducted conducted assault operations in the vicinity of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), to no success.

**Bakhmut axis:** the Ukrainian troops repelled 11 attacks of the adversary near Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiyivka, and Andriyivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue assault operations south of Bakhmut (Donetsk oblast), inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, and consolidate their new positions.

#### Tavria operational-strategic group

**Avdiyivka axis:** with the air support, the enemy keeps trying to encircle Avdiyivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the enemy. The adversary's offensive operations east of Novokalynove, Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiyivka, Sjeverne, and Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast) were unsuccessful. The Ukrainian defenders repelled 30 attacks in that area.

**Maryinka axis:** with the air support, the enemy conducted assault operations in the vicinities of Maryinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 10 attacks in area.

**Shakhtarske axis:** the adversary did not conduct any offensive (assault) operations.

**Zaporizhzhia axis:** the enemy made 7 unsuccessful attempts to regain the lost ground near Robotyne and Novopokrovka (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

At the same time, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue their offensive operation on Melitopol axis, inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the occupation forces, exhausting the enemy all along the front line.

#### Odesa operational-strategic group

**Kherson axis:** the Ukrainian Defense Forces maintain their positions held on the left bank of the Dnipro River, continue to conduct counter-battery fire, as they strike behind the enemy lines.

8:01 AM: By striking the Crimean bridge, the SBU cut off the supply

channel for Russian weapons, said Vasyl Malyuk, head of the SBU.

- "We actually overturned the philosophy, the very approach to naval operations. This is the opinion of all our Western partners, military sailors, heads of special services," Malyuk added.
- The first film from the series of documentaries "SBU. Special operations of victory" here: https://cutt.ly/pwIAbRdP

9:03 AM: 71 "Shahed-131/136" attack UAVs were destroyed during the night - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- A total of about 75 "shaheed" launches were recorded.
- Anti-aircraft defense worked in at least six regions of Ukraine: Kyiv Sumy, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhya, Mykolaiv, Kirovohrad regions.

9:27 AM: President of the Swiss Confederation Alain Berset arrived in Kyiv today.

- He reported this on the social network Kh.
- He will take part in the international summit on food security, and will also meet with President Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

9:35 AM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi's address on the occasion of the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holodomor.

\_"They wanted to humble us, kill us, exterminate us. They couldn't. They wanted to hide the truth from us and silence terrible crimes. They couldn't. They wanted to confuse us, mislead us, make us not believe, not remember, and therefore forgive. They couldn't. And today, with deep sadness and respect, we honor the memory of millions of our people - millions of victims of the Holodomors," said the president.

10:49 AM: The head of the special service, Vasyl Malyuk, confirmed that the SBU used Sea Baby drones to attack ships of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

- So, in October 2022, SBU naval drones attacked Russian ships in Sevastopol Bay. At that time, four warships were damaged, including the Admiral Makarov frigate.
- And already this year, "Sea baby" impressed:
  - o missile carriers "Samum" and "Pavel Derzhavin"
  - tanker "SIG"
  - o amphibious assault ship "Olenegorsky Gornyak"
  - o large military tug "Nikolai Muru"
  - the latest reconnaissance and hydrographic ship "Vladimir Kozytskyi"

11:12 AM: According to updated information, 74 out of 75 "Shahed-131/136" attack UAVs were destroyed by air defense — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

# Friday, November 24

12:47 PM: The head of the government of the Republic of Lithuania Ingrid Šimonite arrived on a visit to Ukraine.

1:16 PM: The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine published a video of the work of the 91st separate Okhtyr regiment of operational support.

1:24 PM: Virtually the entire volume of personal protective equipment purchased by the Ministry of Defense is Ukrainian-made.

- This was announced by the Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Yuriy Dzhigyr.
- "\_The Ministry of Defense carries out these purchases centrally. We do not comment on the quantitative indicators, because the enemy is hunting for this information\_," says Dzhigyr.

1:32 PM: A working group on the construction of fortifications was created in Ukraine.

 This was announced by the head of the Ministry of Statistics Mykhailo Fedorov. • The group will operate 24/7 as an "operational headquarters" and coordinate the efforts of all authorities and the military.

1:57 PM: NABU and SAP renewed suspicions against all members of the criminal organization led by the former head of the State Property Fund of Ukraine, Dmytro Sennychenko.

- They are now also suspected of laundering 10 billion hryvnias.
- Currently, NABU and SAP are identifying the remaining possible participants of the criminal organization and investigating other cases of their illegal activities.

2:24 PM: "Army of robots" and "Army of electronic warfare" (radioelectronic warfare) will soon appear in Ukraine.

- This was stated by the head of the Ministry of Digital Affairs Mykhailo Fedorov during ForbesTech-2023.
- "\_We will rely on our ideology market opening, transparency and the maximum opportunity to attract entrepreneurs who have already created various products, know how to scale products\_", Fedorov noted.

2:47 PM: Ukraine and Lithuania signed an agreement on technical and financial cooperation.

- The Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal reported this.
- This simplifies the implementation of assistance projects for Ukraine from the side of Lithuania, in particular in terms of the supply of various equipment, transfer of technologies, implementation of reforms on the way to the EU.

3:24 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy held another meeting of the Stavka.

- "Difficult issues: mobilization, demobilization, TCC, VLK, rotation, conscripts," he writes.
- The President instructed to prepare complex decisions on these issues.

5:57 PM: Damages per day of the air strike for the economy of

Ukraine will amount to about 9 billion hryvnias.

- This was announced by the head of the VRU Committee on Finance, Tax and Customs Policy, Danylo Hetmantsev.
- According to him, only last year the losses for the economy of Ukraine due to anxiety amounted to 7 billion hryvnias per day.

6:36 PM: Latvian President Edgars Rinkevichs arrived in Ukraine.

- "\_Discussed our relations at the level of EU institutions\_,"
   wrote Volodymyr Zelenskyy after the meeting.
- The President of Ukraine noted that Latvia fundamentally supports Ukraine's full accession to the EU.

6:51 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky announced a new comprehensive plan for mobilization in Ukraine, which is planned to be presented next week.

- According to the president, it is important that people understand the full plan of action.
- "\_I really believe that next week. At least, this is the task set for Zaluzhny, Umerov, and the ministers, because many things depend on economic issues that need to be settled\_,"
   Zelenskyy said.

6:58 PM: Conscripts whose term of service has expired are being demobilized in Ukraine.

- This was announced by the Secretary of the National Security Council Oleksiy Danilov.
- As Danilov reported, conscripts whose term of service has expired, but they wish to stay, can do so by concluding a contract.

7:07 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

 "[...] \_Special attention was paid to the situation with the work of the VLK and "Military Committees". What the soldiers are talking about, what the commanders are talking about, must be resolved ".

7:31 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on November 24:

- During the day \_68 combat clashes took place\_.
- In the Kupyansk direction, individual Russian military servicemen complain of constant loss of manpower due to unsuccessful offensive actions and declare their reluctance to conduct them in the future.
- In occupied Mariupol \_Russian military ex-prisoners killed their commander\_ due to his constant threats, bullying and killing of other invaders.
- In the Svativ direction, \_unsatisfactory rear support of the occupiers' units\_ is noted.

7:41 PM: Zelenskyi and Rinkevichs discussed how to make the supply and production of the necessary shells and weapons for the defense of Ukraine sustainable.

- Among the issues considered:
  - the situation at the front;
  - supporting Ukraine with armored vehicles for the evacuation of wounded soldiers from the battlefield;
  - strengthening Ukrainian air defense, in particular at the front.

7:51 PM: The National Bank presented the "Year of the Dragon" commemorative coin with the chevron of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- You can buy a coin in a souvenir package for 131 hryvnias.
- The denomination of the commemorative coin is 5 hryvnias, the circulation is 80,000 units in a souvenir package.

8:17 PM: There will be no elections in Ukraine in 2024, the leader of the Servant of the People faction, David Arahamiya, said

 Arakhamia explained that Western politicians changed their opinion about the necessity of holding elections because they could not answer the question of how the military and Ukrainians abroad would vote, what to do during air raids.

8:35 PM: Bail was posted for ex-head of the State Intelligence Service Shchygol, people's deputy Odarchenko and developer Kopystyr and they were released from the pretrial detention center. This was reported by the Anti-Corruption Center.

 After leaving the pretrial detention center, all suspects will have to comply with several obligations, including refraining from communicating with witnesses or other suspects, surrendering passports for travel abroad and wearing an electronic bracelet.

9:33 PM: Students will undergo a military training course at the university starting in 2024.

 The Ministry of Education intends to introduce pilot military departments in universities. They will be responsible for basic military training for all willing boys and girls from September 2024, the Deputy Minister of Education and Science said.

9:52 PM: In Ukraine, due to warming, the situation in the energy system has improved - Ukrenergo

 However, already on Sunday, forecasters predict worsening weather conditions and the deficit in the system may increase.

10:31 PM: Destruction of the Russian reconnaissance UAV "Orlan-10" by a unit of the Kherson anti-aircraft missile brigade of the "South" air command.

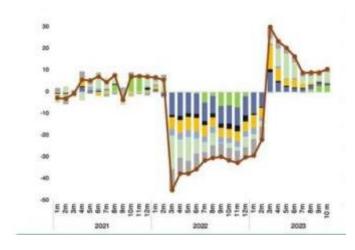
10:51 PM: The Air Force reports a threat of enemy strike UAVs from the south.

11:28 PM: The Ministry of Defense found 1.4 kg of dental gold with an estimated value of UAH 3.5 million in its warehouses.

• The metal was stored in one of the warehouses of the Ministry of Defense until 7 rockets hit it. The gold was found during an inspection of the impact site. Currently, the Department of the Ministry of Defense is negotiating with the NBU so that by the end of the year the regulator will buy the precious metal and melt it into gold and currency reserves.

11:43 PM: The Air Force reports a missile in the direction of the Dnipro.

# Ukrainian GDP January 2021 to October 2023, Ministry of Economics



11:51 PM: In October, Ukraine's GDP grew by 10.5% compared to the same month last year, — Ministry of Economy.

 As a result, this year's economic growth is estimated at 5.5% compared to the corresponding period

of 2022.

• Disrupted infrastructure, security risks, logistical problems and a slow labor market recovery still remain constraining factors.

# **MORDOR - ruZZia**

# Saturday, November 25

8:44 AM: About 4 million surveillance cameras will be installed in

Russia to increase repression, — ISW.

# Friday, November 24

3:41 PM: A military unit in the Volgograd region was attacked by an anti-aircraft missile at night, — rosZMI.

- As the publication writes, this military unit is a large arsenal of complex ammunition storage.
- "\_As a result of an explosion in the territory of warehouse 59, where small arms ammunition is stored, a fire started\_", the message says.

3:56 PM: The Russian army has carried out airstrikes twice in a day in the direction of the navigation corridor for civilian ships.

- This is reported by the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine.
- The enemy used 4 unknown aerial weapons, probably sea bottom mines.

9:13 PM: There will be no festive events during the New Year holidays in the temporarily occupied Crimea.

 This was announced by the so-called head of the occupation government Serhiy Aksyonov

10:06 PM: The Crimean bridge is doomed. There will be many surprises later, - announced the Head of the SBU Malyuk

 \_"Two successful SBU attacks on the Crimean Bridge cut off this logistical artery of the Russians. Now the bridge is not fully functioning. The occupiers are forced to deliver weapons for their troops by ferries\_," Vasyl Malyuk said.

**REGIONS** 

**KYIV** 



#### Saturday, November 25

3:35 AM: The Air Force reports a missile in the direction of Kyiv from the north.

4:55 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in

Kyiv.

5:50 AM: Debris of a downed UAV fell in the Pechersk district of Kyiv, the mayor of the capital Vitaliy Klitschko reports.

 All services follow in place. Medical calls in the Solomyan district.

5:59 AM: In Kyiv, the territory of a kindergarten caught fire due to the fall of UAV wreckage in the Solomyan district.

• This was reported by the Kyiv City Military Administration.

6:22 AM: In Kyiv, an 11-year-old child was injured because of a night drone attack, the mayor of the capital Vitaliy Klitschko said.

• In the Solomyan district, fires broke out in several places - in a residential building and non-residential premises.

6:57 AM: In the Dnipro district of Kyiv, the debris of a downed UAV fell on a high-rise building, Vitaliy Klitschko.

7:20 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kyiv. Previously, the work of air defense.

8:00 AM: At least three enemy strike drones in Kyiv and the region. Combat work is underway.

• This was reported by the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

8:13 AM: Air defense forces destroyed more than 40 "martyrs" in Kyiv, KMVA.

- According to preliminary information, two people were injured, both of them had an acute reaction to stress.
- \_"This was the most massive attack in Kyiv in the last month",\_ said the spokesman of the KMVA Mykhailo Shamanov.

8:32 AM: On the morning of November 25, during a large-scale drone attack in Kyiv, an overhead line was de-energized, — Ministry of Energy.

- As a result, 77 residential buildings and 120 institutions in the central part of the city were left without electricity.
- Also, during the shelling, 330 kV overhead lines were disconnected in the Kyiv region. The previous reason is damage due to shelling.

10:28 AM: Emergency power outages occurred in Kyiv due to a Russian attack. Electrical networks are damaged.

- This was reported by the General Director of YASNO Sergei Kovalenko on Facebook.
- According to DTEK, in Kyiv there are 151 residential buildings, 75 private houses and 12 institutions without electricity. Also, due to the massive attack, power supply disappeared in 16 thousand houses in the Kyiv region.

10:43 AM: Energy supply restrictions are possible in Kyiv, — KMVA.

- Repair crews have already started emergency restoration work on damaged power lines. But during the period of restoration work in the capital, there may be restrictions on energy supply.
- \_"Please help them do not overload the networks, consume electricity sparingly",\_ the message said.

# Friday, November 24

12:36 PM: A gas cylinder exploded in a private residential building in the village of Zhukivtsi, Obukhiv district, in the Kyiv region, — State Emergency Service.

 As a result of the incident, one person was injured, and the house was also destroyed.





#### Saturday, November 25

10:24 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Sumy region.

#### **LUHANSK**



— DPSU.

# Friday, November 24

5:40 PM: Border guards of the "Steel Border" offensive guard brigade occupied the advanced positions of the enemy in the Swativ direction,

#### ZAPORIZHIA



# Saturday, November 25

8:30 AM Social Networks: An explosion rang out in Zaporizhzhia.

# Friday, November 24

3:15 PM: An explosion was heard in the temporarily occupied Yakymivka of the Zaporizhzhia region.

• Melitopol Mayor Ivan Fedorov reports this.

# **DNIPRO**



# Saturday, November 25

7:32 AM Dnipro RMA: Defenders from PvK "East" shot down a rocket and 5 unmanned aerial vehicles over Dnipropetrovsk Region this night.

# Friday, November 24

3:26 PM: Rocket in the direction of Kryvyi Rih, — PS ZSU.

• UPD: a rocket in the direction of Zaporizhzhia.

3:37 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Zaporozhye district.

#### **KHERSON**



# Friday, November 24

1:09 PM Kherson RMA: In Beryslav, the Russian army again attacked a local resident with a drone.

In the morning, explosives were dropped on a
 45-year-old man from a drone. He was taken to the hospital.

5:51 PM Kherson RMA: Russians shelled the village of Dniprovske with artillery, a 50-year-old local resident was killed.

• "\_A 44-year-old woman was taken to the hospital. She has an explosive injury, shrapnel wounds to her stomach and arm\_," the report says.

6:29 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson, subscribers report. We are waiting for official information.

# **MYKOLAIV**



# Saturday, November 25

7:26 AM Mykolaiv RMA: On the night of November 25, in the Mykolaiv Oblast, one enemy UAV "Shahed-131/136" was destroyed by air

defense forces.

Attacks on Civilians and Civilian Infrastructure from 12:00 November

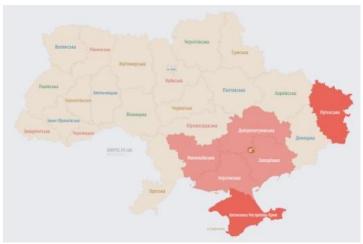
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Physic al Damag e	Reside ntial	0	Comme rcial Propert y	0	Public/In frastruct ure	1

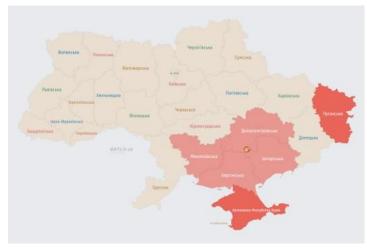
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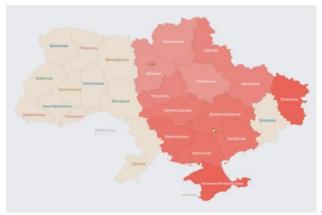
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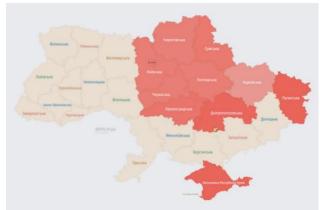
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2:43 AM



5:17 AM



8:36 AM

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	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 24	Nov 25
Duration	9 years and 9 mont hs	After 626 days	After 627 days	After 628 days	After 639 days	After 640 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,45 3	311,75 0	312,55 0	313,47 0	322,90 0	323,76 0

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5349	5354	5362	5496	5502
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10073	10079	10086	10256	10263
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8440	8450	8471	8737	8756
Cruise Missiles		1560	1561	1561	1564	1565
Fighters Bombers	118	322	322	322	323	323

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		5632	5634	5649	5800	5808
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		580	580	580	595	596
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	9944	9949	9973	10230	10259
Naval Vessels		22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)
Specialized mobile electronic communicat ion and jamming, ballistic radars		1078	1079	1081	1108	1108

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