

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine
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EUROMAIDAN BOOK

As some of you know, I started writing these mails on Saturday, Dec. 1st, 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. I sent them to members of my family and a few friends, to try to convince them that hadn’t gone mad, for staying in Kyiv during the Revolution.

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the start of the Euromaidan Revolution (now called “the Revolution of Dignity”) 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 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 presentation in Washington, DC by Yulia Tymoshenko’s legal team, rebutting the claims made by Yanukovich’s legal team of graft that took place when Tymoshenko was Prime Minister of Ukraine. The video amounts to dueling American “white shoe” law firms.**
 - **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, Mezhihiryia 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 [HERE](#). 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.

3 Cheers For the Bahamas!

Recently, I received this response from one of our recipients. He said he suffers from Seasonal Affective Disorder Syndrome, known as "SADS." Consequently, he spends Winters in Freeport, the Bahamas. He says -

"I have developed a number of highly placed Bahamian friends - and I asked them to influence the Government of the Bahamas to impose sanctions on Russia. No doubt, the US and UK Embassies made similar representations. In mid-March 2022, the Bahamas imposed sanctions on Russian financial transactions - and **froze a total of some \$2.9 billion of Russian assets in the country**. I don't know how influence my representations through my Bahamian friends has had. But, no matter what, I am delighted that the Bahamas Government froze the Russian assets."

"Russia retaliated and placed The Bahamas on a list on "unfriendly countries." I try to do what I can from my end."

The rock group "the Kinks" had it right, when they sang in their song about Hollywood, entitled [Celluloid Heroes](#), "everyone is in showbiz; everyone is a Star, everyone is in movies; doesn't matter who you

are.” So it is true about many of our recipients.

I suggested that he might consider spending time in one country in Africa, that will go un-named, that is in the Southern Hemisphere that would also help with his SADS. Its leadership supports Russia. They seem to ignore the fact that Russia, consisting of the Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and the Russian Federation, is the biggest colonialist in world history, causing more death, damage, and destruction than any of the other European colonial powers ever did. The leadership of this country is in need of re-education. Perhaps our recipient can do for this country what he did for the Bahamas, with similar results.

From Bohdan

War is expensive in more ways than one.

Over the course of this calendar year Ukraine borrowed 18,25 billion USD dollars to finance the war. In addition to borrowing Ukraine received 17,88 billion USD of budgetary assistance from the EU, 10,90 billion USD from the United States, and 4,47 billion USD of other bilateral assistance as of November 23, 2023. In other words, Ukraine is paying slightly more than 35% of all costs incurred in 2023 to contain rashist expansionism aimed at Europe and the United States.

By comparison the United States allocated over 17 billion USD in contracts from 2016 to 2020 to build replacement border walls on 581 miles of border Mexico has with California and Arizona. Allocated does not mean spent because contract prices can balloon. For example, a Montana firm won a \$142 million contract to replace 5 miles of vehicle barriers in 2019 which ballooned to \$1,1 billion by the time Trump left office. Because the USG cannot provide an accurate estimate of spending or cost, I say allocated.

The EU is not further ahead when it comes to throwing money at problems without resolving anything. The EU commission recently offered the anti-European Hungarian leader Orban, 1 billion USD if he stops blocking Ukraine assistance. The EU will release another 11,3 billion USD dollars to Orban if he permits effective monitoring of EU fund use in Hungary and depoliticizes appointment of judges. Orban replied with the creation of a toothless monitoring commission and changed wording of judicial appointment proceedings without weakening political control of the process. Now he expects the money, which if the record remains true, will go to him and his buds.

Resolving problems by throwing money at them breeds populism, which shifts the problem from cause to effect. For example, neither the EU and the US do much to resolve the cause of mass migration from North Africa and the Americas. Instead, they constantly increase spending on interdiction. Walls, no matter how thick and high, never stopped the sacking of cities, nor are they likely to prevent human ingenuity from working out solutions to get across.

The cost for the EU and US to retain credibility in the war with Rashism in Ukraine is much less than building walls at \$33 million a mile or paying authoritarians to vote the right way. Without credibility both will slip under the heels of goose-stepping populists.

My thoughts - Another example of “throwing money at problems without resolving anything” is the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office, that has \$400 billion to “throw” at green energy projects. This was described in a recent Wall Street Journal editorial by Kimberly Strassel, entitled “[The Biden Energy Slush Fund](#).” Judging from the performance of the loans previously extended by this agency, to support “green” business ventures, if this agency was a bank subject to similar regulatory policies as banks must comply with, it would have suffered the same fate as Silicon Valley Bank and be shut down. Instead of throwing good

money after bad, as has been the case with previous loans extended by this agency, perhaps Congress can consider diverting \$105 billion from the capitalization of Energy Programs Loan Office, to fund the needs of Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan and the southern border. They'd still have around \$300 billion to "throw at problems without resolving anything."

["Tech Giant Cisco Built Special Device to Help Kyiv Ward of Cyberattacks on Power Grid"](#)/Kyiv Independent

I'm not sure if this device is able to jam incoming Russian drones and missiles, or if it is only useful in deflecting cyberattacks but, regardless, everything helps. It appears if Ukraine is much better prepared this Winter to stop Russian attacks against critical infrastructure. Also, Ukraine is much better prepared to inflict similar damage on critical infrastructure in Russian cities, which I expect they will do.

What concerns me is preparedness of Ukrainian citizens, and their ability to endure a 2nd winter of continual trips to the basement of their buildings, such as last Friday/Saturday night, when Kyiv was under 7 hours of air raid warnings. Someone compared this to what cancer victims must endure, being subjected to multiple rounds of chemotherapy.

["A Phase Shift in the Ukraine War – The Winter Campaign of 2023/2024 has Commenced"](#)/ Gen. Mick Ryan via Substack

My advice is to ignore all the reports on the war by the Pundits and the Newspapers of Record. They've gotten continually wrong and, worse, they never stoop to admit that they've been wrong. Instead, read the posts from Gen. Mick Ryan and Lawrence Freedman, whose latest post, entitled, "Why Not Losing is Not Tantamount to Winning – Can Putin Wait for the West to Give Up on Ukraine," can be found [here](#).

My late cousin used to like to say in a rather loud voice, usually in response to some point someone was trying to make that he believed with justification to be irrelevant, **“IT DOESN’T MATTER.”** The West giving up on Ukraine doesn’t matter because, as we’ve said throughout these emails, Ukraine will keep fighting and they will eventually drive Russia out of Ukraine.

In my opinion the major differences between the 2023/2024 Winter Campaign and 2022/2023 are: Ukraine’s ability to degrade Crimea; the Dnipro Crossings.

Ukraine is already reducing Crimea’s role as a military asset for Russia. The Black Sea Fleet has largely withdrawn from Sevastopol. Ukraine is continually hitting the major Russian supply node of Dzhankoi, in the northeast part of Crimea.

I believe it’s only a matter of time before Ukraine bridges the Dnipro, allowing Ukraine to move heavy equipment onto the Left Bank. Except for the immediate vicinity of the Left Bank, the ground is more conducive to the movement of armor, the Russians have not built the type of defense lines that Ukraine has had to cope with around Robotyne, the winter is more moderate than is the case further north, and F-16s will eventually arrive that will help Ukraine achieve air superiority. All of this can take place during winter months.

News From the Battlefield

[“Reporting From Ukraine”](#) continues to cover Avdiivka, and yesterday was another day of 1,000+ Russian casualties (1,070) largely because of the fighting around Avdiivka. When I’m not hearing about other fronts, I usually conclude that something positive has taken place in Ukraine’s favor. The Ukrainian High Command has a history of withholding battlefield developments for

48 hours.

11/26/2023 Sitrep (my comment in **bold face**)

Abbreviations:

RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

INTERNATIONAL

Sunday, November 26

9:51 AM: The President of France, Emmanuel Macron, and the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, made statements to commemorate Holodomor victims.

- "Never forget the Holodomor. It's an artificial famine, it's a genocide. Millions of Ukrainians died 90 years ago," Macron said on Twitter (X).
- The French president added that on this day of remembrance, Russia resorted to another massive air attack on Ukrainian cities.
- "I want to express our full sympathy and support to the people of Ukraine," Emmanuel Macron said.
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau emphasized that the Holodomor was an attempt by the Stalinist regime to break the resistance of Ukrainians, to destroy their identity and desire for independence.
- He urged Canadian citizens to learn more about these pages of history and honor the memory of those who died.

10:02 AM: UNICEF will allocate \$450 million for the frontline regions of Ukraine

- It is noted that the Minister of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories Iryna Vereshchuk held a working meeting with UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban.
- "The priorities of cooperation in 2024 were discussed. One of them remains the support of communities near the areas of hostilities. Especially children and their families," the message reads.

Saturday, November 25

12:19 PM: Azerbaijan has sent a Revival P armored unmanned demining vehicle to Ukrainian sappers, Ukrainian Ambassador to Azerbaijan Vladyslav Kanevskyi said.

4:31 PM: Switzerland will transfer more than €100 million to Ukraine, the funds will go to demining and food.

- This was announced by the President of Switzerland, Alan Berse.

4:40 PM: "Some political steps of Poland": Zelenskyi on the reason for the blockade of trucks at the border

- According to Zelenskyi, there are difficulties at the border, first of all, due to some political steps taken by Poland.
- "I think we need to have a very balanced policy. To have an action plan to follow. And we have this plan, the prime minister is working, both at the level of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the level of the Ministry of Infrastructure. All this is there. I am sure that we will be able to do all this. I think we need to give our neighbors a little time, everything will warm up," Zelenskyi said.
- The President also noted that he discussed this problem and ways to solve it with the President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis.

4:56 PM: Lithuania additionally allocates €2 million to finance the

"Grain from Ukraine" humanitarian initiative.

- This was reported by the country's Prime Minister, Ingrid Shimonite.
- "_We are also working out alternative export routes, in particular the "Solidarity Routes", as well as new corridors_", Shimonite added.

6:07 PM: Latvia is in the top three donors of military aid to Ukraine as a percentage of the national GDP, - Prime Minister of Ukraine Shmyhal.

6:07 PM: Since the start of the full-scale war, Australia has provided almost A\$1 billion in aid to Ukraine.

6:07 PM: Mall fire in Pakistan kills 11, injures more than 30 - The Guardian.

6:27 PM: The European Commission will allocate €50 million to restore Ukrainian ports affected by Russian attacks.

- This was announced by the President of the EC, Ursula von der Leyen.
- "Over time, our investments will allow Ukrainian ports to return to pre-war export volumes," she writes in the letter.

9:38 PM: China says it has "pushed out" the US destroyer USS Hopper from its territorial waters, — CGTN.

9:38 PM: US Secretary of State Blinken will take part in the ministerial meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Council, US State Dept.

9:38 PM: Hamas has delayed the release of a second group of Israeli hostages and accused Israeli authorities of violating the terms of the ceasefire, Al Jazeera reports.

NATIONAL

Sunday, November 26

6:50 AM: A draft law is being prepared so that TCC employees can check documents and record the issuing of summonses on video, - People's Deputy

- According to Kostenko, now TCC employees do not have the right to stop people, check their documents and serve summonses. But soon the situation may change.
- The secretary of the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on National Security, Defense and Intelligence said that the draft law, which will be developed by the end of the year with the participation of the Ministry of Defense and the General Staff, will expand the rights of the TCC.

7:15 AM Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 November 26:

- During the day of November 25, there were 58 combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 4 missile and 109 air strikes, 59 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements. Also last night, russian occupants launched 1 air strike on Ukraine, using Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. All of the enemy drones have been destroyed.
- Air strikes hit Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Kyslivka, Berestove (Kharkiv oblast), Stelmakhivka, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Terny, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast).
- More than 100 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kherson oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of November 25, the Ukrainian Air Force launched 11 air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment of the adversary.
- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 11 concentration of troops, weapons and military equipment, 4 artillery systems, 1 command post, and 1 ammunition depot of the russian invaders.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: the enemy conducted assault operations near Synkivka and Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast), where Ukrainian soldiers repelled 4 attacks.

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 10x attacks of the adversary near 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 invaders, 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 occupiers. The enemy's offensive operations in the vicinities of Stepove, Avdiyivka, Pervomaiske, and south of Novokalynove (Donetsk oblast) were unsuccessful. The Ukrainian defenders repelled 23 attacks in that area.

Maryinka axis: the adversary conducted assault operations in the vicinities of Maryinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 9 attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the adversary conducted unsuccessful assault operations south of Zolota Nyva and east of Staromaiorske (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the enemy made 8 unsuccessful attempts to regain the lost ground near Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group

Kherson axis: the Ukrainian troops 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.

8:57 AM: Russia's night attack on Ukraine: air defense forces destroyed 8 out of 9 "shaheads"

- It is noted that the occupiers launched 9 attack UAVs of the "Shahed" type at night from the south-eastern direction, namely the Russian Primorsko-Akhtarsk.

- As a result of the combat work of the air defense forces of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, 8 enemy "Shaheed" drones were destroyed.

9:26 AM: Odesa and Mykolaiv Oblasts were covered in snow at night, local social networks report.

- Part of the settlements in the oblasts has been cut off.

9:29 AM: Speaker of the Parliament of Finland Jussi Halla-aho delivered his speech in the Verkhovna Rada entirely in Ukrainian.

- Halla-aho spoke at the Council on Saturday together with speakers of a total of six EU countries and the president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, he delivered a speech entirely in Ukrainian.
- Jussi Halla-aho began by reminding that Finland in 1939 faced the same imperial aggression of the USSR as Ukraine now, and on February 24 the Finns remembered this past well.
- He expressed his disappointment that after the end of the "Cold War" and the collapse of the USSR, Russia did not change in the end.
- "As then, so today, it does not respect international law or its obligations. It does not value the lives of its own or those of others. It believes that it has the right to veto the elections of its neighbors, the right to veto even their existence. Russia respects and understands force. Russian imperialism must be answered with force," Halla-aho emphasized.

11:45 AM: People's deputies from "Servants of the People" and OPZZH want to block the adoption of the law banning the Moscow patriarchate, - Iryna Gerashchenko

- "Until the end of 2023, the church law will not be adopted! And the issue is not only in the number of amendments, they could be considered in a few days. "Servants" and OPZZH found a more creative approach. They appealed to Speaker Stefanchuk

with the demand to send the draft law for examination by the Venice Commission ", Gerashchenko's post says.

- According to her, the electronic document circulation system of the parliament shows that currently 50 deputies have signed this appeal. At the same time, the author of the initiative, Andriy Motovylovet, "from the very beginning was not in favor of putting the church bill on the agenda, motivating it by freedom of conscience and non-interference of the state in church affairs."
- **A better approach might be for Ukrainian authorities to continue to arrest priests belonging to the Moscow Patriarchate who have broken Ukrainian law, and leave the Moscow Patriarchate intact. This seems to be a better way to deal with the utter nonsense coming from American politicians and public figures, useful idiots all, like Vivek Ramaswamy and Tucker Carlson, that Ukraine is engaging in religious discrimination against Christians. After all priests, just like all Ukrainian citizens and no matter what their religious affiliations, are all subject to Ukrainian law.**

Saturday, November 25

3:27 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky met with the President of Switzerland, Alain Berse.

- "_They discussed the issue of humanitarian demining, the use of frozen profits from the assets of the aggressor country, the Peace Formula_" Zelenskyi said.

3:53 PM: Ukraine will receive naval boats to protect the "grain corridor".

- This was stated by Volodymyr Zelenskyi at the Grain from Ukraine International Summit.

- " _We already have concrete agreements on receiving ships. This is a matter of the near future_" the president said.
- Also, according to him, the Odesa region will be protected by additional powerful air defense systems. There are already agreements with partners.

4:00 PM: At 4:00 p.m., a national minute of silence was announced in Ukraine to honor the memory of the victims of the Holodomor of 1932-1933.

- Ukrainians light memorial candles on windowsills.

6:55 PM: The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine handed over a thousand archive files from the genocide period to the Holodomor Museum.

- Most of them relate to cannibalism in March-June 1933, which coincides with the peak of mortality among Ukrainians.
- " _These 1,022 cases give historians the opportunity to study the influence of the communist regime, which created an artificial famine that brought Ukrainians to a state of despair and crossing the border of human morality_" the Ministry of Internal Affairs notes.

7:25 PM: Difficult weather conditions of the II level of danger are expected in Ukraine on November 26-27, — Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Center.

- In the Kyiv, Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Odesa regions heavy snowfalls;
- in the Sumy, Poltava, Kirovohrad, and Mykolaiv regions wet snow and rain, sometimes ice;
- heavy rains will occur in Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia regions and Crimea.
- In the northern, central, southern regions and the Crimea, the wind increased to 17-22 m/s, in places up to 25 m/s, in Odesa and Mykolaiv regions 25-30 m/s; in the western and eastern regions, wind gusts of 15-20 m/s.

7:47 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on November 25:

- During the day _42 combat clashes took place_. The enemy launched 3 missile and 99 air strikes, fired 38 rocket salvo fire strikes at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- The aviation of the defense forces _made 11 strikes_ on the areas of concentration of personnel, weapons, and military equipment of the enemy.
- Units of the missile forces hit 7 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, _4 artillery means and the enemy's ammunition depot_.

10:55 PM: The situation at the border is not yet critical, but we are already seeing problems with the supply of fuel to Ukraine, Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy Markiyan Dmytrasevich said.

11:52 PM: Fuel supply problems have started in Ukraine. The reason is known

- The Ministry of Agrarian Policy said that due to the situation on the Polish-Ukrainian border, problems with the supply of fuel are recorded in Ukraine
- This was announced by the Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine Markiyan Dmytrasevich on the air of the telethon.
- According to Dmytrasevich, the situation at the border is not critical for the export of grain, but at the same time there is a problem with the supply of fuel.

MORDOR - ruZZia

Sunday, November 26

9:04 AM: In the morning of November 26, new explosions rang out in Tula, Russia, the mass media wrote about the "shooting down of

drones".

- Residents of Tula reported new explosions over the city after the night drone attack.
- Others write that they saw the flight of several more UAVs over the city.
- Russian mass media write that two drones were shot down, that is, they allegedly shot down "5-6 drones" overnight.

10:04 AM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation reported on a repeated morning drone attack across Russia.

- Allegedly, four aircraft were shot down over the territory of Bryansk, Smolensk and Tula regions.
- Earlier, social networks reported about the flight of an unmanned aerial vehicle and new explosions in the Russian Tula.

10:14 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Sevastopol.

- An air alert has been declared in the city due to the missile threat. We are waiting for official information.

10:31 AM: Serhiy Bratchuk, spokesman of the Ukrainian Volunteer Army "South", commented on the attack on the Russian military unit in Dzhankoya

- He told about this on the Espresso TV channel.
- "The data (regarding the attack, - ed.) have been confirmed by our partisans. These eyes have been in Crimea since 2014. I hope that there will be a lot of such "cotton" in Dzhankoy. The city has become not just a hub station. Today it is a kind of military base , a hub on the territory of northern Crimea and the temporarily occupied peninsula in general. Therefore, there will be a lot of "cotton" in Dzhankoya," Bratchuk said.

10:50 AM: Latvia has announced its readiness to join negotiations to unblock the border between Ukraine and Poland.

- This is stated in the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia.
- Poland and Latvia also discussed the future decision of the Council of the EU regarding the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the EU.

11:12 AM: British military expert retired British Army Colonel Glen Grant commented on the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on the left bank of Kherson Oblast and Zaporizhzhia.

- "It is known that the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the Kherson region are slowly moving forward. They will continue to move, since Russia now has no opportunity to push them back. Therefore, I think that a turning point, whether in Zaporizhzhia or in the Kherson region, will definitely come, it is only a matter of time. It may not happen this winter, but I think there will be progress on two fronts until something happens.
- Therefore, we must pray that the Russians will not be able to cope with three fronts at the same time," he said.

Saturday, November 25

2:28 PM: During today's drone attack on Kyiv, the Russians used black carbon-coated "shakheds".

- This was announced by the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Yuriy Ignat.
- According to the spokesman, these were not new jet drones that Iran had previously introduced. Perhaps the black color was used to complicate the work of Ukrainian air defense.

11:23 PM Armed with high-precision missiles: unmanned attack helicopters "Termit" were shown in Russia

- The Termit unmanned attack helicopter will be armed with high-precision S-8L laser-guided missiles. DE emphasized that this is actually a Russian analogue of APKWS.
- During Dmitry Medvedev's visit to the Rudnevo Industrial Park in Moscow, Russian terrorists demonstrated the serial production of attack UAVs. The contract for an undisclosed number of these drones was signed back in 2021 with a relatively short deadline.

REGIONS

KYIV



Sunday, November 26

12:34 AM: Air defense is working in the suburbs of Kyiv. The danger continues, KMVA reports.

2:15 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Kyiv region. Previously, the work of the Air Defense Forces.: 19 AM: Explosions were heard in the temporarily occupied Makiivka of the Donetsk region. The light went out in several areas of the city.

Saturday, November 25

12:43 PM: Electricity has been restored in Kyiv after the night attack

- _"Currently, all residents of the capital have electricity again. There are no emergency shutdowns in Kyiv",_ - reports DTEK.

11:57 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Kyiv region.

CHERNIHIV



Sunday, November 26

7:40 AM: Shot for the words "Glory to Ukraine!": A monument to the soldier Oleksandr Matsievsky was opened in Nizhyn

- A memorial was opened in Nizhyn in honor of the fallen defenders of Ukraine. The central figure was a bronze

monument to the Hero of Ukraine Oleksandr Matsievsky, who was shot by the Russian military for saying "Glory to Ukraine".

- According to the mayor Oleksandr Kodola, the memorial was built with the money of benefactors, and construction began on June 7 and lasted 120 days.

DONETSK



Sunday, November 26

4:22 AM: The lights also went out in the temporarily occupied Mariupol, local channels report.

Saturday, November 25

6:07 PM: About a dozen Russians surrendered overnight near Avdiivka.

6:29 PM Avdiivka is turning into the Bermuda Triangle for the Russians: military expert Snegiryov on the losses of the occupiers

- Dmytro Snegiryov, military expert, co-head of the "Prava Sprava" GI, noted that the most combat-capable units of the Russian army are disappearing near Avdiivka, giving an example of a revealing moment when three elite reconnaissance groups of the enemy disappeared without a trace in the Avdiivka area.

10:50 PM: Oleksandr Menshov, a writer from Kherson, died in a battle near Klishchiivka

- A serviceman died as a result of mortar shelling near Klishchiivka in Donetsk region. He is survived by his wife and two minor children, the "Detector Media" portal reported on November 25, 2023.

- "Before the full-scale Russian invasion, Oleksandr Menshov was a writer. He and his family lived in occupied Kherson for almost half a year. After they managed to leave for Vinnytsia, the man joined the ranks of the Armed Forces," the report states.

DNIPRO



Saturday, November 25

12:52 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kryvyi Rih.

1:21 PM: The explosion that was heard in the city took place outside Kryvyi Rih and even Kryvyi Rih district, the head of the city's Defense Council Oleksandr Vilkul said.

KHERSON



Sunday, November 26

8:39 AM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kherson.

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4:11 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

ODESA



Sunday, November 26

11:54 AM: Route M-15 Odesa - Reni has been completely closed for all types of transport, the Odesa City Council reports.

- Traffic restrictions have also been introduced for heavy-duty vehicles on the M-05 highway Kyiv - Odesa.
- "_We ask all drivers not to leave their homes, but to wait out the adverse weather conditions. Currently, the roads are slippery, there are snowdrifts, impassable places, traffic jams and road accidents_" writes the head of Odesa OVA Kiper.

ZAKARPATIA



Saturday, November 25

5:26 PM: 5 men wanted to cross the border with Slovakia using the password "potato", — DPSU.

- "The control word "potato" was to be said by the offenders when getting into the car that was to take them to the border with Slovakia", the message reads.
- The border guards stopped them and the guide 200 meters from the border. Such a service cost "clients" from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

RIVNO



Saturday, November 25

1:16 PM: The SBI informed about the suspicion of a member of the Rivne Regional Council, who illegally enriched himself by millions of dollars.

- During the investigation, more than 4 million US dollars in various currencies were discovered and seized from him only in cash.
- They also found three luxury cars, jewelry and expensive watches, gold coins, gold bars, a Kalashnikov assault rifle with 16 magazines, and more.
- In addition, the deputy owned four plots of land in Rivne, on which he built cottages.

Attacks on Civilians and Civilian Infrastructure from 12:00 November 23 to 12:00 November 24 2023

Civilian Casualties	Killed	0	Wounded	0	Land Mine Injuries	0
Strike Numbers	rocket/UAV strikes	0	bomb strikes	8	artillery or mortar	300

	2				strikes	
Physical Damage	Residential	0	Commercial Property	0	Public/Infrastructure	0

VISUAL CHRONOLOGY OF REGIONAL ROCKET, DRONE, ARTILLERY, MORTAR AND BOMB ALARMS



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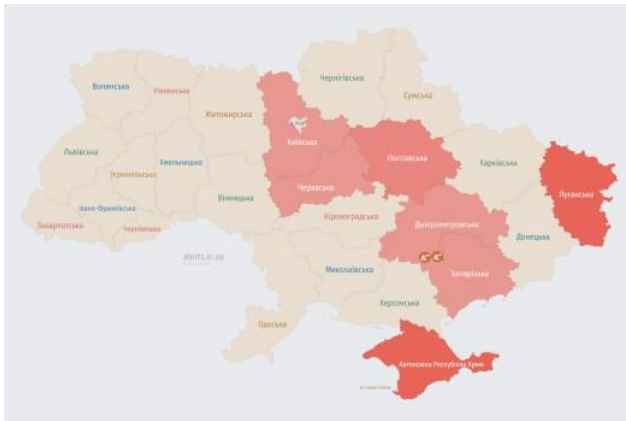
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 627 days	After 628 days	After 639 days	After 640 days	After 641 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	312,550	313,470	322,900	323,760	324,830

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5354	5362	5496	5502	5513
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10079	10086	10256	10263	10279
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8450	8471	8737	8756	8781
Cruise Missiles		1561	1561	1564	1565	1565
Fighters Bombers	118	322	322	323	323	323

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		5634	5649	5800	5808	5901
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		580	580	595	596	597
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	9949	9973	10230	10259	10288
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		1079	1081	1108	1108	1113

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