

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine
12:00 noon November 29 to
12:00 noon November 30, 2023

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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.

To mark the 10th 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.

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 the Ebook, 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.

Looking back, I have concluded that it’s impossible to understand that is happening in Ukraine today, in terms of Ukraine’s response to Russia’s latest invasion, without understanding what happened during Euromaidan. Hopefully the book will add to people’s understanding of this extraordinary period.

In writing the book, 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.

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

Ukraine Blows Up the “BAM”

The BAM is the Baikal-Amur Railroad that Russia uses to transport arms from both China and North Korea. According to reports, they collapsed a tunnel, making repairs extremely difficult. The location of the blast is thousands of miles from Ukrainian territory.

[Ukraine Aid’s Best-Kept Secret – Most of the Money Stays in the USA](#)/Marc Thiessen – Washington Post

Thiessen is a Washington Post editorial writer. He often appears as a guest panelist on Fox News. Bohdan has more information, below.

I’m not sure that there’s a shovel big enough, for opponents of supporting Ukraine, like Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Missouri), and Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Florida), to shovel their way out.

The article states that approximately 90% of the money that U.S. taxpayers have spent on military assistance to Ukraine stays in the U.S., and goes to private companies, many of which are located in congressional districts represented by some of the most vocal opponents of military support to Ukraine. The money also goes to employees of these companies, in the form of salaries. Most of this money is spent by employees in the same congressional districts.

They, along with their employers, pay federal, state and local taxes that, at least at the federal level, indirectly goes back to defraying the budget outlays that go to supporting Ukraine.

Opponents of supporting Ukraine claim that their opposition is based on money going to Ukraine, instead of staying in the U.S. This article blows a big hole in their argument for withholding support to Ukraine.

2 Financial Times Articles

[“Ukraine’s Long War – And How to Win it”](#)/by Alec Russell

“Every conflict has periods of defeatism but there are no signs of it in Kyiv, which just needs the west to keep the faith.”

Usually, this is not what one hears from the “Newspapers of Record.”

For those discussing how long the war will last, it’s worth remembering that the war is approaching its 10th Anniversary. It started on Feb. 28, 2014, when Russia invaded Crimea.

[“The Crackdown on Ukraine’s Oligarchs”](#)

The article mentions the possibility that the loss of assets controlled by the major oligarchs are being transferred to those around Pres. Zelenskyy. This is exactly what happened in the mid-1970s in the Philippines, when former Pres. Ferdinand Marcos declared Martial Law. I was working in the Philippines at the time. Here is one account of what happened to the [Lopez Family](#), at the time the richest family in the Philippines. I may be the only person on the planet who has spent significant time in both the Philippines and Ukraine, and I can see some of the parallels.

The article doesn’t mention much of the small-time graft and corruption, the type that affects ordinary Ukrainians. In my book about Euromaidan, that I’m making available (you can purchase the book by clicking on the link [HERE](#)), in the book I include a number of examples of small-time graft. One that I didn’t include was the ZhEK system, responsible for managing many multi-family residential buildings, such as the building we live in. I once met with the former

Head of the IMF in Ukraine. I mentioned a few examples to him. He hadn't heard of any of them, likely because they're focused on the big issues, like the judiciary or the retail gas distribution system owned by Dmytro Firtash whose name, interestingly, the article does not mention.

News From the Battlefield

[“Reporting From Ukraine”](#) continues to cover Avdiivka, another Russian meatgrinder. Yesterday, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry reported that 1,180 Russian soldiers who were either killed or incapacitated.

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Abbreviations:

RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

INTERNATIONAL

Thursday, November 30

8:01 AM: Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has died. He was 100 years old, — Reuters.

8:01 AM: Hamas militants are willing to release male hostages captured in Israel in exchange for the release of several "high-ranking Palestinians" from Israeli prisons, WSJ.

8:49 AM: A 24-year-old girl was killed in a terrorist attack in Jerusalem, and 8 people were injured, Israeli TV channel i24.

- The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs publishes a video from the scene of the events, on which numerous shots can be heard near the entrance to the city at the bus stop. Two suspects were neutralized on the spot.

Wednesday, November 29

3:18 PM: Germany contributes another €11.5 million to the Ukraine-NATO trust fund.

- This was stated by the head of the German Foreign Ministry, Annalena Berbock.
- " _The Ukraine-NATO Council will become the driving force that will bring Ukraine closer to NATO. NATO standards, planning of forces and means and reforming of the armed forces are central to this process_ ", she said.

4:04 PM: Slovakia will extend the ban on the import of agricultural products from Ukraine and tighten transit rules, — Novinky.

4:04 PM: Ministers of transport of European Union countries will discuss the blockade of the Polish-Ukrainian border, — RMF FM.

4:04 PM: Starting next year, elementary and middle schools in South Korea will have robot English teachers, KBS.

4:31 PM: Statements and assumptions that are heard in Ukraine that the leadership of the Armed Forces of Ukraine does not have a plan to achieve military goals are incorrect.

- This was stated by a high-ranking NATO military official at a briefing in Brussels.
- According to him, Ukraine's partners do not impose a specific approach to the conduct of war on the Armed Forces, as they believe that the Ukrainian military determines planning more effectively on its own.

6:55 PM: Europol has created an operational task force to support investigations into war crimes committed in Ukraine, the National Police.

- So far, 14 countries have agreed to allocate a special OSINT unit to support priority requests from Ukraine and other countries.
- Suspects are planned to be identified through the collection and analysis of intelligence from open sources.

10:13 PM: Slovak carriers will begin blocking the "Vyshnye Nemetske

- Uzhgorod" checkpoint from December 1.

- The blockade will not limit the transportation of humanitarian goods, military aid, live animals, fuel and refrigerated (fresh) goods. At the same time, trucks with commercial goods will pass at a speed of 4 cars per hour.

10:38 PM: Poland will ask the EU to restore the permit system for cargo transportation for Ukraine, - Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki.

10:38 PM: Israel to resume hostilities in Gaza after return of hostages. This was stated by Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, reports Ynet.

10:38 PM: The French authorities are close to agreeing and concluding a bilateral agreement with Ukraine on security guarantees for our state. Arrangements may be made early next year. This is reported by Sky News.

10:38 PM: Poland will also boycott the OSCE meeting because of Serhiy Lavrov's participation in it, - Tvpworld.

11:35 PM: Most US aid to Ukraine remains in the United States, The Washington Post reports

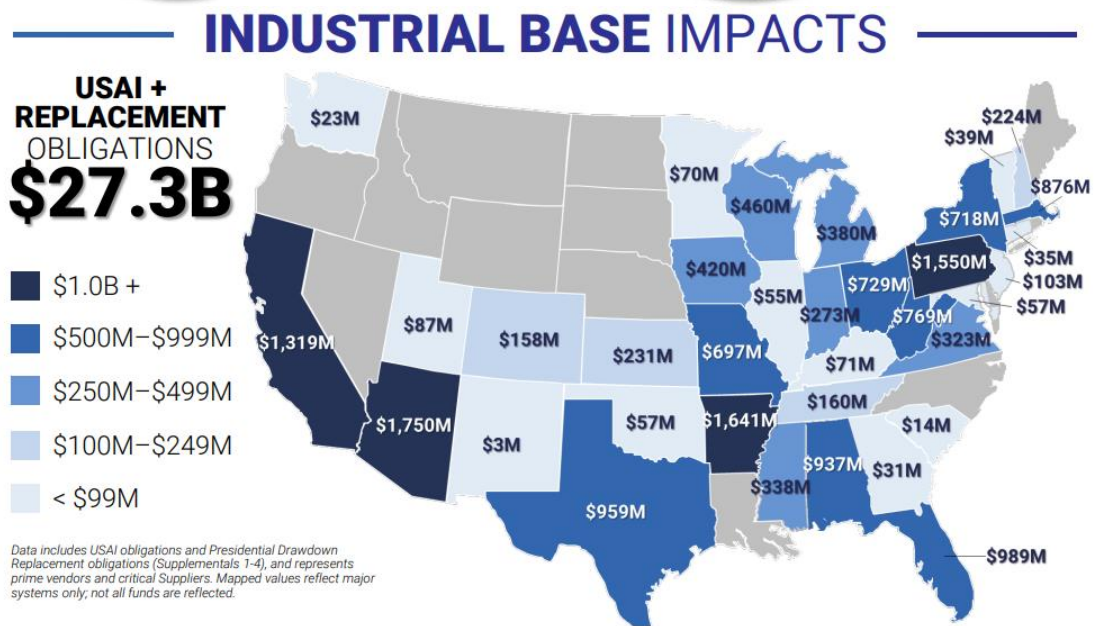
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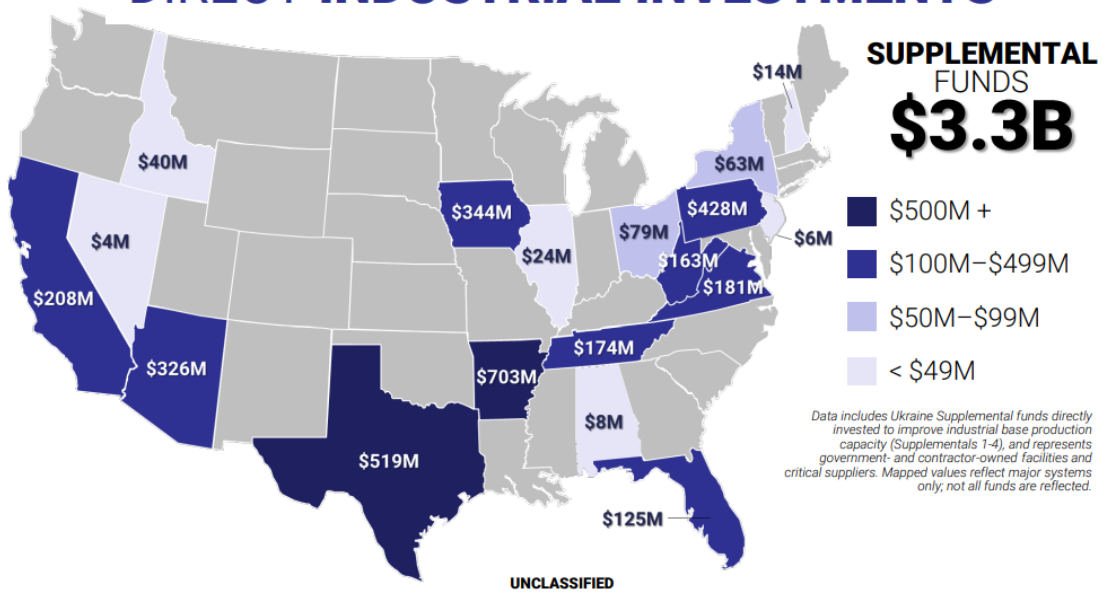
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United States of America Ukraine Security Assistance



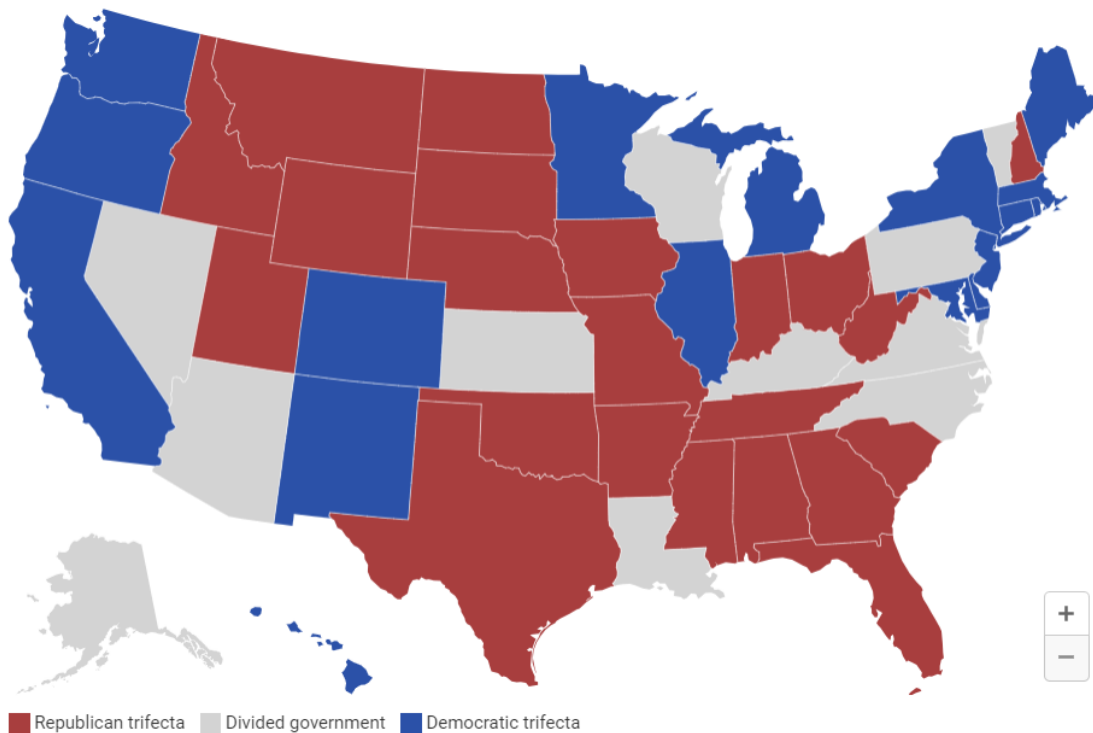
— DIRECT INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS —



From the above it should be clear that US military assistance to Ukraine strengthens US military capacity while at the same time providing jobs.

As with any government spending it is not evenly distributed geographically, in terms of benefits to classes of people, others. Below is a distribution map of Republican and Democrat held state legislatures:

State government trifectas before the 2023 elections.



A visual reflection points to greater benefits heading to Republican held states than Democrat ones. Logically there should be greater Republican support for military assistance to Ukraine, but there isn't.

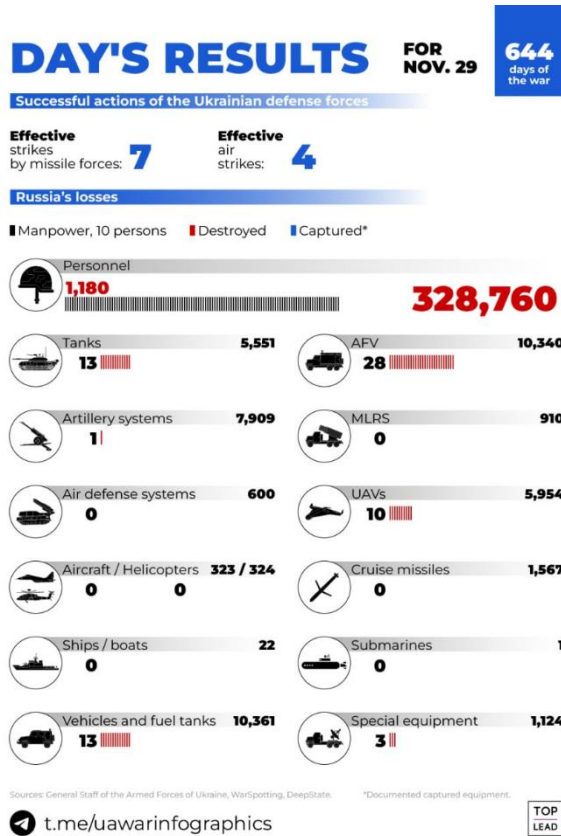
NATIONAL

Thursday, November 30

7:35 AM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 06:00 on November 30:

- During the day of November 29, there were 101x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 11x missile and 28x air strikes, 43x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- During the day of November 29, the Russian Federation attacked Ukraine's civilian infrastructure yet again with 1x Kh-31 guided cruise missile and 2x S-300 anti-aircraft missiles. Also, last night, the occupants launched another strike on Ukraine, using 8x S-300 anti-aircraft guided missiles and 20x Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. The Ukrainian air defense destroyed 14x attack UAVs. Private houses, three-story residential building in the city of Myrnohrad (Donetsk oblast), and other civilian infrastructure were destroyed or damaged.
- Air strikes hit Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Kupyansk, Kurylivka (Kharkiv oblast), Novomykhailivka, Avdiivka, and Novoukrainka (Donetsk oblast).
- More than 110x settlements in Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of November 29, Ukrainian Air Force launched 2x air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, and 2x air strikes on the anti-aircraft missile systems of the adversary.

- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 3x command posts, 2x ammunition depots, and 2x concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment of the Russian invaders.



Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: the enemy conducted assault operations near Synkivka, Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast), and Stelmakhivka (Luhansk oblast), where the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 7x attacks.

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 24x adversary attacks in the vicinities of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast) and east of Terny,

Yampolivka, and Torske (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the adversary conducted unsuccessful assault operations near Ivanivske and Andriivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 4x attacks in that area. In turn, 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

Avdiivka axis: with the air support, the occupiers keep trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground as they inflict major losses on the enemy. The adversary's offensive actions were unsuccessful near Stepove, Novokalynove, east of Novobakhmutivka, Avdiivka, south of Tonenke, Sjeverne, and

Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Forces repelled 22x attacks in that area.

Maryinka axis: with the air support, the enemy conducted unsuccessful assault operations in the vicinities of Krasnohorivka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 11x attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 3x adversary attacks south of Prechystivka (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the occupiers made 5x unsuccessful attempts to regain the lost ground in the vicinity of Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast). Also, the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 9x enemy attacks northwest of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

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.

11:21 AM: Ukrainian companies produce about 50,000 FPV drones every month, Russians six times more, Forbes.

- In total, there are about 200 manufacturers of drones of various types in Ukraine. They provide only 10-15% of the total needs of the army. FPV drones alone need about 200,000 units per month.

11:43 AM: The last of the main high-voltage lines damaged by the weather has been put into operation. Power supply reliability in the southern region has been restored, — "Ukrenergo".

- In the morning, 191 settlements remain without power due to bad weather.
- In the evening hours from 16:00 to 18:00 there may be a shortage of electricity in the power system.

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2:13 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi held a meeting on liquidation of the

consequences of large-scale bad weather.

- " _Instructed to speed up works on restoration of electricity supply and increase the number of repair crews and equipment_ ", - noted the president.

2:40 PM: Since 1:00 p.m., a shortage of electricity has been recorded in the energy system, Ukrenergo.

- The reason for the shortage is a rapid increase in consumption due to severe weather conditions and the simultaneous inclusion in the network of thousands of consumers from regions affected by bad weather.
- The company urges you to consume electricity sparingly throughout the day until 6:00 p.m.

3:39 PM: Kolomoisky decided to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights over the court's decision to extend his arrest for another two months.

- This is stated in the statement of his lawyer Oleksandr Lysak.
- "[...] _national courts continue to detain Ihor Valeriyovych in custody without any justified legal purpose, in complete disregard of the requirements of the Convention on Human Rights_ ", the lawyer said.

4:25 PM: The SBU reported the suspicion to Russian General Yevgeny Poplavskyi, who led the repression against Ukrainians during the capture of Lyman.

- On his orders, the occupiers kidnapped Ukrainian patriots and subjected them to numerous tortures.

- In addition, facts were documented when the person involved personally participated in punitive actions and torture of civilians.

4:52 PM: In "Diya" you can now get an English-language version of some documents - a foreign passport, a technical passport or a driver's license.

- To do this, you need to update the application, select a document for translation, click on the three dots in the lower right corner of the document and select the translation function.
- Rights and technical data have an international coding used in the EU, USA and Canada.

6:17 PM: The court extended the preventive measure in the form of round-the-clock house arrest to Metropolitan Pavlo Lebidyu of the UOC MP until January 29, — mass media.

7:17 PM: In Ukraine, a register of those convicted of crimes against children on sexual grounds has been formed — it will serve as a safeguard against contact with criminals.

- This is reported by the Prosecutor General's Office.
- Principals of schools and kindergartens, heads of state administrations and heads of local self-government bodies will have access to the register, in particular.

7:33 PM Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on November 29:

- During the day _73 combat clashes took place_. The enemy launched 3 missile and 13 air strikes, fired 8 rocket salvo fire systems at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces _made 2 strikes_ on the areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 2 more - on the enemy's anti-aircraft missile systems.

- Units of the missile forces _hit 3 control points, 2 ammunition warehouses_ and the area where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment are concentrated.

10:57 PM: Ukraine today received emergency aid from Romania and Poland to cover the deficit in the energy system.

- This was stated by the chairman of the board of Ukrenergo Volodymyr Kudrytskyi on the air of the telethon.

11:18 PM: From January 1, 2024, the resolution on simplifying the system of payment of scholarships and social assistance will come into effect, the Ministry of Social Policy reports.

- Students of vocational pre-university and higher education institutions who were in Russian captivity, imprisoned or in any other way deprived of their freedom due to the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, as well as their children, will be able to receive assistance.

MORDOR - ruZZia

Thursday, November 30

8:01 AM: Explosions rang out in Bryansk, Russia, in the evening. It is reported that the "arrival" of a warehouse with "Shaheed" type attack drones was allegedly recorded.

10:50 AM: A new special operation by the SBU: an explosion occurred tonight on the Baikal-Amur highway, namely in the Severomuy tunnel named after Bessolov, which is located in Buryatia.

- In fact, this is the only serious railway connection between the Russian Federation and China. And currently, this route, which Russia uses, including for military supplies, is paralyzed.
- According to our data, 4 explosive devices went off while the freight train was moving. Now the FSB is working on the spot,

the railway workers are unsuccessfully trying to minimize the consequences of the SBU special operation.

Wednesday, November 29

4:04 PM: A court in Moscow arrested the Ukrainian singer Jamala in absentia in "the case of fakes against the Soviet Union of the Russian Federation", — rosZMI.

5:11 PM: As a result of the storm in the temporarily occupied Crimea, the Shahed, which was launched by Russia during the attack on Ukraine, fell.

- Video — Defense forces of southern Ukraine.

5:24 PM: Russian Major General Volodymyr Zavadsky died in Ukraine.

- His death was confirmed by the organization of graduates of the Moscow Higher Combined Arms Command School "Kremlin".
- According to rosZMI, the general blew himself up with a mine. Some wrote that it was eliminated in the area of the village of Krynyky on the left bank of the Kherson region.

5:48 PM: Hackers with the help of the SBU hacked the website of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Russian Federation

- The Ukrainian hacker group "BLACKJACK" hacked the website of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Russia. According to our sources, this operation was carried out together with cyber specialists of the SBU.
- Hackers gained access to a large number of documents: statistics on the so-called "svo", personal data of military personnel, materials of reports to the President of the Russian Federation, information on the number of prostheses. A separate array of information concerns the temporarily occupied Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia regions and their current "leadership".

- The Security Service will now have many new documents to study.
- After downloading the necessary information, hackers "demolished" more than 100 terabytes of data from the ministry's servers.

9:28 PM: North Korea sent Russia about 2,000 containers of weapons. This is reported by Reuters.

- According to American and South Korean officials, the port of Rason has been visited by Russian ships connected to the military logistics system since August.
- These ships are suspected of military supplies from North Korea to Russia.

9:37 PM: In the temporarily occupied Crimea, the IPTV broadcast was hacked and Volodymyr Zelenskyi's address was launched.

REGIONS

KYIV



Thursday, November 30

11:05 AM: NABU and SAP have exposed four judges of the Kyiv Court of Appeal for receiving illegal benefits.

- The investigation established that the judge of the Kyiv Court of Appeal offered one of the parties in the case to satisfy the complaint regarding the cancellation of the seizure of the private company's property. For this, the representative of the company had to give him and the trio of judges in the case an illegal benefit in the amount of \$35,000
- After receiving an illegal benefit, the mediator-judge kept \$10,000 for himself, and put \$25,000 in a whiskey box for further transfer to colleagues. After receiving the funds, they divided them among themselves.

KHARKIV



Wednesday, November 29

7:50 PM: Evacuation of families with children from dangerous areas of Kharkiv Oblast was completed — 299 children were evacuated together with their parents.

- This was reported by Oleg Sinegubov, head of OVA.

DONETSK



Thursday, November 30

8:22 AM: At night, the Russians simultaneously hit the Pokrovka district of Donetsk region with six S-300 missiles. Police paramedics saved the baby — DSNS.

- Pokrovsk, Novogrodivka and Myrnohrad came under fire. As a result of shelling, 10 people were injured, including 4 children. Five more people are being searched under the rubble.

10:30 AM: At the site of the shelling of a residential building in Novogrodivka, the body of a dead man was found from under the rubble, the acting chief of staff said. Ihor Moroz, head of the Donetsk OVA.

- _"As of 10:00 a.m., 4 people are probably under the rubble, including 1 child. The search and rescue operation is ongoing," Ihor Moroz said.

Wednesday, November 29

11:37 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Pokrovsky district of the Donetsk region.

ZAPORIZHIA



Wednesday, November 29

9:53 PM: Explosions are heard in the temporarily occupied Tokmak of the Zaporizhzhia region.

- Ivan Fedorov, the mayor of temporarily occupied Melitopol, reports this.

KHERSON



Thursday, November 30

9:21 AM: At midnight, the Russian army attacked Dar'ivka, Kherson OVA.

- a dozen residential buildings, kindergartens and a hospital were damaged by Russian fire. Four local residents were injured.

Wednesday, November 29

2:19 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

2:58 PM Social Networks: Repeated explosions are heard in Kherson.

4:35 PM: A 68-year-old man died as a result of Russian strikes on the outskirts of Kherson.

- This was announced by the head of the MBA, Roman Mrochko.

7:05 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi visited the Kherson region.

- "_The report on the construction of shelters. Meaningful. Thank you to everyone who is making efforts to protect people_" the president noted.

9:21 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

11:52 PM: Defense forces of Ukraine discovered the positions of the Russian Buk air defense system in the Kherson direction and hit it with HIMARS.

MYKOLAIV



Thursday, November 30

10:08 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kryvyi Rih and Mykolaiv.

Wednesday, November 29

6:06 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi arrived on a working visit to the Mykolaiv Region.

- "_Denmark's program of patronage over the region is truly an example of success_", the president noted.

ODESA



Wednesday, November 29

8:47 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa region.

Zhytomyr



Thursday, November 30

9:55 AM: In Zhytomyr Oblast, microcircuits containing precious metals were discovered and banned in a military unit, — Ministry of Defense.

- During the inspection, 28 kilograms of gold, 60 kilograms of silver, and 590 grams of platinum group metals were found.
- "_In the course of the audit, it was established that these fees were not on the records of the military unit. Although one of the tasks of the unit was to preserve this property. The circumstances of how the valuable property disappeared from the register and why it was kept unaccounted for are being established," the message states.

Attacks on Civilians and Civilian Infrastructure from 12:00 November 29 to 12:00 November 30 2023

Civilian Casualties	Killed	1	Wounded		Land Mine Injuries	0
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Strike Numbers	rocket/ UAV strikes 2	11	bomb strikes	7	artillery or mortar strikes	3
Physical Damage	Residential	1	Commercial Property	0	Public/Infrastructure	0