

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine
12:00 noon November 8 to
12:00 noon November 9, 2023

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The Ukraine War Ebook, “The Ukrainian People vs. The Russian Horde”

The Ukraine War Ebook, sent to those who were kind enough to support us, includes all our emails that we sent during the first week of the war. The Ebook has been very well received. Since early July, when the Ebook was released, we have added many new email recipients. For new recipients, plus existing recipients who would like to receive the Ebook, we would be happy to send you a copy in return for your support for our efforts. If you would like to support us in any amount in any currency, and receive an Ebook as our gesture of gratitude, please click on the link [HERE](#). Your support is greatly appreciated!

From Bohdan

Another facet of the information wars is official government information. The difference between Ukraine and Russia regarding official war statements is significant.

Ukraine's general military command puts out two daily statements, while Russia's usually issues one daily statement. In common neither is fully believable. The statements lack credibility because both sides fail to report their own losses.

However, when pressed Ukraine admits to losses in hindsight. Also Ukraine's official interlocutors often mention ratios of Ukrainian

losses in comparison to russian losses, and whether they are gaining territory or losing it.

From the start of the war russia made statements regarding its losses that are outside of the realm of belief according to Ukrainian data and according to independent third-party observers using satellite data.

More significant is what the official statements say about success. russian statements are continually peppered with success claims. The most egregious was the claim it made and maintained for the first month of war that it had destroyed Ukraine's air defenses and offense. The russians claimed this success on day three of the invasion, and even to this day, almost two years later, when neither demonstrates full control of Ukraine's air.

In comparison Ukraine's claims to success are almost always a few days after independent third-party notifications that Ukraine has made progress. The best example of this was Ukraine's twenty-four hour delay in confirming it sank the Moscow battleship, the pride of russia's black sea fleet.

Although Ukraine is more factual, its official war reporting, particularly the self-imposed lag, is frustrating for those following events. It is almost as if the Ukrainian government is scared that its credibility will suffer if it provides timely information.

Tomorrow I will look at Ukrainian and russian criticism of their official information providers.

News From the Battlefield

[“Reporting From Ukraine”](#) focuses on the Dnipro Crossings. At 2:30 into the video it is possible to see a circular area, colored in light tan. That is a small desert that is part of a national park whose objective is to save some of the last remaining steppe land in Ukraine. There

are also steppe lands in northern Crimea.

The pundits talk extensively about the “Mud Season” in Ukraine. This characterization applies more to northern and eastern Ukraine, more than it does to southern Ukraine. Thus it should be easier to maintain the tempo of military operations in southern Ukraine and around the Dnipro Crossings that will be the case in northern and eastern Ukraine. This is open country, where Bradleys and Strykers could give Ukraine an advantage. It is also not as heavily mined as the area where Ukraine is currently pressing its counteroffensive.

I have been all over Crimea during the month of December 2008. Except for snow on the tops the mountains that separate the southern seacoast from the rest of Crimea, there was no snow anywhere. I have been as far north as Chernomors’ke, that is not far from the point where Crimea is joined to the rest of Ukraine.

At 0:50 into the video, “Reporting From Ukraine” describes the tactical advantage Ukraine has, because of the bluffs along almost the entire Right Bank of Dnipro. This allows the Ukrainians to deploy artillery along the Right Bank, allowing them bring Russians on the Left Bank under fire from the heights, without having to move their tanks across the river and expose them to air and missile attacks.

The “[Latest Denys](#)” focuses his report on the area around Avdiivka. Today’s podcast from the Telegraph claims that Russia has amassed around 40,000 troops for another push against Avdiivka. Earlier reports stated that Russia has amassed 100,000 troops around Kupiansk, north of Avdiivka, but they haven’t attained any major success.

Earlier reports state the Ukraine has amassed around 40,000 troops along the Right Bank of the Dnipro, in Kherson Oblast. They are likely there because of a possible move in force across the Dnipro. What will Russia do, with their forces opposing Ukraine near Robotyne and Vulhedar? Will they stay, or move south and west to oppose a Ukrainian crossing of the Dnipro? Whack-a-Mole indeed! According to the Ukrainian Defense Ministry, Russia suffered another

day of 1,000+ casualties.

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RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

INTERNATIONAL

Thursday, November 9

8:13 AM: The U.S. Department of Defense has up to \$1.1 billion for Ukraine restocking by winter, National Security Council strategic communications coordinator John Kirby said.

8:13 AM: Germany's defense ministry plans to withdraw three units of its Patriot air defense systems from Poland, Sky News.

8:13 AM: Hamas loses control of northern Gaza Strip, CNN.

9:48 AM: The US has officially announced that North Korea is transferring military equipment to the Russian Federation for the war in Ukraine.

- Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said that Moscow could also help Pyongyang with ballistic missiles.
- According to him, the United States intends, together with other countries, to oppose attempts by the Russian Federation to purchase military equipment from the DPRK and any other state. Chinese intervention is expected.

Wednesday, November 8

12:11 PM: Ukraine has successfully evacuated the first group of 43 of its citizens from the Gaza Strip, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said.

- In addition, Ukraine helped evacuate 36 citizens of Moldova.

1:23 PM: The European Commission recommends starting the process of negotiations on the accession of Ukraine and Moldova to

the European Union.

- The President of the EC, Ursula von der Leyen, said this at a press conference in Brussels.

3:16 PM: Slovakia's government under the leadership of Robert Fico blocks a new €40 million aid package to Ukraine, — Aktuality.

- This is the 14th package of defense aid from Slovakia, which was approved by the country's previous Ministry of Defense.
- It was assumed that the package would mainly include ammunition, missiles for the KUB air defense system, mortars and mines for them.

3:42 PM: Defense company Rheinmetall received an order for about 100,000 artillery mines for Ukraine.

- This is stated in the press release of the company.
- This order from the German government is part of a recent €400 million military aid package.

4:54 PM: A group of Ukrainian military personnel arrived in Spain for training on Hawk anti-aircraft missile systems.

- This is written by the Spanish Defense Staff.
- "_In continuation of the measures already carried out in the first half of 2023, the 74th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment is conducting a new training course for several dozen Ukrainian servicemen_ [...]", the message reads.

6:31 PM: Two powerful earthquakes of magnitude 6.7 and 7.1 struck off the coast of Indonesia, the US Geological Survey said.

6:31 PM: US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken will visit South Korea to discuss increased military cooperation between North Korea and Russia, Reuters.

6:31 PM: The EU plans to introduce the 12th package of sanctions against Russia early next week, Financial Times.

6:31 PM: Neither Israel nor Hamas should rule the Gaza Strip after the current military conflict ends, US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said.

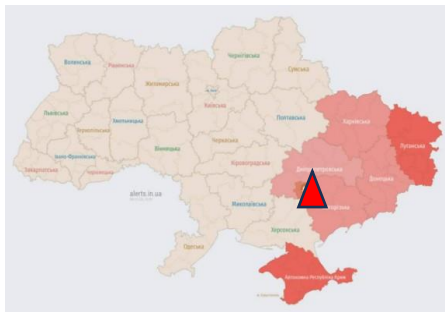
6:41 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy received the approved report of the European Commission on the recommendation to start negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the EU.

8:24 PM: The G7 countries will help Ukraine get back on its feet, Anthony Blinken said during a ministerial meeting in Tokyo.

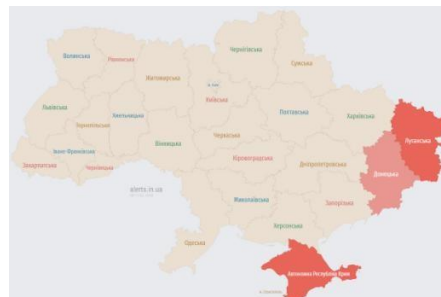
- "In order to put Ukraine on a solid foundation in the coming year, we have to help Ukraine do four things at the same time," the US Secretary of State said.
- it is necessary to provide Ukraine with opportunities to continue its struggle and regain its territory;
- to help it create a world-class Armed Forces;
- give a start to economic recovery and growth;
- to speed up the reform process in order to speed up Ukraine's path to the EU and attract investments.

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

Artillery Threat

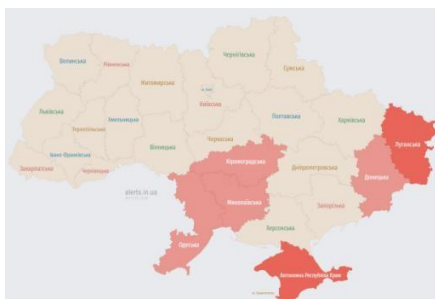


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NATIONAL

Thursday, November 9

7:50 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on November 9:

- During the day of November 8, there were 78x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 2x missile and 48x air strikes, 79x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- Also, russian occupants launched yet another missile strike on Ukraine, using 1x Kh-59 and 1x Kh-31 air-launched guided missiles. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means downed 1x Kh-59 guided missile.
- Air strikes hit Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast), Spirne, Andriivka, Dyliivka, Avdiivka, Novobakhmutivka, Oleksandropil, Novokalynove, Maryinka, Novomykhailivka, Yelyzavetivka,

Urozhaine, Staromaiorske (Donetsk oblast), and Novoivanivka (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

- More than 100x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Mykolayiv oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of November 8, Ukrainian Air Force launched 12x air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, and 3x air strikes on the anti-aircraft missile systems of the adversary.
- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 8x artillery systems, 3x ammunition depots, 4x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 3x air defense systems, 1x radar station, 3x electronic warfare stations, and 1x other important target of the Russian invaders.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: the enemy conducted unsuccessful assault operations in the vicinity of settlement of Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast), where Ukrainian defenders repelled 6x attacks of the adversary.

Lyman axis: the adversary conducted assault operations near Novojehorivka (Luhansk oblast), to no success.

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled around 30x adversary attacks in the vicinities of Bohdanivka, Khromove, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka (Donetsk oblast). 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: the enemy keeps trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian defenders are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the occupiers. The adversary's offensive actions in the vicinities of settlements of Keramik, Stepove, Avdiivka, Sjeverne, and

Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast) were unsuccessful. The Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled more than 10x enemy attacks in that area.

Maryinka axis: the enemy conducted unsuccessful assault operations in the vicinities of Maryinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian soldiers repelled more than 20x attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the enemy conducted unsuccessful assault operations in the vicinities of Staromaiorske and south of Prechystivka (Donetsk oblast).

9:35 AM: The National Police has released an infographic with tips on how to prepare for power outages.

11:28 AM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi talked with students of Mexican universities.

- _"We are two peoples who deeply value our families, our land and our right to decide our own future. To be safe, to be equal, to be free, to live in respect and to follow the path of development together with other nations on Earth. This is not just words are what we defended and defend every day."_

11:43 AM: The officer from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, who presented the grenades to Gennady Chastyakov, received suspicion — the SBU.

- It was established that he purchased 8 "DM 51A2" hand grenades without the appropriate permit and brought them to his office. Then he presented 6 of them to Chastyakov on the occasion of his birthday.
- With these actions, the officer actually sold explosive devices. He continued to keep two more grenades in the closet of his office, where they were recovered.

Wednesday, November 8

12:53 PM: Martial law and general mobilization in Ukraine has been extended again for 90 days - until February 14, 2024.

- 329 deputies voted for this decision, People's Deputy Yaroslav Zhelezniak said.

1:03 PM: At the meeting on November 8, the Verkhovna Rada supported draft law No. 10037 on the "military personal income tax" in the second reading.

- Therefore, the budget will receive 214.7 billion hryvnias from the redirection of personal income tax for military expenses.
- 253 people's deputies voted for it, Yaroslav Zheleznyak said.

1:15 PM: GUR officially confirmed the liquidation of Mykhailo Filiponenko in temporarily occupied Luhansk.

- The special operation was implemented together with representatives of the resistance movement.
- " _He was involved in the organization of torture camps in the occupied territories of Luhansk region, where prisoners of war and civilian hostages were subjected to inhumane torture. Filiponenko himself personally brutally tortured people_ ", the report says.

1:41 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a conversation with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

- " _I am especially grateful to Japan for the significant assistance in the field of energy, which includes powerful turbines and transformers, as well as for the restoration of the JICA office in Kyiv._
- _They discussed further macro-financial support of Ukraine and our work to promote the Peace Formula_ ", the message reads.

2:12 PM: Minister of Youth and Sports Vadym Gutzait has written a resignation letter.

- This was announced by the Chairman of the VRU Ruslan Stefanchuk.

2:19 PM: Today, the history of Ukraine and the whole of Europe took

the right step — Volodymyr Zelenskyi on the decision of the European Commission.

- "_Ukrainians deserve it both for their protection of European values and for the fact that even during a full-scale war we keep our word by developing state institutions_" the president said.

2:37 PM: US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttidge arrived in Ukraine.

- This was reported by the US Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink.

2:57 PM: The SBI considers an accident to be the main version of the death of the assistant to the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

- Other possible versions are also considered in the criminal proceedings:
- murder ordered by the special services of the Russian Federation;
- murder on the basis of hostile relations;
- attempted assassination by Russian special services of another officer of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

4:33 PM: Now you can buy a ticket for the most popular train Kyiv — Warsaw in the Ukrzaliznytsia application only with "Diya.Pidpis", — Mintsifra.

- This decision was made to fight overbuying and provide a more convenient service.
- Also, from now on, you can return international tickets to the UZ application using "Diya.Signature".

5:26 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

- Issues discussed during the meeting:

- restoration of Ukrainian infrastructure;
- development of transport opportunities for the export of Ukrainian goods to international markets;
- prospects for joint defense production.

6:18 PM: The Russians drop more than 100 guided aerial bombs on populated areas in the front-line area per day.

- This was reported by the spokesman of the Air Force Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Yuriy Ignat.
- "Using such a large number of aerial bombs, the weight of each of them is 500 kilograms, the enemy is actually betting on massively sweeping away everything in its path, as they always do", the speaker noted.

7:38 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on November 8:

- During the day 57 combat clashes took place. The enemy launched 2 rocket and 30 air strikes, fired 59 rocket salvo fire strikes at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces made 6 strikes on the areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 3 - on the enemy's anti-aircraft missile complexes.
- Missile units hit 8 artillery units, 2 ammunition warehouses, 4 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 3 anti-aircraft defenses, a radar station, 3 electronic warfare stations and one more important enemy target.

9:01 PM: The Ministry of Defense has prepared a draft government resolution that will allow government customers to purchase civilian drones.

- The press service of the ministry reports that the Cabinet of Ministers should consider and approve this resolution in the near future.
- _"The Ministry of Defense and military units will finally be able to purchase civilian drones, which are classified as tactical-level drones... We hear requests from the military and are doing everything to resolve them!"_ the ministry emphasized.

10:29 PM: Ukraine's losses are at least 5 times less than in the Russian Federation, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said at the Reuters Next conference.

- _"We waited for ammunition for seven months and the Russian Federation used this time to replace everything. Yes, we have a plan for next year, we are trying to plan it, but I will not share_" , the president added.

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Wednesday, November 8

2:28 PM: The take-off of MiG-31K PKS of the Russian Federation from Savasleika airfield was recorded, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

4:00 PM: The court sentenced Volodymyr Saldo, the so-called "governor" of the Kherson region, to 15 years in prison in absentia.

11:12 PM: Russia is asking a number of countries to return some of the weapons it previously sold to them to compensate for war losses, the WSJ reports.

- According to journalist sources, the Russian Federation is negotiating with countries such as Pakistan, Egypt, Belarus and Brazil regarding the return of important spare parts.
- Already in April, the Russian delegation asked the Egyptian president to return the engines for the Mi-8 and Mi-17 helicopters.

REGIONS

KYIV



Thursday, November 9

10:58 AM: In Kyiv, the first H&M stores opened in "Lavina Mall" and "Respublika Park".

- It was previously reported that the chain is ready to open six stores in Kyiv's Retroville shopping center, Lavina Mall, Respublika Park, Dream Town, River Mall and in Lviv's Victoria Gardens.

Wednesday, November 8

11:59 PM: A New Year's tree will be installed on Sofia Square with patrons' money.

- While the details regarding the design of the festive location are being kept secret, they are to be presented personally by the head of Kyiv, Vitaliy Klitschko.
- _"Like last year, there will be no food courts at the location, and the Christmas tree, its decorations, toys, as well as the generator for lighting will be paid for by patrons. Not a single penny will be spent from the state and city budget_" said the head of "Folk Ukraine" company Ihor Dobrutskyi .

DONETSK



Thursday, November 9

10:40 AM: In just one day, the Russians killed 2 residents of the Donetsk region, wounded 1 more. This was reported by the head of the OVA

Ihor Moroz.

- Administrative buildings, private houses and an enterprise were damaged in the region.

DNIPRO



Thursday, November 9

2:36 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipro..

KHERSON



Thursday, November 9

9:09 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Skadovsk, Kherson region.

10:23 AM: Mariupol mayor's adviser Petro Andryushchenko confirmed the explosions in the temporarily occupied Skadovsk.

- He reported on the arrival of the Russian military at the Lotus base.

11:31 AM: Photos of the aftermath of the explosions in the temporarily occupied Skadovsk have appeared online.

11:56 AM: The Russian army struck Kherson's Naval District, — RMA.

- Previously, two people were injured. One man was taken to hospital with a leg injury.

Wednesday, November 8

3:24 PM Kherson Municipal Military Administration: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

6:05 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

ODESA



Wednesday, November 8

7:13 PM: The Russians hit the superstructure of a Liberian-flagged civilian vessel with an Kh-31P missile as it entered one of the ports of Odesa.

- This is reported by the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine.
- "3 members of the crew - citizens of the Philippines - were injured, one of them was hospitalized. The pilot died, another port worker was injured", the message says.

9:25 PM: The civilian vessel that Russia attacked in the port of Odesa was supposed to be carrying iron ore to China.

- The Minister of Infrastructure Oleksandr Kubrakov said that this is the 21st targeted attack by Russia after leaving the "grain agreement". During this time, the Russian Federation damaged more than 160 objects of the port infrastructure.

Attacks on Civilians and Civilian Infrastructure from 12:00 November 8 to 12:00 November 9 2023

Civilian Casualties	Killed	2	Wounded	2	Land Mine Injuries	0
Strike Numbers	rocket/UAV strikes	0	bomb strikes	14	artillery or mortar strikes	200
Physical Damage	Residential	0	Commercial Property	0	Public/Infrastructure	0

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 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 625 days	After 626 days	After 627 days	After 628 days	After 629 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	305,090	305,970	306,860	307,640	308,720

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5284	5288	5293	5301	5316
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	9953	9958	9974	9996	10,014
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8242	8256	8279	8311	8350
Cruise Missiles		1554	1556	1556	1556	1557
Fighters Bombers	118	322	322	322	322	322

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		5534	5554	5557	5567	5593
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		570	570	570	570	577
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,369	9730	9744	9767	9814	9853
Naval Vessels		20 + (1 submarine)	20 + (1 submarine)	20 + (1 submarine)	20 + (1 submarine)	20 + (1 submarine)
Specialized mobile electronic communication and jamming, ballistic radars		1047	1047	1049	1054	1059

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