

News From Ukraine

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From Bohdan

During the first few months of the invasion adrenalin was constantly pumping through my veins. After that the levels started falling and with time it became harder and harder to remain focused and alert to the war.

Becoming immune to war, brings on a vast sea of lethargy, washing away consciousness.

The Dnipro Crossing - Revisited

Perhaps there's a method to Ukraine's crossing of the Dnipro. The "[Latest Denys](#)" reports the following:

- Ukraine is planning a crossing in force along the Dnipro;
- The objective could be Crimea, Melitopol, the Zaporizhia Nuclear Power Plant, or all 3.
- That Ukraine has held back much of the equipment it received from the West earlier this year, including all of the Abrams tanks;
- That Gen. Zaluzhnyi never believed in the Orikhiv/Robotyne Offensive but he was overruled by superiors;
- The crossing in force will likely take place only after Ukraine receives the F-16s, and possibly other fixed-wing aircraft;
- Gen. Zaluzhnyi has been placed in personal command of the planned crossing;

Other reports I have seen mention the following:

- Ukraine has recently received bridging equipment from Germany, and other countries:
- Ukraine has held back approximately 40,000 troops, and they're located in the Kherson Region (on the Right Bank of the Dnipro)

I cannot vouch for the quality of Denys' sources, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to do something very simple – connect dots, and conclude that what Denys is reporting might have some credibility.

In these emails, we have long said that the Dnipro Crossings are a prelude to something else, and we concluded that "something else" could well be a crossing in force of the Dnipro River. The New York Times seems to dismiss this possibility. In this article in yesterday's paper, entitled "[Ukrainian Marines in a Suicide Mission Crossing Dnipro River](#)." Another candidate for the "Defensive Crouch" Award. The writer doesn't even consider:

- That the Dnipro Crossing is a prelude to something bigger;
- That Ukrainian high command, that has always focused on minimizing casualties, would approve a “suicide mission” involving some of their crack formations, the Marines.

Review of Ukraine’s 2022 Battlefield Successes – Role of Western Partners

In 2022, Ukraine achieved 3 military successes: Driving Russia back from Kyiv; Liberating Kherson; Liberating the Kharkiv Region. As far as I can tell, all 3 were planned nearly exclusively by Ukrainian commanders, with minimal interventions from Ukraine’s Western supporters. There were reports that Ukraine didn’t even give its Western supporters advance knowledge of the Kharkiv Counteroffensive; they were concerned about leaks.

By contrast, in 2023 Ukraine’s Western supporters played significant roles, in planning the southern offensive, and advising Ukraine to use “combined arms” tactics even when Ukraine had no air superiority, and to focus all its resources on one front, the “failed” Orikhiv/Robotyne Offensive. Last October Ukraine moved the 47th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, trained in the UK and Germany, and possessing most of the new Western equipment, were transferred from Robotyne and moved to the vicinity of Avdiivka.

In the Battle of Kyiv, Ukraine fought with Javelins, Stingers and NLaws, provided to Ukraine under the assumption that the war would only last 5 days, and these weapons could then be employed in partisan warfare. Instead, these weapons, used by Ukrainians many of whom were irregulars acting in ad hoc formations, and sometimes even individuals making decisions such as blowing up a dam and a bridge along the Irpin River preventing Russian access to the outskirts of Kyiv, served to confuse the Russians, drove the Russians out from the vicinity of Kyiv and relieved pressure on Chernihiv and Sumy. It’s likely that the Western experts and pundits were taken by complete surprise.

In the Fall of 2022 Ukraine undertook not 1, but 2 simultaneous

counteroffensives, Kherson that was telegraphed to the Russians, and the Kharkiv Region, that wasn't. As mentioned earlier, both were planned almost exclusively by Ukrainians. They relied on the newly arrived M-777 howitzers and European equivalents, mostly employed in Kherson and, mostly in Kharkiv, the advantage of speed, primarily the M-113 armored personnel carrier that dates to 1961.

For 2024, perhaps it is reasonable to expect a reversion to 2022, at least through the planning aspect. Ukraine knows how to best to fight.

More News From the Battlefield

[“Reporting From Ukraine”](#) covers a 2nd day of combined arms operations in Avdiivka, infantry clashes combined with missile and artillery strikes against Russian logistics. Latest casualty estimate, from the Ukrainian Defense Ministry is 1,250 dead and seriously wounded.

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Abbreviations:

RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

INTERNATIONAL

Sunday, December 17

ASSISTANCE VOLUMES ARE AT RECORD LOWS

TOP LEAD

Dynamics of international assistance to Ukraine since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, by direction, bln euros



Source: Kiel Institute for the World Economy
 t.me/uawarininfographics

8:02 AM: Austria has withdrawn its reservations on the 12th package of sanctions against Russia. The sanctions are due to be formally adopted this week.

8:02 AM: 61 migrants drowned in a boat accident off the coast of Libya. Most of the victims are from Nigeria and Gambia. In total, there were 86 people on board.

9:23 AM: Europe compensates Kyiv for lack of US aid.

- German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said this
- "It is clear to us that sooner or later we will have to compensate here and there for what may no longer come from Washington. Theoretically, there may be areas where we will not be able to compensate everything

immediately without problems", - added Boris Pistorius.

11:46 AM: President of the Philippines: Against the background of the war in Ukraine, no country wants to start a new conflict

- Commenting on the escalation of territorial disputes with Beijing in the South China Sea, Marcos noted that China's aggressive behavior poses a real challenge to its neighbors in Asia and requires the search for new solutions and the creation of strong alliances with like-minded allies.
- "I'm afraid we have to say that over the last months or years, tensions have increased, not decreased, and therefore we must continue to seek a peaceful solution and engage in dialogue with all the countries involved," he said.

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1:55 PM: Orban should not hold the EU hostage, - Macron.

- Diplomats and EU leaders have made it clear that they would prefer the fund for Ukraine to come from the central budget, but if that doesn't happen, they can find €50 billion, made up of €17 billion in cash and €33 billion in loans. and without Orban.
- "I think we will be able to finance Ukraine if we are completely blocked next year," French President Emmanuel Macron said after the EU summit in Brussels.
- Macron predicted that Hungarians would continue to defend their "legitimate national interests" but hoped they would "go beyond posturing", show responsibility and "behave like Europeans, not become hostages of political progress".

4:37 PM: Hungary threatens to veto Bulgaria's entry into the Schengen zone if it does not cancel the tax on transit of Russian gas

- According to a statement by the Hungarian Foreign Ministry, Budapest is threatening to veto Bulgaria's entry into the visa-free Schengen zone if it does not cancel the tax on the transit of Russian gas. This is reported by Reuters.
- "We made it clear to the Bulgarians that if they keep this tax for a long time, if they endanger the security of Hungary's energy supply, we will veto their entry into the Schengen zone," Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto said.

4:52 PM: Ukraine can become a member of the EU by 2030, - Member of the European Parliament Andrius Kubilius

- Andrius Kubilius, member of the Security Council of the Kyiv Security Forum, member of the European Parliament, Prime Minister of Lithuania in 1999-2000 and 2008-12, stated this.
- "Before the summit of EU leaders, we adopted a resolution in the European Parliament, in which we asked for a positive decision (regarding the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the EU - ed.). All procedures can be completed before the end of this decade. I hope that it will be so and will

be," he emphasized.

5:27 PM: The US claims that there is a legal way to confiscate Russian assets in the interests of Ukraine, — Financial Times.

- "_Members of the G7 and other states may confiscate Russian assets as countermeasures to encourage Russia to stop aggression_" says the US government document, which the newspaper has seen.
- This issue can be discussed at a possible meeting of the G7 leaders.

6:05 PM: The US has agreed to the potential sale of M142 HIMARS launchers and related equipment to Italy.

6:05 PM: Israeli military mistakenly kills three Hamas hostages, CNN.

6:05 PM: A British destroyer shot down a drone that targeted a merchant ship in the Red Sea, Defense Secretary Grant Shapps said.

6:05 PM: The Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah, has died at the age of 86, — Associated Press.

7:50 PM: The Ministry of Defense of Estonia wants to use the experience of Ukraine in repelling drone attacks, — ERR.

- According to the head of the ministry, the Ukrainians have created an effective multi-level air defense system, which is capable of successfully shooting down Russian drones, even if they arrive "in whole flocks".

8:40 PM: On the Polish-Ukrainian border, the driver of a car that was standing in a queue due to a strike by Polish carriers died today.

- This was announced by the vice-president of the Association of International Motor Carriers, Volodymyr Balin.
- This is the third case of death of a Ukrainian driver since the beginning of the blocking of Ukrainian-Polish checkpoints.

8:59 PM: The British command does not rule out sending its troops to Ukraine, - Ambassador Prystaiko

- The command of the Royal Armed Forces of Great Britain is developing a plan to send "expeditionary forces" to Ukraine

- This is not happening publicly, and official London can resort to such a step if the situation at the front becomes "catastrophic", explained the former ambassador of Ukraine to Great Britain, Vadym Prystaiko. He stated this in an interview with the Ukrainian Radio Liberty service.

9:06 PM: Austria blocked the 12th package of EU sanctions against Russia at the last moment, EUobserver.

- The country wants to get Ukraine to exclude Raiffeisen Bank International, which still operates in the Russian Federation, from the list of war sponsors.
- It is expected that there will be talks between Vienna and Kyiv next week.

9:45 PM: On January 11, the leaders of the Ministry of Defense of Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria will sign an agreement on demining the Black Sea.

- This was announced by Turkish Defense Minister Yashar Güler.
- A joint unit of minesweepers can be created for demining.

11:47 PM: Ukraine and Romania have resolved a 20-year dispute over the Danube-Black Sea canal, - Minister Strelets

- The Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Ruslan Strelets, said that Ukraine and Romania have resolved a 20-year-old dispute regarding the Danube-Black Sea canal. Ruslan Strelets announced this on Facebook.
- "We have done our homework and have come a long way to bring the project into compliance with the requirements of the Convention. After all, Ukraine does not care about good neighborly relations and compliance with the norms of international law. We want and can find a common language and correct the mistakes of the past", - writes the Minister of Defense of environment and natural resources Ruslan Strilets

NATIONAL

Sunday, Dec 17

12:38 AM: The Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reports a threat to Vinnytsia and Zhytomyr Region.

3:04 AM: The Air Force reports the threat of using attack UAVs for the Mykolaiv and Kherson regions.

- Kirovohrad, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, Poltava, Cherkasy, Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv regions - missile danger, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- Rocket in the Kirovohrad region in the north-eastern direction.

7:30 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 17:

- During the day of December 16, there were 89 combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 4 missile and 72 air strikes, more than 92 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- During the day of December 16, the occupiers launched yet another attack on Ukraine, using 34 Shahed-136/131 strike UAV. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed all of the strike UAVs.
- Also, during the day of December 17, the Russian occupiers launched yet another air strike on Ukraine using 7 Shahed-136/131 UAVs. All of the enemy drones have been destroyed.
- Air strikes hit Bolohivka, Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Pishchane, Berestove (Kharkiv oblast), Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Minkivka, Druzhba, Pivnichne, New York, Oleksandropil, Ocheretyne, Novobakhmutivka, Avdiyivka, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast).
- More than 110 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Mykolayiv oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of December 16, the Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 21 concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment of the adversary.
- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 7 concentration of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 1 command post, 2 air

defense systems, 13 artillery systems, 1 ammunition depot, and 1 fuels and lubricants depot of the Russian invaders.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 14 enemy attacks near Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast) and Stelmakhivka (Luhansk oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 6x occupiers' attacks in the vicinity of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast) and east of Terny (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 12 attacks of the adversary near Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchivka, and Andriyivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, and consolidate their new positions.

Tavria operational-strategic group

Avdiyivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiyivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the invaders. The Ukrainian Defense Forces successfully repelled 17 enemy attacks east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiyivka, and 13 more attacks in the vicinities of Nevelske and Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian soldiers continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Maryinka, Pobjeda, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk), and successfully repelled 12 attacks in that area.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 12 adversary attacks west of Novopokrovka and Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces maintain their positions held on the left bank of the Dniro River, conduct counter-battery fire, as they strike behind the enemy lines.

7:43 AM: Air defense forces destroyed 20/20 "Shaheeds" as well as an Kh-59 missile tonight, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- The Iskander-K cruise missile did not reach its goal.
- Air targets were destroyed within Odesa, Kherson, Zaporizhzhya and Khmelnytskyi regions.

10:39 AM: The National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption has suspended the war sponsor status for the Austrian Raiffeisen Bank, the website of the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption.

- The website states that the status has been suspended during the period of bilateral consultations involving representatives of the European Commission.

10:49 AM: Activity of Russian tactical aviation in the southeast direction! The threat of using aviation means of destruction!* — Air Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- The activity of enemy reconnaissance drones is also observed in Mykolaiv Oblast, Kherson Oblast, and Kirovohrad Oblast.

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1:47 PM: Mykolaiv, Kherson, Kirovohrad regions - missile danger! — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

2:40 PM: The Ministry of Internal Affairs will install metal detectors and baggage scanners in public places.

- Minister of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko stated that 43 Security Centers already operate in Ukraine, and metal detectors and baggage scanners are planned to be installed in public places.
- According to him, the safety of public spaces requires a complete restructuring of approaches. Railway and bus stations, airports, shopping malls, etc. should be carefully monitored.

2:57 PM: Why the duration of the alert has increased: an explanation from the Air Force

- Yuriy Ignat, the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of the Ukrainian SSR, said: "Shaheds are launched, as a rule, in groups, in waves, they fly apart, they maneuver. They

have a large range, since they have internal combustion engines. The route that the operators laid out for them at the launch site, that remains in the memory. In this way, they can circle around the area or fly in a straight line, and then enter the target," he noted.

3:57 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons.

3:59 PM: The creation of fake TG-channels of Ukrainian brigades and battalions has intensified in the network, — the Center for countering disinformation.

- Such TG channels were created by the Russians to spread their fakes and narratives, the purpose of which is to discredit the Ukrainian military.
- Also, these channels are created to collect information by receiving feedback.

4:21 PM: The Ministry of Defense expects from the local authorities even greater support for the mobilization work.

- This was stated by the head of the Ministry of Defense, Rustem Umyerov.
- The Minister of Defense also denied statements about the alleged conflict among the country's leadership.

4:36 PM: Ukraine returned 3 more children from the temporarily occupied territories, OP.

- Two of them returned to their mother - they are children born in 2008 and 2012.
- The third child was in the territory of the Russian Federation and was reunited with his mother in the territory of Georgia.

6:11 PM: What's happening between Xi Jinping and Putin is similar to what's happening in the US Congress - Diplomat Bryce

- Former adviser to the US Secretary of State, former director of Europe and Eurasia at the US National Security Council, Matthew Bryza, believes that China is interested in weakening

the US, so it will continue to support the Russian Federation.

- "Xi Jinping is trying to strengthen his partnership with President Putin in order to weaken the US at the global level. What is happening between Xi Jinping and Putin is similar to what is happening in the US Congress with the Republicans. That is why Biden wants this support for Ukraine , extreme Republicans oppose.
- Similarly, Xi Jinping, who would gladly welcome an end to the war, wants to undermine the leadership of the United States and Biden's leadership in the world. That is why he is going to stay with Putin," Bryza believes.

6:32 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports a missile threat.

6:34 PM: The Ukrainian military received a batch of new AQ 400 Scythe attack UAVs.

- This was reported by the manufacturing company Terminal Autonomy.
- The company stated that they have an initial production capacity of 100 units, but plan to increase this number to 500 units in the future.

7:21 PM Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 16:

- During the day _71 combat clashes took place._
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 21 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces hit 7 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, a command post, 2 anti-aircraft defense systems, 12 artillery systems, 2 warehouses of ammunition and fuel and lubricants of the enemy.

8:09 PM: The Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reports the threat of using ballistic weapons in areas where the alert has been

declared.

8:21 PM: The Armed Forces destroyed 104 out of 112 "shaheeds" during the week.

- This was announced by Volodymyr Zelenskyi during a video address.

9:13 PM: Movement of "Shahed" type UAVs from Kherson in the direction of Mykolaiv region, — PS ZSU.

- UAVs in the south of the Kharkiv region are moving in a northerly direction.
- Movement of BpLA from Dnipropetrovsk region in the direction of Poltava region.

MORDOR - ruZZia

Sunday, December 17

6:25 AM: The representative of the Russian Federation at the UN said that Ukraine lost the chance for a profitable "peace agreement"

- The representative of the terrorist country is pushing the narrative that any possible deal will now reflect Ukraine's capitulation.
- "As for the peace agreement, it is already common knowledge that it was initialed by Zelenskyi's negotiators, and a copy of it was shown by President Putin himself. And this story, as well as the direct role of Great Britain and the United States in persuading Zelenskyi to reject it, was confirmed by many witnesses. Zelenskyi's Ukraine lost its chances for a favorable result, any possible agreement will now reflect its capitulation," wrote the first deputy permanent representative of the Russian Federation to the UN Dmytro Polyanskyi.

8:02 AM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation said that their air defense systems allegedly shot down 33 BpLA over the Lipetsk, Rostov and Volgograd regions.

9:31 AM: Unknown drones attacked Morozovsk military airfield in Russia's Rostov region.

- In addition, the Ministry of Defense of the aggressor countries stated that they shot down a total of 35 drones in the Lipetsk, Rostov and Volgograd regions.

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12:23 PM: A powerful explosion rang out in Taganrog: Russian helicopters took off.

- "At approximately 12:30 p.m. (local time, editor's note) there was a loud bang on the North Street. And 3 helicopters flew after it," local residents write.

1:49 PM: "We saw that Shahed-type drones were actually released from a truck, from a car," - Yuriy Ignat, spokesman for the Air Force Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- The spokesman emphasized that the platforms are not so important for the Russians to launch "shaheeds", because they can be mobile.

2:01 PM: Repeated explosions are heard in the Russian Taganrog, — rosZMI.

8:25 PM: The Wagnerians seem to have joined the special forces of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Belarus, - mass media

- Belarusian journalists saw probable evidence that the mercenaries of the disbanded Russian PMK Wagner could have joined the newly created special unit "Tornado" of the Internal Troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.
- This is a demonstration performance of the special purpose unit "Tornado" with the participation of the leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Belarus, which took place on December 14, 2023 in the military unit 3310 (Minsk). The detachment was created in December, the information portal Reform.by says.

10:32 PM: Almost 13 thousand Russian bots on TikTok generated fakes about corruption in the government of Ukraine, - Digital Forensic Research Laboratory in collaboration with the BBC Verify project.

- They posted videos in at least seven languages accusing Reznikov of buying luxury estates and cars, implying that he and the Ukrainian government in general had profited from the war.

11:30 PM: New IPSO from Russia: "Army fighter calls to flee from Ukraine and Defense Forces"

- A bogus video is circulating on the Internet, in which a soldier of the Ukrainian Armed Forces calls on people to flee from Ukraine and the Defense Forces. This was reported by the Center for Strategic Communications and Information Security.
- A video is being circulated in which a serviceman from the Moldovan minority calls on people to run from the ranks of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and Ukraine, because his unit is doing bad things and there are a lot of dead people. The bogus video is distributed by a pro-Russian and PMR-oriented Telegram channel.

REGIONS

KYIV



Saturday Dec 16

2:22 PM: In Kyiv, the Soviet-era monument "Taraschanets" was dismantled.

- This was reported by the Department of Territorial Control of the KMDA.
- The monument is dedicated to the crew of the armored train "Taraschanets", who in August 1919, during the capture of Kyiv by the Bolshevik army, defended the Darnytskyi railway junction from the Denikinites.

KHARKIV



Saturday Dec 16

4:00 PM: Russians attack the village of Synkivka in the Kharkiv region in order to reach Kupyansk, the spokesman of the Ground Forces

- This was announced by Volodymyr Fityo, head of the Public Relations Service of the Land Forces Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- According to him, active military operations in the direction began at the beginning of October and continue to this day. Only during the past day at the front, the Defense Forces repelled 9 enemy attacks near Sinkivka, which the enemy plans to capture for a further offensive on Kupyansk, which in turn could become a springboard for an offensive to the west.

DONETSK



Sunday, December 17

11:16 AM: The enemy does not stop trying to advance in the Bakhmut direction and suffers losses, - press officer of the 26th artillery brigade

Kalashnikov

- "The enemy does not give up attempts to advance in the direction of Bakhmut. Bakhmut is a painful topic for the Russians, so they direct their reserves there. We are constantly watching his counterattacks. In the north - these are Bohdanivka, Khromov and Ivanivske. In the south - Klishchiivka, Andriivka, Kurdyumivka. Battles continue constantly, some units replace others. This all happens with the support of artillery, MLRS and mortars," Kalashnikov said.

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12:56 PM: Explosions rang out in temporarily occupied Donetsk, — rosZMI.

- It will be reported that the Russian military base is on fire. Smoke is visible in different parts of the city.

3:18 PM: Currently, 1,230 people remain in Avdiivka, Donetsk region, and the number of people willing to leave the city has decreased.

- This was stated by the head of the Avdiiv MBA, Vitaliy Barabash.
- "_On average, 3-6 people are reported to leave per day. During the period of exacerbation, more than 350 people left in our direction_" Barabash said.

8:39 PM: Today, the Armed Forces destroyed most of the convoy that the Russians attacked south of the Avdiiv Terikon, - DeepState

- On Saturday, December 16, Ukrainian defenders destroyed most of the column with which the Russians attacked south of Avdiiv Terikon. This is reported by DeepState analysts.
- It is noted that the occupiers headed in a convoy to Avdiiv Terikon. Through Krasnohorivka to the south, about 15 armored personnel carriers drove there, dropped the infantry and went back.

DNIPRO



Saturday Dec 16

6:42 PM Dnipro RMA: As a result of Russian strikes on Nikopolshchyna, 3 men were injured.

- In Nikopol, a five-story building and 5 private houses were damaged, 2 farm buildings and an excavator were

damaged.

Kherson



Saturday Dec 16

3:48 PM: The moment an enemy "shahed" hit a medical facility in Kherson this night.

- "During the evacuation of patients to the bomb shelter, the doctor of the medical facility was injured," the patrol police press service notes.

MYKOLAIV



Saturday Dec 16

3:28 PM: In Mykolaiv, employees of the TCC came to "Epicenter": they blocked the exits, handed out summonses to men, - mass media

- This was reported by a Novin-N correspondent from the scene.
- Employees of the military commissariat blocked all entrances and exits to the "Epicenter" and began to check the documents of men of conscription age. Many of them are immediately issued summonses to appear before the military commissariat.
- "There are two buses standing on the street, but it is currently unknown whether any of the visitors of the Epicenter were taken away," the report says.

ODESSA



Sunday, December 17

8:02 AM: In Odesa region, as a result of the fall of a downed "shaheed" in a residential quarter, a person died - OVA.

ZAKARPATIA



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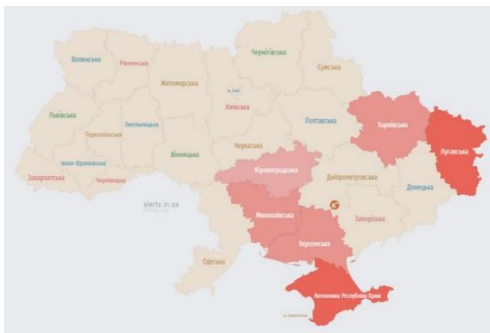
6:52 PM: The SBU reported suspicion of organizing a terrorist act to a deputy who detonated grenades during a session of the village council in Transcarpathia.

- According to updated data, 23 people, including the suspect, were injured by the detonation of the grenades.
- The man was detained, the issue of choosing a preventive measure for him is being decided.

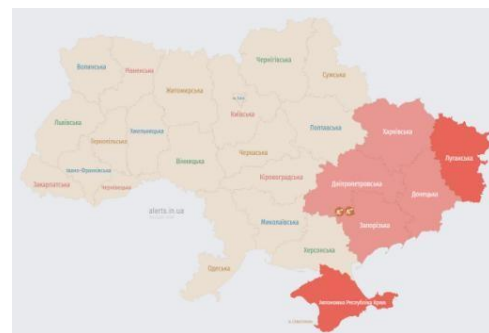
8:52 PM: One of the injured in the explosion of grenades in Keretsk village council in Transcarpathia died in the hospital.

- Sources at the hospital informed the Society about this.
- The man was 55 years old. He was previously in the intensive care unit in critical condition.

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



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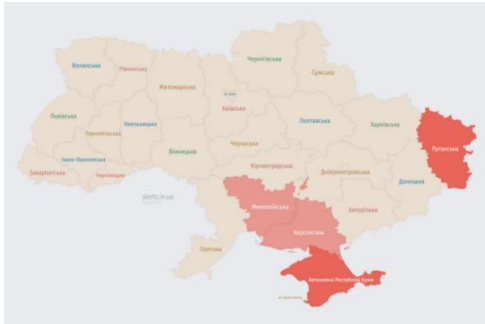
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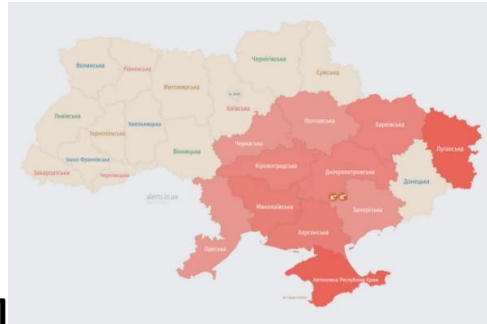
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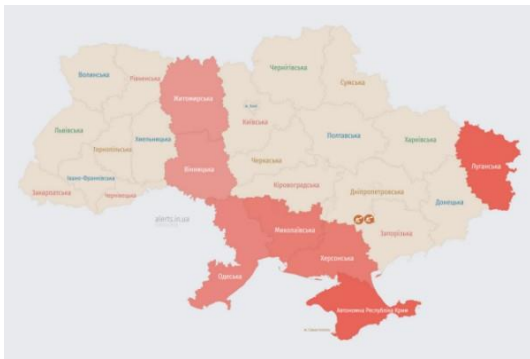
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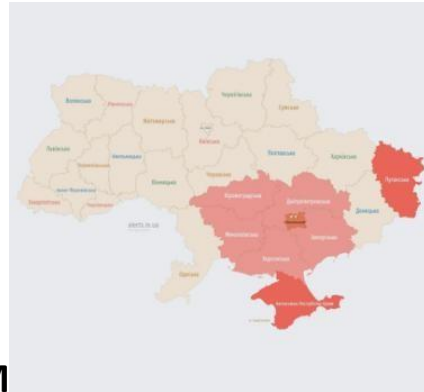
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

| | Soviet Afghanistan | Dec 12 | Dec 13 | Dec 14 | Dec 15 | Dec 16 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Duration | 9 years and 9 months | After 657 days | After 658 days | After 659 days | After 660 days | After 661 days |
| Military Personnel Liquidated | 14,453 | 342,500 | 342,800 | 343,890 | 344,820 | 346,070 |

Material Losses

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|--|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Tanks | 147 | 5682 | 5692 | 5706 | 5720 | 5739 |
| Armored Personnel Carriers | 1,314 | 10594 | 10,616 | 10,654 | 10,667 | 10,693 |
| Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers | 433 | 8995 | 9008 | 9019 | 9020 | 9060 |
| Cruise Missiles | | 1596 | 1606 | 1608 | 1609 | 1610 |
| Fighters Bombers | 118 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 |

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| Helicopters | 333 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 |
| Drones | | 6173 | | 6226 | 6238 | 6278 |
| Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries | | 605 | 605 | 605 | 605 | 609 |
| Cargo/Fuel/other transport | 11,369 | 10662 | 10,675 | 10,699 | 10710 | 10,766 |
| Naval Vessels | | 22+(1 submarine) | 22+(1 submarine) | 22+(1 submarine) | 22+(1 submarine) | 22+(1 submarine) |
| Specialized mobile electronic communication and jamming, ballistic radars | | 1176 | 1185 | 1189 | 1190 | 1194 |

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