

# News From Ukraine

**Russian Invasion of Ukraine**  
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From Bohdan

The biggest problem after Ukraine defeats the rashist invasion is reconciliation and not reconstruction. The issue that may transform Ukraine's victory into a pyrrhic one is collaborationism.

From this side, unoccupied Ukraine, there are numerous questions regarding those who live in occupied Donbas and Crimea. They have questions regarding us as well. Those questions, if critically put, will fan discontent and stop Ukraine from moving forward. If those questions are ignored the same will occur.

As with the US civil war the issues that divided the south and north are easier to set aflame than the issues that unite. Furthermore

mythologizing and stereotyping, the current language between the sides, will only gather steam if nothing is done.

Regardless of whether Ukrainians in the occupied territories have been shaped by rashist propaganda, and their view that we are shaped by American propaganda, or not in both cases. The irreconcilable differences can only coexist in a democratic state that respects and allows for the rights of former opponents.

The rashist solution, made possible by authoritarian conformism or extermination of differences through wanton killing of others, is very alluring as an ultimate solution when dealing with irreconcilable world views. Ukraine must continue strengthening its democratic institutions to avoid this pitfall and genuinely construct a better future.

[Hungary and their Fellow Travelers Will “Advocate for Ending Military Aid for Ukraine in the USA”/Ukrainska Pravda](#)

Many readers of these emails remember [Dana Rohrabacher](#), a former Republican Congressman who for years hosted pro-Russia events at the Capitol Building. Rohrabacher may have been the first Member of Congress who was an overt Russia apologist, now followed by several other Members of Congress who, to be fair, are more opponents of continuing U.S. aid to Ukraine than they are Russia apologists. However, being opponents of continued U.S. aid to Ukraine is simply window dressing for being Russia apologists.

I would not be surprised if Rohrabacher, along with Tucker Carlson, a major Orban bootlicker, was planning to attend the 2-day meeting at the Heritage Foundation. According to Ukrainska Pravda, other attendees are expected to be “Márton Ugródsy, the Deputy State Secretary for the Prime Minister’s Political Director’s Office, and Attila Demkó, a leading pro-Orbán academic, along with members of the Hungarian embassy in Washington, will begin a two-day event hosted by the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank starting on Monday, 11 December.”

“The first day includes panels on the war in Ukraine and topics such as Transatlantic Culture Wars. The event is expected to be attended by Kelley Currie, a former ambassador under then president Donald Trump, and Magor Ernyei, the international director of the Centre for Fundamental Rights, the institute that organised the CPAC (Conservative Political Action Conference) Hungary. A Republican source told The Guardian that some of the attendees, including Republican members of Congress, have been invited to join closed-door talks the next day.”

The Vultures From Budapest are circling. Much as they might like to, I doubt that they'll find anything to pick on. The U.S. Congress will do its job.

### News From the Battlefield

“[Reporting From Ukraine](#)” continues to cover Avdiivka, where Russia continues to fail to make progress. The “[Latest Denys](#)” reports on a battle around Krinky, on the Dnipro Crossings, where Russia lost a significant amount of armor.

In earlier emails, starting in early 2014 with Poroshenko's Presidency, I dubbed those who were spending time constantly wringing their hands about corruption in Ukraine as the “[Greek Chorus](#).” I think this name will now be transferred to those who continue to use the terms, “stalemate,” “failure of Ukraine's counteroffensive,” or “starved of ammunition,” when referring to Ukraine's progress in the war.

The southern counteroffensive, around Robotyne, became static when, last October, Ukraine chose to move their 47<sup>th</sup> Motorized Infantry Brigade from the vicinity of Robotyne up to the area around Avdiivka. Despite this movement, Russia still cannot gain any territory. The utility of the Dnipro Crossings still have not been revealed. Lastly, there is the sweeping of the Black Sea, the emasculation of Crimea and the degrading of Russian logistics.

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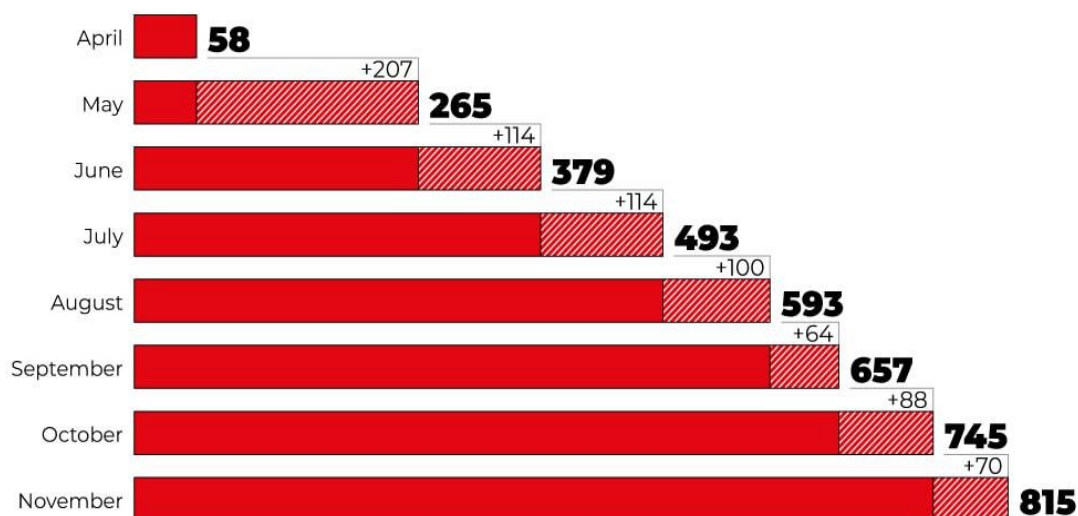
RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

# 815 DEFENSE DEVELOPMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE BRAVE1 PLATFORM

Brave1 is a globally unique project that builds an architecture for effective interaction between all participants in the defense tech ecosystem. With Brave1, Ukraine creates a powerful industry that develops innovative products for the efficient defense, generates revenue for the economy, attracts investments, and creates an environment for the development of engineering talents in Ukraine.

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**INTERNATIONAL**

**Sunday, December 10**

8:00 AM: More than 7,000 Hamas militants were eliminated during the Israel Defense Forces operation in the Gaza Strip, — Reuters.

8:00 AM: US, South Korea and Japan launch new trilateral initiatives to counter threats emanating from North Korea, Reuters

8:32 AM: Hungarian carriers will not block passage across the border, but will strike near the road — Volodymyr Balin

- The vice president of the Association of International Automobile Carriers of Ukraine said:
- Their (Hungarians, ed.) position is unclear. They say the "permissive system" has distorted the market. Although Ukraine's agreement with the EU, which they want to cancel, expressly forbids us to carry out transportation on the territory of the EU countries.

9:16 AM: The US, Japan and South Korea have introduced new joint initiatives due to the threat from North Korea

- The three countries' national security advisers are said to have met in Seoul as Pyongyang announced plans to deploy more spy satellites.
- Sullivan said the meeting was a continuation of commitments made at the Camp David trilateral summit hosted by President Joe Biden in August, where US leaders and their two key Asian allies pledged to deepen security and economic cooperation.

9:31 AM: The leaders of Venezuela and Guyana will hold a meeting amid plans to annex territories

- It is noted that this meeting was organized by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Caribbean Community. It should take place on the morning of December 14 on the island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- CELAC President Ralph Gonçalves said that Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was also invited to the meeting at the request of the two countries. According to the statement, the

Caribbean Community and CELAC agreed on "the urgent need to de-escalate the conflict and initiate an appropriate dialogue."

### Saturday, December 9

4:37 PM: Members of the European Parliament called on the President of Poland and the EU to take measures to end the blockade on the Polish-Ukrainian border

- Members of the European Parliament called on President Duda and the leaders of the EU institutions to take measures to end the blockade of the border with Ukraine by Polish carriers. This is stated in the joint address of the members of the European Parliament, published by the Lithuanian MEP Andryus Kubilius.
- "The EU's solidarity with Ukraine, which is waging a war to protect our values, is at stake," Kubilyus emphasized.

7:36 PM: Funds from the European Union will not go to those communities in Moldova where pro-Russian forces won the elections, - Sandu

- The President of Moldova, Maya Sandu, explained the principle by which financial support to local authorities from the European Union will be distributed. She said this on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the Forum of Mayors organized by the government.
- "Do you think that the European Union should give you money if you do not support the EU? Money from the state budget will be distributed according to the principle of justice. The money coming from the European Union, from taxpayers from EU countries, will go to those settlements where local authorities support our course for European integration," Sandu emphasized.

8:58 PM: Media: Finnish police have launched a preliminary investigation against Russian militant Torden (Petrovsky)

- A decision on whether "Finland will open an investigation into terrorism," Yle reports, could be made early next week. According to the publication, the police are currently studying the materials sent by Ukraine to Finland. These materials are in the Prosecutor General's Office.
- Such an investigation will be of an exceptional nature, as the potential suspect is not a Finnish citizen and the alleged crime was committed outside the country. Finnish law allows such crimes to be investigated.
- In Ukraine, Jan Petrovskyi (Voislav Torden) is wanted on suspicion of participating in terrorist activities - for participating in hostilities in Donbas in 2014-2015.

9:45 PM: On December 11, Hungarian transporters will start a protest at the border near Zahon-Chop, like the demonstrations of Polish and Slovak truckers.

- This was reported by the association of Hungarian road transport contractors "MKFE".

9:56 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy went to Argentina for the inauguration of President Javier Milei.

- On the way to Argentina, Zelensky met with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde. This meeting was the first in the history of bilateral relations between the countries, the OP reported.

10:04 PM: The US government has sold 14,000 tank shells to Israel

- On Saturday, December 9, the Pentagon said that the Biden administration used emergency powers to allow the sale of about 14,000 tank shells to Israel without the approval of the US Congress.

10:34 PM: The EU Council will discuss security obligations, in particular to Ukraine, at the next meeting - Borrell

- "There will be proposals on the table to increase our contribution to the military potential of Ukraine," said the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.
- According to him, it is necessary to strengthen the Armed Forces of Ukraine, including air defense systems. In this connection, Borrell drew attention to the missile attack that the Russian army carried out on Ukraine the day before.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Sunday, December 10**

8:00 AM: The price of liquefied gas in Ukraine will decrease from the beginning of this week, said Oleksiy Ustenko, a member of the VRU Committee on Finance.

8:00 AM: In Ukraine, 4 thousand people are hospitalized with coronavirus every week, the peak of the disease will occur in mid-December. Ihor Kuzin, the chief medical officer, announced this.

8:35 AM Summary of the General Staff as of 08:30 on December 10:

- During the day of December 9, there were 60 combat engagements.
- The enemy launched a total of 1 missile and 8 air strikes, 34 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- During the day of December 9, the russian occupants launched yet another attack on Ukraine, using 1 Kh-59 guided missile and 1 Shahed-136/131 strike UAV. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 1 Kh-59 guided missile, while the enemy UAV has not reached its target.
- Also, during the day of December 10, the russian occupiers launched a strike on Ukraine, using 2 S-300 anti-aircraft guided missiles on the settlement of Velykyi Burluk (Kharkiv oblast).



- Air strikes hit Novomykhailivka and Prechystivka (Donetsk oblast).
- More than 120 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.
- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 2 concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, and 2 fuels and lubricants depots of the Russian invaders.

### **Khortytsia operational-strategic group**

**Kupyansk axis:** Ukrainian defenders repelled 7 enemy attacks in the vicinities of Synkivka, Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast), and Novoselivske (Luhansk oblast).

**Lyman axis:** the Ukrainian defenders intercepted and repelled 1 enemy attack in the vicinity of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast).

**Bakhmut axis:** the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 14 enemy attacks in the vicinities of Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, and Klishchivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue assault operations south of Bakhmut (Donetsk oblast), inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, and consolidate their new positions.

### **Tavria operational-strategic group**

**Avdiivka axis:** the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground as they inflict major losses on the enemy. The Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 19 attacks of the adversary in the areas east of Novobakhmutivka, Avdiivka, Tonenke, and Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).

**Maryinka axis:** the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Maryinka, Pobjeda, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 8 attacks in that area.

**Shakhtarske axis:** the Ukrainian defenders repelled 2 enemy attacks in the vicinity of Staromaiorske (Donetsk oblast).

**Zaporizhzhia axis:** the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 3 enemy attacks in the vicinities of Novopokrovka and west of Robotyne (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.

10:08 AM: IS cases, When limited suitable are sent on storm Russian positions, reported national Deputy Novel Kostenko.

- According to him, if people continue to be deceived in this way, others will not join the ranks of the Armed Forces. Therefore, it is important that people end up where they were promised.

10:20 AM: WARNING! Rocket danger by the whole territory of Ukraine! Rise Could-31TO with the airport Savasleika (Nizhnyhorodsk region), — Air Forces Armed Forces.

11:37 AM: By strike on Polish border break down terms supplies components for drones Armed Forces, — Associatted Press.

- \_"Despite the fact that the drones will reach the front line, they will be delayed for two or three weeks," said Oleksandr Zadorozhny, operations director of the "KOLO" foundation.



11:16 AM: The Armed Forces successfully counterattacked west of Robotyne and advanced on the Zaporizhzhia direction of the front, - ISW

- In addition, according to analysts, Ukrainian forces continue to hold positions on the left bank of the Kherson region amid Russia's attempts to push back Ukrainian troops from their positions in Krynk.

## Saturday, December 9

12:51 PM: Ukraine is investigating more than 3,000 war crimes against children, - Prosecutor General

- "Forcible deportation is one of the most cynical crimes of this war. It is a clear genocidal policy of Russia," President Volodymyr Zelenskyi said in his opening speech, the message reads.
- Kostin said that Ukraine implements the standards of child-friendly justice, which is designed to protect her rights and interests: "At the same time, we continue to closely cooperate with the International Criminal Court. Our goal is to ensure the accountability of criminals at all levels - national and international."

1:10 PM: In Ukraine, 504 settlements remain without electricity, — Ministry of Energy.

- Power supply problems occur mainly due to hostilities, stormy weather and technological disruptions.

1:53 PM: The Verkhovna Rada adopted a law on the criminalization of smuggling, People's Deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported.

- The draft law is also a requirement of the European Union to provide a macro-finance of 1.5 billion euros. The document was supported by 248 people's deputies.

2:05 PM: The Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Armed Forces, General Mikael Büden, visited units of the 45th OABr.

- During the meeting at the front line, the Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Armed Forces, General Mikael Büden, spoke

with the artillerymen and infantrymen who were trained in Sweden and praised their combat work.

- Ukrainian servicemen thanked the general and his country for their support.

2:22 PM: "Ukrenergo" is again forced to attract emergency assistance from operators of the electricity transmission system in Romania and Poland.

- The main reason for the shortage is insufficient generating capacity, as several power units are under repair.
- "The situation is complicated by the high level of electricity consumption, despite the warming and the day off," the message reads.

2:31 PM: The Council supported the draft law on improving judicial career procedures

- This draft law provides for:
  - expiration of the period by which the judge is required to annually submit a declaration of family ties and a declaration of integrity from February 1 to May 1;
  - regulates the rule that a person who holds the position of a member of the High Council of Justice (VRP), a member of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine (HCJC) cannot apply for the position of judge;
  - authorizes the Supreme Administrative Court to approve the Unified indicators for evaluating the integrity and professional ethics of a judge (candidate for the position of judge) after
  - agreement with the Supreme Court of Ukraine, the Council of Judges of Ukraine and the Public Integrity Council (GRD);
- This document is also a requirement of the European Commission.

2:33 PM Operational Command South: the Russian Federation keeps 5 ships on combat duty in the Black and Azov seas - there are no missile carriers among them.

4:02 PM: The NAZK study showed that 60% of Ukrainians are not ready to resort to corruption in any situation

- According to a sociological study of the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption, since 2010 the level of corrupt practices in Ukraine has decreased from 60% to 17%.
- "In 2010, the level of corrupt practices in Ukraine was 60%, think about it, 60% of citizens had one or another corruption experience. In 2019, this percentage decreased to 27%, and today it is only 17%. These are simply colossal civilizational changes, which indicate that Ukraine is approaching non-corrupt, and therefore prosperous and safe countries. If you look at the world map of the corruption perception index, wars and poverty are present in those countries with a high level of corrupt practices. Ukraine is part of such a group of countries." , - noted Novikov.

7:34 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 9:

- During the day \_45 combat clashes took place\_. The enemy launched rocket and 5 air strikes, fired 25 rocket salvo fire systems at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- Russian occupiers once again attacked Ukraine, using the Kh-59 guided missile, which was successfully destroyed by air defense forces.
- Units of the missile forces hit \_two warehouses of fuel and lubricating materials\_ of the enemy.

7:45 PM: Expertises have established that the manufacturer of "Shaheed" is an Iranian aircraft construction company, the Prosecutor General's Office.

- These are the first official data from law enforcement agencies that may indicate Iran's involvement in the production of UAVs.

8:27 PM: The Verkhovna Rada in the first reading adopted the draft law on administrative responsibility for curfew violations.

- Fines for violators range from 8,500 to 17,000 hryvnias. In case of repeated violation, the amount is multiplied by two.
- Fines for business — from 51,000 to 102,000 hryvnias.

8:35 PM: The Air Force reports that the attack UAVs from the Kherson region are heading in the direction of the Mykolayiv region.

- In the Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Dnipropetrovsk regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons.

8:51 PM: Ukraine is in mortal danger without help, - Olena Zelenska.

- \_"We really need help. Simply put, we can't get tired of this situation because if we do, we'll die. And if the world gets tired, they'll just let us die," she said.

9:19 PM: The last mass attack did not have consequences for energy, and there are no prerequisites for a blackout, Herman Galushchenko said.

- \_"Even if there is a critical impact as a result of attacks on the power system, there may be blackouts, but they will be temporary," he said.

11:27 PM: Yermak's fake statement about "peace" with Russia in 2024 is spreading on the Internet

- StopFake specialists determined that there is indeed a publication authored by Yevhen Kizilov dated November 1, 2023, on the UP website, but it is about something completely different. In the original, the material has the title "Zaluzhny spoke about evaders and reserves: gaps in the legislation."

11:52 PM: Media literacy will help counter anonymous Telegram channels, - Yurchyshyn

- Yaroslav Yurchyshyn, the newly appointed head of the Committee on Freedom of Speech, believes that media literacy will help counter anonymous Telegram channels.
- "The problem is that now many people use Telegram channels because the single marathon is complicated, inefficient and so on. Telegram channels have many functions that other applications do not have, including the notification of missile threats. Telegram -channels it is sometimes faster than in the official channels of the State Emergency Service or "Kyiv Digital", he said.

**MORDOR - ruZZia**

**Sunday, December 10**

6:32 AM: Russians attacked Ukraine with "shaheds"

- "Shahed-type shock UAVs in the Beryslav district of the Kherson region in the direction of the Mykolayiv region," the message says.
- As of 22:08, it became known that attack UAVs are approaching the Vinnytsia region. However, closer to midnight, the Air Force reported that the threat also exists in the Khmelnytskyi and Ternopil regions. After midnight, the Air Force announced that the threat had been defeated. As of 00:20, there are no details.

8:47 AM: ISW: Russian troops intensify their offensive and try to seize the initiative before the presidential elections

- It is noted that Russian troops are currently conducting offensive actions along most of the front line in Ukraine, in particular along the Kharkiv-Luhansk Oblast border, near Bakhmut and in the direction of Avdiyivka, as well as carrying out continuous ground attacks in the western Zaporizhzhya Oblast.



- The current pace of fighting across the entire frontline in Ukraine is broadly consistent with ISW's assessment that Russian forces have been trying to regain the initiative on the battlefield since at least mid-November 2023.

9:45 AM: The Russians conducted a repressive raid in the Kherson region: they were looking for the underground.

- It is noted that the Russians continue repression in the temporarily occupied territories of the Kherson region.
- According to CNS experts, seconded police officers from the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation conducted a raid in Henichesky District in search of the underground. During the raid, the occupiers cordoned off the village, ransacked houses and tried to identify informants of the Defense Forces of Ukraine.

### **Saturday, December 9**

5:25 PM: Russian opposition politician Mark Feigin in an interview with Anton Borkovsky, noted that Russian dictator Vladimir Putin did not give any signals for peace with Ukraine, but on the contrary, tried to impose his conditions on it, which provide for the loss of sovereignty and territorial integrity

- "There is only one meaning: let's negotiate, give in to me, give it to me, but first of all, in addition to the territory and demilitarization, of course, the reduction of the Ukrainian army, the withdrawal of all weapons directed there, forbid Ukraine from joining NATO, postpone this prospect forever, etc. And it is necessary to say, if before that the West actively denied this and actively acted in the direction of the fact that

Ukraine should be admitted to NATO, now there has been some hesitation," he emphasized.

6:22 PM: Russia on Finnish border recruits migrants for war in Ukraine, — BBC.

- The publication writes that it is already known about several cases when foreigners were hurriedly sent to a military camp on the border with Ukraine under the guise of "work".
- "\_We asked what kind of work it would be, they said it was simple and good\_" one of the migrants told reporters.

## REGIONS

### KYIV



### Saturday, December 9

4:40 PM: Stations and lobbies of the closed branch of the capital metro will be used as a shelter during the air alert.

- This is reported on the government portal based on the results of the meeting of the State Commission on Technogenic and Environmental Safety.
- According to the Mayor of Kyiv Vitaliy Klychka, there is no threat of submersion of the stations themselves, as the ground water is located below their level.

10:54 PM: Kyiv is considering the possibility of launching a shuttle service through an undamaged tunnel between Demiivska and Teremky metro stations.

- Ruslan Kadybor, director of the Department of Transport Infrastructure of the KMDA, announced this during a briefing on December 9.
- However, according to him, the interval between trains will be up to half an hour.

11:48 PM: On December 10, at 6:40 p.m. at the Central Railway

Station of Kyiv, Plastuns (Ukrainian Scouts), will hand over the Bethlehem Peace Flame to representatives of the railway.

- On December 11, anyone who wishes will be able to receive Fire for their homes at the stations of the country.

## KHARKIV



### Saturday, December 9

12:24 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Sumy region.

3:36 PM: Border guards destroyed a Russian kamikaze drone in the Sumy Oblast, — DPSU.

- "\_Border guards used an anti-drone gun, as a result of which the kamikaze drone lost altitude, fell to the ground and exploded\_" the border service writes.

5:31 PM Kharkiv RMA: Two women aged 57 and 71 were killed as a result of a Russian attack on Kupyansk.

- A 30-year-old man was injured. A private house, garage, fence, summer kitchen were damaged.

## DONETSK



### Saturday, December 9

12:30 PM: 90% of the battles are taking place in the area of Avdiyivka and Maryinka in the Tavri region, Oleksandr Shtupun, spokesman for the Defense Forces of the Tavri region, said.

- During the past day, the Russians did not carry out airstrikes, and the number of kamikaze drones has decreased. But against this background, artillery strikes increased, where there is a possibility that the Russians are using armored vehicles.

3:08 PM: Explosion and fire in occupied Makiivka - video is published on local Telegram channels.

- "The fire in Makiivka after the flight was of epic proportions. It seems that another PMM of the occupation army has been destroyed," says journalist Denys Kazanskyi.

3:23 PM: The Russians are not reducing the activity of the infantry at the front, they dropped more than 40 aerial bombs on Donetsk region in the past day, - Tarnavskyi

- According to him, the occupiers are acting with the support of armored vehicles and involving aviation at the front.
- "Guided Aviation Bombs (GUBs) are being dropped - more than 40 units in the past day. All of them are on Donetsk region," General Tarnavskyi said.
- Over the past 24 hours, the enemy carried out 24 airstrikes, conducted 56 combat engagements and launched 648 artillery barrages in the operational zone of the Tavria air defense system. Our defenders are firmly holding the defense in the Avdiyiv direction.

6:28 PM: Our retention of the heights of Avdiyivka does not allow other parts of the front to fall, - military expert Svitan

- Roman Svitan, a military expert, a reserve colonel of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, a military pilot-instructor, believes that at this moment it is optimal for us to hold Avdiivka, because a retreat of 20 km to the second line of defense can collapse the entire front.
- "Avdiivka itself is a height. The eastern part of the city and the industrial zone is the dominant height, which is located southeast of Avdiivka between the Yasynuvatsky checkpoint and the city itself, which is why the Russians are constantly pressing on this height. It is not about Avdiivka itself as a city, but in the Ukriprayon . Because if we withdraw from the heights in the east of Avdiivka, then we will have to go about 20 km to the west to the second line of defense Karlivka-

Ocheretine. That is, go to the next heights, because we will not hold back in the lowlands," explained the military expert.

7:19 PM Andriivka Municipal Military Administration: 12 people were evacuated from the shelter of the Avdiivka Coke Chemical Plant.

- These people came to the shelter of the plant from the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Russia and asked for shelter. People did not want to evacuate for a long time, but they were persuaded.



## ZAPORIZHIA

**Saturday, December 9**

11:49 PM: In Zaporizhzhia, fairy tales were read to children under the Christmas tree in the bomb shelter

- The reading was conducted by Olena Shevchuk, a Zaporizhzhia volunteer and author of children's fairy tales. "Unbreakable hub", located in the bomb shelter of one of the communal facilities, is the only central festive location in the city. And the city hall invites you to visit it.

## DNIPRO



**Sunday, December 10**

8:00 AM: Dnipro RMA: During the night the Russians hit Nikopol with heavy artillery, no casualties.

**Saturday, December 9**

6:06 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kryvyi Rih.

6:32 PM Dnipro RMA: Air defense forces shot down an enemy missile in Kryvorizka district.

## KHERSON



**Saturday, December 9**

1:05 PM Kherson Municipal Military Administration: The Russian army is shelling Kherson from the temporarily occupied left bank.

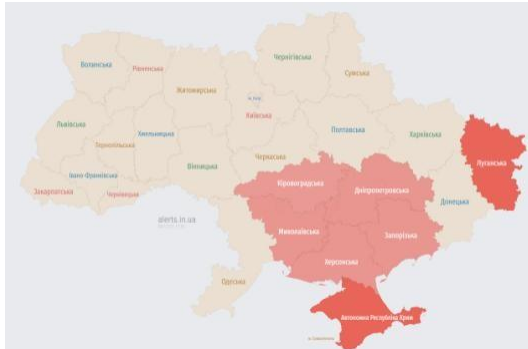
2:15 PM Kherson RMA: In the evening, the occupiers shelled Kherson: injured a woman, damaged residential buildings and infrastructure

- "Yesterday evening, the Russian army attacked Kherson. They hit a private enterprise. Warehouses, a car were damaged, products were destroyed. There was also a fire in the building, which was promptly extinguished by firefighters," the message says.
- The head of the OVA informed that the occupiers also fired at residential buildings. A 47-year-old woman was injured and is currently in the hospital. Doctors assess her condition as moderate.

11:01 PM: On the left bank of the Kherson region, the Russians switched to new tactics, - DeepState

- "Fresh videos from the aerial reconnaissance group "Birds of Magyar" show a number of BMP hits in the Krynyk area or neighboring villages. These shots are related to a new tactic of the Russians - throwing infantry into the rear of our positions," the message says.
- According to the soldiers of the 35th OBrMP, the enemy has started dropping armored landings "actually in our rear" in the last two days without engaging in battle, the authors of DeepState emphasize.

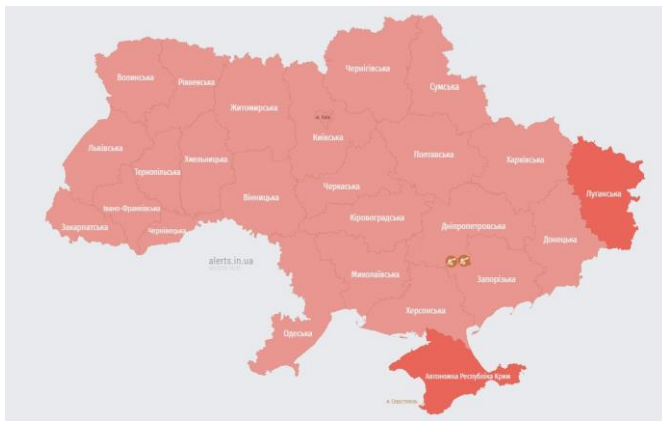
# VISUAL CHRONOLOGY OF REGIONAL ROCKET, DRONE, ARTILLERY, MORTAR AND BOMB ALARMS



5:50 PM



8:35 PM



10:40 AM

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

	Soviet Afghanistan	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 650 days	After 651 days	After 652 days	After 653 days	After 654 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	335,110	336,230	337,220	338,120	338,820

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5600	5618	5626	5632	5636
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10,456	10,482	10,508	10,519	10,529
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8943	8964	8976	8977	8983
Cruise Missiles		1570	1571	1571	1585	1586
Fighters Bombers	118	324	324	324	324	324



Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6083	6116	6136		6136
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		605	605	605	605	605
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	10,532	10,561	10,591	10,598	10,623
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		1153	1156	1159	1159	1162

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