

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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Christmas is celebrated in Ukraine today!

We wish everyone strength and inspiration for good and brave deeds for the sake of their neighbors and the whole of Ukraine!

Christ was born!

Let's praise Him!

[A Ukrainian Christmas Carol](#)

Entitled "There – in Bakhmut"

Christmas

Last Summer, President Zelenskyy signed legislation moving the date for Christmas to December 25th from January 7th. The purpose was to align Ukraine more directly with the Euro-Atlantic Community, and at the same time further distance Ukraine from "Russkyi Mir." We had our traditional 12-dish Christmas dinner (with modifications) last Sunday, December 24th. From the informal surveys we've done, in Ukraine December 25th has caught on.

Conversation With a Hero

My wife's brother's son-in-law is now home on a 5-day pass. I was able to speak to him via my wife's expert translation. He said he spends 5 days at a time in a trench on the front line, without sleep, before being relieved for a few days. They only have one order – Stay at your post. He said that they're short of ammunition and their equipment sometimes doesn't work (he didn't say whose equipment). Later on, I mentioned to my wife that in

the U.S. Navy we had a term for equipment that didn't work – “the fucking fucker's fucked.” I'm sure that Ukrainian servicemen and women have a similar term. I promised him that we'll be sending them weapons soon (are you listening Republicans?) Everyone smiled. Among Ukrainians, there is a great depth of support for the U.S. Let's hope it's redeemed.

The Senate Was Right

Last week, I related a conversation I had with someone from the Senate, about Russian disinformation causing some senators to resist voting for military assistance to Ukraine, “against their better judgment.” Some email recipients doubted this report, about the ability of Russian disinformation to influence Congressional support for Ukraine was true, but according to this [report](#) from the BBC, entitled, “How pro-Russian 'yacht' propaganda Influenced US Debate over Ukraine Aid,” it appears that it is true.

The article states that the story, that Pres. Zelenskyy spent \$75 million to purchase 2 yachts was false. This was confirmed by the yacht brokers who were handling the sale of the yachts in question.

The article describes the source as an obscure YouTube channel called “DC Weekly.” This is the same channel that, last Fall, published a story that Olena Zelenska, Ukraine's First Lady, purchased \$1 million worth of jewelry during a trip to New York City. According to the article, other stories containing Russian disinformation include, “Prince Andrew made a secret visit to Ukraine, that Ukraine provided weapons to Hamas, that an American non-profit organisation harvested organs in Ukraine and that Zelensky's administration allowed Western companies to use Ukrainian farmland for disposal of toxic waste.”

The article concludes, “some of the stories were picked up by other outlets and accounts. But with the story about the yachts, **the people behind DC Weekly appear to have achieved a level of success that had previously eluded them - their allegations being repeated by some of the most powerful people in the US Congress.**” (my bold face) Voters in states represented by members of Congress who are repeating Russian disinformation, including pieces described in this article, need to start

questioning the intelligence of their elected representatives. The elected representatives themselves need to ask themselves a single question – what do they think Ukrainian voters would do, given that their sons and daughters are fighting and dying in Ukraine, if they knew that Pres. Zelenskyy actually spent \$75 million to buy 2 yachts?

[“More Drones, Fewer Parks. Ukrainians Urge Spending Shift as War Drags On”](#)/New York Times

Prior to the start of Russia’s latest invasion, Pres. Zelenskyy was the target of public criticism for spending too much money on roads, instead of spending money on preparations to resist the Russian invasion.

News From the Battlefield

“Reporting From Ukraine” covered the [destruction](#) of 3 Russian Su-34 fighter bombers who were on their way to drop 18 gliding bombs on Ukrainian positions on the Dnipro Crossing near Krinky. According to his report they were brought down by Patriot missiles that were located somewhere near Kherson. If true, this is very significant for 2 reasons: It may be the first instance where a Patriot battery was deployed to the south; it shows the significance that Ukraine places on protecting the Dnipro Crossings. A recent [report](#) from Denys describes the Su-34 in more detail.

An earlier “Reporting From Ukraine,” [covers](#) the Dnipro Crossings more broadly. Ukrainian troops on the Left Bank of the Dnipro are now protected by artillery firing at Russians from the heights on the Right Bank and, now, a Patriot battery that discourages the Russians’ use of gliding bombs. The New York Times recently reported that Ukrainian marines on the Left Bank are being sacrificed for no apparent benefit. As is often the case in its coverage of the war, the New York Times is being proven wrong.

In this report “Reporting From Ukraine” provides his overall [assessment](#) of conditions on the front line. To summarize:

- Ukraine is going on defense in the east, with the objective of inflicting maximum losses on the Russians. He said that recent reports from

Avdiivka include an assessment of a “kill ratio” of 7/1, Russian losses to Ukrainian losses. He stated further that other Russian offensive operations in the east include more troops than those deployed to Avdiivka.

- Ukraine is pulling back elite units from the front, for training and replenishment, with the idea of preparing them for counterattacks in 2024.
- It appears that Ukraine hasn't deployed any of its Abrams tanks.
- There have been unconfirmed reports that Ukraine has held back approximately 40,000 troops located in the Kherson Region – if so, why?
- Some Russian units are being transferred from the east to the Dnipro Crossings, where they have so far failed to gain any ground despite significant manpower advantages.

The latest sinking – Last night Ukraine destroyed the last of 5 Russian amphibious ships operating in the Black Sea. It was tied up in the harbor of Feodosia, in the southeastern part of Crimea. Judging from the [explosion](#) the ship was full of ammunitions. Some reports say it was carrying Shaheed drones.

Initially, the amphibious ships presented a significant threat to Ukraine, because of their potential use to land troops in the vicinity of Odesa. As Ukraine began sinking them, the remaining ships were largely used to transfer weapons, supplies and personnel from the Russian mainland to Crimea, thus avoiding exposure to Ukrainian HIMARS and ATACMS strikes if they transited through Melitopol and the north coast of the Sea of Azov. Now these ships are all gone, leaving Russia no other choice than to expose their logistics to increased Ukrainian interdiction.

Some describe Ukrainian naval actions such as the destruction of Russia's last amphibious ship operating in the Black Sea, as well as other strikes on Russian logistics that, together have swept Russia from the Black Sea and limited the military utility of Crimea to the Russians, as being a “sideshow to the land war.” In my opinion, those people aren't capable of looking at the

situation in broad terms. On land, Ukraine is killing lots of Russian; in the air, Ukraine has neutralized (for now) Russian strikes against the Dnipro Crossings and, yesterday in Donetsk where Russia lost 2 more Su-34s; at sea, driving Russia out of the Black Sea and limiting Crimea as a military asset.

Yet, here in Washington we have some of our elected officials being hoodwinked by Russian disinformation. What is wrong with this picture.

12/25/2023 Sitrep

SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES DECEMBER 25, 2023

During the day of December 25, there were 98x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 1x missile and 42x air strikes, 56x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

During the day of December 25, the russian occupiers attacked Ukraine yet again, using 18x Shahed-136/131 UAVs. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 12x strike UAVs.

Air strikes hit Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Dibrova, Siversk, Vyimka, Spirne, Vesele, Novobakhmutivka, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast).

Around 100x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.

During the day of December 25, the Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 4x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment of the adversary.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 4x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 2x ammunition depots, and 3x anti-aircraft missile systems of the russian invaders.

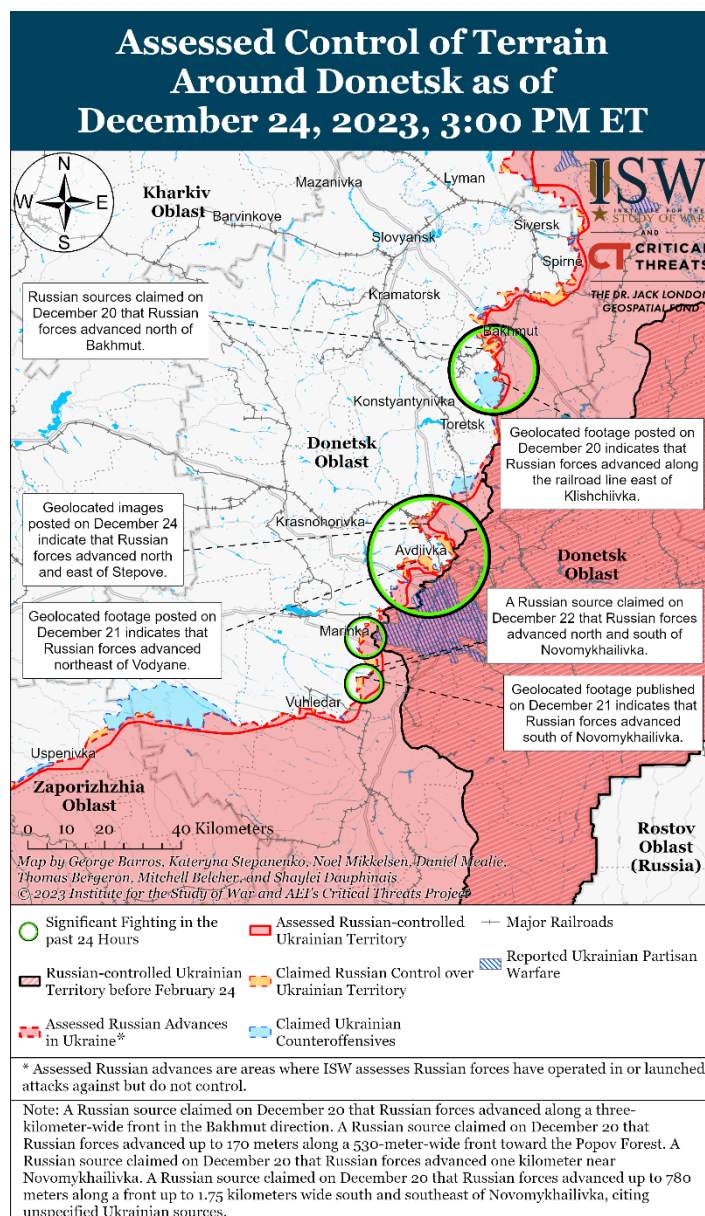
Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 6x enemy attacks near the settlement of Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast). The occupiers made unsuccessful attempts to break through the defense of Ukrainian troops in that area.

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 29x enemy attacks in the vicinity of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast) and Vesele (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 4x attacks of the adversary near the settlements of Bohdanivka (Donetsk oblast).

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 and inflicting major losses on the invaders. For instance, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 27x attacks of the occupiers east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiivka, as well as 13x more attacks near Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinity of Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 6x attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 3x attacks of the russian forces in the vicinity of Staromaiorske (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 7x adversary attacks near Robotyne and west of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to expand the bridgehead. Despite significant losses, the enemy does not abandon its intention to dislodge Ukrainian troops from their positions. For instance, the adversary made 12x unsuccessful attempts to assault that were repelled and the invaders retreated.

INTERNATIONAL

8:00 AM: Former NATO commander on Christmas Eve called for more aid to Ukraine because "their cause is just," The Hill.

8:00 AM: The US has expanded its control over the continental shelf in the Arctic. Russia promises a tough reaction — Bloomberg.

8:00 AM: Iran's Navy has received cruise missiles with a range of 1,000 km, as well as reconnaissance helicopters, — Reuters.

11:10 AM: Ukraine provided emergency assistance to the Polish power system, Ukrenergo.

- According to Ukrenergo, the Polish energy system had a surplus of electricity on the night of December 25 and asked neighboring countries for help in consuming it. In this way, Ukraine received an additional amount of electricity.

1:45 PM: Latvia handed over 271 cars confiscated from drunk drivers to Ukraine.

- Currently, the documents on the transfer of 34 more cars are being prepared for consideration by the government.

4:47 PM: Serbian protesters begin a six-hour traffic blockade in Belgrade

- As the deadline for approval to verify the voter list expired, Serbian protesters blocked the entrance to the building of the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government.
- And from there they set out to block two locations. Birchanov and Knez Milos streets are already blocked.

6:21 PM: Russian opposition leader Olexii Navalny was staged in a colony beyond the Arctic Circle.

6:21 PM: The Eurasian Economic Union (Russia, Belarus, Armenia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan) signed a free trade agreement with Iran, — News. a.m.

6:21 PM: Israel plans to intensify hostilities in the Gaza Strip in the coming days, — The Times of Israel.

9:32 PM: Biden believes US presidents can be prosecuted on criminal charges

- The President of the United States, Joe Biden, in a comment to a journalist, said that he "does not see any" reason why US presidents should have absolute immunity from prosecution, as ex-president and Republican leader Donald Trump says.
- The Supreme Court previously declined to rule on whether former President Trump has immunity from prosecution for storming the Capitol.

11:12 PM: The President of the European Council, Charles Michel, greeted the world with a photo of a Ukrainian rooster from UNITED24.

11:50 PM: On December 27, the Earth will be covered by a magnetic storm due to numerous flares on the Sun.

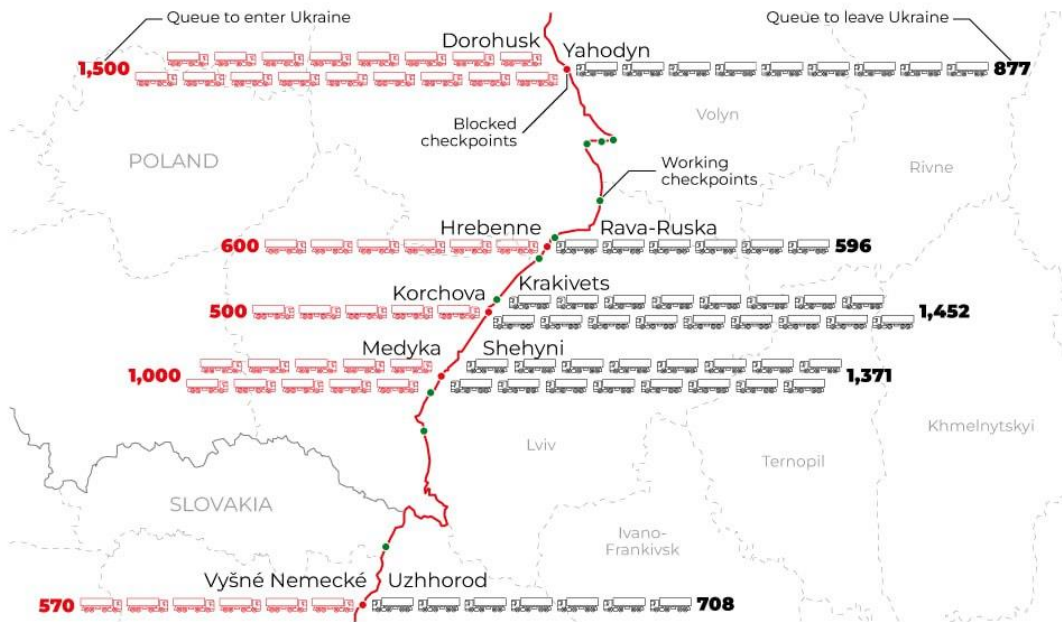
- Under the influence of magnetic storms on Earth, air pressure and temperature can change, and due to the fact that the coronal mass penetrates the atmosphere and interacts with air molecules, auroras can be formed.

9.2 THOU TRUCKS ARE STILL BLOCKED

TOP
LEAD

On November 6, Polish transportation companies began to block checkpoints on the Ukrainian border. On December 1, the ones from Slovakia joined them. The main reason for the strikes is competition with Ukrainian companies.

Blocked checkpoints and the number of trucks in queues



Sources: State Customs Service, eQueue.

Data as of December 20, 2023.

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NATIONAL

12:12 AM: The Air Force reports that enemy UAVs are moving towards Odessa from the Black Sea.

8:25 AM: Air defense forces destroyed 28 attack UAVs, two missiles and two fighters, Air Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- "Anti-aircraft missile units of the Air Force also destroyed two enemy aircraft: one Su-34 - in Donetsk region (which was reported in the evening) and one Su-30SM - over the waters of the Black Sea," the message states.

8:33 AM: Russian forces are reducing air activity and use of glide bombs in Ukraine after the SSU shot down three Russian Su-34s in southern Ukraine - ISW.

- Analysts note that a further reduction in the number of Russian glider bomb strikes in the Kherson region may enable Ukrainian forces to operate more freely in the near-rear areas on the western bank of the Kherson region and to take a safer position on the left bank, from which future operations can be carried out, if the Ukrainians so decide higher command.

10:36 AM: Missile danger throughout Ukraine! Takeoff of the MiG-31K from Savasleika airfield (Nizhny Novgorod Region), — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

12:16 PM: Ukrainian men of conscription age, who are abroad and have not passed "identification" at the TCC, may be left without consular and banking services.

- This was stated by Vadym Ivchenko, a member of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on National Security, Defense and Intelligence.

1:14 PM: Ukraine received 1.34 billion US dollars as part of the World Bank's PEACE in Ukraine project to support the social sphere.

- This was reported in the Ministry of Finance.
- The funds will be directed to partial compensation of expenses of the state budget of Ukraine not related to the sphere of security and defense, in particular to pension payments and payments to employees of the State Emergency Service.

1:16 PM: We are moving into another phase of warfare, which will be incomprehensible to many - "Information resistance".

- Oleksandr Kovalenko, a military-political observer of the "Information Resistance" group, noted that in the first half of 2024, we will not set any records for the liberation of territories, we will not demonstrate what is associated with victory in our society.

- "The indicator of our success will be those moments that many do not understand. This is, for example, how much we increase the number of destroyed occupiers, how much we can hold this or that area, spending a smaller resource on it, and the Russians, putting a larger resource on the targets - this is war attrition. We talked about a war of attrition at the beginning of 2022, and we will see it at its best in 2024. However, it will be manipulated and constantly relayed by various conspiracy theories."

1:26 PM: The government should introduce a bill on strengthening mobilization, the leader of the "Servant of the People" party in the Verkhovna Rada said.

- "The military command submitted a request for the mobilization of 500,000 troops. The government is developing the rules," said David Arahamiya.

2:24 PM: BEB detectives reported suspicion of two individuals associated with one of the largest licensed gambling operators.

- One of them tried to avoid punishment, but he was detained and taken into custody.
- The man is involved in a miscoding scheme organized by officials of gambling business operators and a number of banks.
- Miscoding is used as a tool for tax evasion by gaming businesses.

3:33 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports the activity of enemy tactical aircraft in the southeast direction.
- A guided air missile is moving in the direction of Kryvyi Rih.

6:21 PM: "Ukrnafta" launched a new well in the east of Ukraine with an initial throughput of 51.4 tons per day.

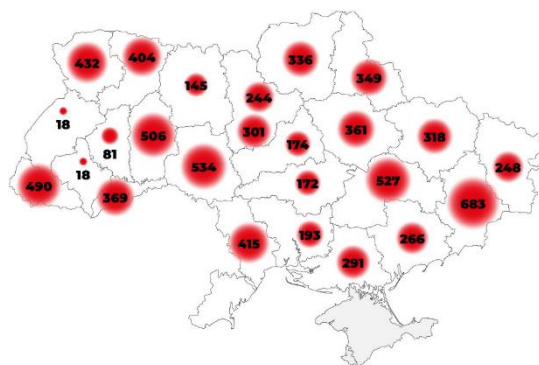
- Flow rate is the amount of liquid or gas flowing to the surface per unit of time from a natural or artificial source.

7:50 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 25:

- During the day _76 combat clashes took place.
- In the Marinsky direction - Defence forces continue to hold back the enemy_ in the Novomykhailivka district of the Donetsk region, where the enemy with the support of aviation launched 3 unsuccessful attacks.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 4 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces hit 4 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, _2 ammunition warehouses and 3 anti-aircraft missile complexes_ of the enemy.

8,000+ RUSSIAN CHURCH COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE

Number of Russian Orthodox Church communities by regions



Source: Opendatobot based on data from the United State Register of Legal Entities, Individual Entrepreneurs and Public Organizations of Ukraine.

Date as of December 25, 2023

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TOP LEAD

8:43 PM: 589 churches have joined the Orthodox Church of Ukraine since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion. This is evidenced by Opendatobot data.

- The patriarchate changed the most churches in Kyiv region — 138, Khmelnytskyi — 125, and Vinnytsia — 67.

10:43 PM: Yaroslava Maguchih and Oleksandr Zheltyakov are recognized as the best athletes of 2023 according to the National Olympic Committee.

- Yaroslava Maguchih is the champion of the world and III European Games in athletics (high jump).
- Oleksandr Zheltyakov is a two-time world and European champion in swimming among juniors, holder of the Olympic standard (at distances of 100 and 200 m backstroke).

11:25 PM: The Cabinet submitted to the Council a draft law on improving mobilization.

- It is proposed:
 - Change of the conscription age from 27 to 25 years.
 - Improvement of the procedure of military registration of conscripts.
 - Provision of additional leave for servicemen who were released from captivity.
 - Exclusion of fixed-term military service as a type of military service.
 - Introduction of basic military training for citizens of Ukraine for up to 3 months for all citizens aged 18 to 25 at all educational institutions.

11:43 PM: The Ground Forces named the categories of Ukrainians with the help of which mobilization will be expanded

- The answer listed the following categories:
- citizens who were previously removed from military registration before 2015 and were not renewed in accordance with changes in the legislation;
- citizens whose term of deferment from conscription expired during mobilization;
- citizens who have reached the age of 27, but were not included in the military register of conscripts due to evasion.
- "The purpose of the measures is to ensure the additional staffing of the Defense Forces in accordance with the need," says the response to the request.

MORDOR - ruZZia

6:44 AM: Putin tries to portray himself as a compassionate leader in staged conversation with military, - ISW.

- On Sunday, December 24, Kremlin journalist Pavlo Zarubin published a video recording of a ceremony held on December 19 at the Russian National Defense Command Center, where Putin spoke to Russian servicemen who said they wanted to see their loved ones and their commanders would be forced to give them leave .
- "Let them rest! The commander has already decided. It's me," Putin replied.
- And the Chief of the General Staff, Army General Valery Gerasimov, who was present at the same time, said simply: "So it is."

7:57 AM: The occupation authorities have developed a "brainwashing" plan for the year 2024 for the residents of TOT, - CNS.

- In the temporarily occupied territory of Luhansk region, Russia is forming a team of supervised lecturers for the local branch of the "Knowledge" society. The main goal of this propaganda structure, which has existed since the time of the USSR, is to brainwash the workers and students of the region.
- Yes, the occupiers organize lectures, the attendance of which is compulsory. In the so-called "lessons", agitators tell a distorted story and promote the greatness of Russia and its leaders in the best traditions of totalitarianism.

8:00 AM: the Russian Federation collects testimony against Ukraine in the temporarily occupied territories, they promise to pay "aid" for the statement, — Central News Agency.

9:49 AM: Russia has extended the ban on the entry of trucks from the EU, Britain, Norway and Ukraine.

- At the same time, postal items, diplomatic mail and humanitarian aid became an exception.
- Also, the restriction will not affect the cargo transport of technical support for the transportation of equipment and sports cars to the venues of sports competitions.

2:50 PM: Russians seek mercenaries in Africa for war against Ukraine, National Resistance Center.

- "Currently, the enemy is conducting a recruiting campaign in the Kursk region, where it expects to recruit from 50 to 100 soldiers and officers to fill the so-called "African Corps", - the Central Intelligence Agency notes.
- The main activity of the mercenaries will be local training and retraining of new waves of local mercenaries to be sent to the war against Ukraine.

3:00 PM: Russian propagandist Krasovsky was hospitalized. The media reports that he was poisoned

- Meanwhile, Ukrainian mass media Kyiv Post and "Ukrainian Pravda" reported with reference to intelligence sources that the propagandist Krasovsky was poisoned. Kyiv Post sources noted that the propagandist's condition "continues to deteriorate" and added that "probably, the last messages on the network were not written by the propagandist himself."

4:33 PM: In Ukraine, entire groups of Russian soldiers began to surrender, the reason being the inhuman treatment of them by the command.

- Oleksandr Shtupun, the spokesman of the United Press Center of the Defense Forces of the Tavria Region, reported this.
- "[...] for refusing to engage in senseless assaults or for some other offense, the officers strip them naked - this is in winter - and put them in cold pits like this, beat them and threaten them with executions," says Shtupun.

7:22 PM: During the full-scale invasion, Russia committed 548 crimes against journalists and media in Ukraine, Mass Information Institute.

- Violations include threats, injuries to journalists, cyber attacks, and the disappearance of Ukrainian broadcasting as a result of Russian shelling.

- Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the occupiers have killed 70 journalists, 10 of them while performing professional journalistic activities.

7:58 PM: The French bank is preparing to sell its business in the Russian Federation worth \$75 million, - Bloomberg

- French bank Societe Generale SA may complete its exit from Russia by selling stakes in some of the country's biggest companies to its former local unit PJSC Rosbank, which it sold to billionaire Volodymyr Potanin in 2022.
- Bloomberg estimates the value of these shares at approximately \$75 million.

10:02 PM: "The Russians have come to terms with the loss of the Crimean bridge": expert Kyrychevskyi named the reason

- "The occupiers want to build a railway along the coast of the Sea of Azov in such a way as to create an alternative to the Crimean bridge. There are two components here - bad and good. Bad - the occupiers are preparing an alternative logistical route. Good - the Russians understand that sooner or later the Crimean bridge will be destroyed. Thus they are trying to insure themselves and are preparing for alternative ways of supplying their occupying troops," Kyrychevskyi said.

10:06 PM: More than 190 criminal cases have been initiated against the pardoned "Wagner residents" already after their release, rosZMI reports.

- Most of the culprits received suspended terms, mandatory, compulsory or correctional labor, fines, or the case was terminated due to the reconciliation of the parties.

REGIONS

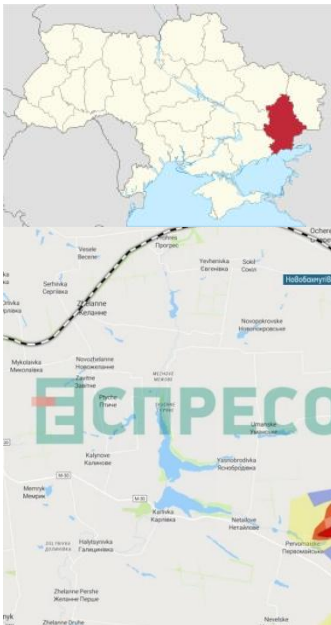
KHARKIV



3:17 PM: Sinegubov named the main goal of the Russian invaders in the Kharkiv region

- He noted that the occupiers are trying to seize Sinkivka, advancing near Ivanovka and Petropavlivka.
- "Capturing Sinkivka will provide an opportunity to advance further and create the prerequisites for blocking Kupyansk. But the main goal is Kupyansk-Vuzlovy (a large railway junction - ed.). But to get to it, you need to capture part of the city of Kupyansk. These plans we understand, our Armed Forces understand these plans. That's why we react adequately," said the head of the OVA.

DONETSK



12:46 PM: On Avdiivka, the enemy will not only break his teeth, but also break his spine, - head of MBA Barabash.

- "Unfortunately, it is very hot in our direction. The enemy does not stop trying to enter the city, surround the city. The enemy does not count on personnel or equipment, that is, they try to fulfill the task set before them

at any cost. Until December 14, they will not managed to do it, it won't be possible before the New Year either, I'm sure, and before their pseudo-elections in the swamps, the invaders won't be able to take Avdiivka either. I have no doubt about this."

- Vitaliy Barabash, head of the Avdiyiv city military administration, emphasized.
- According to him, our guys are holding on, minusing the enemy in packs. Yesterday, December 24, about 50 of the Russians had 200s, about 100 were 300s. A couple of dozens of enemy vehicles were also shot down.

5:53 PM: The Russians are storming Avdiivka not because the city is of strategic and military importance, but because it is a basis for carrying out Putin's order.

- Previously, the Russian army was given the task of capturing Avdiivka by December 14, then there was another deadline of January 1. And if it doesn't work out, the Russians are already ready for another deadline - that is, until March 15, when the Russian presidential elections will be held - NSU reserve major, veteran of the Russian-Ukrainian war Oleksiy Hetman on the air of the "Espresso" TV channel.

6:47 PM: Battles for Maryinka continue, it is incorrect to talk about the complete capture of the city.

- This was stated by the spokesman of the joint press center of the Defense Forces of the Tavria direction, Colonel Oleksandr Shtupun.
- Before that, Russian Defense Minister Shoigu reported to Putin about the alleged full occupation of Maryinka.

KHERSON



9:34 AM: Over the past day, the enemy carried out 71 shellings of Kherson Oblast!

- 288 shells were fired from mortars, artillery, "Grads", tanks, ZU-23-2, aviation and UAVs, including 6 "Shahed".

The enemy fired 16 shells in the city of Kherson, OVA reported.

- As a result of Russian aggression, 1 person died, 2 more were injured.

11:23 AM Kherson RMA: There are explosions in Kherson! The coastal zone is under fire from the occupying forces.

5:35 PM: In a few days, the Russian army destroyed the third base with humanitarian aid in Kherson, the Red Cross of Ukraine.

ODESA



6:51 PM: Strike UAVs, presumably "Shahed", from the Black Sea in the direction of Odesa — PS ZSU.

- The movement of attack UAVs in the direction of Yuzhne, Kobleve.

8:05 PM: The Air Force reports the movement of "Shahed" attack UAVs in the direction of Odesa from the north.

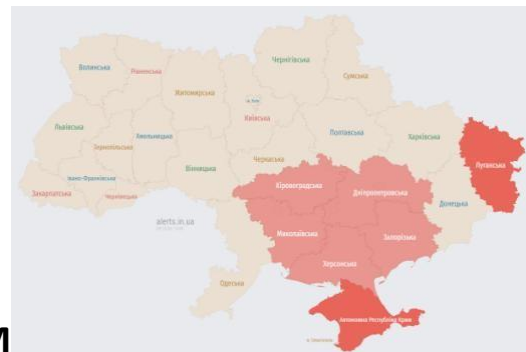
9:16 PM: Yesterday evening, during an air alert in Odesa region, inspectors received a report about two people filming air defense operations on their phones.

- On the spot, the patrol officers detained two guys, one of whom actually had a video of air defense combat work on his phone. They explained that they were joking.
- The boys were taken to the police station, where investigators continued to work with them.

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

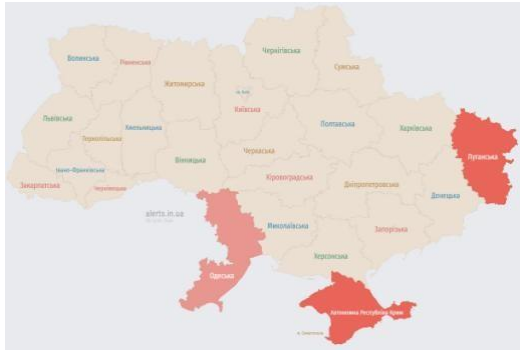


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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

| | Soviet Afghanistan | Dec 17 | Dec 18 | Dec 19 | Dec 20 | Dec 25 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Duration | 9 years and 9 months | After 662 days | After 663 days | After 664 days | After 665 days | After 670 days |
| Military Personnel Liquidated | 14,453 | 346,070 | 347,160 | 348,300 | 349,190 | 353,950 |

Material Losses

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|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Tanks | 147 | 5739 | 5783 | 5798 | 5814 | 5877 |
| Armored Personnel Carriers | 1,314 | 10,693 | 10,752 | 10,771 | 10,794 | 10,919 |
| Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers | 433 | 9060 | 9101 | 9116 | 9,134 | 9,281 |
| Cruise Missiles | | 1610 | 1610 | 1611 | 1612 | 1616 |

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| Fighters Bombers | 118 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 329 |
| Helicopters | 333 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 |
| Drones | | 6278 | 6290 | 6299 | 6316 | 6436 |
| Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries | | 609 | 610 | 611 | 611 | 613 |
| Cargo/Fuel/ other transport | 11,36 9 | 10,766 | 10,822 | 10842 | 10,871 | 11,075 |
| Naval Vessels | | 22+(1 submar ine) | 22+(1 submar ine) | 22+(1 submar ine) | 22+(1 submar ine) | 22+(1 submar ine) |
| what | | 1194 | 1198 | 1200 | 1203 | 1234 |

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