

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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[“The High Price of Losing Ukraine: Part 2 — The Military Threat and Beyond”](#)/By Nataliya Bugayova, Institute for the Study of War (ISW)

A long article describing the stakes for the United States and its allies from losing Ukraine. Below is the summary –

“A Russian victory in Ukraine would create a world fundamentally antithetical to US interests and values with an empowered anti-Western coalition. US deterrence power and geopolitical standing will diminish. The cost of protecting the homeland and operating globally will rise, as will the number of national security issues the United States will have to tackle. More states and groups will challenge America at home and abroad. Latent adversarial intent is more likely to transform into action — which is how we got here in the first place, when Russia perceived the West to be weak.”

“The asymmetry goes both ways: Ukraine is the lynchpin on which the future of Russia’s power hinges. Russia’s ability to reconstitute; to maintain and increase its control and influence over its neighbors; the power of the Kremlin’s global narratives and ability to manipulate US will and perceptions; and the strength of Russia’s coalitions, including with US adversaries, all depend on whether Russia wins or loses in Ukraine. Helping Ukraine win would not only prevent Russia from erasing an independent nation and save the Ukrainian people from Russian atrocities and murder but would also land an asymmetric blow to the Russian threat and the anti-US coalition.”

“As long as Ukraine remains committed to defending itself against Russia’s aggression, the best course of action for the United States is to commit to the path of helping Ukraine win.”

“Losing Ukraine” is defined as Russia achieving all of its stated war aims, including:

- Russian military occupation of Ukraine up to its Western borders.
- Russia installing a puppet government.
- “De-Nazifying” Ukraine, with all that entails.

In my opinion, anything less than “losing Ukraine,” as defined above, will result in Ukraine, as a country, continuing to “defend itself against Russian aggression,” with or without formal Western military support. This will likely include a partisan war against Russian occupiers in those parts of Ukraine that would remain under Russian occupation. It will be a conflict, continued Ukrainian fighting plus a partisan war, that neither Russia nor NATO will be able to stop.

Partisan warfare will continue in those parts of Ukraine that may end up under temporary Russian occupation, likely resulting from some type of “ceasefire.” Partisan groups in southern Ukraine, most predominately around Melitopol, have existed since 2014 and they are playing major roles in Ukraine’s war effort. Since the start of Russia’s latest invasion, these groups have existed independently, with almost no support from Ukraine.

If losing Ukraine, as defined above, is achieved Ukrainians, as a people, will conduct partisan warfare against Russia, with the covert support of neighboring countries bordering Ukraine to the West, plus other NATO members including the Baltics, and support from the Ukrainian Diaspora.

It is worth remembering that for 7 years after the end of WW-II Ukrainians conducted a partisan war against the Soviets, mostly in the Carpathian Mountains, with no help from the outside, as is the case today with groups operating around Melitopol. It is also worth remembering that during the same period Lithuanians conducted a partisan war against the Soviets. Lithuania, much smaller than Ukraine, had the advantage of a seacoast, that

was used as a source of re-supply from the Lithuanian Diaspora and, likely, neighboring countries in Europe.

At the beginning of Russia's latest invasion of Ukraine, the operative outcome governing U.S. weapons supplies to Ukraine was the outbreak a partisan war that would arise after Ukraine was "lost," consistent with the definition above. The West has considered this outcome before and this is why, before the beginning of Russia's latest invasion, and continuing after the start of the invasion, virtually all the weapons deliveries to Ukraine consisted of anti-tank munitions, including Javelins and N-Laws, and shoulder fired anti-aircraft missiles, including the Javelin, precisely because of their utility in prosecuting a partisan war. Deliveries of larger weapons, starting with the M-777 howitzer, only began during the summer of 2022, and only then after a series of U.S. and European equivocations.

Leaving aside the outcomes from "losing Ukraine," a partisan war on NATO's eastern flank would cause a major problem for the West, a problem that the West would be unable to stop. A partisan war, conducted after "losing Ukraine," would likely result in Russia being driven out of Ukraine, but at a much higher cost in Ukrainian lives, and all the difficulties NATO countries would face, including but not limited to a huge movement of refugees.

The only way to avoid the likelihood of a nasty partisan war would be for the United States to take Nataliya Bugayova's advice – "the best course of action for the United States is to commit to the path of helping Ukraine win."

In the countless articles about the war, there have been very few references to the possibility of a partisan war. ISW is well-positioned to analyze this possibility in a more comprehensive way. I hope they will.

News From the Battlefield

The latest "[Reporting From Ukraine](#)" describes the details of the successful Ukrainian strike against the Russian amphibious ship in the harbor of Feodosia. The photograph show that the ship was sunk, likely including the loss of the crew plus the fouling of some of the port facilities, similar to what

happened in Sevastopol, where 2 Russian ships, including Kilo Class submarine were destroyed while in a drydock, rendering the drydocks unusable for maintenance and repair, plus the loss of the ships. Other photographs from the Port of Feodosia show that a 2nd ship was sunk, and a 3rd received damage. The remaining ships of the Russian Black Sea Fleet evacuated Feodosia.

Ukraine is a few long-range missiles with unitary warheads short of cutting the Kerch Bridge and virtually ending Crimea's value as a military asset for Russia. We'll see what the U.S. Congress and the Biden Administration do.

The strike in Feodosia, plus the loss of 5 Russian fighter bombers and increasing Ukrainian presence on the Dnipro Crossings, along the Left Bank of the Dnipro, give a lie to the idea that this war is at a stalemate. The loss of the fighter bombers, plus the likely presence of a Patriot battery in southern Ukraine, likely used to shoot down 3 of the fighter bombers, adds a major wild card in the argument that Ukraine is facing a stalemate.

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SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES DECEMBER 26, 2023

During the day of December 26, there were 80x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 8x missile and 60x air strikes, 69x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.

The russian occupants launched yet another attack on Ukraine, using 46x Shahed-136/131 UAVs last night. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 32x strike UAVs.

Air strikes hit Hremyach (Chernihiv oblast), Varvarivka, Synkivka, Ivanivka, Kupyansk, Sobolivka (Kharkiv oblast), Serebryanske forestry, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Dibrova, Novobakhmutivka, Oleksandropil, Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), Zmiivka, and Krynyky (Kherson oblast).

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

Khortytsia operational-strategic group, Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 8x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Synkivka and northeast of Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast). The adversary attempted to break through the defense of Ukrainian troops in that area.

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 11x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast) and Vesele (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian troops repelled 8x attacks of the adversary near the settlements of Bohdanivka, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka (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 as they inflict major losses on the enemy. For instance, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 13x enemy attacks east of Novobakhmutivka, Avdiivka, and 16x attacks near Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Maryinka and Pobjeda (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 7x attacks in that area.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 9x adversary attacks in the vicinity of Robotyne and west of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian defenders 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 14x unsuccessful attempts to assault that were repelled and the invaders retreated.

During the day of December 26, Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 17x concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment, and 5x anti-aircraft missile systems of the adversary. Also, the air defense of Ukraine

destroyed 2x Kh-59 air-launched guided missiles and 1x reconnaissance UAV of the enemy. Also, the tactical aviation of the Ukrainian Air Force successfully attacked 1x large landing ship of the Russian Black Sea Fleet – the Novocherkassk.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 3x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 1x command post, 2x artillery systems, and 3x other important targets of the Russian invaders.

INTERNATIONAL

7:59 AM: US strikes targets of Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah group in response to drone attack on US base in Iraq - White House.

7:59 AM: Netanyahu visited Gaza and called the war against Hamas far from over.

9:06 AM: The first group of Ukrainian pilots have completed basic training in the Royal Air Force of Great Britain and are now learning to fly F-16 fighter jets in Denmark.

- This was reported by the press service of the British government.
- Six experienced Ukrainian pilots have completed their training, ten more trainee pilots remain in Britain to continue basic flight training and learn aviation medicine and centrifuge training.

10:28 AM: More than 3,000 trucks are standing in queues at the border of Ukraine and Poland.

- Andriy Demchenko, the spokesman of the State Border Service, reported this.
- "According to the information of the Polish border guards, as of this morning, there are 3,000 trucks in three directions towards Ukraine: Rava-Ruska – 900, Krakow – 640, Yagodyn – 1,500 cargo vehicles," the spokesman said.

3:30 PM: France handed over the second ship to Ukraine to assist in the export of grain.

- This was announced by the Minister of Transport of France, Clément Bon, on the social network Kh.

5:29 PM: Switzerland allocates additional \$13.6 million to support Ukrainians in winter, — Ministry of Reintegration.

- It is noted that these funds will be used to support several non-governmental organizations that provide assistance to Ukrainians.

5:46 PM: Ukraine has sent a request to the Australian government to receive decommissioned Taipan helicopters, — Asia Pacific Defense Reporter.

- "_Technical specialists are currently secretly dismantling all 45 army Taipan multi-purpose helicopters and burying the components at the defense facility_", - writes the publication.
- Earlier, Defense Secretary Richard Marles said that the helicopters will be disposed of in a way that maximizes their value.

6:41 PM: Taiwan expanded sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus, — Reuters.

6:41 PM: Next year, Spain will send troops and equipment to Slovakia, — ABC.

6:41 PM: The world's largest banks have cut more than 60,000 jobs this year, Financial Times.

6:41 PM: Turkey's parliament committee approves Sweden's bid to join NATO, TRT Haber.

7:46 PM: The influx of Arab refugees to the Russian-Finnish border is under the full control of the FSB, The Insider.

- It is noted that Russian security forces are redirecting asylum seekers in the European Union from the Belarusian-Polish border to Finland.
- One of the smugglers said that he brought people only to the Russian part of the border, and then the Russian border guards "take care" of

them - in particular, they give them bicycles to cross the Finnish border.

11:30 PM: Currently, Germany sees no prerequisites for increasing military and financial aid to Ukraine. This was announced by the head of the Ministry of Finance of the country, Christian Lindner.

- " _We supply weapons systems, provide financial assistance and provide protection to many Ukrainians in Germany. We are already the second largest donor to Ukraine in the world. Germany finances a good half of all aid from Europe. Currently, there are no signs that more needs to be done_ ", — he noted.
- Lindner emphasized that Germany is interested in increasing the share of aid from other European countries.

NATIONAL

12:56 AM: The draft law includes a new list of citizens who are not subject to conscription.

- Among other things, people's deputies and active deputies of Crimea were dismissed from service.

1:03 AM: Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal initiated a draft law that provides for increased liability for military offenses.

- for violation by conscripts of the rules of military accounting — a fine from 8,500 to 17,000 hryvnias;
- for violation of the legislation on defense, military duty and military service, mobilization training and mobilization — a fine from 25,500 to 34,000 hryvnias for citizens and from 34,000 to 85,000 hryvnias for officials;
- For violation of this legislation in a special period (for example, martial law), the fine will be from 34,000 to 51,000 hryvnias for citizens and from 153,000 to 204,000 hryvnias for officials.

1:33 AM: The draft law also states that conscripts who did not appear at the military register will be entered into the Unified Register of Debtors.

- A number of restrictions will apply to them:
- ban on traveling abroad;
- ban on transactions with property;
- restrictions on the right to drive a car and obtain a driver's license;
- restriction of rights to dispose of valuables and funds;
- prohibition to sign credit agreements;
- stop receiving benefits and services from the state.
- The document will go through several readings before being accepted, so the final version may differ significantly._

7:04 AM: Air defense forces destroyed 13/19 "Shaheeds" and VDK of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation "Novocherkask" in the Feodosiya area, - Air Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Anti-aircraft defense worked within Odesa, Kherson, Mykolaiv and Khmelnytskyi regions.

9:52 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons for the north, east, center! — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

11:19 AM: All of Ukraine - missile danger! The MiG-31K PKS of the Russian Federation is located over the Black Sea! — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

12:10 PM: 391 Russian strongholds were destroyed with the help of the Army of Drones.

- This was announced by the Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov.
- _"Over the past week, the BpLA strike companies also hit 58 armored combat vehicles, 31 tanks and 36 guns. Another 207 Russian fighters were killed by drones," - added Mykhailo Fedorov.

12:43 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy held another meeting of the Stavka.

- "The year 2024 should be a time of significant growth of domestic defense production. We provide contracting and budget._

- _Special attention is given to the production of all types of necessary drones, in particular FPV and ammunition for them," the message states.

1:14 PM: "Ukrainian team" provided assistance to almost 275 thousand military and civilians during the two years of the war

- Volunteers of the "Ukrainian team" united in the first days of the full-scale invasion to help those who stood up to defend our country with weapons in hand. And also to those who suffered from this war.
- Our priority is to support our defenders on the front lines. In less than two years, "Ukrainian Team" handed over and delivered dozens of cars, hundreds of drones, thousands of bander ovens and tens of thousands of heating kits to the front lines. As well as starlinks, drone control stations, military uniforms, ammunition and much more, says the message of the Ukrainian Team volunteer headquarters.

1:37 PM: The Bureau of Economic Security (BEB) has exposed officials of several enterprises in the illegal manufacture and sale of the drug "Ethanol"

- They used a number of controlled transit companies with signs of fictitiousness. Along the chain, unaccounted-for ethyl alcohol in the form of medical preparations was sold through well-known chains of pharmacies. Such a scheme made it possible to avoid paying taxes and fees in particularly large amounts.
- The estimated value of the seized item is more than half a million UAH.

2:49 PM: "The military command did not make any request for any numbers," — Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Valery Zaluzhny.

- Zaluzhnyi noted that the military command had formed a certain number for the next year, but did not submit requests for a specific number to the Cabinet of Ministers or the Council.
- "_It (figure - ed.) takes into account the coverage of the current shortfall that has arisen, the formation of new military units, as well as the forecast of our losses that we may suffer during the year_" he said.

- Zaluzhnyi gave an explanation about the parameters of suitability for military service, which are prescribed in the draft law on mobilization.
- He emphasized that the document proposes to remove the concept of "limited suitability".
- "Operation for II and III disability groups is not really relevant now, suitability or unfitness for military service is determined by the VLK," said Zaluzhnyi.
- "The point of proposals for electronic summons was not the General Staff or the Armed Forces. But we are happy with any way that will provide our need for people".
- "This law is precisely for the sake of justice. Everyone has to protect Ukraine", — Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Zaluzhnyi.
- We agreed with the Ministry of Defense on the demobilization of the military after 36 months, but under certain conditions, - Zaluzhnyi.
- "The first factor is that there will be no escalation at the front, and the second is that there will be someone to replace these people in 36 months," says the Head of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- Zaluzhnyi: "I am not satisfied with the work of the TCC, otherwise there would be no need to discuss the draft law on mobilization."
- Zaluzhnyi: Ukraine can train 10 brigades at the same time.
- "I agree with any initiatives that even increase the responsibility for a person entering the front unprepared. This cannot be," says the Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- There is no question of one-time mobilization. The need is divided into periods, — Zaluzhnyi.
- Zaluzhnyi on the protection of Avdiyivka:
 - "Every piece of land is dear to us, we will defend exactly as much as we have strength. If strength is not enough, we save people, and then we win it back".

4:42 PM: Cyber police warn of a new scam.

- Criminals distribute fake SMS about the arrival of parcels on behalf of a well-known Ukrainian postal service.
- They contain phishing links to resources controlled by fraudsters. The goal of fraudsters is to collect payment data of users in order to appropriate their savings.

5:03 PM: Volunteer Serhii Sternenko reported that his self-defense case was closed.

- "The prosecution did not prove my guilt, there was no intent to commit murder in my actions. And it could not be, because I was defending my life under the third premeditated attack in 2018 in Odesa," - writes Sternenko.
- It will be recalled that since 2020, Sternenko has been tried on charges of "premeditated murder and illegal carrying of a cold weapon."

5:53 PM: Zaluzhnyi on the proposal to rotate the military in 6 months:

- "The situation at the front depends on the actions of the enemy. We cannot predict whether it will be 6-5-3 months. [...] People must rest. I demand from the commanders in the field that they do their best to rotate units within military unit. But to legislate that we will move in this way is a deception, unrealistic in the current conditions".

7:18 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 26:

- During the day 59 combat clashes took place.
- Aviation of the defense forces struck 17 areas where personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated, as well as 5 anti-aircraft missile systems of the occupiers.
- Units of the missile forces hit the area of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, the control post, the artillery system and 3 other important targets of the enemy.

8:10 PM: The Digital Ministry launched beta testing of the uResidency e-residency program.

- Thanks to this program, citizens of other countries will be able to register a sole proprietorship in Ukraine, conduct business from anywhere and pay taxes to the Ukrainian budget.
- "The program is aimed at small business owners from Asia and Europe. In particular, IT specialists and specialists in the field of creative economy," the message says.

8:30 PM: Information is spreading online that e-subpoenas have allegedly started arriving in the Action app.

- The Center for Combating Disinformation notes that the screenshots that the Russians are spreading are fake.
- The head of the Ministry of Statistics, Mykhailo Fedorov, recently announced that there will be no electronic subpoenas at Diya.

10:59 PM: Ukraine has started importing salt from Africa, said the head of Zakarpattia OVA Viktor Mykyta.

- Now salt is delivered from African countries for UAH 2,500 per ton.
- Despite the fact that the Bushynskoye deposit in Zakarpattia Oblast is currently being developed in Ukraine, it is not working at full capacity.

MORDOR - ruZZia

2:41 AM Social Networks: Explosions rang out in Feodosia, temporarily occupied Crimea.

3:05 AM: In temporarily occupied Feodosia, there is a detonation in the local port.

3:14 AM: Moment of explosion in temporarily occupied Feodosia.

- Video from local social networks.

3:30 AM: Aksyonov, the so-called head of the temporarily occupied Crimea, confirmed the attack in the Feodosia region.

- He stated that the territory of the port was surrounded, the detonation allegedly stopped, and the fire was contained.

3:42 AM: A ship carrying "martyrs" from Iran was attacked in the port of temporarily occupied Feodosia.

- This is reported by the Crimean opposition media.

3:56 AM: Following the flagship of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation, the cruiser "Moskva", the large landing ship "Novocherkask" is on its way, reported the commander of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation Mykola Oleschuk.

7:59 AM: Riders from Russia and Belarus will not be allowed to the 2024 Olympics in any status, — International Equestrian Federation (FEI).

12:28 PM: A photo of the allegedly damaged Russian ship "Novocherkask" in the temporarily occupied Feodosia appeared online.

1:07 PM: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Sevastopol, local channels report.

1:25 PM: Another Russian ship may have been damaged in the temporarily occupied Feodosia.

- This was reported by the spokeswoman of the Southern Defense Forces Nataliya Gumenyuk.
- "We need additional intelligence in Feodosia and obtaining comprehensive information on all the affected targets," Humenyuk said.

2:21 PM: On board the destroyed VDC "Novocherkask" were Shahed UAVs, which the Russian Federation uses for attacks on Ukrainian cities.

- This was reported by the Center for Strategic Communications.

3:15 PM: As a result of the attack on the ship "Novocherkask", the enemy's personnel were destroyed, the port infrastructure and support vessels were allegedly damaged.

- This was announced by the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Yuriy Ignat.

9:33 PM: After the attack of the Armed Forces on the port in Feodosia, two Russian ships left the bay, "Krym.Realii"

- It happened a few hours after the missile attack on the amphibious assault ship "Novocherkask".
- The publication writes that a military ship and a military boat left the port, but it was not possible to identify them precisely because of the fog.

9:52 PM: Satellite images appeared from Feodosia Bay, where the stricken "Novocherkask" was standing.

- Another sunken ship can also be seen in the picture.

11:14 PM: Training and training ship "UTS-150" is the second ship sunk by the Armed Forces of Ukraine in occupied Feodosia, mass media.

REGIONS

KYIV



10:49 AM: From December 25 to 28 in Kyiv, training will be held in various districts of the city, roadblocks will be deployed, — KMVA.

- These exercises involve the deployment of temporary roadblocks, the installation of restriction signs, and elements of engineering barriers. According to the conditions, inspection of transport, documents, checkpoint protection elements, certain demonstration, search and counter-sabotage measures are being worked out.

2:33 PM: Fighters of the 241st separate TRO brigade received 20 new four-wheel drive MAN trucks (4x4), Kyiv Mayor Vitaliy Klychko reports.

- The equipment was purchased at the expense of the capital's community.
- "_At the request of 241 brigades, the capital has allocated 245 million hryvnias from the budget since the beginning of the large-scale

invasion for its equipment. Of them - 168 million - this year_", Klitschko noted.

CHERNIHIV



5:34 AM: Chernihiv — an enemy anti-aircraft missile in the area of the city.

DONETSK



1:24 AM: Information about the alleged death of 108 servicemen on the way from Avdiivka recently appeared on social networks.

- The General Staff denied this and called for information hygiene.

10:33 AM: Explosions are heard in the temporarily occupied Mariupol, local channels.

11:35 AM: In the Donetsk region, due to shelling, the mine is de-energized, people are being brought to the surface, — Ministry of Energy.

- According to the press service, also as a result of shelling in the Chernihiv region, PL-10 kV overhead lines were damaged, and power was cut off in 20 settlements.

4:08 PM: Maryinka is no more, Valery Zaluzhnyi.

- "As of today, our troops are still in the northern part. Our troops have prepared a defensive line outside this settlement. But I can say that this settlement no longer exists_".

5:26 PM: An explosion rang out in the temporarily occupied Mariupol, Mayor's adviser Petro Andryushchenko reports.

ZAPORIZHIA



12:23 PM: Explosions rang out in temporarily occupied Berdyansk.

- This was announced by the mayor of temporarily occupied Melitopol.
- _"The first powerful explosion sounded more than an hour ago, the second - at noon. The occupiers are keeping silent about the consequences," the message said.

DNIPRO



1:33 AM: The Air Force reports that there is a missile threat in the Dnipropetrovsk region.

3:41 PM: Missile on the Dnipro, — PS ZSU.

3:49 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in the Dnipropetrovsk region.

4:17 PM Operational Command East: Air defense forces destroyed 2 Kh-59 guided air missiles in the Dnipro district.

7:44 PM: "Shahedy" from the Mykolayiv region in the direction of Kryvyi Rih, — PS ZSU.

KHERSON



1:48 PM Kherson RMA: A 71-year-old man died as a result of Russian strikes on Mykilsk, Kherson OVA.

- _"Also, around 10:40, the Russians shelled Tyaginka. One person received non-life-threatening injuries," the report says.

4:59 PM: Russian army covers Kherson with massive fire, — RMA.

5:12 PM: A 61-year-old man died as a result of a Russian attack on the village of Tyahinka.

- Volodymyr Litvinov, head of Beryslav RVA, reported this.

5:32 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

6:06 PM: A 70-year-old man was killed and at least three people were injured as a result of another Russian strike in the Kherson region.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of the Kherson RMA, announced this.

6:17 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kherson.

6:29 PM: Heavy explosions are heard in Kherson, reports the head of the Ministry of Interior Roman Mrochko.

6:53 PM Kherson RMA: Sounds of explosions in Kherson.

- "_Rashists have been attacking the city for more than two hours with various weapons_" writes Prokudin.

8:54 PM: Russians hit an evacuation train in Kherson, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said in an evening address.

- "_There was just a report about the shelling of Kherson. Russian strike on the railway station. Evacuation train. All services are now on site, the number of killed and injured is currently being determined. There were many civilians on site. All updates will be provided by the relevant services_" the president said.

9:08 PM: About 140 civilians were waiting for the departure of an evacuation train at the railway station when the Russians shelled Kherson en masse, the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

- Two civilians who received shrapnel wounds are being treated. A police lieutenant from Kirovohrad Oblast died as a result of the shelling.

9:21 PM: The head of Kherson OVA Oleksandr Prokudin showed what the railway station looks like after the evening strikes of the Russian army.

MYKOLAIV



12:01 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Mykolaiv.

- After the explosions, an air alert was declared in the region.

12:02 AM: The Air Force reports that there is an enemy anti-aircraft missile in the area of Mykolaiv.

7:05 PM: "Shahedy" from Mykolaiv Oblast to Odesa, — PS ZSU.

ODESA



9:56 AM: During the night, hits were recorded in Odesa and Mykolaiv regions, — Defense Forces of the South.

- In the Odesa region, the Russians targeted the open territory of one of the infrastructure facilities. In the Mykolaiv region, a hit to an industrial facility damaged warehouse buildings.

11:48 PM: "Shahed" kamikaze drones from the Black Sea are heading in the direction of Odesa and Starokostyantynov.

- This was reported in the command of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- **VINNYTSIA**



1:08 AM: Enemy UAVs are moving in the direction of Vinnytsia region.

2:00 AM: Movement of attack UAVs in the territory of Vinnytsia region in the western direction. A threat to Khmelnytskyi — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Strike drones in the Khmelnytskyi region, heading for Starokostyantyniv.

REGIONS

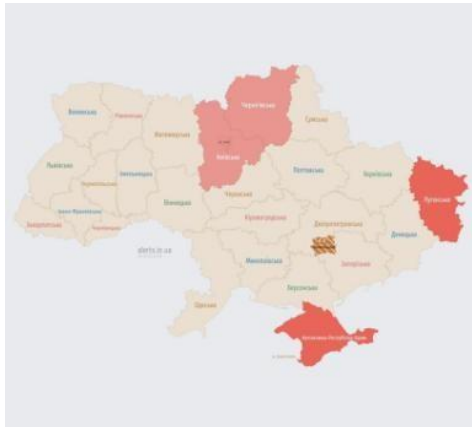
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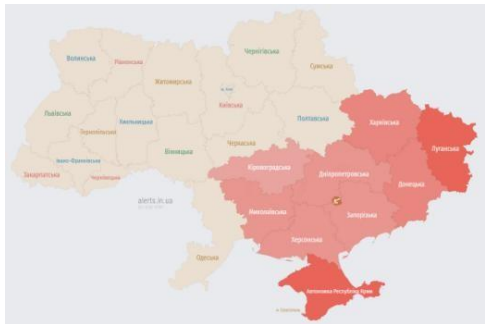


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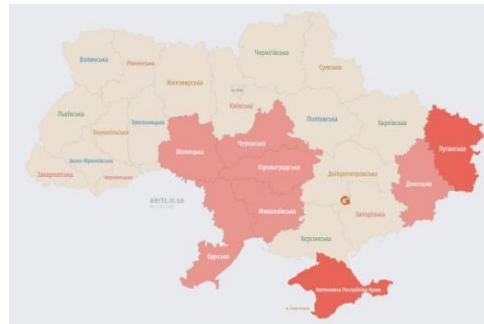


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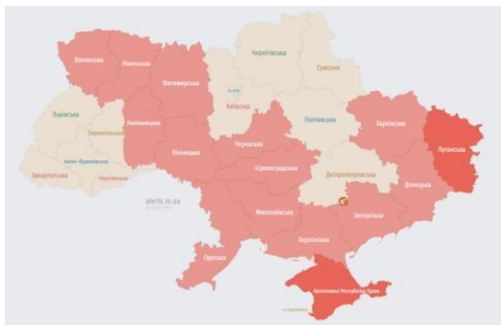
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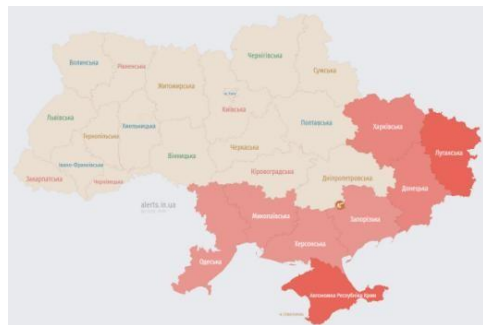
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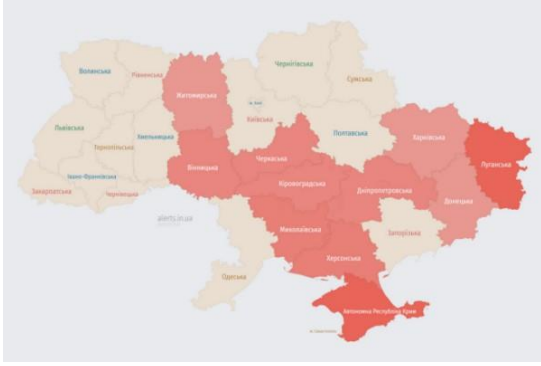
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 25	Dec 26
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 663 days	After 664 days	After 665 days	After 670 days	After 671 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	347,160	348,300	349,190	353,950	355,750

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5783	5798	5814	5877	5913
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10,752	10,771	10,794	10,919	10,973
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	9101	9116	9,134	9,281	9,310
Cruise Missiles		1610	1611	1612	1616	1620

Fighters Bombers	118	324	324	324	329	329
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		6290	6299	6316	6436	6471
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		610	611	611	613	616
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	10,822	10842	10,871	11,075	11,140
Naval Vessels		22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	23+(1 submar ine)
Special Equipment		1198	1200	1203	1234	1240

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