

News From Ukraine



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Note About Emails

At last Thursday's discussion about Ukraine with members of my Harvard College Class, it was brought up that Gmail, and others, sometimes arbitrarily block incoming emails, especially when sent as part of a "BCC," as most of ours are, and they're either sent to spam files or quarantine files. If you have been getting our emails, and then suddenly you stop getting them, it's not because of me. If this happens in the future please go to your spam file, find one of our emails, and click on "not spam." In quarantine files you can click on "release from quarantine." If the problem persists, I am willing to send them to you directly, rather as part of a BCC. I am already doing this for several recipients.

Thank you again for your interest and loyalty!

From Bohdan

There is a huge difference between hope and expectation. Expectation is the framework with which we burden our future. We take responsibility for our expectations and their realization or not is our doing.

Hope on the other hand is not our plan for the future. It is what we would like to have happen and if it doesn't or does we keep acting as before. That is without expectation.

Yesterday's massive rocket and drone attack on Ukraine was expected. The rashists spent time prior to the attack informing us that it would happen and

we were programmed to accept that it would. We were programmed to accept that it was because of us; that we were responsible.

Unfortunately the Rashists spent as much effort informing the rest of the world that Ukraine's existence is responsible for their actions. Some in Ukraine and the rest of the world after hearing this argument for years actually believe it. They believe we caused the attack.

Two things come from this. One is that logic or rational thought cannot effectively counter sustained efforts at implanting false expectations. The other is that physical destruction, liquidation of the source, does work.

Traditional Christian Values, as Articulated by Russia

President Putin, and his toady Patriarch Kirill, aka “The Tobacco Metropolitan” for his involvement in cigarette smuggling when Metropolitan of Kaliningrad, have long been touting the purity and chasteness of Russian society, and its adherence to “traditional” Christian values, whether it be religion, anti LGBTQ+, or others.

Much of this rhetoric is not directed toward Russian society. Instead, it is directed at the American “Religious Right,” especially elected officials and Presidential candidates, who rely on “Religious Right” groups for support. Elected officials and certain presidential candidates, in turn, rail against Ukraine shutting down churches, tolerating deviant behavior and other alleged transgressions, and use these as a basis to try to stop American military assistance to Ukraine.

Along these lines, yesterday I received two YouTube files. The first was a [performance](#) by a Ukrainian choral group in London singing traditional Ukrainian Christmas carols. The second was a group of videos of a recent [party](#) in Moscow, entitled “Mostly Naked.” My question is - which society, Russia or Ukraine, really embrace Christian values?

It would have made my day if the “chaste” Maria Lvova-Belova, the Russian Commissioner of Children’s Rights and a figurative descendant of Heinrich Himmler who, along with Putin, the subject of an ICC international arrest warrant for forcibly deporting Ukrainian children to Russia, would have been at the party. A “Kirill sighting” would have been even better, except he probably routinely holds similar events in the sanctity of one of his palaces (perhaps clad in vestments with nothing underneath).

Given the high level of hypocrisy in Russian society, especially its support of “traditional Christian values,” it would have hardly been surprising if either Maria, Kirill, or both, had shown up. Perhaps American elected officials and presidential candidates should take note. I somehow doubt that they will.

Some “party tidbits:”

- It cost \$11,000/person to attend the party.
- One male attendee arrived completely naked, save for a well-placed sock that cost \$300/pair.
- One female attendee arrived with a \$220,000 necklace hanging from her derrière.
- It was alleged that the houses of most upstanding wealthy Russians contain maypoles, for use by pole dancers.

The Southern Border

The US Immigration & Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) recently reported that several thousand Russian citizens have crossed into the United States from Mexico. After interrogation and jailing suspected Russian agents, of which there are likely more than a few, the U.S. should immediately deport the others.

News From the Battlefield

This is an excellent account from “[Reporting From Ukraine](#),” on how the recent (Dec. 28 & 29) Russian missile strike on Ukraine was executed. Given the level of deception coming from the Russians, Ukraine did well to shoot down 73% of the 158 drones and missiles that Russia used in the attack.

Last night Russia once again struck Ukraine, using Iskander missiles against cities near the Russian border. Iskanders only give Ukraine a few minutes' notice.

Great Britain immediately announced that they will be sending Ukraine a supply of anti-aircraft missiles. The U.S. is doing the same, as part of their final shipment to Ukraine under the previous appropriation. Given Russia's evident repudiation of traditional Christian values Mike Johnson, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and a self-described man of faith, should immediately move to bring forward the \$60 billion Ukraine appropriation.

12/30/2023 Sitrep

SITUATION UPDATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES DECEMBER 28, 2023

Last night, the invaders launched a massive missile strike against Ukraine, attacking critical infrastructure, industrial, military and civilian facilities. The enemy used about 160 means of air attack against Ukraine: missiles of various types and attack UAVs. Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed 88 Kh-101/Kh-555/Kh-55 cruise missiles and 27 Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs.

The operational situation in eastern and southern Ukraine remains difficult.

During the day of December 29, there were 31 combat engagements. The enemy launched 134 missile and 60 air strikes, carried out 36 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements. Unfortunately, the Russian terrorist attacks have resulted in civilian casualties and injuries. Private residential buildings, hospitals and other civilian infrastructure were destroyed and damaged.

Volyn and Polissya axes: no significant changes. No signs of formation of an offensive group. Certain units of the armed forces of Belarus continue their missions in the areas bordering Ukraine.

Sivershchyna and Slobozhanshchyna axes: the adversary maintains its military presence in the areas of Russia bordering Ukraine. The enemy

continues its sabotage and reconnaissance activities, shelling Ukrainian settlements from the territory of Russia and increases the density of minefields along the state border of Ukraine. More than 20 settlements came under enemy artillery and mortar fire, including Krasni Lozy, Zaliznyi Mist, Bleshnya (Chernihiv oblast), Stepok, Zapsillya, Basivka, Popivka (Sumy oblast), Udy, Huryiv Kozachok, Krasne Pershe, Ambarne (Kharkiv oblast).

Kupyansk axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 7 attacks in the vicinity of Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast), where the enemy, with air support, made failed attempts to breach Ukrainian defense. The occupiers launched an air strike near Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast). The invaders fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Dvorichna, Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the adversary conducted no offensives. The occupiers launched air strikes in the vicinities of Makiyivka, Nevske, Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Serebryanka (Donetsk oblast). The enemy fired artillery and mortars at more than 10 settlements, including Nevske, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Torske, Serebryanka, Verkhniokamyanske, Spirne, Rozdolivka (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled the enemy attack near Andriyivka (Donetsk oblast), where the enemy attempted to regain lost ground. Around 10 settlements came under artillery and mortar fire, including Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchivka, Andriyivka, New York (Donetsk oblast).

Avdiyivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 3 enemy attacks near Stepove, Avdiyivka, and 10 more attacks in the vicinities of Sjeverne, Pervomaiske and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast). In that area, the enemy conducted unsuccessful attempts to improve his tactical situation. The occupiers launched air strikes in the vicinities of Oleksandropil, and Novobakhmutivka (Donetsk oblast). The invaders fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Berdychi, Stepove, Avdiyivka, Sjeverne, Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Maryinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), where the enemy conducted 5 failed attacks on Ukrainian positions. The settlements of Krasnohorivka, Heorhiyivka, Pobjeda, Novomykhailivka, Paraskoviyivka were under artillery and mortar fire of the occupiers.

Shakhtarske axis: the enemy conducted no offensives. The adversary fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Vodyane, Vuhledar, Prechystivka, Urozhaine, (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled the adversary attack west of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast). More than 25 settlements, including Poltavka, Malynivka, Mala Tokmachka, Novodanylivka, Kamyanske, Stepanohirsk (Zaporizhzhia oblast), came under enemy artillery and mortar fire.

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the adversary fired artillery at the settlements of Ivanivka, Antonivka, Novotyahynka, Kherson (Kherson oblast), and Solonchaky (Mykolaiv oblast).

The occupiers do not abandon their intention to drive Ukrainian units out of their footholds on the left bank of the Dnipro. Thus, during the day, the enemy made 9 unsuccessful assaults. The Ukrainian troops are holding the line and keep inflicting significant losses on the enemy.

During the day of December 29, the Ukrainian Air Force launched air strikes on 10 concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, and 3 strikes on air defense systems of the occupiers.

The Ukrainian missile troops hit 2 concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 3 artillery systems, 5 ammunition depots, and 2 important targets of the Russian invaders.

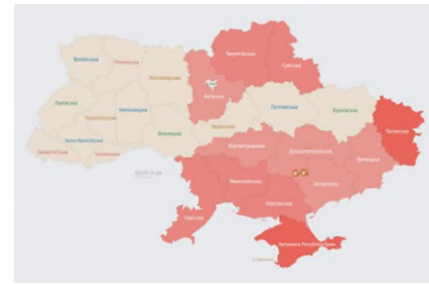
CHRONOLOGY OF REGIONAL ROCKET, DRONE, AND BOMB ATTACKS ON DECEMBER 29, 2023

12:04 AM: Fragments of a downed drone damaged a high-rise building in Odesa. A fire broke out, said the head of OVA Kiper.

- Specialists work on site. Information about the victims is being verified.

12:09 AM: Current air alert map as of 00:10.

- The Air Force reports the movement of UAVs from the Black Sea in the direction Odesa (Chornomorsk, Odesa).
- Strike UAVs in the Kirovohrad region are moving in a northwesterly direction.
- Cherkasy region - the threat of using attack UAVs.



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12:16 AM: An air alert has been announced in Kyiv, — KMVA.

- Threat of attack UAVs, KMVA reported.



12:43 AM: Current air alert map as of 00:40

- The Air Force reports the movement of attack UAVs through the north of Kyiv region in the direction of Zhytomyr region.
- A group of BpLA from Kirovohrad Region is moving in the direction of Vinnytsia Region.

- A group of UAVs from Odesa also in the direction of Vinnytsia.

1:09 AM: The Air Force reports the movement of attack UAVs from Cherkasy region in the direction of Kyiv region.

- The movement of attack UAVs through the north of Zhytomyr Oblast in the western direction.

1:33 AM: Current air alert map as of 01:30

- The Air Force informs about the threat of attack UAVs for the Rivne region.

2:05 AM: The Air Force reports the threat of attack UAVs for the Chernivtsi region.



- Kharkiv and Donetsk regions - missile danger.

2:23 AM: Enemy Tu-95 strategic bombers are reported to have taken off, South Defense Forces.

2:38 AM: Air Force reports movement of strike UAVs:

- "Shakhed" in Khmelnytskyi region are moving in the north-west direction.
- Movement of attack UAVs from the Rivne region in the western direction.
- Movement of attack UAVs in the direction of Ternopil region.
- "Shahedy" bound for Ternopil.

3:35 AM: The departure of 9 Tu-95MS aircraft from the "Olenya" airfield (Murman region of the Russian Federation) was recorded, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

3:41 AM: The Air Force reports the movement of "shaheeds" in the direction of Lviv.



4:00 AM: Current air alert map as of 04:00.

- The Air Force reports a missile threat.
- Movement of attack UAVs in the western direction. A threat to the Lviv region.

4:27 AM: In the Yavoriv district of the Lviv region, an air defense unit, OVA, was working.

4:40 AM: Enemy drones heading for Lviv, - the head of Lviv OVA Maksym Kozytskyi.

4:47 AM: Explosions rang out in Lviv. Previously, the work of air defense. We are waiting for official information.

4:51 AM: Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovy confirmed the explosion in the city.

- _ "Another 2 aerial targets are on the approach. Everyone should stay in shelters," Sadovy noted.

4:56 AM: Kyiv, Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Kirovohrad regions - missile danger, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.



The Air Force reports the threat of cruise missile launches.

UPD: Missiles in the direction of Poltava Region, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Kharkiv, Cherkasy, Myrhorod, Kharkiv - in shelter, - the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

5:06 AM Social Networks: Explosions rang out in Kharkiv.

5:10 AM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in Cherkasy,

5:11 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

5:13 AM: Kharkiv is under massive rocket fire, - Mayor of the city Ihor Terekhov.

- At least six explosions were heard in the city.

5:15 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions are heard in Lviv

5:18 AM: There are two shootings in Lviv, Mayor Andriy Sadovy reported.

- "We are waiting for more information from the operative services. The threat remains", - noted Sadovy.

5:20 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv.

5:28 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions in Kharkiv

- Previously, the city was under fire from the S-300. We are waiting for official information.

5:39 AM: Repulse of the missile threat, except for the Kharkiv region, by the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

6:25 AM: Russians hit about 10 hits on Kharkiv. No injuries at this time, RMA.

- "The type of weapons is determined by experts. Profile services work at the sites of hits," - said the head of Kharkiv OVA Oleg Sinegubov.

6:29 AM: Previously, Kharkiv was fired upon with two types of missiles - S-300 and X-22, the mayor of the city, Ihor Terekhov, said.

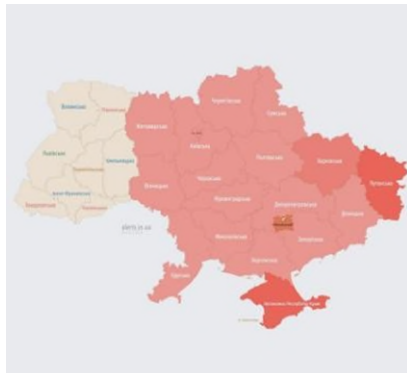
- At least 8 arrivals in the city are currently known.

6:38 AM: Current air alert map as of 06:35

- The Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reports a missile threat. Launches of cruise missiles from Tu-95MS aircraft were recorded.



6:53 AM: Cruise missiles through Sumy Oblast in the direction of Poltava Oblast and through Zaporizhzhya Oblast in the direction of Dnipropetrovsk, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.



- Direction - Dnipro, Pavlograd, Myrhorod.
- A rocket from Poltava region in the direction of Kaniv.

6:58 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipropetrovsk and Poltava regions. Previously, the work of air defense.

7:00 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

7:02 AM: Explosions are heard in Dnipro, subscribers report.

7:05 AM: Kharkiv is under fire from the Russians for the second time this morning, - Mayor Ihor Terekhov.

- At least four arrivals are known.

7:12 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv.

7:17 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Dnipro.

7:20 AM: In the morning, the Russian Federation shelled Konotop in the Sumy Oblast: three people were injured, — RMA.

- An apartment building, a car service station were damaged. All necessary services are available on site.

7:27 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Zaporizhzhia.

7:32 AM: Kyiv is under cover, the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reports.

7:32 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kyiv.

7:34 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions in Dnipro.

7:36 AM: Mayor of Kyiv Vitaliy Klitschko confirmed the explosions in the capital. Air defense works.

7:44 AM: Starokostyantyniv — stay in shelters, reports the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

7:46 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa, subscribers report.

7:47 AM: Zaporizhzhia is under cover, reports the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

7:49 AM: Repeated explosions in Zaporizhzhia, subscribers report.

7:50 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Khmelnytskyi region. Previously - air defense work.

7:53 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions in Kyiv.

7:55 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv.

7:58 AM: Air defense is working intensively in the capital, — Mayor of Kyiv Vitaliy Klitschko.

8:06 AM: One of the city's shopping centers is on fire in Dnipro, Suspilne reports.

8:10 AM: A warehouse is on fire in the Podilsky District of Kyiv, Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko reports.

- All services are on site.

8:13 AM: KMVA reports on the fire of a residential high-rise building in Kyiv.

8:18 AM: In Kharkiv, Russians damaged a hospital building in the Kyiv district.

- This was reported by Volodymyr Tymoshko, the head of the National Security Service of Ukraine in the Kharkiv region.

8:20 AM Social Networks: Explosions rang out in Lviv.

8:22 AM: Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovy confirmed the explosions in the city.

8:25 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Zaporizhzhia, subscribers report.

8:30 AM: Explosions rang out in the Lviv region, subscribers report.

Previously, the work of air defense.

8:31 AM: 22 "arrivals" were recorded in Kharkiv, one person was killed and 7 were injured.

- This was announced by the mayor of the city Igor Terekhov.

8:33 AM: According to preliminary information, a residential building in Lviv was hit, RMA head Maksym Kozytskyi said.

- There are victims. A fire broke out in one of the lyceums of the city. All specialized services are on their way to the place.

8:35 AM: There are currently 5 victims in Kyiv, the mayor of the city Vitaliy Klitschko said.

- The building of the metro station "Luk'yanivska" was damaged by the explosion. The station works as a shelter. Trains follow the station without stopping.

8:38 AM: So far, as a result of Russian strikes on Kharkiv, one person has died and eight people have been injured, RMA head Oleg Sinegubov said.

- Damage to the city's civil infrastructure was recorded: a medical facility, warehouses, and civil enterprises.

8:45 AM: The air defense system is operating in Ternopil Oblast, the press service of the Chortkiv City Council reported.

8:46 AM: In Dnipro, there are dead and injured as a result of the morning attack, Mayor Boris Filatov said.

8:51 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions are heard in Lviv.

8:53 AM: Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovy confirmed the explosions in the city.

9:02 AM: Approximately three people are under the rubble of a warehouse damaged by rocket fragments in the Shevchenkiv district, Kyiv Mayor Vitaly Klychko said.

- Three people were caught. The search and rescue operation is ongoing.

9:07 AM: Today, Russia launched everything but the Calibers, Air Force spokesman Yuriy Ignat said.

- the Russians used Daggers, ballistics, S-300, cruise missiles, UAVs, X-22 or X-32. About 18 strategic bombers launched X-101/X-505.
- "We have never seen so many targets simultaneously on our monitor," Ignat said.

9:12 AM: The head of the Lviv OVA, Maksym Kozytskyi, showed the condition of the residential quarter, which was affected by the blast wave.

- There is destruction and victims. There are currently no victims.

9:13 AM: A warehouse with an area of approximately 3,000 m² is on fire in the Podilsky district of Kyiv, — KMVA.

- Many wounded, the number is being specified. The search for the victims is underway.

9:16 AM: In Lviv, one person was killed and three were injured in a residential building on Hotkevicha Street due to a rocket attack.

- This was announced by the head of the Lviv RMA Maksym Kozytskyi.

9:23 AM: The occupiers launched more than 20 strikes on the city of Kharkiv, previously with S-300 missiles, RMA head Oleg Sinegubov said.

- The destruction and damage of warehouse and production buildings, a transport depot, and an enterprise were recorded.

- As a result of the blows, 1 person died - a man of about 35 years old, 11 people were injured.



9:28 AM: In the Darnytsia district, fragments of a downed rocket fell in the private sector of the Osokorka microdistrict, Mykola Kalashnyk, the head of the Darnytsia RDA, said.

- There were no victims, there was no fire, the farm buildings were partially destroyed.

9:36 AM: Mayor of Lviv Andriy Sadovy showed the consequences of a rocket attack on the city, where 3 schools and a kindergarten were damaged.



- Currently, there are 8 wounded in the city.

9:38 AM: In Dnipro, as a result of a hit, the building of a medical facility was significantly damaged, — Ministry of Health.



- All patients and medical personnel managed to go to the shelter.

9:40 AM: There are currently 10 injured in Zaporizhzhia, two of them in serious condition, — Ministry of Health.

- People remain under the rubble of one of the buildings.

9:45 AM: In Dnipro, as a result of a rocket attack, almost a dozen people were previously injured. Four died.



- This was reported by the head of OVA, Serhiy Lysak.
- In the city, an "arrival" at the shopping center, a private house, a six-story building, and a maternity hospital were mutilated.

9:47 AM: The number of victims in Kyiv has increased to 17 people, — KMVA.

9:51 AM: In Odesa, as a result of a rocket attack, 2 Odessa residents were killed. 15 people were injured, among them two children - 6 and 8 years old.

- This was announced by the head of RMA Oleg Kiper.
- As a result of a night attack by drones in Odesa district, a preserved building of one of the infrastructure objects was hit. And in Odesa, a high-rise building was damaged by debris. 10 "shaheeds" were destroyed by air defense forces.

9:55 AM: The body of one deceased was recovered from the rubble of a warehouse in the Shevchenkiv district of Kyiv, Vitaliy Klitschko reported.

- The search and rescue operation is ongoing.

10:09 AM: In Kyiv, as a result of a rocket hitting the roof of an unfinished business center in the Shevchenkiv district, floors 10 through 8 were partially destroyed, Vitaliy Klitschko reported.

- Rescuers have already freed the fourth victim from the rubble of a warehouse in the Shevchenkiv district.

10:19 AM: 18 wounded and 2 dead in Kyiv, KMVA reported.

- "_The Lukyanivska metro station has resumed its work_" the administration added.

10:22 AM: Approximately 110 rockets were fired over Ukraine, most of them were shot down, Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

10:33 AM: There are already 5 victims in Dnipro, more than 20 injured, RMA head Serhii Lysak said.

- The search and rescue operation is ongoing.

10:36 AM: In Lviv, the number of people injured due to a rocket attack has increased to 15, reported the head of OVA Maksym Kozytskyi.

- As of this hour, partial destruction is known in 13 residential high-rise buildings and two schools. Many damaged cars.

10:37 AM: A massive missile attack damaged a high-voltage power line in the central region. Without blackouts of consumers.

- This was reported to Ukrenergo.

10:39 AM: In Kyiv, in the Podilskyi district, where the warehouse caught fire, a search is underway for the victims — KMVA.

- 10 people are currently under the rubble.

10:41 AM: In Zaporizhzhia, the body of another woman was recovered from the rubble of a private house, Anatoliy Kurtev, secretary of the city council, reported.

10:52 AM: The KMVA clarified the consequences of the missile attack on the capital.

- So far, one, not two, dead have been identified. The 21st person was injured.

10:57 AM: 114 out of 158 missiles of various types and attack drones were destroyed by the forces and means of the Air Force in cooperation with units of the Defense Forces of Ukraine:

- 27 strike BpLA «Shahed-136/131»
- 87 Kh-101/Kh-555/Kh-55 cruise missiles.

11:08 AM: As a result of the attack on Odesa, a three-story building was also hit. Rescuers have just pulled out a human body from under the rubble.



- As the head of RMA Oleg Kiper reported, the number of victims as a result of the Russian missile attack has increased to three. 23 people were rescued from the residential 17-type roof by the State Emergency Service.

- The lyceum was also damaged in the city as a result of shelling.

11:12 AM: Lviv region was attacked by 14 "Shakheds", OVA head Maksym Kozytskyi reported.

- 8 of them were destroyed by soldiers of the "Zahid" Pvk. However, there is also a hit - in one of the enterprises in Lviv. The partial destruction of the administrative building and production workshops was recorded. There are no victims or injured.

11:13 AM: As a result of massive shelling, there is a power outage in Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa, and Kharkiv regions.

- This was reported to the Ministry of Energy.

11:37 AM: As a result of the Russian attack on Ukraine in the morning of December 29, at least 12 people were killed and 76 people were injured, the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

11:40 AM: Another person was found from under the rubble of warehouses in the Shevchenkiv district, the KMVA reports.

11:49 AM: As a result of the Russian attack, 4 people are currently known to have died in Zaporizhzhia, the head of the OVA, Yuriy Malashko, said.

11:52 AM: In Drohobych region, Lviv region, an infrastructure object has been hit, the head of the Drohobych RVA, Stepan Kulinyak, said.

- In advance, without victims.

11:57 AM: In Kharkiv Oblast, three men were killed as a result of strikes by the Russian occupiers, reported RMA head Oleg Sinegubov.

- They were employees of one of the civilian enterprises. Another 11 people were injured.

12:44 PM: The body of another deceased was recovered from the rubble of a warehouse in the Shevchenkiv district, KMDA.

- As of now, as a result of the attack on Kyiv, two have been killed and 28 injured.

12:57 PM: In Kharkiv, emergency workers rescued a man from the rubble, — State Emergency Service.

1:04 PM: In Zaporizhzhia, the number of injured has increased to 12, — National Police.

- According to law enforcement officers, this morning Russian troops launched 10 rocket attacks on Zaporizhzhia.

1:11 PM: In Kyiv, three people have already died in the Shevchenkiv district, Vitaliy Klitschko reported.

- The body of another deceased was recovered from the rubble of the warehouse.

1:32 PM: There are currently six dead and 28 injured in the Dnipro, reported Serhii Lysak, head of the OVA.

- Among the injured is a 1.5-year-old child. Two women, who were considered missing, got in touch. Rescuers completed the search operation.

1:50 PM: The police showed a video of the first minutes after the "arrival" at the residential complex in Odesa, where two people died.

2:07 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.



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

2:14 PM: The number of people killed as a result of the morning rocket attack by Russians on Zaporizhzhia has increased to 6 people.

This was reported by the head of the RMA Yuriy Malashko.

2:20 PM: A 44-year-old man died as a result of a rocket hitting a high-rise building in Lviv, — OVA.

- 17 people, including one child, were injured. Most of the victims were injured by fragments of windows that were knocked out by the blast wave.

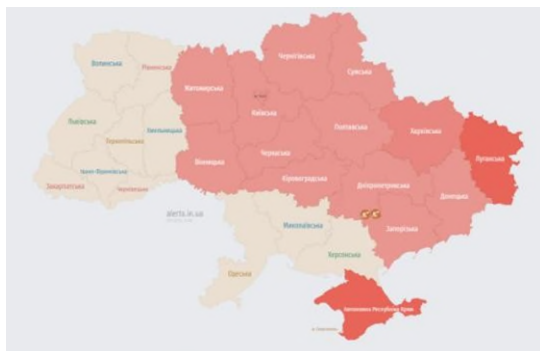
2:33 PM: As of 2:00 p.m., 18 people are known to have died, and another 132 were injured as a result of a massive Russian attack on the territory of Ukraine.

- "47 private houses, 39 cars, a hospital and a sanatorium, 9 apartment buildings, two administrative buildings, outbuildings, a service station, a garage cooperative, a gas station, a warehouse, a school, a church, a shopping center, a maternity hospital were damaged," - writes the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

2:47 PM: As of 2:30 p.m., the number of victims in Kyiv has increased to 29, — KMVA.

- The rescuers retrieved the body of another dead person from under the rubble. Thus, the number of people killed as a result of the rocket attack increased to 4.

2:49 PM: Threat of launching cruise missiles from Tu-22m3 aircraft, — PS ZSU.



- Rockets from the Kursk region to the Sumy region.

2:54 PM: Direction of movement - to Cherkasy, — PS ZSU.

2:58 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Cherkasy.

3:00 PM Social Networks: The sound of an explosion was also heard in Sumy.

3:06 PM: The death toll from Russia's morning missile attack on Odesa has risen to four, — RMA.

3:20 PM: With such stockpiles of missiles as the aggressor state has, they can and will continue such attacks.

- This was stated by the Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Rustem Umyerov.
- "For our part, we continue to work with the governments of partner countries to provide Ukraine with a sufficient number of air defense

equipment in order to protect our people from the deadly danger of future attacks_," Umyerov writes.

3:24 PM: There are currently 26 victims in Odesa, including two minors, — the National Police of Ukraine.

- Many houses have broken windows, mutilated citizens' cars.

3:31 PM: Missile at Kremenchuk, — PS ZSU.

3:33 PM: Cherkassy urgently take shelter, — PS ZSU.

- Cherkasy under enemy fire, — RMA.

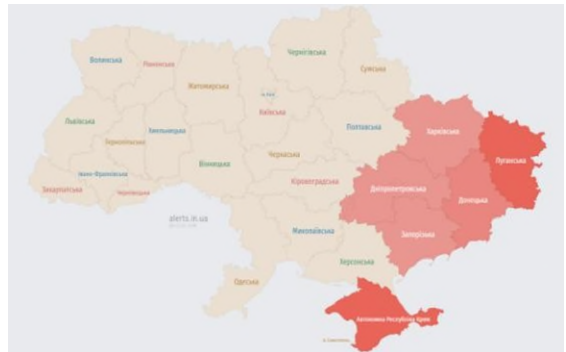
3:43 PM: As of 3:15 p.m., the death toll in Zaporizhzhia has risen to 7, — RMA.

- It is known about 13 injured people.

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

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

4:06 PM: Russians hit the residential sector in Smila, Cherkasy region, — RMA.



According to preliminary information, 6 victims are known. 12 houses were damaged.

4:21 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Kherson, three people were injured.

- This was reported by the head of the MBA, Roman Mrochko.
- Broken windows, mutilated apartments and cars, burnt garages.

4:40 PM: The body of another dead person was unblocked from under the rubble of a warehouse building in Kyiv — the State Emergency Service.

- "_A total of 6 people died in the destroyed workshop and 8 people were rescued. The work is ongoing_", the message says.

4:56 PM: In Lviv, 30 people were injured, including two children, — OVA.

4:59 PM: The number of dead as a result of the morning attack on the capital has increased to 7 people, Kyiv Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko reports.

5:09 PM: Mourning will be announced tomorrow in Odesa and the region, — RMA.

- "_Once again I express my sincere condolences to those who lost loved ones today_", - writes the head of OVA Kiper.

5:13 PM: It is already known about 9 victims as a result of the Russian attack on Smila, — DSNS.

- One child is among the victims.

5:38 PM: The number of victims as a result of the morning rocket attack on Zaporizhzhia has increased to 8 people, — OVA.

5:43 PM: According to updated data, 30 people were injured in the Dnipro missile strikes, — OVA.

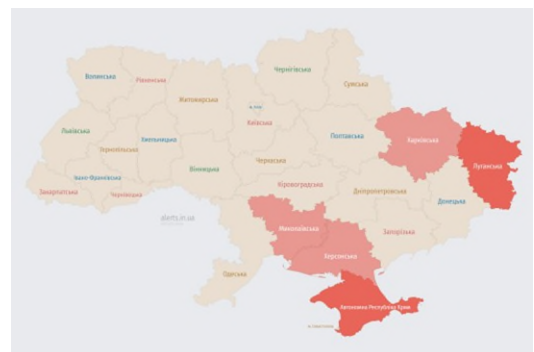
- 20 of them are in hospital, three are in serious condition.

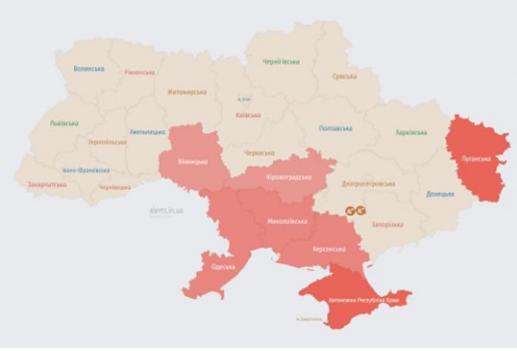
5:57 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Kyiv, 8 people were killed, KMVA.

- 30 people were injured.

8:56 PM: Current air alert map as of 8:55 PM.

- The air alert in the Kharkiv region is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation in the eastern direction. In other areas, the threat of UAVs.
- Currently, UAVs are observed in the Mykolaiv region in the direction of Odesa.

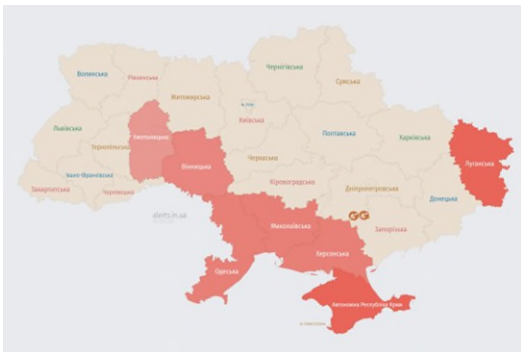




10:47 PM: Current air alert map as of 10:45 PM.

- The Air Force informs about the movement of attack UAVs in the territory of the Vinnytsia region in the western direction. There is a threat to Khmelnytskyi.
- Enemy UAVs are moving in the direction of Cherkasy region.

11:53 PM: Current air alert map as of 11:50 p.m.



- The Air Force reports that UAVs in the Khmelnytskyi region are headed for Starokostyantyniv.
- UPD: Another group of attack UAVs through the territory of Vinnytsia region in the direction of Khmelnytskyi region.

INTERNATIONAL

10:05 AM: The Bulgarian government has extended until the end of April 2024 the state support scheme for the accommodation of Ukrainian refugees, - The Sofia Globe.

10:05 AM: Democratic Maine Secretary of State Shanna Bellows has banned Donald Trump from running in the state's primary.

10:05 AM: North Korea may engage in cyber provocations in 2024 US presidential election and South Korea, Bloomberg

10:05 AM: An unknown aerial object entered Polish airspace from Ukraine this morning, the Polish army reports.

- It was monitored by radars until the signal was lost.

12:49 PM: The President of Poland has called an urgent meeting with the military leadership following the violation of airspace by Ukraine, Polish radio station RMF reports.

1:45 PM: Russia is deliberately shelling Ukraine near the border with Poland, Polish Army General Roman Polko said.

- "These are certainly provocative actions aimed at destabilizing or provoking the Polish side as well. This is important," he says.

3:55 PM: Poland's air defense forces have been put on high alert following an airspace violation incident.

- This was stated by Jacek Horyszewski, the spokesman of the Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces.
- The spokesman of the command noted that the search for the object is ongoing.

4:01 PM: The Polish General Staff confirmed that the country's airspace was violated by a Russian missile, RMF FM.

- "We have confirmation of this on the national and allied radars," said the Chief of the General Staff, General Wieslaw Kukula.

6:24 PM: Iran says it has executed four "saboteurs" linked to Israeli intelligence — Reuters.

6:24 PM: Britain, France, Germany and the US have called on Iran to de-escalate its nuclear program, according to the British government website.

6:24 PM: Trump has been barred from running for president in Maine's Republican primary, the state's secretary of state said.

6:24 PM: China appoints former navy chief Dong Zhong as new defense minister, Reuters

6:24 PM: Britain announced an urgent delivery of missiles to Ukraine's air defense systems after a massive Russian missile strike.

- This was announced by the Minister of Defense of Great Britain, Grant Shapps.
- According to him, hundreds of British-made air defense missiles are being sent to provide Ukraine with everything it needs to protect itself from Putin's barbaric bombings.

6:48 PM: Polish police found no trace of the rocket and ended the search.

- This was reported by Malgozhata Pavlovska, the spokeswoman for the police in Tomaszów-Lubelski.
- According to her, the police, together with the military gendarmerie, conducted searches in three counties: Zamoyskyi, Tomashivskyi and Grubeshivskyi.

7:48 PM: The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine won an international arbitration with a foreign supplier that sent low-quality body armor and berets for the Armed Forces.

- The amount of the arbitration is more than one billion hryvnias.
- This amount also includes, in addition to the cost of the goods, penalties, annual interest and the arbitration fee.

NATIONAL

12:20 PM: BEB detectives conducted 35 searches and inspections in companies controlled by one of Ukraine's largest converters.

- As a result of the searches, computer equipment, as well as things and documents of evidentiary value in criminal proceedings, were seized.
- The total amount of losses, confirmed by the conducted forensic and economic examinations, is UAH 767 million.

12:51 PM: The more Russia rages, the stronger our desire to take revenge is
- "Ukrainian team" thanks Ukrainians for helping the defenders

- Today, Russia staged yet another mass terror against Ukrainians. But the stronger it rages, the stronger our desire for revenge. And all the more our help to the defenders.

4:27 PM: A new charity initiative from the Coca-Cola company is taking place in Ukraine: a million bottles of the drink will be donated to the most vulnerable communities throughout Ukraine to make the winter holidays a little more joyful.

- "1 million bottles of Coca-Cola as a gift is a gesture of solidarity with Ukrainians, a way to show them respect and support. Our goal is to bring a little joy to the homes of Ukrainians during the winter holidays", says Andriy Bublyk, director of corporate relations and of sustainable development of Coca-Cola Beverages Ukraine.
- Together with partners from humanitarian organizations, the Ukrainian Red Cross, Caritas of Ukraine and BF M.R.I.A., the Coca-Cola company will send drinks to families who find themselves in difficult life circumstances: internally displaced persons, single parents, large families, persons with disabilities - in all regions of Ukraine.

4:52 PM: Now 70% of a civil servant's salary will be a salary, and only 30% will be a bonus, said Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal.

- Shmyhal emphasized that from now on none of the managers will be able to charge "exorbitant bonuses, allowances and additional payments" at their own will.
- Since January 1, the number of civil service vacancies has been reduced by almost 20,000, "and this is only the first stage."

7:17 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 29:

- The enemy used _about 160 means of air attack_ against Ukraine: missiles of various types and attack UAVs.
- 88 X-101/X-555/X-55 cruise missiles and 27 "Shahed-136/131" attack UAVs were destroyed by the forces and means of air defense of Ukraine.
- During the day _there were 31 combat clashes._
- Units of the missile forces hit 2 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, _3 artillery means, 5 ammunition warehouses and 2 other important targets_ of the enemy.

7:28 PM: At the time of the missile attack on the maternity hospital in Dnipro, there were 12 women giving birth and four newborns. All were saved, as they were immediately taken to a shelter.

- The head of the obstetric department recalls: "_as soon as the alarm sounded, the doctors quickly moved everyone to the shelter. This saved the day... The building's windows were broken, the ceilings were broken. But all the patients and the medical staff are safe_!"

7:38 PM: As of now, it is known about 30 dead and more than 160 wounded as a result of the morning mass strike by Russia, — the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

- "_53 people were rescued today by our titans from the State Emergency Service. 8 of those rescued were pulled out from under the rubble_" the message reads.

9:31 PM: A day of mourning has also been announced in Dnipro, by order of Mayor Boris Filatov.

- "_On the day of mourning, state flags should be raised over the building of the Dnipro City Council, houses and buildings of communal enterprises, institutions and institutions of the City Council", - says Filatov's order.

10:41 PM: Partisan movement "ATESH" carries out sabotage on the left bank of the Dnieper, Kherson region.

- "Agents from the 177th separate regiment of the Russian marines on the second and third lines of conflict in the Kherson region disabled the enemy's combat equipment. They managed to neutralize 2 BMP and 1 MTLB of the enemy," Atesh reported.

MORDOR - ruZZia

10:05 AM: Drone attack on the Kursk region of the Russian Federation: the authorities have traditionally reported about the downed UAVs.

7:01 PM: 74 occupiers were killed as a result of the strike on the Russian BDC "Novocherkask", — Center of National Resistance.

- Activists of "Cyber Resistance" have at their disposal a letter from the Chief of the Russian Armed Forces with a proposal to declare mourning in the city of Novocherkassk in connection with the corresponding losses.
- "_It seems that the command of the Russian Navy is not very fond of the Kremlin's policy of concealing losses and treating people as a cheap resource. For now, it seems that the head of the fleet, Nikolai Yevmenov, initiated mourning events and mailings without the consent of his leadership_", writes the Central Intelligence Agency.

7:57 PM: Russia's massive strike is a reminder that Putin wants to destroy Ukraine — it must be stopped.

- This was stated by US President Joe Biden.
- "_Congress should take a step forward and act without further delay (approve new funding for aid to Ukraine)_" Biden said.

REGIONS

7:38 AM: An explosion rang out in the temporarily occupied Mariupol with the epicenter in the Kalmius district, Mayor's adviser Petro Andryushchenko reports.

9:14 PM: Head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary Peter Sijarto and head of the OP of Ukraine Andriy Yermak will meet in January,

9:47 PM: Ukraine demands an urgent UN meeting in connection with the Russian strikes, Dmytro Kuleba reports.

10:23 PM: Explosions are heard in Belgorod, Russia. Video from local social networks.

11:07 PM: Russian military shelled Krasnohorivka, Avdiivka, and Toretsk in Donetsk region with the Grad rocket launchers and artillery.

- Five people were injured, the regional prosecutor's office reported.

11:15 PM: Kherson is again under massive Russian fire.

11:42 PM: Explosions are also heard in Bryansk. Video from local social networks.

11:51 PM: The State Emergency Service published a photo of a decorated Christmas tree standing in the very center of the mutilated inner courtyard of high-rise buildings in Odessa

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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 25 | Dec 26 | Dec 27 | Dec 28 | Dec 29 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Duration | 9 years and 9 months | After 670 days | After 671 days | After 672 days | After 673 days | After 674 days |
| Military Personnel Liquidated | 14,453 | 353,950 | 355,750 | 356,670 | 357,520 | 358,270 |

Material Losses

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|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Tanks | 147 | 5877 | 5913 | 5940 | 5953 | 5969 |
| Armored Personnel Carriers | 1,314 | 10,919 | 10,973 | 11,015 | 11,033 | 11,053 |
| Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers | 433 | 9,281 | 9,310 | 9,336 | 9356 | 9373 |
| Cruise Missiles | | 1616 | 1620 | 1620 | 1620 | 1708 |

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| Fighters Bombers | 118 | 329 | 329 | 329 | 329 | 329 |
| Helicopters | 333 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 |
| Drones | | 6436 | 6471 | 6503 | 6539 | 6554 |
| Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries | | 613 | 616 | 617 | 620 | 621 |
| Cargo/Fuel/ other transport | 11,36 9 | 11,075 | 11,140 | 11,180 | 11,215 | 11,244 |
| Naval Vessels | | 22+(1 submar ine) | 23+(1 submar ine) | 23+(1 submar ine) | 23+(1 submar ine) | 23+(1 submar ine) |
| Special Equipment | | 1234 | 1240 | 1247 | 1254 | 1260 |

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