

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine
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Euromaidan Book (by Robert Homans)

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the start of the Euromaidan Revolution and the concurrent beginning of these emails, I am making available a never been published book that I wrote in 2016, incorporating many of the emails I wrote during that period, plus extensive additional material.

As an exclusive offer to email recipients, you can purchase an advance copy of the book for \$25.00, or in any other recognized currency. It's in the form of an Ebook. To purchase the Ebook, please click on the link [HERE](#). After December 9, 2023, the price will be \$30.00. I have no immediate plans to publish the book, so this is an exclusive offer.

The book covers important aspects of how Euromaidan was run. In our email 2 days ago, we summarized how food service for the protestors was organized. Today, we'll focus on the critical support for the protests on Independence Square in Kyiv from other regions of Ukraine. Future emails will cover subjects including food service and distribution, the volunteer battalions, and logistics and funding.

Support From the Regions

Euromaidan would not have been successful, had the protestors not gotten substantial support from the regions, in the form of people, money and timely interventions that served to block the movement of Yanukovich's Interior Ministry police from entering

Kyiv.

One of the great myths of Euromaidan, perpetrated by Russia and even some in the West, was that Euromaidan was financed by the United States. I have looked at this question in some detail. I've concluded that the only financial or material support the protestors received from the United States was the cookies that were passed out to the protestors by Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland during her visit to Kyiv in early December 2013.

Instead, Western support for the protestors consisted largely of technical assistance interventions, in areas like democracy & governance, judicial reform, and community development, that were conducted in Ukraine for several years before Euromaidan started. More significant than the results of the projects themselves, the projects became important training grounds. Many Ukrainians who worked on these projects later played significant roles during Euromaidan.

An example of the support that the protestors on Independence Square got from the regions was the Lv'iv Entrepreneurs Committee. Along with similar organizations in other Ukrainian cities, in addition to Kyiv, the Lv'iv Entrepreneurs Committee played a major role supporting the Revolution of Dignity. Oleg Mandau, one of the Founders of the Lv'iv Entrepreneurs Committee owns the Café Vienna, located in the Center of Lv'iv. The Committee includes people like Lilia Boyko, the Owner of a restaurant in Lv'iv, Roman Zofiyovskiy, Owner of an auto parts distributor, Oleg Nykulyshyn, Director General of a chain of pharmacies, and Yaroslav Rushchyshyn, Director of "Trottoia," a manufacturer of textiles and clothing with approximately 1,000 employees. Rushchyshyn had been with the students on Independence Square during the night of November 30/December 1, 2013.

Soon after the start of Euromaidan the Lv'iv Entrepreneurs Committee set up a command center in one part of the Café Vienna

in Central Lv'iv. This is a [photograph](#), taken in June 2016, of the table in the Café Vienna where they met (that is yours truly, second from the left in the bottom photo). From there, bus transportation was arranged for people to go to and from Independence Square. They provided advice to businesses that wanted to re-configure their operations to allow some employees to go to Independence Square, later to be replaced by others. They arranged deliveries of supplies, including food, medicines and protective clothing produced by Rushchyshyn's textile factories. They arranged transportation for seriously injured protestors whose conditions cannot be addressed by the makeshift hospitals set up in Kyiv, to go to hospitals in Lv'iv where there is no risk of arrest as was the case with hospitals in Kyiv.

The Lv'iv Entrepreneurs Committee coordinated with other local groups, such as the Greek Catholic Church and Ukraine Catholic University, both headquartered in Lv'iv, to gather supplies, raise money and transport people to Independence Square. In one day, these three groups raised \$100,000. Several other cities in Ukraine established similar organizations for the purpose of supporting Euromaidan. As many of those whom I interviewed said, "money was never an issue."

Protestors in the regions played critical roles in blocking Interior Ministry police from going to Kyiv to reinforce Interior Ministry Police in Kyiv, by taking over armories and disarming the police. At the end, lack of police support in protecting Yanukovich likely played a critical factor in Yanukovich's decision to leave Kyiv. Examples include [Vinnitsa](#), [Odesa](#) and [Kharkiv](#).

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From Bohdan

I am neither a military strategist or a historian. I have on the other hand read Thucydides' 30 year Peloponnesian War, Julius Caesar

Gallic Wars, Machiavelli The Prince, Lao Tzu The Art of War, Gibbon's the Rise and Fall, and a few more.

One common notion in all of that reading was that soldiers, people and politicians all have different roles in prosecuting war. But when soldiers play at politics, and politicians play at war, then the people, the nation loses the war. The notion that roles are separate is described through negative examples by the authors above.

The professional military and historical writers most often ascribe defeat to politicians managing military matters, although the military also make mistakes leading to defeat. But if you like betting, as I do, then odds are that betting the war will be lost through political interference is the safe bet.

Putler has proven to be a lousy military manager, just as Netanyahu has proven to be a lousy peace maker. To date, as Ukraine has managed to contain and push back the rashists, Ukraine's politicians have confined themselves to wearing fatigues at international conferences and on trips abroad. But over the last few months as the war has stalled they have increasingly been spouting out about what the military should be doing.

Instead of fighting corruption or dealing with policy issues such as the blockade of Ukrainian truckers they are distracting the nation with their "profound" military understanding. This is more troubling than lack of significant progress at the front.

The Funding Vote

The vote on providing funding for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan seems to boil down to the ability and willingness of the United States to simultaneously support 3 democracies, Taiwan, Israel, and Ukraine, that are under attack from totalitarian neighbors, China, Hamas backed by Iran, and the Russian Federation, respectively, intent on

wiping all 3 off the map. If one of the 3 democracies now at risk fall to their totalitarian neighbors, it is likely that all 3 will be lost.

Say what you want about Henry Kissinger, but he seemed to have an underlying policy that governed his, and Nixon's, actions, which was to stop Communism regardless of the cost. The same is true of Ronald Reagan. My question is why we don't have leaders today who are capable of articulating a similar underlying policy, the need to protect democracies under attack from totalitarian neighbors, regardless of the cost.

Members of Congress who are now debating funding to support the defense of Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, are behaving the way they are because the Biden Administration seems incapable of offering an underlying policy similar to what Kissinger and Reagan offered. Last night, while at the gym, I listened to a podcast from the Hoover Institution called "[Uncommon Knowledge](#)." It featured Dan Blumenthal of the American Enterprise Institute and Elbridge Colby of the Marathon Initiative. They spent the entire podcast talking over each other, and making "either/or" arguments between Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan, rather than a single argument about doing what it takes to support all 3.

Along with the host, Peter Robinson, Blumenthal and Colby talked about the economic and fiscal constraints that we are facing, that limit our ability to support Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan simultaneously. People forget about the other side of Reagan's foreign policy. He instituted growth policies that unleashed the U.S. economy from its malaise of the 1970, allowing the United States to support the military buildup necessary to win the Cold War, something that is sadly absent today.

[Cancellation of Pres. Zelenskyy's Speech/Mayor Klitschko's Remarks Taken out of Context](#)

Pres. Zelenskyy's cancellation - Yesterday, at the last minute, Pres. Zelenskyy canceled a video speech that he was to make, in connection Congress' funding vote. I don't know the reason(s) why Pres. Zelenskyy canceled his speech. Perhaps it was because Pres. Zelenskyy didn't want to insert himself into a debate for which Ukraine is not directly involved, funding and policy changes affecting our border with Mexico. If that was the reason for Pres. Zelenskyy deciding to cancel, then I believe he was right to do so.

Mayor Klitschko's remarks taken out of context – Last night, during an interview with Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov, Brett Baier put up an excerpt from an article from the New York Post claiming that the Government's decision to block former President Poroshenko's trip to Western Europe and the U.S. shows that Ukraine is becoming "just like Russia." In fact, the decision also applied to Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, Poroshenko's colleague in one of Ukraine's opposition parties, European Solidarity. Their visit was to take place at the same time as members of Zelenskyy's Party, Servant of the People, were also visiting Western Europe and the U.S. In other words, it was purely a political decision, likely made by Pres. Zelenskyy.

While I appreciate Fox News from inviting Rustem Umerov for an interview they, along with the New York Post, should try not to take remarks by Ukrainian officials out of context. I'm sure that Republican Presidential candidate and noted Ukraine opponent, Vivek Ramaswamy, will bring this up in the upcoming Republican Presidential Debate, using it as an example of Pres. Zelenskyy's dictatorial policies. It happens with extreme regularity.

News From the Battlefield

["Reporting From Ukraine"](#) covers Ukraine's continuing expansion of its lodgment on the Left Bank of the Dnipro River. It is becoming increasingly clear that Ukraine has plans for this effort that they have

not divulged, beyond a limited presence on the Left Bank supported by boats shuttling men and supplies across the Dnipro.

At the same time the lodgment on the Left Bank was beginning to be established, last October, the [Ukrainian 47th Mechanized Brigade](#), with its Bradleys and Leopard tanks, was transferred from the Robotyne area, where it was leading Ukraine's Southern Offensive, to Avdiivka, likely to augment Ukraine's defenses against recent Russian attacks. It seems that Ukraine has decided that defending Avdiivka is a higher priority at this point in the war than continuing to try to push south, and there are now reports that Ukraine is building defensive works around Robotyne.

Where does that leave the Dnipro Crossings? Does all this mean that Ukraine's entire offensive is stalled? Maybe not.

Some experts like the Eurasia Group's Ian Bremmer, at the recent GZERO Summit, say that Ukraine's decision to build defensive works around Robotyne suggests that Ukraine is freezing the front and they're considering the option of negotiating with Russia. As that famous football analyst Lee Corso likes to say, "not so fast." Perhaps Ian Bremmer should take Corso's advice.

There are reports that Ukraine has several thousand troops on the Right Bank. Why? Crossing the Dnipro presents both the shortest route to Crimea, it would clear out Russia from all the Left Bank, thus opening Mykolaiv to shipping, and it is also a route to Melitopol, the city that is/was the primary objective of the southern offensive. Bohdan has a detailed map of Ukraine's presence on the Left Bank (below). Stay tuned.

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Abbreviations:

RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of

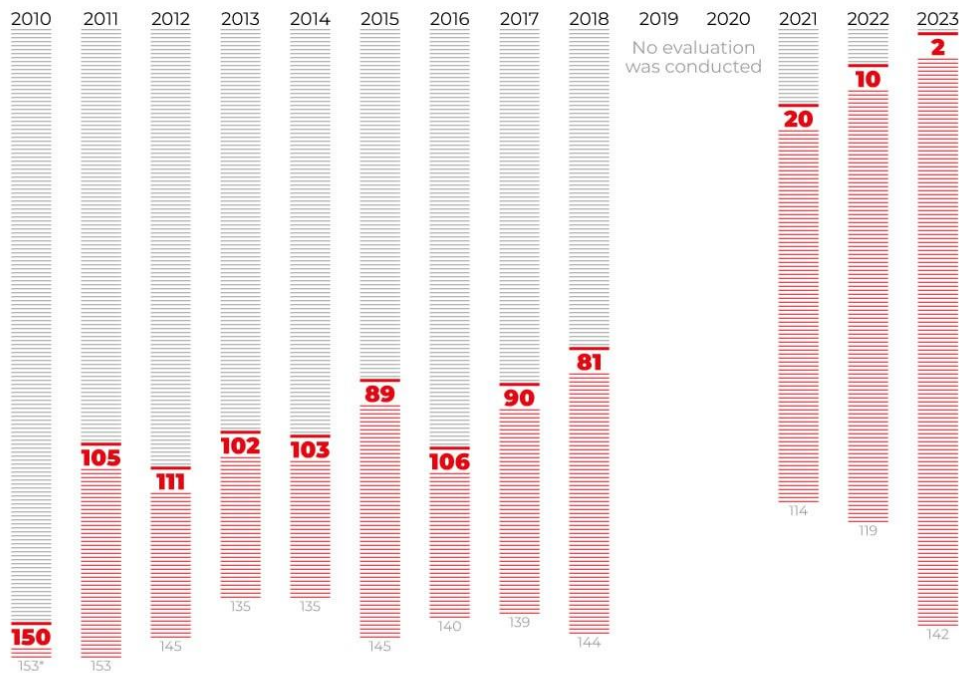
Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

UKRAINE IS #2 IN THE WORLD CHARITY RANKING

TOP
LEAD

Ukraine's place in the Charities Aid Foundation ranking



Source: Charities Aid Foundation, Data as of November 2023.

*The number of countries varies from year to year

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INTERNATIONAL

Wednesday, December 6

8:03 AM: Britain announced a new aid package to Ukraine in the amount of \$36.5 million.

8:03 AM: The UN Security Council will discuss the humanitarian situation in Ukraine following the Russian invasion on Wednesday.

8:03 AM: Israel says 138 hostages remain in Gaza, including 20 women and children.

7:31 AM: The US ambassador to Hungary accused the country of "neglecting" the interests of NATO allies and strengthening ties with the Russian Federation

- In his speech to American companies that have invested in Hungary, Ambassador David Pressman said that Hungary is thriving as a member of the EU and NATO, which allows companies to do successful business in the country.
- "However, today we increasingly see an ally that relies on its NATO allies, but feels comfortable neglecting the interests of those same allies and our Alliance, including during a war in Europe," Pressman noted.

7:45 AM: The US State Department believes that Congress will approve aid to Ukraine. Republicans insist on immigration requirements

- "I don't think there are any questions about the support of Ukraine from the executive branch of power. I don't think there are any questions about the support of Ukraine from the legislative branch. If you put a vote "for" or "against" the financing package for Ukraine in both houses of Congress , we believe it will be adopted," State Department representative Miller said.

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12:49 PM: Germany may transfer new RCH-155 self-propelled artillery units to Ukraine as early as 2024, — Spiegel.

- This was stated by Axel Scheibel, responsible for the development of self-propelled guns, the managing director of the Krauss-Maffei Wegmann manufacturing company.
- _ "The first customer is Ukraine," _ Schaibel reminded.
- He added that the RCH-155 gun module fires 155-millimeter artillery ammunition while moving, which makes it unique in the world.

1:16 PM: Romania, in cooperation with the USA, can play a key role in the restoration of Ukraine, - Prime Minister Čolaku

- In particular, Cholaku noted that in this context, Romania's strengths are security, geographical proximity, sea, river, rail and road connections - opportunities that may interest American companies that want to participate in the reconstruction of Ukraine.
- Romania will continue to support Ukraine as long as it is needed, added the Romanian Prime Minister, also referring to the recovery process.

2:31 PM: The US Congress told why aid to Ukraine is linked to the migrant problem

- Most lawmakers from both the Democratic and Republican parties say this is a way to pressure Joe Biden's administration to pay more attention to the migration crisis.

3:01 PM: The EU delegation and the Ministry of Defense discussed long-term security guarantees for Ukraine

- The EU's long-term aid directions were presented by the Deputy Secretary General for Common Security and Defense Policy of the European External Affairs Service, Charles Freese. We are talking about nine priorities of future security obligations on the part of the European Union for Ukraine:
 - assistance with military equipment and equipment;
 - training of the Ukrainian military;
 - cooperation with the Ukrainian defense industry;
 - countering cyber and hybrid threats;
 - assistance in demining;
 - implementation of reforms related to the process of accession to the EU;
 - strengthening the ability to control weapons stocks;
 - supporting nuclear safety efforts;
 - exchange of intelligence, in particular satellite images.

3:27 PM: Belgium confirms its intention to transfer F-16 aircraft to Ukraine in 2025, — the press service of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

3:27 PM: Nepal has reported the death of six citizens serving in the Russian army and has called on Moscow to stop recruiting Nepalis, BBC.

3:27 PM: Israel's military is considering flooding Hamas tunnels with seawater, The Wall Street Journal.

3:27 PM: Macron invites Orbán to Paris to find compromise on Ukraine's EU accession, Politico.

3:50 PM: Rustem Umerov met with the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Sweden.

- The head of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine informed the general about reforms in the ministry.
- "_Transparent lethal and non-lethal purchases, uncompromising fight against corruption and localization of defense production in Ukraine are our priorities_", Umyerov noted.

4:01 PM: How Ukraine's summer counteroffensive began, unfolded and stopped: a detailed analysis from The Washington Post.

- American journalists have published new data and previously unknown details about the strong involvement of the US in the military planning of the Ukrainian counteroffensive and those factors that led to disappointment regarding the expectation and reality of the advancement of the Armed Forces in 2023.
- We suggest you familiarize yourself with the retelling of the longread of The Washington Post (<https://espresso.tv/yak-pochavsya-rozgortavsya-i-zupinivsyia-litniy-kontrnastup-ukraini-detalniy-analiz-vid-wp>): "Miscalculations have limited US strategic planning and of Ukraine", which made a lot of information noise due to its unexpected theses related to

Ukraine's counteroffensive and its military planning with the participation of the Pentagon.

7:24 PM: US House Speaker Johnson threatens to withdraw support for aid funding to Ukraine if the White House does not agree to strengthen border security.

- This is stated in Johnson's letter to the director of the US Office of Management and Budget.
- "_Additional financing of Ukraine depends on the adoption of changes in the laws on border security of our country_", - writes the speaker.

10:31 PM: Ukrainians abroad who are applying for a passport for the first time after reaching 18 years of age will be able to do so in the divisions of the "Dokument" enterprise.

- Foreign divisions of the "Document" will be able to conduct the procedure of establishing the identity in video conference mode with the participation of the applicant and members of his family, a close person.

11:00 PM: There is a big risk of losing the war without US help, OP representatives said during a visit to America.

- "_If the aid discussed in the Congress is simply postponed, then there will be a great risk that we will remain in the same positions as now. It will be impossible to advance, and there will be a great risk of losing in this conflict... The Armed Forces, although more motivated , but are forced to go on the defensive," said the head of the OP.

11:17 PM: Russia and Iran signed a declaration of opposition to sanctions, RFE/RL reports;

11:17 PM: A new Cold War will not start if there is dialogue between China and the EU, China's Foreign Ministry said;

11:17 PM: Finnish customs suspects that two companies sent products to the Russian Federation that may be subject to EU

sanctions, Yle reports.

11:35 PM: Stefanchuk, Umerov and Yermak arrived in the US.

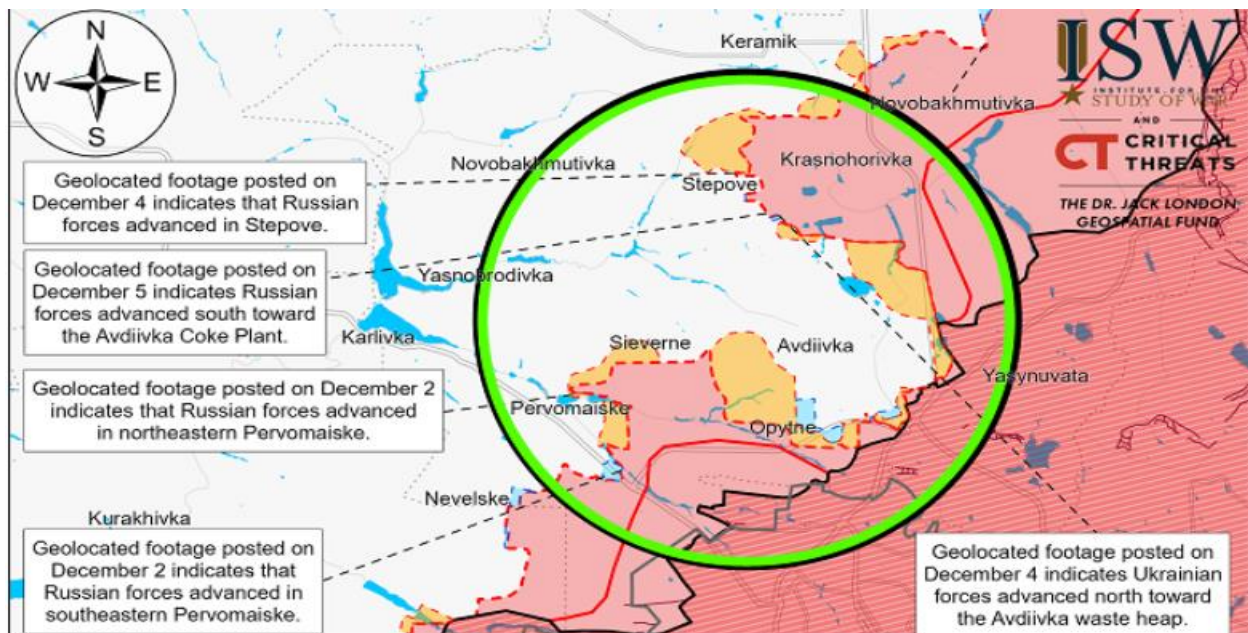
- According to the head of the OP Andriy Yermak, 86 diplomats participated in the last meeting of diplomatic representatives.
- "With each subsequent meeting, we become stronger. The Global Peace Summit - a gathering of world leaders committed to establishing a just, lasting and comprehensive peace as soon as possible - is becoming more and more achievable. And we believe that this summit will take place soon," the message reads.

11:55 PM: Ukraine is giving way in the diplomatic war: Colonel Kostenko of the SBU on reducing the supply of weapons to the Armed Forces.

- "If we began to be given less weapons, who is to blame for this? The soldier on the battlefield, no. The commander-in-chief and the soldiers fight at the front with what they are given. And the task of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, the Minister of Defense, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense is to ensure Arm the Armed Forces so that they have something to fight with.

NATIONAL

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4:52 AM: According to experts from the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), the Defense Forces counterattacked north of the Avdiivka Coke Plant, forcing the occupiers to retreat from two advanced positions.

- Ukrainian forces counterattacked near Avdiivka on December 5 and recently made a confirmed advance.
- Geolocation footage released on December 4 indicates that Ukrainian forces have advanced east of the railway section north of the Avdiivka Coke Plant.
- A Ukrainian military observer said on December 5 that Ukrainian forces counterattacked north of the Avdiivka Coke Plant and forced Russian troops to retreat from two forward positions.
- A Russian military blogger claims that Ukrainian troops are counter-attacking near Stepove and pressuring Russian defenses from the direction of Novokalynovoye.
- Geolocation data released on December 5 indicated that Russian troops had advanced along a section of the railway line north of the Avdiivka Coke Plant in northwest Avdiivka.

- In addition, geolocation data published on December 4 indicate that Russian troops have also advanced south of the Tericon in Avdiivka.

7:01 AM: IN Ukraine today celebrate Day Armed forces of Ukraine and Day Saint Nicholas!

- We wish all Ukrainians, who are in the country and abroad, strength, strength and a speedy victory
- Special congratulations to our incredible defenders. May the Lord protect your life, and Saint Nicholas give your children the most desired gifts. Thank you, our heroes
- Eternal memory of the dead 🕊️

7:01 AM: Starting today, the online publication BLYSKAVKA stops publishing racist language in its Telegram channel.

- Everything that needed to be conveyed to the Russian-speaking audience for almost 2 years of informational resistance, we did! And now the "LIGHTNING" Telegram channel becomes "LIGHTNING": https://t.me/blyskavka_ua
- Stay with us and invite your friends! Together to victoryUA

7:23 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 6:

- During the day of December 5, there were 91x combat engagements.
- The enemy launched a total of 4x missile and 104x air strikes, 101x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- Also, russian occupants launched yet another attack on Ukraine, using 50x Shahed-136/131 strike UAVs last night. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 41x strike UAVs.
- Air strikes hit Kostobriv (Chernihiv oblast), Novodmytrivka (Sumy oblast), Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast), Stelmakhivka, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Spirne, Novobakhmutivka,

Avdiivka, Oleksandropil, Novomykhailivka, Urozhaine (Donetsk oblast), Novodarivka (Zaporizhzhia oblast) , Tyahynka, Krynky, and Lvove (Kherson oblast).

- More than 100x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of December 5, Ukrainian Air Force launched 15x air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 4x air strikes on command posts, and 3x air strikes on the anti-aircraft missile systems of the adversary. Also, the forces and means of the air defense of Ukraine destroyed 1x russian Su-24M (Fencer) bomber.
- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 6x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 1x command post, 1x ammunition depot, 2x electronic warfare stations, and 11x artillery systems of the russian invaders.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 8x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast) and Novoselivske (Luhansk oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 26x adversary attacks in the vicinities of Serebryanske forestry, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Spirne, Vesele, and Rozdolivka (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 10x attacks of the enemy in the vicinities of Bohdanivka, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue assault operations south of Bakhmut (Donetsk oblast), inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, and consolidate their new positions.

Tavria operational-strategic group

Avdiivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the

enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground as they inflict major losses on the enemy. The Ukrainian Defense Forces successfully repelled 25x attacks of the adversary in the areas east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, northeast of Berdychi, Avdiivka, Sjeverne, and Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Krasnohorivka, Maryinka, Pobjeda, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 18x attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 1x enemy attack in the area south of Zolota Nyva (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled all of the enemy attacks that were an attempt to regain the lost ground in the areas west of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

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

7:15 AM: Illegal mobilization, militarization of children, repression: Zelensky was told about the crimes of the occupiers in Crimea

- "As of December 4, the burials of at least 584 soldiers of the Russian army have already taken place in the occupied Crimea. 456 of them were probably citizens of Ukraine. The number of burials may be higher, as a significant part is taking place without coverage," the report says.
- It is also known that the occupiers illegally imprisoned 190 people in Crimea, including 29 arrested persons, of which 21 are Crimean Tatars. 143 are prisoners, of which 102 are Crimean Tatars, and another 18 are without status. Out of 190 people, 123 are Crimean Tatars.

8:37 AM: Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Valery Zaluzhnyi congratulated Ukrainian defenders on Armed Forces Day.

- _ "Proud of everyone who is in the ranks of the Armed Forces of Ukraine today. Ukraine is not surrendering - thanks to you", - noted the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

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12:10 PM: The situation in the power system remains difficult. An increase in consumption due to the cold weather may cause a deficit in the energy system, — Ukrenergo.

- _ "There is no export today. Electricity is imported today in the evening hours from Slovakia, Romania, and Moldova," the message states.

1:26 PM: As a result of the blockade of the Ukrainian-Polish border, the state budget of Ukraine lost 9.3 billion hryvnias due to the lack of customs payments.

- This was stated by the head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Finance, Tax and Customs Policy, Danylo Hetmantsev.

1:41 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky awarded the "Golden Heart" award to Ukrainian volunteers.

- _ "As long as volunteer hearts and the spirit of help and support are beating, our people will be fighting, our Ukraine will be fighting. We are all fighting," the president said.

2:16 PM: The World Bank will provide Ukraine with \$1.2 billion to finance social payments, — the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine.

- Ukraine and the World Bank concluded an agreement on the launch of the new INSPIRE project to finance 29 types of social benefits.

3:04 PM: "Warm kits" will soon go to the front - "Ukrainian team" continues to collect 50 thousand hot packs for defenders

- On Volunteer Day, the "Ukrainian team" received a large batch of "warm kits", which were donated by thousands of Ukrainians. Soon they will go to the front.

- "It's already cold in the trenches. 50 thousand warm sets are needed. And for this we need to collect 7 million hryvnias. Our collection continues. It is necessary to push further. 140 hryvnias – one warmed-up fighter. 4200 – the entire platoon is warmed up. Warm up yours so that the enemies are on fire!" - they call in the volunteer headquarters.

4:32 PM: It was not the enemy who attacked us, but the leaders of the Ukrainian state - Metropolitan Longyn of the UOC MP after the trial.

- Another court session was held in the Hertsav district court in the case of the figure of the Moscow Patriarchate Mykhailo Zhar (Metropolitan Longin). He is accused of inciting religious enmity.
- "We served this state with honor and pride. But today it was not the enemy who attacked us, but you who attacked us. Aren't you ashamed, dear leaders? I never said the word OCU in my sermons, because they are nobody and they are not called by any name," he said. Heat.

5:05 PM: The "Favorit" attack UAV company under the command of Denys Percha received 14 million UAH of equipment and equipment.

- With the support of Favbet, she received 7 cars, including 6 Nissan Navara SUVs, a Nissan Pathfinder and a Volkswagen T5 bus, as well as more than 100 drones of various types and purposes.
- Also, the soldiers of the company received more than 300 items of various equipment, mainly related equipment and consumables for the effective operation of UAVs.

5:26 PM: The head of the Slovak Foreign Ministry Blanar said that he "cannot imagine Ukraine in the EU".

- At the same time, Juray Blanar does not deny that Ukraine should have a perspective of European integration, but it must also fulfill all the criteria, and "no exceptions are accepted."
- "Personally, I think that Ukraine's membership in the EU is terribly, terribly far away. We refuse to approach it politically, and the only thing we support is that Ukraine should have a future perspective, but by all the rules, how do they do it other countries," Blanar said.

5:26 PM: BEB exposed the large-scale production of falsified food in Mezhihiria Park.

- BEB detectives exposed a group of persons who organized the production and distribution of counterfeit food products under the guise of well-known Ukrainian and international trademarks.
- It was also established that the underground production in Mezhyhirya illegally used the power, in particular, the electricity of the National Park.

5:48 PM: Despite bad weather and Russian attacks, the power system is working stably.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal.
- "_There are no planned shutdowns of consumers, if necessary, we import the necessary amounts of electricity from EU countries_", Shmyhal said.

6:32 PM: VAKS kept the ex-head of the Supreme Court Knyazev, who is suspected of receiving a bribe, in custody until February 2, but reduced the amount of bail to 27 million hryvnias, media.

6:44 PM: The Council is considering serving subpoenas via email and registered mail.

- This was reported by the president's representative in the Council, Fedir Venislavskyi.

- Also, according to him, the Verkhovna Rada plans to oblige Ukrainians to carry a military ID at the legislative level.

7:38 PM: All soldiers who have received the title of Hero of Ukraine since the beginning of the war will be provided with their own housing.

- This was stated by the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi.
- " _At least since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, this is 360 people. The state will take care of each of them - both those who are with us and the families of all those who gave their lives for the country_ ", - said the president.

7:50 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Hanke Breins Sloot.

- Topics discussed include:
 - the situation at the front and the needs of Ukrainian defenders;
 - training of Ukrainian pilots for the F-16;
 - functioning of the alternative humanitarian corridor and strengthening its protection;
 - peace formula and European integration of Ukraine.

8:35 PM: Summary of the General Staff as of 18:00 on December 5:

- During the day, _70 combat clashes_ took place. The enemy launched 4 missile and 53 air strikes, fired 59 rockets at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- The aviation of the defense forces made _15 strikes_ on the areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 4 on control points and 3 on the enemy's air defense system. Also, the Russian Su-24M bomber was _destroyed by the forces and means of the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine._

- Units of the missile forces damaged 6 personnel concentration areas, weapons and military equipment, 1 command post, 1 ammunition warehouse, 2 EW stations and 11 enemy artillery pieces.

9:03 PM: The Armed Forces of Ukraine published a touching video for the Day of the Armed Forces and St. Nicholas

- A video with a warm and kind story was published on the page of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- The video was created on a volunteer basis by Ukrainian companies and artists.

9:32 PM: Ukrainian sniper's world record:

- Today, December 5, the front pages of the American newspaper The Wall Street Journal published an article with a photo of Ukrainian soldiers with a Ukrainian rifle. The publication writes that Ukrainian sniper Vyacheslav Kovalskyi set a world record for a sniper shot in combat conditions, destroying the enemy at a distance of almost 4 km, or rather 3800 meters. Kovalsky is 58 years old, and the sniper joined the military counterintelligence unit of the SBU. The record shot was fired from the Ukrainian Volodar Obriyu rifle, which was developed in Ukraine by a company with the same name.

9:42 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy canceled a planned speech before US lawmakers at the last moment.

- "The President of Ukraine will not be virtually present at the classified briefing due to a matter that arose at the last minute," - said the head of the democratic majority in the US Senate, Chuck Schumer.

10:10 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi in his evening address told the details of the new initiative to support the Heroes of Ukraine.

- "Today I had the honor of handing over the first documents for an apartment. Twenty-one Heroes of Ukraine. Soldiers of

the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the National Guard, the Security Service of Ukraine, and the State Border Guard. Of these twenty-one, nine are fallen heroes. And in the near future, the state will provide apartments for all Heroes Ukraine - all of them. In particular, those who fought until February 24, since 2014. Fighting guys. It's fair_," the president said.

11:34 PM: The excise duty on autogas should rise to €160-170 from €52 per 1,000 l, said the head of the Tax Parliamentary Committee, Danylo Hetmantsev, during the Petroleum & LPG Ukraine 2023 conference.

- According to him, the increase in excise duty is a prospect of several months.
- In this case, the retail price of autogas will increase by UAH 3/l, said Stanislav Batrachenko, head of the liquefied gas association.

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Wednesday, December 6

12:10 AM: Deportation of children from Ukraine: the US increased sanctions against the Lukashenka regime.

- In particular, sanctions for involvement in the deportation of Ukrainian children were imposed on the Secretary General of the Red Cross of Belarus, Dmytro Shevtsov, who stated on Belarusian state television that the organization headed by him takes an active part in the transportation of children to Belarus from the territories of Ukraine occupied by Russia.

8:03 AM: In Arkhangelsk, Russia, a production facility with an area of more than 2,000 square meters was on fire. m.

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2:31 PM: Russia agrees to release 6 more kidnapped Ukrainian children, Qatar mediated, — The Washington Post.

- According to the agreements, today the children will leave Moscow and go to Ukraine via Belarus.

6:14 PM: SBU and GUR struck several military facilities of the occupiers in Crimea, - sources.

- According to sources, the drones of the Security Service of Ukraine hit: the Nebo-M radar system in the area of Bagerove village, a helicopter parking lot, the P-18 Terek radar system and the control system of the Baikal-1M anti-aircraft missile units near Strilkovo.
- They added that this is how the SBU congratulated the occupiers on International Volunteer Day and reminded them once again that the Ukrainian land will literally burn under the invaders' feet.
- Also, drones of the Security Service of Ukraine and the Main Directorate of Intelligence of the IOM attacked the "Marine Oil Terminal" in Feodosia.

7:02 PM: 70% of the enemy's armored vehicles do not return from the battlefield, - the spokesman of the ZSU Shtupun.

- Fierce fighting continues in the Avdiiv direction in the Stepovoye area. The enemy rushes for the railway, but all Russian units that try to approach the Avdiiv Koksokhim either retreat or are destroyed. The enemy attacks with infantry, because the combat work of his equipment is complicated by weather conditions, as well as significant losses. That is, if the Russians throw armored vehicles forward, 70% do not return from the battlefield

9:49 PM: Men are leaving Crimea in anticipation of mass mobilization after the "elections" of the president of the Russian Federation, - Chubarov.

- "For some reason, everyone is convinced, experts are also talking about this, that mass mobilization will then take place

throughout the territory of Russia, and first of all in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. This is a very persistent belief of the people, and therefore it affects the fact that people reached out again from Crimea, they are leaving the peninsula," Chubarov concluded.

10:45 PM: Russians promise rubles for positive videos about life in the temporarily occupied territories, - CNS.

- "By design, this should help the Russians create a series of videos, which will then be distributed to Western countries by Russian agents of influence. Also, the occupiers promise that the authors of the best videos will get a job in the fake local media that the Russians created after the capture of the region. In this way, the Kremlin hopes to overcome shortage of propagandists in the region," the Central Committee of the Central Intelligence Agency said.

10:45 PM: In 8 months, the occupation courts in Crimea issued 514 resolutions on "discrediting the Russian army", - CrimeaSOS.

REGIONS

KYIV



Wednesday, December 6

10:45 PM: Kyivavtodor claims that due to the blocking of the border with Poland, the deadline for repairing the Ring Road was disrupted.

DONETSK



Wednesday, December 6

3:16 PM: The activity of the Russian aviation has increased in the Tavria direction, the number of ground attacks is not decreasing

- It is noted that 37 combat clashes took place on the indicated part of the front during the day. After a certain break, the Russian invaders resumed the use of Su-25 attack aircraft and Ka-52 helicopters. During the day, the enemy made 18 air strikes.
- The total daily losses of the Russian army in the operational zone of the operational-strategic group of troops "Tavria" reached 428 people. Seven servicemen of the Russian Federation surrendered.

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4:17 PM: Unidentified body fragments were found in Novogrodivka, Donetsk region, where the parents of the dead girl were being searched.

- Oleksandr Shevchenko, the head of Novogrodivska MBA, announced this.
- "_A DNA examination will be carried out in the future. A search and rescue operation is underway_" Shevchenko noted.

4:40 PM: The Russians resumed the use of Su-25 attack aircraft and Ka-52 helicopters ("Alligators") in the Tavrya direction.

- This was reported by the spokesman of the joint press center of the Defense Forces of the Tavria direction, Colonel Oleksandr Shtupun.
- In total, 37 clashes were recorded in the operational area of the "Tavria" air defense system.

4:44 PM: The Russian army fired from "Grad" Chasiv Yar in Donetsk region, it is known about the death and 5 wounded.

- The Prosecutor General's Office writes about this.

- "_At the time of the attack, people received water and bread from volunteers. Private homes and a car were also damaged as a result of the shelling_" the message reads.

ZAPORIZHIA



Wednesday, December 6

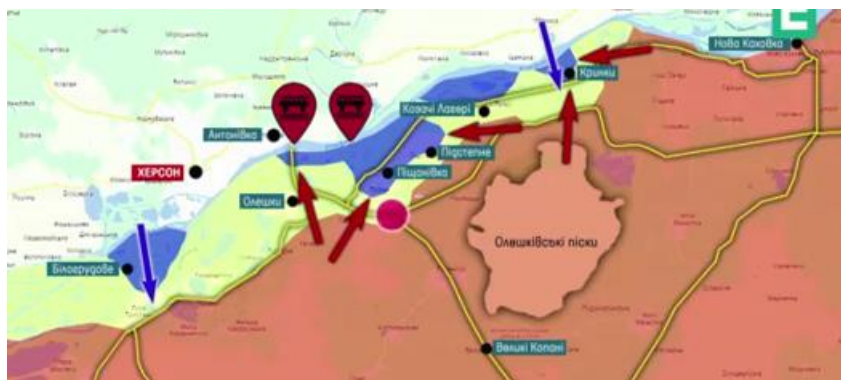
6:45 AM: The IAEA conducted a mission rotation at the ZNPP

- "In Energodar, where the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant is located, IAEA specialists work to monitor the radiation, chemical and other safety components of the nuclear power plant itself. For this purpose, monthly rotation of units involved in the monitoring mission at the nuclear power plant is carried out. This is not the first event held by the command of our troop group regarding the replacement of the rotation," said Oleksandr Savenko, head of the Civil-Military Cooperation Department of the "Tavria" OSU.

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12:21 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the temporarily occupied Tokmak of the Zaporizhzhia region.

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8:46 PM: The Armed Forces continue to destroy enemy logistics on the left bank of the Dnieper in the Kherson region, - Bratchuk

- The enemy gathered many reserves on the left bank of the Dnieper. And these forces are enough to try to knock out our units from the bridgeheads. As for the Oleshka - Nova Kakhovka road, the destruction of enemy logistics continues. The enemy

is trying to move our troops away from this road so that they can replenish BC. In addition to motorized rifle units, the Russians have also deployed airborne troops and marines on the left bank of the Dnieper, but the enemy is unable to do anything.

9:02 PM: Russians illegally removed extinction threatened animals from the reserve "Askania-Nova".

- "Several individuals of Chapman's zebra, American bison, Przewalski's horses and David's deer were taken out of the Askania zoo," said the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Ruslan Strilets.

KHERSON



Tuesday, December 5

2:46 PM Kherson RMA: As a result of a Russian attack on the center of Kherson, a volunteer died.

6:19 PM: A 44-year-old local resident, Kherson OVA, died as a result of a Russian attack on Veletenskyi.

- She was in the yard of her own house.

8:38 PM: "Shahed" type UAV movement from Kherson region in the direction of Mykolaiv region.

ODESA



Tuesday, December 5

7:01 PM: Ukrainian soldiers destroyed a Russian Su-24M bomber in the area of Zmiiny Island, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

9:21 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa region.

CHERKASY



Tuesday, December 5

10:33 PM: The Air Force reports an unmanned aerial vehicle threat to the Cherkasy and Vinnytsia regions.

- Movement of strike UAVs from Cherkasy region in the direction of Kyiv region.

KIROVOHRAD



Wednesday, December 6

2:01 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Kirovohrad region. Previously, the work of air defense.

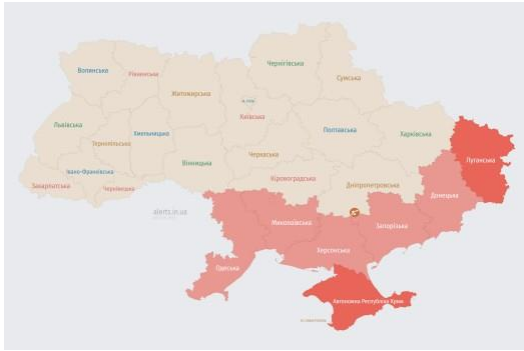
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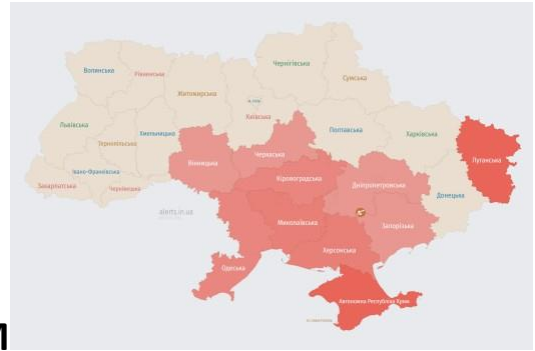
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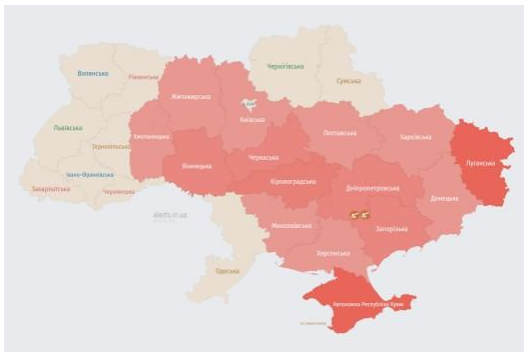
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 646 days	After 647 days	After 648 days	After 649 days	After 650 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	330,040	331,110	332,810	333,840	335,110

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5564	5571	5580	5587	5600
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10372	10,385	10401	10,416	10,456
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8843	8854	8874	8900	8943
Cruise Missiles		1567	1568	1569	1570	1570
Fighters Bombers	118	323	323	323	323	324

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		5976	5994	6017	6032	6083
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		602	602	602	605	605
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	10399	10,410	10451	10,483	10,532
Naval Vessels		22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)
Specialized mobile electronic communicat ion and jamming, ballistic radars		1137	1138	1141	1148	1153

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