

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.

The volunteer battalions –

By early December 2013, the protestors began to realize that Independence Square was essentially undefended. It was during this time that the volunteer battalions began to be established.

Quote from the book – “In the morning of December 11th Channel 5, owned by Petro Poroshenko and the only broadcast TV station in Ukraine showing the protests, showed busloads of Berkut parked on Kreshchatyk, at the front door of City Hall. It appeared an attack against City Hall was imminent. At the time the outside temperature was well below zero Celsius.”

“Every time the Berkut would approach City Hall protestors on the 2nd Floor would spray the Berkut with water. It must have been extremely uncomfortable to have freezing water running down the back of the Berkut’s collective neck. It was also common knowledge that the protestors had set booby traps inside City Hall. According to reports the booby traps that they had set weren’t lethal, but they were enough to disrupt any attack.”

“After a few hours the Berkut withdrew, but the protestors realized that the defenses of Independence Square were non-existent. Soon after, the protestors started building barricades to help defend Independence Square, and at about the same time began organizing volunteer battalions, that were referred to in the Cossack term, “Hundreds,” indicating that each contained 100 people.”

“By mid-February 2014, at the height of the fighting, there were 42 volunteer battalions operating in and around Independence Square, totaling 4,200 people. According to A.K., the Head of one of the women’s volunteer battalions, she had the heads of the other 41 volunteer battalions listed on her smart phone, with the numbers 1 through 41.

During Euromaidan, in addition to defending Independence Square the volunteer battalions played vital roles in the building of barricades, cutting bricks from sidewalks and cobblestones from streets to throw at the Berkut, logistics and other functions.

Later some volunteer battalions, such as the famous Azov Battalion, were incorporated into the regular Ukrainian Army. As part of the Ukrainian Army, volunteer battalions played 2 critical roles. First, they constituted the nucleus of the “new” Ukrainian

Army. Second, the volunteer battalions served as a vital connection with Ukrainian civil society groups that, among other things, provided critical support for the Army, such as logistics.

As evidence of how dire the situation for the Ukrainian Army was, in late February/early March 2014, there were only 6,000 combat ready soldiers in the Ukrainian Army. Yanukovich had sold off a good portion of the Army's equipment, and he destroyed draft records.

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["Joe Biden's Ukraine Emergency"](#)/Wall Street Journal

Some excerpts (my comments in **bold face**):

- **"A large majority of Senate Republicans support aid for Ukraine, notably minority leader Mitch McConnell. But their voters also want something done about the surge of migrants that has even big-city Democratic mayors pleading for help. Republicans rightly see the military aid request as a chance to give Mr. Biden something he wants in return for something they want. This is how legislating gets done, or at least it used to be." (My underlining). A significant portion of the pundits, and many European commentators, say the American legislative process is broken. It is too early to make this conclusion – there is a basis for a deal here.**
- **"Mike Johnson, the new Speaker of the House of Representatives, where Republicans have very thin majority, supports weapons for Ukraine. But he can't get an aid bill passed without some concessions on immigration." Despite what many of the pundits allege, a majority of House Republicans support weapons for Ukraine, but many of those same Republicans hold their seats because they promised voters in their Congressional Districts that the problems along our border with Mexico will be resolved. This is not a symptom of a "broken" legislative system; it is how the**

Framers devised the system.

- “The way out of this mess is for Mr. Biden to get serious about an immigration compromise. Tell his negotiators to cut a deal with the GOP and then sell it to Democrats and the country as necessary to get his supplemental aid bill through a divided Congress.”
- Mr. Biden campaigned as a pragmatist who could cut bipartisan deals. Well, here we are. Ukraine and Israel are political emergencies, and the Commander in Chief has to do what it takes to get a deal done.” **Cutting bipartisan deals is the job of the President; we’ll see how well President Biden performs.**

It is also worth remembering that had the Biden Administration given Ukraine the weapons they asked for, when Ukraine asked for them, the United States might not be in a situation where the World’s second-largest democracy (India’s is the largest) walks away from a democratic country, Ukraine, that has been fighting for its life for over the past 10 years.

[“Ukraine Goes to Washington With a New Ask – Help us Make Our Own Weapons”/Wall Street Journal](#)

Before the beginning of the latest Russian invasion, Ukraine was one of the largest arms manufacturers in the World. During Soviet times, most of the Soviet ballistic missiles were assembled in Dnipropetrovsk. Ivano Frankivsk, in western Ukraine, was a major manufacturer of military electronics. Ukraine’s university system, including but not limited to Kyiv and Lv’iv Polytechnic Institutes, continues to produce top class technical talent. This is one reason why Ukraine has become a center for successful information technology companies. As the article points out, British, German, and Turkish arms manufacturers are starting up arms production in Ukraine.

For Ukraine to become fully able to defend itself, it’s critical for Ukraine to increase weapons production. Ukraine has already shown that they produce cutting edge weapons systems, especially drones and cruise missiles like the sea drones that have driven the

Russian Black Sea Fleet from Ukraine's coastline, and the Neptune cruise missile that sank "Moskva," the Flagship of the Black Sea Fleet.

["Former Ukrainian lawmaker Illia Kyva found dead in Moscow Region"](#)/Meduza IO

Ukrainian media states that he was the subject of an operation conducted by Ukrainian State Security. Kyva seems to have lived a comfortable life near Moscow, residing in a house next to the [Velich Country Club](#).

There is a connection between Kyva's murder and last weekend's hits on the BAM railroad in Siberia, cutting arms supplies to Russia from China and North Korea. The connection is that Ukraine's reach extends over all of Russian territory, whether it is individuals like Kyva, or Siberian Buryats who committed war crimes in Ukraine, to military and productive assets important to Russia's war effort, no matter where in the Russian Federation they are located.

News From the Battlefield

["Reporting From Ukraine"](#) continues his focus on Avdiivka. Given the movement of the 47th Mechanized Infantry Battalion from around Robotyne up to Avdiivka, plus Ukraine's continued expansion of the Dnipro Crossings, perhaps the former Southern Offensive around Robotyne is becoming kind of a fulcrum between the Donetsk Region, including Avdiivka, and the Dnipro Crossings. We'll see – Bohdan provides far more detail below.

Latest daily estimate of Russian dead and seriously wounded (permanently injured) – 1,120.

12/7/2023 Sitrep (my comment in **Bold Face**)

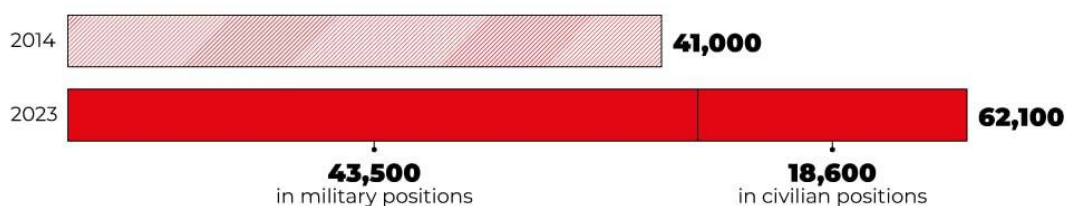
RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

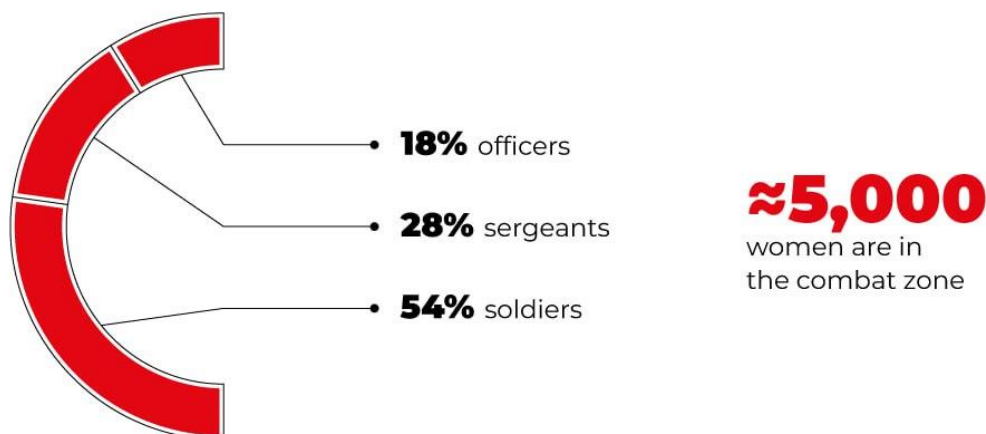
WOMEN IN THE UKRAINIAN ARMY

TOP LEAD

Number of women in the Armed Forces of Ukraine



Women in the Armed Forces of Ukraine by rank, 2023, %



Source: State Secretary of the Ministry of Defense Liudmyla Darahan

Data for 2023 as of October.

 t.me/uawarininfographics

NOTE: What is surprising to me is the number of women in the Ukrainian Army in 2014, at the end of Euromaidan and prior to the initial Russian invasion. Women give Ukraine a huge advantage in “people power” compared to the Russian Army, that has no women serving in Ukraine.

INTERNATIONAL

Thursday, December 7

8:00 AM: The Japanese government will help Ukraine in the amount of \$4.5 billion, including directly and through the World Bank, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said at online talks with G7 leaders.

8:00 AM: Australia has imposed sanctions on 13 Russians, including employees of the FSB, prosecutors and the Investigative Committee, Foreign Minister Penny Wong said.

8:00 AM: The US will send a special adviser to the Ministry of Strategic Industries of Ukraine to fight corruption and attract foreign investment, the White House.

1:18 AM: The US Senate has failed a procedural vote to begin work on legislation to provide emergency aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan worth about \$106 billion. The meeting was broadcast on the website of the US Senate.

- Out of the required 60 votes, 49 voted "for" and 51 voted "against".

6:00 AM: Canada bans imports of Russian diamonds and diamond products.

- "The implementation of this ban, in agreement with our G7 partners, sends a clear signal to Russia: we will not tolerate Russia's use of diamond revenues to finance war," Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly said.
- She called on Russian President Vladimir Putin to "immediately put an end to the unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine."

7:35 AM: An adviser from the USA will come to Ukraine to fight corruption and attract investments.

- In addition, the United States has created an interagency "Ukraine Deal Team." It consists of representatives of the US Department of State, the Ministries of Defense and Commerce.

- This group will support partners seeking guidance on potential deals and export requirements for Ukraine's defense industry.

8:05 AM: "American blood": Kirby named the price of refusing to support Ukraine.

- John Kirby, coordinator of the National Security Council of the United States, said that the United States takes very seriously the obligations under NATO's Article 5, which provides for a collective response in the event of an armed attack on one or more NATO countries.
- "If you're in the Capitol and you believe in national security, there should be genuine concern about what happens if you just let Putin go, let him get Ukraine. Make no doubt about it, he's not going to abandon his strategic goals of getting the whole country. He does not believe in the existence of a sovereign state. If we do not support Ukraine, ... and Putin gets all of Ukraine, then he will turn against the eastern flank of NATO," he said.

10:35 AM: In Washington Andrew Yermak, Ruslan Stefanchuk and Rustem Umerov conducted meeting from state secretary USA Anthony Blinken.

- This was reported in the Office of the President.
- The parties discussed the need to support macro-financial stability of Ukraine. Also during the meeting, the interlocutors discussed the situation on the battlefield and Ukraine's current defense needs.

11:15 AM: The top topic discussed by almost all the world's mass media was the blocking by Republican congressmen of the bill on the allocation of additional US money for aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan. In the Senate, 49 senators voted in favor of advancing the bill, and 51 senators voted against it. 60 votes are required to advance.

- As The New York Times writes, the current vote revealed a decrease in support for Ukraine in Congress.
- The Washington Post notes that every Republican in the Senate voted against the resolution. For example, Senator Bernie Sanders opposed this bill because of its inclusion of aid to Israel. In general, Republicans are eager to tie negotiations on aid to Ukraine to changes in their border policy, an issue on which Congress has not taken broad action in decades.
- The BBC writes that despite the fact that after the invasion of Russia in February 2022 Ukraine was widely supported by both parties in the United States, as well as widespread public displays of support for Ukraine, interest in the war among the American public has fallen significantly, especially because it has entered a "dead corner" without a clear end.
- Another important topic discussed in the mass media is the efforts of European leaders to stop Orbán, who is disrupting Ukraine's accession to the EU. According to The Guardian, the prime minister of Hungary, the EU's most pro-Russian leader, wants the issue of Ukraine's accession to be removed from the agenda of next week's summit.

11:19 AM: Japan will highlight Ukraine new package help \$4,5 billion, stated premier'Jer-minister countries Fumio In person.

- These funds will be used for the post-war reconstruction of the country.

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12:08 PM: Orbán's party has submitted a resolution to parliament calling on the government not to support the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the European Union, — Reuters.

- His ruling Fidesz party said that the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession should be based on consensus among member states, and "there are no conditions for this today."

2:32 PM: Britain introduces new sanctions against individuals and groups involved in the export of military equipment to the Russian Federation.

- This was reported by the press service of the British government.
- The sanctions apply to companies in Belarus, China, Serbia, Turkey, the UAE and Uzbekistan.

2:59 PM: Time magazine has named American singer Taylor Swift as its Person of the Year 2023.

- The day before, the magazine announced the sportsman of the year - he became the Argentine football player Lionel Messi.

3:20 PM: The Union of Motor Carriers of Slovakia (UNAS) is again threatening to completely block the checkpoint on the border with Ukraine.

- This is stated in the statement of the head of UNAS, Stanislav Skala.
- Slovak carriers demand to resolve the situation with the return of the permit system for Ukrainian truckers.

4:04 PM: The Ukrainian delegation met with the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Mike Johnson.

- " _He expressed the hope that the initiatives that are extremely important for the protection of our state will be adopted_ ", - wrote the head of the OP Yermak after the meeting.

4:11 PM: China has launched the world's first nuclear power plant with a high-temperature gas-cooled reactor.

- It is noted that the Chinese installation differs from traditional nuclear reactors in that helium is heated instead of water to produce electricity.

4:14 PM: The UN will continue to help the civilian population this winter, around 900,000 Ukrainians will be assisted.

- This is stated on the website of the organization.

4:24 PM: The EU will provide €4 million for medical care of Ukrainian refugees, the European Commission.

4:24 PM: The US and Sweden signed an agreement on defense cooperation, the press service of the US State Department.

4:24 PM: White House says massive Israeli operation in southern Gaza will end by January - BBC.

4:24 PM: China launches world's first nuclear power plant with high-temperature gas-cooled reactor, National Energy Administration of China.

4:51 PM: "Industry is not keeping up with demand, we are giving everything we can": Pistorius has promised to increase the production of weapons for Ukraine.

- German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said the defense industry was building capacity "wherever it can" but needed time to open factories and build up the necessary stockpiles. After establishing these processes, it will be possible to produce weapons quickly and without interruption.

7:02 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the leaders of the Group of Seven:

- "I believe that together we are able to make the next year productive for you and me. For you and me – for free nations. Not for Putin".

7:11 PM: US charges four Russian soldiers with kidnapping and torture of American living in Ukraine - CNN.

- It is the first time the US Department of Justice has brought charges under the law, which prosecutes those who commit war crimes against American citizens abroad.

- According to the prosecutor, two of the suspects were commanders of the armed forces of the Russian Federation, and the other two were of lower rank.

7:37 PM: Biden to announce \$175 million in additional aid to Ukraine during speech tonight, Reuters

8:09 PM: The US announced a new \$175 million military aid package.

- It will include ammunition for air defense and artillery shells, anti-radar and anti-tank missiles, according to the website of the State Department.

9:08 PM: The Pentagon has released details of a new package from the US. It contained:

- air defense missiles AIM-9M and AIM-7;
- additional ammunition for HIMARS missile and artillery systems;
- 155 mm and 105 mm caliber artillery shells;
- HARMs high-speed anti-radar missiles;
- TOW anti-tank guided missiles;
- Javelin and AT-4 anti-tank complexes;
- more than 4 million cartridges for small arms.

9:41 PM: Following the virtual summit on Wednesday, December 6, the G7 states announced their intention to introduce restrictions on Russian-made diamonds by January 1, 2024.

- _"We will introduce restrictions on the import of non-industrial diamonds mined, processed or produced in Russia until January 1, 2024, after which further phased restrictions on the import of Russian diamonds processed in third countries will be introduced until March 1, 2024" _ – it is stated in the published statement.

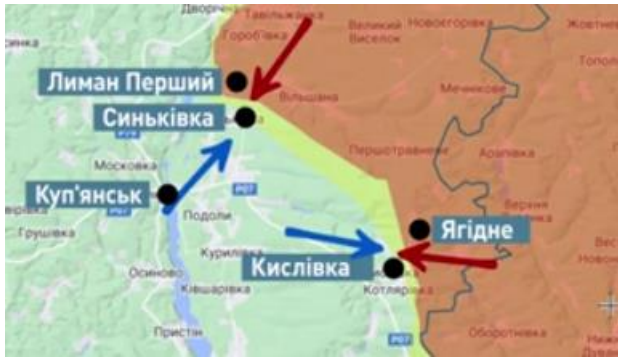
NATIONAL

Thursday, December 7

7:53 AM Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 7:

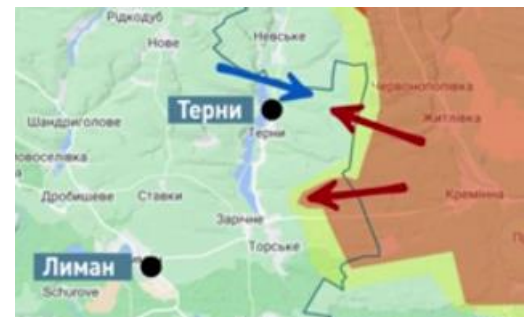
- During the day of December 6, there were 91x combat engagements.
- The enemy launched 2x missile and 80x air strikes, 85x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- During the day of December 6, the Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 1x Kh-59 guided missile.
- Also, as the day of December 7 began, the russian occupants attacked Ukraine again, using 18x Shahed-136/131 strike UAVs. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 15x strike UAVs.
- Air strikes hit Krasnyi Khutir (Chernihiv oblast), Synkivka, Ivanivka, Pishchane (Kharkiv oblast), Bilohorivka, Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Terny, Spirne, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, Stupochky, Avdiivka, Oleksandropil, Novomykhailivka, Urozhaine, Rivnopil (Donetsk oblast), Novodarivka (Zaporizhzhia oblast), Tyahynka, Krynky, and Lvove (Kherson oblast).
- More than 160x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of December 6, Ukrainian Air Force launched 11x air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 1x air strike on a command post, and 3x air strikes on the anti-aircraft missile systems of the adversary.
- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 1x helicopter, 1x anti-aircraft missile system, 3x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, 1x ammunition depot, and 2x artillery systems of the russian invaders.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group



Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 7x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Synkivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian defense forces repelled 6x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Terny, Vesele, and Rozdolivka (Donetsk oblast).

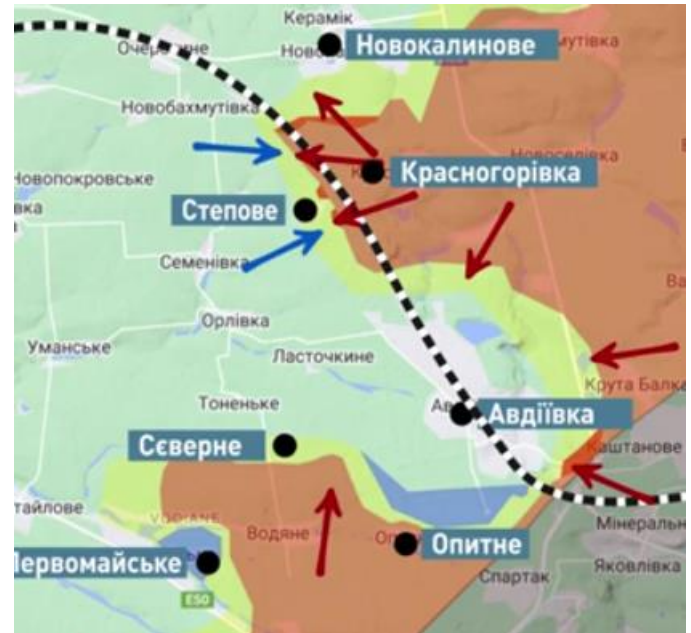


Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 12x attacks of the enemy in the vicinities of Bohdanivka, Klyshchiivka, and Andriivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue

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 34x attacks of the adversary in the areas east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiivka, Sjeverne, Tonenke, and Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).



Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Krasnohorivka, Maryinka, and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 17x attacks in that area.

Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 1x enemy attacks in the area north of Novodonetske (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 6x adversary attacks in the areas west of Verbove, Novoprokopivka, and Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces maintain their positions held on the left bank of the Dnipro River.

9:26 AM: Ukraine submitted request to USA on helicopters Apache and Black Hawk, fighters F-18, aircraft Globemaster, a also complex

systems air defense THAAD, — Reuters.

- Employees of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine presented the "list of weapons to meet the needs of the defense forces of Ukraine" during a closed meeting in Washington, attended by government officials and heads of the US defense industry.

9:38 AM: The largest rehabilitation center for military personnel is being reconstructed in Ukraine.

10:02 AM: Performance Ukrainian mobile fiery groups much grew up for the last 3-4 months.

- This was stated by Air Force spokesman Yuriy Ignat.
- _"This is due to the fact that even last year in Ukraine "there were no units equipped with the appropriate weapons to increase this result." Now the situation has been corrected," added Yuriy Ignat.

10:59 AM: Today cold increased consumption. It led to to occurrence shortage V power system, — Ukrenergo.

- "From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., emergency aid from Slovakia, Romania, and Poland will be used to balance the power system," the message states.

11:23 AM: Volodymyr Zelensky took off Fedora Venislavskyy with positions representative the president in Supreme glad.

- The corresponding decree appeared on the president's website.

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12:52 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky came to "Okhmadit" to see the children who are being treated after injuries.

- _"Every day we fight for Ukrainian children to live in a peaceful, independent Ukraine, to feel happy, for all their wishes to be fulfilled, and for their dreams to come true," - said the president.

12:54 PM: Attention! All of Ukraine is a missile hazard. The takeoff of the MiG-31K from the Savasleika airfield was recorded, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

2:07 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi signed the law on increasing the bank tax.

- This is stated in the card of the corresponding bill.
- The tax on their income will be increased from 18% to 50% already this year.

2:15 PM: "Ukraine needs rotations": Armed Forces serviceman Tymochko told how to withdraw soldiers without exposing the front

- "But in order to carry out effective rotations, it is necessary to select people. Other people must step in to replace them. It is unrealistic to withdraw a large number of troops just like that, it must happen very systematically and over a long period of time. After all, it is not allowed to expose any part of the front, this is the risk of a breakthrough. Then there may be such threats, when we will no longer have to think about rotation, but about salvation," he noted.

2:31 PM: The Council Committee approved draft laws on increasing the staff of the NABU and the powers of the NAKC for the second reading

- "The draft law is aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of NABU, in particular, at strengthening its personnel potential in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the performance of tasks in terms of prevention, detection, termination, investigation and disclosure of corruption and other criminal offenses assigned to its jurisdiction," Melnychuk explained.

2:46 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy honored Ukrainian soldiers with state awards.

3:28 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

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

3:30 PM: "Let's thank the defenders and cheer for our team", - "Ukrainian team" calls on Armed Forces Day to congratulate the defenders with donations for heating kits

- Yesterday, for Volunteer Day, you and I collected almost 700,000 hryvnias for heating kits for our defenders. Today is the Day of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Let's thank our defenders for protecting our peace and safety. And let's make our collection!
- It takes 50,000 kits to warm 50,000 defenders. 140 hryvnias – one warmed-up fighter. 4,200 hryvnias – a whole platoon is warmed up, Ukrainian Team reports.

3:41 PM: Umerov on the counteroffensive: the Armed Forces have already passed two lines of defense of the Russians

- "We are coping. We continue to liberate our territory. We passed the first (line of defense, - ed.), the second." - said the Minister of Defense.
- According to him, the Armed Forces de-occupied 50% of the territory of Ukraine and are defeating Russia on our land. Umerov also emphasized that Ukraine now has a plan for the liberation of territories for 2024.

4:32 PM: Not a single egg was purchased for 17 hryvnias, - Head of SAP Klymenko

- The head of SAP Oleksandr Klymenko stated at the anti-corruption conference that there was a contract for eggs for UAH 17, but not a single egg was purchased. Mark Savchuk, head of the Council of Public Control of NABU, wrote about this in his Telegram channel.
- "How to stop crying. A disgrace. The story that became a meme and led to the dismissal of the minister turned out to be a hoax_," he wrote.

5:06 PM: The enemy is trying to create as many centers of combat as possible, - ZSU fighter levlev about the situation in the east.

- Being in the direction of Horliv, I will tell you about the strip that we see in front of us. To the left of us is the Bakhmut direction, and to the right is Horlivka. In both directions on the map, it is about 10-12 km from our positions. Currently, the enemy is drawing manpower not point-wise to Horlivka or Avdiivka, but along the entire strip, increasing the number of personnel everywhere in order to distract the attention of the Armed Forces

5:29 PM: "Ukrzaliznytsia" launches an order service for military personnel, which will allow them to book tickets, even if they are no longer on sale.

- Special order tickets are available for 17 trains, which are the most popular among military personnel.
- In particular, these are routes to cities close to the war zone and vice versa.

5:30 PM: "Wspierajmy się" ("Let's support each other") peaceful action of Ukrainians took place near the Sejm building in the capital of Poland.

- Citizens engaged in international trade, with the support of the Association of International Automobile Carriers of Ukraine, emigrants and volunteers, are the first to ask to unblock the border. Activists explain that the pass restriction threatens the health and lives of Ukrainian drivers.
- They also ask to improve the terms of export and import between our countries, because it is necessary for both the Ukrainian and Polish economies. The third topic is the fight against disinformation and propaganda, because it takes its place in Poland and causes discord between people.

5:34 PM: Ukraine brought home eight children — four boys and four

girls.

- " _We are grateful to the State of Qatar and UNICEF for their involvement in the process of returning deported children and those who ended up in the International Labor Organization_," writes OP Yermak.

5:52 PM: Hundreds of drones for the Armed Forces are stuck on the Polish-Ukrainian border, - Chmut.

- Protests on the border of the EU with Ukraine inhibit the flow of military aid to Ukraine from volunteers and charitable foundations. For weeks, trucks with drones, electronics and pickup trucks for the military have been parked at the border. Taras Chmut, the head of the Ukrainian foundation "Return Alive", told about it.

6:02 PM: The time of passing the VLK has been reduced by three times, announced the Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal.

- " _An electronic queue has been implemented in all military health care facilities, the document flow has been digitized in 90% of military units_," Shmyhal notes.
- The Ministry of Digitization announced a plan to digitize the conclusion of the VLK in the near future.

7:26 PM: Defense Forces UAV pilots adjusted HIMARS operation on a Russian transport helicopter near Lyman.

7:57 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 6:

- During the day _83 combat clashes took place_. The enemy launched 2 rocket and 71 air strikes, fired 65 rocket salvo fire strikes at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- The aviation of the defense forces _delivered 11 strikes_ on the areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military

equipment, 1 - on the command post and 3 - on the enemy's anti-aircraft missile complexes.

- Units of the missile forces _hit 1 helicopter, 1 anti-aircraft missile complex_, 3 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 1 ammunition depot and 2 artillery pieces of the enemy.

9:55 PM: Lack of understanding of the needs of the Ministry of Defense on the ground creates problems for defense enterprises.

- Today, December 6, the first Ukrainian-American conference on arms production began in the USA. This event is supported by the Pentagon and the US Department of Commerce. At this conference, they will look for ways in which American defense companies can help their colleagues in Ukraine.

11:33 PM: The Air Force reports that the attack UAVs from Kirovohrad region are already in the south of Cherkasy region. Moving to the north.

- UAVs are moving in the direction of Vinnytsia region.
- Shaheds are moving in the direction of Vinnytsia.

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9:38 AM: Kremlin is trying to mobilize migrants for war in Ukraine, - ISW.

- Russia is trying to mobilize migrants from the Middle East and Africa, who were detained en masse by the Kremlin at the Russian-Finnish border in mid-November after the border crossings were closed.

9:49 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Sevastopol.

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1:10 PM: Russia is trying to improve Iran's Shahed attack drones, UK intelligence.

- Intelligence cites data from the end of November that a Ukrainian SIM card and a 4G modem were found in one of the downed Shaheds.
- As noted in the department, in this way, the Russian Federation is trying to improve guidance in real time using cell towers in order to reduce dependence on satellite navigation.

2:17 PM: Putin began a visit to the UAE, from where he will go to Saudi Arabia, — rosZMI.

- In the UAE, he is scheduled to hold talks with the country's leader, Mohammed Al Nahyan, first as part of delegations, and then face-to-face.
- In Saudi Arabia, Putin will meet with Crown Prince Mohammed Al Saud.

4:48 PM: The body of ex-parliamentary Ilya Kiva was discovered in the suburbs of Moscow, rosZMI reports.

5:15 PM: Ilya Kiva, Ex-National Deputy from OPZZ, was eliminated with small arms on the territory of Russia — this is a special operation of the Security Service of Ukraine, sources inform.

5:53 PM: "_Kyva is everything. Such a fate awaits all traitors of Ukraine_", - informed the representative of the GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine Andriy Yusov.

6:42 PM: A criminal case has been opened for the murder of Ilya Kiva, the Investigative Committee of the Moscow region.

- "Kiva, who was shot by an unknown assailant near Moscow, died on the spot," the message reads.

6:51 PM: The Russians have begun preparations for the mobilization of underage residents of Luhansk.

- According to the Russian plan, children over the age of 14 will be sent to a military school. And from the age of 16,

immediately prepare for mobilization, which is a gross violation of Article 51 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

11:21 PM: A transformer substation on the Sverdlovsk railway was blown up in Tyumen, Russia.

- According to the information of the "Freedom of Russia" resistance movement, they were preparing to transport military equipment through this line. Trains carrying military cargo remained blocked, halting supplies to the war zone.

REGIONS

KYIV



Thursday, December 7

7:50 AM: The bones of Pope John Paul II were brought to St. Nicholas Church in Kyiv for safekeeping.

- "For us, this is a very important event... The relics will be in the church on a permanent basis, accessible to everyone," said Father Pavlo Vyshkovskyi, rector of the parish of St. Nicholas.

Wednesday, December 6

5:10 PM: A monument to Hero of Ukraine Oleksandr Matsievsky, who was shot in Russian captivity, was opened in Kyiv.

- His last words were: "Glory to Ukraine!".

SUMY



Wednesday, December 6

10:37 PM: In the Sumy Oblast, during the liquidation of a fire caused by an enemy strike, firefighters came under repeated fire twice.

- It was possible to eliminate the sources of combustion and save the homes of civilians.

KHARKIV



Wednesday, December 6

8:47 PM: Missile danger for Kharkiv region, the Air Force reports.

LUHANSK



Wednesday, December 6

3:54 PM: A car was blown up in temporarily occupied Luhansk, — rosZMI.

- According to preliminary information, Oleg Popov, a "deputy of the People's Council" of the so-called "LNR", could be inside.

DONETSK



Wednesday, December 6

3:43 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Donetsk.

7:43 PM: A video of a second explosion in temporarily occupied Donetsk is published on local social networks.

DNIPRO



Wednesday, December 6

5:06 PM: Missile on the Dnipro, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

5:08 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipro.

6:05 PM: Air defense forces shot down a guided air missile over the Dnieper — PK "East".

KHERSON



Wednesday, December 6

1:54 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kherson.

6:56 PM Kherson Municipal Military Administration: The Dnipro district of Kherson is under fire.

7:44 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

ODESA



Thursday, December 7

12:56 AM: Enemy attack UAVs from the Black Sea are attacking the south of Odesa, the Air Force reports.

8:20 AM: One person died as a result of the night shelling of the port infrastructure of the Odesa region, — OVA

- There was a fire at the site, the warehouses, elevator and trucks were damaged.

Wednesday, December 6

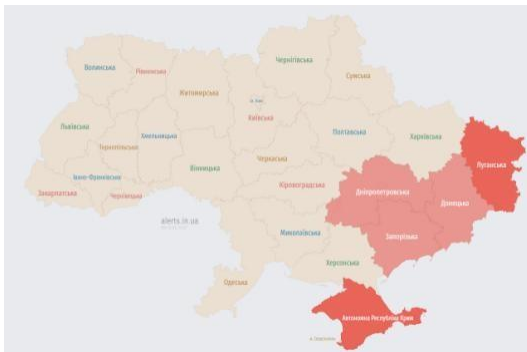
12:17 PM: A building collapsed in the center of Odessa, the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

- The destruction of the 3rd entrance of the emergency residential building from the 1st to the 3rd floor took place. No dead or injured were found at the scene of the destruction.

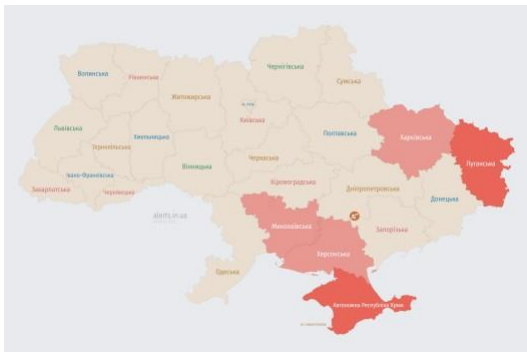
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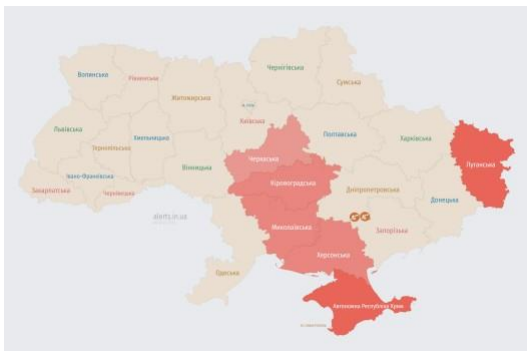
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 647 days	After 648 days	After 649 days	After 650 days	After 651 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	331,110	332,810	333,840	335,110	336,230

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5571	5580	5587	5600	5618
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10,385	10,401	10,416	10,456	10,482
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8854	8874	8900	8943	8964
Cruise Missiles		1568	1569	1570	1570	1571
Fighters Bombers	118	323	323	323	324	324

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		5994	6017	6032	6083	6116
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		602	602	605	605	605
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,369	10,410	10451	10,483	10,532	10,561
Naval Vessels		22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)
Specialized mobile electronic communication and jamming, ballistic radars		1138	1141	1148	1153	1156

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