

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. Today, we'll focus on how Euromaidan ended.

The ending took place over a 3-day period, starting with the fighting around the Parliament Building during the afternoon of Feb. 18, 2014, and ending on the morning of February 22, 2014, when Yanukovich fled Kyiv. Here is a chronology of events. For more detail, please buy the Ebook:

February 18, 2014

Renewed heavy fighting in and around Independence Square and the Parliament Building.

Yanukovich starts moving personal possessions out of his

estate, Mezhirya.

February 20, 2014

Over 100 people killed by snipers on Institutska St. First reports of Government defections

**February 21, 2014
Yanukovich and**

Representatives of Viktor

representatives of the Parliamentary opposition sign an agreement to bring the 2015 Presidential election forward 3 months and restore the 2004 Constitution. Agreement is witnessed by the foreign ministers of Poland, France and Germany. The agreement is [rejected](#) by the protestors, led by an impassioned speech by Volodymyr Parasiuk. In this video, it's possible to see the bodies of protestors killed the day before, being brought into Independence Square and Kyiv Mayor Vitalii Klitschko, a signer of the agreement, looking like he'd rather be anywhere than on that stage.

**February 22, 2014
and is removed as**

Viktor Yanukovich flees Kyiv

Yulia

President by vote of Parliament.

Tymoshenko pardoned and released from prison. Interim Government is named, including

**representatives from 3 Parties in
the
Parliamentary Opposition.**

This [video](#), entitled “3 Days of War,” is a summary of the events of this period (graphic).

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News From the Battlefield

I find it very difficult to apply the word “stalemate” to the current situation, for the following reasons:

- Today’s “[Reporting From Ukraine](#)” covers Russia’s failure to dislodge the Ukrainians from the Left Bank of the Dnipro. This is not an isolated undertaking by Ukraine; it is a prelude to something else. A crossing of the Dnipro in force gives Ukraine a number of options: south to Crimea; northeast toward the Zaporizhia Nuclear Power Plant; southeast toward Melitopol and attacking Russian troops opposing Ukraine’s Robotyne Offensive from behind.
- Ukraine is a couple of well-placed ATACM strikes away from cutting the Kerch Bridge. Crimea would then be effectively cut off.

As many experts have pointed out, it is wrong to focus on one land offensive and, on that basis, conclude that the war is a stalemate. It is best to consider the entire theater, including the Black Sea, Ukraine’s degrading of Russian logistics, a possible Ukraine move across the Dnipro, and other events.

Bohdan has very good maps (see below) covering the situations around Avdiivka and Kupiansk.

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Abbreviations:

RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

INTERNATIONAL

Saturday, December 9

7:15 AM: The EU has a "plan B" in case of Orbán's veto of the aid decision for Ukraine

- "We know how existential this is. European leaders are responsible people, at least 26... They will keep their commitments," an unnamed high-ranking EU official, who is participating in the preparation of the bloc's leaders' summit on December 14-15, told the publication.
- According to him, if Orban vetoes 50 billion euros for Ukraine, which they want to promise to transfer until 2027, the bloc can allocate a smaller amount for a shorter period, or the remaining 26 EU countries can continue their aid to our country on a bilateral basis.

8:01 AM: The US has blocked a United Arab Emirates resolution at a UN Security Council meeting demanding an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and the release of all hostages.

8:45 AM: Ukraine and Estonia agreed to produce robotic defense systems

- It is noted that the Agreement was signed during the First International Defense Industries Forum DFNC1, held in Kyiv on September 29.
- The first step in the framework of the agreement is to establish strategic cooperation in order to determine the needs of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, as well as ways to use robotic platforms on the battlefield. Over time, the Estonian company will integrate the combat experience of our military into

existing Milrem Robotics systems, as well as create new products.

11:15 AM: Venezuelan President Maduro signed decrees annexing the region of Guyana

- Maduro is said to have created a national high commission to protect Essequibo, an integrated defense zone with three integrated development zones. He also managed to form a branch of PDVSA - the state oil and gas company of Venezuela - in Essequibo. In addition, Maduro appointed Captain Alexis Rodríguez Cabello as head of the annexed region.
- "I ask for the support of the people and the Bolivarian National Armed Forces to move peacefully towards the great goal, so that our Venezuela remains with a full map, and our Venezuela moves peacefully, continues its path of glory, of unity," he said.

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12:51 PM: Finland refused Ukraine to extradite one of the leaders of the Russian group "Rusych" Petrovskyi.

- One of the reasons for refusing extradition to Ukraine was the unacceptable conditions of detention in Ukrainian prisons. This decision was due to the preliminary recognition by the European Court of Human Rights of the violation of the rights defined in Article 3 of Art. of human rights, in the conditions of detention in Ukrainian prisons.
- He participates in the distribution of "budgetary" expenses of the local occupation administration for the needs of Russian military formations.

1:16 PM: Germany announced new package military help Ukraine, — Ministry of Defense of Germany.

- It included:
 - More than 1,750 shells of 155 mm caliber.
 - 70 MGW automatic grenade launchers.

- LUNA NG reconnaissance drone.
- 10 VECTOR reconnaissance drones with spare parts.
- 6 patrol cars.
- 8 Zetros trucks.
- 100,000 first aid kits.
- Other medical preparations.

2:20 PM: If the US does not help Ukraine, Putin will start a war with NATO. World media highlights on December 8.

- The focus of the international media was the analysis of the consequences that may occur if the US Senate does not approve multibillion-dollar aid to Ukraine and how Russian hackers interfere in the political situation in the world.
- CNN analyzed how this stalemate over aid to Ukraine could have critical global consequences. The general conclusion is that "America's paralyzing political alienation may soon change the world for the worse."
- Almost two years after the war in Ukraine, the US "lifeline" of weapons and ammunition was under real threat for the first time. Thus, the assumption underlying Russian President Vladimir Putin's attempts to erase Ukraine from the world map – that the US will lose interest in war – is almost confirmed. This could have serious consequences that would shake the foundations of US global leadership, alienate allies and embolden America's enemies.

2:50 PM: German bank KfW will provide more than 24 million euros to create energy-efficient housing for IDPs.

2:50 PM: Andrii Shevchenko was officially nominated as a candidate for the presidency of the UAF.

5:17 PM: The UAE is a back door for Russia to enter the world: international expert Danilov on Putin's visit to Dubai.

- Serhii Danilov, deputy director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, noted that since February 24, 2022, Russia and the UAE have greatly increased cooperation in the financial sphere.
- "Putin's visit to the UAE is a powerful informational and psychological step that increases Russia's authority. The UAE, and in particular the emirate of Dubai, is a real black door and Russia's back entrance to the world. It is through this emirate that conversion, the bulk of gray and black exports, and the most important thing is financial flows.
- Since 24.02.22, they have greatly increased mutual trade and cooperation in the financial sphere. It is profitable for the Emirates, they cynically use it and are now making good money on it," commented the deputy director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

6:21 PM: Tusk promised to move forward by unblocking the border with Ukraine, presented his future government and accused Orbán of being pro-Russian

- Donald Tusk, the leader of the largest coalition in the newly elected Polish parliament, presented his future government, which, according to him, will deal with the establishment of relations with Ukraine.
- Polish opposition prime minister candidate Donald Tusk presented the future composition of his government and said he hopes to vote on a new cabinet as early as Tuesday, December 12, and to swear in a government on Wednesday.

6:40 PM: "We are optimistic": the head of the Italian Foreign Ministry spoke about the terms of Ukraine's accession to the EU and NATO

- It is impossible to determine the exact terms of Ukraine's accession to the European Union, but the government has demonstrated its determination to move towards the goal very

quickly. This was stated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Antonio Tajani.

- "At this stage, it is impossible to say exactly when Ukraine will become a member state of the EU. It will depend on the speed with which Ukraine will complete the alignment with European legislation and standards. But we are optimistic, as the government of Ukraine has shown a strong commitment and determination to take concrete steps forward at a very fast pace," he said.

7:58 PM: Britain will help restore 6 bridges in the Kyiv region

- It is indicated that the reconstruction will take place within the framework of a joint project of the Recovery Agency and the British government.
- "The department of guaranteeing export credits of the government of Great Britain, UK Export Finance, provides a guarantee for a loan in the amount of 31 million euros from Citibank. And British manufacturing companies will supply 20% of metal structures," the message says.

8:52 PM: Free Navigation: The International Maritime Organization will send a mission to prepare aid to Ukraine in the conditions of war with the Russian Federation

- The International Maritime Organization will send a mission to identify the needs of Ukraine in the implementation of the right to free navigation in the conditions of war with the Russian Federation. The Ministry of Reconstruction of Ukraine informs about this.
- "This decision formed the basis of the resolution "Impact of the Russian armed invasion of Ukraine on international shipping" adopted by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The results of the mission will be formed into a long-term project of technical assistance to Ukraine," the message says.

10:29 PM: Crimea is the shortest path to Ukraine's victory, Foreign Policy

- Experts from Foreign Policy are confident that the shortest path to Ukraine's victory lies through Crimea. This is stated in the Foreign Policy article.
- "The truth is that there is no easy way out. Moscow has repeatedly made it clear that it will only accept Kyiv's capitulation, and the latter's invulnerable ground offensive will only encourage the Kremlin. The only way to force Russian President Vladimir Putin to abandon his goal is to give Ukraine the means to defeat him on the battlefield," the article says.

11:31 PM: Estonian intelligence has warned about Russian plans to intensify offensive actions in the coming weeks.

- The intelligence center of the Estonian Defense Forces predicts that Russia will intensify offensive actions against Ukraine in the next few weeks. This was announced by the head of the Center, Ants Kiviselg, at the briefing. Estonian intelligence records the regrouping of Russian troops. In Estonia, it is believed that terrorists are preparing for new offensive actions in the coming weeks. At the same time, Avdiivka remains the main direction of the attack.
- "Russia is also putting pressure on the Bakhmut and Maryinka directions. On the northern side of Bakhmut and on the southern side of Maryinka, the Russian Federation has also made little progress," Kiviselg said.

4:41 PM: Britain imposes sanctions against Iranian and Belarusian security forces for human rights abuses, British Foreign Office.

4:41 PM: The International Olympic Committee has admitted athletes from Russia and Belarus to the 2024 Olympics in neutral status, according to the IOC website.

6:05 PM: "90% of the military aid we gave to Ukraine was actually spent in the US, with our manufacturers," Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said.

- "This has led to the creation of more American jobs, to the growth of our economy. So it's good for us and for them. We have to keep it going," he said.

6:19 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the participants of the first meeting of the International Coalition of States on the Return of Deported Ukrainian Children.

- "The world knows that this crime by Russia against Ukrainian children, against our families, is not something random, but the organized work of the Russian state system. The relevant work of the International Criminal Court and the warrant for the arrest of Russia's main criminal are absolutely convincing evidence that the deportation of children, deportation Ukrainian men and women will not go unpunished," the president said.

6:56 PM: Bulgarian Parliament Overrides President's Veto on APCs for Ukraine, — The Sofia Globe.

- The proposal was accepted by 161 deputies, 55 voted "against".

8:29 PM: Finland has contributed to the production of several hundred portable stoves. They will be sent to the front lines to the border guards defending Ukraine.

- "These are the so-called bourzuyki, which are manufactured in Ukraine with the assistance of our Finnish friends," - clarified in the DPSU.

8:44 PM: Future Polish Prime Minister Tusk promised to immediately unblock the border with Ukraine.

- The leader of the largest coalition in the newly elected parliament of Poland, Donald Tusk, who is most likely to head the country's government, announced his intention to settle problematic issues in relations with Ukraine.
- Tusk criticized the actions of the current government of Mateusz Morawiecki and said that he would immediately take up the correction of such problems as the blocking of cargo transportation on the border with Ukraine.

9:21 PM: The head of the International Association of Athletics Federations (World Athletics) Sebastian Coe said that Russian and Belarusian athletes will not compete at the Olympics in Paris.

- _"Perhaps you will see a few neutral athletes from Russia and Belarus at the Olympics in Paris, but not in athletics. Our position has not changed, the Council adheres to it. It is almost unanimously supported by the athletic family," he said.

10:43 PM: Ukraine evacuated 40 more of its citizens from the Gaza Strip.

- _"Our intelligence, our diplomats continue to evacuate Ukrainian citizens from the Gaza Strip. The evacuation of our people to safe territory continues all day today. Almost 40 more Ukrainian citizens are safe," the president said in his evening address.

11:20 PM: The EU Council and the European Parliament have reached a preliminary political agreement on a ban on Russian liquefied gas. This is stated in the press release of the Council of the EU.

11:20 PM: Finnish border guards detained the terrorist "Rusych", who was released by the court. He is suspected of terrorist crimes in Ukraine, - Yle

11:20 PM: Pro-Russian French politician Marine Le Pen will go on trial in the fall of 2024. She is accused of embezzling European Union

funds.

NATIONAL

Saturday, December 9

7:10 AM Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 9:

- Day 653 of the Russian full-scale military aggression against Ukraine continues.
- During the day of December 8, there were 77 combat engagements.
- The enemy launched a total of 27 missile strikes, 49 air strikes, 27 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements. Since the beginning of the day, Russian occupiers have launched strikes on Ukraine, using 20 Kh-101/Kh-555 air-launched cruise missiles, 1 Iskander-M ballistic missile and 6 S-300 anti-aircraft guided missiles. The Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed 14 Kh-101/Kh-555 cruise missiles. Unfortunately, the Russian terrorist attacks have resulted in civilian casualties and injuries. Private residential buildings as well as other civilian infrastructure were destroyed and damaged.
- During the day of December 8, Ukrainian Air Force launched 3 strikes on concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment, and 1 strike on an electronic warfare station of the occupiers.

Sivershchyna and Slobozhanshchyna axes: 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. Around 15 settlements came under enemy artillery and mortar fire, including Loknya, Iskryskivshchyna, Hrabovske, Seredyna-Buda (Sumy oblast), Huriv Kozachok, Veterynarne, Hraniv (Kharkiv oblast).

Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 9 enemy attacks in the vicinities of Synkivka and Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast). The adversary

launched an air strike near Petropavlivka and Podoly (Kharkiv oblast). The invaders fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Berestove (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: Ukrainian defense forces repelled an attack of the invaders who attempted to force Ukrainian units out of their positions in the vicinity of Spirne (Donetsk oblast). Moreover, the invaders launched air strikes in the area of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast) and Serebryanka (Donetsk oblast). The occupiers fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Nevs'ke, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Yampolivka, Torske, Serebryanka, Verkhniokamyanske (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 10 attacks near Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchivivka and Andriyivka (Donetsk oblast). The adversary launched an air strike in the vicinity of Chasiv Yar (Donetsk oblast). Around 10 settlements, including Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchivivka, Andriyivka (Donetsk oblast), came under artillery and mortar fire.

Avdiyivka axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 32 attacks in the area east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiyivka, Tonenke, Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast), where the enemy, with air support, was making unsuccessful attempts to breach Ukrainian defenses. Also, the adversary launched an air strike near Lastochkyne (Donetsk oblast). The enemy fired artillery and mortars at more than 10 settlements, including Berdychi, Stepove, Avdiyivka, Tonenke, Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: Ukrainian defense forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Krasnohorivka, Maryinka, Pobjeda and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), where the enemy launched 20 failed attacks on positions of Ukrainian defenders. The settlements of Hostre, Heorhiyivka, Maryinka, Pobjeda, Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast) were under artillery and mortar fire of the occupiers.

Shakhtarske axis: the enemy conducted no offensives. Around 10

settlements, including Vodyane, Vuhledar, Prechystivka, Urozhaine (Donetsk oblast), came under artillery and mortar fire.

Zaporizhzhia axis: Ukrainian defense forces repelled 1 enemy attack west of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast). More than 20 settlements, including Charivne, Hulyaipole, Huliaipilske, Mala Tokmachka, Pyatykhatky, Kamyanske (Zaporizhzhia oblast), came under artillery and mortar fire.

Kherson axis: the enemy fired artillery at the settlement of Ivanivka (Kherson oblast), and the city of Kherson.

- Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold their ground on the left bank of the Dnipro River (Kherson oblast) and inflict fire on the enemy.

8:01 AM: Ukraine managed to return 387 children out of almost 20,000 abducted by Russia.

8:43 AM: Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovohrad, Kherson, Zaporizhia regions — missile danger.

- This was reported by the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

9:08 AM: Ukraine is in for a few tense weeks in the energy sector, said Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, chairman of the board of Ukrenergo.

- At this time, the temperature may be low, which will put a certain load on the power system.

9:38 AM: Ukraine is preparing for next year "training" that will force Russia to withdraw from Crimea, said the head of the Ministry of Defense Rustem Umerov.

- "_The developments we are preparing for 2024 will give us very good opportunities for them to leave our Crimea forever_" the minister said.

11:45 AM: In Ukraine, every fifth soldier with amputees had post-tourniquet syndrome, volunteer Korchynska

- "A paramedic soldier can be trained in 4-5 days, then there will be a paramedic in each unit. In this case, the CLS is responsible anyway, this is the protocol of the TSSS recommendations," the volunteer explains.
- Ms. Oksana emphasized that the All-Ukrainian Resuscitation Council managed to implement a standardized training program for combat rescuers of the CSSS CLS.

Friday, December 8

12:14 PM: Today in the morning fixed a record high level consumption electricity.

- "Ukrenergo" again attracts emergency assistance from Romania and Poland from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Energy experts urge Ukrainians to be frugal today.

1:21 PM: Enemy restored cruise missile capability: Ignat about night attack.

- "The enemy is attacking Ukraine with various means of attack. The missile attacks that took place last year and, in the summer, have continued now. The enemy has restored its missile potential in a few months. That is, we have not had such large-scale attacks by cruise missiles for some time. The GUR calculated how many Russians manage to restore of missiles every month, and how much they spent every month. During the autumn months, the enemy restored its potential of cruise missiles," Ignat emphasized.
- The spokesman of the Air Force Command also added that the enemy is hitting infrastructure facilities with high-precision long-range weapons.

1:49 PM: Verkhovna Work voted for 2 draft laws: about magnification on 300 people state NABU and about possibility NAZK

check property acquired to public services.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported this.
- The need for such laws is spelled out in the requirements of the European Commission regarding the start of negotiations with Ukraine on joining the EU.

2:50 PM: In the last one and a half months, this is the eighth attack on a frontline thermal power plant. Energy experts add that the Russian Federation continues to carry out systematic terrorist attacks on civilian and energy facilities of Ukraine.

2:50 PM: Since the beginning of December, Ukraine has exported more than 800,000 tons of grain.

3:01 PM: The Verkhovna Rada strengthened the autonomy and independence of the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAP), People's Deputy Yaroslav Zhelezniak said.

- The adoption of the relevant draft law was supported by 298 people's deputies.

3:26 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy had a conversation with the Prime Minister of Estonia Kaia Kallas.

- They discussed the further strengthening of air defense, as well as the importance of maintaining the political and financial support of Ukraine from the EU.

3:49 PM: Over 250 auto received Armed Forces from beginning big war for assistance Favbet Foundation.

- The vast majority of cars handed over to the military are pickup trucks and off-road vehicles.

4:41 PM: The Executive Committee of the Kyiv Association of Football Associations voted for Andrii Shevchenko as a candidate for the presidency of the Ukrainian Football Association, the institution's official website reports.

5:04 PM: The Air Force reports a missile threat in the Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, and Zaporizhia regions.

5:46 PM: The Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine will present a number of new products in "Diia" at the Diia Summit, which will be held on December 19.

- The agency notes that the Diia Summit will traditionally feature a presentation of revolutionary services. One of them, which is most awaited, is the re-registration of a car in the Diya application.

7:07 PM Summary of the General Staff as of 18:00 on December 8:

- During the day _77 combat clashes took place._
- The enemy launched _27 missile and 27 air strikes, carried out 49 shellings from rocket launchers_ on the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas.
- The units of the missile forces inflicted damage on _3 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 1 electronic warfare station_ of the enemy.

7:19 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi signed three laws that are necessary for Ukraine to join the EU. These are laws about:

- Increasing the composition of NABU by 300 people;
- The ability of the NAKC to inspect property acquired for public service;
- Regarding taking into account the expert assessment of the Council of Europe and its bodies regarding the rights of national minorities.

10:10 PM: The SBU spoke about a unique special operation to eliminate the Russian headquarters in Polissia in 2022.

- The headquarters housed the leadership of the Russian troops advancing on Kyiv. The occupiers also kept a large amount of equipment, ammunition and fuel nearby.
- The special forces of the SBU inconspicuously delivered the artillery to the so-called gray zone, close to the Russian

positions. Thanks to a successful artillery exercise, the command post of the invaders was destroyed.

11:51 PM: A police officer will appear in every school, the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko said.

- First of all, the safety of children will be strengthened in the front-line and border areas with Russia and Belarus. A police officer will monitor order and respond to reports of violations.
- Also, all schools want to be equipped with metal detectors so that children cannot carry prohibited objects and outsiders cannot enter the territory of the educational institution.

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2:29 PM: Raids of the Ukrainian military in occupied Crimea will continue, Andriy Yusov, a representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Ukraine, said.

- "There is public information about several raids. In fact, there were more of them, but we will not reveal all the details yet. We can claim that these are definitely not the last raids and operations," Yusov said.
- Such special operations allow Ukrainian spies to gather information and carry out subversive tasks.

4:41 PM: Putin announced his intention to run for president of Russia in 2024.

6:59 PM: The Russian Federation launched a fake about the mobilization of a 17-year-old orphan by Ukraine and his death in the war

- The Russians launched a fake at the open debate of the UN Security Council. First Deputy Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the UN Polyanskyi said that a 17-year-old orphan who was allegedly mobilized from an orphanage to the 103rd

Brigade of the People's Liberation Army was recently killed at the front.

- The Anti-Disinformation Center emphasized that this is yet another lie of the Rashists. After verifying the information, it became known that it was a 26-year-old soldier from the Lviv region who died at the end of November in the Druzhba area.

9:07 PM: Britain's intelligence explained why the Russian Federation is striking at Zmeiny with a risk to crews and planes

- British intelligence believes that the Russian Federation is striking at Zmeiny, even at the risk of its crews and aircraft, to demonstrate its ability to carry out operations in the Black Sea.
- The agency recalled that on December 5, the Ukrainian military, most likely with a surface-to-air missile, shot down a Russian Su-24M bomber over the northwestern part of the Black Sea in the area of Zmiiny Island. The plane's crew of two people probably died.

REGIONS

KYIV



Saturday, December 9

9:35 AM: In the center of Kyiv, the dismantling of the monument to the Soviet leader Shchors began

- It is noted that before this, the monument to the Soviet leader, located in the center of Kyiv, had its protective status removed. The KMDA stressed that for the dismantling of the complex structure, a temporary partial blocking of traffic on Taras

Shevchenko Boulevard is possible. In the future, the monument will be kept in the Antonov State Aviation Museum of Ukraine.

10:24 AM: A meeting of the State Commission for Technogenic and Environmental Safety was held in Kyiv regarding the situation with the flooding of several stations of the blue metro line.

- This was announced by the Minister of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko.
- In the capital, the carrying capacity of public transport will be increased, the timing of traffic lights will be adjusted, stops will be moved and some road signs will be changed to prevent a traffic collapse.

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9:49 PM: IN Kyiv 6 stations subway closed on repair. He, according to with forecasts, will be last at least half year.

- Flooding occurred in the distillation tunnels between the "Demiivska" and "Lybidska" stations in the floodplain of the Lybid river.
- The prosecutor's office has already started a pre-trial investigation into the flooding of the tunnels of the Kyiv subway on the Obolonsko-Teremkivska line.

11:36 PM: The Prime Minister of Ukraine instructed to hold a meeting of the technogenic and environmental safety commission on the situation in the Kyiv subway on December 9.

- _"Our task is to quickly assess the situation and take measures to prevent it from developing in a negative scenario," - stressed Denys Shmyhal.

KHARKIV



Friday, December 8

12:20 PM Kupiansk District Military

Administration: The Russian Federation is trying to break through to Petropavlivka and Senkivka in

the Kharkiv region.

- The head of the Kupyan District Military Administration, Andriy Kanashevich, commented on the statements of some Russian so-called warlords that the enemy army had already captured Senkivka: "Battles are raging on the approaches to Senkivka, they have been raging there for a long time, the front line there remains unchanged."
- Kanashevich said that the enemy army is conducting assaults in the direction of Petropavlivka and Senkivka, while Kurylivka is suffering from airstrikes.

LUHANSK



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10:45 AM: "Not people, but houses will vote": before the Russian presidential elections, the occupiers in Luhansk region are checking the

population, - RMA

- "The elections of the President of the Russian Federation are to be held in March and will last for three days. During the entire term of the declaration of will in the so-called LPR, it was allowed to use door-to-door canvassing of the population," he writes in a telegram.
- According to the head of the OVA, only the members of the election commission will testify whether there is a person in the apartment or the house. And they need to justify the trust of the occupation authorities. In addition, from January 1, the

occupiers will stop providing medical services to Ukrainians who did not agree to receive Russian passports.

DONETSK



Saturday, December 9

9:19 AM: ISW reported active Russian attacks near Avdiivka

- Geolocation footage released on December 8 shows that Russian troops have advanced to the treatment facilities south of Krasnohorivka (5 km northwest of Avdiivka).
- ISW also reports with reference to Russian sources that on December 7 and 8, Russian troops advanced in the direction of Novokalynovo (13 km northeast of Avdiivka), to the outskirts of the Avdiiv coke plant northwest of Avdiivka, and in the industrial zone southeast of Avdiivka.

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3:45 PM: The enemy is increasingly using "meat" assaults: Avdiivka Municipal Military Administration

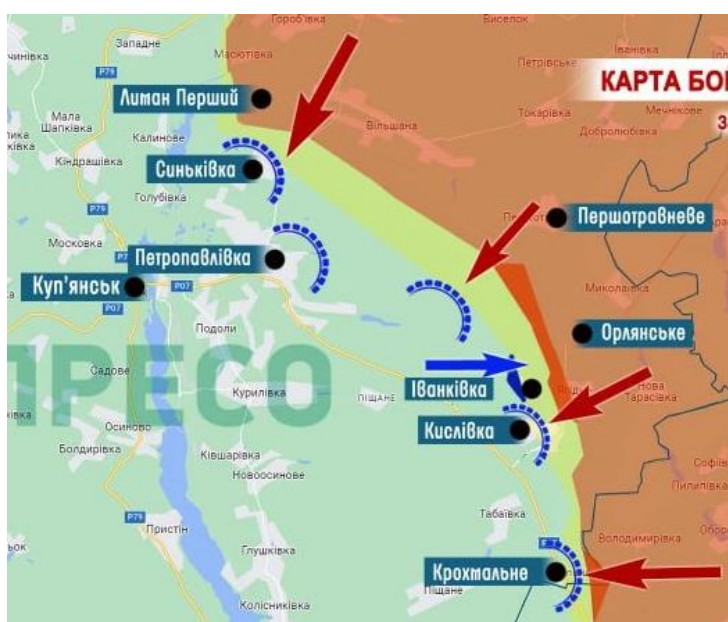


- The head of the Avdiivka city military administration, Vitaliy Barabash, reported that the enemy is pressing along the entire defense line around Avdiivka.
- "The situation remains hot in the Avdiivka direction. The enemy is pressing along the entire

defense line around the city. The Russians are using many infantry groups. Currently, the weather conditions do not allow

the occupiers to use equipment, so they are increasingly using "meat" assaults, throwing more and more into the battle personnel.

- But the Russians do not succeed on the front line, so the enemy compensates for these failures with the number of shelling on the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on the defense line and in the city," Barabash emphasized.



4:16 PM: The "Steel Border" brigade about the Kupyan direction: the enemy's troops concentrated the most near Sinkivka.

- The head of the press service of the "Steel Border" assault brigade, lieutenant colonel of the State Border Service, Ivan Shevtsov, noted that the

enemy is trying by all means to break through the defense line in the Sinkivka area.

- "The Steel Border Brigade continues to conduct combat operations in the Lymano-Kupian direction. The enemy continues to attack the positions of the Defense Forces. Over the past day, the enemy has carried out 7 assault attacks, all attacks were repulsed. But the enemy continues offensive actions in the Kup' direction The hottest situation is in the area of Sinkivka settlement.
- There, the enemy concentrated the largest number of personnel and equipment. The Russians are trying with all their

might and means to break through this direction," Shevtsov stressed.

DNIPRO



Saturday, December 9

8:01 AM: Today at night Russians with difficult artillery fired at Nikopol Dnipropetrovsk region, — THIS.

Friday, December 8

1:25 PM: For specified information, in Pavlograd by rocket attack suffered 8 people. It men from 32 to 66 years, — RMA.

- "In addition to Pavlograd, Ternivka and Yuryivska hromada, there is destruction in Mezhyritsk hromad", said the head of Dnipropetrovsk OVA Serhiy Lysak.

10:15 AM: In the temporarily occupied Novaya Kakhovka, the enemy tightens the chains of total control, - the mayor

- "There is an enemy loop of occupation from the first day until today, especially in the front-line zone. This is a chain of constant total control. Most people don't even want to leave their homes once more, because they left - and you end up with the hangover of a soldier who in the morning telepathizes on the street. Then you need to go to the hospital for some kind of service, but you can't, because the first question will be: where is your Russian passport. If you drive in your own vehicle, you will be asked at a checkpoint: why is it not registered in Russia. They will drive you to a labyrinth of hopelessness, and therefore the further it is from the start of the war, the less opportunity people have to stay," explained the mayor of the temporarily occupied city.

KHERSON



Saturday, December 9

10:07 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the temporarily occupied Skadovsk of the Kherson region.

11:10 AM Kherson RMA: Russian army struck Berislav from a drone.

- As a result of dropping an explosive object, one person died. Another one was injured.

Friday, December 8

3:00 PM: Goncharenko centers, together with opera singer Iryna Zhytynska, are launching a fundraiser for the special unit of the Armed Forces of Ukraine at Chaklun BpAK!

- These birds have already proven themselves excellently in the Kherson region and help our soldiers create real hell for the occupiers. More such "Sorcerers" - more pain for the enemy!

9:03 PM Kherson RMA: Explosions are heard in the coastal areas of Kherson.

MYKOLAIV



Friday, December 8

10:17 PM Mykolaiv RMA: An explosion is heard in Mykolaiv.

ODESA



Friday, December 8

2:50 PM: Mav pseudo Mazepa: in Odesa, the SBU detained a man who was spying for the FSB.

- For a reward from the occupiers, the person involved wanted to become a deputy of the Verkhovna Rada.

VINNYTSIA



Friday, December 8

11:03 PM: An outbreak of viral hepatitis A has been eliminated in Vinnytsia, the chief state sanitary doctor Ihor Kuzin said.

- The outbreak occurred due to the asymptomatic course of the disease among market and food production workers.

ZAKARPATIA



Friday, December 8

12:34 PM: U Zakarpattia OTCC and SP reacted on the situation with by hand summons in gyms and tourist complexes.

- _"Employees of the Zakarpattia OTCC and SP continue to issue summonses within the framework of mobilization measures in a legal manner. In our opinion, those men of conscription age who deliberately avoid military service, exercise in sports halls or have fun in recreation complexes are not privileged compared to the servicemen of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, who in difficult conditions hold the defense and beat the enemy", - the message says. .

LVIV-



Friday, December 8

10:26 PM: Iryna Farion filed a lawsuit in court regarding her dismissal from Lviv Polytechnic, the media reports.

- "It was an illegal politically motivated dismissal," Farion said.