

# News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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## From Bohdan

Understanding events is difficult if you can't see the entirety of events.

For example, yesterday's sinking of the rashists' ship Ivanovets, occurred against a background of numerous observations about a frontline stalemate. When seen in that light the event is unexpected, a one off, unlikely to represent anything more than chance.

However, if we apply the lens of chance to other similar events that occurred following the new year, such as the burning of rashist oil refineries near St. Petersburg, or downing of far-seeing reconnaissance and command aircraft, then another picture emerges.

That picture is that the rashist seems to constantly be having bad luck during the ongoing stalemate, or that something else is happening which we aren't seeing.

One of the least noticed events, which is not seen, but occurs everyday, is Rashist attacks on Ukrainian civilians and civilian infrastructure. Equally unnoticed is that Rashists are on a ground offensive while Ukraine is on a ground defensive. Totally unseen is daily Ukrainian attacks on rashist military and military infrastructure.

Not seeing continuous rashist military failure and wanton destruction of civilians is not the result of the fog of war. It appears instead to be a best of

possible worlds projection through the finely ground lens of rashist misinformation.

After all, how would it look if the genius putler (that would be an amalgam of Putin & Hitler, was seen as a serial bully blunderer. And how would his friends look if their fate was seen to be tied to a loser who had run out his string of luck.

Now may be the time when it is far better to look harder and question deeper the lies and falsehoods buttressing the march of extremism seeking to completely undo our imperfect international order.

"It has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time." Winston Churchill

### The Sinking of the Russian [Navy Ship "Ivanovets"](#)

Yet another ship from the Russian Black Sea Fleet enters [Davey Jones' Locker](#). The best accounts are from the [BBC](#) and the "[Latest Denys](#)." As a "Former Naval Person," I will add a few observations and perspectives.

Apparently, the ship was hit by 4 Ukrainian drone boats, 2 hitting amidships and 2 others hitting the stern area, likely disabling either the steering or the propulsion, or both. The BBC video shows the ship turning to starboard, either using an evasive maneuver or, possibly, because of a jammed rudder from one of the drone boats.

Denys wonders why the ship wasn't using its shipboard armament. The likely reason is that the ship was unable to depress her guns enough to be able to get a shot at the incoming drones. The shots being fired at the drones, observable on the videos, likely came from hand-held machine guns. Sailors firing the guns had to deal with a pitching deck and the effects of

sharp turns by the ship in an effort to avoid the drone boats, making accurate aiming impossible.

It is ironic that it was Soviet-built [Komar Class](#) missile boats, operated by Egypt, that launched the first cruise missiles fired in anger. On October 21, 1967, while anchored in the harbor of Port Said, Egypt, 2 Komar Class boats fired a total 4 “Styx” cruise missiles, 2 per boat, at the Israeli destroyer “Eliat,” sinking her. At the time the U.S. Navy had no defense against cruise missiles. 1 cruise missile launched from a Komar Class boat could seriously damage an aircraft carrier.

Soon after the U.S. Navy developed a Close-in Weapons System called the Phalanx. Phalanx was recently used in the Red Sea by the destroyer U.S.S. Gravelly to take out a Houthi cruise missile which, according to a report from [CNN](#), was around 4 seconds from hitting the Gravelly. The irony is that having been the first to fire a cruise missile in anger, neither the Soviets nor their Russian successors bothered to employ ship-borne defenses.

### General Zaluzhniy’s Status

Still undetermined. Perhaps U.S. officials have suggested to Pres. Zelenskyy that, given the precarious state of future U.S. weapons deliveries to Ukraine, that now is not the time to remove a largely successful, and popular, Supreme Commander, likely for nothing more than political reasons. On the other side, Zelenskyy likely has advisers whispering in his ear that it’s necessary to sideline Zaluzhniy, a potential political rival. In the meantime, Gen. Zaluzhniy has penned another [analysis](#) of the war, this time for CNN. Bohdan has more about Zeluzhniy’s article below. This link contains link to both Zaluzhniy’s complete article and CNN’s analysis.

### The GLSDB Missile/Gliding Bomb

In late Summer of 2022 Ben Aris, Editor of BNE Intellinews, complained to me that the U.S. allowing Patriot missiles, a completely defensive weapon (at least until recently when launchers have been allegedly sent closer to the front line to take out Russian bombers and spy planes), to be sent to Ukraine would increase the likelihood of Russia employing tactical nuclear weapons.

I wonder what Aris thinks about this little [“treasure,”](#) the GLSDB Gliding bomb. According to reports, Ukraine already has the weapon. Watch the video, courtesy of the Wall Street Journal.

[“I’m not your boss, I’m your commander’ Russian officials are picking up bad habits in occupied Ukraine, where corruption and impunity reign”/Meduza IO](#)

The article states, “One of the biggest problems, according to the sources, is that officials in the annexed regions “learn to take an excessively liberal approach” when spending the (Russian) federal budget funds allocated for the regions’ “recovery,” even by Russian civil service standards. One regional official referred to the occupied territories as a “real school of corruption.” This is highly amusing. It’s almost as if Ukrainians are undermining the Russian civil service from within.

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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

8:02 AM: The participation of 83 countries in the discussion of the Ukrainian Peace Formula proves the isolation of Russia, the EU.

8:02 AM: The heads of the US and British defense ministries discussed further support for Ukraine, — Pentagon.

8:02 AM: NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, on a trip to the US, held meetings with Republicans in Washington to garner support for aid to Ukraine.

10:23 AM: Dmytro Ovsyannikov, the occupying ex-governor of Sevastopol, was detained in Britain, - The Times.

- He is suspected of violating sanctions legislation. He is under arrest.
- Ovsyannikov headed the Russian-occupied city from 2017 to 2019. Before and after that, he was the Russian Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade. In 2020, he was removed from his post and dismissed from the government, allegedly due to a scandal involving indecent behavior at the Izhevsk airport.

12:33 PM: At the summit, 27 leaders of the EU member states agreed on a four-year aid package for Ukraine worth €50 billion.

- This was announced by the head of the European Council, Charles Michel.

1:19 PM: In Argentina, the son of the Russian oligarch Igor Churkin, who tried to keep his business in Ukraine by deception, was detained - DBR.

- "On the basis of the evidence gathered by the SBI, the law enforcement agencies of the Republic of Argentina detained the son of Russian businessman Ihor Churkin, who tried to preserve assets in Ukraine at the expense of the state bank," - reports on the department's website.

4:22 PM: The Diet of Latvia has officially banned the country's athletes from playing against Russians and Belarusians, — Delfi.

4:22 PM: FBI says Chinese hackers attack US infrastructure, BBC

4:22 PM: Armenia has officially become a member of the ISS — now Putin can be arrested on a warrant if he visits, Armenpress.

4:22 PM: Iran has begun construction of four nuclear power plants in the country's south, with an expected total capacity of 5,000 megawatts, Associated Press.

6:41 PM: Russia received high-tech equipment from Taiwan to be used in the military industry, in particular, for the production of combat UAVs, — The Washington Post.

- "From January 2023 (Russian - ed.), the I Machine Technology company imported complex equipment, defined as CNC machine tools worth more than \$20 million, made in Taiwan, which is a strategic partner of the United States", - the publication writes.

10:48 PM: US approves plan to strike Iranian targets in Syria and Iraq, CBS News.

10:48 PM: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Maloni and French President Emmanuel Macron played a key role in convincing Viktor Orbán not to block a €50 billion financial aid package for Ukraine, Politico reports.

10:48 PM: Two passenger planes collided at the airport in the Japanese city of Osaka, Xinhua reported.

## **NATIONAL**

7:38 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 February 1:

- During the past 24 hours, 66 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 8 missile and 94 air strikes, carried out 97 attacks from the anti-aircraft missile system on the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and populated areas.
- During the day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces struck 15 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 2 anti-aircraft missile complexes of the enemy. One Kh-59 guided air missile was also destroyed by the forces and means of the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine.
- Units of missile troops struck 5 artillery units, 1 ammunition depot and 4 enemy air defense units.

10:34 AM: OKKO and Povarnys zhim launched the 3rd stage of OKKO for OKKO: 500 million hryvnias to strengthen VAT

- OKKO and "Return Alive" plan to purchase 10 Pulstron combat complexes - with a total cost of UAH 500 million - for units of the amphibious assault troops. This will be done within the framework of the EYE FOR AN EYE 3.0 initiative, which started today.
- One Pulstron includes more than 40 pieces of weapons and equipment: various models of strike and reconnaissance drones, pickups, walkie-talkies, night vision devices, etc. The cost of one complex is UAH 50 million. According to preliminary estimates, the amount of ammunition and attack drones in one complex will be enough to carry out the combat tasks of one unit for six months. It is

expected that the first such complexes will enter service with the Armed Forces already in April.

7:42 AM: At night forces and means air defense of Ukraine destroyed 2/4 hostile drones.

1:05 PM: Activity of Russian tactical aviation is observed in the south-eastern direction, — Air Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

1:55 PM: Electronic subpoena will be deemed served even if you haven't seen it, draft law.

- As soon as it is in the electronic cabinet, it is delivered. If the summons is sent to the electronic office later than 5:00 p.m., it will be considered served on the next working day.
- If, for some reason, the citizen was unable to come to the TCC, he must report this within 3 days.

2:15 PM: From the agreed €50 billion package, Ukraine expects to receive the first payment of €4.5 billion already in March.

- This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Economy.
- "Currently, the Government is working on a corresponding agreement on transitional financing together with European partners," the message reads.

2:33 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky thanked the leaders of the EU countries for the allocation of €50 billion in aid.

- "This is a clear signal that Ukraine will stand up and that Europe will stand up. It is very important that this decision was adopted unanimously by all 27 member countries. This is another clear sign of strong unity and support for Ukraine," the president noted.

3:02 PM: The information about the crossing of the border of Ukraine by a person named Oleksiy Arestovych on September 4, 2023, allegedly on the

basis of a letter from the GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, is not true.

- "\_The Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine did not provide the specified person with any letters or any other documents for traveling abroad\_", - writes GUR MOU.

3:10 PM: "Ukrainian team" opens a new big gathering for attack drones: Let's make orcs furious!

- Our attack drones have grown wings, so they can now cover many times greater distances and carry many times heavier ammunition.
- The guys regularly pass on all of your fiercest "greetings" to the orcs. And you and I will help them even more in this.
- 10 million hryvnias - 200 planes per head of the orcs! Throw 200 hryvnias once, two hundred hryvnias twice or as much as you want! 200 by 200! Donat! Two hundred orcs! Let's make the orcs furious, urges the "Ukrainian team".

3:32 PM: In Ukraine, they began to prepare a register of producers of technical hemp, — the Ministry of Agrarian Policy.

- "[...] \_To make it clear who grows, how much, and which seeds are used. It will not be necessary to obtain licenses, quotas or separate permits for cultivation\_", - noted First Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy Taras Vysotskyi.
- Currently, the document is signed by the President of Ukraine.

5:01 PM: One in three people's deputies who submitted a declaration for 2022 bought a new car or real estate in the first year of the great war alone, Economic Truth.

- During the first year of the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation, deputies declared 134 new vehicles, in addition to the 304 they had. 109 deputies bought at least one new car.



- Also, people's deputies have 260 new real estate objects in addition to almost a thousand acquired before the Great War (apartments, houses and land plots).

5:33 PM: BEB referred to the court case files regarding an organized crime group that organized and conducted illegal gambling.

- In May 2023, a citizen of the Russian Federation, who lives in the territory of Kyiv region, organized the operation of illegal gambling establishments and involved three more accomplices, who later acted as administrators.
- The activities of the underground institution were carefully concealed. Customers agreed on a visit to the hall in advance with the administrators and it was opened only to verified customers.

6:27 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers is preparing a draft resolution that will introduce a simplified certification system for demining operators.

- The Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal reported this.
- "\_This year, for the first time in the state budget, we allocated UAH 3 billion for humanitarian demining programs\_" Shmyhal writes.

7:01 PM: Now the purchase of mass market UAVs will take place through the Prozorro system, — Ministry of Statistics.

- The regulation will provide equal conditions for access to government contracts, thanks to competition, the state will be able to choose the supplier with the most favorable prices.
- "\_All sensitive information, such as dates and places of deliveries, will be closed to the general public. This way, enemies will not be able to use this information\_" , the message says.

7:20 PM: The government approved three resolutions that will contribute to the strengthening of the Ukrainian defense industry:

- adopted a document on \_munitions production deregulation\_: bureaucracy is reduced, and private companies will be able to legally produce all ammunition.

- drone manufacturers will now provide downward revisions to price calculations \_if profit exceeds 25%\_: this should eliminate the risks of overpayment to the state.
- defense purchases will now take place through a competitive procedure \_through the closed module of the Prozorro system\_: equal conditions for access to government contracts.

7:51 PM: Now there are already about 200 companies producing drones in Ukraine, while the year before last there were only 7 of them.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal.
- "\_In 2023, Ukrainian companies produced, and the state purchased, 100 times more drones than in 2022\_" added the prime minister.

8:03 PM: Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Valery Zaluzhnyi expressed his vision regarding important changes to approaches to warfare.

- Some theses of Zaluzhny from an article for CNN:
- We must deal with declining military support from key allies while dealing with \_their own political tensions\_;
- Russia, taking into account how events in the Middle East have diverted the attention of the international community, \_may try to provoke further conflicts elsewhere\_;
- In the Russian Federation \_a significant advantage in the mobilization of human resources\_, and in Ukraine - the inability of state institutions to increase the number of armed forces \_without using unpopular measures\_.
- We are constrained by \_the imperfection of the regulatory and legal framework and the partial monopolization of the defense industry\_;
- The number one priority at the moment is \_mastering a whole arsenal of (relatively) cheap, modern and highly efficient UAVs\_ and other technological means;
- We are talking about the creation of a new state system of technological rearmament. We believe that \_it is possible to create such a system in five months\_.

8:23 PM: For the first time, women's military uniforms began to be issued in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, — the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

- Constructive elements have been added to the new uniform, allowing female military personnel to feel comfortable while performing tasks in field conditions and points of permanent deployment.
- The first 50,000 sets of women's summer field suits have already begun to be delivered to the troops.

8:31 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on February 1:

- During the day \_58 combat clashes took place.\_
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 13 areas, concentrated personnel, weapons and military equipment and 1 anti-aircraft missile complex of the enemy.
- Units of missile troops struck 2 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, \_4 artillery units and radio electronic warfare station\_ of the enemy.
- 8:41 PM: Drones will help Ukraine get out of a positional war, Valery Zaluzhny said.
- The main reason for changing the strategy and methods of using troops is the development of weapons and military equipment, especially unmanned systems.
- \_"Thus, unmanned systems, along with other new types of weapons, are almost the only tool for getting out of positional military operations, which are time-consuming for Ukraine for a number of reasons," he said.

8:58 PM: Sumy, Poltava regions - missile danger, the Air Force reports.

- Repelling the missile threat.

9:13 PM: The State Register of Sanctions has become operational in Ukraine, reports the National Security Council of Ukraine.

- The goal is to provide citizens with free public access to up-to-date and reliable information about subjects subject to sanctions.
- \_"The register contains 17,202 individuals and legal entities that are considered subject to sanctions. The Register is maintained by the Office of the NSDC of Ukraine," the message reads.

### **MORDOR - ruZZia**

8:02 AM: Drones attacked Belgorodsk and Kursk region: in Ministry of Defense RF reported back about allegedly beating 5 BpLA.

8:25 AM: As of this morning, there are 12 Russian ships in the Black Sea, including 2 carriers of "Calibre" cruise missiles, a total salvo of up to 16 missiles, the Navy of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- In the Sea of Azov - 1 ship; in the Mediterranean Sea - 2 ships, including 1 "Calibre" cruise missile carrier, a total salvo of up to 8 missiles.

9:36 AM: The number of attacks on Russian infrastructure is likely to increase. We are talking about all the main objects of the critical and military infrastructure of the Russian Federation, - the head of the GUR Kyrylo Budanov in an interview with the CNN channel.

- He also added that more than half a million Russian soldiers are now in the occupied territories of Ukraine. However, in the short term, the current potential of the Russian Federation is unlikely to allow advancement on the front line.
- The head of the GUR noted that the war with Russia can end in only one way - by establishing justice and returning what was lost.

11:35 AM: More than 112,000 Russian war crimes have been registered in Ukraine, the National Police.

- \_"War crimes began to "surface" after the de-occupation of our territories. Looking at what the occupiers had done in Irpen, we didn't know where to start: here lies a body, nearby - a spontaneous burial,

destroyed and mutilated buildings everywhere...", \_ - said the head of the Main Investigation Department Maksym Tsutskiridze.

- The official noted that crimes are being solved and there are already 2,400 suspicions to date.

1:13 PM: GUR fighters destroyed the "Ivanovets" missile boat of the Russian Black Sea Fleet this night.

- The vessel was on a raid of Lake Donuzlav in the temporarily occupied Crimea. As a result of a series of direct hits to the hull, the Russian ship received damage incompatible with further movement - "Ivanovets" sank.
- The cost of the lost ship is approximately 60-70 million dollars.

5:50 PM: The Security Service of Ukraine has gathered evidence against the Russian actor Dmitry Pevtsov, who publicly supports Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine.

- The figure is a member of the State Duma of Russia and belongs to the close entourage of the highest military and political leadership of the aggressor country. Pevtsov repeatedly called for the seizure of state power and the entire territory of Ukraine.
- Since the perpetrator is on the territory of Russia, comprehensive measures are being taken to bring him to justice for crimes against our state.

11:43 PM: Russia has begun mobilizing workers from the Alchevsk metallurgical plant in the temporarily occupied part of Luhansk region for the war in Ukraine.

- This was reported by the partisan movement "ATESH".
- \_ "Subpoenas are handed out by employees of the personnel department, and someone comes personally from the military commissariats. Everyone is taken into the army one after the other, including young people and people with disabilities. Although it is impossible to name the exact number of workers who are subject to mobilization, it is obvious that dozens fall under the call and even

hundreds of employees of factories and enterprises," the message said.

## REGIONS

### KHARKIV



12:42 AM: Consequences of the Russian attack on the hospital in the village of Velikiy Burluk in the Kharkiv region.

- The photo was published by Oleg Sinegubov, the head of OVA.

### DONETSK



12:13 AM: A flight arrives at the substation in temporarily occupied Donetsk. Some areas of the city are out of power, local social networks reported.

11:10 AM: 2 explosions rang out in the temporarily occupied Mariupol, Mayor's adviser Petro Andryushchenko reports.

11:17 AM: Russians killed one person, wounded two others during shelling of Donetsk region, National Police.

- The army of the Russian Federation attacked 11 settlements: the cities of Avdiivka, Kurakhove, Toretsk, the villages of New York, Ocheretine, Tsukurine, the villages of Kalynov, Netaylov, Solovyov, Umanske, Shakhtarske. the Russians fought with guided aerial bombs, missiles, Uragan, Grad, artillery, and tanks.

7:32 PM: Avdiivka Coke Chemical Plant (AKHZ) is currently under the control of the Armed Forces.

- Dmytro Lazutkin, head of the public relations service of the 47th OMBR, reported this.

- According to him, the battle line is not actually moving. However, the Russians continue to attack the city, including from the north, there is a fairly high intensity of artillery fire and infantry attacks do not stop.

### ZAPORIZHIA



9:54 PM: The Russians have turned the temporarily occupied Melitopol into a solid testing ground for military technology.

- The mayor of the city, Ivan Fedorov, reported this.
- "Even children are being forced to master drones. Military training bases have been set up around the city. Several times a week, residents hear inexplicable explosions and rumbling," Fedorov writes.

### DNIPRO



1:15 AM: UAVs in Dnipropetrovsk region are moving to Kharkiv region, the Air Force reports.

2:57 PM: Missile in the direction of Dnipro, — PS ZSU.

### Kherson



9:58 AM: Last night, the Russians dropped four guided aerial bombs on a village in Mylivska hromada, Khersonska OVA.

- As a result of the shelling, an educational institution was damaged, as well as residential buildings. A 67-year-old man and his 65-year-old wife were injured.

4:20 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson

6:14 PM: There are explosions in Kherson, reports the head of the MBA Roman Mrochko.

7:35 PM: As a result of the Russian attack on Berislav, foreign volunteers were killed and injured, Kherson OVA.

- The army of the Russian Federation killed two French citizens, three more foreigners received minor injuries. Among the wounded is also an activist of the organization's Ukrainian representative office.

11:09 PM: the Russians bombarded the monument of national importance in Kamiansk Sich in the Kherson region, said the acting Minister of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine Rostyslav Karandeev.

- A video of the shelling appeared on Russian Telegram channels.
- \_Kamyanska Sich is a cultural object, containing the Tomb of Kostya Gordienko, the chieftain of the basket, and the cemetery of the Zaporizhia Cossacks of the first half of the 18th century.\_

## MYKOLAIV



6:06 PM: In the Mykolaiv Oblast, 4 men were blown up by an unknown munition – one died and three were injured, the State Emergency Service.

- Two victims reached the medical facility independently, one was transported to the hospital by an ambulance.

## ZAKARPATIA



10:31 AM: Detectives of the Bureau of Economic Security (BEB) in the Transcarpathian region reported suspicion of 5 participants in a criminal scheme for the illegal production and sale of fuel.

- BEB employees installed officials of the capital enterprise, which had permission only for wholesale fuel trade. However, the suspects, in addition to the sale, also organized the operation of the oil refinery in Mukachevo.



- Raw materials were purchased from Ukrainian suppliers and processed at the aforementioned refinery. Uncertified fuel was sold through controlled gas stations.

## LVIV-



10:15 PM: In Lviv, an illegal villa of the Grynkevichs was discovered, which was built with numerous violations.

- This was announced by the Deputy Mayor for Urban Planning, Lyubomyr Zubach.
- Officials discovered that the Hrynkevichs had illegally built a house in Lviv, partially covering the former lands of the "Prolisok" garden society, which were transferred to private ownership in 1998.

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	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Jan 32
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 703 days	After 704 days	After 705 days	After 706 days	After 707 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	83,180	384,140	385,230	386,230	387,060

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6290	6300	6310	6322	6331
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,696	11,725	11,757	11,773	11,792
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	10,085	11,116	11,179	11,214	252
Cruise Missiles		1846	1846	1846	1847	1847
Fighters Bombers	118	331	332	332	332	332
Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	32
Drones		7049	7084	7100	7136	7146
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		660	663	663	663	663
Cargo/Fuel/other transport	11,369	12,149	12,191	12,231	12,267	12,316
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submarine)	23+(1 submarine)	23+(1 submarine)	23+(1 submarine)	24 + 1 (SUBMARINE)
Specialized equipment		1443	1448	1452	1462	1470

