

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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From Bohdan (my comment in **bold face**)

“It doesn't look like the rashists will be occupying significant swaths of Ukrainian territory even with their numerical manpower and firepower advantage. Based on what happened at the front over the last year it appears that the rashists needed a three to one advantage to hold their defensive positions, and a five or six to one advantage to advance 400 to 500 meters a day. That is the conclusion I reach from reading the Institute for the Study of War, British Intelligence and Deep State Maps.”

“So why is Ukraine less successful? The answer may truly be late delivery of arms, too many different weapons systems, lack of maintenance programs, and political interference.”

“Arms delivery has received a lot of blame. But today I saw a list of armored personnel carriers and armored fighting machines, excluding tanks, Ukraine is using. Over 40 different systems. The only positive about this is that NATO has standardised rounds these machines fire. I am surprised that they can even coordinate with that many different systems.”

At the beginning of Russia's latest invasion some astute observers, including us, estimated that it would take 2 million Russian soldiers simply to occupy Kyiv and control its population. In March 2022, Russia's invasion force toward Kyiv was likely less than 1/10th of that, especially given that at the time they had 2 other invasion vectors, toward Kharkiv and toward Kherson City.

Today, Russia likely has around 400,000 troops in Ukraine yet, as a direct result of a current lack arms shipments from the U.S., the pundits talk about a Russian sweep to the Polish border, with invasions of Poland and the Baltics following shortly after. This, even though without U.S. arms shipments Ukraine still has a formidable military, trained partisan groups and the vast majority of Ukrainians favor continued fighting.

It is Russia that seems to be in a bad place, yet the pundits seem to be dusting off their copy from February 2022, saying that Ukraine would surrender in 3 days.

Political and War Risk Insurance

Earlier today I listened to a very interesting discussion about political and war risk insurance for Ukraine. The moderator was Matthew Edwards of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Panelists included:

- Vyacheslav Ovechkin, Vice-Minister of Economy of Ukraine
- Crispin Ellison of Oliver/Wyman (Marsh & McLennan)
- Oksana Ocheretyana of the Export Credit Agency of Ukraine
- There was a representative of Aon Insurance who didn't say much

Ovechkin and Ellison included very interesting PowerPoint slides with their presentations. I asked for copies, but I fear that I am very far down the totem pole. If I do get them, I'll pass them along to anyone who is interested. You can also try to contact Nadiia Khomaziuk of the U.S./Ukraine Business Council - nkhomaziuk@usubc.org. Nadiia is much better placed than I am. USUBC facilitated the webinar.

The consensus of the panel, organized by U.S. Dept. of Commerce, was that war risk insurance for projects inside Ukrainian territory will be almost impossible to obtain, without massive government involvement.

Some other takeaways:

- The Gov't of Ukraine and private insurers have managed to put together insurance for both grain shipments and shipments of other goods from Ukraine's Black Sea ports, now constituting 6-8% of Ukraine's GDP
- The Gov't of Ukraine is looking at ways to insure aviation at Borispyl (Kyiv) and Lv'iv Airports, but it would take an estimated \$750 million to provide adequate cover.
- 67% of Ukraine's territory remain untouched by Russian attacks.
- The Gov't of Ukraine has mapped every Russian artillery and rocket strike that has taken place on Ukrainian territory since the start of Ukraine's latest invasion. The primary use will be as evidence for war crimes and reparations, but the database is available to those who are engaged in calculating risk.

There is also a very informative website reporting on Ukraine reconstruction – <https://www.Ukrainerebuildnews.com>.

["The Spy War: How the CIA Secretly Helps Ukraine Fight Putin"](#)/New York Times

I'd rather see "Russia" replacing "Putin" in the title. Ukraine is now fighting Russia, and not Putin. Other than that, it's a very interesting article.

In February 2014, at the end of the Revolution of Dignity, the Security Bureau of Ukraine (SBU) was headed by a Russian FSB agent, as was almost every SBU department. At the time, the CIA didn't have anything to do with the SBU, because the CIA didn't want to reveal sources and methods to the Russians. Russian control of the SBU didn't result in the Russians having advance knowledge of Euromaidan. It is doubtful that the CIA had advance knowledge either, even though Russian propaganda never tires of alleging that Euromaidan was a CIA operation, a narrative shared by some likely misinformed Americans (including a few who get our emails).

Some takeaways:

- “The C.I.A. also helped train a new generation of Ukrainian spies who operated inside Russia, across Europe, and in Cuba and other places where the Russians have a large presence.” **Including Ukrainians operating in African Sahel countries? As we have reported in previous emails Ukrainians, some working directly for the Gov’t of Ukraine and some not, were going into Russia to conduct clandestine operations, including helping ethnic groups resist the Russian draft and to preserve native dialects. Was the C.I.A. training these individuals?**
- “The relationship (with Ukraine) is so ingrained that C.I.A. officers remained at a remote location in western Ukraine when the Biden administration evacuated U.S. personnel in the weeks before Russia invaded in February 2022. During the invasion, the officers relayed critical intelligence, including where Russia was planning strikes and which weapons systems they would use. “Without them, there would have been no way for us to resist the Russians, or to beat them,” said Ivan Bakanov, who was then head of Ukraine’s domestic intelligence agency, the S.B.U.” **The Russians may’ve had knowledge of the C.I.A.’s presence in Western Ukraine. One of the first attacks Russia made in Ukraine after the invasion was against the Yavoriv Training Center near Lv’iv, where Ukrainian troops had gone for training with U.S., U.K. and Canadian military personnel. Over 30 people were killed in the attack.**
- “President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia brought the C.I.A. and its Ukrainian partners together. Obsessed with “losing” Ukraine to the West, Mr. Putin had regularly interfered in Ukraine’s political system, handpicking leaders he believed would keep Ukraine within Russia’s orbit, yet each time it backfired, driving protesters into the streets. Mr. Putin has long blamed Western intelligence agencies for manipulating Kyiv and sowing anti-Russia sentiment in Ukraine.” **We have repeatedly said in these emails that Putin has made one idiotic mistake after another in Ukraine and, as stated earlier, both Russia and the U.S. were likely taken by surprise by Euromaidan.**
- “General Kondratiuk (former Head of Ukraine’s Military Intelligence Agency) was annoyed when the Americans refused to provide satellite images from inside Russia. Soon after, he requested C.I.A. assistance in planning a clandestine mission to send HUR commandos into Russia to plant explosive devices at train depots used by the Russian military. If the Russian military sought to take more Ukrainian territory, Ukrainians could detonate the explosives to slow the Russian advance. When the C.I.A. station chief briefed his superiors, they “lost their minds,” as one former official put it. Mr. Brennan, the C.I.A. director, called General Kondratiuk to make certain that mission was canceled and that Ukraine abided by the red lines forbidding lethal operations. General Kondratiuk canceled the mission, but he also took a different lesson. “Going forward, we worked to not have discussions about these things with your guys,” he said.” **I wonder how many of the Ukrainian operations that have taken place since the start of the invasion took place with advanced knowledge of the C.I.A.**

Today, almost every Ukrainian has an app on their cell phones that relay advanced warning on Russian missile and drone launches that are gathered by U.S. and NATO spy planes and satellites in almost real time. In 2014, this would never have been possible because of the mis-trust that U.S. spy agencies had toward their Ukrainian counterparts.

[“Senate Aide Investigated Over Unofficial Actions in Ukraine”](#)/New York Times

This story is about Kyle Parker, a senior member of the staff of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, a bi-partisan group of Senators and Congresspeople that was set up as part of the 1975 Helsinki – Final Act, or Helsinki Accords. Since Russia’s latest invasion Parker has, according to the article, made

several visits to front lines in in Ukraine, including one involving the transfer of \$30,000 in equipment to Ukraine's military. As a result, and because the visits were apparently unauthorized, Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S. Carolina), the Chairman of the Committee, has recommended that Kyle Parker be fired.

In my mind, Parker is an unsung hero. In 2012, Parker was instrumental in getting the Magnitsky Act passed by Congress and enacted into law, despite opposition from the Obama Administration. In Bill Browder's book, "Red Notice," there is a chapter entitled "Kyle Parker's War."

As Ambassador William Taylor said, when commenting for the article on Parker's trips to the front line, "If you're in the government or have some propaganda value to the Russians," he said, "the benefits (of going to the front line) have to be very, very high." Bill Browder has been the object of 8 Interpol Red Notices, all issued by the Russian Federation in the hope of getting Browder extradited to Russia. If the Russians cannot get their hands on Bill Browder, getting their hands on Kyle Parker would be a close 2nd.

I hope that Rep. Wilson is overruled, and that Kyle Parker keeps his job.

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Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

INTERNATIONAL

8:00 AM: Macron announced a coalition of long-range weapons for Ukraine and did not rule out that the West could send its troops on the territory of Ukraine in the future, Le Monde.

8:00 AM: The Netherlands allocates more than 100 million euros to the Czech initiative to quickly deliver hundreds of thousands of artillery shells to Ukraine, said Acting Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte.

8:00 AM: Ukraine can do more to fight corruption, — US State Dept.

11:03 AM: North Korean factories are working at full capacity to supply missiles to Russia, Yonhap News.

- According to South Korean Defense Minister Shin Won Sik, the country has already sent about 6,700 containers to the Russian Federation.
- "_This amount is enough to place approximately 3 million 152-mm artillery shells and 500 thousand 122-mm artillery shells_" the message says.

11:45 AM: French President Emmanuel Macron does not rule out the possible sending of ground troops to Ukraine to support it in the war with Russia.

- "_Today there is no consensus on sending ground troops, but nothing can be ruled out. We will do everything in our power so that Russia does not win," Macron said at the end of the meeting of twenty European leaders in Paris.
- The president refused to specify which countries allow the possibility of sending troops, but noted that it is important to maintain some "strategic ambiguity."

12:16 PM: Poland, the Czech Republic and Sweden are not going to send their troops to Ukraine.

- Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Petr Fiala stated that there is no question of sending Czech military personnel to Ukraine.
- The same statements were made by Poland's Deputy Minister of National Defense Cezary Tomczyk and Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson. The latter added that "the issue is not relevant" and "Ukraine does not need this."

12:24 PM: NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said the alliance has no plans to send troops to Ukraine, Associated Press.

- "NATO allies are providing unprecedented support to Ukraine. We have been doing this since 2014 and have increased support after a full-scale invasion. But there are no plans for NATO combat troops on the ground in Ukraine," Stoltenberg said.

1:26 PM: The European Parliament supported changes to the EU budget for 2021-2027, which, in particular, provide for the creation of a new aid fund for Ukraine worth 50 billion euros.

- 536 MEPs voted for the relevant decision, and 40 voted against it.

3:34 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky arrived in Saudi Arabia.

3:38 PM: Purpose of the President's working visit to Saudi Arabia:

- Formula of peace. Ukraine expects continued active support from Saudi Arabia.
- Return of prisoners and deported persons.
- Promising directions of economic cooperation and participation of Saudi Arabia in the reconstruction of Ukraine.

4:21 PM: In Warsaw, Polish farmers protested against food imports from Ukraine, — Rolsat.

- Farmers are also opposed to the European Green Deal policy, which imposes a number of restrictions on them.
- Thousands of protesters blocked the roads and streets — they lit bonfires and fireworks on Parade Square, and the police have already intervened in the situation.

5:41 PM: Polish law enforcement officers detained journalist Mykhailo Tkach near the Polish-Belarusian border — he was filming material on how Poland trades with the Russian Federation through Belarus.

- "It was obvious that the representatives of the Polish special service were scared. They started asking me who else knew about it, whether the Ukrainian authorities, the Ukrainian government, knew about it," says Tkach.
- Among the filmed material is how agricultural products go from Russia and Belarus to Poland. The footage of the Poles was partially deleted.

7:21 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a conversation with Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman al Saud.

- The leaders of the countries discussed the points of the Peace Formula and the progress that can be achieved in their implementation.
- "An important topic of the meeting was concrete opportunities for bilateral cooperation between Ukraine and Saudi Arabia in the economic and technological spheres," the president noted.

9:09 PM: US President Joe Biden will meet with congressional leaders on Tuesday, February 27.

- They are to discuss aid to Ukraine and vote on financing the work of the American government, reports The Washington Post.

10:06 PM: EU countries have agreed to buy \$1.5 billion worth of shells for Ukraine, Bloomberg reports.

- Since the EU cannot quickly provide Ukraine with the necessary amount of ammunition, at the meeting in Paris they decided to purchase from other manufacturers.

11:06 PM: New US sanctions have once again been able to halt the transportation of Russian oil, - Bloomberg

- Two oil tankers stopped operating off the coast of Greece just days after the US imposed new sanctions on 14 Russian ships.
- "This is not the first time that vessels involved in the trade of Russian oil make strange maneuvers soon after the introduction of sanctions," - the publication notes.

11:34 PM: The police of the Podlaskie Voivodeship of Poland denied the detention of journalist Tkacz.

- Instead, the ambassador of Ukraine to Poland, Vasyl Zvarych, said that the Ukrainian diplomatic mission contacted the police, and they said that they were checking "suspicious" people who were filming in the area of the railway track.

11:54 PM: French Mirage 2000 fighter jets took off to meet a Russian Il-20 Kut reconnaissance aircraft spotted near the Russian coast.

- This was announced by the General Staff of the French Army on its page on the X network.

NATIONAL

2:22 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east, - Ukrainian Air Force.

2:47 AM: The activity of enemy tactical aviation is observed in the north-eastern and eastern directions, - Ukrainian Air Force.

- There is a threat of using aviation means of destruction for the frontline regions.
- The activity of enemy tactical aviation is observed in the south-eastern direction, - Ukrainian Air Force.

7:09 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 February 27:



PHOTO FROM THE GENERAL STAFF

- During the day, there were 102 combat clashes between Ukrainian soldiers and the Russian invaders.
- During the past day **Defense Forces aviation struck 15 personnel concentration areas of the enemy** Also by units of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine **2 Su-34 fighter-bombers and 4 reconnaissance UAVs were destroyed.**
- Units of missile troops **damage was inflicted on 4 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 2 artillery means, 1 anti-aircraft defense means and 2 radar stations of the enemy.**
- It happened during the past day **102 combat clashes.** In general, the enemy struck **8 missile and 75 air strikes, carried out 141 attacks from rocket salvo systems** on the positions of Ukrainian troops and settlements.

- At the end of last day, the Russian invaders attacked Ukraine, using 10 unmanned aerial vehicles of the "Shahed" type. Forces and means of air defense of Ukraine **10 unmanned aerial vehicles were destroyed.**
- During the past day **air strikes** the settlements of Chernatske, Chuykivka, Khrapivshchyna, Grabovske, Yunakivka, Pustohorod of the Sumy region were affected; Bologhivka, Ivanivka, Berestov, Kharkiv region; Viymka, Vesele, Bohdanivka, Druzhba, Novoselivka Persha, Pervomaiske, Kurakhove, Krasnohorivka, Novomykhailivka, Vodyane, Staromayorske and Urozhane of the Donetsk region; Levadne, Mala Tokmachka, Orihiv, Robotyne of the Zaporizhzhia region; Youth of the Kherson region.
- **Under artillery fire** there were more than 110 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Pivnich" on **Volynskiy** and **Poliske directions** the operational situation remains without significant changes.
- On **Seversky** and **Slobozhansk directions** the enemy maintains a military presence in the border areas, carries out sabotage activities in order to prevent our troops from moving to dangerous directions, increases the density of mine-explosive barriers along the state border in the Belgorod region.
- In the area of responsibility of the "Khortytsia" OSU on **Kupyansk direction**, **defense** forces repelled 13 enemy attacks in the areas of Sinkivka and Tabaivka settlements of Kharkiv region.
- On **Lyman direction** **soldiers** repelled 11 enemy attacks in Terna and Rozdolivka settlements of Donetsk region.
- On **Bakhmutsky direction** The defense forces repelled 11 enemy attacks in the areas of Ivanivske, Klishchiivka and Andriivka settlements of the Donetsk region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Tavria" on **Avdiivskiy direction** the defenders repelled 25 enemy attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Orlivka, Tonenke, Pervomaiske and Nevelske settlements of the Donetsk region.
- On **Novopavlovsk direction** the defense forces continue to restrain the enemy in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Georgiyivka, Novomykhailivka and west of Pobeda of the Donetsk region, where the enemy tried 29 times to break through the defense of the Ukrainian troops, and also repelled 4 more enemy attacks in the areas south of Vugledar, Staromayorsky and Urozhany of the Donetsk region.
- On **Orihiv direction** The defense forces repelled 8 enemy attacks in the areas of Malynivka and Robotyn settlements of the Zaporizhzhia region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Odesa" on **Kherson direction** The defense forces will continue to hold positions and repulse the assaults of the occupying forces. Despite significant losses, the enemy does not stop trying to knock out Ukrainian units from their positions.
- So, during the past day, the enemy carried out 1 unsuccessful assault on the positions of Ukrainian troops on the left bank of the Dnieper.
- At the same time, the soldiers continue to actively inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the occupying troops, exhausting the enemy along the entire front line.


7:41 AM: The detention of Lviv businessman Ihor Hrynkevich has been extended until March 29, DBR communications advisor Sapyan informed Sospilny.

7:44 AM: During the night, air defense forces destroyed two Kh-59 guided air missiles and 11 Shaheds in Kharkiv, Sumy, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi and Kirovohrad regions.

9:07 AM: The Cabinet of Ministers approved a resolution on the promotion of Ukrainian-made goods.

- In particular, the government approved the image of the "Made in Ukraine" trademark. All businesses will be able to use the trademark for free.

9:39 AM: Interim summaries of collection for maritime drone for SBU:

- Currently, 3,717,843.42 hryvnias have been collected in the bank 

10:35 AM: The e-cabinet for the military will be operational in two months after the signing of the law on improving mobilization.

- Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Kateryna Chernogorenko reported this in an interview with Forbes.
- Functionality is also being prepared for the introduction of the "protector's certificate" — a document on the reservation of an employee. The extract from the "Oberig" register will be downloaded in the conscript's office and will look like an electronic document with a QR code.

11:19 AM: The Ukrainian military destroyed an enemy Su-34 in the Eastern direction.

- This was announced by the commander of the Air Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Mykola Oleschuk.

12:01 PM: Gas stations for the Armed Forces: who and how from the networks help the military

- NV Business compiled a rating - which businesses help the Armed Forces and the population and how much they donated during the 2 years of the war: <https://cutt.ly/ywNFOUTi>
- Statistics among gas station chains, for example, showed that OKKO transferred UAH 1.5 billion to help the army and humanitarian needs. At the same time, WOG – UAH 0.14 billion, KLO – UAH 0.03 billion. The rest of the gas station networks did not provide their data.
- The OKKO gas station has been focusing on helping the Armed Forces for a long time. Their joint campaign EYE FOR AN EYE with Return to the Living has already packed the army with intelligence complexes, shipped weapons for the TrO. From March 2022, it will feed soldiers for free at gas stations located close to the front - Kostyantynivka, Kherson, Kharkiv and other cities.

12:40 PM: Ukraine about the problem 12:55 PM: More than 842 million hryvnias from the state budget were spent on content for "Unified News" and FREEDOM in 2023, — Dozorro.

- In particular, UAH 618.5 million was spent on the Yedyni Novyny telethon, and UAH 223.7 million was spent on FREEDOM broadcasts. Last year, the state paid half as much for these programs - about UAH 400 million.

1:47 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers officially appointed Viktor Pavluschyk as the new Chairman of the NAKC.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported this.

1:55 PM: The SBI seized the building of the main office and central laboratory of "Sinevo" in Kyiv, the company's press service said.

- The company will soon be forced to cease operations in this building. And this will lead to a complete stoppage of the Synevo network of laboratories in Ukraine.

2:23 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

2:39 PM: The SBI responded to the statement of the Sinevo company about the arrest of the head office.

- The Bureau confirms the seizure of the premises as part of the investigation into the illegal expropriation of the state-owned enterprise complex, but still in 2022.
- "[...]_after the seizure of state property in 2022, no obstacles in the provision of medical services arose and do not arise today_", - the SBI notes.

3:02 PM: Kyiv will allocate almost UAH 70 million from the budget for the training of drone operators

- In the "Defender of Kyiv" program for 2024, UAH 69 million is provided for the arrangement of a laboratory cluster of control technologies, design and repair of drones and radio-electronic systems.
- These funds will also be used for the purchase of drones, materials for their maintenance, multimedia panels, computers, 3D printers and other things, said Dmytro Bilotserkovets, co-chairman of the "UDAR Vitaly Klychka" faction in the Kyiv City Council.

3:43 PM: Around 2:00 p.m., air defense forces worked against another enemy Su-34.

- This was reported by the commander of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Mykola Oleschuk.
- " _With such losses of combat and special aviation, the Russians should think about, at least for a while, stop the "airborne meat assaults" _", Oleschuk writes.

4:42 PM: Ballistic threat for eastern areas continues.

5:29 PM: The Cabinet introduced changes to the electronic queue at the border through "Diya" — now it also applies to cars.

- This was reported by the representative of the government in the Verkhovna Rada, Taras Melnychuk.

7:26 PM: Our air force did a good job today — minus two Su-34s 🤔

8:40 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on February 27:

- _86 combat clashes took place during the day._
- Aviation of the defense forces struck _15 areas of concentration of enemy personnel._
- Units of the missile forces hit 3 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 2 artillery pieces, an anti-aircraft defense tool and a radar station of the enemy.

8:57 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers has launched a pilot project for free dentures for veterans — UAH 750 million has been invested in it.

- The Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal reported this.
- Participants in hostilities, persons with disabilities due to war and some categories of military personnel will be able to receive these services free of charge in hospitals, regardless of their form of ownership.

9:15 PM: The alarm in the Kherson, Kirovohrad, Zaporizhzhya and Mykolaiv regions is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation.

- UAV from the Black Sea in the direction of Bilhorod-Dnistrovsky district of Odesa region.

10:27 PM: From now on, the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War will also deal with civilians in Russian captivity and those who went missing during the war or occupation.

- This was reported by the ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets.
- This will improve electronic interaction between the headquarters and authorities, which should simplify the work of returning Ukrainians. The coordination headquarters also receives the authority to repatriate the bodies or remains of defenders.

10:35 PM: Powerful! UAH 4,000,000 was collected for a maritime drone for the SBU

11:36 PM: An air alert in the Kherson, Kirovohrad and Dnipropetrovsk regions is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation.

MORDOR – ruZZia

8:00 AM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation reported that they allegedly shot down three drones over the Bryansk and Belgorod regions.

10:26 AM: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Sevastopol, local channels report.

12:36 PM: In Russia, they are writing about mass failures with social networks Telegram, YouTube, VK, WhatsApp, as well as with many mobile operators.

12:59 PM: Explosions are heard in the Russian city of Kursk, local media reports.

2:51 PM: An explosion was heard in the center of temporarily occupied Sevastopol, local residents reported.

4:58 PM: The special operation of the Russian special services "Maidan-3" will reach its climax in March-May 2024, reports the Committee on Intelligence under the President of Ukraine.

- The purpose of the campaign is to call into question the legitimacy of the government decisions taken in Ukraine after May 20, to spread panic and despondency, to artificially oppose civilians and the military, to quarrel between Ukraine and its allies, and to spread all kinds of "conspiracy theories" in society.
- "_ According to the plan of the enemy, in the first half of June, the situation in our country will be shaken and then, taking advantage of the situation, Ukraine will be inflicted with a military defeat in the East, this is the key idea of their operation_" the statement reads.

6:20 PM: In the temporarily occupied Novaya Kakhovka, explosions rang out near the entrance to the office of the occupying United Russia party and not far from the "polling station".

- This was reported by the Center of National Resistance.
- "_ Currently, the enemy is trying to hide the fact of the presence of forces resisting the occupation on the TOT. Therefore, in order not to sow panic, the Russians are currently claiming about mythical UAVs that allegedly hit objects, even if it is not true_" - the Central Intelligence Agency notes.

11:19 PM: Satellite images of the crash site of the Russian A-50 plane shot down in the Sea of Azov on February 23 appeared online.

- The pictures taken from space show the village of Labor Armenia in the Krasnodar region of Russia.
- Traces of a large-scale fire can also be seen in the pictures. Its area reached approximately 4500 square meters.

REGIONS

KYIV



5:59 PM: BEB in Kyiv discovered a construction company that unjustifiably generated UAH 71 million in negative VAT.

- In this way, the company planned to receive compensation from the budget.
- Among the risks, the company did not fully reflect the income received from the sale of real estate.

SUMY



5:19 AM: Air alert in the Sumy region is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation along the border, - Ukrainian Air Force.

3:22 PM: Two policemen were killed and four injured as a result of Russian shelling in Sumy Oblast.

- This was reported by the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ihor Klymenko.
- "_ The investigative group left to document the consequences of the airstrikes on the building of the farm. And at that time, the enemy struck again. The artillery was aimed at the law enforcement officers_" the report says.
- The Ministry of Internal Affairs clarifies that six police officers were injured.

8:26 PM: There is a threat of attack UAVs in the Sumy region.

- The Air Force reports that the drones are in the Bilopol district, heading west.

DONETSK



10:11 AM: In Donetsk region, 3 people were wounded in Marinsk community as a result of Russian shelling: in Krasnohorivka, Romanivka, and Kostyantynivka.

- This was announced by the head of the RMA, Vadym Filatov.
- In total, the Russians shelled populated areas of the region 10 times during the day. 245 people, including 63 children, were evacuated from the front line.

1:19 PM: The enemy continues to carry out active offensive actions near Avdiivka both during the day and at night, reported the deputy commander of the 3rd OShBr Maksym Zhorin.

- The main direction now is the line of Berdychi-Orlivka settlements, as well as very active fighting in the Krasnohorivka area.
- The enemy is trying to gain a foothold in the captured territories with a huge number of infantry.

3:54 PM: Ukrainian troops withdrew from the villages of Stepove and Severna near Avdiivka.

- This was reported by the spokesman of the "Tavria" OSU, Dmytro Lykhova.

6:46 PM: In the Avdiiv direction, the defense line has been stabilized in the Tonenko, Orlivka, and Berdychi districts.

- Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, commander of the "Tavria" OSUV, reported this.
- Attempts by the Russians to take offensive actions in the districts of Novomykhailivka and Robotyny were unsuccessful.

9:51 PM: The 110th brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported its departure from the Avdiiv direction for recovery.

- _"We are going out to rest. We are going out with our heads held high. After two years of confrontation, there is finally a rotation. We will gather strength to beat the enemy again." _

ZAPORIZHIA



4:44 AM: The activity of enemy tactical aviation is a threat to the Zaporizhzhia region, the head of the Zaporizhzhia RMA Ivan Fedorov said.

4:54 AM: Launches of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Zaporizhzhia, - Ukrainian Air Force.

9:18 AM: Explosions are heard in Zaporizhzhia, reported the head of ZRMA Ivan Fedorov.

1:09 PM: Explosions were heard in the center of temporarily occupied Melitopol, subscribers reported.

10:18 PM: The traitor, who directed Russian S-300s at a high-rise building in Zaporizhzhia, was sentenced to 15 years in prison, SBU.

- Then, as a result of enemy shelling, 5 people died, another 5 were seriously injured.
- In October 2023, the man was remotely recruited by a staff member of the FSB. Currently, an investigation is underway to establish all the circumstances of the crime and bring his accomplices to justice.

- **DNIPRO**



- 9:11 PM: In the Dnipropetrovsk region, the work of air defense forces against an enemy UAV is possible, the Air Force reports.

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7:05 PM: Russians hit the village of Veletenske — an 82-year-old woman was killed.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of the Kherson RMA, reports this.
- "Around 4:20 p.m., the occupiers shelled the settlement. One of the hits hit a residential building," writes Prokudin.

9:05 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

ODESA



10:31 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

POLTAVA



2:27 AM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Poltava.

2:43 AM: No hits were recorded on the territory of Poltava Oblast. There are also no victims or injured - the head of the Poltava RMA Philip Pronin.

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9:29 AM: Lviv will become the first large city with Eurorail, Minister of Infrastructure Oleksandr Kubrakov announced during the forum "Ukraine. Year 2024"

- This year, construction will begin on the section Mostysk — Sknylyv from the border with Poland to Lviv. The track will be used for freight and passenger transportation between Ukraine and the EU.

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 Afghani stan | Feb 23 | Feb 24 | Feb 25 | Feb 26 | Feb 27 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Duration | 9 years and 9 months | After 729 days | After 730 days | After 731 days | After 732 days | After 733 days |
| Military Personnel Liquidated | 14,453 | 409,010 | 409,820 | 410,700 | 411,550 | 412,610 |

Material Losses

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|--|--------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tanks | 147 | 6534 | 6,542 | 6,555 | 6,556 | 6,570 |
| Armored Personnel Carriers | 1,314 | 12,425 | 12,441 | 12,478 | 12,494 | 12,508 |
| Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers | 433 | 10,951 | 10,980 | 10,993 | 11,009 | 11,029 |
| Cruise Missiles | | 1905 | 1907 | 1,910 | 1,912 | 1,912 |
| Fighters Bombers | 118 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 342 |
| Helicopters | 333 | 325 | 325 | 325 | 325 | 325 |
| Drones | | 7,659 | 7,681 | 7,707 | 7,729 | 7,753 |
| Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries | | 684 | 684 | 686 | 686 | 688 |
| Cargo/Fuel/other transport | 11,369 | 12,988 | 13,011 | 13,037 | 13,065 | 13,112 |
| Naval Vessels | | 25 + 1 (Submarine) | 25 + 1 (Submarine) | 25 + 1 (Submarine) | 25 + 1 (Submarine) | 25 + 1 (Submarine) |
| Specialized equipment | | 1576 | 1,578 | 1,580 | 1,588 | 1,594 |

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