

# News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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From Bohdan:

Stalemate looks like this - in the last two days over a hundred and thirty battlefield engagements, over 2,000 killed, of which 40 Ukrainian civilians, about 60 million USD of equipment destroyed, and major news outlets still manage to print or broadcast at least one story on the war. Even in Mordor they now call it a war. SO - where is this stalemate hiding?

[Tucker Carlson in Moscow](#)

A true descendant of Walter Duranty. Perhaps certain American elected officials like Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), or House Speaker Mike Johnson who is now proposing to throw Ukraine funding over the side by splitting off funding for Israel from funding for the Southern Border and Ukraine, can think about the optics of being fellow travelers with Tucker Carlson. Or maybe not.

[“Ukraine’s Democracy in Darkness”](#) By [Masha Gessen](#)/New Yorker Magazine

Gessen is a very good reporter. I have not been to Ukraine in over 4 years, so I have little basis to question Gessen’s reporting or conclusions, other than to say that in talking to my acquaintances and members of my Ukrainian family I get a different impression of Ukraine than the one Gessen lays out in her article.

Whether it's Gessen, reporters from the "Newspapers of Record," or the pundits regularly appearing on various TV news broadcasts, when writing articles making similar points as Gesson they forget to ask one question that we've been asking since the first day of the invasion – given that Russia is in a war to wipe Ukraine off the map, and exterminate Ukrainians, what do YOU (Gessen and others) expect Ukraine to do? I have yet to see or hear an answer.

A couple of excerpts:

- "An estimated four to six million Ukrainians are living under Russian occupation. At least four million are living in E.U. countries, a million more are living in Russia, and at least half a million are living elsewhere outside of Ukraine. Another four million have been internally displaced. These figures include a significant number of people who became adults after the war began and aren't registered to vote. "Elections are a public discussion," Oleksandra Romantsova, the executive director of Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties, which shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 2022, told me. "But a third of the population is connected with the military. Another third is displaced." With so many people excluded from the public discussion, what would an election even mean? There is also a more practical problem, Romantsova said: "Elections cause people to congregate," and, when Ukrainians congregate, Russia bombs them."
- "After the Soviet Union broke apart, between 1989 and 1991, more than a dozen states tried to reconstitute themselves out of a unique kind of rubble: vast bureaucracies, command economies, and corrupt networks that made the systems function despite themselves. The Hungarian political scientists Bálint Magyar and Bálint Madlovics have written that the resulting regimes fall into three categories: liberal democracies, such as the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania; patronal autocracies, such as Russia and Belarus; and patronal democracies, such as Ukraine. A patronal democracy has a plurality of political actors—if an autocracy, in Magyar and Madlovics's definition, is a "single-pyramid system," then a democracy is "multi-pyramid"—but the competing political networks are each beholden to the money

and power wielded by one person, generally a man, who has positioned himself as a successor to a part of the Soviet state's bureaucracy. Magyar and Madlovics have termed these networks "stubborn structures." "

- "It's difficult to build anti-corruption mechanisms in the middle of a war," Mustafa Nayyem told me. "Corruption levels decrease when there is less money. There is a lot of money in war." He pointed out that Western law-enforcement agencies still hadn't devised a method for seizing Russian assets abroad and diverting them to Ukraine as real-time reparations. "So," Nayyem said, "you are telling me that you don't have the resources to seize assets on your territory, in London or New York? And we are supposed to have the resources to arrest people engaging in corruption?"

Is the United States becoming a "Patronal Democracy?" Every time I see Republican politicians like Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) pledging his or her fealty to Donald Trump, I wonder.

As to Mustafa Nayyem's comment about whether there are resources to seize assets in London or New York and repurpose them for both Ukrainian reconstruction and military support, it seems like some politicians in London, Washington, and elsewhere in Europe are starting to have success overriding their bureaucrats, in deciding to confiscate frozen Central Bank of Russia reserves, to use them for Ukraine. Let's hope it continues. On the other hand, it has taken two years, and counting.

["Those Soldiers in Jordan Were Casualties of Bureaucracy"](#)/Wall Street Journal

There are parts of this article that apply to the military support that the U.S. has supplied to Ukraine, specifically how the Pentagon's bureaucracy has delayed weapons transfer to Ukraine. It isn't as if Ukraine isn't grateful for the support it has received from the U.S. However, it is true that delays in that support has cost many military and civilian lives in Ukraine, and it has likely lengthened the war.

Examples from the article:

- “In 2019 the Army tried to institutionalize drone defense by establishing the Joint Counter-small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office, known as JCO, but that only worsened the Pentagon’s paralysis. The JCO has devolved into an ineffective embarrassment that’s emblematic of the Defense Department’s overall procurement strategy. The office conducts an endless series of testing events that have yet to result in effective procurement of systems vital to our overseas forces. The JCO has required the defense industry to spend millions of the companies’ own dollars to participate in JCO-mandated testing to establish an approved list of suppliers.”
- “In supplying Ukraine, the JCO selected systems that weren’t approved in previous office field tests rather than those available from companies that poured money into getting JCO certified. The office has said it ignored its established criteria for systems procurement because they had to be acquired so rapidly, but JCO-certified companies could have supplied systems quickly. Moreover, the need now for counter uncrewed-aircraft systems is urgent, too. So why delay with bureaucracy?”
- “With its massive cost to companies and seemingly arbitrary use, the JCO’s testing system unfairly impacts nontraditional contractors, limits innovation and contributes to the erosion of our country’s defense industrial base.”

Ukraine seems to be becoming a test bed for those “nontraditional contractors” described in the article and, in doing so may help save American lives in the future. However, today the delays resulting from the JCO’s testing protocols, described in this article, costs Ukrainian lives, both military and civilian. Let’s hope that any future U.S. appropriation doesn’t include the types of delays that have been part of previous appropriations.

### News From the Battlefield

The latest “[Reporting From Ukraine](#)” takes us back to Vulhedar, in southern Donetsk Oblast, a place where Russia has suffered a series of defeats starting in early 2023. He also goes into more detail about recent Ukrainian

missile strikes in Crimea, that apparently has resulted in the death of a senior Russian general.

The “[Latest Denys](#)” covers several events, including:

- Beginning – Ukrainian offensive south of Bakhmut.
- 3:15 – Russian successes around Avdiivka.
- 7:30 – Missile hit on a Russian oil facility near Volgograd, that likely supplies Russian operations in eastern and southern Ukraine.
- 9:25 – More questions about the whereabouts of Gen. Gerasimov, Chief of the Russian General Staff, including some amusing memes for which Ukrainians are famous.
- 11:00 – A Tu-95 pilot gets whacked. The Tu-95 is the platform of choice for launching Russian Kalibr cruise missiles. Expect more of these attacks, by Ukrainian partisans.
- 11:20 – Interviews with Russian POWs being returned by Ukraine, all of whom are former prisoners who are now being pardoned as the result of their service in Ukraine.

The “[Previous Denys](#)”

- 6:15 – Rumors of a possible Russian invasion from the north, a reprise of the Spring of 2022.
- 8:10 – Rumors of a possible Russian offensive in the south, designed to capture Odesa and establish a link with Transnistria. This is also a reprise of a failed Russian offensive in the Spring of 2022 that was stopped by heroic Ukrainians in the town of [Voznesensk](#) (note especially 4:40 into this video). This is why some Ukrainians support a Ukrainian incursion into Transnistria, especially to secure approximately 5 million rounds of Soviet ammunition stored there.
- 13:45 – AI generated voice of Texas Gov. Greg Abbot, in a Russian propaganda video.

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Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

## INTERNATIONAL

### Friday, February 2

9:49 AM: The German arms concern Rheinmetall has bought a controlling stake in the Romanian car manufacturer Automecanica Mediaş, the company's press service said.

- Rheinmetall will own 72.5% of the shares of the Romanian enterprise already named Rheinmetall Automecanica SRL, which will play a key role in servicing combat vehicles in Ukraine, as well as in providing their logistical support.

9:54 AM: The US will begin striking targets in Iraq and Syria in response to an airstrike on its base in Jordan this weekend.

- The Wall Street Journal writes about it with reference to American officials.
- Among the targets of the attack are Iranian forces and facilities. The goal of the US is to influence Iran so that the militants it supports stop attacks in the Middle East.

1:45 PM: Polish farmers have announced a new nationwide strike.

- From February 9 to March 10, they plan to block all border crossings between Poland and Ukraine, as well as roads and highways throughout the country.

1:57 PM: Canada and Ukraine are creating an international coalition that will work to return to Ukraine children forcibly removed from the occupied territories to other occupied regions or to Russia.

- This was announced by the heads of foreign affairs of Canada and Ukraine, Melanie Joly and Dmytro Kuleba.

2:13 PM: Bundestag deputies approved the state budget for 2024 — about €7.6 billion is earmarked for military aid to Ukraine.

- 388 parliamentarians of the ruling coalition voted "for", 279 deputies voted "against".

2:44 PM: German TV channel ZDF filmed a propaganda report about the "functioning" of Mariupol during the Russian occupation.

- The spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Oleh Nikolenko, has already reacted to the story and called for an explanation of the journalists' actions.

4:03 PM: Spain trains Ukrainian military in maintenance of Patriot missile systems, — El Mundo.

- "The training is conducted by servicemen from the command units of anti-aircraft artillery (RAAA) from the headquarters of the Marine Corps, the reference unit for this type of weaponry," the publication writes.

4:35 PM: Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk commented on the so-called "fatigue with Ukraine" in the EU:

- "There is no problem with the so-called "fatigue with Ukraine". We have "fatigue with Orbán" right now here in Brussels".
- Let us remind you that Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán did not support the decision of the EU summit regarding €50 billion for Ukraine until the last, instead offering, according to him, a compromise option: to give aid to Kyiv annually.

6:06 PM: The total time spent by Ukrainian military personnel abroad for treatment will not exceed 12 months.

- This was reported by the permanent representative of the Cabinet of Ministers in the Verkhovna Rada, Taras Melnychuk.

6:20 PM: Hungarian farmers plan to start protests next Friday at the Zahon Chop checkpoint.

- This was stated by the head of the Association of Hungarian Farmer Groups and Organizations, Istvan Jakab, Telex reports.

- In this way, they want to "respond" to the proposal to continue the duty-free import of Ukrainian goods to EU countries.

7:30 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta Ian Borg.

- "[...] \_it is important for Ukraine that the OSCE focuses on the return of our illegally deported children, helps us, together with our partners, bring them home\_", the president noted.

7:37 PM: Lithuania has delivered a new package of military aid to Ukraine, the press service of the Ministry of Defense of Lithuania reports.

- The package included "thousands of shells" for Carl Gustaf anti-tank grenade launchers, as well as the RISE-1 remote detonation system.

7:53 PM: In Poland, a Russian and a Belarusian were sentenced to four years in prison for spying for the Russian Federation, Polish Radio.

7:53 PM: Several people died in a single-engine plane crash in the US state of Florida, — The New York Times.

7:53 PM: Ukrainian goalkeeper Ilya Voloshyn has signed a contract with Real Madrid, — RGFootball.

7:53 PM: The American company WaveAerospace presented the Huntress II Turbojet quadcopter with a speed of up to 483 km per hour, New Atlas.

8:09 PM: The Usyk vs. Fury fight has been postponed, ESPN's Michael Coppinger reported.

- The fight was postponed due to an injury that Fury received during preparatory sparring. At the moment, it is not known on which date the fight will be scheduled.

9:40 PM: The Romanian government has agreed with farmers to stop protests and speed up subsidy payments.

10:15 PM: The Czech Republic will offer the EU to buy shells for Ukraine outside the bloc, Politico reports



- This is due to the fact that Europe is not fulfilling its promise to send 1 million artillery shells to Ukraine by March. In the Czech Republic, they believe that it is necessary to look for supplies outside the EU.
- Currently, the European Union states that Ukraine will receive 524,000 shells by the March deadline, and 1.1 million shells are promised to be delivered by the end of the year.

10:27 PM: An ex-CIA employee was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the largest theft of classified information in the history of American intelligence, CNN.

- A few years ago, Joshua Schulte gave WikiLeaks classified documents related to the intelligence hacking tools used to hack the CIA.
- The prosecutor called Schulte's actions "one of the most brazen and despicable acts of espionage in American history." Schulte was also convicted of possessing tens of thousands of files containing child pornography. The prosecutor's office demanded life imprisonment.

10:39 PM: The United States has begun striking Syria, the ABC TV channel reports with reference to a representative of the American administration.

- The strikes come in response to a recent attack on a US base in Jordan.

11:01 PM: A hundred armored personnel carriers, which Bulgaria provided to Ukraine free of charge by the decision of the People's Assembly, are already being shipped to Ukraine. This was reported by the "BGNES" publication.

- "The three ministries are working together. It is already clear who will load them where, where they will go. This is a very serious logistical operation," said Defense Minister Todor Tagarev.

2:50 PM: Estonia gives Ukraine a new €80 million military aid package — it includes Javelin anti-tank missiles.

- This was announced by the Ministry of Defense of Estonia on the social network Kh.

**Saturday, February 3**

8:00 AM: The White House released a statement by Joe Biden on the start of the US operation in the Middle East. The U.S. military has struck targets in Iraq and Syria that the IRGC and its affiliates "use to attack U.S. troops."

8:00 AM: North Korea says it has successfully tested the power of an "extremely large cruise missile warhead" in the Yellow Sea, Yonhap.

8:00 AM: The UN announced that a helicopter carrying peacekeepers had been fired upon in the Congo. As a result of the attack, two people were injured.

9:54 AM: Canada is considering transferring CRV7 air-to-surface missiles to Ukraine, — CBC.

- The Canadian Parliament called for the transfer of CRV7 air-to-surface missiles to Ukraine, which the government wants to dispose of.
- Canada emphasizes that the problem with supplying these missiles is that the country has tens of thousands of such missiles and engines for them, but not all of them have warheads.

11:31 AM: Poland is to begin negotiations with Ukraine and NATO on the possibility of shooting down Russian missiles and drones flying towards Poland in the border regions of Ukraine.

- This opinion was expressed by the majority of Poles (69.3%) according to the results of a survey conducted by the IBRiS center for the Polish publication Rzeczpospolita.

7:04 PM: About 200 Japanese and Ukrainian companies are expected to participate in the conference on the reconstruction of Ukraine in Tokyo, Kyodo.

7:04 PM: Iraqi authorities say 16 people, including civilians, have been killed in US airstrikes on targets inside the country, Al Jazeera.

7:04 PM: China has carried out its second space launch of satellites in a day, — Xinhua.

7:04 PM: Sony banned activation of its games on the Steam platform for users from the Russian Federation and Belarus, — rosZMI.

8:21 PM: Taiwan increased the fine for the first violation of the export of sanctioned "machines" to the Russian Federation 15 times — to 1 million New Taiwan dollars (\$32,055).

- Focus Taiwan writes about it.
- The changes came after the Washington Post reported that several Taiwanese companies sold \$20 million worth of equipment, which then ended up in the hands of Russian arms manufacturers.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Friday, February 2**

12:14 AM: Activity of enemy tactical aviation is observed in the waters of the Sea of Azov.

- There is the use of aviation means of destruction, the Air Force reports.
- Several regular groups of BpLA from the south enter the Mykolayiv region, heading north and north-east.

1:29 AM: Air Force reports UAV threat in alert areas.

3:19 AM: Air Force reports movement of "shaheeds":

- UAVs in Donetsk region are moving east;
- UAVs on the border of Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk regions are moving in the direction of Donetsk region, heading southeast;
- BpLA in Kirovohrad region, course to Kremenchuk;
- BpLA in the Mykolaiv region from the Kherson region, north-western kups;
- BpLA in the Mykolaiv region, course north;
- UAV on the border of the Kherson and Mykolaiv regions from the Black Sea, heading north-east.

3:25 AM: Air Force reports movement of "shaheeds":

- The UAV in the Kharkiv region is moving north;
- UAVs in the Kirovohrad region are moving east;
- UAVs in Dnipropetrovsk region are moving in a north-eastern direction;
- Unmanned aerial vehicle on the border of the Mykolaiv and Kherson regions, heading north-east.

7:37 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 February 2:

- During the past 24 hours, 63 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 2 missile strikes, 85 air strikes, and carried out 79 anti-aircraft fire at the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and populated areas.
- At night, 11/25 enemy drones were destroyed by the forces and means of the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine.
- During the day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces struck 13 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 1 anti-aircraft missile complex of the enemy.
- Units of the missile forces struck 2 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 4 artillery units and the enemy's radio-electronic warfare station.
- Last day, the forces of the GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine destroyed a missile boat of the 41st missile boat brigade of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation in the western part of the temporarily occupied Crimea.

8:15 AM: At night forces and means air defense of Ukraine destroyed 11/24 "Shahedov".

12:10 PM: Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Jolie arrived in Kyiv.

- She has already met with the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Dmytro Kuleba.

12:49 PM: According to SBU materials, the court seized Oleg Tsarev's real estate worth almost half a billion UAH.

- We are talking about an apartment in the central part of the Dnipro, a plot of land in the Kyiv region, as well as two property complexes in the temporarily occupied Crimea: the sanatorium "Kirova" and the museum "Estate of Princess Baryatynska", where Tsarev currently lives.
- Blocking the assets of the person involved will prevent their re-registration on fictitious persons to avoid further confiscation of property.

1:02 PM: BEB detained another person involved in the case of miscoding and underground online casinos.

- The suspect is directly related to one of the largest sanctioned organizers of online casino gambling.
- The court chose a preventive measure in the form of detention for the man. Currently, the pre-trial investigation is ongoing.

1:11 PM: Defense Minister Rustem Umyerov suspended the head of the Department of Military-Technical Policy, Development of Weapons and Military Equipment of the MoD Toomas Nakhkur from his duties.

- "\_The reason for suspension is the announcement of suspicion in criminal proceedings. The suspicion was served on Toomas Nahkur on January 27, 2024\_" the ministry said.

2:24 PM: "Ukrainian team" handed over a thousand heating sets to special forces of the "Hort" unit of the 57th brigade

- These guys were among the first to fight the invaders near Gostomel. They fought near Lysychansk, took part in two campaigns in the Bakhmut region, and now they are crushing the enemy near Kupyansk, reports "Ukrainian Command".
- "\_More than half of the winter is behind us, but February is ahead. That's why we continue to worry about the defenders. Thanks to your

donations, our soldiers will be warm\_", - said the head of "Ukrainian team" Artur Palatny.

2:57 PM: Ukraine returned 4 more children from the occupied part of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, — Save Ukraine.

- "The children are from 0 to 16 years old. All of them are now safe in one of our centers," the organization writes.

3:10 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a telephone conversation with the President of Kazakhstan Kasim-Zhomart Tokayev.

- The leaders of the countries discussed the intensification of bilateral trade and economic relations and political dialogue.
- "\_Informed Mr. Tokayev that the meeting of the International Coalition for the Return of Forcedly Displaced Ukrainian Children is taking place in Kyiv today\_," writes Zelenskyi.

3:28 PM: The President of Ukraine held a meeting with Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly.

- During the meeting, they discussed:
- further support of Ukraine;
- joint implementation of the Peace Formula;
- development of a system of security guarantees for Ukraine;
- the work of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children.

5:36 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports a missile threat.

5:46 PM: There is no document on the resignation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Valery Zaluzhny today.

- Oleksiy Danilov, Secretary of the National Security Council, announced this.
- "\_If the document appears, then you can ask for an opinion and talk about something. As long as it is not there, I would not advise anyone

to raise these waves, to start telling that something happened\_"  
Danilov said.

6:35 PM: Ministry of Defense official Toomas Nahkur was placed under preventive measure - personal commitment.

- The Anti-Corruption Center writes about this.
- The official was assigned a number of duties, including handing over passports for traveling abroad and wearing an electronic bracelet.

7:02 PM: At the request of BEB detectives, another suspect in the case of tax evasion of UAH 767 million by the companies of a well-known converter has been remanded in custody.

- A bail in the amount of over UAH 30 million was approved for the head of the intermediary company that was involved in the criminal scheme.
- \_Companies bought drinks and food products in large quantities, in fact they sold the goods off the books, without paying taxes. The suspect covered up the commission of the crime by allegedly "responsible storage of goods" that had previously been sold for cash.\_

7:17 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on February 2:

- During the day \_55 combat clashes took place.\_
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 10 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile troops hit 3 enemy ammunition depots.

9:07 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi spoke about the strengthening of the Ukrainian air defense system in his evening address.

- "[...] \_Two more air defense systems have arrived in Ukraine. All the details, of course, should not be discussed publicly. But the systems are the ones that knock everything down. We will protect the regions. So far, the systems are not enough to fully protect Ukraine, but we are working for this every day " \_ - said the president.

9:21 PM: The government has improved the mechanism of state support for large investment projects, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal reports.

- "Ukrainian and foreign businesses that are ready to invest more than 12 million euros and create new jobs will receive maximum support and special conditions," the prime minister clarified.
- A number of provisions are removed and simplified, in particular on the need for an economic analysis, on the revision of the social assessment of the project, and the requirements regarding the applicant's financial capacity are also relaxed.

9:24 PM: The Air Force reports enemy tactical aircraft activity to the east and southeast. There is a threat of using aviation weapons.

- UAVs are moving on the border of Odesa and Mykolaiv regions in the direction of Kirovohrad region.

9:57 PM: Sumy, Poltava, Kharkiv regions - missile danger, the Air Force reports.

- UAV on the border of Kirovohrad and Cherkasy regions, heading for Uman.

10:41 PM: The Air Force reports that UAVs in Odesa are heading in the direction of Odesa.

- Unmanned aerial vehicles in Vinnytsia are moving in a northwesterly direction. BpLA in Cherkasy region - heading for Kyiv region.
- UAVs in the north of Vinnytsia region and in the south of Kyiv region - heading for Zhytomyr region.

11:20 PM: 96 billion hryvnias came to the consolidated budget in January 2024.

- This amount is UAH 7.3 billion higher than expected figures, the State Tax Service of Ukraine reported.
- The department emphasized that thanks to the taxes of Ukrainians, the budget steadily receives the necessary funds for the Armed Forces of Ukraine and social benefits.



## Saturday, February 3

1:09 AM: A group of UAVs in the north of the Kherson region, moving in the direction of the Dnipropetrovsk region, the Air Force reports.

- BpLA in the direction of Kryvyi Rih.

2:06 AM: "Shahedy" in the south of the Dnipropetrovsk region heading for Kryvyi Rih, — PS ZSU.

- Another group of "shahedis" in the north of the Kherson region is heading to the Dnipropetrovsk region.

3:38 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reported the threat of using air weapons.

4:24 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy awarded Ukrainian intelligence officers and commented on the destruction of the Ivanovets missile boat:

- " \_A lot has already been done by the soldiers of the GUR - both on land and at sea. And Russia really feels the pain of your actions, of the actions of your brothers. [...] A complex operation on the raid of Lake Donuzlav: six direct hits of naval drones in the hull " Ivanovets". It was strong. And I thank you for this strength\_".

6:59 AM: During the night, the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine destroyed 9 out of 14 enemy UAVs in the Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa, Mykolaiv, and Zhytomyr regions.

7:09 AM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 06:00 on February 3:

- During the past 24 hours, 77 combat clashes took place.\_ In total, the enemy launched 2 missile and 86 air strikes, carried out 46 attacks from anti-aircraft missiles on the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck \_10 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment\_ of the enemy.

- Units of the missile forces struck 3 ammunition warehouses and 1 artillery piece of the enemy.

6:48 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

- "Reconstruction works are currently underway in some regions of our country, where electricity was cut off due to Russian strikes. [...] The head of Ukrenergo was sent to the region, as well as all the necessary specialists and resources. Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal reported to me today both about the works and protection of energy facilities".

7:20 PM: The epidemic threshold has been exceeded in three regions of Ukraine today — the introduction of quarantine measures is not yet forecast.

- This was announced by the Chief State Sanitary Doctor and Deputy Minister of Health Ihor Kuzin.
- It is about Zhytomyr, Khmelnytskyi and Chernivtsi regions. An increase in the incidence of SARS was registered in 5 more regions: Vinnytsia, Lviv, Rivne, Ternopil and Chernihiv.

7:41 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on February 3:

- During the day 45 combat clashes took place .
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 12 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces struck 1 area of the concentration of personnel and 1 artillery means of the enemy.

8:45 PM: Voting for the winner of the National Selection for Eurovision 2024 has begun in the "Action" application.

- However, network users complain that the application could not withstand the influx of users and does not work.

9:12 PM: From February 9 to 15, abnormal weather is possible in Ukraine. It will warm up to +20, forecasters report.

- After that, it is expected to cool down to 0 degrees.

## **MORDOR – ruZZia**

### **Friday, February 2**

8:44 AM: There are 2 Russian ships in the Black Sea, the Navy of the Armed Forces.

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

11:22 AM: More than 70,000 Russian troops are currently stationed on the temporarily occupied left bank of the Dnieper in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.

- This was stated by the spokeswoman of the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine Nataliya Humeniuk.
- According to her, the enemy group, which is trying to repel the Defense Forces from the left bank, is therefore constantly changing in its quantitative and qualitative composition.

3:38 PM: The destroyed missile boat "Ivanovets" had six direct hits, it was attacked by Magura V5 surface drones of Ukrainian design.

- This was reported by the head of the IOU GUR Kyrilo Budanov, reports The War Zone.
- \_The Magura V5 is not only intended for direct attacks as a kamikaze drone, but can also be engaged in reconnaissance, patrolling and mine clearance.\_

4:14 PM: During the attack of the Defense Forces on the airfield "Belbek" in the so-called Crimea was hit by at least three enemy planes, as well as personnel.

- This was announced by the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Yuriy Ignat.

- "\_The best confirmation is satellite images, where you can see something. But an even better confirmation is the obituaries in Russian publications, it is the fact that they themselves recognize and publish information about the damage\_ [...]", - noted the spokesperson of the Armed Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

5:30 PM: On average, each enemy assault group loses about 70% of its personnel during engagements with the Defense Forces of Ukraine.

- This was stated by the head of the joint press center of the Operational Command "South" Nataliya Gumenyuk.
- "\_Actually, along the entire front line, there are constant rotations (Russian troops - ed.). Because the losses that the enemy suffers force them to change both the quantitative and qualitative composition of the personnel of the troops\_ [...]", - says Humenyuk.

### **Saturday, February 3**

8:00 AM: Russia reports drone attacks in Belgorod and Volgograd regions.

11:42 AM: MIG-31 takes off from Mozdok airfield, — Air Force of the ZSU.

12:35 PM: The fire at the refinery in Volgograd was "organized" by SBU drones

- Our sources say two drones hit a primary oil refinery, without which the plant would lose a significant portion of its production capacity.
- "\_The SBU continues to systematically destroy the infrastructure that Russia uses to wage war in Ukraine. By hitting oil refineries that work for the Russian military-industrial complex, we not only cut off the logistics of fuel supplies for enemy equipment, but also reduce the filling of the Russian budget. "Cottons" at Russian refineries will continue," the source reported.

12:46 PM: Relatives of mobilized Russians came to a rally in the center of Moscow with the demand to return their soldiers home after 500 days of mobilization, — rosZMI.

- It is reported that the wives and mothers of the mobilized have been going to rallies every Saturday for more than a month with posters that read "They are not waiting there. They are being killed there. They are waiting for their men there" and "Don't take weapons. Take flowers."

2:32 PM: In Russia, the Tu-95 pilot, who is directly involved in launching missile attacks on civilian objects in Ukraine and killing our people, was shot dead - GUR MOU.

- It is about Major Oleg Sergeevich Stegachyov. He served at the Russian air base "Engels".
- "\_As a result of the attack, Oleg Stegachyov suffered gunshot wounds. Whether he survived or not - we will clarify\_", Ukrainian intelligence writes.

3:30 PM: Satellite images of the consequences of the destruction of the Russian Belbek airfield in the temporarily occupied Crimea.

- "\_According to preliminary information, the enemy's command post was hit. Losses in personnel will be known over time and with the first obituaries on the enemy's social networks\_", writes DeepState.

10:41 PM: Voting for the winner of the Eurovision Song Contest 2024 will continue from the moment of the resumption of "Diya" and throughout tomorrow, the host Timur Miroshnychenko announced live.

- Tomorrow at approximately 19:05 the voting lines will be closed and the winner of the contest will be announced.

11:23 PM: A record number of requests for "Action" was recorded today - 15,000 requests per second. This was reported by Minister Fedorov

- This is 20 times more than a year ago when voting for the favorite of the National Election. The situation is already stabilizing, and in a few hours everything will be fully operational, noted the Minister of Digital Transformation.

9:27 PM: There are several in Belgorod, Russia

11:34 PM: The Air Force reports that enemy tactical aircraft are active over the Sea of Azov. There is a threat of using aviation weapons.

## REGIONS

### KYIV



#### Friday, February 2

3:19 PM: The Security Service of Ukraine identified the 4 thugs who, during the occupation of Kyiv region, beat civilians with sticks and took them out for execution.

- We are talking about majors Vasiliev and Bulgakov, junior lieutenant radnatarov and private shozhoev.
- The occupiers kidnapped people and imprisoned them in the torture chambers they had created. In the cells, the rioters beat the victims, put out lighters on the body, threatened to kill them and simulated shooting.

#### Saturday, February 3

4:46 PM: Fighters of the 23rd separate special purpose battalion of the Ukrainian Armed Forces thanked Vitaliy Klitschko for 40 FPV drones.

- " "Birds" are already working and helping to destroy the enemy\_ ", - writes the head of Kyiv.

### KHARKIV



#### Friday, February 2

4:53 PM: Heavy fighting is taking place for Tabaivka, artillery duels are taking place there - currently the village is not under the control of the occupiers.

- This was reported by the head of the press service of the eastern group of troops, Ilya Yevlash.

- The enemy has about 40,000 personnel, more than 500 tanks, 650 self-propelled guns, 430 artillery systems and more than 150 self-propelled guns in the Kupyan direction.
- There are almost 57,000 occupiers on Lymanskyi, as well as 500 tanks, more than 110 anti-aircraft guns, 534 artillery systems and almost 200 self-propelled guns.

### Saturday, February 3

6:23 PM: Commander of the Ground Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Syrskyi visited the military units and units that are conducting the defense in the Kupyansk direction.

- "\_The operational situation remains tense. Heavy battles are taking place on all areas of the front. The enemy continues to conduct high-intensity assaults and constantly pulls up new reserves\_" Sirskyi said.

### DONETSK



### Saturday, February 3

- Forensic experts confirmed that a 7-year-old boy was killed during shelling in the village of Rivnoy, and a 14-year-old teenager was killed in Pokrovsk by Russian shelling.
- In total, nine people who died as a result of the rocket attack have already been identified - it remains to identify two more children who died - boys aged 9 and 16.

### ZAPORIZHIA



### Saturday, February 3

1:15 PM: Explosions rang out in temporarily occupied Berdyansk.

- According to the head of Berdyanska MBA, there were several explosions, they were probably outside the city.

5:24 PM: Defense forces in the Tavria direction neutralized or destroyed 140 enemy UAVs of various types during the day.

- Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, commander of the "Tavria" OSUV, reported this.
- Ukrainian soldiers also destroyed 2 enemy ammunition depots.

## DNIPRO



### Friday, February 2

3:35 AM: Kryvyi Rih - an enemy attack UAV in the area of the city, reports the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

7:47 AM: As a result Russian shelling BpLA V night against 2 February V Crooked Rosie de-energized household and industrial consumers, — Ukrenergo.

8:07 AM: Over 100 miners remained under by land because of hit BpLA in Kryvyi Rih district. A part blocked workers already raised on the surface, — RMA.

- Russia's constant attacks on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine are war crimes, but they also testify to the Kremlin's reluctance for peace — the EU in the OSCE.
- The EU's decision on €50 billion for Ukraine will not replace US leadership in military aid, the White House.

9:13 AM: All 113 miners on surface, — RMA.

6:51 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Nikopol, a 34-year-old man and a 63-year-old woman were injured.

- This was reported by the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhiy Lysak.
- As a result of two shellings in the city, a sanatorium, 5 private houses, 4 farm buildings, and a power line were damaged.

11:58 PM: UAV in the direction of Kryvyi Rih, the Air Force reports.

### Saturday, February 3



8:41 AM: In Kryvyi Rih, schedules of emergency shutdowns are being introduced after the Russian attack, the chairman of the Kryvyi Rih Defense Council Oleksandr Vilkul said.

- He added that the algorithm will be the same as last year during blackouts.
- "There will be fan interruptions with electricity and communication", - it is stated in the message.

3:03 PM: As of 2:45 p.m., energy workers have restored power supply to more than 60,000 homes after a night attack in the Kryvorizka district, — DTEK.

4:07 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Kryvyi Rih district.

4:14 PM: Air defense forces destroyed an enemy missile, RMA, in the Kryvorizka district.

5:26 PM: Rocket in the direction of Pavlograd, — PS ZSU.

## KHERSON



### Friday, February 2

3:03 PM: The Russian army attacked Ingulets twice, it is known about two wounded — Kherson RMA.

- At noon, a 59-year-old woman was injured as a result of enemy shelling, and she was diagnosed with an explosive injury, head and leg injuries.
- Later, a 37-year-old man was injured, he had a blast injury and shrapnel injuries to his leg.

3:47 PM: Footage of the first minutes after the Russian air strike on Kherson.

- According to RMA, a 73-year-old woman and a 17-year-old boy were injured. They were hospitalized in a medical facility.
- A three-story building was partially destroyed, and nearby houses were also damaged.

4:26 PM: As a result of another Russian attack on Kherson, a 62-year-old woman was injured, RMA.

- The woman received a contusion, explosive and craniocerebral injuries. The "ambulance" team provided assistance to the victim on the spot.

8:34 PM: Kherson, Mykolaiv regions - the threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.

- UAVs are observed in the Mykolaiv region in the direction of Odesa.
- 8:51 PM: Soldiers of the Kherson anti-aircraft missile brigade destroyed a Russian reconnaissance UAV "ZALA" in the Kherson region, the Southern Defense Forces reported.

## MYKOLAIV



### Friday, February 2

5:13 PM: Thanks to the evidence base of the Security Service of Ukraine, the pro-Russian blogger Yury Podolyak, who pointed Russian missiles at Mykolaiv, was sentenced in absentia to 15 years in prison.

- To carry out information and subversive activities, Podolyak created his own YouTube channel with a total audience of more than 3 million subscribers.
- Podolyak justifies the seizure of Ukrainian territory and the destruction of the civil infrastructure of our state. He also denied the war crimes committed by the Rashists in Buch, and called the exposed facts of mass murders of local residents "staged".

## POLTAVA



### Friday, February 2

10:06 PM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in the Poltava region.

- The Air Force warns that a missile is moving in the direction of Myrhorod.

11:38 PM: During the latest attack in the Poltava region, there was a hit in the Myrhorod district, RMA reported.

- At the moment, there are no victims.

## LVIV-



### Friday, February 2

12:08 PM: Employees of the Institute of Geoinformation Systems have created a 3D model of the destroyed Museum of Colonel General Roman Shukhevich, which was attacked by Russian drones on January 1.

- You can see what the museum was like at the link:  
<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=RdyJCvv4moU&back=1>

## ZHYTOMYR



### Friday, February 2

11:47 PM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in the Zhytomyr region.

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 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 705 days	After 706 days	After 707 days	After 708 days	After 709 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	385,230	386,230	387,060	387,940	388,750

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6310	6322	6331	6341	6343
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	11,757	11,773	11,792	11805	11818
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	11,179	11,214	11,252	11,279	11,310
Cruise Missiles		1846	1847	1847	1847	1848
Fighters Bombers	118	332	332	332	332	332
Helicopters	333	324	324	32	324	324
Drones		7100	7136	7146	7161	7173
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		663	663	663	663	663
Cargo/Fuel/other transport	11,369	12,231	12,267	12,316	12,352	12,393
Naval Vessels		23+(1 submarine)	23+(1 submarine)	24 + 1 (Submarine)	24 + 1 (Submarine)	24 + 1 (Submarine)
Specialized equipment		1452	1462	1470	1473	1479

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