

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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From Bohdan – the of Border Crossings Connecting Ukraine and Poland

For those of you who aren't aware, Bohdan was for 10 years the agricultural expert at the USAID Mission in Ukraine. His "day job" is advising investor groups interested in the opportunities in Ukrainian agriculture.

Here is Bohdan's view about the blocking of border entrances from Poland into Ukraine (my comment in **bold face**) –

The Polish border blockade of Ukrainian trucks, and occasionally cars and buses, is the result of long term structural issues that Russia has taken full advantage of.

The first issue is the Polish farmers claim that Ukrainian agricultural production is pushing them out of their domestic market. That is slightly true and mostly false.

Poland has roughly 1.5 million registered farmers, and roughly 400,000 active farms. 1.1 million Polish farmers lease their land to the active farmers and do not participate in the market. Poland has 15.4 million hectares of farmland, and Ukraine has 40 million hectares of farm land and roughly 150,000 registered and non registered farmers and agricultural enterprises.

Ukrainian farmers simply have a better economy of scale, and you can add to that better agro-climatic conditions. As a result they have higher yields at lower costs than Polish farmers. Ukrainian farmers pay more in taxes than they receive in subsidies, whereas Polish farmers receive significant Polish

and EU subsidies of more than 600 Euro per hectare and pay very little taxes.

Overall Poland has been a net food exporter for the last fifteen years with exports exceeding imports by \$15 billion in 2022. The reason for Poland's food success is that it is a major animal protein, and processed food product exporter. To achieve this Poland has relied on animal feed imports. Poland imports grains and oilseeds because they are less costly to buy from Argentina and Ukraine than Polish grains, and because Poland does not produce enough to feed all its chickens, pigs, cows and other farm animals.

If Poland stopped importing grains and oilseeds its animal protein sector would collapse and the country would become dependent on food imports.

However the blockade is not about Ukraine grain imports to Poland. The 400,000 Polish farmers, even with their huge subsidies, have low average incomes and would like to earn more. They have low incomes because the farms are small, less productive, and most of the profit goes to pay for farmland rent. Each time subsidies increase so does farmland rent.

Given current Polish farm size and mechanization Polish grain growers need to work about two months a year. The farmer's complaint, and the complaint of the landlords who lease them farmland, is that they would like a higher income without increasing the efficiency of what they do.

So the blockade, which only affected Ukrainian exports to Poland, or less than 1% of Ukraine's production, did not limit Polish grain and oilseed imports from other countries. 99% of Ukrainian grain and oilseeds that was going to Poland, was in transit to Polish ports.

Although not productive in the fields, Polish farmers are very productive at the polls. They form the electoral backbone of the current Polish opposition, which lost power four months ago after being in office for eight years.

The Polish opposition is a typical right wing populist party that spent the majority of its eight years in office pursuing ideological ends rather than national well-being. Some of their major achievements included closing down independent press, replacing bad old judges with ideologically correct judges, stacking the civil service with party loyalists, banning abortions, and more, and more, and more.

Having lost four months ago the current Polish opposition is doing all it can to make it difficult for the winners. To say that they are poor losers, is to say nothing.

Enter the farmers. The opposition, which had limited farmer dissent by increasing subsidies annually when they were in power, fanned farmer resentment of limited incomes and helped to organize the initial blockade.

The headlines stemming from the blockade persuaded another group which is not concerned with Polish national well-being to throw in their support as well. Russian agents in Poland, also began assisting the blockade.

The adage the enemy of my enemy is my friend brought the two long term antagonists - Polish right wing and Polish communists together. Working as a team they extended complaints from economic to political issues.

The current government, not used to sending riot police to control their own citizens, appears weak and indecisive. This is causing conflict with the EU, weakens Polish leadership in its support of Ukraine, and opens the door to further destabilization.

The blockade is inconvenient for Ukraine's farmers, but it is damaging the war effort and the economy. The Polish government has everything to lose by doing nothing and everything to gain if it tackles the farmers and thereby stands up to the right and communists.

The new Polish Government should follow the recent example of the Canadian government, when they dealt with Canadian truckers that illegally blocked the Canadian Parliament building in Ottawa, including

confiscating trucks and tractors that were being used as barriers, hitting bank accounts, arrests, and so on.

“Adapting to New Defense Realities: U.S. Startups Operating at Ukraine's Frontlines”

This was a webinar sponsored by the U.S. Ukraine Business Council (USUBC). The panelists represented small U.S. defense contractors currently active in Ukraine, plus a representative from a Ukrainian venture capital company that invests in Ukrainian defense manufacturers.

Below is the announcement, including brief bios and LinkedIn pages of the panelists, bios of their companies, and contacts at USUBC. Feel free to contact them directly (LinkedIn and email addresses are below).

“In the rapidly evolving landscape of national defense, Ukraine's strategies against Russian aggression are reshaping global military tactics. Startups, known for their agility, are at the forefront of addressing the needs of the Ukrainian forces.”

“Moreover, Ukraine's current situation presents a unique environment for testing and refining new defense equipment, offering critical insights and advancements that can significantly benefit the United States.”

Agenda:

- **Introduction to Startups Supporting Ukrainian Defense:** An overview of how various companies are contributing to Ukraine's defense efforts.
- **Finding the First Customer:** Strategies for startups to connect with their initial end users.
- **Benefits of Collaboration with the Ukrainian Armed Forces:** Understanding the mutual advantages of working with Ukraine's military.
- **Logistical Challenges and Solutions:** Tackling the practicalities of transporting and integrating equipment in Ukraine, including travel, compliance, shipping, and on-ground integration.

- **Innovations and Trends on the Battlefield:** A look at emerging themes such as small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS), autonomy, command and control, and interoperability.

Highlight speakers:

- [Martin Slosarik](https://www.linkedin.com/in/slosarik/) (COO, Picogrid) - Picogrid is a unified platform to connect, command, and control sensors, end user devices and autonomous systems. Here is Martin's LinkedIn Page - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/slosarik/>
- [Elya Chiechienieva](https://www.linkedin.com/in/elya-checheneva/) (Venture Capitalist & LSB Newton Fellow) - Focused on investments in defense startups. Here is Elya's LinkedIn page - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/elya-checheneva/>
- [Alan Besquin](https://www.linkedin.com/in/alan-besquin-44797253/) (CTO, Somewear Labs) - Somewear Labs modernizes battlefield communications with Grid, a multi-network communications platform built to survive in any environment. Here is Alan's LinkedIn Page - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alan-besquin-44797253/>
- [Soren Monroe-Anderson](#) (CEO, Neros Technologies) - Neros is manufacturing unmanned defense systems at a massive scale. Here is Soren's LinkedIn Page.

[Morgan Williams](#), CEO & President of the USUBC will provide opening remarks.

[Denys Yatsyshyn](#) (Moderator) - Director, Corporate Relations in USUBC.

Over the years, I've attended many USUBC webinars. This was the best. The audience participation was amazing. Congratulations to everyone.

News From the Battlefield

Both "[Reporting From Ukraine](#)" and the "[Latest Denys](#)" report on Russian reversals around both Robotyne and Bakhmut. At around 5:15 into Reporting From Ukraine's video, he states that Ukraine is moving troops from around Robotyne north to Bakhmut. Russians are responding by

moving troops toward Robotyne. If True, it seems that it's not much help to Russia, as they're being pushed back in both places.

Crimea Landing? - At 7:00 into Denys' video, he reports on an interview given by Kyrylo Budanov, Head of Ukraine's Defense Intelligence, that Ukraine is planning a "[special operation](#)" in Crimea. If true, in my opinion it is likely that the Biden Administration will try to get Ukraine to call it off, to avoid an "escalation" and, as a lever, threaten to cut off Ukraine from future weapons transfers.

Academy Awards Broadcast

I understand that the re-broadcast of last Sunday's Academy Awards Ceremony, to international audiences, did not include the segment covering the acceptance speech by Mstislav Chernov, the Director of "20 Days in Mariupol," the winner of the best full-length documentary. In other words, the Ukrainian audience was unable to see the awarding of Ukraine's first Oscar.

The reason – the speech contained references to war, as opposed to limiting the content to thanking one's collaborators, family, etc. This leads to the question – if the Academy is so squeamish about portraying war, why give the award to "20 Days in Mariupol in the first place? The Academy, or whomever was responsible for deleting the acceptance speech, is simply playing the role of useful idiots for the Russians.

["He's a Renewable Power Billionaire, Not an Environmentalist"](#)/Wall Street Journal

Another example of a member of the Ukrainian Diaspora making good in the U.S.

From the article – "Michael Polsky is getting into fights all over the country.

The Chicago billionaire, a Ukrainian immigrant who made his fortune through wind, solar and other renewable-energy projects, wants to build a lot more. And he also wants to build natural-gas-fired power plants.

At every turn, he says, he faces opposition from either the left or the right— illustrating his view that the country's approach to energy has gone completely off the rails.

“It’s crazy,” said Polsky, who founded his company, Invenergy, in 2001. “Why if you build renewables you’ve got to be on the left, and if you build coal or gas you’ve got to be on the right? To me, you build what makes sense to build.”

As they say, “you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him (or her) drink it.”

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Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration UAV = Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

INTERNATIONAL

3:29 AM: Ukrainian director Mstislav Chernov's film "20 days in Mariupol" won the Oscar 2024 for the best documentary film.

- The film was shot in the first three weeks of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- This is the first Oscar in the history of Ukraine.

4:04 AM: "I'm probably the first director who wishes he'd never made his film. And I'd like to trade the recognition I've received for the possibility that Russia would never attack Ukraine," — the director of the Ukrainian film "20 Days in Mariupol" Mstislav Chernov.

- According to him, he cannot change the past, but all the people in the hall can make sure that the truth is established correctly, and "the people of Mariupol were never forgotten."

8:00 AM: In Portugal's parliamentary elections, the center-right Democratic Alliance (AD) won, the left-wing Socialist Party (PS) came second by a narrow margin, — Reuters.

8:00 AM: “We have destroyed three quarters of the fighting terrorist battalions of Hamas. And we are close to completing the last part of the hostilities," said the Prime Minister of Israel, commenting on the course of the war in the country.

8:00 AM: Polish President Andrzej Duda and Prime Minister Donald Tusk will pay a joint visit to the United States on March 12.

8:27 AM: 800,000 artillery shells purchased in third countries may be delivered to Ukraine within a few weeks.

- This was stated by the President of the Czech Republic, Petr Pavel.
- It is noted that the value of the contract is about 1.5 billion euros.

9:22 AM: Ukraine begins negotiations with US and European Union regulators regarding the resumption of air transport.

- This was reported by the Deputy Prime Minister for Reconstruction Oleksandr Kubrakov.
- According to Kubrakov, it is too early to talk about any specific terms. But the Ukrainian side is already conveying to the regulators its vision of how the market will work under martial law, as well as its risk assessment, approaches and algorithms.

10:06 AM: Ukraine may receive 6 first F-16s as early as July, New York Times.

- The article says the fighters are ready and flight instructors are waiting at a new training center in Romania that was set up to train Ukrainian pilots to fly the F-16.

10:53 AM: Ukraine has become the largest arms importer in Europe, — DW.

- "The country's share in global arms imports was 4.9% compared to 0.1% in 2014-2018. The main suppliers of arms to Kyiv were the USA (39%), Germany and Poland, respectively 14% and 13%", - it is said in the message.
- On the other hand, Russian arms exports decreased by 53% over the same period.

12:11 PM: The EU has voted to create a European Digital Identity Wallet (EUDI). Ukraine will join the pilot.

- This was announced by the Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov.
- "The Ukrainian digital wallet is Diya. After the launch of the pilot in the EU, Ukrainians will be able to use Diya there, and Europeans will be able to use their digital wallets in Ukraine," the minister said.

- With a digital wallet, you will be able to conveniently and securely open a bank account online, have constant access to driver's licenses on your phone, use an electronic signature and receive electronic medical prescriptions.

1:06 PM: Today, starting at 9:00 a.m., protesters will not allow trucks to pass through the "Ugryniv" checkpoint in the direction of Poland, — DPSU.

- 4 trucks will be allowed to leave Poland every hour.
- In addition, on March 13, the protesters plan to renew the blocking of trucks in the direction of the checkpoint "Korchova-Krakovets".

1:29 PM: The Swedish flag was raised at the NATO headquarters in Brussels.

- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said at the ceremony that Sweden's entry proves Putin's strategic defeat and makes Ukraine even closer to membership than ever before.

3:21 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Sevastopol.

3:21 PM: French President Emmanuel Macron may come to Ukraine in the coming weeks, according to a press release from the Elysee Palace.

- It is noted that the leader of France and the president of Ukraine agreed on a meeting on the territory of Ukraine during a telephone conversation.
- Macron reiterated his determination to continue efforts to improve coalition work on long-range weapons and support the Czech initiative to purchase ammunition.

4:22 PM: Polish protesters and police stop buses going to and from Poland, passengers are detained without explanation.

- This was announced by the Minister of Community Development, Territories and Infrastructure Oleksandr Kubrakov.
- "We emphasize that these actions are unacceptable in relation to the citizens of Ukraine. [...] The attempt to make them hostages of protest seems inappropriate for the civilized world_", - writes Kubrakov.

5:07 PM: Georgia asks Ukraine to extradite government officials from Mikheil Saakashvili's presidency.

- We are talking about the adviser to the Prosecutor General Zurab Adeishvili, who was included in the official delegation of Ukraine to the EU and Germany, and the deputy head of counterintelligence, Heorhiy Lortkipanidze.
- The Georgian government says they are wanted or convicted on various charges.

5:47 PM: The movement of buses with Ukrainians is blocked in front of the checkpoint in Dorohusk - the consul of Ukraine in Lublin immediately went there.

- This was reported by the Ambassador of Ukraine to Poland, Vasyl Zvarych.
- " _The consul will hold the necessary conversations on the spot to prevent any delays in the movement of passenger buses_" writes Zvarych.

7:20 PM: Elon Musk said his artificial intelligence startup xAI will open-source its Grok chatbot this week, Reuters.

7:20 PM: Judge Tomoko Akane, who previously issued a warrant for Putin's arrest, was elected as the head of the ICC in The Hague.

7:20 PM: Taiwan's intelligence chief says there are no signs China is preparing for immediate war, Reuters.

9:22 PM: The victory of the documentary film "20 Days in Mariupol" was cut from the international television version of "Oscar", Suspilne reported.

- "Today, March 11, at 8:30 p.m. on the Suspilne Kultura TV channel, the international abbreviated version was scheduled to be shown, but after receiving materials for broadcasting from the organizers, the team found that there is no awarding of Ukrainian documentarians," the channel said.

10:34 PM: There was probably a technical failure at the border of Ukraine with Poland, which is why there were delays in the passage of buses, Ukrainian Consul Serhiy Tsaruk said.

- The official noted that he did not see provocations. Also earlier, the Polish police reacted to statements about the blocking of passenger transport, which also denied any violations on the part of passengers.

11:12 PM: Foreign Ministry summons Vatican envoy over Pope's 'white flag' statements

- During the call, Kulbokas was informed that "Ukraine is disappointed" by the Pope's words regarding the "white flag" and the need to "show courage and negotiate" with Russia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.
- They added that such calls _"legalize the right of the strong and encourage him to further disregard the norms of international law" _

NATIONAL

7:30 AM: Summary of Battlefield events on March 11 General Command

7:00 AM March 12



UKRAINIAN WARRIOR. PHOTO FROM TELEGRAM OF VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY

Russian troops are attacking along the entire front line, most actively in the Lyman, Avdiiv and Novopavliv directions, in total 72 combat clashes took place during the past day.

- **Literally the General Staff:** "In total, the enemy launched 8 missile and 114 air strikes, carried out 107 attacks from rocket salvo systems on the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- During the past day, the Progres settlements of the Chernihiv region were hit by airstrikes; Obukhivka, Ambarne, Kupyansk, Petropavlivka of the Kharkiv region; Kryvoshiyivka and Bilogorivka, Luhansk region; Druzhba, Toretsk, Terny, Yampolivka, Fedorivka, Chasiv Yar, Novokalynove, Novobakhmutivka, Zavitne, Oleksandropil, Novopokrovske, Novoselivka Persha, Novomykhailivka, Vodyane, Staromayorske of the Donetsk region; Novoandriivka, Novodanilivka and Robotyne of the Zaporizhzhia region; Nikopol of Dnipropetrovsk region".
- **Details:** At night, the Russian invaders again attacked Ukraine with 22 "Shahed" type UAVs, 17 of them were destroyed.
- More than 145 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions were under artillery fire.
- **On Lyman direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 15 attacks by the occupiers in the areas of Belogorivka, Luhansk region, Hryhorivka, and Terna, Donetsk region.
- **On Bakhmut direction** The defense forces repelled 6 Russian attacks in the areas of Klishchiivka, Andriivka, Stupochki and east of Chasovoy Yar in the Donetsk region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Tavria" **on Avdiivskiy direction** defenders repelled 16 enemy attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Orlivka, Tonenke, Pervomayske and Nevelske settlements of the Donetsk region.
- **On Novopavlovsk direction** The defense forces continue to hold back the enemy in the Krasnohorivka, Georgiivka, Novomykhailivka and Pobeda districts of the Donetsk region, where the Russians, with the

support of aviation, tried 21 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.

- On **Orihiv direction** the enemy attacked the positions of Ukrainian defenders 7 times in the areas of Robotyny, Staromayorsky, and northwestern Verbovy of the Zaporizhzhia region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Odesa" on **Kherson direction** the occupiers do not give up their intention to knock out the Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper. During the day, the occupiers made 1 attempt to storm the positions of Ukrainian troops.
- At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 8 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 1 command post of the occupiers.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 2 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, the Buk-M1 anti-aircraft missile complex and the 1L219 "Zoopark" counter-battery radar complex.

11:38 AM: Attention! The threat of using ballistic weapons from the north-eastern direction, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

11:47 AM: Former spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Oleg Nikolenko became the Consul General of Ukraine in Toronto.

- He announced this on Facebook.
- "A new chapter. New responsibility. New opportunities to advance the interests of Ukraine and Ukrainians and bring victory closer. I thank Minister Dmytro Kuleba and President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi for their trust," wrote Nikolenko.

12:19 PM: "Our actions in the Black Sea are preparations for a serious operation in Crimea."

- Kyrylo Budanov, head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, explained the significance of the combat missions carried out by military intelligence units, in particular in the Black Sea and in the territory of the temporarily occupied Crimea.

3:45 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy held another meeting of the Stavka:

- " _Report of Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal on the pace of construction of new defense lines. The defense of three lanes 2,000 kilometers long is a large-scale task, but now the pace is good. I expect timely completion_".
- The President listened to detailed reports from the command regarding the situation on the battlefield, as well as the reports of the head of the Ministry of Defense and the head of the Ministry of Strategy and Industry on providing the front with everything necessary.

5:12 PM: The Air Force reports a ballistic missile threat from the south.

5:27 PM: Successful combat work of Ukrainian pilots against the enemy control point.

6:34 PM: Families with 5 children, as well as an 18-year-old orphan managed to leave for the territory controlled by Ukraine.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of the Kherson RMA, announced this.
- The youngest of the children is 2 years old. Now people are safe, psychologists and doctors are working with them.

6:45 PM: From March 18, Ukrzaliznytsia starts selling tickets to Austria and Hungary online.

- It will be possible to buy tickets through the "Ukrzaliznytsia" application, and for a direct train Kyiv — Vienna, account verification will be required through "Diyu.Pidpis".
- " _At the first stage, online tickets will be available between Ukraine and Austria and vice versa_ ", - the press service of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences notes.

7:52 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of March 11:

- During the day _54 combat clashes took place._
- Aviation of the Defense Forces _struck 8 areas_ of the concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and the _control point_ of the enemy.

- Units of the missile forces _hit 2 areas_ of the concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, _the Buk-M1 air defense system and the 1L219 "Zoopark" radar complex_.

8:43 PM: Since the beginning of the operation of the "Shlyah" system, the licenses of about 90 carriers have been suspended due to non-return of drivers from abroad.

- This was announced by the head of the State Transport Safety Service of Ukraine Yevgeny Zborovskiy.
- "The punishment for violation of the rules is determined by Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 615 and provides for the suspension of the license for transportation for a period of three months," - Zborovsky notes.

9:04 PM: In his evening address, Volodymyr Zelenskyi talked about meetings with the country's military leadership.

- Among the speakers were the Chief of Staff, the Chief of the General Staff, the commanders of the areas, the Ministry of Defense.
- "Also, the head of the GUR Budanov was at a separate report. Several questions. First of all, Russia's military plans. And not only against our state - against other nations as well. The common task of the world now is to defeat this sick Putin's fantasy that he supposedly has time to continue the war . Perhaps he will strengthen the mobilization after the simulation of the "elections" now, in March, the mobilization of the Russians. But we must limit the mobilization of resources and finances, the remnants of Russian ties with the world, even more, even more severely," - said the president.

9:38 PM: Air Force reports movement of strike UAVs:

- The UAVs moving to Kryvyi Rih have changed direction and are entering the Mykolayiv region, heading west.
- A few more groups of UAVs on the border of Dnipropetrovsk and Kherson regions, enter the Mykolayiv region, heading west.
- The regular group of UAVs in the south of the Mykolaiv region, heading north-west.

9:54 PM: Theses of Volodymyr Zelenskyi in an interview with the French BFMTV:

- Ukraine does not need foreign troops on the territory of the country, but would accept instructors and technical personnel from NATO member countries.
- The situation at the front is much better than the last three months. The offensive of the Russian Federation is stopped, and its army suffers heavy losses.
- The truce would be a respite for Putin, as it would allow him to restore the fighting capacity of his army and increase the production of ammunition.

10:15 PM: NABU and SAP discovered abuse of more than UAH 200 million during the competition to increase gas production at JSC "Ukrgezvydobuvannya".

- The company's officials reduced the rate of basic production, which led to an overpayment to the contractor in the amount of UAH 211 million. Current and former officials are suspected.

10:19 PM: Air Force updates on strike UAV movement:

- UAVs in the western part of Mykolaiv Oblast are moving in the direction of Odesa, heading west.
- Drones on the border of Mykolaiv Odesa and Odesa, heading north-west.
- Several groups of UAVs from the Mykolaiv region entered the Kirovohrad region, heading north.
- A new group of drones in the south of the Mykolaiv region, heading north-west.

10:46 PM: Air Force updates on strike UAV movement:

- UAVs from the western part of the Kirovohrad region enter Vinnytsia, heading north.
- UAV on the border of Mykolaiv Oblast, Odesa and Kirovohrad Oblast in the direction of Vinnytsia.

- Several groups of UAVs in the south of the Mykolaiv region, the course is north-west, through the Odesa region.
- Several more groups of UAVs from the southwest and southeast of the Dnipropetrovsk region are moving in the direction of the Dnipro.
- The UAV from Kirovohrad Oblast entered Cherkasy Oblast, heading for Bila Tserkva.

MORDOR – ruZZia

10:25 AM: Russians complain of a massive outage of digital services.

Outages were recorded both in Moscow itself and in other regions of the Russian Federation, — rosZMI.

- Yes, users of "Troika" transport cards (used to pay for travel on public transport in Moscow, the Moscow region and in general in 38 regions of the Russian Federation) cannot top it up and get tickets.
- There was also a malfunction in the operation of the Kazan metro. In addition, the official application for finding and paying for a parking space in Moscow does not work.

11:31 AM: Russia produces about 250,000 artillery shells per month for the war, which is almost three times more than the US and Europe produce for Ukraine.

- CNN writes about this with reference to representatives of Western intelligence.
- The US has set itself the goal of producing 100,000 artillery shells per month by the end of 2025.

2:22 PM: The Russians may begin deporting Ukrainians from the occupied territories if they do not receive Russian passports by July, according to a British intelligence report.

- The agency reminded of Putin's order: _TOT residents who refuse Russian passports will receive the status of foreign citizens or stateless persons — accordingly, they will have the right to live there only until July 1, 2024._
- "[...] _Recent rhetoric of the Deputy Chairman of the National Security Council of Russia, Dmytro Medvedev, indicates that people may be

deported to remote regions of the Russian Federation_" - the intelligence agency believes.

3:32 PM: Russians began using drones with incendiary mixture against Ukraine.

- This was reported by the Northern Regional Office of the Border Service.
- "_The other day, in one of the border communities in Chernihiv Oblast, border guards recorded the fact of an unknown object being dropped from an enemy UAV, which caught fire after hitting the ground_" the report says.

6:54 PM: Russia has created special methods for teachers to "re-educate" children who were deported from Ukraine — rosZMI.

- The publication writes that Russian teachers were ordered to "_reorient and instill Russian identity_" in children from the occupied territories of Ukraine.
- However, some employees of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation consider Ukrainian children "_potential terrorists who can start to act in a hostile environment_".

7:00 PM: MiG-31K took off from the Savasleyka airfield of the Nizhny Novgorod region, — Ukrainian Air Force.

7:20 PM: Iran, China and Russia will start joint naval exercises "Maritime Security Belt - 2024" on March 12, — Irna.

7:37 PM: The SBU announced in absentia about the suspicion of traitor Arkady Kucher, who heads the so-called "unofficial protection of the troops of the Russian National Guard" in Sevastopol.

- Kucher directly fulfills the Kremlin's task of suppressing resistance on the territory of the peninsula.
- Punitive "patrols" and "detention groups" that are involved in the persecution of Crimean activists work under his leadership.

11:21 PM: Air Force reports enemy drone movement:

- Several groups of UAVs in the Vinnytsia district are moving in the direction of Vinnytsia from the southeast.

- Several groups of UAVs on the border of Odesa and Vinnytsia regions, heading north-west.
- Several groups of UAVs from the southern part of Kyiv region in the direction of Vinnytsia region. the course is western.

11:35 PM: Sumy, Poltava, Kharkiv regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons, the Air Force reports.

11:50 PM: Air Force reports enemy drone movement:

- UAV on the border of Vinnytsia and Khmelnytskyi regions, heading west.
- UAV in the north of Vinnytsia region, course west (Khmelnych region);
- UAV in the south of the Vinnytsia region, heading north-west.

REGIONS

KYIV



4:10 PM: BEB analysts in the Kyiv region have predicted the waste of over UAH 581 million from the local budget during the reconstruction of three educational institutions.

- Specialists analyzed the tender documentation and found out that the cost of individual construction materials specified in the estimate is significantly overstated.
- Analysts sent a letter to the local self-government body with recommendations to review the decision on the purchase of services - the city council canceled the tenders.

10:55 PM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in Kyiv.

CHERNIHIV



4:04 AM: Alarm in the Sumy and Chernihiv regions due to the threat of the use of air strikes by enemy tactical aircraft, - Ukrainian Air Force.

- UPD: Launches of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Sumy Oblast.

6:20 PM: 15 occupiers were sentenced in absentia to 12 years in prison for brutal treatment of civilians in Yagidny, Chernihiv Oblast, Prosecutor General's Office.

- Criminals deprived 368 people, including 69 minors, of their freedom and forcibly detained them as "human shields" in the basement of the Yagidnyan school.
- 10 civilians died in the "cellar of death" due to inhuman conditions of detention and failure to provide the necessary medical care.

KHARKIV



12:40 AM: The Air Force reports that there is a threat of attack UAVs in the Kharkiv, Sumy, and Poltava regions.

- UAV in the direction of Kharkiv

1:05 AM: A UAV over Kharkiv, the Air Force reports and urges the city's residents to stay in shelters.

2:02 AM: In Kharkiv, a flight hit a civilian infrastructure object as a result of an attack by "shaheeds". Without victims, - the mayor of the city Ihor Terekhov.

- Residential buildings nearby were partially damaged. All relevant services are on site.

12:29 PM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia.

- Repeated explosions rang out in Zaporizhzhia.

4:43 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Vovchansk, a 70-year-old woman was injured.

- This was announced by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.

- " _After 1:00 p.m., the village of Glushkova, Kupyan district, came under enemy fire. Previously, three wounded civilian men were hospitalized in a medical facility_," Sinegubov added.

4:55 PM: The SBU detained a Russian intelligence informant who adjusted missile strikes on Izyum — she faces up to 12 years in prison.

- According to the investigation, the suspect was a local resident who had been cooperating with the aggressor country since March 2022.
- The attacker also "reported" to the occupiers about the consequences of Russian air attacks on the territory of the region.

11:33 PM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in the Kharkiv region.

ZAPORIZHIA



12:54 PM: Head of the Zaporizhzhia RMA Ivan Fedorov confirmed the explosions in the city.

- Also, the head of the Ministry of Interior, Zadorenko, confirmed that in Kharkiv Oblast, explosions rang out in the vicinity of Dergachy.
- Information about the injured and the destruction is being ascertained.

DNIPRO



5:30 PM: Missile on Pavlograd, — Ukrainian Air Force.

Kherson



12:59 PM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Kherson.

1:42 PM: Yesterday evening, Russian troops attacked Dudchans from a drone, — Kherson RMA.

- As a result of dropping explosives from the drone, a local resident was injured. The 56-year-old victim was diagnosed with an explosive injury and leg injury.

6:02 PM: Russians attacked Zmiyivka from a drone — a 68-year-old man was injured.

- Kherson RMA writes about this.
- The man received a contusion, explosive and craniocerebral injuries, shrapnel wounds to his hands.

8:29 PM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Kherson.

9:09 PM: The Air Force reports that enemy UAVs from the Kherson region are moving in the direction of Kryvyi Rih.

- In the Kharkiv region, there is a threat of the use of aviation means of attack by enemy tactical aircraft.

ODESSA



2:34 AM: Several groups of strike UAVs from the Black Sea in the direction of Odesa region, - Ukrainian Air Force.

- An air alert has been declared in the region.

2:42 AM: Explosions are heard in Odesa, subscribers report. Previously, the work of Anti-Aircraft Defense.

- Odesa RMA spokesman Serhii Bratchuk confirmed the work of the Air Defense Forces in the city.

2:58 AM: Air Force reports enemy drone movement:

- A new group of "shaheads" from the Black Sea are approaching Odesa.
- The previous group is in the Odesa region, the course is north-west.

3:55 AM: Air defense is operating in Odesa region, reports the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine.

8:53 AM: The Navy of Ukraine published a video of the destruction of the Shahed in Odesa.

POLTAVA



10:15 AM: Rocket to Poltava Region, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

5:50 PM: Missile on Poltava, — Ukrainian Air Force.

- Countering the threat — the press service of the Ukrainian Air Force deleted the corresponding message.

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	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 744 days	After 743 days	After 744 days	After 747 days	After 746 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	422,310	423,160	424,060	424,980	425,890

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6,706	6,712	6,731	6,739	6,747
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	12,798	12,823	12,850	12,874	12,901
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	11,386	11,440	11,481	11,515	11,538
Cruise Missiles		1,919	1,919	1,919	1,919	1,920
Fighters Bombers	118	347	347	347	347	347
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		7,998	8,041	8082	8,141	8,184
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		704	707	709	711	711
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	13,598	13,683	13,752	13,826	13,870
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,656	1,666	1,672	1,686	1,691

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