

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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In mid-April, on a date to be determined, we will be hosting a Zoom call for our email recipients who are kind enough to support our efforts over the past 2+ years.

The war is beginning its third year. During the Zoom call we will discuss significant developments over the past 2 years and our unvarnished predictions on how, and when, Ukraine will defeat Russia. To best accommodate everyone, we will schedule the call in the late morning/early afternoon, U.S. Eastern Daylight time (+5 hours in the UK, +6 hours in Germany, +7 hours in Ukraine). For those who cannot join the live call, it will be recorded, and archived.

If you would like to join the call, and support the effort we make to send out these emails 4 – 5 days/week, please provide your support [here](#), in any amount and in any currency. Thank You!!!!

Ukrainian Drone Production and Drone Strikes Against Russian Oil Infrastructure

This [article](#), from Euromaidan Press, describes the development and deployment of the long-range drone, called the Liutyi, that Ukraine has been using to degrade Russian oil refining capacity within 1,000 km. of the Ukrainian border. In addition to describing the drone's development and operation, the Euromaidan Press article lists the Russian oil facilities that have been hit, and a map of Eastern Russia showing the locations of the facilities that have been hit and those facilities yet to be hit.

This [article](#), from Ukrainska Pravda entitled “The Burning Shall Continue: What Lies Behind Ukrainian Attacks on Russia’s Oil Refineries, and How Have They Impacted Kremlin?” This article cites a report in Bloomberg that estimated that approximately 12% of Russia’s production of refined products have been taken offline. The article also contains 2 graphs, showing the increases in prices for gasoline and diesel in Russia since the attacks started. Separately, there have been reports of Russia having to import refined products from Belarus.

Also included is a short [video](#), describing the operation of a Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU), the primary means by which an oil refinery produces refined products (gasoline, diesel and jet fuel) out of crude oil. The Euromaidan Press article describes the guidance system of the long-range drones used by Ukraine in their campaign against Russian oil facilities, “The most significant advancement is Liutyi’s improved inertial guidance aided by satellite signals. All previous Ukrainian strike drones relied solely on this traditional system susceptible to jamming and navigation drift. By enhancing the satellite antenna’s shielding and likely adding backup data links, **the Liutyi displayed pinpoint accuracy in striking exact components from over 1000 km away during night bombardment runs into Russia.**” (my emphasis & underlining). This description suggests that the guidance system on Ukraine’s long-range strike drones can direct the drone into hitting the most important part of the target refinery, the FCCU.

As I understand it, FCCUs take significant time to repair and replace. Deliveries of critical components and necessary fluids can be delayed due to sanctions.

Although refineries in Eastern Russia are beyond the range of long-range Ukrainian attack drones, delivery of much of Russia’s refined products are transported by rail. Ukraine has already hit two important spurs of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, both around 3,000 km from the Ukrainian border, one inside the 15 km. long Severomuysky Tunnel, and another on a trestle. These strikes were likely carried out either by Ukrainian 5th Columnists or Russian sympathizers (or both).

Despite U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan's recent exhortations to Pres. Zelenskyy, that Ukraine stop hitting Russian production of refined products, lest they have the effect of raising world oil prices in an election year in the U.S., I expect that Ukraine will continue to hit Russian refineries and distribution facilities, perhaps even at a higher level. They're having an effect.

Developments in the Ukrainian Armaments Industry

Two recent articles describe efforts in Ukraine and among Ukraine's primary suppliers of weapons systems and consumables, to increase armaments production to match higher production levels in Russia, supplemented by North Korea and Iran. The first is entitled "Defense Technology Investment in Ukraine Is Attractive but Awaits Greater Risk Insurance" by Halyna Yanchenko a Member of Ukraine's Parliament. The other, by former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, is entitled "The West Needs a War Footing: FDR enlisted William S. Knudsen in 1940 to ramp weapons production up. As Russia continues pounding Ukraine, it's time to do it again." NOTE: At the time Knudson was the CEO of General Motors.

The Yanchenko article - Some excerpts from the Yanchenko article (my comment in **bold face**):

- "In 2023, the Ukrainian defense industry produced weapons and equipment worth \$3 billion, adding 1.5 percent to the country's GDP growth. Over the past year, the largest state-owned industry holding, Ukrainian Defense Industry JSC, boosted its production by 92 percent, but it now lags behind local, privately owned defense enterprises, especially with respect to R&D. For example, nine out of ten long-range drone manufacturers are private players."
- Ukraine, with over 100 different drone models developed and customized locally for the military's needs by more than 200 Ukrainian manufacturers, greatly outperforms Russia in this arena. Ukraine's Sea Baby maritime drone, largely produced through private R&D, has already destroyed one-third of the Russian fleet in the Black Sea, forcing the remaining vessels out of Russia's naval base in Sevastopol.

- “Proven success in such integration so far has made Ukraine the world center for the testing and practical application of modern weapons. Nonstop front-line data collection has aided Ukraine in becoming a global leader in technology development. The practical application of big data takes place in real time that otherwise would take years and tens of billions of dollars just to replicate the data sources needed for such R&D.”
- “In December 2023 the United States and Ukraine signed a declaration on joint weapons manufacturing, including the production of hybrid air defense systems within the [FrankenSAM](#) program, which combines advanced Western technology and Soviet-era weapons stockpiles, with possible technology transfer for Ukraine. (An early test of the combined weapon system in January 2024 was successful.)”
- “One way to de-risk cooperative defense technology industrial base (DTIB) investments in Ukraine is to provide investment insurance, but no existing programs covering DTIB military risk are available now. Conflict risk coverage needs to be created for U.S. DTIB investments. Such coverage could be formulated along the lines of the successful non-DTIB investment insurance developed several years ago by the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, and the insurance programs developed by the World Bank’s Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency. Both programs could be a model for the DTIB sector.”
- “An alternative approach would be to revisit lend-lease arrangements to support commercial leasing of the equipment needed for weapons and ammunition production. This could be crucial to meeting the massive CAPEX needs (capital expenditures, used to acquire and maintain hard physical assets) for the joint ventures suggested above to ramp up production quickly in high volumes. The lend-lease mechanism proved successful during World War II. The difference now is that leasing can be provided on a paid basis for the private sector, avoiding the additional sovereign-country-risk liability burden for Ukraine.” **(As someone with experience working with the commercial leasing in Ukraine, as it stands today, in my opinion this**

assessment of Ukraine's commercial leasing industry is over-optimistic, for the following reasons:

- Almost all the leasing activity among Ukrainian lessors have been in financing titled vehicles (cars and trucks) and assets with wheels (farm tractors and accessories), but almost none financing manufacturing and fabricating equipment of the type required in an expanded defense industry.**
- One reason for this is likely that Ukraine has no movable asset registry where a lessor or lender (as the case may be) can register their ownership/secured interest in personal property, including manufacturing and fabricating equipment. There is such a registry for titled vehicles and tractors.**
- The credit and underwriting skills that exist among most Ukrainian lessors are oriented toward determining the valuation of the leased asset, rather than determining the ability of a lessee to repay an obligation, primarily through historical cash flow. The latter is critical when financing manufacturing and fabricating equipment.**

Until this changes, including a public registry for personal property and improved credit skills that apply to financing manufacturing and fabricating equipment, in my opinion the Ukrainian Leasing Industry will be unprepared to extend the type of credit that is contemplated in this article.

Bi-lateral development institutions like USAID can provide technical assistance designed to expand credit and underwriting skills required to finance more manufacturing and fabricating equipment.

International financial institutions like the International Finance Corporation (IFC) can offer Ukrainian lessors partial credit guarantee schemes designed to induce Ukrainian lessors to finance more manufacturing and fabrication equipment. IFC also has extensive experience in establishing movable asset registries necessary to register ownership and security interests in manufacturing and fabricating equipment.

So far, organizations including USAID and IFC are providing assistance to help the Ukrainian Leasing Industry to do what they've done for at least the last 15 years, financing titled vehicles and other assets with wheels. For the Ukrainian Leasing Industry to support Ukraine's reconstruction with financing of manufacturing and fabrication equipment, they'll need enhanced credit and underwriting skills and credit support that these organizations can provide.

The Rasmussen Article - The article by Anders Fogh Rasmussen describes what he believes that Ukraine's partners need to do to make sure that they can supply Ukraine with the weapons and consumables necessary to defeat Russia. Rasmussen must have read the book by Arthur Herman, "Freedom's Forge: How American Business Produced Victory in WW-II." I have also read Herman's book. It's excellent.

From what Halyna Yanchenko described in her article, about how Ukrainian State-owned businesses are lagging private enterprise, especially in cutting edge technologies, Ukraine is following the Knudson playbook as described in "Freedom's Forge." As in Ukraine today, without private enterprise taking the lead in the United States prior to WW-II, as described by Herman in his book, the United States likely wouldn't have had the Liberty Ships that transported troops and materiel to Europe and East Asia in such quantities, or the Higgins Boats that transported troops to the beaches of Normandy and Iwo Jima (to name 2 examples out of many), or [Willow Run](#) where by 1944 one B-24 "Liberator" bomber was being produced every hour (Henry Ford helped here).

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INTERNATIONAL

Tuesday, March 26

8:01 AM: The administration of US President Joe Biden has once again called on Congress to pass a bill to help Ukraine as soon as possible, stressing that this issue is closely related to America's national security.

8:01 AM: Chinese scientists have developed a military drone that can quickly split into six separate parts in mid-air, South China Morning Post.

8:01 AM: Accusing Ukraine of a terrorist attack in "Krokus" may threaten the internal security of the Russian Federation, — ISW.

8:01 AM: Hamas refuses to hand over hostages: demands troop withdrawal, The Times of Israel.

9:28 AM: A nearly 3 km long bridge collapsed after being hit by a container truck in the US state of Maryland, Fox News.

- It is noted that more than a dozen cars and many people could be in the water. And the ship itself, which crashed into the bridge, caught fire and sank.

10:54 AM: NATO is considering the option of shooting down Russian missiles when they fly towards the territory of the North Atlantic Alliance, - Polish MFA

- "NATO is analyzing various concepts, in particular, that such missiles should be shot down when they are already very close to the NATO border - but this should happen with the consent of the Ukrainian side and taking into account the international consequences," Deputy Minister Shein said.

11:03 AM: The head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament, Marko Mihkelson, arrived in Kyiv today.

11:24 AM: The US Embassy in France has warned of an increased threat of terrorist attacks in the country.

- This is stated in the press service of the departments.
- "Attacks can occur almost without warning, their goal is tourist facilities, large sports and cultural events, as well as public places where there is a large number of civilians," - the message says.

4:50 PM: Hungary will help Ukraine with DNA tests of those killed in the war, National Police.

- Such an agreement was reached during the meeting of the head of the National Police of Ukraine, Ivan Vyhivskyi, with his Hungarian colleague Janos Balogh.

5:15 PM: After the Russian "Zirkon" attack, information began to spread in the mass media that the missile allegedly reaches Kyiv in 3 minutes, and Odesa and Kherson - in a minute.

- However, this data has nothing to do with the real thing, reports Defense Express.
- In fact, the 9,000 km/h figure is the result of translating the specified Mach 7.5, which is the temporary short-term speed at the moment of the missile's peak to the target. But the estimated speed on the main marching section is Mach 5.5.

5:59 PM: France is ready to requisition arms production companies to help Ukraine, French Defense Minister Sebastien Lecornu said.

- According to him, the French government is ready to use its powers to requisition industrial capacity or set priorities for arms manufacturers to accelerate the production of weapons and ammunition that are needed on the battlefield in Ukraine.

6:45 PM: In connection with the approach of the Easter holidays, the flow of people and transport on the border with Poland is increasing, — DPSU.

- Over the past few days, passenger traffic in both directions has increased by 8,000. The Krakivets and Sheghini checkpoints are most often chosen to cross the border. There is an accumulation of traffic in front of these checkpoints.
- Border guards periodically record queues for entering Ukraine as well. The smallest movement dynamics is observed in "Smilnitsa", "Hrusheva", "Rava-Ruska" and "Ugryna".

10:18 PM: France will soon deliver 78 Caesar self-propelled guns to Ukraine, French Defense Minister Sébastien Lecornu said.

- France also aims to supply Ukraine with 80,000 shells for its 155 mm guns this year, he said, compared to the 30,000 it has handed over since the start of the large-scale invasion.

10:40 PM: Ukraine can receive 1.5 million projectiles within the framework of the Czech initiative, announced the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Jan Lipavsky.

- "As we can see, this is already helping Ukraine to fight better, because they know that they will have fresh ammunition, and this has changed their attitude towards the use of existing stocks," said the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

10:59 PM: A meeting of the ministers of agriculture of Ukraine and Poland will take place in Warsaw on Wednesday.

- This was announced on Tuesday by the Minister of Agriculture of Poland, Czeslaw Siekierski
- "Tomorrow we are meeting in an unusual way, because in addition to the ministers of agriculture of Ukraine and Poland, their deputies and advisers, there will also be representatives of associations of producers of various plants. We want this dialogue to be lowered to the level of producers," the minister said.

11:09 PM: Explosions are heard in the Russian city of Belgorod. Video from local social networks.

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM: The Rheinmetall concern received €130 million from the EU to increase ammunition production.

8:00 AM: The President of Serbia declared a threat to the vital and national interests of his country. Vucic will announce the details in the coming days.

8:00 AM: Israeli army strikes southern Lebanon: casualties reported — Reuters.

9:51 AM: Slovenia will support the Czech Republic's initiative to purchase artillery ammunition for Ukraine outside the European Union.

- This was announced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Jan Lipavsky, during a visit to Ljubljana.
- The minister did not name a specific amount, but Slovenian media reports that the government can allocate one million euros.

1:54 PM: The Latvian airline presented a plan to resume flights to Ukraine.

- A photo of the presentation was published by the Avianews portal and the press service of the Lviv airport.

- The Latvian carrier plans to operate flights to "Lviv" and "Boryspil" airports from the three capitals of the Baltic states.

6:00 PM: Swiss banks have begun closing the accounts of customers who hold Russian citizenship, even if they have a passport from another country, The Moscow Times.

- According to the publication, Swiss banks are currently considering any connections of their clients with Russia, even a one-time transfer of funds to relatives in the Russian Federation in the absence of a Russian passport.
- a Russian passport in Switzerland becomes a "black mark" due to the fact that local banks are afraid of secondary sanctions.

7:36 PM: The Czech Republic imposed sanctions against former People's Deputy of Ukraine Viktor Medvedchuk, — Radio Prague International.

7:36 PM: Korea plans to launch about 60 small spy satellites by 2030 to monitor threats from North Korea, Yonhap.

7:36 PM: Samsung Pay will stop working with Russian Mir cards starting in April, the company's website says.

7:36 PM: In Budapest, thousands of people protested the resignation of Hungary's chief prosecutor, Peter Polt, and Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, — Reuters.

10:30 PM: Poland will double its contribution to the Czech initiative to purchase artillery ammunition for Ukraine.

- This was stated by Polish Defense Minister Radyslaw Sikorsky, Bloomberg reports.
- Sikorsky did not name the specific amount of funding.

Thursday, March 28

8:00 AM: Divers have recovered the bodies of two of six workers missing after a bridge collapsed at the port of Baltimore, US — Reuters.

8:00 AM: France will help Brazil develop a nuclear engine for its submarines, French President Emmanuel Macron said.

8:00 AM: The US has imposed sanctions on individuals who finance support for North Korea's weapons of mass destruction programs.

8:00 AM: Japan to upgrade civilian airports to accommodate fighter jets, Kyodo.

11:03 AM: Ukrainian delegation arrived for intergovernmental consultations in Warsaw.

- It is reported that the discussion will be about the blockade of the border, the joint production of ammunition, the sphere of energy and culture.

12:32 PM: The head of the National Assembly of France, Yael Braun-Pivet, announced her arrival in Ukraine together with the French delegation.

1:06 PM: Blocking of truck traffic in both directions has temporarily ended at the Ugryniv-Dolgobichyv checkpoint.

- There are 120 trucks waiting to cross the border there. At the same time, the neighboring party reported that the rhythmic passage of freight carriers will last approximately until April 2.

3:16 PM: Germany announced a new military aid package for Ukraine.

- The package includes:_
 - 5 tracked Warthog repair and evacuation vehicles and 9 tracked Warthog all-terrain command vehicles;
 - 6 WISENT 1 demining machines and 2 BEAVER bridgelayers;
 - engineering BREM Bergepanzer 2 and BREM 2A1 Dachs;
 - 9 minesweepers and 3 border guard vehicles;
 - 6 Mercedes-Benz Zetros fuel fillers;
 - 14 Vector reconnaissance UAVs, 30 RQ-35 Heidrun reconnaissance UAVs and 5 drone jammers;
 - ammunition for Leopard 2A6 tanks and 18,000 155 mm caliber ammunition;
 - SATCOM surveillance system;
 - 330 infrared cameras, 2,056 RGW90 Matador grenade launchers and 70 GMG grenade launchers.
 - Missiles for Patriot air defense systems, as well as 20 Marder armored fighting vehicles and other equipment are being prepared for transfer.

9:25 PM: The EU will introduce a 50% tariff on agricultural products from Russia and Belarus, said the head of the Polish government, Donald Tusk.

9:25 PM: In Italy they want to increase the number of troops to 170 thousand, — Sole-24 ore.

10:35 PM: The special services of several EU countries, in particular, Poland and the Czech Republic, have exposed an espionage network financed by the Kremlin, Jacek Dobzynski, the spokesman for the Minister-coordinator of the Polish special services, told Radio Svoboda.

- The task of the Russian agency was, in particular, to harm EU countries and structures primarily through the spread of disinformation, including about Russia's war against Ukraine.

10:45 PM: Russian troops are preparing a counteroffensive in late May or June, President Zelenskyy said in an interview with CBS News.

- "We are starting to prepare brigades for actions important to us. We have stabilized the situation. It is better than two or three months ago. We share information with our partners and say that Russia will prepare a counteroffensive, and it could be the end of May or June," _ - said the president.

NATIONAL

Tuesday, March 26

2:07 AM: Mykolayivska, Kherson region - the threat of the use of attack UAVs, - Ukrainian Air Force Command.

- An air alert has been announced in the regions.

3:23 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east, - Ukrainian Air Force Command.

7:00 AM: Summary of Battlefield events from March 25, General Command report from 06:00 26 March:



PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

Over the past day, the Russian invaders attacked the positions of the defenders on 7 directions of the front, the most - on Novopavlivskiy, a total of 67 combat clashes took place.

- **Details: On the Volyn and Polissky direction**the operational situation remains without significant changes.
- **On the Siverskyi and Slobozhanskyi direction**the enemy maintains a military presence in the border areas, conducts sabotage activities in order to prevent the transfer of our troops to threatening directions, increases the density of mine and explosive barriers along the state border.
- **On the Kupyansk direction**the enemy carried out 1 unsuccessful attack on the positions of our troops in the area of Ivanivka, Kharkiv region.
- **On the Lymansky direction**our soldiers repulsed 13 enemy attacks in the areas of Belogorivka settlements of Luhansk region; Terny, Yampolivka, and to the north of Vesely Donetsk region, where the enemy, with the support of aviation, tried to break through the defense of our troops.
- **In the direction of Bakhmut**our soldiers repelled 7 enemy attacks in the area of Ivanivske, Bohdanivka, and Klishchiivka settlements of the Donetsk region.

- **In the Avdiiv direction**, our defenders repelled 9 enemy attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Semenivka, Nevelske and Pervomaiske settlements of the Donetsk region.
- **On the Novopavlovsk direction** The defense forces continue to restrain the enemy in the areas of Novomykhailivka, Georgiivka, and Urozhaine settlements, where the enemy, with the support of aviation, tried 26 times to break through the defenses of our troops.
- **The enemy is in the Orykhiv direction**, with the support of aviation, attacked the positions of our defenders 7 times in the districts of Staromayorsky, Donetsk region; Robotynoy and north-western Verboyy Zaporizhzhia region.
- **On the Kherson direction** the enemy does not give up its intention to knock out our units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper. During the past day, he carried out 3 unsuccessful attacks on the positions of our troops in the area of the settlement of Krynka, Kherson region.
- At the same time, our soldiers continue to actively inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the occupying troops, exhausting the enemy along the entire line of battle.
- During the past day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces struck 2 control points and 8 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of missile troops damaged 1 anti-aircraft defense device, 1 artillery device and 1 enemy ammunition depot.

7:36 AM: During the night, 12 out of 12 "shaheeds" were destroyed in the Mykolaiv and Kharkiv regions by the forces and means of air defense.

9:53 AM: In Kharkiv, Odesa, Kryvorizha and Mykolaiv Oblast, the situation with light remains difficult. But there is no threat of negative consequences for the energy supply of the whole of Ukraine.

- This was reported by Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, the head of NEC "Ukrenergo".
- In Odesa, they were able to return to planned blackout schedules. Due to significant damage to the power system, it will take more time to restore light in Kharkiv.

10:14 AM: The Navy of the Ukrainian Armed Forces officially confirmed information about the successful destruction of the reconnaissance ship "Ivan Khurs" and the large landing ship "Kostyantyn Olshansky".

10:33 AM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

11:41 AM: Ukraine received \$880 million from the IMF today.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal.
- This is the third tranche of financial support within the framework of the EFF's extended financing program. The funds will help cover priority budget expenditures and maintain macro-financial stability.

1:25 PM: The heating season is ending in Ukraine.

- Shutdown schedule in different cities of the country:
- Kyiv, Dnipro and Lutsk — March 28;
- Kharkiv, Chernihiv — March 26;
- Zhytomyr - March 30;
- Ivano-Frankivsk — from March 29 to 30;
- Kherson — from March 20;
- Kramatorsk — on the night of March 28-29.
- There are currently no exact dates in all other cities and communities. However, as announced by the authorities, the previous deadlines are the end of March.

2:32 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons.

2:39 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi congratulated the soldiers of the National Guard of Ukraine on the tenth anniversary of its establishment.

- "_ National Guardsmen participate in the battles of this war on an equal footing with other soldiers of the Defense and Security Forces of Ukraine and fight firmly, courageously and loyally exactly where it is needed_" the president noted.

2:58 PM: This afternoon, the enemy carried out an airstrike on the civilian infrastructure of the city of Sumy, RMA.

3:14 PM: The Ministry of Finance has published the average salaries of civil servants in January 2024.

- In particular, the highest average salary — UAH 68,900 — is received by the employees of the National Committee of the National Commission for Economic and Social Affairs of Ukraine, followed by the employees of the Antimonopoly Committee with an average salary of UAH 67,100, and in third place — the Government Secretariat, who receive an average of UAH 57,900.

3:45 PM: President Volodymyr Zelenskyy dismissed Oleksiy Danilov from the post of Secretary of the National Security Council and appointed Oleksandr Litvinenko as the head of the Foreign Intelligence Service in his place.

- This is stated in the relevant decrees on the OP website.
- The president also appointed Oleg Ivashchenko as the head of the Foreign Intelligence Service.

7:04 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on March 26:

- During the day, 50 combat clashes were recorded._ In total, the enemy launched 4 missile and 52 air strikes, carried out 43 attacks from the MLRS on the positions of the Ukrainian troops and populated areas.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck _2 control points and 8 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment_ of the enemy.
- Units of missile troops damaged _1 anti-aircraft defense device, 1 artillery device and 1 ammunition depot_ of the enemy.

7:27 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky commented on today's personnel changes:

- "_In general, I expect the strengthening of the strategic capabilities of our state to predict and influence the processes on which the national security of our state depends. The strengthening of Ukraine and the renewal of our state system in all directions will be continued_".

8:46 PM: Today at 21:45 Kyiv time, the national football team of Ukraine will play Iceland in the final match of the playoff selection for Euro-2024.

- The match will be held in Wroclaw, Poland.

9:21 PM: Environmental damage from a rocket attack on the Dnipro HPP is approximately UAH 140 million.

- This was announced by the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Ruslan Strelets.
- "These are the data for today, so objectively they are much higher," the minister added.

9:58 PM: Commentator Vadym Shevyakin proposed to journalist Maryna Mashkina before the start of the Ukraine-Iceland football match.

11:29 PM: Mudryk scores the second goal. Now the score is 2:1 in favor of Ukraine.

11:38 PM: The national team of Ukraine defeats Iceland with a score of 2:1 and gets a ticket to the European Championship.

- At Euro-2024, the Ukrainian team will meet in a group with Belgium, Romania and Slovakia.

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 AM: Summary of Battlefield events from March 25, General Command report from 06:00 26 March:



PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

During the past day, the Russian invaders attacked 6 directions of the front, most of the assaults took place in the Novopavlovsk direction, in total 60 combat clashes took place during the day.

- **Details: On the Volyn and Polissky direction**the operational situation remains without significant changes.
- **On the Siverskyi and Slobozhanskyi direction**the enemy maintains a military presence in the border areas, conducts sabotage activities in order to prevent the transfer of our troops to threatening directions, increases the density of mine and explosive barriers along the state border.
- **On the Kupyansk direction**the enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) actions.
- **On the Lymansky direction**our soldiers repelled 5 enemy attacks in the areas of Belogorivka, Luhansk region, and Terna, Donetsk region, where the enemy tried to break through the defenses of our troops.
- **In the direction of Bakhmut**our soldiers repelled 4 enemy attacks in the area of Ivanivske, Andriivka settlements of Donetsk region.
- **In the Avdiiv direction**, our defenders repelled 14 attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Semenivka and Nevelske settlements of the Donetsk region, where the enemy, with the support of aviation, tried to knock out our units from the occupied lines.
- **On the Novopavlovsk direction**The defense forces continue to restrain the enemy in the areas of Novomykhailivka and Georgiivka settlements, where the enemy, with the support of aviation, tried 27 times to break through the defense of our troops.
- **On the Orihiv direction**the enemy, with the support of aviation, attacked the positions of our defenders 4 times in the districts of Staromayorsky, Donetsk region; Robotino, Zaporizhzhia region.
- **On the Kherson direction**the enemy does not give up its intention to knock out our units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper. So, during the past day, the enemy launched an unsuccessful attack on the positions of our troops.
- At the same time, our soldiers continue to actively inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the occupying troops, exhausting the enemy along the entire line of battle.
- During the past day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces struck 10 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment of the occupiers.

- Units of the missile forces damaged 2 personnel concentration areas, 1 anti-aircraft defense facility, 1 EW station, 3 UAV control points and 1 other important enemy facility.

8:00 AM: The World Bank approved a \$1.5 billion loan to Ukraine under the guarantees of Japan and Britain.

9:04 AM: Air defense forces destroyed 10 out of 13 UAVs.

- "Shahed" type strike drones were shot down in Kharkiv, Sumy and Kyiv regions.

10:05 AM: Today we will not ignore the alarm, warned Deputy Minister for Strategic Industries of Ukraine Timur Tkachenko.

- "All balance holders and owners of shelters need to be provided with round-the-clock and unhindered access to them," he said in the message.

10:39 AM: Attention! The threat of using ballistic weapons from the east, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

11:04 AM: BEB analysts predicted an unjustified refund of UAH 10 million VAT to a capital enterprise.

- The reason for the refund was declared by the company to be unrealized product balances.
- BEB revealed the absence of registered and in-use storage places for merchandise balances, and, as a result, the possible absence of balances of trade-material values, at the expense of which the sums of negative values were formed.

12:07 PM: Attention! Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

12:24 PM: From April 1, it will be possible to deliver rubber aid only through the automated system.

- This was reported by the Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine, Oksana Zholnovych.
- According to Deputy Minister of Social Policy Nazar Tanasyshyn, the import of rubber aid through the automated system will take place in

the same way as during the pilot testing period, which began on December 1, 2023.

2:30 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

2:59 PM: The men hid in a laundry box in order to get to Moldova by truck - DPSU.

- The truck driver asked for \$100 in advance, but the final cost of the trip already depended on the comfort of the border crossing conditions — if you had to hide in a sleeping place in the cabin, then \$3,400, but in a laundry box it was \$700 cheaper.
- Now the two men face administrative responsibility, and the driver - criminal.

3:50 PM: Energy companies have fully restored critical infrastructure in all cities affected by the Russian missile attack on March 22, Ukrenergo.

- However, due to significant network damage, large volumes of electricity cannot be transmitted at substations.
- There are hourly blackout schedules in Odesa and Kharkiv regions. There are currently no restrictions in Khmelnytskyi Oblast and Kryvyi Rih, but schedules will be applied when consumption increases.

4:11 PM: An air alert has been issued in several areas.

6:50 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

- "It is especially difficult in the border area (Sumshchyna - ed.): there is constant Russian terror. Constant shelling, airstrikes, countermeasures against sabotage groups of the enemy_ [...]"

7:04 PM: The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine published an explanation of the draft law on mobilization and military training, which is currently being considered by the Security Committee.

- One of the key ones is that citizens from the age of 18, regardless of basic military training or service, _will receive a postponement until they reach mobilization age_.

7:25 PM: The Verkhovna Rada Committee on National Security has already considered 3,500 amendments to the draft law on mobilization — about 700 remain.

- This was announced by Yehor Chernev, Deputy Chairman of the Council's Committee on National Security, Defense and Intelligence.
- According to him, they will be able to consider the rest of the amendments in two days, and then the draft law will be submitted to the Verkhovna Rada for a vote.

7:30 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons from the northeast.

8:20 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of March 27:

- _49 combat clashes were recorded during the day
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck _10 areas of concentration_ of the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment.
- Units of missile forces inflicted damage on _2 personnel concentration areas, 1 anti-aircraft defense device, 1 EW station and one more important object_ of the enemy.

8:23 PM: Kharkiv, Poltava, Sumy regions - missile danger, the Air Force reports.

8:35 PM: Fraudsters have invented a new scheme in the WhatsApp messenger - they ask to sign a "petition on awarding the title of Hero of Ukraine" to an unnamed relative.

- The Center for Combating Disinformation reports about the fabricated scheme.
- "In fact, the link with the petition requires an additional login to WhatsApp, after which the fraudsters gain access to a personal WhatsApp account," the message reads.
- The CPD urges you to block the number from which a similar SMS was sent, and in no case to follow dubious links.

9:13 PM: Kyrylo Budanov, the head of the GUR, noted that the Russians knew about the preparation of the terrorist attack in "Crocus Hall" at least since February 15.

- According to him, the information passed through the intelligence services of the group in Syria. Russia knew where the combat groups would come from, through which two countries they were moving.
- "Why they allowed this to happen, there are several options. The first is, as is customary for them, a battle of "towers" to remove a few high-ranking officials now. Another option is that they actually underestimated the scale of what would happen. They thought that this will be more local, and they wanted to blame Ukraine for everything," Budanov noted.

9:50 PM: The Telegram channel administrator, who embezzled almost 1 million UAH during the collection of funds allegedly to help the Ukrainian military, was exposed — Prosecutor General's Office.

- The figurehead in the case turned out to be a resident of Kyiv, who ran the well-known Telegram channel of Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk region.
- The perpetrator used the voluntary donations for her own needs. She was informed about the suspicion, currently the issue of choosing a preventive measure is being decided.

9:58 PM: Current air alert map as of 10:00 PM.

- Two sides of the Tu-22m3 over the waters of the Black Sea, the Air Force reports.

11:37 PM: During the full 2 years of the war, the national debt of Ukraine in currency equivalent increased by \$50 billion, Danylo Hetmantsev reported

- As of February 29, 2024, the state and state-guaranteed debt amounted to UAH 5,490.1 billion. or \$143.7 billion. The main increase is due to the attraction of external official soft loans.

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12:02 AM: Dnipropetrovsk region - a threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.

- Enemy anti-aircraft fire in the Kharkiv region.
- Kherson region - the threat of using attack UAVs.

12:53 AM: Currently, a group of UAVs is observed in the Dnipropetrovsk region, heading for the Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia.

- Kharkiv region movement of attack UAVs in your direction from Sumy Oblast.

7:27 AM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 06:00 on March 28:

- During the past 24 hours, 60 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 11 missile and 77 air strikes, fired 141 anti-aircraft missiles at 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 occupiers.
- Units of the missile forces inflicted damage on _2 areas of concentration of personnel, air defense equipment, electronic warfare station, 3 control points of UAVs and one more important object_ of the enemy.

7:31 AM: During the night, 26 enemy attack UAVs were destroyed within Odesa, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia regions.

12:11 PM: Attention! Missile danger throughout the territory of Ukraine! MiG-31K takeoff from Savasleika airfield (Nizhny Novgorod Region), — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Don't ignore the air alert!

2:52 PM: As a result of the Russian missile attack on March 22, all units at the Burshtynskaya and Ladyzhynskaya TPPs were damaged.

- This was announced by the executive director of DTEK, Dmytro Sakharuk.
- Power units in various degrees of destruction: from complete to more than 50%.

3:59 PM: Warning about dangerous meteorological phenomena in Ukraine from the hydrometeorological center.

- "On March 29, at night in the western regions, during the day in Ukraine, except for the northeast, wind gusts of 15-20 m/s; in Transcarpathia and in the Carpathians, heavy rains at night and in the morning," - writes the press service.
- The danger level is yellow.

5:30 PM: The first direct train from the Czech Republic — "Prague-Chop" — arrived in Ukraine.

- "It brought 125 people to enter Ukraine, of which 10 are crew members", - writes the press service of the DPSU.
- Now this train will run daily. The new passenger service will help Ukrainians to conveniently travel to the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and with transfers to EU countries.

5:57 PM: BEB referred to the court the case against an official of the Kryvyi Rih City Council and his accomplice, who embezzled UAH 8 million for road maintenance.

- For 2 years, the accused systematically forged documents about the alleged clearing of roads from snow, even when there was no precipitation in the city.
- They also documented the repair of roads on more than 200 streets of the city, which were not actually carried out.

8:55 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky's evening address:

- "Ukrainians are capable of outplaying Russia with their courage, determination and ideas. The Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine must become significantly more active in the performance of its institutional tasks. On the other hand, the reliable work of such an organization cannot be cheap
- And this is now a task for the government in general and the Ministry of Finance: it is necessary to look for and find a financial basis for the work of our intelligence - to expand funding for specific projects, for specific goals and, in general, for the development of the foreign intelligence system"
- The US warned Russia in detail in writing about the threat of a terrorist attack at the concert, White House adviser John Kirby said.

11:02 PM: Ukraine needs 5-7 Patriot air defense systems from the US to weaken Putin, Zelenskyy said.

- At the same time, he clarified that the USA has not yet transferred any Patriot system to Ukraine.

- "Funds - \$1.5-2 billion - were allocated for these systems and projectiles, but the systems themselves came from other countries," the president noted.

MORDOR – ruZZia

Tuesday, March 26

8:01 AM: Explosions were heard overnight in Russia's Kursk and Belgorod regions. The local authorities report that 13 targets were allegedly shot down and about 20 houses were damaged in the Belgorod region.

9:05 AM: As of this morning, the Russian Federation has one warship in the Black Sea, there are no Kalibr-type cruise missile carriers, the Armed Forces Navy.

9:13 AM: The Armed Forces attacked the ship "Kostyantyn Olshansky" with the Ukrainian "Neptun". Damage to the ship is being specified.

- This was reported by the spokesman of the Naval Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Dmytro Pletenchuk.
- Russia stole this amphibious ship from Ukraine in 2014 during the occupation of Crimea.

10:24 AM: In the Russian Federation, a court arrested in absentia the head of the SBU, Vasyl Malyuk, on charges of "terrorist attack".

- "By the decision of the Basmany District Court of the city of Moscow, Malyuk Vasyl Vasyliovych was placed in custody for a period of 2 months," the court said in a statement.
- RosZMI notes that it is about the organization of a truck explosion on the Crimean Bridge in 2022.

12:39 PM: Russia is short of soldiers for new military districts because of the war in Ukraine, British intelligence.

- It is noted that Russia has decided to form another army corps because most of its forces remain engaged in operations in Ukraine and it needs to make efforts to expand its forces in the northwest of the country.

- The summary says that Russia has already started posting recruitment ads for the new 44th Army Corps in a meadow in the Leningrad Military District.
- All necessary services are available on site. Previously, people were not injured. The consequences of the attack are being clarified.

3:30 PM: the Russians convicted Yuriy Ponomarev, a member of the ATO, who was kidnapped in Luhansk region, for "terrorism", reports the public organization ZMINA.

- He is in correctional colony No. 3 in Dimitrovgrad, Ulyanovsk region. Before that, he was held in the Luhansk SIZO.
- According to Ponomarev's daughter Isabella Proskura, the Russians have not confirmed to the International Committee of the Red Cross that they are holding her father captive.

7:45 PM: Lukashenko cast doubt on Putin's claim that "a window was prepared on the border" with Ukraine in advance for terrorists from Crocus City Hall.

- He stated that from the first minutes of reports of a terrorist attack in Belarus, local special services began to act, and the terrorists "saw it", so they "turned around and went to the Ukrainian-Russian border".
- According to Lukashenko, the terrorists originally planned to leave Russia for Belarus.

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8:00 AM: Explosions rang out in the Belgorod region of the Russian Federation. Local authorities announced that 18 aerial targets were allegedly shot down over the region.

5:47 PM: Russians remotely mine Ukrainian land with bombs that look like "silver balls," — DSNS.

- It is about SHOAB-0.5 spherical fragmentation aviation bombs. One RBK-500 cartridge contains 565 such aerial bombs weighing 400 grams each.
- "Balls" have a large damage zone: when they fly apart and fall to the ground, some of them do not detonate. So they can break from any touch, although they do not have a seismic sensor.

7:50 PM: The sounds of explosions are heard again in the Russian city of Belgorod, — rosZMI.

9:04 PM: Propagandist Solovyov has forgotten about the attacks on Russia and again threatens Kharkiv and Kyiv with complete destruction.

- “There should be no illusions. 48 hours - everyone should leave Kharkov. And quarterly demolish them to hell... All who are our brothers are already here. Explain to me why Kyiv still stands?”_ marit vin.

9:26 PM: Information about the alleged preparation of shelling by the Russians, which is disseminated by unofficial sources of information, may cause panic among the population, — CPD.

- The Central Committee noted that such sensitive information should only be commented on by officials.
- "The threat of shelling always exists, and no anonymous channel knows the number of missiles prepared by the enemy," the message reads.

10:46 PM: Russian security forces detained a 34-year-old Melitopol citizen for comments in a Telegram channel that he wrote back in 2022.

- This was announced by Ivan Fedorov, the head of the Zaporizhzhia RMA.
- Now the man faces a fine or imprisonment.
- "Every word spoken or written can be the cause of repression, but our people under occupation know the truth and are not afraid to speak it," Fedorov notes.

10:59 PM: Russia is getting harder to get money for oil and fuel as China, UAE and Turkey tighten bank controls, Reuters

- According to the publication's sources, several banks in China, the UAE and Turkey in recent weeks have strengthened their requirements for compliance with US sanctions, which has led to delays or even refusals in money transfers to Moscow.

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3:30 PM: Russia does not have the resources to attack Kharkiv, their fables about readiness to encircle the city — IPsO.

- This was stated by the head of the CSDP of the NSDC, Lieutenant Andriy Kovalenko.
- "_Talks about the 350,000 soldiers they want to recruit for this task, threats by Solovyov - so far only talk. [...] Now the enemy is only capable of shelling and terrorizing the city, and under this terror he adapts narratives about an offensive that is impossible_", - Kovalenko notes.

5:02 PM: The Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation announced the connection between terrorists from Crocus City Hall and "Ukrainian nationalists".

- On the website of the SC of the Russian Federation, it is alleged that "confirmed data about the receipt of significant sums of money and cryptocurrency from Ukraine, which were used during the preparation of the crime, were received by the perpetrators of the terrorist attack".

5:14 PM: rosZMI writes about the downed Russian plane in the area of temporarily occupied Sevastopol.

- The pilot ejected.

5:39 PM: A military plane crashed into the sea, reports the so-called governor, so-called. Sevastopol razvozhayev.

- According to him, rescuers have already picked up the pilot.
- Developers are currently working on _teaching AI to analyze photos_ taken by an orthophoto camera and look for anti-tank mines on them. This _will detect plastic mines_ that the magnetometer may not find.

7:11 PM: Telegram cooperates with Roskomnadzor and FSB.

- Oleksandr Melnychenko, a representative of the Department of Counterintelligence Protection of the State's Interests in the Field of Information Security of the SBU, stated this.
- Some more of his theses from Kyiv Stratcom Forum 2024:
- There is a high probability that _Telegram servers are located on the territory of the Russian Federation_;
- When the FSB needs to block any channel on the territory of the Russian Federation, Telegram executes these instructions instantly;

- One of Telegram's problems is that its owner and developers are citizens of the Russian Federation.

9:25 PM: Russia has blocked a UN resolution to continue monitoring sanctions against North Korea, Associated Press.

10:26 PM: The army of the Russian Federation has taken an underwater missile carrier to the Black Sea after a week's pause, the ammunition stock is 4 Kalibr missiles, the Southern Defense Forces inform.

- "The level of missile danger is very high," the military said.

REGIONS

KYIV



Tuesday, March 26

8:19 PM: An air alert has been announced in Kyiv and a number of regions.

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8:41 AM: In Kyiv and the region, air alarms will be more frequent due to the long-range Zircon missiles, which Russia has accumulated several dozen.

- Natalya Gumenyuk, the spokeswoman of OK "Pivden", informed about this.
- She added that the Russian Federation now has a new tactic: point terror, and the capital is the main target.

11:43 AM: The SBU detained an FSB agent group that was preparing missile strikes on the Kyiv TV tower and units of the General Staff of the Armed Forces

- Two FSB agents were detained in Kyiv and Odesa. In their area of special attention were army units that provide security for the General Staff of the Armed Forces, data on the Defense Forces in Poltava region, as well as the Kyiv TV tower and the capital's CHP.
- Both perpetrators were caught red-handed while they were spying on potential Russian "targets". They face life imprisonment.

10:11 PM: An air alert has been announced in Kyiv, - KMVA.

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9:42 AM: The KMVA warned of the threat of new missile attacks and the penetration of Russian armed forces into the territory of Kyiv.

- The city's Defense Council held an urgent meeting: all law enforcement and military structures will increase attention to places of crowding and ensure the implementation of all necessary measures that contribute to the safety of Kyiv citizens.
- Separate monitoring of social networks will be carried out regarding the spread of disinformation, provocations and other information aimed at destabilizing the situation in the capital.

10:21 AM: Exactly two years have passed since Ukrainian defenders liberated Irpin in the Kyiv region from the occupiers.

- The city restrained the enemy on the way to the capital and received the title "Irpin - Hero City". the Russians were in the city for 23 days.

11:07 PM: Air defense forces are operating in the Kyiv region, RMA reported.

SUMY



Tuesday, March 26

12:45 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Sumy.

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12:14 AM: Sumy region - the threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.

- UAVs from Sumy Oblast enter Chernihiv Oblast.

1:37 AM: The Air Force reports that UAVs from Chernihiv region are moving in the direction of Kyiv region.

- UAVs from the Sumy region are moving in the direction of the Poltava region, the course is southwest.

2:19 AM: Several groups of attack enemy UAVs are moving from Sumy Oblast through Kharkiv Oblast, in the direction of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, - Ukrainian Air Force Command.

7:20 AM: The activity of reconnaissance UAVs is observed in the south of the Sumy region, as well as in Zaporizhzhia, - Ukrainian Air Force Command.

4:50 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky arrived in Sumy region.

- There he already visited Ukrainian soldiers who are recovering from injuries, and honored them with state awards.

5:30 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky met with soldiers of the 117th separate territorial defense brigade.

- The President presented state awards and inspected the command post of the brigade.

7:15 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky inspected the fortifications in Sumy Oblast.

7:57 PM: A mobilization department is being created in Sumy, which will report directly to the head of the community.

- This is reported in at. of the mayor Artem Kobzar.
- According to him, the department will deal with issues related to mobilization, as well as promote the production and supply of ordered products, services, and energy resources to the Armed Forces and other military formations.

11:13 PM: Sumy region - the threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.

- Kharkiv region movement of strike UAVs in your direction from Sumy Oblast.

KHARKIV



Tuesday, March 26

12:29 AM: A group of "shaheeds" is moving to Kharkiv, — Ukrainian Air Force Command.

7:17 AM: Kharkiv Oblast was attacked by at least eight drones at night. No casualties, RMA

- One of the drones hit the ground near a non-residential building in Kharkiv.

11:39 AM: An explosion rang out in the Kharkiv area, subscribers reported.

- We are waiting for official information.

11:44 AM: Mayor of Kharkiv Ihor Terekhov confirmed the explosion in the city.

- "Preliminarily "arrival" in the Shevchenkiv district of the city. We are finding out the details," he said in the message.
- Previously, the blow came to the residential area of Kharkiv. Information about the victims and possible destruction is being clarified, Ihor Terekhov said.

12:15 PM Social Networks: A second explosion rang out in Kharkiv.

12:20 PM: A non-residential building was damaged, windows were blown out in a high-rise building nearby.

- This was announced by the mayor of Kharkiv Igor Terekhov.
- Fortunately, there are no injured or dead.

4:23 PM: Today, the Russian Federation launched a missile attack on the Shevchenkiv district of Kharkiv, the regional prosecutor's office said.

- A 64-year-old man was injured. A non-residential building was damaged. The windows in the high-rise building are broken, there is damage to the facade. According to preliminary data, the strike was carried out by an Kh-35U cruise missile.

7:52 AM: The Air Force reports a missile threat to the Kharkiv Region.

- An air alert has been declared in the region.

9:40 PM: 1-2 weeks are needed to fully restore Kharkiv's energy supply, Ukrenergo reported

- This is provided that there will be no new large-scale destruction.

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1:04 PM: Russians fired at a school in Izyum, Kharkiv Oblast, — National Police.

- the Russians used three kamikaze drones to attack an educational institution. One 62-year-old civilian was injured.

3:53 PM: Occupiers strike Kharkiv, — RMA.

- Explosions are heard in the city.

4:14 PM: Russians hit apartment buildings in a residential neighborhood of Kharkiv — there are dead and wounded.

- This was announced by the mayor of the city Igor Terekhov.

4:20 PM: The Russians struck twice in the Shevchenkiv district of Kharkiv, — RMA.

- Civilian residential infrastructure was damaged. The type of weapon is set.

4:35 PM: So far, we know of 1 dead person in Kharkiv, the mayor of the city, Terekhov.

- "Six are injured, two are in a serious condition. Five-story buildings where people lived are heavily damaged," Terekhov writes.
- The Institute of Emergency Surgery was also affected.

4:39 PM: The number of victims in Kharkiv has increased to 10, including 4 children.

- This was announced by the mayor of the city Igor Terekhov.
- Already 12 wounded. Inspection of apartments in affected houses continues.
- The age of the affected children is from 3 months to 9 years.

4:59 PM: According to preliminary data, today the enemy struck Kharkiv for the first time with a large-caliber guided munition.

- This was reported by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.
- Meanwhile, the number of injured has increased to 16.

5:20 PM: According to verified information, the enemy used a cheap analogue of a cruise missile to attack Kharkiv.

- Serhii Bolvinov, the head of the Investigative Department of the National Security Service in the Kharkiv region, writes about this.
- " _This is a UMPB D-30 SN, which is manufactured on the basis of the FAB-250. We have two approaches - the first hitting a secondary school, the second right in the middle of residential buildings_," the message says.

6:15 PM: Consequences of Russian strikes on Kharkiv.

- According to the regional prosecutor's office, the number of injured has increased to 18.

6:25 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky reacted to the Russian strikes on Kharkiv:

- " _At least 19 people were injured, among them children. In particular, a girl born in 2022, a boy born in 2023. [...] There is no and cannot be any rational explanation for this - why "patriots", of which there are enough in the world, are still not closed the sky of Kharkiv and our other cities and communities that suffer from Russian terrorists_".

9:00 PM: In Kharkiv Oblast, guided air bombs were launched by tactical aircraft, the Air Force reports.

11:10 PM: A 12-year-old child died as a result of an enemy attack on Borova in Kharkiv region, reported the head of the local SVA Oleksandr Tertysny

- According to him, the family was entering the house when the Russians struck the village.
- Residential buildings and a kindergarten were damaged in the settlement.

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12:13 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv

1:20 AM: Air Force reports Russian strike drones in Kharkiv area.

1:22 AM: The Kyiv district of Kharkiv was under attack, Mayor Terekhov said.

- Previously, there were no casualties or injuries. The restaurant was destroyed, the windows of the neighboring house were broken. Appropriate services are available on site.

1:23 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv.

1:34 PM: Outage schedules are in effect in Kharkiv Oblast. Possible application in Odesa and Khmelnytskyi, — Ukrenergo.

- The storm knocked out power in 19 settlements in Khmelnytskyi and 5 in Kyiv. For other reasons, 389 settlements are without power.

2:57 PM: Explosions are heard in the Kharkiv region.

3:39 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in the Kharkiv region.

4:37 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in the Kharkiv region.

4:34 PM: Russians shelled Vovchansk in Kharkiv Oblast — two people were injured.

- This was reported by the press service of the Kharkiv region police.
- A 60-year-old man suffered shrapnel gunshot wounds, and a 48-year-old man was hospitalized with a concussion.

DONETSK



Tuesday, March 26

1:51 PM: 1 person died and 1 was wounded as a result of the night shelling of Novogrodivka.

- This was announced by the head of the Donetsk RMA, Vadym Filashkin.
- the Russians hit the city with two rockets around 3:40 a.m. The administrative building and hangar were destroyed, a dormitory, 2 private houses and 2 non-residential premises were damaged.

Wednesday, March 27

2:10 PM: Russians shelled the town of Ukrainian in the Donetsk region — 2 casualties are known.

- This is reported by Selydivska MBA.
- As a result of the enemy attack, garages caught fire, about 29 apartment buildings were damaged.

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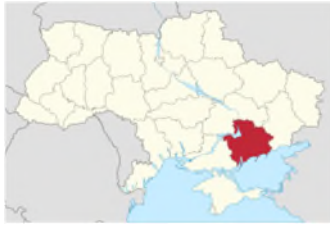
4:47 PM: the Russians shelled Mykolaivka with four guided air missiles — a woman was killed.

- This was reported by the head of the Donetsk RMA, Vadym Filashkin.
- "Also, the center of the Drobyshevy Limansk community came under fire — 1 person was injured, we are establishing the exact consequences of the shelling," adds Filashkin.

11:31 PM: Russian military shelled the city of Kurakhove and the village of Novooleksandrivka in Donetsk region.

- A 49-year-old man was wounded in the village as a result of shelling.

- In Kurakhovo, a fire broke out in the private sector as a result of the attack. This was the second shelling since the beginning of the day, said the head of the Padun Military Academy.



ZAPORIZHZHIA

Tuesday, March 26

6:25 PM: Operators of the 3rd separate regiment of the SSO during reconnaissance operations in the Zaporozhye direction destroyed the enemy BUK air defense system.

- The fighters directed the HIMARS fire of the missile-artillery unit of the Defense Forces at the enemy target, the SSO reported.

Wednesday, March 27

2:39 PM: An explosion rang out in the temporarily occupied Berdyansk, — MBA.

- "_The sound of an explosion was heard throughout the mountainous part of the city_" writes the head of the MBA Galitsina.

5:11 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Zaporizhzhia.

7:45 PM: Air defense forces shot down an enemy missile in the Zaporizhzhia region, PC "East".

- The defenders of the sky also destroyed the SuperCam UAV in the Dnipro district of the Dnipropetrovsk region.

Thursday, March 28

2:02 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Zaporizhzhia.

2:39 AM: The enemy carried out drone strikes on private civilian houses in Zaporozhye. There are victims.

- This was announced by the head of RMA, Ivan Fedorov.
- Information on the number of victims and destruction is being clarified.

7:12 AM: 2 women were injured as a result of a night attack by "shaheeds" in Zaporizhzhia, reported RMA head Ivan Fedorov.

- Debris of enemy drones caused residential buildings in the private sector to catch fire. Firefighters promptly extinguished the flames.

4:38 PM: An explosion rang out in the temporarily occupied Melitopol of the Zaporizhzhia region, according to subscribers.

DNIPRO



Tuesday, March 26

10:34 AM: Russia struck Nikopol. The victim was a woman born in 1933, the State Emergency Service.

- the Russians struck at civilian infrastructure. As a result of the attack, residential buildings were mutilated and a fire broke out in a non-residential building, which was extinguished by emergency personnel.

4:32 PM: In the Kryvorizka district, the military PC "East" shot down an enemy rocket.

- This was announced by the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhiy Lysak.

4:05 PM: Air-guided missile, presumably Kh-59, in the direction of Kryvyi Rih, Ukrainian Air Force Command.

Wednesday, March 27

4:07 PM: A 55-year-old man died as a result of Russian strikes on Nikopol.

- This was reported by the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhii Lysak.
- Private houses, farm buildings, power lines were damaged.

4:10 PM: High-speed target on the Dnipro, — Ukrainian Air Force Command.

4:42 PM: Air defense forces destroyed an enemy missile in the Dnipro district.

- This was announced by the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhiy Lysak.

Thursday, March 28

1:04 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipro.

1:50 AM: A group of "shaheads" is observed in the Dnipropetrovsk region, heading for the Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia, — PS ZSU

2:44 AM: Kryvyi Rih — an enemy anti-aircraft missile in the area of the city, reports the PS of the ZSU.

- Movement of attack UAVs in the direction of the Mykolaiv region.

7:34 AM: A 65-year-old man and a 53-year-old woman received shrapnel wounds as a result of night shelling in Nikopol region.

- As the head of the Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhiy Lysak reported, they were hospitalized in a moderate condition.

11:08 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipropetrovsk region.

11:36 PM: Guided air missiles in the Dnipropetrovsk region in the northern direction, the Air Force reports.

11:41 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipropetrovsk region.

11:41 PM: Ballistics from the Crimea in the direction of the Dnipro, the Air Force reports.

11:46 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kamiansky, Dnipropetrovsk region.

11:49 PM: The missile is moving in the direction of Kamianskyi, the Air Force reports.

11:52 PM: In one of the districts of Kamianskyi, the light went out, local residents reported.

11:54 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipro.

KHERSON



Tuesday, March 26

1:30 PM: Russian army continues to attack Berislav from drones, Kherson RMA.

- As a result of dropping an explosive object from a drone, a 50-year-old man received an explosive injury and leg injuries.

Wednesday, March 27

10:50 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson

11:31 AM: In the morning, the Russians shelled an office building located in the central part of the city.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of RMA, announced this.
- Also, the blast wave broke the windows in the nearby house.

1:30 PM: Russians hit a residential building in the village of Mykhailivka, Beryslav district with a kamikaze drone.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of the Kherson RMA, announced this.
- A 61-year-old local resident was fatally wounded in her own home.

2:59 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

3:26 PM: Starting next week, the curfew will be shortened in Kherson City Territorial Community, — MBA.

- Starting on April 1, 2024, the curfew will be in effect from 21:00 to 05:00 every day.

4:31 PM: An 80-year-old man was injured in the Russian shelling of Kherson, — RMA.

- In Mykhailivka, a 59-year-old man was injured as a result of an enemy drone explosion.
- The injured have already received medical assistance.

5:13 PM: The Russian army is shelling the coastal areas of Kherson from the temporarily occupied left bank, the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Roman Mrochko reports.

6:57 PM: Russians dropped explosives from a drone in the village of Vesele — a 37-year-old man was injured.

- This is reported by the Kherson RMA.
- The victim has shrapnel wounds to the shoulder and leg, as well as a craniocerebral injury.

7:28 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

Thursday, March 28

4:13 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Kherson, two people were injured, reports the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mrochko.

- About an hour ago, a taxi driver died at the site of the shelling.

- Also, the trolleybus contact network was damaged, due to which the movement of electric transport in the city was stopped.

4:52 PM: As a result of the morning shelling of Mykhailivka, two local residents were injured, Kherson RMA.

- A 51-year-old man and an 18-year-old boy were taken to the hospital.
- The victims have blast injuries and shrapnel injuries.

MYKOLAIV



Tuesday, March 26

2:08 AM: A group of "Shaheds" from the Black Sea to the Mykolayiv region, - Ukrainian Air Force Command.

2:29 AM: The Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports the movement of UAVs:

- "Shahedy" to Mykolaiv from the south.
- UAV along the coast of Mykolaiv Oblast in the direction of Odesa.

Wednesday, March 27

2:31 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Mykolaiv.

2:35 PM: According to preliminary information, Mykolaiv was hit by ballistic missiles.

- The mayor of the city, Oleksandr Sienkovych, reported this.
- "_We are finding out the consequences. We will provide information! We are reacting to the alarm_", - writes Sienkovych.

3:29 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Mykolaiv, six people were injured, 1 of them is in serious condition.

- This was reported by the head of Mykolaiv RMA Vitaly Kim.

5:01 PM: Currently, there are 8 wounded in Mykolaiv — all of them civilians, the city's mayor Oleksandr Sienkevych reports.

- There is minor damage in 4 residential buildings. Mostly broken windows in apartments.

9:37 PM: The body of a man without signs of life was found in the Mykolayiv region with a mine-explosive amputation of the lower limbs, the Defense Forces of the South.

- The man, ignoring the high mine threat, went to the coast to the very edge of the water, where, probably, he encountered an explosive object.
- The Southern Defense Force urges to pay attention to the warning signs, to observe the established restrictions and prohibitions.

ODESA



Tuesday, March 26

2:29 PM: 10 people were injured in Odesa as a result of yesterday's rocket attack, RMA head Oleg Kiper said.

- As a result of the strikes, about 300 apartments were damaged. Several buildings were destroyed. The Palace of Sports also received significant damage.
- Currently, 23,000 subscribers are without electricity. Stabilization shutdown schedules are used in Odesa and the region.

5:35 PM: Detectives of TU BEB in Odesa region reported suspicion of a smuggler who organized a scheme of illegal supply of cigarettes from Pakistan and their distribution on the territory of Ukraine.

- The scheme operated for two years. In total, during the pre-trial investigation, employees of the Terupravlinna conducted more than 50 searches, including in the Rhenia trade port.
- More than 1 million packs of cigarettes, loose cigarettes, laptops, mobile phones, video recorder hard drives and rough recordings were seized. The estimated value of the seized is UAH 120 million.

Wednesday, March 27

10:17 PM: The launch of Kh-22 missiles from the Black Sea in the direction of the southern regions was recorded.

- Odeshchyna - under cover, PS warns.

10:22 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa region.

10:51 PM: Repulse of air alarms by regions, the threat remains for Odesa region.

Thursday, March 28

8:13 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

10:03 PM: An explosion was heard in Odesa. The sea carried an anti-ship mine to one of the city's beaches, where it exploded. This was reported by the Southern Defense Forces.

- Due to the restriction of people's access to the beach area in that area, there are no casualties. Damage information is being updated.

CHERKASY



Thursday, March 28

11:17 PM: Current air alert map as of 11:15 PM

- A strike UAV is moving in the direction of Cherkasy from the south, the Air Force reports.
- An attack UAV is moving in the direction of Kryvyi Rih.

11:25 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Cherkasy.

11:34 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Cherkasy.

11:46 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Cherkasy region.

IVANO FRANKIVSK



Wednesday, March 27

1:26 PM: In the Ivano-Frankivsk region, about 40,000 people are wanted for failure to appear at the TCC.

- This was announced by the deputy head of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Territorial Center for Staffing and Social Support, Roman Bodnar.

- "All these people are officially wanted. Therefore, one should not be surprised when one of the conscripts was stopped on the street, checked at the "Oberig" base and immediately forcibly taken to the TCC", Bondar said.

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 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 759 days	After 760 days	After 761 days	After 762 days	After 763 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	437,390	438,160	439,190	439,970	440,790

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6,887	6,893	6,904	6,914	6,922
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	13,183	13,207	13,216	13,237	13,264
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	10,895	10,923	10,950	10,984	11,113
Cruise Missiles		2,010	2,014	2,015	2,017	2022
Fighters Bombers	118	347	347	347	347	347
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		8,539	8,553	8,578	8,590	8,656
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		726	727	728	729	735
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	14,454	14,498	14,539	14,595	14,645
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,785	1,789	1,794	1,800	1,807

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