News From Ukraine



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News From the Battlefield

Apparently, my wife's brother's son-in-law had a close call a couple of days ago during the fighting around Robotyne. The soldiers who were on the way to relieve him and his comrades were ambushed by the Russians, forcing them to hold their positions until new relief arrived. Other than being a bit thirsty and hungry because they only carry water for their 5-day rotation and not much food, they're all ok. Robotyne is now one of the more active parts of the front.

At 5:00 into his video, the "Latest Denys" contains a graph showing the increase in daily Russian casualties from between 2022 and 2024. It has gone from 386 in March 2022, to 776 in March 2023, to 984 in February 2024.

Is the Russian Economy Devouring Itself?

This <u>YouTube</u> video contains 3 charts, containing data that was taken from information from the Russian Ministry of Finance.

- The first chart, at 4:35 into the video, shows revenues from oil & gas sales for the years 2021, 2022 & 2023, plus January 2024.
- The second chart, at 8:25 into the video, shows non-oil & gas sales that in fact are imputed sales of military equipment.
- The third chart, at 15:25 into the video, shows Russian Government expenditures.

Taken together, these 3 charts show Russia going down a similar economic and fiscal road that Great Britain, France and especially Germany took, when all 3 countries were financing the cost of WW-1 in various ways. The major difference is that both Britain and France borrowed from the United States, and they looked to Germany as a place where they could get money to pay back the United States, in the form of German war reparations. Germany had to finance its war effort internally, much of it by printing lots of Reichsmarks. To see how all this ended up, read an excellent book called "The Lords of Finance – The Bankers Who Broke the World."

Russia is following the German model. Since Russia is no longer able to sell its oil at market prices, much of its gas sales have dried up, and it cannot borrow in the international capital markets it is, quite literally, devouring itself to finance its conduct of the War in Ukraine. Russia is borrowing from its sovereign wealth fund, it's borrowing from savers by printing more rubles, it's borrowing from private businesses, like bakeries, by forcing those businesses to produce military equipment with no market value rather than bread, and it is likely foregoing approximately \$350 billion in Central Bank of Russia reserves that it will never get back.

How long it will take before Russia's German model runs its course in Ukraine is anyone's guess. In the Spring of 1918 Germany launched the "Ludendorff Offensive," designed to knock the Allies out of the war before the Americans arrived at full strength. Six months later, Germany surrendered. I'm sure at the time there were British, French, and American pundits evaluating the Ludendorff Offensive and predicting an Allied defeat in

1918, just as their descendants are evaluating the current Russian offensive and predicting Ukraine's defeat in 2024.

Today's pundits all seem to think that both Russian manpower and Russian fiscal strength are inexhaustible. These resources, people and money, are no more inexhaustible for Russia, as they were for Germany in 1918. Instead of dithering and wringing their hands, Ukraine's allies should be looking at the deterioration of Russian finances, and give Ukraine everything it asks for, to hasten the day when Russia hits a fiscal wall. This is exactly what Reagan did, in the mid to late 1980s, when he ramped up American defense spending to a point where the Soviets couldn't match, hastening the end of the Soviet Union. Instead, we find some Republicans (not all) drinking the "Trump Kool-Aid."

Drinking the "Trump Kool-Aid"

Add Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Florida) to the list. Yesterday, during an appearance on CBS "Face the Nation," Rubio said that he's "all for" supporting Ukraine, but support will have to wait until America's southern border is "addressed." Maybe Rubio draws the line at the anti-Ukraine vitriol that we've come to expect from Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), but the fiscal bottom line is the same.

Then there's Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Indiana), the first and only member of Congress born in Ukraine. She lived in Ukraine until she was around 20. As evidence by her recent <u>Twitter</u> feed, including a few Tweets from yours truly, it's clear that Spartz hasn't let her Ukrainian roots stand in the way of her loyalty to Donald Trump.

It should be kept in mind that the Republicans now hold a 2-seat majority in the House of Representatives. Rep. Spartz's defection from Mike Johnson and the other opponents of aid to Ukraine might hasten the submission of a discharge petition that would force a vote on Ukraine aid on the House floor. Rep. Spartz has no excuse – she's not running for re-election this year. I suppose I won't be invited to her going away party.

<u>Statement by Ukrainska Pravda on the detention of journalists Mykhailo Tkach and Yaroslav</u> Bondarenko in Poland

The two reporters were gathering information along Poland's border with Belarus, concerning shipments of goods from Russia and Belarus into Poland, including agricultural products, while at the same time Polish farmers are being allowed to block border crossings into Ukraine, protesting the transit of Ukrainian agricultural products across Polish territory. So far, the new Polish government, headed by Prime Minister Donald Tusk and his Foreign Minister, Radek Sikorski, has done nothing to relieve the blockade along with the destruction of Ukrainian agricultural products. Perhaps they should contact their Canadian counterparts to see how the Canadian Government handled the Canadian truckers who were blocking access to Ukrainian Parliament building in Ottawa.

"Ukrainian Stories of Sustenance and Strife"/New York Times

This is a review of 4 Ukrainian-themed movies, including "20 Days in Mariupol" that is likely to win the Academy Award for best full-length documentary, and "Veselka: The Rainbow at the Corner of the Center of the World," about the iconic Lower East Side Ukrainian restaurant of the same name. As the article says, "The film (in theaters now) starts as a fun story about a New York institution, and its tone is resolutely hopeful and convivial. But it rapidly becomes a demonstration of a community's efforts to support loved ones under siege, and that makes it much richer and fuller than it might otherwise have been. If you know Veselka, you might choke up a bit."

Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

INTERNATIONAL

Sunday, March 3

8:01 AM: Lithuanian customs reports that cars with Russian license plates must leave Lithuania and the entire territory of the European Union by March 11*, — Delfi.

8:01 AM: U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee investigators find that the Russian military continues to use American technology despite sanctions against Russia, Washington Times.

8:01 AM: Trump wins three GOP primaries in Missouri, Idaho, Michigan.

• An Italian ship shot down a Houthi drone in the Red Sea* — Reuters.

9:27 AM: On the border with Poland, all six directions are blocked, said Andriy Demchenko, the spokesman of the DPSU.

• The biggest queue on the border between Poland and Ukraine is observed in the direction of the checkpoints "Krakivets" and "Yagodin". In total, there are 2,400 trucks in queues in all six directions.

11:31 PM: The question of transferring \$60 billion to Ukraine will be discussed only in mid-March or even in April, CNN reports

• House Speaker Johnson blocked all previous bills.

11:47 PM: Oliver Sykes, the frontman of the British band Bring Me the Horizon, recorded an appeal to Ukrainians:

• _"I love Ukraine so much! And I am still heartbroken by what is happening. This war is cruel and senseless, it has been going on for too long and it must end as soon as possible. I am inspired by the resilience of Ukraine, just as I was two years ago. ... Hang in there , friends! We are still with you, we love and support you."_

Saturday, March 2

8:02 AM: Ukraine received access to research infrastructure in the Arctic and Antarctic.

8:02 AM: A state of emergency has been declared in Sicily due to the worst drought in almost 20 years.

NATIONAL

Sunday, March 3

12:04 AM: Donetsk, Kharkiv regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons, reports zzzz Air Force.

2:26 AM: Air alert in the Kharkiv, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation, - Ukrainian Air Force.

• Dnipropetrovsk region - missile danger.

6:27 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons in areas where air alert has been declared - Ukrainian Air Force.

7:04 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 March 3:



- ILLUSTRATIVE PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ZSU
- During the past 24 hours, 78 combat clashes took place on the front, in total, the Russians launched 7
 missile and 50 air strikes, hit the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas 112 times with
 rocket salvo systems.
- Literally the General Staff: "During the past 24 hours, the settlements of Lisne, Rozhkovichi, Druzhba, Bobylivka, Kyyanytsia, Yamne of the Sumy region; Vovchansk, Velikiy Burluk, Sinkivka of the Kharkiv region; Nadiya, Tverdokhlibove, Belogorivka of the Luhansk region; Novye, Terny, Bohdanivka, Predtechine, Druzhba were hit by airstrikes., Oleksandropil, Pokrovsk, Novobakhmutivka, Orlivka, Umanske, Pervomaiske, Netaylovye, Kurakhove, Vodyane, Vugledar, Urozhane, Staromayorske of the Donetsk region; Verkhnya Tersa, Robotine of the Zaporizhia region."
- **Details**: More than 80 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions came under artillery fire.
- In the area of responsibility of the "Khortytsia" OSU on **Kupyansk direction** Russians carried out 11 attacks in the areas of Sinkivka and Tabaivka settlements of Kharkiv region, unsuccessfully trying to improve their tactical position.
- On**Lyman direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 5 attacks by the occupiers in the areas of Belogorivka, Luhansk region, Terny, and Verkhnokamianske, Donetsk region.
- OnBakhmut direction Defense forces repelled 5 attacks by Russians in the Bohdanivka, Ivanivske and Andriivka settlements of the Donetsk region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Tavria" on Avdiivskyi direction Ukrainian defenders repelled 20 attacks by occupiers in the areas of Berdychi, Orlivka, Tonenke, Pervomaiske, Nevelske settlements of the Donetsk region.
- On**Novopavlovsk direction** The defense forces continue to hold back the Russians in the Krasnohorivka, Georgiivka and Novomykhailivka districts of the Donetsk region, where the invaders tried more than 30 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- On Orihiv direction the Russians carried out 3 unsuccessful attacks in the vicinity of the village of Robotyne, Zaporizhzhia region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Odesa" on Kherson direction The defense forces continue to hold their positions, the Russians did not conduct offensive actions.

• At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the defense forces struck 7 areas of concentration of personnel of the occupiers.

10:37 AM: A technical failure occurred at Monobank, the bank's co-founder Oleg Horokhovskyi said.

From the editor: Therefore, while Mono is repairing our bank, you can donate to Privatbank

12:19 PM: Intermediate collection results

• A total of UAH 6,402,180 has already been collected for a marine drone for defenders! (3)

12:48 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers has allocated UAH 1.3 billion for the construction of fortifications in the Zaporizhzhia region*, the head of the Zaporizhzhia OVA, Ivan Fedorov.

He assured that the work will be completed as soon as possible.

4:00 PM: The Russians immediately dropped 9 chemical munitions from an unmanned aerial vehicle in the Tavry direction.

- This was announced by the commander of the "Tavria" OSU, General Oleksandr Tarnavskyi.
- Tarnavskyi added that this is another violation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons.
- 9:50 PM: Border guards and soldiers of the 23rd brigade of Khortytsya State University destroyed the enemy observation complex "MUROM-M" with the help of kamikaze drones.

7:58 PM: Artificial intelligence will help in demining Ukraine — the Ministry of Economy and the company Palantir signed a partnership agreement.

- Thanks to Palantir's capabilities, the platform will analyze information and provide recommendations for optimizing processes.
- For example, it will be able to advise, taking into account all the data, how to most effectively clear a specific area_ - with the help of new demining methods, such as drones, or with the use of traditional methods.

9:00 PM: 7,000,000 hryvnias were collected for a marine strike drone 🖰 🦰



- For Ukrainian children
- For women and men
- For all those who will not see this world again $\hat{\mathbb{A}}$
- Let these scum who kill us burn in hell!
- We will take revenge!

9:21 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi in his evening address emphasized that 7 Russian military planes were shot down this week.

"And the more opportunities we have to shoot down Russian aircraft, the further in our occupied territory we will destroy Russian logistics, the more Ukrainian lives will be saved [...] If this does not happen, it will become one of the most shameful pages in history - if America whether Europe will lose to Iranian "martyrs" or Russian fighter jets," the president said.

10:04 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of March 3:

- _68 combat clashes took place during the day._
- In the Avdiivsk direction, our defenders repelled _18 enemy attacks_ in the areas of Berdychi, Orlivka, Tonenke, Pervomaiske, Nevelske settlements of the Donetsk region.
- Aviation of the defense forces struck _7 areas of concentration of enemy personnel._

10:28 PM: During the week of work, sappers removed and neutralized 4,599 explosive objects, — Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

Works are carried out with the involvement of special equipment for mechanized demining.

Area Demined – 7,622 hectares of farmland, 7,686 hectares of other land, 19,45 km of roadways, 0.3 km of pipelines, 4,599 explosive objects found. Total explosive objects found to date 304,507

10:45 PM: Russian troops used chemical munitions 9 times, from March 2 to 3, by dropping them from drones onto the battlefield, reported the head of the Tavria Special Operations Command Tarnavskyi

• "Let me remind you, this is a violation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons," he said.

Saturday, March 2

7:21 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 March 2:



PHOTO: GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES

- Last day, 82 combat clashes took place. In total, the enemy launched 9 missile and 100 air strikes, fired 161 salvo rockets at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- At night, the Russian invaders once again attacked Ukraine using 17 unmanned aerial vehicles of the "Shahed" type. 14 attack UAVs were destroyed by the forces and means of air defense of Ukraine.
- During the past day, the settlements of Sumy, Kharkiv region, Luhansk, Donetsk region and Mala Tokmachka, Novodanilivka and Robotyne in Zaporizhzhya were hit by airstrikes.
- More than 140 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions were under artillery fire.
- In the area of responsibility of the "Khortytsia" OSU, at**Kupianskyi** direction, the enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) actions.
- OnLymansky direction, our soldiers repelled 14 enemy attacks in Terna, Yampolivka, Rozdolivka, Donetsk region, and Belogorivka - Luhansk settlements.
- On**Bakhmutsky** direction, the defense forces repelled 8 enemy attacks in the areas of Bohdanivka, Ivanovske and Andriivka settlements of the Donetsk region.
- In the area of responsibility of the "Tavria" OSU, at**Avdiivskyi** direction, our defenders repelled 24 enemy attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Orlivka, Tonenke, Pervomaiske and Nevelske settlements.
- On**Novopavlovskyi** direction, the defense forces continue to restrain the enemy in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Georgiivka, Pobyeda, Novomykhailivka, and Urozhainy of the Donetsk region, where the enemy tried to break through the defense of our troops 29 times.

- On **Orihivskyi**the enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) actions in this direction.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Odesa" on **Khersonskyi**in the direction of the Defense Forces will continue to hold positions. The enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) actions.
- 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 front line.
- During the day, the aviation of the defense forces struck 13 areas of concentration of enemy personnel.
- Units of missile troops damaged 1 area of concentration of military equipment, 3 artillery means, 3 control points and 3 enemy ammunition depots.

8:24 AM: Air defense forces destroyed another Su-34.

• Yesterday, around 09:00, a Russian fighter-bomber Su-34 was destroyed in the eastern direction, which was trying to strike Ukrainian positions with guided aerial bombs.

10:39 AM: The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces announced personnel changes on the Eastern Front.

- Groups of specialists were sent to the brigades, where there are problems with the training of the headquarters, to transfer experience and provide assistance.
- "In some cases, when the commander does not control the situation, and the actions and commands
 directly pose a threat to the life and health of subordinates, I am forced to make personnel decisions",
 Oleksandr Syrskyi said.

1:47 PM: The Ministry of Defense has begun testing special modular body armor for the needs of the Navy and the engineering forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- The peculiarity of such a bulletproof vest is that upon contact with water, a special module reacts, and the bulletproof vest works as a rescue.
- It is planned that such modules can be used on all approved models of body armor of the Armed Forces.

2:33 PM: The crash site of the Russian Su-34 shot down by the Defense Forces yesterday.

• Video - adviser to the mayor, so-called Petro Andryushchenko, Mariupol.

2:26 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

4:54 PM: 50,000 contracted first-aid kits from Germany have already arrived at warehouses - they will be handed over to the troops in the near future.

- This is stated on the website of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.
- In total, a contract has been signed for 500,000 first-aid kits, and each of them will be equipped with an additional tourniquet and an occlusive bandage.

5:19 PM: There has just been a combat use of anti-aircraft guided missiles against two enemy Su-34 and Su-35 aircraft.

- This was announced by the commander of the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Mykola Oleschuk.
- "_We are waiting for confirmation of the desired result! It is becoming more and more difficult for the occupiers to fly, and we need more systems, more weapons to clear our skies_", Oleschuk writes.

6:30 PM: Gathering for an attack naval drone to destroy enemy ships!

- Currently, the bank has UAH 5,791,016.04.
- The goal is UAH 8,500,000.

7:00 PM: The Eastern Air Command confirms the downing of an enemy Su-34 fighter-bomber.

• "_Regarding the combat work that I reported an hour ago. [...] Unfortunately, only one_", - writes Ukrainian Air Force commander Mykola Oleschuk.

7:13 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

- "_The rescue operation continued all day in Odesa at the place where the Russian "shahed" was hit. Now the State Emergency Service, the police and other services continue to work there is information about people under the rubble ".
- The president also addressed the partners: "[...]_when lives are lost, and partners simply have internal political games or disputes that limit our protection, it is impossible to understand ".

7:31 PM: Russians increase turnout at TOT "elections" by forced voting of personnel of the USSR*, Center of National Resistance.

• "_The main task of the "presidential election" at the TOT is not the election of Vladimir Putin as president, because elections in the Russian Federation are not a tool for changing power, but a "high turnout", which is supposed to testify to local support for the occupation_," writes the CNS.

7:43 PM: HUGE MARINE DRONE COLLECTION!

• UAH 6,000,000 in the bank (5)

7:54 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on March 2:

- During the day _70 combat clashes took place._
- The aviation of the defense forces struck 8 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- Units of missile forces _hit 1 artillery piece_ of the enemy.

8:30 PM: Syrskyi can make decisions about any personnel changes in the army, President Volodymyr Zelenskyi said.

- _"The commander-in-chief has carte blanche for personnel changes in the army, in the headquarters any. All Ukrainian commanders must know the front, feel the front the real needs. They must really be with soldiers, sergeants. Be what it takes to achieve Ukrainian goals," said the president.
- He added that at the beginning of the week after Sirsky's return from the front, he expects a detailed report and specific proposals regarding further changes and actions of Ukraine.

9:56 PM: Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhya, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons from Crimea, the Air Force warns.

11:05 PM: High speed target from the north, Air Force reports.

• Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons.

MORDOR – ruZZia

Sunday, March 3

1:30 AM: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Feodosia, local media reports.

2:51 AM: Traffic on the Crimean Bridge is temporarily blocked, - rosZMI.

6:10 AM: Local residents claim that explosions in temporarily occupied Feodosia were heard near the oil depot.

• Meanwhile, the occupation authorities reported that traffic on the Tavrida highway is temporarily restricted in the direction of Kerch, in particular in the area of temporarily occupied Feodosia.

8:01 AM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation announced the alleged destruction of 38 Ukrainian drones over the temporarily occupied Crimea.

1:18 PM: A Russian oil tanker was damaged as a result of night strikes in Crimea in Fedosia, the Atesh partisan movement reported.

 "_The consequences were removed until the very morning. The losses are colossal!_" the partisans write.

3:06 PM: Average daily losses of Russian forces in Ukraine in February 2024 were the highest since the start of the full-scale invasion.

- This is stated in the British intelligence report.
- According to intelligence, in February the average loss of Russian troops amounted to 983 people per day, which almost certainly reflects Russia's readiness to wage a massive war of attrition.

Saturday, March 2

8:02 AM: An explosion rang out in St. Petersburg, Russia. Allegedly, the building caught fire due to the falling debris of the UAV, - rosZMI.

8:02 AM: Arms shipments by sea from North Korea to Russia have stopped for the time being. This is evidenced by satellite images of the American company Planet Labs.

12:56 PM: Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia region – missile danger, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- "[...] the value of certain types of Belarusian products exceeded the expectations of the Russians by 500-600%",_ the message says.
- However, the Belarusians conducted an additional calculation and found a "way out" to reduce the
 price: the components will be produced by subcontractors who do not have the appropriate licenses.
 This will mean a decrease in product quality.

2:09 PM: A substation supplying three defense plants* exploded in Yekaterinburg, rosZMI.

• "[...] _an improvised explosive device went off, however, according to the official version, the explosion was related to problems at the Kalinin substation_", the report says.

2:59 PM: the Russian Federation may try to return to service the previously decommissioned A-50* aircraft, writes British intelligence.

- The loss of the A-50s, which provide day-to-day command and control of Russian air operations, is very likely to significantly impair the situational awareness of the crews of other aircraft.
- "_This is a gap in capabilities that Russia cannot afford over the disputed airspace of eastern and southern Ukraine_," the report says.

9:41 PM: In Russian Ingushetia, in the city of Karabulak, the special forces of the FSB started a firefight with "militants". The mode of counter-terrorist operation has been introduced, rosZMI reports

• The reason for the shootout was the elimination of Islamic State militants who were planning a terrorist attack.

REGIONS

SUMY



aircraft missile launches.

Sunday, March 3

12:43 AM: The air alert in the Sumy region is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation in the northeast, the Air Force reports.

• Sumyshchyna under attack by KAB from the Kursk region, Russian Federation.

11:23 PM: In the north of the Sumy region, the Air Force reports the threat of anti-

KHARKIV



Sunday, March 3

10:13 AM: Around 8:30 am, the enemy shelled the village of Petropavlivka, Kupyan district, the head of Kharkiv OVA Oleg Sinegubov said.

• As a result of the strikes, a 60-year-old civilian man was injured and hospitalized at a medical institution. Damaged private house.

Saturday, March 2

12:02 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

12:26 AM: Mayor of Kharkiv Ihor Terekhov reported a hit in one of the city's districts.

• Information about the injured and destruction is being clarified.

6:10 AM: One of the "shaheds" hit the territory of the Shevchenkiv district of Kharkiv, said Dmytro Chubenko, the spokesman of the regional prosecutor's office.

 According to him, four cars were damaged, about ten garages were damaged. Windows were also broken in more than 10 high-rise apartments. Currently, there is no information about the injured or the dead.

6:36 AM: Kharkiv region - threat of using ballistic weapons, - Ukrainian Air Force.

• An air alert has been declared in the region.

7:41 AM: A 76-year-old man was killed as a result of a Russian attack on the village of Velikiy Burluk of the Kupyan district, the police of the Kharkiv region.

A drone hit his house. It was possible to evacuate a woman from a neighboring house.

12:40 PM: Russians struck the outskirts of Kupyansk.

- This was reported by the head of Kharkiv OVA Oleg Sinegubov.
- According to preliminary information, the Russians used the KAB. A 55-year-old volunteer was injured as a result of the blows. The man received shrapnel injuries.

9:16 PM: An air alert in the Kharkiv region is related to a reconnaissance UAV of an unknown type over the city.

• The Air Force warns of a possible anti-aircraft attack on an enemy UAV.

11:10 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Kharkiv region.

DONETSK



Sunday, March 3

11:14 AM: the Russians hit Pokrovsk in the Donetsk region with an "Iskander-M" missile, — the regional prosecutor's office.

- Two women, aged 24 and 52, received shrapnel wounds. Apartment buildings, cars and a gas main were damaged.
- In addition, during the night, Russian forces attacked Mirnograd, firing 4 missiles, previously S-300. At least 12 high-rise buildings and 13 private buildings were damaged.

1:42 PM: The situation in the Avdiiv direction is stabilizing, but Russian troops are having local successes.

- As Dmytro Lykhova, spokesman for the Defense Forces of the Tavri District, reported, Ukrainian defenders repulsed 14 enemy attacks in the Avdiiv District during the day.
- According to him, the enemy in some places has local successes in some positions. For example, when the firing positions were destroyed, then the Ukrainian military was forced to regroup.

4:12 PM: Russians struck the center of Kurakhovo — 16 are known to be wounded, two of them in serious condition.

- This was announced by the head of Donetsk OVA, Vadym Filashkin.
- According to preliminary information, the Russians used a guided aerial bomb. The enemy damaged at least 15 high-rise buildings.

ZAPORIZHIA



Saturday, March 2

3:51 PM: The Russian army shelled the village of Primorske — a person died there.

• This was reported by Ivan Fedorov, the head of the Zaporizhzhya OVA.

DNIPRO



Sunday, March 3

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

8:56 AM: Launches of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Donetsk region and Zaporozhye.

KHERSON



Sunday, March 3

10:56 AM: In the morning, the Russian occupiers shelled the Ship district of Kherson, — OVA.

• "_There was an "arrival" in a residential building, the windows were damaged. A 65-year-old man was cut by debris ," the message reads.

11:28 AM: The information about the alleged evacuation of civil servants from Kherson before the "Russian offensive" does not correspond to the truth — TsPD.

• "_These are Russian fakes, the purpose of which is to increase panic. The Russian Federation does not have the resources to attack Kherson_," the message says.

1:15 PM: This night, the occupiers set fire to the village of Ponyativka of the Dar'iv community*, reported Oleksandr Prokudin, head of the Kherson OVA.

• A man born in 1966 received life-threatening injuries. His body was retrieved from the rubble by rescuers.

8:41 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

Saturday, March 2

10:27 AM: the Russian army killed a resident of Stanislav, Kherson OVA.

• "A 54-year-old man received injuries not compatible with life. He was on the street during the artillery shelling," said Oleksandr Prokudin, head of OVA.

1:30 PM: Russian troops covered the Dnipro district of Kherson with fire, — OVA.

- Residential quarters of the city are under attack again. Private and apartment buildings were damaged.
- A 79-year-old woman was taken to the hospital with a shrapnel wound to her shoulder and leg. Doctors assess her condition as moderate.

4:38 PM: As a result of the Russian shelling of the Kherson region, two policemen were injured*, — National Police of Ukraine.

• In populated areas, 19 objects were damaged: 11 private and apartment buildings, 4 cars, including 2 official police cars, and garages.

10:22 PM: Aero scouts of the 11th brigade named after M. Hrushevsky State University liquidated the ammunition warehouse of the Russians in Oleshki, Kherson region.

 "According to information from various sources, a large-scale fire with the detonation of ammunition took place throughout the night until the morning," - writes the press service of the brigade.

MYKOLAIV



Sunday, March 3

7:34 PM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in Mykolaiv.

7:44 PM: The explosion was outside Mykolaiv*, the mayor of the city, Oleksandr Sienkovych, said.

ODESA



Sunday, March 3

8:45 AM: In Odesa, at the site of a Russian attack on a high-rise building, the body of the ninth dead person was found under rubble.

Unblocking works are in progress, - DSNS.

9:46 AM: The body of another dead baby has just been found next to the woman's body, Oleg Kiper, head of OVA, said.

• "_Preliminarily, the child doesn't even have a mouth...Rescuers continue to sort out the debris_," he wrote.

11:51 AM: 4 more people* may be under the rubble of a building in Odesa, — State Emergency Service.

11:56 AM: The Odesa region is a missile hazard, the Air Force reports.

1:57 PM: In Odesa, a rescue operation is underway at the place where the Russian "shaheed"* was hit, — Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

• "_At this time, we know about ten dead people, three of them children: Mark, who is not even three years old, Elizaveta, eight months old, and Timofey, four months old. Ukrainian children are military targets of Russia. This is who these inhumans are fighting with ". the president wrote.

3:24 PM: Among the dead in Odesa is an entire military family with a 7-month-old daughter*, the Command of the Joint Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported.

- Oleg and Tetyana Kravets met in the service, and later the woman left to take care of her newborn daughter — _Lisa was their only child together_.
- Tatiana had other children from her previous marriage: 9-year-old Serhiy and 8-year-old Zlata, _they are still being searched under the rubble_.

4:43 PM: A 61-year-old woman, who was injured in a previous Russian drone attack on February 23, has died in a hospital in Odesa.

- Oleg Kiper, the head of Odesa OVA, announced this.
- During the entire period of stay in the medical facility, the condition of the wounded woman remained extremely difficult, she was in the burn intensive care unit.

5:16 PM: Two men tried to cross an anti-traffic ditch near the border in Odesa, but were unable to get out*, DPSU.

• "_The law enforcement officers watched them from the air for some time and then extended a helping hand. Administrative records were drawn up on the detainees. Their fate will be decided by the court_," the message reads.

7:00 PM: In Odesa, rescuers found a 10-year-old boy* who died as a result of a Russian attack under the rubble, — OVA.

• The death toll rose to 11.

8:49 PM: Rescuers have completed search and rescue operations in Odesa, the State Emergency Service reported.

A total of 12 people died as a result of the Russian strike, including 5 children.

Saturday, March 2

1:00 AM: Air Force reports enemy drone movement:

- Several groups of UAVs from the Black Sea in the direction of Mykolaiv Oblast.
- Groups of UAVs in Odesa are approaching Odesa from the southwest.

1:18 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

2:08 AM: As a result of the Russian attack by strike drones in Odesa, civilians were injured and multi-apartment residential buildings were damaged, - OVA.

• "Currently, four victims are known, including one child. The information is being clarified," Oleg Kiper, the head of Odesa OVA, said.

2:23 AM: The number of victims as a result of the Russian UAV attack has increased to seven, Oleg Kiper, head of Odesa OVA

- A 3-year-old boy got a bad leg and is now under the supervision of doctors. Six adults are in moderate condition.
- Appropriate services are available on site. Debris is being cleared, people may be under it.

5:49 AM: In Odesa, part of a damaged high-rise building collapsed as a result of a Russian attack. A person died - the mayor of Odesa, Gennadiy Trukhanov.

 According to him, engineering networks and the boiler house were also damaged, and heating was disconnected from nearby houses.

6:31 AM: One entrance of an apartment building in Odesa, which was hit by an enemy strike drone, was completely destroyed - OVA.

- As of 5 a.m., one dead man is known. Four victims with multiple injuries were hospitalized, including a pregnant woman. Three people, including a three-year-old child, were treated on the spot.
- The search and rescue operation is ongoing. There may be people under the rubble, Oleg Kiper, the head of Odesa OVA, said.

6:47 AM: At night, the Russians sent 8 "shahedis" from the Black Sea to Odesa, - the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine.

- Air defense units intensively repelled the Russian attack, destroying 7 targets.
- One of the drones during maneuvers among the residential quarters of Odessa hit a nine-story building in a residential area. Part of the entrance to 18 apartments was destroyed.

7:14 AM: The number of dead in Odesa has increased to two, the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

• Debris clearance continues, at least 7 people are still not in touch.

• Dog experts are involved in the search. Psychologists of the police and the State Emergency Service are providing psychological assistance on the spot, heating points have been deployed.

8:38 AM: A man was found alive from under the rubble of a house in Odesa that was hit by a Russian drone at night, local media reported.

• At the time the drone was hit, he was previously in the basement, said the head of OVA Kiper. The man is conscious, doctors are examining him.

9:18 AM: In Odesa, 6 residents of a house that was hit by a Russian drone at night are considered missing, the regional prosecutor's office reported.

• The search and rescue operation is ongoing.

9:32 AM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi published a video of the consequences of the attack on Odesa region.

• "Currently, we know of two dead people, eight more people were injured, including a child. My condolences to the families and relatives of the victims," added the president.

10:49 AM: The number of victims of the Russian attack on Odesa has increased to three.

- This was reported by Oleg Kiper, the head of OVA.
- The rescuers have just unblocked a human body from under the rubble. The search and rescue operation is ongoing.
- The body of a dead child was found under the rubble, the State Emergency Service.

12:04 PM: In connection with the loss of life due to the Russian drone attack, mourning has been announced tomorrow in Odesa and the region.

- Oleg Kiper, the head of Odesa OVA, announced this.
- The search operation is ongoing.
- 12:20 PM: 12 people, including 4 children, are still missing in Odesa, Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin said.

3:31 PM: The number of dead as a result of the Russian attack on Odesa has increased to five*, — DSNS.

• Rescuers retrieved another body of a dead person from under the rubble.

5:50 PM: A woman's body was just recovered from the rubble of a house in Odesa*, OVA.

• The number of dead as a result of the Russian attack has increased to six.

6:04 PM: Rescue workers in Odesa have just unblocked the bodies of a mother with a three-month-old baby*, the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

• Seven people have already died as a result of a nighttime Russian attack on a high-rise building.

6:27 PM: For the children, for all those who died in Odessa!

Let's take revenge!

8:59 PM: At the site of the Russian attack on a high-rise building in Odesa, the body of the eighth dead person was found under the rubble, the State Emergency Service reported.

10:44 PM: A photo of a mother and baby who died as a result of a Russian strike in Odesa was published online.

- The wife and son of the Baptist presbyter Serhii Haydarzhi became victims of the Russian terrorist forces. The husband and the eldest daughter miraculously survived.
- "His father was hoping for a miracle from the very morning. But he lost both his wife and child. The
 husband was left with a small daughter," wrote former ombudsman for children's rights Mykola
 Kuleba.

KIROVOHRAD



Sunday, March 3

8:30 PM: A missile is flying in the direction of the Kirovohrad region, the Air Force reports.

VINNYTSIA



Saturday, March 2

11:43 PM: Explosive engineers and sappers neutralized a part of the enemy's Kh-101 missile that fell near one of the villages of Vinnytsia.

• The fragments of the explosive object scattered within a radius of 200 meters.

IVANO FRANKIVSK



Sunday, March 3

6:25 PM: In the morning, a video was shared on social networks, in which unknown people attacked lonely passers-by, particularly elderly people, on the streets of Ivano-Frankivsk.

- According to OVA, the law enforcement officers promptly identified the participants in the offenses and one woman the victim.
- The perpetrators were taken to the local police department and are giving confessions.

Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghani stan	Feb 28	Feb 29	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 734 days	After 735 days	After 736 days	After 737 days	After 738 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	413,760	414,680	415,640	416,800	417,950

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6,593	6,610	6,624	6,640	6,648
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	12,552	12,582	12,611	12,639	12,660
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	11,070	11,106	11,156	11,191	11,214
Cruise Missiles		1,912	1,912	1,915	1,915	1,916
Fighters Bombers	118	342	345	346	347	347
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325
Drones		7,768	7,794	7,829	7,843	7,845
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		690	691	696	696	698
Cargo/Fuel/other transport	11,369	13,152	13,206	13,267	13,332	13,374
Naval Vessels		25 + 1 (Submarin e)				
Specialized equipment		1601	1,611	1,617	1620	1,621

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