

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

March 4 & 5, 2024

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[“Ukraine is Now Fighting Russia in Sudan”](#)/Wall St. Journal

Sudan, as well as other African countries and some Latin American countries such as Ecuador, is becoming a major arms supplier to Ukraine. As the article describes, in Sudan Ukrainian commandos from the “Timur Unit” part of Ukraine’s military intelligence, the HUR, run by Gen. Kyrylo Budanov.

As the article states, “For Ukraine, sending troops to Africa is an audacious new venture—part of a strategy to disrupt Russia’s military and economic operations abroad, make the war more costly for Moscow, and position itself as a bulwark against Russian incursions, including in regions where the West has been reluctant to get directly involved.” One of Russia’s “economic operations” that Ukraine wants to disrupt includes gold mining ventures in Sudan and neighboring countries like the Central African Republic, that helps Russia finance the war.

In Sudan, the article describes that Ukraine has two comparative advantages that they’re using to great effect in Sudan. First, the ability to fight at night with the use of night vision equipment. Second, the use of FPV drones. The result has been that Ukraine has helped Government forces push the Russia-backed Rapid Response Force back from areas around the capital, Khartoum.

Ukraine seems to be able to see this war in multi-dimensional terms, whereas Russia and even the West are unable to do so to the same extent. Examples include Ukraine’s use of drones, in the air and at sea, how Ukraine is attacking sites inside Russia, with drones and the use of sabotage, how Ukraine is using FPV drones to compensate for shortages in artillery shells, and by diplomatic means by getting help from countries like Ecuador.

Much has been made of African countries effectively supporting Russia, by abstaining in votes in the UN General Assembly. However, the majority of African countries, mostly democracies, support Ukraine. Most of the African countries supporting Ukraine are authoritarian, including those where the Wagner Group has been present. One reason is that if Ukraine loses the war, Russia will get an effective monopoly over exports of grain and fertilizer.

[Another Sinking](#)

The [Latest Denys](#) describes the recent sinking of a Russian Navy ship in the most detail. What stood out to me was the following:

- The versatility of the ship – The ship can be a fast-landing ship, with her ability to carry landing boats in its hold. It can engage in anti-submarine warfare, with her ability to carry a helicopter (one was lost in the attack). She can engage in surface action, with a gun that appears to be either 30mm or 3 inch. She also had what appeared to be a Gatling gun to defend against the type of attack that ended up sinking her.
- Where the ship was sunk – Very close to the Kerch Bridge.
- Distance – The Ukrainian sea drones seem to have gone all the way around Crimea, several hundred kilometers, to hit the Russian ship.
- The drones' ability to change course during their terminal phase. Is this an example of Ukraine's use of artificial intelligence?

[Veselka Restaurant – Interview With the Two Owners](#)

In our last email, I included a link to the review of the documentary in the New York Times. This is a TV interview with the 2 owners, 2nd and 3rd generation. The movie seems to be in limited release. Washington, DC has already closed, so I hope it appears one of the streaming services soon.

[It's time to stop being naive - Putin will not give up while he's alive' | Ukraine: the latest/Daily Telegraph](#)

Interview with Andrey Kurkov, one of Ukraine's leading authors and poets. It lasts over 38 minutes but worth your time. Had things turned out

differently during the war's early days, Kurkov would have been one of the first people that Russia would have hunted down.

[“How Poland Continues to Import Russian Agricultural Products”](#)/Ukrainska Pravda

Some excerpts:

- “The first thing readers should realise is that the EU has not suspended all agricultural trade with Russia, despite its full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine entering its third year. The European Union continues to trade with a country that occasionally threatens to turn Warsaw and other European capitals into radioactive dust.”
- “Official statistics indicate that Poland paid hundreds of millions of dollars to Russian and Belarusian companies for seeds, oil, and animal feed in 2023. In some cases, imports of these goods actually increased compared to before the war.”
- “Poland banned imports of Ukrainian wheat, maize, rapeseed and sunflower seeds in August amid protests; in September the list of proscribed commodities was expanded to include rapeseed cake and meal, corn bran, wheat flour and derivatives.”
- “About 6,000 vehicles, mostly Ukrainian, are currently queuing to leave Ukraine for Poland, with 2,000 waiting to enter Ukraine. At the same time, freight traffic between Poland and Belarus continues uninterrupted through the only operating cargo checkpoint, Koroszczyń-Kozlovichi, near the city of Brest, Belarus.” This has the effect of tying up Ukrainian vehicles and slowing the transit of military equipment for use in the war.

The article contains graphs and more detail. The overriding question is – why?

News From the Battlefield

“[Reporting From Ukraine](#)” focuses on the area around Bakhmut. At around 2:35 into the video he reports that during the fighting the Russian have executed 9 Ukrainian prisoners.

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Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration

INTERNATIONAL

TUESDAY, March 5

7:58 AM: In the US today, 16 states will hold primaries for candidates from both parties.

7:58 AM: Baltic states to build more than 1,000 concrete bunkers on borders with Russia and Belarus, — The Times.

7:58 AM: Trump beats Haley in North Dakota caucuses, NBC

7:58 AM: La Cumbre volcano on an uninhabited island in Ecuador's famous Galapagos archipelago has begun erupting lava, potentially threatening some unique animal species — AFP.

1:20 PM: Temporary protection for refugees from Ukraine who do not have Ukrainian citizenship has expired in the Netherlands - NOS NL.

- The Netherlands stopped protecting third-country nationals from March 4, 2024. This concerns about 2,540 citizens of third countries - foreigners who worked or studied in Ukraine before the start of the war, having temporary residence permits.
- They must either apply for asylum or another form of residence or leave the Netherlands. They were given time to leave until April 1, 2024.

3:34 PM: ICJ judges have issued arrest warrants for Russian long-range aviation commander Serhii Kobylash and Russian Black Sea Fleet commander Viktor Sokolov.

- This is stated on the website of the International Criminal Court.
- Arrest warrants were issued "in the context of the situation in Ukraine for alleged crimes committed from at least October 10, 2022 to at least March 9, 2023."

5:28 PM: Instagram and Facebook are reporting outages.

- We await more details.

6:01 PM: Users of Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Google and other social networks around the world are reporting massive outages, Downtetector.

- It is worth noting that currently a significant number of complaints is observed only on Facebook (more than 550 thousand), Instagram (almost 80 thousand) and Youtube (about 3 thousand).
- Facebook and Instagram are reported to be gradually restored after an hour and a half of interruptions.

6:31 PM: In the Red Sea, 4 of 15 submarine cables that provide the global Internet and telecommunications are critically damaged, HGC Global Communications.

- The cables are in waters under the jurisdiction of Yemen.
- The Houthis deny the fact of sabotaging the lines on the route, which is considered crucial for the transmission of data from Asia to Europe. They blamed the failures on Great Britain and the United States without providing evidence.
- We note that there is currently no confirmed connection between this event and the failure of social networks.

7:36 PM: France will join the Czech initiative to purchase ammunition for the armed forces and find financing for the project.

- This was announced by French President Emmanuel Macron.
- "We will appeal to third, non-European countries with a request to provide resources to meet Ukraine's short-term ammunition needs," Macron said.

7:58 PM: The United States has imposed new sanctions against the Russian Aerospace Forces, PVK "Wagner", as well as the company "Eltechnord" and 2 others.

- This is stated in the US Federal Register.
- The imposed restrictions are additional and supplement other sanctions imposed on the specified persons and institutions by other US federal agencies.

9:21 PM: Hungarian President Tamás Šuyok signed the protocol on Sweden's accession to NATO, — Reuters.

10:33 PM: A terminal in Turkey refused to accept oil from the Russian Federation due to the threat of American sanctions, — AOG.

10:33 PM: Bulgarian Prime Minister Nikolay Denkov and his government are resigning, BTA.

10:33 PM: The German prosecutor's office indicted two businessmen for supplying components to the Russian Federation to circumvent EU sanctions, Deutsche Welle.

10:33 PM: Latvia has approved a plan to strengthen the border with the Russian Federation and Belarus by more than €300 million, — Delfi.

10:33 PM: US Secretary of State Blinken has announced that his deputy, Nuland, will be stepping down in the coming weeks. After her resignation, her duties will be performed by the deputy director of Bass.

11:46 PM: The President of the Czech Republic Petr Pavel considers it possible to send the military of European countries to Ukraine, but not to participate in hostilities.

- He said this at a press conference with French leader Emmanuel Macron in Prague.
- The President of the Czech Republic noted that he and his French colleague are convinced that Europe should play a greater role in helping Ukraine and in repelling the Russian Federation's desire to continue aggression.

MONDAY, March 4

8:00 AM: Large-scale NATO Nordic Response 24 military exercises begin today in northern Finland, Sweden and Norway, and will continue until March 15, Yle.

8:00 AM: Israel and Hamas are close to a Gaza ceasefire, says CIA Director William Burns.

8:00 AM: Pentagon to buy 1,000 drones to deter China, WSJ.

8:00 AM: Donald Trump loses Republican primary to Nikki Haley for the first time in the 2024 campaign, in D.C. — AP.

10:02 AM: Bitcoin once again exceeds \$64,000.

- Back in November 2021, the value of BTC reached a record \$69,000, and already on January 24, the coin fell to \$33,000.

10:17 AM: Interim results of mega marine drone fund

- Thanks to each of you, a total of UAH 7,383,601 has already been collected! 🙌🙌
- Friends, we are grateful for your support, trust and every donation! We have come a long way and we are not stopping, the goal is UAH 8.5 million 🙏

12:50 PM: "Denazification in Germany is not complete. If the Germans do not change the situation, the consequences for Germany will be dire," said Maria Sakharova, the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

1:45 PM: The Baltic States and Poland actively contribute to the circumvention of sanctions against the Russian Federation, compared to other EU countries. IIF Chief Economist Robin Brooks came to these conclusions.

- He analyzed the volume of exports to the Russian Federation from the countries of Central Asia, since these states act as a transit for exports to Russia, helping to circumvent sanctions.
- According to the charts, it can be seen that Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland actually kept the volume of exports to Russia at the level of 2017-2018. And Czech and German exports fell by at least half.

1:59 PM: Blocking the border by Polish farmers is ridiculous. Ukraine has not exported wheat, corn, sunflower seeds, or rapeseed to Poland since September last year.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal.
- Shmyhal emphasized that the cause of the "trouble" of Polish farmers is exports from the Russian Federation.
- He also noted that no cases of weapons, military equipment, humanitarian aid or fuel for Ukraine being blocked on the Polish border.

2:18 PM: Today, a record volume of electricity exports to 5 countries is planned, — Ukrenergo.

- We are talking about Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Moldova.
- Export of electricity from Ukraine to other countries is carried out only if there is no deficit in the energy system._

2:48 PM: Belgium has declared €1.7 billion in profits from frozen rockets, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said.

- " _These funds are partly allocated to support Ukrainian refugees in the EU. Belgium is partly ready to finance Ukrainian needs, including defense ones_," says the prime minister.

10:13 PM: Philippines vows to hit back at China if its maritime interests are ignored, Reuters

10:13 PM: European Commission fines Apple €1.8 billion after Spotify complaint, CNN

10:13 PM: US Supreme Court rejects Colorado decision to bar Trump from March 5 primary, CNN

10:13 PM: North Korean hackers broke into the systems of two South Korean semiconductor companies to steal information, Bloomberg reports.

10:25 PM: During the full-scale war, Denmark allocated military aid to Ukraine, the cost of which is greater than its defense budget. This is evidenced by the results of the Top Lead study.

- But in general, military aid to Ukraine in 2023 fell by 40% compared to 2022.

11:08 PM: France has become the first country in the world to enshrine the right to abortion in its constitution, Le Figaro reports.

- The amendment states that there is "guaranteed freedom" of abortion in France. Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said before the vote that lawmakers have a "moral obligation" to women who have had to endure illegal abortions in the past.

11:35 PM: Canada is discussing with Ukraine the possible transfer of decommissioned CRV7 air-to-surface missiles.

- Canadian Defense Minister Bill Blair announced this at a press conference.

- "Now we are checking whether these ammunition can be transported safely. As soon as we determine this, which should happen within the next few days, we will deliver them to Ukraine as soon as possible," Blair said.

11:50 PM: Poland will propose to the EU to completely ban the import of products from the Russian Federation and Belarus, Prime Minister Tusk said.

- "I am convinced that a joint European decision will be more effective than individual decisions of the countries of the region," he said.

11:55 PM: French actor and director Pierre Richard recorded an appeal with words of support for Ukrainians.

- "Two years have passed — and so many people have died, so many mass murders, so many cities have been razed to the ground. I am shocked by what I see. Therefore, I once again express my admiration for the heroic resistance, the ability to overcome the difficulties that befell Ukrainians." _

NATIONAL

TUESDAY, March 5

7:06 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 March 5:



PHOTO FROM THE FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ZSU

- The Russians attacked in 6 directions, most actively in Novopavlivskiy, carried out 4 missile and 106 air strikes, fired 154 rocket salvo fire systems at the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas, in total 86 combat clashes took place on the front during the day.
- Verbatim from the General Staff: "At night, the Russian invaders once again attacked Ukraine, using UAVs of the "Shahed" type. According to preliminary information, 38 out of 42 of these drones were destroyed by the defense forces. Information about the victims and damage to infrastructure facilities is being clarified."
- Details: During the past day, the settlements of Kislivka, Mitrofanivka of the Kharkiv region were hit by airstrikes; Novoyehorivka, Luhansk region; Terny, Chasiv Yar, Bohdanivka, Kurdyumivka, Druzhba, Semenivka, Ugledar of the Donetsk region; Malynyvka and Mala Tokmachka, Zaporizhzhia region.
- More than 140 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions came under artillery fire.

- In the Lyman direction, Ukrainian soldiers repelled 6 Russian attacks in the areas of Verkhokamianske and Terna settlements of Donetsk region.
- In the Bakhmut direction, the Defense Forces repelled 2 attacks by the occupiers in the areas of Ivanovske and Bila Gora settlements of the Donetsk region.
- In the area of responsibility of the "Tavria" anti-aircraft defense unit in the Avdiyiv direction, the defenders repelled 23 enemy attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Tonenke, Pervomaiske, Vodyane, Nevelske, Semenivka and Orlivka settlements of the Donetsk region.
- In the Novopavlivka direction, the Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the Georgiivka, Novomykhailivka, Prechistivka and Krasnohorivka districts of the Donetsk region, where the Russians tried 39 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- In the Orihiv direction, the occupiers carried out 5 attacks in the areas of Gulyaipole, Malynivka and Robotyn settlements of the Zaporizhzhia region.
- In the area of responsibility of the "Odesa" air defense system in the Kherson direction, the Defense Forces continue to hold positions. During the past day, the Russians carried out 3 unsuccessful assaults in this direction.
- At the same time, units of the Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense attacked the enemy ship of project 22160 "Serhiy Kotov".
- The aviation of the defense forces struck 11 areas of concentration of personnel of the occupiers.
- And units of missile forces damaged 2 control points, 1 area of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 1 ammunition warehouse, 1 anti-aircraft missile complex Buk-M1 and 1 radar complex of reconnaissance and fire control "Zoopark-1".

8:45 AM: GUR confirmed the destruction of the Russian ship "Sergei Kotov".

- On the night of March 4-5, as a result of an attack by Magura V5 naval drones, the Russian ship of project 22160 "Sergei Kotov" suffered damage to the stern, right and left sides.
- The cost of the sunken ship is about 65 million dollars.

9:57 AM: Defense Minister Rustem Umyerov had a telephone conversation with British Defense Secretary Grant Shapps and Commander of the Armed Forces Admiral Sir Anthony Radakin.

- "Thanked Great Britain for allocating £200 million for the production of drones for Ukraine," the message states.

10:27 AM: Interim results of the mega rally for the naval strike drone!

- So far, 8,300,000 hryvnias have been collected! Friends, there are only 200,000 UAH left and the collection will be closed! 🇺🇦

10:42 AM: The GUR published a video of the destruction of the Russian Navy patrol ship "Sergeya Kotov".

1:01 PM: According to the results of the vote, the attack marine drone will be called "FOR THE CHILDREN" ❤️

- He will take revenge for all the children killed by the Russians, for the sons and daughters of our Ukraine. Eternal memory to them 🕯️
- We will not give up and will continue to fight for Victory together! Thank you to everyone who took part in the meeting! Glory to UkraineUA

1:24 PM: Attention! The threat of using ballistic weapons from the south, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

2:12 PM: Action has crashed.

- We are waiting for more detailed information.

2:31 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

2:44 PM: All services have been updated in "Dia".

- "_Don't worry, the application works as usual_", the press service noted.

3:06 PM: The case of ex-Nardeput Murayev has been sent to court — he faces up to 15 years in prison with confiscation of property.

- Yevgeny Muraev used the "Nash" TV channel under his control for the mass distribution of Kremlin propaganda in Ukraine.
- In early February 2022, NSDC sanctions were imposed against his TV channel, and Muraev himself fled the country at the beginning of a full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation.

4:00 PM: The "Defense Procurement Agency" of the MoU will purchase 20,000 unmanned aerial systems through the Prozorro system for the first time.

- Almost 3 billion hryvnias (without VAT) are planned to be spent on the drones, and the delivery date is until May 31, 2024.
- Procurement will take place through the application of a framework agreement, which will allow for competitive procurement of drones without disclosing sensitive information to the public.

4:04 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas. The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.

4:25 PM: Marks of production of Ukrainian drones may reach two million already this year.

- This was stated by the Deputy Minister for Strategic Industry, Hanna Gvozdyar.
- At the same time, Hvozdyar noted that the needs of the Ukrainian army today are much greater than can be covered with the financial capabilities of our country.

5:10 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas. The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.

5:43 PM: Since the beginning of the year, BEB detectives have secured more than UAH 1 billion in compensation for damages caused to the state.

- The pre-trial investigation was completed and 113 cases were sent to court, including 7 criminal proceedings related to the actions of criminal groups, which included 27 people.
- As part of the investigation of criminal proceedings this year, 177 persons were notified of suspicion.

6:57 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas. The Air Force reports the threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.

7:12 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on March 5:

- During the day 76 combat clashes took place.
- Aviation of the defense forces struck 11 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- Units of missile troops hit 1 area concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 1 ammunition depot, 1 SAM Buk-M1 and 1 radar complex of intelligence and fire control Zoopark-1.

7:26 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

- "Today there is a new step of the International Criminal Court - warrants for the arrest of two more representatives of the Russian leadership. [...] When international justice begins to work, it cannot be stopped. Justice for Ukraine, for Ukrainians and for the international community in general will definitely be restored".

7:45 PM: The body of a boy born in 2002 was pulled out of the Tisza River, — DPSU.

- The dead man was noticed by the border guard while patrolling the river section of the border.
- This is already the 21st case of a person's death while trying to cross the Tisza in the area of responsibility of the Mukachevo border detachment.

8:16 PM: The head of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Syrskyi and the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Umyerov had a telephone conversation with the Minister of Defense of Norway Bjorn Arild Gram.

- They talked about the situation at the front and Ukraine's urgent needs, particularly in artillery and air defense.
- The expansion of cooperation in the defense industry was also considered.

8:46 PM: The issue of the return of Ukrainians from abroad is not about administrative measures, but only about incentives, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said during a government meeting

- "More security, more conditions for life, more opportunities for self-realization," Shmyhal said.
- He assures that there are already programs aimed at this in Ukraine, such as yesRecovery, yesHome, grants and available loans for starting your own business.

8:56 PM: Current air alert map as of 8:55 PM. Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east, the Air Force reports.

9:37 PM: Since the introduction of martial law, border guards have tried to be bribed 968 times for a total of UAH 10 million, — DPSU.

- "Most of the attempts to bribe law enforcement officers were made by citizens of Ukraine - men of conscription age, who tried to avoid mobilization and go abroad in this way," the report says.

10:07 PM: Current air alert map as of 10:00 PM

- Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia region - the threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.
- Currently, a group of UAVs are observed in the Dnipropetrovsk region, moving in a northern direction.
- Mykolayivsk, Kherson region - the threat of using attack UAVs from the south.

10:43 PM: Current air alert map as of 10:40 PM

- Odesa region - the threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.
- Enemy BpLA in the Mykolaiv region, moving in the direction of the Odesa region. BpLA in Poltava region and Dnipropetrovsk region - in the northern direction.

11:12 PM: Air Force reports enemy drone movement:

- BpLA in Poltava region - in the direction of Myrhorod.
- 2 Groups of drones in the Kharkiv region - north-west course.
- BpLA in the Kherson region - in the direction of Mykolaiv region.
- A group of drones in Odesa region - heading for Vinnytsia region.
- Several new groups of UAVs from the Black Sea are approaching Odessa.

11:25 PM: Movement of attack UAVs from Poltava region in the direction of Sumy region.

- Chernihiv region - the threat of using attack UAVs.
- Kirovohrad, Vinnytsia regions - the threat of using attack UAVs.

MONDAY, March 4

7:17 AM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 06:00 on March 4:



PHOTO FROM THE FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ZSU

- During the past day, the Russians tried to advance in 7 directions, a total of 74 combat clashes took place on the front; the Russians launched 5 missile and 66 air strikes, carried out 108 attacks from rocket salvo systems on positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas; at night, 22 Shaheds attacked, 18 of which were destroyed by air defense.
- **Verbatim General Staff:**"During the past day, the settlements of Chuykivka of the Sumy region and Liptsi, Varvarivka, Nesterne, Kolodyazne, Kislivka, Mitrofanivka, Petropavlivka of the Kharkiv region; Tverdokhlibove, Novoyehorivka, Belogorivka of the Luhansk region; Terny, Novoselivka, Verkhnyokamianske, Kostyantynivka, New York were hit by airstrikes. , Druzhba, Severnye, Semenivka, Novoselivka Persha, Yasnobrodivka, Netaylove, Kalinove, Novomykhailivka, Kostyantynivka, Vodyane, Staromayorske of the Donetsk region; Novodarivka, Malynyvka, Novodanilivka, Robotine of the Zaporizhia region."

- **Details:** More than 140 settlements in the 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** the Russians carried out 7 attacks in the areas of Sinkivka and Tabaivka settlements of the Kharkiv region, trying to improve their tactical position.
- On **Lyman direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 4 enemy attacks in the Terna settlements of the Donetsk region and Belogorivka of the Luhansk region.
- On **Bakhmut direction** The defense forces repelled 6 attacks by the occupiers in the Andriivka, Ivanivske and Klishchiivka settlements of the Donetsk region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Tavria" on **Avdiiv direction** Ukrainian defenders repelled 28 attacks by Russians in the areas of settlements of Novoselivka, Berdychi, Tonenke, Pervomaiske, Nevelske of the Donetsk region.
- On **Novopavlovsk direction** The defense forces continue to hold back the enemy in the areas of Georgiyivka, Novomykhailivka, Vodyanyi, Prechistivka and Urozhainy of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers tried 22 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- On **Orihiv direction** the Russians carried out 1 attack in the vicinity of the settlement of Robotyne, Zaporizhzhia region.
- In the area of responsibility of OSUV "Odesa" on **Kherson direction** Defense forces continue to hold positions. Despite significant losses, the Russians do not stop trying to knock Ukrainian units out of their positions. So, during the past day, the occupiers carried out 2 unsuccessful assaults.
- At the same time, the aviation of the defense forces during the past day struck 8 areas of concentration of personnel and 1 ground control station of the Russian unmanned aerial vehicle. Also, the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine destroyed one Kh-59 guided air missile.

- Units of the missile forces damaged 3 personnel concentration areas, 1 anti-aircraft defense device and 6 artillery devices of the occupiers.

1:19 PM: The 5th Assault Brigade thanked the Kyiv community and Vitaliy Klitschko for their help: "We feel your support, we are fighting and winning"

- The mayor of Kyiv visited the 5th separate Kyiv assault brigade and other military units that are fighting fiercely in Donbas. On behalf of the Kyiv community, he handed over another batch of FPV drones, DJI MAVIC 3 quadcopters, EW systems and the Cobra armored car, purchased by his brother Volodymyr Klitschko with the support of international partners, to the defenders.
- In general, last year, Kyiv residents allocated 10% of the city budget, amounting to 7 billion hryvnias, to help the military.

1:33 PM: In the case of Kolomoiskyi, BEB detectives questioned more than 100 people, said Acting head of the Bureau Andriy Pashchuk in an interview with "Ukrinform": <https://bit.ly/439oQTq>

- According to him, among those questioned are former and current employees of PrivatBank: collectors, cashiers and management. So far, 2 examinations have been conducted, two more have been scheduled: a complex engineering and technical examination and a forensic and economic examination.
- "_The scheme investigated by the BEB is very complex. More than 10 economic entities are involved in it, including 4 commercial banks_" Pashchuk noted.

1:50 PM: Civil service reform continues in Ukraine. This year, 20,000 vacancies have already been cut.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal.
- "We are working on reducing the number of ministries by a third," the Prime Minister said.

1:54 PM: Attention! The threat of using ballistic weapons in areas where an air alert has been declared — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

3:07 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- the threat of using ballistic weapons.

3:30 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi held a daily selector.

- Main topics:
- assistance to the victims _after the Russian strikes on Odesa and Kurakhovo_ of the Donetsk region;
- the arrival of weapons and ammunition, the situation in the main directions, the audit of the Armed Forces, _rotations of brigades and personnel decisions_ within their borders;
- reports of _intelligence, SBU and Ministry of Internal Affairs_;
- work of the "grain corridor": only in February _Ukraine exported more than 8 million tons_ of cargo.

3:35 PM: Thank you to LLC "KIPU" for the charitable contribution in the amount 🕯️ 200 thousand. UAH 🕯️ on the SeaBaby marine drone for the SBU!

- LLC "KIPU" is engaged in electrical installation and repair and construction works in Kyiv and other cities of Ukraine. Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the company has continued to work and assist various individual units, as well as the Armed Forces as a whole.
- Ukrainian business is the best 💖 💖
- Thanks for support! Glory to Ukraine 🇺🇦

4:32 PM: Ukraine will not directly extend the current contract on the transit of Russian gas, but the country is ready to extend the transit at the initiative of the EU countries.

- This was announced by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal at a press conference.
- "_If European countries act either as a consortium, or if one of the European partners acts as a transitor of their own gas, we are ready to provide such a service_", Shmyhal noted.

4:59 PM: The European Commission will offer to join Ukraine to the EU defense industry support scheme, — Euractiv.

- Ukraine will be given a special place in the program, which is designed to support joint European arms purchases and strengthen the military-industrial complex of the European Union, which uses EU funds.

- According to the European Commission, membership will help to use Kyiv's experience and bring it closer to EU membership.

5:17 PM: Ukraine has already established five joint ventures in cooperation with Western arms manufacturers.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal.
- The Prime Minister noted that the world's leading arms manufacturers, such as _Day & Zimmermann, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin_ and others, are currently considering the possibility of being present in Ukraine.

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- During the day _63 combat clashes took place._
- The aviation of the defense forces struck 8 areas of concentration of personnel and 1 ground control station of the enemy's UAVs.
- Units of missile forces hit 1 area of concentration of personnel, 1 means of anti-aircraft defense and 6 artillery means_ of the enemy.

7:39 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

"_Briefly about this day. Most of the time is spent by the military. Chief of Staff Oleksandr Syrskyi and Chief of the General Staff Anatoliy Bargylevych. The meeting lasted precisely on front-line issues and tasks. Our operations and prospects. Despite all the shortcomings, the ability of our soldiers to destroy the invaders should not decrease_ [...] ".

7:55 PM: The Cabinet of Ukraine has allocated almost UAH 40 billion for the purchase of UAVs.

- This was announced by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.
- "_We are concentrating on drones, EW systems in order to win the war of technologies. We are cooperating with the leaders of the world arms market_", Shmyhal added.

8:42 PM: Sumy, Poltava regions - missile danger, the Air Force warns.

- Kharkiv region is also under threat.

- Mykolaiv, Kherson, Kirovohrad and Cherkasy regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons

9:18 PM: The Constitution of Ukraine clearly states that the president exercises his powers until the new head of state takes office and cannot transfer his powers to other persons or bodies.

- This is stated in the CEC's response to the expiration of Zelenskyi's constitutional powers and the effect of martial law in the country.

9:24 PM: UAH 8,000,000 collected for a marine drone ⚡

- You are the best! Thank you for every contribution and great trust! 🤝

9:58 PM: The Supreme Anti-Corruption Court confiscated the assets of Russian propagandist Kiselyov.

- It is about a house and a plot of land in Koktebel, as well as a Land Rover car, a trailer, as well as shares in the authorized capital of "Club Skovoroda" and "Promo.Uey" LLCs.
- It should be noted that the press service of VAKS does not indicate the name of the propagandist, but the list of property points to Dmytro Kiselyov.

MORDOR – ruZZia

TUESDAY, March 5

12:04 AM: The Kerch bridge is closed, and explosions are heard in the temporarily occupied Kerch. This is reported in local social networks.

7:42 AM: Russian media report a nighttime attack by Ukrainian naval drones on the Russian Black Sea Fleet ship "Sergiy Kotov" near the temporarily occupied Kerch.

- As a result of the attack, the ship was allegedly sunk. The fate of the crew has not yet been announced.

9:15 AM: The Gubkin oil depot was attacked in the village of Dolga, Belgorod region, — rosZMI.

- A fire broke out on the territory of the enterprise.

- The authorities of the region confirm that there was a fire at the infrastructural object as a result of the explosion, but no one was injured.

9:26 AM: A photo of a fire at an oil depot in the Belgorod region was published online.

12:26 PM: In the temporarily occupied Crimea, explosions were heard in different parts of the peninsula, - local channels.

1:49 PM: There was a helicopter on board the destroyed ship "Sergei Kotov".

- This was stated by the spokesman of the Naval Forces of Ukraine, Dmytro Pletenchuk, on the air of the telethon.
- It was probably a Ka-29 or Ka-27.

3:12 PM: According to preliminary data, as a result of the attack on the patrol ship "Sergei Kotov", 7 occupants were killed and another 6 were injured.

- This is reported by the GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.
- "The enemy probably managed to evacuate the 52 crew members who were on the ship," the message reads.

5:14 PM: The GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine conducted a cyber operation — the website of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation is still "down".

- "IP-telephony, domains of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, as well as servers that provided electronic document flow of the enemy structure also remain blocked," - notes the press service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

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8:20 AM: In the Samara region, unknown persons blew up the support of a railway bridge, — rosZMI.

- The metal structures of the bridge, as well as the fence, were damaged. Several trains have been suspended.

9:15 AM: GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine confirms the failure of the railway bridge across the Chapaevka River in the Samara region of Russia.

- The railway branch was used for the transportation of military cargo, in particular, engineering ammunition produced by the JSC "Polymer" plant.
- Given the nature of the damage to the railway bridge, its use in the next few weeks is impossible.

9:43 AM: Cyber specialists of GUR hacked the website of the Ministry of Defense of Russia. It was possible to gain access to software, ciphers, secret documents.

- The information obtained allows us to establish the complete structure of the system of the Russian Ministry of Defense and its units.
- The analysis of the received data also helped to identify the general, other high-ranking managers of structural divisions of the MORF, as well as deputies, assistants, specialists - all those who used software for electronic document management called "bureaucrat".

10:50 AM: The Russian Foreign Ministry summoned the German ambassador in Moscow due to the publication of secret negotiations of the German leadership on the supply of Taurus missiles to Ukraine and the prospect of their strikes on the Crimean bridge.

11:30 AM: The Russian Federation announced a missile attack on the Russian air base "Gvardiyske" in the temporarily occupied Crimea.

- "Gvardiyske air base was attacked by missiles in Crimea. Both missiles exploded. The airfield's taxiway was damaged. Three servicemen were injured," rosZMI reports.

12:10 PM: The SBU reported suspicions to Russian generals who commanded airstrikes on high-rise buildings during the battles for Kyiv

- As a result of complex measures, war crimes were documented:
- Colonel-General Oleksandr Chaika - Commander of the Eastern Military District of the Russian Armed Forces;

- Lieutenant General Volodymyr Kravchenko - Commander of the 11th Army of the Air Force and Air Defense of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.
- Comprehensive measures are underway to bring perpetrators to justice. Both war criminals will be found and punished.

10:53 PM: Russians run a "black market" selling Ukrainian prisoners of war.

- The Times writes about this, referring to the statement of the spokesman of the coordination headquarters of Ukraine on the treatment of prisoners of war, Petro Yatsenko.
- According to him, the people of Kadyrov buy captured Ukrainians from the Russians in order to exchange them for prisoners from Chechnya.
- The publication also covered the history of Ukrainian military Vyacheslav Levytskyi. In February 2023, he was captured by the "Dnrivets", where he was tortured and denied medical care, and later sold to the Kadyrivites.
- All his limbs were amputated in the Grozny hospital due to the severity of his injuries and he was sent to prison. There, the Ukrainian, together with other prisoners, waited for exchange and returned home in June 2023.

REGIONS

KYIV

TUESDAY, March 5

9:02 PM: A large-scale fire broke out in Kyiv on the territory of the Osokorka ecopark.

- "Rescuers of the KARS and the State Emergency Service localize the burning of reeds near Tyagle Lake. Specialists are doing everything to prevent the spread of the fire and to localize the fire," the KMDA reported.

10:13 PM: The area of the fire in Kyiv's Osokorki is about 3 hectares, the State Emergency Service reported

- Extinguishing the fire is significantly complicated by the lack of access routes for fire engines. The territory is flooded.

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10:28 PM: The Air Force reports launching aerial bombs on Sumy Oblast.

KHARKIV

TUESDAY, March 5

10:25 AM: A 55-year-old woman who was injured on February 15 as a result of Russian shelling of the village of Chorne in the Kupyan district died in the hospital today.

- This was announced by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.
- The enemy attacked the settlement with an aerial bomb. The victim was in the hospital for a long time in serious condition.

12:03 PM: At 10:30 Russian troops shelled the village of Kurylivka, Kupyan district.

- This was announced by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.
- A 67-year-old civilian woman died as a result of terrorist acts.

9:57 PM: The Ukrainian military is trying to occupy the heights in the Tabaivka area, from where the Russians are advancing. Currently, this is the goal of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the battles for the settlement.

- This was announced by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.
- According to him, the Russian occupiers have concentrated more than 100,000 soldiers in the Lyman-Kupian direction.

11:08 PM: In the Lyman-Kupian direction, the Russians are creating blocking units, the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Synegubov said

- According to him, about 40 thousand of the hundreds of thousands of concentrated enemy military attack aircraft. Others are provision and logistics.
- "And it is precisely these 40,000 that must be constantly replenished, because their losses are huge. The enemy is in such a demoralized state that the Russian military leadership on the ground is resorting to the practice of blocking detachments," Sinegubov said.

DONETSK

TUESDAY, March 5

2:09 PM: Russians shelled Kurakhov with artillery — a 72-year-old man was killed.

- This was reported by the head of the Donetsk RMA, Vadym Filashkin.
- 8:19 PM: Launches of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Donetsk region, the Air Force reports.

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9:32 AM: The third stormtrooper showed a video of its work near Avdiivka.

- Thus, the night movement of the Russian infantry in one of the forest strips was tracked from the UAV. From the sky, the fighters adjusted the artillery fire and tightly covered the "landing" where there was a concentration of Russian manpower.

7:47 PM: The enemy partially controls the villages of Berdychi and Tonenke in the Avdiyiv direction.

- This was announced by the head of the public relations department of the "Tavria" OSU, Dmytro Lykhova.
- "[...] _But the Defense Forces are doing their job. They are inflicting significant losses on the enemy, and the enemy's advance is stopped at this turn_" Lykhova says.

8:58 PM: Two rescuers died while fighting a fire in the Kramatorsk district of the Donetsk region, and three others were injured.

- the Russians attacked emergency personnel of the Slavyansk garrison with a drone, reported the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Klymenko.

ZAPORIZHZHIA

TUESDAY, March 5

12:03 AM: The Russians expelled the last employees of Energoatom who remained loyal to Ukraine from the temporarily occupied ZNPP, Petro Kotin, acting chairman of the board of the company, said

- Instead, the Russians recruited personnel who do not have the competence to work at the NPP.

DNIPRO

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3:23 PM: Soldiers of the "East" anti-aircraft missile defense system destroyed an enemy missile over Kryvorizky district, RVA.

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3:19 PM: Missile in the direction of Dnipro, — PS ZSU.

3:22 PM: An explosion is heard in the suburbs of Dnipro, subscribers report.

4:05 PM: Air defense forces shot down an enemy missile in the Dnipro district of the Dnipropetrovsk region, — OVA.

11:25 PM: The SBU detained a traitor in the Dnipro who helped the Russians detect the radar stations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in order to "bypass" Ukrainian air defense

- To carry out enemy tasks, the traitor drove around the area in his own car and secretly recorded Ukrainian objects.
- During the search of the detainee's apartment, computer equipment and a mobile phone with evidence of his correspondence with the Russian game were found.

KHERSON

TUESDAY, March 5

7:34 AM: The Russian army shelled Kherson around 7 am: a 76-year-old man was wounded, - the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Roman Mrochko

- The victim was taken to the hospital with a mine-explosive injury and a shrapnel wound to the forearm. The information is being clarified.

2:36 PM: Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

3:40 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Kherson, a man born in 1971 was injured.

- This was announced by the head of the MBA, Roman Mrochko.
- The man was taken to the hospital in a moderate condition.

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5:52 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

10:41 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

10:47 PM: An enemy object in the Kherson region was hit by a guided aerial bomb.

- The video was released by Air Force Commander Mykola Oleschuk.

ODESA

TUESDAY, March 5

12:00 AM: Explosions are heard in Odesa region. The Southern Defense Forces report on the work of the air defense forces.

12:14 AM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Odesa.

12:30 AM: Several more groups of enemy UAVs strike from the Black Sea in the direction of Odesa, the Air Force reports.

1:35 AM: Odesa is under massive attack by enemy anti-aircraft guns. Explosions are heard in the city, previously the work of air defense.

7:10 AM: During the night, air defense forces destroyed 18 of 22 "shaheeds" within the Odesa region.

7:58 AM: Russians attacked Odesa and the suburbs: there is a hit in the building of a recreational facility, a building with a pier and farm buildings were damaged, — Defense Forces of the South.

11:17 PM Social Networks: Explosions rang out in Odesa.

11:50 PM: Explosions are heard again in Odesa, subscribers report.

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11:38 PM: Groups of enemy UAVs from the Black Sea in the north of Odesa are moving in a western direction, the Air Force reports.

- Other UAVs in the Black Sea are moving on the same course.

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 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 736 days	After 737 days	After 738 days	After 739 days	After 740 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	415,640	416,800	417,950	419,020	420,270

Material
Losses

Tanks	147	6,624	6,640	6,648	6,657	6,678
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	12,611	12,639	12,660	12,688	12,728
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	11,156	11,191	11,214	11,265	11,316
Cruise Missiles		1,915	1,915	1,916	1,917	1,918
Fighters Bombers	118	346	347	347	347	347
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		7,829	7,843	7,845	7,863	7,921
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		696	696	698	700	701
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	13,267	13,332	13,374	13,423	13,479
Naval Vessels		25 + 1 (Subma rine)	25 + 1 (Subma rine)	25 + 1 (Subma rine)	25 + 1 (Subma rine)	26 + 1 submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,617	1620	1,621	1,630	1,642

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