

# News From Ukraine

**Russian Invasion of Ukraine**

**March 30 & 31, 2024**

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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!!!!**

From Bohdan (my comment in **bold face**)

“The rashists can't even manage a good April Fools prank. Their idea of a prank - first allow terrorists twenty minutes to continuously shoot people in a theatre, then say it wasn't us, it's Ukraine's fault.”

**I have often said that rather than being a “chess master” or a “judo master,” as many have described him Putin has instead made one idiotic mistake in Ukraine after another. Accusing Ukraine of complicity in the Crocus City bombing is the latest example. At various times, Putin has blamed both ISIS-K and Ukraine for the bombing. In doing so, he implies that the Russian security services are incompetent, and they cannot**

**protect Russians from terrorist attacks. However, if Russian security services are as competent as the Russian Government claims they are, then the only explanation for the Crocus City bombing is that it was the Russian security services that organized and brought off the Crocus City bombing with the intention of using it to blame Ukraine, deaths of Russian citizens be damned.**

**In a recent email we suggested that the United States open its intelligence files, and release everything that they have on the 1999 Moscow apartment bombings, including who was involved. Let the Russian People decide if Putin really can protect them, or if they are simply cannon fodder for whatever false flag operation Russia gins up for the purpose of blaming Ukraine or any other enemy of the Russian State.**

### Pentagon Accounting

Admittedly, I am stepping into deep water here. I don't profess to have any working knowledge of Pentagon accounting, at least as it relates to the United States giving \$40 billion in military equipment and consumables (e.g. ammunition) to Ukraine in Fiscal Year 2023. However, I do have some working knowledge of financial accounting, as it's used in most private enterprises.

A Ukrainian friend of mine, former CEO of the Ukrainian subsidiaries of 2 multinational corporations, a mobile phone company and a beverage producer, sent me his analysis of U.S. military assistance to Ukraine. It got me thinking – how is the military equipment valued by the U.S. Government, assuming that they had applied Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, otherwise known as “GAAP?”

What is the book value of a fully depreciated bottling line in my friend's beverage factory, at a time when it is replaced by a new, likely more modern version? The answer – Zero. He may sell the old bottling line for price greater than zero and, if so, his company likely would have to pay Ukrainian profit tax on the gain.

What is the selling price of a 60-year-old M113 armored personnel carrier that the U.S. has sent to Ukraine under the FY 2023 “Presidential Drawdown Authority?” The answer – much greater than zero. Same question can be asked concerning a 40-year-old Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

M113s and Bradley Fighting Vehicles being sent to Ukraine came from U.S. warehouses. In the real economy equipment and inventory is valued using either the principle of “Last in – First out” (LIFO) or the principle “First in-First out” (FIFO). In the real economy, most businesses use LIFO because it reduces a company’s tax obligation, by reducing the gain on sale of the equipment and inventory when it’s replaced. It appears that the Pentagon is using FIFO to value the equipment it’s sending to Ukraine, placing a far higher valuation on equipment that, in the real world, is fully depreciated. For purposes of placing a value on our military assistance to Ukraine, the Government uses the higher valuation on the equipment we’re sending to Ukraine, and it's using the money, in this case money in the supplemental now held up in Congress, to replace our inventory with more modern equipment.

By all rights, the U.S. should be placing zero value on the M113s and Bradleys we are sending to Ukraine, and then add new equipment via the normal appropriations process, rather than the supplemental legislation that is being held up in Congress. The equipment we’re sending to Ukraine is not being replaced at all, because if the U.S. was not sending these items to Ukraine much of it would be relegated to the scrap heap.

If members of the U.S. Congress were rational actors, operating in the best fiscal interests of the United States (not to mention Ukraine), the supplemental should pass unanimously – we are getting excessive value for equipment headed for the scrap heap, and we’re using that money to modernize our armed forces. Perhaps members of Congress like J.D. Vance, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and others who oppose military assistance to Ukraine, need a course in elementary accounting.

A couple of days ago France announced that they are sending Ukraine a large number of armored personnel carriers rather, as they said, than sending that equipment to the scrap heap. Kudos to France, for being both generous, honest and, in the process, shining a light on the Pentagon’s accounting practices, at least with respect to valuing U.S. assistance to Ukraine.

One thing we have learned from this war is that our old equipment is better than Russia’s new equipment, especially in the hands of motivated and

experienced fighters like the Ukrainians. In the Fall of 2022, the M113s the U.S. gave to Ukraine played a critical role in both the successful Kharkiv and Kherson offensives. Last year, Bradleys have played a critical role in fighting in the east, helping to hold back the Russian “offensive.” There are videos of 40-year-old Bradleys destroying Russia’s most modern tanks. With these results, let’s empty our warehouses!

Aside from the benefits our old equipment is accruing to Ukraine, strictly looking at the benefit-cost analysis for the U.S., we should be sending Ukraine every single item in our warehouses, step up the valuation, and then use the money that is derived from an excessive valuation to buy modern equipment. The argument being made by some in Congress, that we should reduce our support to Ukraine because we cannot afford it is, from an accounting perspective, meaningless.

As I said at the beginning, I’m in deep water here. I could well be wrong; I invite recipients to set me straight.

### Books

I am currently reading Yaroslav Trofimov’s book about the current fighting in Ukraine, entitled “Our Enemies Will Vanish.” I just finished reading Anna Reid’s latest book, “A Nasty Little War; the West’s Fight to Reverse the Russian Revolution,” about the 1917 – 1921 Russian Civil War.

Trofimov is the Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, and a Ukrainian by birth. We’ve all seen the wanton destruction by the Russians of large cities like Mariupol and Kharkiv, or smaller cities like Bucha and Bakhmut. What Trofimov brings is his description of the wanton destruction by the Russians of thousands of small villages across large areas of Ukraine, villages that may never come back. It is the villages that make up a large part of Ukraine’s social fabric. Ukrainians may live in large cities like Kyiv, but they always go back the villages where their ancestors are buried. What will happen if those villages cease to exist? He also brings a vivid account of the fighting that I have yet to see anywhere else.

At one point in the book Trofimov pointed out that at the time Ukraine became independent everyone residing in Ukraine at the time of independence became citizens of Ukraine. They did away with ethnic identities that existed in the former Soviet Union. Over time this decision

made Ukraine the cohesive State it is today, and not the linguistic divisions that Western commentators often trot out.

Anna Reid, whom, I am happy to count as a friend, has succeeded in pulling the disparate threads that made up the Russian Civil War into one narrative. She covers the major fronts, in the north around Archangel where British and American troops were located, Siberia where the Czech Legion and Japanese were active, and the South where the White Army operated, supported by the British and French, into one cohesive narrative.

Anna also manages to bring the major figures in the war, on both sides, to life, often in very humorous ways that only a British social scientist can manage. Then, of course, there were the anti-Jewish pogroms, mostly perpetrated by the White Army and much of it in what is now Ukraine, incidents that were pushed under the rug by the Western powers. In a sense, we have the White Army to thank, for causing the Pritzker Family in Chicago, along with many other Jewish families, for moving to the U.S. Having read Anna's book, it is hard to believe that Winston Churchill moved beyond his involvement in the Russian Civil War to the heights he attained less than 20 years later, when he became British Prime Minister in 1940.

### [Illia Ponomarenko's Question](#)

Ponomarenko and Trofimov are the best war correspondents covering the war, bar none. In a recent post on "X," Ponomarenko asked, "If Russia is winning so unstoppably and brilliantly now (still fighting for ruined small towns in Ukraine's east in the third year of its 10-day blitzkrieg) and entire Ukraine is so hopelessly doomed, why are literally all Russian shills ripping their asses apart yelling 'IT'S OVER SUE FOR PEACE NOW'?"

Ponomarenko's answer –

"And maybe because Russia clearly understands that it will lose this war if Ukraine carries on fighting and the West finally wakes up and mobilizes its gargantuan resources to let Ukraine mark a decisive end to Putin's killing spree in Europe."

### [Russian Glide Bombs vs. Ukrainian FPV Drones](#)

The latest "[Reporting From Ukraine](#)" shows how both weapons are used by either side in a fight around the village of Bohdanivka, northwest of

Bakhmut. The London Times, in an [article](#) published yesterday, seem to believe that Russia's of glide bombs is a "game changer." I'm not so sure. One thing that is sure is how Russian glide bombs destroy Ukrainian villages like Bohdanivka and Chasiv Yar, but without the vivid descriptions of the consequences supplied by Yaroslav Trofimov. FPV drones In the hands of experienced Ukrainians are still holding their own.

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

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Saturday, March 30**

8:00 AM: The White House views Russian airstrikes on Ukrainian energy facilities as an attempt by Putin to break the spirit of Ukrainians and urges Congress not to delay in approving aid, said White House National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson.

8:00 AM: Italian fighter jets intercepted Russian planes twice over the Baltic Sea, ANSA.

11:50 PM: The manufacturer of long-range missiles Taurus announced that production has stopped due to a lack of orders, Spiegel.

11:50 PM: Israel proposes to introduce an international contingent to the Gaza Strip to control order and escort humanitarian convoys, — Axios.

11:50 PM: Serbia raised fighter jets via an unknown aircraft 100 km from the capital, MoD of Serbia.

11:50 PM: Japan is building shelters on islands near Taiwan in case of Chinese aggression and military action on and around the island, The Asahi Shimbun.

**Sunday, March 31**

5:59 AM: Poland and its allies have traditionally raised their air force because of the Russian missile attack on Ukraine.

- This is reported by the Operational Command of the Armed Forces of Poland.

8:03 AM: In Canada, diplomats from 55 countries were told about international efforts to return children kidnapped by Russia to Ukraine.

8:03 AM: Bulgaria and Romania officially join the Schengen area on March 31, but certain restrictions remain until a separate decision by the EU Council.

8:03 AM: Biden wins the North Dakota Democratic primary with over 90% of the vote.

8:03 AM: Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić nominated Defense Minister Miloš Vučević for the post of prime minister, N1 TV and Radio Company.

11:24 AM: France is preparing a new military aid package for Ukraine.

- This was announced by French Defense Minister Sebastien Lecornu.
- The aid package will include hundreds of armored vehicles that are in service with France, but are about to be replaced by newer ones. And also a new batch of Aster 30 anti-aircraft missiles for the Air Defense SAMP/T system. These air defense systems are an analogue of the Patriot system.
- Hundreds of units will be delivered in 2024 and early 2025.

1:42 PM: The threat of the use of ballistic weapons for the southern regions, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

2:19 PM: Dust from the Sahara covered some regions of Germany, France and Switzerland, — DW.

- Every year, from 60 to 200 million tons of mineral dust is transported by air from the Sahara desert.

9:00 PM: Speaker Mike Johnson announced that he will bring up the issue of aid to Ukraine on April 9.

- This was announced by the Chairman of the Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, Mike Turner.

**NATIONAL**

**Saturday, March 30**

7:00 AM: Summary of the General Staff for March 30 as of 06:00 am March 31



## UKRAINIAN DEFENDERS, ILLUSTRATIVE PHOTO OF GENERAL STAFF

Over the past day, 85 combat encounters between the Defense Forces and the enemy took place at the front.

- **Details:** During the past day, 85 combat clashes took place.
- In total, the enemy launched 17 missile and 83 air strikes, fired 87 rocket salvo fire systems at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- **Literally:** "At the end of the previous day, the Russian invaders once again attacked Ukraine, using 11 UAVs of the "Shahed" type. The forces and means of air defense of Ukraine destroyed 9 UAVs, and already in the morning of the current day, the enemy used various types of cruise missiles to strike.
- Details of the latest attack are being verified."
- **Details:** During the past day, the settlements of Neskuchne, Sumy region, were hit by airstrikes; Hryhorivka, Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Kupyansk-Vuzlovy of Kharkiv region; Novolyubivka, Luhansk Region; Terny, Stavky, Yampolivka, Rozdolivka, Chasiv Yar, Ivanivske, Druzhba, Berdychi, Semenivka, Vodyane, Oleksandropil, Staromayorske of the Donetsk region; Malynyvka, Zaporizhzhia region.



- More than 100 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions were under artillery fire.
- On **Seversky** and **Slobozhansk directions** 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 **Kupyansk direction** the enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) actions.
- On **Lyman direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 6 attacks in the Terna settlements of the Donetsk region and Belogorivka in the Luhansk region, where the enemy, with the support of aviation, tried to break through the defenses.
- On **Bakhmut direction** defenders repelled 7 attacks in the areas of Chasiv Yar, Ivanivske, and Klishchiivka settlements of the Donetsk region.
- On **Avdiiv direction**, the defense forces repelled 24 attacks in the areas of the settlements of Berdychi, Semenivka, Umanske, Pervomaiske, Nevelske, where the enemy tried to knock out our units from the occupied lines.
- On **Novopavlovsk direction** the Ukrainian military continues to restrain the enemy in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Pobyeda, Novomykhailivka and eastern Vodyanyi of the Donetsk region, where the enemy tried to break through the defenses 36 times.
- On **Orihiv direction** the occupiers carried out 5 attacks on the positions of our defenders in the districts of Staromayorsky, Donetsk region, and Robotyny, Zaporizhzhia region.
- On **Kherson direction** the enemy attacked the positions of our troops on the left bank of the Dnieper twice.
- At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 4 anti-aircraft missile complexes and 11 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment of the enemy.

- Units of the missile forces damaged 4 radar stations, 1 control post, 1 personnel concentration area, 4 anti-aircraft defenses and 1 artillery of the enemy.

7:20 AM: During the night, Air Defense forces and means destroyed 9 out of 12 "shaheads" in Kherson, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk and Poltava regions.

9:31 AM: Ukraine switches to summer time on Sunday, March 31.

- At 3:00 a.m. Kyiv time, the hand of the clock must be moved forward one hour.
- The transition to winter and summer time takes place in accordance with the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of May 13, 1996.

9:40 AM: Power outages canceled in Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk regions, — DTEK.

10:17 AM: The Diya app will soon launch a service that will allow people to get married online via video call.

- This was announced by the Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov.
- "The bride and groom will be married via video link by an employee of DRATS, and they will certify the documents with an "Action.Signature", said the head of the Ministry of Digital Affairs.

10:22 AM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy dismissed Serhiy Shefir from the post of presidential adviser, — Office of the President.

10:26 AM: Volodymyr Zelensky also dismissed his advisers and proxies — Elena Verbytska, Natalya Pushkaryova, Mykhailo Radutskyi, Serhii Trofimov, and Oleg Ustenko.

10:38 AM: Attention! The threat of using ballistic weapons from the east, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

10:58 AM: Attention! The threat of using ballistic weapons from Crimea, — Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

11:21 AM: The alarm in the regions is related to the threat of using ballistic weapons, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

12:16 PM: The Ukrainian military has published a video of the destruction of a Russian BMP-3 in motion with the first shot.

1:17 PM: Schedules of emergency electricity shutdowns in six regions have been cancelled, — Ministry of Energy.

- We are talking about Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Kirovohrad, Poltava and Sumy regions.
- Hourly electricity restrictions apply only in the Kharkiv region.

1:46 PM: The alarm in the regions is related to the threat of using ballistic weapons, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

2:11 PM: An air alert has been issued in several areas.

2:51 PM: Missile in the direction of Dnipro, — Air Force Command.

7:13 PM: Shahedy between Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia, — Air Force Command.

- They are moving in the western direction.
- The threat of using ballistic weapons from the north.

7:51 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of March 30:

- During the day, 79 combat clashes were recorded
- Aviation of the Defense Forces hit 3 anti-aircraft missile complexes and 11 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 4 radar stations, 1 control point, 1 personnel concentration area, 2 anti-aircraft defenses and 1 artillery of the enemy.

8:47 PM: From April 1, the cost of issuing a foreign passport will increase in Ukraine, — the State Migration Service.

8:58 PM: UAV on the border of Poltava and Cherkasy regions heading west, Air Force Command.

9:13 PM: Russian terrorists are now targeting the energy bleeding of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said in an evening address.

- "We gave all the necessary signals to the partners, all the specific requests - to everyone who has the necessary Air Defense systems, to everyone who has the necessary missiles. America, Europe, our other partners - everyone knows what we need, everyone knows how

important it is right now to help us protect ourselves from these strikes, at this very time," the president said.

10:30 PM: In the first three months of 2024, the Ministry of Defense allowed more than 80 samples of weapons and military equipment of domestic production to be used in the Armed Forces.

- Deputy Minister of Defense Ivan Gavryliuk announced this.
- In this list, the largest group is ammunition of various types and calibers. The second group in terms of the number of allowed samples is UAVs. The third group is ground-based robotic complexes and EW devices.

11:22 PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from Crimea, — Air Force Command.

11:41 PM: Air Force reports movement of strike UAVs:

- In the south of Mykolaiv Oblast;
- In Khmelnytskyi in the direction of Starokostyantynov;
- In Odesa in the direction of Odesa.

### Sunday, March 31

7:00 AM: Summary of the General Staff for March 31 as of 06:00 am April 1



PHOTO FROM THE FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ZSU

The Russian invaders are trying to press along the entire front line - during the past day, the invaders launched 22 missile and 79 air strikes, shelled the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas 97 times with rocket launchers.

- **Literally the General Staff:** "In the past 24 hours, 53 combat clashes took place. At night, the Russian occupiers attacked Ukraine again, using 3 UAVs of the "Shahed" type. The forces and means of air defense of Ukraine destroyed 2 attack UAVs."
- **Details:** During the past day, the settlements of Oleksandrivka, Sumy region, were hit by airstrikes; Kozacha Lopan, Ohirtseve, Kharkiv, Borschova, Vovchansk, Petropavlivka, Kotlyarivka, Cherneshchyna, Pershotravneve of the Kharkiv region; Belogorivka, Luhansk Region; Terny, Yampolivka, Chasiv Yar, Rozdolivka, Umanske, Novobakhmutivka, Ocheretyne, Berdychi, Orlivka, Novomykhailivka, Pobyeda, Urozhane, Staromayorske of the Donetsk region; Hulyaipole, Robotyne, Zaporizhzhia region.
- More than 110 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions were under artillery fire.
- On **Lyman direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 3 attacks by the occupiers in the area of the Terna settlement of the Donetsk region, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- On **Bakhmut direction** The defense forces repelled 8 attacks in the areas of settlements of Bilogorivka, Luhansk region; Verkhokamianske, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, Andriivka of the Donetsk region, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to improve their tactical position.
- On **Avdiiv direction** defenders repelled 13 attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Semenivka, Umanske, Pervomaiske and Nevelske settlements of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers, with the support of aviation, tried to knock out Ukrainian units from the occupied lines.

- On **Novopavlovsk direction** The defense forces continue to hold back the Russians in the areas of Georgiyivka, Novomykhailivka and eastern Vodyanyi of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers, with the support of aviation, tried 22 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- On **Orihiv direction** the occupiers carried out 2 attacks on the positions of the defenders in the districts of Staromayorskyi, Donetsk region, and Robotyny, Zaporizhzhia region.
- On **Kherson direction** the Russians do not give up their intention to knock out Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper - during the past day they attacked the positions of the Armed Forces twice.
- At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 11 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 3 anti-aircraft missile complexes of the occupiers.
- Units of missile forces damaged 3 UAV control points, 1 anti-aircraft defense device, 1 EW station and 1 artillery device of the Russians.

8:30 AM: Air Defense forces destroyed 9 missiles and 9 attack UAVs.

- In total, the Russians attacked with 14 cruise missiles, 11 Shahed-type attack UAVs, an Iskander-M ballistic missile and an Kh-59 guided air missile.

9:40 AM: Attention! The threat of the use of ballistic weapons from the southeast, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

3:40 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi honored the memory of Ukrainians who were killed by Russian invaders during the occupation of Kyiv region.

- the Russian army entered Buchi on February 27, 2022. During the 33 days of occupation, the Russian military committed more than 9,000 war crimes and killed more than 1,400 civilians, including 37 children, in the Buchansk district.

5:35 PM: The Ministry of Defense spends 70% of its budget on military payments.

- This was announced by the Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Yuriy Dzhigyr.
- "As for the second package, it is the purchase of weapons and military equipment. It makes up more than 20% of our defense budget. And the third package is operational expenses. They include the purchase of fuel, training of troops, utility payments, current repairs," Dzhigyr said.

5:53 PM: The Air Force reports a ballistic missile threat from the east.

7:47 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on March 31:

- During the day, 49 combat clashes were recorded.\_ In total, the enemy carried out 23 missile and 61 air strikes, carried out 41 shelling from the anti-aircraft missiles at the positions of the Ukrainian troops and populated areas.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck \_10 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment\_ of the enemy.
- Units of missile troops damaged \_2 UAV control points, 1 anti-aircraft defense device, 1 EW station and 1 artillery device\_ of the enemy.

17:28 pm: Budanov about volunteers of the Russian Federation: Now they cannot reach Moscow, but they will still play a role.

- The head of the Main Directorate of Intelligence, Kyrylo Budanov, believes that the raids of Russian volunteers in the Kursk and Belgorod regions of the Russian Federation were able to distract the occupying forces from the front to defend their own territory.
- Direct speech: "They (Russian volunteers - ed.) are fighting for their country. They succeed in some things, they do not succeed in some things, but they do not leave their work. This is the second year in a row that this is happening in the same place, which speaks of the systematicity of their approach. When the situation will change more at the front, I think it will be easier for them to advance further and achieve their goal.
- As of now, it is very beneficial for us that they were able to stretch the groups, divert the forces at the front to defend their border lines."

- Details: In response to a clarifying question about the change in the situation at the front, Budanov explained: "At a time when the tension at the front is at its maximum, the situation will become easier for the activities of Russian volunteer formations to recapture their state. This is the first. And the second is when radical changes will begin in Russia as well will be forced to leave, retreat, they will also do their thing."
- Budanov noted that, as of now, the volunteers "unfortunately cannot reach Moscow with weapons in their hands", "but in time, when the situation will allow it, they will still play their role."
- Answering the question of who currently controls Tyotkine, Kursk Oblast, whose capture was previously announced by the fighters of the "Freedom of Russia" legion, the head of the GUR said: "I think that no one, it has become such a gray area. And there is not much of a settlement left, let's say so."

9:23 PM: The SBU reacted to the Russian accusations:

- Trying to appeal to the norms of international law, namely the Convention on Combating Terrorism, the Russian Foreign Ministry forgets that it is Putin who has been officially declared an international wanted man - in particular, he is expected at the Hague Tribunal for kidnapping Ukrainian children.
- Statements about terrorism sound especially cynical from the terrorist country itself against the background of the anniversary of the liberation of Buchi and the atrocities committed there by the Russians.
- We remember every dead Ukrainian and will do everything to ensure that the enemy receives a just retribution.
- Therefore, any words of the Russian Foreign Ministry are worthless. The Russian Federation can actually make only one statement worth paying attention to - to announce to the whole world its defeat in the war and the withdrawal of the occupying forces from Ukrainian land.\_

11:24 PM: Ranking of volunteer cities according to the size of their assistance to the Armed Forces.



Kyiv is in the lead because it allocates the largest amount. However, Zhytomyr and Khmelnytskyi allocate the largest share of the size of their city budgets.

11:43 PM: Ukrainian cyber team NaVi became the first CS2 champion in the world.


- NaVi won the grand final of the PGL Major Copenhagen - the first championship in the new version of the game.

**MORDOR – ruZZia**

**Saturday, March 30**

8:00 AM: Russia and North Korea resume air traffic: only charter flights so far.

11:29 AM: There will be no major Russian offensive again. Military expert Serhii Grabskyi

- Military expert Serhii Grabskyi told what the daily terror of Odesa, Kharkiv and Sumy means, what is the situation on the front line and who is behind the shooting in Crocus City? Why is Russia attacking the power system now and how many Zircons are there in Russia?
- Professional review by expert Serhii Grabskyi  full video: <https://youtu.be/RPUUxRz4dNQ>

3:39 PM: The Russian Federation is recruiting about 30,000 new soldiers to the army every month to cover losses and continue the war against Ukraine.

- This is stated in the British intelligence report.
- Intelligence notes that Russia currently has a significant quantitative advantage, in particular, in equipment and ammunition.

7:33 PM: the Russian Federation is strengthening the border in the Belgorod, Kursk and Bryansk regions after raids by the Red Army, the LSR and the "Siberian Battalion", GUR MOU.

- The training of new recruits to strengthen the Russian border regions is carried out, in particular, in the temporarily occupied Mariupol and other occupied cities of Ukraine.

- "\_Also, the enemy is strengthening, improving and masking fortifications in the Kurshchyna, Belgorod and Bryansk regions, trying to increase the number of means of combating drones, EW and Air Defense there\_", - notes the intelligence.

9:45 PM: In a few minutes, the team of hacker group "UA25" gained access to more than 100 Russian sites, — StratCom ZSU.

- This hacker attack caused more than 12 billion dollars in losses to the Russian Federation. It will take a lot of time and resources to restore servers and information.

## **Sunday, March 31**

4:33 AM: Missile launches from Tu-95ms in the area of the launch lines in the Saratov region of the Russian Federation, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

3:09 PM: The railway that the Russian Federation is building in the occupied territory can be a problem, said Kyrylo Budanov, head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

- However, another hinted that the Ukrainian military can handle the land part of the railway being built by the occupiers. "\_We have experience in this, and it is much easier than the issue of the Crimean bridge\_", Budanov added.

3:17 PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from Crimea, Air Force Command.

8:45 PM: the Russian Federation officially accused Ukraine of the terrorist attack in "Crocus City".

- the Russians ask "\_to stop any support for terrorist activities and to compensate the victims for the damages
- And they also demand the arrest of the head of the SBU Malyuk.

## **REGIONS**

### **KYIV**



### Saturday, March 30

12:47 PM: 10,000 "dragon's teeth" were installed in the Kyiv region.

- This was reported by the head of Kyiv RMA Ruslan Kravchenko.
- It is noted that the fortifications include an extensive system of trenches, dugouts and other types of shelters. Barrier lines - "dragon's teeth", anti-tank ditches and other non-explosive barriers are also being installed.

### Sunday, March 31

5:07 AM: Missiles at Kyiv, — Air Force Command.

5:12 AM: A group of missiles in the north of Kyiv region, the direction of movement is west, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

5:20 AM: Missiles in the north of Kyiv region and Zhytomyr region. The course is western, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

- Rockets on Zhytomyr.

9:55 PM: After the deoccupation of the region, about a thousand kilometers of defense structures and three rings of defense were built around Kyiv, and the Chernobyl direction was also strengthened, said the commander of the Ground Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Oleksandr Pavlyuk.

- "We did everything so that there were no options for a surprise attack by the enemy," he emphasized.

### SUMY



### Saturday, March 30

7:23 PM: Missile in Sumy region, Air Force Command.

- Shahedi in the direction of Kamianskoye.

### Sunday, March 31

4:57 AM: Rockets from the Kursk region of the Russian Federation towards Sumy Oblast. The course is western, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

- Missiles in Chernihiv region, heading for Kyiv.

5:00 AM: Another group of rockets from the Kursk region of the Russian Federation to Sumy Oblast heading west, Air Force Command.

- Rockets in Chernihiv Oblast headed for Nizhyn.

9:59 PM: An air alert has been announced in the Sumy and Kharkiv regions.

- Launches of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in the Kharkiv region, the Air Force reports.
- Repeated launches of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Kharkiv region.

## KHARKIV



## Saturday, March 30

8:00 AM: During a large-scale missile attack on March 22, Russia destroyed the Zmiivskaya TPP in Kharkiv Oblast, — Centerenergo.

11:15 AM: Russian missile attack on March 22 completely destroyed the Zmiyiv TPP, "Tsentrenergo".

- It was one of the largest TPPs in the Kharkiv region.
- During his visit to the TPP, Energy Minister Herman Galushchenko assured that the station will be restored at the expense of the donor energy support fund.

9:26 PM: In Kharkiv, Russian troops struck a residential area, Ihor Terekhov reported.

- According to the mayor, the "arrival" was in the Shevchenkiv district of the city.

9:32 PM: Currently, there is no information about the victims of the attack on Kharkiv.

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

9:54 PM: According to preliminary data, the occupiers again hit the civilian infrastructure of Kharkiv with a guided projectile, reported the head of the RMA Oleg Sinegubov.

- "There is damage to the glazing in residential buildings. Professional services are working on the ground," he added.

### Sunday, March 31

10:37 AM: At night, the Russian military shelled the village of Borova with Uragan surface-to-air missiles.

- This was reported to the National Police.
- A 19-year-old man died, a 27-year-old man was injured. Apartment buildings, a shop, private cars were damaged.

7:22 PM: During the day, the enemy launched a rocket attack on a village in the Zmiiv district of the Kharkiv region, said Serhiy Melnyk, the head of the Kharkiv garrison.

- Previously, it is known about five victims.

10:17 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kharkiv.

10:34 PM: In Kharkiv, the flight has arrived. This was announced by the mayor of the city Igor Terekhov.

10:38 PM: In Kharkiv, the plane landed next to a residential building in the central area of the city, the mayor clarified.

- According to Mayor Igor Terekhov, all relevant services and volunteers are working at the site of the enemy strike.
- 10:50 PM: the Russians hit the civilian infrastructure of Kharkiv in the Shevchenkiv district, RMA head Oleg Sinegubov said.
- Damaged civilian premises, cars. As of now, there are no casualties

### DONETSK



### Saturday, March 30

10:06 AM: Launches of guided air bombs by tactical aircraft in Donetsk region, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- They also informed about the missile danger in the Kharkiv region.

2:37 PM: Ukrainian soldiers, in advance, hit the accumulation of enemy equipment near the so-called Mariupol, the adviser to the mayor of the city, Petro Andryushchenko, reports.

- It is about the S-300 air defense system and four units of tracked vehicles.
- "In the morning, Makedonivka, Zorya, Kalchyk, and Vodyane are closed. Russian search operations are ongoing - they are looking for who led\_ [...]", Andryushchenko writes.

### Sunday, March 31

1:23 PM: In Donetsk region, two people died, five were injured.

- This was reported by the National Police.
- During the past day, the Russians shelled Donetsk region 1,501 times. 14 settlements were attacked.



### ZAPORIZHIA

#### Sunday, March 31

6:27 PM: The Ukrainian military once again repelled a Russian assault in the Zaporozhye direction.

7:00 PM: A 54-year-old resident of Gulyaipol was injured as a result of Russian shelling, ZRMA head Ivan Fedorov said.

- As a result of the shelling, the man received shrapnel wounds.

### DNIPRO



#### Saturday, March 30

1:11 AM: UAVs are moving through the Dnipropetrovsk region heading north, the Air Force reports.

10:49 AM: A 36-year-old man who was injured during the attack on Kamianske the day before died in the hospital this morning.

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

7:04 PM: More than 42 km of anti-tank trenches have been dug in the Dnipropetrovsk region, RMA head Serhii Lysak reports.

- "We are also increasing the number of tetrahedrons - special concrete pyramids, of which more than 11,000 have already been installed," Lysak writes.

3:16 PM: Air Defense forces shot down an enemy missile in the Dnipro district, reports the head of the Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhii Lysak.

## KHERSON



### Saturday, March 30

12:16 AM: Kherson region - the threat of using strike UAVs from the south, the Air Force reported

- Several groups of UAVs from the Kherson region are moving in the direction of the Kryvorizka district of the Dnipropetrovsk region.

11:44 AM: The Russian army is shelling the coastal areas of Kherson from the temporarily occupied left bank, reports the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Roman Mrochko.

7:20 PM: Russians shelled the village of Stanislav — a 65-year-old man was injured.

- This is reported by the Kherson RMA.
- The man has shrapnel wounds. The shell fell near the gate of his house and exploded.

11:34 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the Kherson region.

## Sunday, March 31

2:58 PM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in temporarily occupied Skadovsk.

## ODESA



### Saturday, March 30

2:10 AM: UAVs from the Black Sea are moving in the direction of Odesa.

11:00 PM: In Odesa, they plan to open beaches for the summer season, reported RMA head Oleg Kiper.

- Before that, they should be checked by the relevant services so that being near the sea is safe for people.

11:11 PM: The Air Force reports the movement of "shaheads" in the direction of Odesa.

- Also, "shahedy" are moving along the border of Vinnytsia and Zhytomyr regions in the direction of Khmelnytskyi.
- Another group of Shaheds from the Black Sea in the direction of Odesa.

### Sunday, March 31

8:36 AM: In Odesa, falling fragments of a downed drone caused a fire at one of the region's energy facilities.

- This was reported by the Defense Forces of the South.
- As a result, there was a blackout in several settlements. The fire has been extinguished. People are not injured. Restoration work is underway.

9:56 AM: Emergency power outages have been introduced in Odesa and nearby areas, Ukrenergo.

- Consumption restrictions in Kharkiv Oblast and Kryvyi Rih also continue to apply.

### VINNYTSIA



### Saturday, March 30

10:15 PM: The Air Force reports the threat of using air strikes for frontline areas.

- "Shahedy" in the north of Vinnytsia, continue moving in the western direction.

### KHMELNITSKY





**Saturday, March 30**

11:46 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Khmelnytskyi region

**LVIV-**



**Sunday, March 31**

5:46 AM: The Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports the movement of missiles:

- Rockets in the direction of Lviv from the northeast.
- A group of missiles in the Ternopil region heading for Ivano-Frankivsk.

5:44 AM: A rocket from Volyn flies in the direction of Lviv, — Lviv RMA.

5:50 AM: Explosions are heard in the Lviv region, subscribers report. Previously, the work of Air Defense.

5:54 AM: Rockets in the direction of Lviv from the north, — Air Force Command.

6:00 AM: Missiles in the direction of Strya, Lviv region from the north and south, — Air Force Command.

6:02 AM: Explosions are heard again in the Lviv region, subscribers report. Previously, the work of Air Defense.

9:31 AM: In the Lviv region, the Russians attacked the same critical infrastructure facility that was their target on March 24 and 29, RMA head Maksym Kozytskyi said.

- One man died as a result of the attack. Now the rescuers are sorting out the debris. There may still be people under them.
- Ruined administration building. There was a fire. Firefighters promptly extinguished it.

8:14 PM: Another man's body was found under the rubble of the administrative building of a critical infrastructure facility in Lviv Oblast,

which was attacked by cruise missiles this morning, RMA head Maksym Kozytskyi said.

- Currently, 2 deaths are known. The search and rescue operation is ongoing.

## RIVNO



## Sunday, March 31

5:29 AM: Another group of missiles at Rivne, — Air Force Command.,

- Rockets headed for Lutsk. Another group is in the direction of Ternopil Oblast.

9:23 AM: In the Rivne region, debris from an air target damaged an electrical resistance.

- Oleksandr Kovel, the head of RMA, announced this.
- Representatives of the relevant services are working on site. Electricity supply is provided. The FAP was also slightly damaged.

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 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 762 days	After 763 days	After 764 days	After 765 days	After 766 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	439,970	440,790	441,520	442,170	442,880

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6,914	6,922	6,951	6,966	6,986
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	13,237	13,264	13,284	13,304	13,321
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	10,984	11,113	12,029	73	12,105
Cruise Missiles		2,017	2022	2,046	2,048	2,057
Fighters Bombers	118	347	347	347	347	347
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		8,590	8,656	8,701	8,731	8,757
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		729	735	736	743	744
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	14,595	14,645	14,670	14,717	14,752
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,800	1,807	1,814	1,823	1,826

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