

News From Ukraine



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[“Finland Long Believed it Could Tame Russia. Now Moscow is Enemy No. 1”](#)/Wall St. Journal

According to the [“Latest Denys,”](#) (3:55 into the video) Russia has moved their strategic bombers away from Engels Airbase, that Ukraine has attacked on more than one occasion, to Olenya Airbase on the Kola Peninsula (see map in Denys’ video). Denys claims that Ukraine already has drones with a range of up to 3,000km, putting Olenya within range but, given the recent animosity between Finland and Russia, Finland might be willing to place a Patriot battery opposite the Russian Kola Peninsula and within range of Olenya Airbase, and serve notice that any Russian strategic bomber flying from Olenya that launches missiles in the direction of Ukraine is fair game. Maybe Russian strategic bomber pilots might have a change of heart.

News From the Battlefield

[“Reporting From Ukraine”](#) covers the fighting around Chasiv Yar. According to him, Russia now has air superiority over the Chasiv Yar and vicinity, likely because Ukraine doesn’t have enough anti-aircraft missiles to stop them. One immediate solution is for Patriot/Iris-T batteries to be moved to Eastern Poland, on the border with Ukraine, and serve notice to Russia that any Russian missiles launched against targets in Western Ukraine are fair game. Ukraine might then be able to move anti-aircraft systems now protecting cities in Western Ukraine to locations where they could protect Chasiv Yar.

As Ivo Daalder, former U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO has [argued](#), based on what recently happened over Israel, where a coalition of countries were brought together to defend Israel against an attack by Iran, it is time to

consider “changing the calculus,” by allowing a broad coalition to come to the aid of Ukraine, just as what was the case with defending Israel.

Use of Frozen Russian Central Bank Assets

If the twisted route to the most Congressional approval for aid to Ukraine has taught us anything, it should be that any additional U.S. Government appropriation is going to be nearly impossible. It is worth remembering that the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriation of \$40 billion nearly didn't happen, when both Houses were under control by Democrats. It was approved on the final day of the previous Congress before the Republican majority took over the House of Representatives. The speech by Pres. Zelenskyy before a Joint Session of Congress, helped galvanize support at the last minute.

It should be assumed that neither U.S. nor European taxpayers will endorse continued support for Ukraine at current levels, as long as the entire principal balance of the frozen Russian Central Bank assets remain untouched. Why should they? The U.S. has taken the lead, via the REPO Act and support from the Treasury Dept. and other U.S. Government agencies, but most of the money is held in Belgium, in an institution called Euroclear.

It should also be assumed that the frozen Russian Central Bank assets will never be returned to Russia. European politicians need to overrule their bureaucrats and get on with it.

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

INTERNATIONAL

8:00 AM: Ukraine aid package strengthens America's security, says Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin.

8:00 AM: The US may send additional military advisers to Ukraine. They will not perform a combat role, but will advise the Ukrainian government and armed forces, Politico.

8:00 AM: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan held a meeting in Istanbul with Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh, — France24.

8:00 AM: Two Japanese Navy helicopters with 8 crew members crash in the Pacific Ocean.

7:41 PM: The US may send aid to Ukraine as early as this week, CBS News.

- Among other things, the package will contain ATACMS missiles.

8:46 PM: The media learned why Speaker Johnson changed his mind about aid to Ukraine

- In the weeks since the Senate passed a massive aid package for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, Speaker Mike Johnson has worried about how to get the bill through the House without losing his job.
- ...when his plan to work with Democrats to clear the way for aid to Ukraine ran into sharp opposition from ultraconservatives who had already threatened to oust him, Johnson, an evangelical Christian, got down on his knees and prayed for leadership.
- "I want to be on the right side of history," recalls the speaker's words, Michael McCaul, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs.

10:24 PM: Artificial intelligence-based chatbots imitating dead people are becoming increasingly common in China. These bots help users cope more easily with the death of loved ones.

- This was reported by the Rest of World.
- Companies create virtual avatars of the dead with the help of artificial intelligence - they have their appearance and voice. However, some users complain that avatars cannot fully reproduce the manner of communication and behavior.



10:55 PM: Protests continue in Georgia against the scandalous bill on illegal agents.

- First, Georgians protested under the parliament, and then headed to the Supreme Court building.

Insights – Eaton & Woodward Clipping Service – The No Bargains Clipper

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JVs2y-YeiFM>

<https://hromadske.ua/en/posts/i-realized-my-ukrainian-identity-in-moscow-pavlo-kazarin>

NATIONAL

4:32 AM: Activity of enemy tactical aircraft is observed in the east, - Air Force Command.

- The threat of using aviation weapons.



7:00 AM: Battleground summary of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Command for April 21 as of 6:00 am, April 22.



PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMY

Over the past day, the Russians launched 4 missile and 45 air strikes, hit the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas 71 times with rocket salvo systems; 85 battles took place at the front.

- **Verbatim General Staff:**"At night, the Russian invaders once again attacked Ukraine, using 7 UAVs of the "Shahed" type. 5 attack drones were destroyed by the forces and means of air defense of Ukraine."

- **Details:** During the past day, the occupiers carried out airstrikes on populated areas of Kharkiv, Kharkiv region; Nevske, Belogorivka, Luhansk region; Terny, Stavky, Torske, Novosadove, Yampolivka, Ocheretino, Solovyove, Berdychi, Stupochki, Oleksandropil, Semenivka, Netaylove, Kostyantynivka, Katerynivka, Antonivka, Vodyane, Staromayorske, Urozhajne of the Donetsk region; Robotine of the Zaporizhzhia region; Vesele of Kherson region.
- More than 100 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions were under Russian artillery fire.
- **Lyman direction** - the Russians attacked the positions of Ukrainian defenders 17 times in the areas of Serebryansk forestry in Luhansk region and Terni in Donetsk region.
- **Bakhmut direction** - Ukrainian soldiers repelled 14 attacks in the areas of settlements of Bilogorivka, Luhansk region; Verkhokamianske, Vyimka, Bohdanivka, Donetsk region.
- **Avdiiiv direction** - The Armed Forces of Ukraine repelled 16 attacks in the areas of Ocheretine, Berdychi, Umanske, Yasnobrodivka, Netaylove, and Pervomayske settlements in the Donetsk region.
- **Novopavlovsk direction** - The defense forces continue to hold back the invaders in the areas of Georgiyivka, Novomykhailivka, Vodyane and Urozhaine settlements of the Donetsk region, where the Russians tried 23 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- **Orihiv direction** - the invaders attacked the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine 4 times in the districts of Staromayorsky, Donetsk region, and Robotyny, Zaporizhzhia region.
- **Kherson direction** -the Russians do not give up their intention to knock out the Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper and have carried out 4 unsuccessful attacks on the positions of the Defense Forces.
- At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 9 areas where Russian personnel, weapons and military

equipment are concentrated. Also, the air defense forces of Ukraine destroyed 2 Kh-59 guided air missiles.

- Units of the missile forces damaged 1 area of concentration of personnel and 1 control point of UAVs of the occupiers.

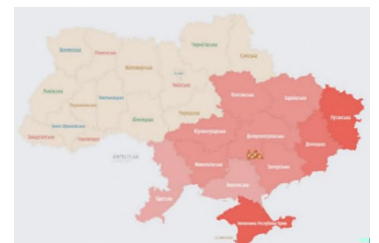
9:17 AM: At the time of yesterday's attack on police officers in Vinnytsia region, a civilian was in the police car. He was taken for examination, the spokeswoman of the Vinnytsia police, Zarina Majevska, said.

- "That night, the police went out twice for reports of domestic violence. The first time they drew up a report on the offender, but literally twenty minutes later, a second report came in. This man tried to start a fight with his relatives and disobeyed the police officers. So they took him with them to take him away for an examination and draw up a protocol," said Majevska.
- She clarified that it was on the way to the police station that the police noticed and stopped a car with military personnel to check the documents.
- The search for the killers is still ongoing.

11:44 AM: For the first time, Ukraine will take part in NATO's largest cyber security exercises.

- This was reported by the National Cyber Security Coordination Center (NCCC) under the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine.
- The Locked Shields 2024 exercise will involve a total of about 4,000 experts from over 40 countries, who will be tasked with protecting the infrastructure of a fictional nation and its country in near-real-world conditions.

1:17 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.





2:40 PM: Observed enemy tactical aircraft activity to the northeast, Air Force Command.

- The threat of using aviation weapons.

3:20 PM: The network reports about the arrest of suspects in the shooting of police officers in Vinnytsia region.

- The suspects in the attack, as written in the mass media, were detained in the Odesa region.
- We are waiting for official information.

3:21 PM: Police confirmed the arrest of the suspects.

- "The attackers of the policemen were detained in the Odesa region - they face life imprisonment," said the head of the National Police, Ivan Vyhivskiy.

4:14 PM: The attackers of the policemen planned to flee from Ukraine, said the spokeswoman of the National Police, Olena Berezhna.

- "They were in an abandoned building, they intended to go to the border of Ukraine. So far, the investigation has established that the reason for the attack was that they were transporting live grenades. But the investigation will find out how it happened," Berezhna said.

5:55 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi's address:

- "There was just a report by Chief Commissar Syrsky about the hottest points of the front. Chasiv Yar and other key directions in Donetsk region: Pokrovsky, Kurakhivskiy, as well as Kharkiv region - Kup'yanskyyi direction. Our positions, our results. I thank every soldier, every commander, all our fighters units that are really accurate and stable_".

6:42 PM: The police released a video of the arrest of suspects in an attack on police officers in Vinnytsia region.

7:15 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of April 21:

- During the day, 65 combat clashes were recorded. In total, the enemy launched 4 missile and 37 air strikes, carried out 49 attacks from MSDS on the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck _9 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment_ of the enemy.
- The forces and means of the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine _destroyed 2 Kh-59 guided air missiles.
- Units of the missile forces inflicted damage on _1 area of concentration of personnel_ of the enemy.

8:11 PM: Due to technical malfunctions, there is currently no reception (registration) of cargo vehicles with cargo in the direction of Poland.

- Customs procedures are suspended from 5:00 p.m. (Polish time) on April 21 approximately until 07:00 a.m. April 22.
- The movement of empty vehicles will be carried out as usual.

11:15 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced that the Armed Forces of Ukraine are preparing for a possible Russian offensive in June.

- "We are preparing, the personnel is preparing, the training of fighters continues. We are waiting for the delivery of weapons," the president said.
- He also emphasized that if Ukraine does not stand up, Russia will definitely invade the Baltic States, Poland, and part of Germany.

MORDOR – ruZZia

8:42 AM: U temporarily occupied Sevastopol thundered explosions, over Crimean bridge launched dime curtain, are reported local mass media.

10:21 AM Footage of the result of the rocket landing in the bay of temporarily occupied Sevastopol.

- "The 200-meter rocket "hit" the steamer!",_ - eyewitnesses of the operation of the anti-ship missile publish a video on the networks.

10:46 AM: Russians will maximize the intensity of missile and drone strikes.

- This was reported by Air Force spokesman Ilya Yevlash.

4:50 PM: Dmytro Pletenchuk, the spokesman of the Navy of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, officially confirmed the defeat of the rare rescue ship "Community" of the Russian Navy.

9:31 PM: According to preliminary data, the fourth Russian pilot-member of the Tu-22M3 crew that was shot down in the Stavropol Territory was found dead in the river.

- This is reported in rashist media.

REGIONS

KHARKIV



5:33 PM: Gas turbine power plants will be delivered to Kharkiv to improve the situation with electricity shortages.

- This was reported by the head of Kharkiv OVA Oleg Sinegubov.
- 8:18 PM: Kharkiv region - missile danger, the Air Force reports.
- 8:32 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kharkiv.

9:02 PM: Previously, an explosion in Kharkiv rang out on the outskirts of the city, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said.

- According to information that needs to be clarified, there is at least one victim.
- Information about the victim has been confirmed. This is a 19-year-old boy, he is hospitalized.

DONETSK



1:00 PM: As a result of Russian shelling in Krasnohorivka, 1 person was injured.

- This was announced by the head of Donetsk OVA, Vadym Filashkin.
- 1 more person was injured in Ocheretino. In total, the Russians shelled populated areas of Donetsk region 14 times during the day.

1:22 PM: Russia attacked a Ukrainian, one person was killed and four were injured.

- According to the investigation, at 8:30 a.m., Russian troops fired at the Ukrainian from the "Smerch" MLRS. An 82-year-old woman died as a result of being hit near the house.
- In addition, four men aged 21 to 53 were injured of varying degrees of severity. The victims were given medical assistance. 6 apartment buildings were also damaged.

1:39 PM: Denys "Redis" Prokopenko awarded the fighters of the 2nd battalion of the 12th "Azov" brigade at the positions of the Kreminsk direction, — the official channel of the "Azov" brigade.

- "The people of Azov received medals of the National Guard of Ukraine "For stability and indomitability" and honorary badges of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces "Golden cross", "Cross of the brave" and "For saving life",_ - the message states.

2:25 PM: A woman was killed this morning as a result of an enemy attack on the town of Ukrainian in the Donetsk region, the regional prosecutor's office said.

- Four more local residents were injured.

2:41 PM: Russians repeat Avdiyvka tactics to take Time Yar - British intelligence

- Citing Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi, the department noted that the Russian Federation would like to capture Chasiv Yar by May 9, when Moscow celebrates Victory Day in World War II. Syrsky stated that Chasiv Yar is a preliminary step on the way to the larger city of Kramatorsk.
- British analysts also mentioned the April 18 statement by the commander of the Khortytsia Operational-Strategic Group of Forces that Russian forces were dropping 30-40 corrected aerial bombs per day.
- British intelligence drew attention to the fact that Chasiv Yar is well protected and located on high ground.

4:40 PM: The defense forces repulsed four assaults in the Orihiv direction and three on the left bank of the Dnieper.

- This was reported in the press service of the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine.

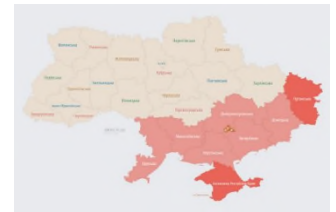
8:50 PM: Russia wants to capture Chasiv Yar by May 9, and start a counteroffensive in June, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said

- "By May 9, Russia expects to occupy Chasiv Yar in the east of Ukraine... I expect that we will hold out, that the weapons will arrive in time, and we will be able to repel the enemy, and then defeat the plans of the Russian Federation for full-scale counter-offensive actions in June," he said president.

ZAPORIZHIA



5:44 AM: Activity of enemy tactical aircraft. A threat to the Zaporizhzhia region, - OVA.



DNIPRO



6:39 PM: The enemy shelled the Nikopol district with five drones, attacked three times with artillery, reported the head of Dnipropetrovsk OVA Serhiy Lysak.

- He visited Nikopol, Chervonogrihorivska, Marganetska and Pokrovska rural communities.
- A 47-year-old woman was injured. The administrative building, five private residences, and eight farm buildings were damaged.

KHERSON



8:38 AM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kherson.

11:10 AM: Consequences of the morning shelling of residential quarters of Kherson.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of OVA, uploaded the video.

- An 81-year-old woman was injured as a result of shelling in the Dnipro region. Her apartment building was attacked by the occupiers.

12:46 PM: OVA, a resident of Kherson who was injured as a result of the morning Russian shelling, went to the hospital.

- A 47-year-old woman was diagnosed with a mine-explosive injury and contusion.

ODESA



1:18 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Odesa.

2:03 PM: the Russians hit Odesa region with ballistic missiles, Oleg Kiper, the head of OVA, said.

- The enemy aimed at the transport and logistics facility of the port infrastructure.
- Private houses were damaged by the blast wave and rocket fragments.

2:45 PM: It became known about 4 victims as a result of a missile attack on Odesa region.

- According to Oleg Kiper, the head of OVA, three of them are men and one woman.

3:45 PM: Southern defense forces showed the consequences of a missile attack on Odesa region.

9:57 PM: 14,000 homes were restored to power in the Odesa region.

- Today, bad weather raged all day in the Odesa region. Because of this, some families were left without food.
- DTEK's energy workers spent the whole day eliminating the consequences, and as of evening, all customers are back with electricity.

POLTAVA



3:09 PM: The Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports a missile in the Poltava region in the direction of Myrhorod.

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	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 783 days	After 784 days	After 785 days	After 786 days	After 787 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	456,960	457,830	458,580	459,530	460,260

Material Losses

Tanks	147	7,196	7,205	7,213	7,229	7,236
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	13,835	13,852	13,873	13,896	13,904
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	12,683	12,704	12,724	12,765	12,782
Cruise Missiles		2,093	2,096	2,109	2,115	2,117
Fighters Bombers	118	347	347	348	348	348
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		9,284	9,311	9,341	9,379	9,384
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		760	762	763	767	768
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	15,618	15,671	15,717	15,785	15,812
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,915	1,915	1,918	1,926	1,934

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