

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

April 22 & 23, 2024

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President Biden has just signed the Supplemental that includes the \$61 billion in military assistance for Ukraine.

[“How McConnell & Schumer Beat Hardline Conservatives on Ukraine”/Politico](#)

This is a fascinating article about the internal Congressional machinations that led to last night’s passage of the supplemental in the U.S. Senate, that included \$61 billion in funding for Ukraine. There are many heroes, including those whose names we don’t know. The foes have been silenced – for now.

I’m not as optimistic as Sen. Schumer appears to be, concerning our ability to get another appropriation through Congress. Therefore, it is critical to get the \$350 billion in frozen Russian Central Bank reserves released, to be used to fund Ukraine’s military and reconstruction needs. It would make another appropriation un-necessary.

There have been 2 international conferences on Ukraine reconstruction, in Lugano and London, and a 3rd scheduled for Berlin in June, yet as far as I’m aware not a single Dollar or Euro has actually been committed by a Western government. As Tim Ash and others have argued, it is highly unlikely that U.S. or European taxpayers will agree to fund Ukraine’s reconstruction, at a time when \$350 billion in frozen Russian assets sit unused.

The U.S. has taken the lead, with the REPO Act. It is time for European politicians to overrule their bureaucrats, who argue that releasing the frozen Russian Central Bank assets would set a “bad precedent.” Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine also sets a “bad precedent.”

I doubt there is a single person who really believes that Russia will ever see the frozen Central Bank assets, nor should they. There are reparations to be paid.

[“The Humbling of Marjorie Taylor Greene”](#)/New York Times

Perhaps the passage of the supplemental has broken the hold that Marjorie Taylor Greene and her “poo-flinging chaos monkeys” in the House Freedom Caucus have had over the House of Representatives.

Some excerpts:

- “Just look at what has come to pass in the House in the past several days: Mr. Johnson, a proud ultraconservative, pushed through a [\\$95 billion foreign aid package](#), including \$60 billion for Ukraine, with more Democratic votes than Republican ones. He is now counting on Democrats to save him from the Greene-led extremists’ plan to defenestrate him and install yet another Republican as speaker. There is much buzz about the emergence of a bipartisan governing [coalition](#) in the House, albeit one born of desperation. Squint hard, and Congress almost looks to be functioning as intended, with a majority of members coming together to advance vital legislation. With her special brand of MAGA extremism, Ms. Greene has shifted the House in a bipartisan direction (at least for now) in exactly the way her base loathes.”
- “On a less high-minded note, how delicious was it to see Ms. Greene on the steps of the Capitol on Saturday, raving about Mr. Johnson’s various “betrayals” and proclaiming him “a lame duck,” even as she hemmed and hawed about when she would move to oust him?”
- “At this point, the most enthusiastic base of support for Ms. Greene’s shenanigans may [be the Kremlin](#). More food for thought, congresswoman: When Russian propagandists start praising your politics and [beauty](#), it’s time to rethink your life choices.”

One can only hope. What would this email be, without sticking a verbal finger in Marjorie Taylor Greene’s eye?

[“Breaking Free From the Toxic Relationship With Russian Culture”](#)/by Inna Koxamis in “Ukrainska Pravda”

I get frequent lectures from my Ukrainian family about the importance of “breaking free from the toxic relationship with Russian Culture,” especially when I recently expressed interest in reading Bulgakov’s “The White Guard.”

Some excerpts:

- “For over fifty years, Tolstoy's wife, Sofya, chronicled her married life, detailing the extensive abuse – physical, sexual, and psychological – she endured due to her husband. However, even today, Tolstoy's wrongdoings do not undermine his standing. He has immunity granted exclusively to those in the club called "The Great Russian Classics" – one must know their names, read their works and, above all, revere their invariable "greatness." “
- “Lermontov’s "Uhlansha" is not an isolated case of glorification and romanization of sexual violence when it comes to Russia – referring to Ukraine as an object of rape, Putin once quoted a popular Russian ditty, "Like it or not, it's your duty, my beauty." The victim-abuser dynamic forms the core of Russia's political strategy, while its politics and culture are inextricably intertwined, mutually reinforcing one another, both rooted in the notion of imperialism. Overlooking this reality requires a deliberate reluctance, or worse yet, indifference. On the other hand, seeing this reality means admitting to have been fooled – and nobody wants to be a fool.”
- “Russian literature has consistently served as a potent instrument to propagate its imperial ideology across the world for centuries. Wherever Russia's political interests extend – there go its literary greats. In the past year alone, employing absurd reasoning, like the claim that the Russian language is gaining popularity in Africa, Russia has opened cultural centers in Burkina Faso, Chad, Angola, Kenya and Mali. Furthermore, in recent months, it initiated negotiations with Algeria, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia to open more cultural centers. Meanwhile, scarcely any major city in Europe or America lacks an established Russian cultural center, serving as a hub for disseminating Pushkin's anti-Western pamphlets and propagating an assertive Russian imperialism wrapped in the ecstatic image of greatness. It is a difficult thought to grasp: even as Pyotr Tolstoy, the great-grandson of Leo Tolstoy and a current Russian politician, issues threats of

colonizing Alaska, the theatrical stages of America continue to feature performances of "Anna Karenina." “

- “We cancel Harvey Weinstein, Kevin Spacey and whatnot, but we can't cancel Tolstoy, Pushkin or Lermontov. We are even ever so close to cancelling Russian oil, but we just can't cancel Russian culture. It is untouchable, almost canonized. In the face of the most substantial threat to global peace since WWII, we find ourselves struggling to disengage from the perpetrator. However, as advocates for Russian culture assert that our fight should be against Putin, not Pushkin, a valid question arises: why, really? Why shouldn't we fight Pushkin as well?”

News From the Battlefield

“[Reporting From Ukraine](#)” covers a quick Russian advance west of Avdiivka. He described how Russia took advantage of a weak spot in Ukraine’s defenses to advance toward the Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk, a regional Ukrainian Army headquarters. The Russian advance appears to be an example of the results of Ukraine’s lack of resources, combined with what Reporting From Ukraine admitted was a tactical mistake by the Ukrainians.

The Russians had air superiority, allowing for use of glide bombs. The Russians also used their advantage in artillery to limit Ukraine’s ability to react. In my observation of the war, I cannot remember such a quick Russian advance, since the first couple of weeks after the invasion started.

The “[Latest Denys](#)” also covers the Russian attack west of Avdiivka, plus a Ukrainian counterattack southwest of Bakhmut, where the Russians are trying to attack Chasiv Yar and capture it before May 9th, Russia’s Victory Day.

Meanwhile, my wife’s older brother’s son-in-law reports that his unit is withdrawn from a trench line near Robotyne, because of lack of ammunition. There is a lot for the logisticians to do, to get the supplies now flowing in from Poland to units at the front.

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

INTERNATIONAL

Monday, April 22

8:01 AM: US House Speaker Mike Johnson has agreed to pass an aid package to Ukraine after a report by CIA Director William Burns and a conversation with former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, — CNN.

8:01 AM: Ukraine will receive F-16 fighter jets from Denmark, which were previously agreed upon by the leaders of the countries, Danish Ambassador to Ukraine Ole Egberg Mikkelsen said.

8:01 AM: On April 23, the Latvian government will make a decision to gradually abandon the study of Russian as a second foreign language in schools, — Delfi.

8:01 AM: Five missiles were fired at a US military base in Syria from Iraq, — Reuters.

11:15 AM: Poland has told the US that it is ready to accept American nuclear weapons, Polish President Andrzej Duda said in an interview with the Fakt newspaper.

- "If such a decision is made by our allies to place nuclear weapons within the framework of the joint use of nuclear weapons and on our territory to strengthen the security of NATO's eastern flank, we are ready for this. We are an ally of the North Atlantic Alliance, and we have obligations and in this area, so we simply implement a common policy," Duda said.

6:40 PM: The next meeting of "Ramstein" will be held on April 26.

- This was stated by the Minister of Defense of the Netherlands, Kaisa Ollongren.
- She added that the Netherlands is currently participating in a number of initiatives proposed by partners, in particular, the Czech one on the purchase of ammunition for Ukraine and the German one on strengthening the Ukrainian Air Defense.

7:37 PM: Greece and Spain are under intense pressure from EU and NATO allies to provide additional Air Defense systems to Ukraine, Financial Times.

- According to the publication, these countries have at their disposal more than a dozen American Patriot systems, as well as Soviet S-300s.
- The FT writes that Poland and Romania, which also have Patriots, are under less pressure given their "more vulnerable location on the border with Ukraine."

7:56 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a telephone conversation with US President Joe Biden.

- Biden assured that if the Senate finally approves the law on aid to Ukraine, he will immediately sign it.
- "We discussed the first defense aid package after the law was passed. I have the President's assurance that it will be fast and powerful and will strengthen our anti-aircraft, long-range and artillery capabilities," Zelenskyy writes.

8:22 PM: The German manufacturer of building materials Knauf announced that it is leaving the Russian market after more than 30 years of operation in the Russian Federation.

- The business is planned to be handed over to local management, but the company still needs to receive approval from the Russian authorities.
- Earlier, the German TV channel ARD accused the company of taking part in construction in occupied Mariupol. The authorized bodies of the Federal Republic of Germany have appointed an appropriate inspection.

11:09 PM: The US is preparing a larger-than-usual military aid package for Ukraine. Politico writes about this with reference to sources.

- The Pentagon is still finalizing the details of the package, but wants it ready soon after US President Biden signs it.
- The publication's sources say that the package will be significantly larger than the last one in the amount of \$300 million. According to them, it will include Bradley infantry fighting vehicles, Humvee armored vehicles (aka HMMWV) and M113 armored personnel carriers, as well as missiles.

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Tuesday, April 23

8:00 AM: Norway plans a "substantial" increase in aid to Ukraine. The amount has not yet been determined, it will be discussed in the near future, — Le Monde.

8:00 AM: The US has announced an increase in human rights violations in the Gaza Strip, — WP.

8:00 AM: US troops in Iraq come under drone and missile fire, Reuters

11:13 AM: Two military helicopters collide in Malaysia during parade rehearsal, CNN.

- 10 crew members on board died. One of the helicopters fell into the stadium of the military base, the other into the pool of the sports complex.

3:35 PM: Germany is pressuring the US to transfer at least one more Air Defense Patriot system to Ukraine, Bloomberg.

- The German government is also pressuring France and Italy to assess their ability to strengthen Ukrainian air defenses.
- The newspaper claims that the strengthening of Germany's rhetoric regarding the transfer of Air Defense equipment to Ukraine is taking place against the background of how Chancellor _Olaf Scholz is delaying deliveries of long-range Taurus missiles_.

3:59 PM: The European Parliament approved a one-year extension of duty-free trade in Ukrainian products, but introduced some restrictions to appease EU protesters, Reuters.

- The restrictions mean that Ukraine will receive €331 million less from exports to the EU than in 2023.
- The initial proposal included tariffs on poultry, eggs and sugar when imports exceeded, but oats, cereals, corn and honey were added to the list.

5:35 PM: Latvia is ready to provide Ukraine with a short-range Air Defense system.

- This was announced by the Minister of Defense of Latvia Andris Spruds.

5:58 PM: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak revealed details of the new aid package for Ukraine:

- 400 pieces of equipment (protected Husky cars, armored vehicles and dozens of all-terrain vehicles);
- 4 million rounds of ammunition and 60 boats for conducting water raids;
- means of anti-aircraft defense;
- another batch of Storm Shadow long-range precision missiles (over 1,600 combat missiles and Air Defense missiles).

6:29 PM: A significant portion of the upcoming package of US military aid to Ukraine is already in warehouses in Germany and Poland, — CNN.

- According to the publication, first of all, artillery shells will be transferred to Ukraine.
- As Reuters reports, the United States is preparing _a \$1 billion package_ for Ukraine — significantly larger than the previous one.

9:15 PM: Senate vote on Ukraine aid bill postponed, The Guardian reports

- Procedural votes on aid packages for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan have been delayed after several Republicans complained that they could not propose amendments.

10:02 PM: The US Senate voted for a shortened procedure for considering the legislative aid package for Ukraine.

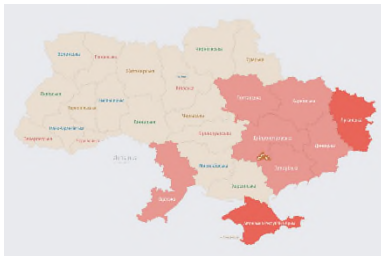
- Such a decision will make it possible to hold a quick discussion of the draft law within 30 hours with limited time for each senator.

NATIONAL

Monday, April 22

12:45 AM: Several groups of attack enemy UAVs in the waters of the Black Sea are moving in the direction of Mykolayiv Oblast and Zatoka Odesa Oblast, the Air Force reports.

- An air alert has been announced in Odesa region.



1:27 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east in areas where the air alert has been declared, the Air Force reports.

7:00 AM: Battleground summary of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Command for April 22 as of 6:00 am, April 23.



PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMY

Over the past day, the Russians launched 6 missile and 77 air strikes, hit the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas with rocket salvo fire systems about 100 times; 86 combat clashes took place at the front.

- **Verbatim General Staff:**"At night, the Russian invaders once again attacked Ukraine, using 16 UAVs of the "Shahed" type. 15 of these

attack UAVs were destroyed by the forces and means of air defense of Ukraine."

- **Details:** Airstrikes were carried out by the occupiers in the settlements of Zolochiv, Vovchansk, Prykolotne, Dergachi, and Senkovo in the Kharkiv region; Belogorivka, Luhansk Region; Siversk, Spirne, Ivanivske, New York, Novokalynove, Berdychi, Oleksandropil, Semenivka, Illinka, Netaylove, Karlivka, Vodyane, Kostyantynivka, Novomykhailivka, Urozhane, Staromayorske of the Donetsk region; Orihiv, Mala Tokmachka, Zaporizhzhia region; Novoberislav, Berislav, Red Lighthouse of Kherson region.
- The Russians shelled more than 120 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions with artillery.
- **Lyman direction** the Russians carried out 19 attacks in the areas of Serebryan Forestry and the settlements of Nadiya, Novoyehorivka in the Luhansk region, and Terna and Torske in the Donetsk region.
- **Bakhmut direction** - Ukrainian soldiers repelled 16 attacks in the areas of Zolotarivka, Spirne, Vyimka, Chasiv Yar, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, Andriivka settlements of the Donetsk region.
- **Avdiivskiy direction** - defenders repelled 18 attacks in the areas of Novobakhmutivka, Semenivka, Umanske, Keramik, Berdychi, Pervomaiske, Ocheretine, Novokalynov, Yasnobrodivka, and Netailovo settlements of the Donetsk region.
- **Novopavlovsk direction** -The defense forces continue to hold back the enemy in the areas of Georgiyivka, Novomykhailivka, Vodiane, Mykilske, and Urozhaine settlements of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers tried to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops more than 20 times.
- **Orihiv direction** - the Russians attacked the positions of Ukrainian defenders 3 times in the Staromayorsky district of the Donetsk region and Robotyny in Zaporizhzhia.
- **Kherson direction** - the occupiers do not give up their intention to knock out the Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper - during the past day, the invaders carried out 7 unsuccessful attacks.

- At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 2 anti-aircraft missile complexes and 16 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment of the Russians.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 1 control point, 2 Air Defense vehicles and 1 area of concentration of personnel of the Russian occupiers.

7:42 AM: The Air Defense Forces of Ukraine destroyed 5 out of 7 "Shaheed" and 1 reconnaissance UAV "Orlan-10", reports the Air Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

- All drones were shot down in Odesa.

9:15 AM: "Armageddon will not happen, but there will be problems from the middle of May," Kyrylo Budanov, the head of the GUR, said to the BBC.

- According to him, a rather difficult situation awaits Ukraine at the front in the near future, but it is not catastrophic. The Russians are conducting a complex operation with a culmination, probably in mid-May to early June.

9:43 AM: Two servicemen were reported on suspicion of killing and attempting to kill policemen, as well as desertion, — Prosecutor General's Office.

- They were detained in the village of Lipetske, Podilsky district, Odesa region. Previously, a vehicle used to transport wanted persons and ammunition was found in the territory of the Vinnytsia region.
- Currently, the issue of selecting them as preventive measures in the form of detention is being resolved. Perpetrators face imprisonment from 9 to 15 years or life imprisonment.

10:00 AM: Half of the collection for AZOV is closed

- For thermal "birds" that will help our military in battle, UAH 15 million of the required UAH 30 million have been collected:

10:25 AM: The Armed Forces of Ukraine conducted tests of the Ukrainian Vampire drone, the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine reported.

- The drone can carry 15 kg of explosives and cover a distance of up to 10 km.

- The Ukrainian military conducted tests of new discharges from the Vampire drone, namely high-explosive and cumulative fragmentation projectiles.

11:22 AM: For the first time since the beginning of the Russian war against Ukraine, Kyiv was visited by the head of the German government in the person of the first mayor of Hamburg, Peter Chencher.

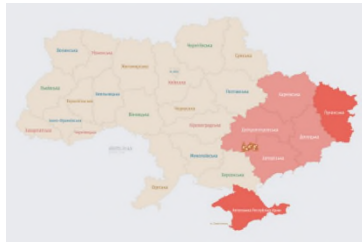
- The SPD politician arrived in the Ukrainian capital this morning by train from Poland.

11:51 AM: The energy system of Ukraine remains in deficit, — Ukrenergo.

- Due to the cooling, consumption continues to grow. At 9:30 a.m. today, consumption was 4.7% higher than at the same time on Friday. And yesterday the evening maximum was almost 6% higher than the maximum of the previous Sunday, April 14.
- All Ukrainians are encouraged to save, especially in the evening around 9:00 p.m., when peak consumption is expected.

12:25 PM: A bipartisan delegation of the US Congress has arrived in Kyiv, the US Embassy in Ukraine reports.

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Force



PM: Missile threat from the east, the Air of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

1:55 PM: Suspects in the murder of a policeman in Vinnytsia were transporting ammunition, which was then dumped in a reservoir.

- This was announced by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Ihor Klymenko.
- He noted that the law enforcement officers were performing their functional duties of patrolling and responding, which is why they stopped the attackers' car, which was driving during the curfew in violation of the Traffic Rules.

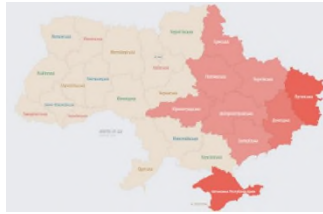
2:42 PM: The movement of trucks through the checkpoint "Yagodin - Dorogusk" has been restored, — DPSU.

- Polish farmers have been blocking this p/p since February 9.
- At present, registration and passage of goods vehicles across the border in both directions is carried out as usual.

3:16 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force informs about the threat of the use of aviation means of destruction for front-line areas.

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PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons, — PS of ZSU.

4:18 PM: In the Vinnytsia City Court, a hearing has begun regarding the selection of a preventive measure for one of the suspects in the shooting of a police officer on April 20.

- Currently, the preventive measure is chosen for the father - Valery Vasilake.
- The second suspect Vitaly Vasilake is scheduled to be remanded in custody at 4:35 p.m.

4:35 PM: Our correspondents report that the court has chosen a preventive measure for Valery Vasilake — detention for a period of 2 months without the possibility of making bail (until June 19).

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PM: Current air alert map as of 4:41 PM.

- Missile on the Dnipro, — Air Force Command.

4:47 PM: The court chooses a preventive measure for the second suspect — Vitaly Vasilake.

4:51 PM: At the court hearing, it became known that the perpetrators were trying to leave Ukraine.

- As Valery Vasilake previously noted, they planned to flee to Moldova.

5:07 PM: Suspect Valery Vasilake said the police officer was shot by his son:

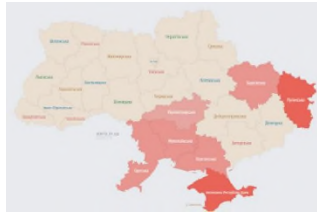
- "He (the son - editor) thought that I had already been killed."

5:10 PM: Our correspondents report that Vitaliy Vasilake was placed in custody for 2 months without bail (until June 20).

5:25 PM: The suspect in the murder of a policeman, Vitaliy Vasilake, admitted that he shot the policeman.

- We will remind that he is charged with murder and attempt on the life of policemen, illegal handling of weapons and desertion.

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areas.



PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of

front-line areas.

- The Air Force informs about the threat of the use of aviation means of destruction for

5:56 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky held another meeting of the Stavka.

- Among the main:
 - front - the occupying army has the task, regardless of its own losses, to demonstrate at least some victories by May 9;
 - own production — contracts with domestic companies;
 - protection of civil infrastructure — redistribution of Air Defense systems and decentralization.

6:10 PM: According to BEB materials, the court in Kyiv continued the preventive measure in the form of detention of businessman Ihor Kolomoiskyi.

- Kolomoiskyi will be held in pre-trial detention center until June 2, 2024, with an alternative payment of 1 billion 960 million UAH as bail.

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ZSU.



PM: Missile threat from the northeast, — PS

8:15 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of April 22:

- During the day, 62 combat clashes were recorded.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 2 anti-aircraft missile complexes and 13 areas of concentration of enemy personnel, weapons and military equipment.
- Units of missile forces hit 1 control point, 2 Air Defense facilities and 1 area of concentration of enemy personnel.

9:32 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with the bipartisan delegation of the US Congress.

- During the meeting, politicians discussed macro-financial support, military assistance and support for the development of the Ukrainian defense industry.
- Also, the topics of the conversation were the confiscation of frozen assets of the Russian Federation, support for Ukraine on the way to NATO, security guarantees, the Ukrainian peace formula, and the participation of the United States in the first inaugural Peace Summit.

9:39 PM: Enemy tactical aircraft activity is observed in the south and east of the country, the Air Force reports.

10:03 PM: Ukrainian soldiers discovered an enemy "Hyacinth" gun in the occupied territory of the south of the country and struck it with HIMARS.

10:18 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- In the areas where the air alert has been declared, there is still a threat of the use of ballistic weapons by the enemy, the Air Force reports.

10:33 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi in his evening address commented on today's attack on the television tower in Kharkiv.

- "Obvious intimidation, so that the terror would be visible to the whole city and to try to limit Kharkiv in communication and access to information. Work is now underway to restore the signal," the president noted.

10:36 PM: The President announced in an evening address that agreements have been reached regarding ATACMS:

- "Four priorities are key - defense of the sky, modern artillery, long-range and for packages of American support to arrive as soon as possible. And today's result - in the agreements on ATACMS for Ukraine, all the dots are marked."

11:22 PM: A group of UAVs from the Kursk region is moving on a southwesterly course, the Air Force reports.

- UAVs continue to move on the border of Poltava and Sumy regions. Western course.

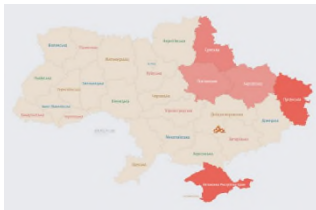
11:38 PM: Ukraine is negotiating to receive 4 batteries of Patriot air defense systems, Foreign Minister Kuleba said.

- "We have four specific Patriot batteries on our radar. Negotiations are underway between us, the relevant countries, and the United States," the minister noted.

11:52 PM: The "Defense Procurement Agency" of the Ministry of Defense purchased four thousand DJI Mavic drones for the Armed Forces, the agency reported.

- The total amount of concluded contracts is more than 575 million hryvnias. The first batches of drones have already been delivered to military units. The Ministry of Defense plans to purchase six thousand more drones.

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PM: There is still a missile threat from the east. There is also a threat of using weapons against the frontline areas, the Air Force reports.

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 AM: Battleground summary of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Command for April 23 as of 6:00 am, April 24.



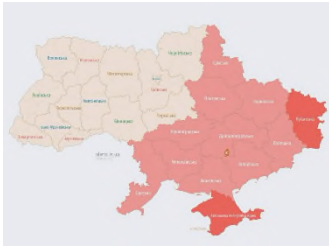
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The Russian occupiers attacked in 7 directions, launched 5 missile and 77 air strikes per day, shelled the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas with rocket salvo fire systems about 76 times; 101 combat clashes took place at the front.

- **Verbatim General Staff:**"During the past day, the settlements of Gremyach, Chernihiv region; Kupyansk, Hlushkivka, Belogorivka, Luhansk region; Ivanivka, Severny, Ocheretine, New York, Novokalynov, Berdychi, Semenivka, Selidove, Karlivka, Kostyantynivka, Novomykhailivka, Vodiane were hit by airstrikes , Staromayorske, Urozhayne, Krasnohorivka and Pobyeda of the Donetsk region and Krynka in the Kherson region".
- **Details:** With artillery, the occupiers shelled more than 120 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions.

- **Kupyansk direction** - the Russians attacked Ukrainian positions 5 times in the area of the settlement of Berestov, Kharkiv region.
- **Lyman direction** - Defense forces repelled 19 attacks in the areas of Grekivka, Nevske, Luhansk region and Terna, Yampolivka, Donetsk region.
- **OnBakhmut direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 21 attacks in the areas of Bilogorivka settlements, Luhansk region; Verkhokamyanske, Novy, Spirne, Ivanovske, Klishchiivka of the Donetsk region, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to improve their tactical position.
- **Avdiivskiy direction** - the defenders repelled 21 attacks in the areas of settlements of Novokalynove, Ocheretyne, Novobakhmutivka, Berdychi, Yasnobrodivka, Netaylove, Pervomaiske, Nevelske of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers tried to dislodge units of the Armed Forces from the occupied lines.
- **Novopavlovsk direction** - The defense forces continue to hold back the invaders in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Georgiivka, Novomykhailivka, Vodiane and Urozhayne settlements of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers, with the support of aviation, tried to break through the defenses 24 times.
- **Orihiv direction** -the Russians, with the support of aviation, attacked the positions of the defenders 5 times in the districts of Staromayorsky, Donetsk region, and Robotyny, Zaporizhzhia region.
- **Kherson direction** - the invaders do not give up their intention to oust Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper - during the day, with the support of aviation, they carried out 3 unsuccessful attacks on the positions of Ukrainian troops in the area of the settlement of Krynka, Kherson region.
- At the same time, during the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces struck 17 personnel concentration areas and 1 anti-aircraft missile complex of the occupiers.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 1 ground control station of unmanned aerial vehicles, 1 area of concentration of weapons and

military equipment, 2 areas of concentration of personnel, 1 means of air defense and 3 other important objects of the Russians.



7:24 AM: The threat of the use of ballistic weapons from the TOT of Crimea in the areas where an air alert has been declared, — PS of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

9:52 AM: Minister of Agrarian Policy Mykola Solskyi was exposed for taking over state land worth 291 million UAH and attempting to take over another 190 million UAH, — NABU.

- The criminal group led by a top official included officials of the State Geocadaastre bodies, as well as persons who controlled the activities of these bodies, the so-called curators.
- The participants of the scheme ensured the destruction of documents on the basis of which two state-owned enterprises in Sumy Oblast had the right to permanent use of land. Due to their absence, the regional State Geocadaastre drew up an act on the arbitrary occupation of these plots.

10:04 AM: Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Oleksandr Syrskyi welcomed the military leadership of Lithuania in Kyiv - Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Valdemaras Rupshis and Chief of the General Staff Mindaugas Steponiavičius.

- "We discussed a number of important issues. In particular, regarding the situation on the battlefield, the training of our fighters, and support for Ukraine. We have a clear action plan for further cooperation," he said in the message.

12:05 PM: BEB detectives are investigating tax evasion of over UAH 1 billion by a well-known online casino gambling organizer.

- The company paid players UAH 4.5 billion in winnings, of which it did not pay personal income tax and military service for a total of UAH 1.1 billion.
- The mentioned payments were not shown as winnings, but as refunds of funds, i.e. deposits, to individuals, which were allegedly not used while participating in gambling.
- According to our sources, we are talking about online casino "Kosmolot".

12:18 PM: Due to technical reasons, the issuance of ready-made documents in foreign divisions of the State Department of Documents has been suspended, the Passport Service reported.

- Also, the Ukrainian consulate in Poland has temporarily suspended consular actions regarding citizens of Ukraine of conscription age.
- This is reported by Suspilne, referring to the diplomatic mission.

12:23 PM: Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba commented on the information that consular services may be suspended for men conscripted abroad:

- "Staying abroad does not release a citizen from his duties to the Motherland. That is why yesterday I instructed to take measures to restore the fair treatment of men of mobilization age in Ukraine and abroad. It will be fair." _

12:41 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a telephone conversation with Rishi Sunak.

- The Prime Minister of Great Britain announced the allocation of the largest defense support package to date, amounting to half a billion pounds. Storm Shadow and other types of missiles, hundreds of armored vehicles and watercraft, ammunition - all this is really needed by Ukraine on the battlefield.

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

- The Air Force informs about the threat of the use of aviation means of destruction for front-line areas.

2:51 PM: National Guardsman Artemiy Ryabchuk, who shot a colleague at the Pivdenmash plant in Dnipro in 2022, received a life sentence — SGB.

- Then five people were killed, among them one civilian, five more were wounded of varying degrees of severity.
- As noted in the SBI, during his military service, the convict had a conflict with other servicemen, because he was a witness to quarrels and reported them to the management.

4:53 PM: The goal of the collection of the "BLYSKAVKA" fund for this week is UAH 1,677,000 for shock "lightning bolts" for the SSO

- Together, we will provide the military with 100 FPVs, 8000 mAh batteries and a ground station for control.
- So far, more than UAH 150,000 has been collected, let's move on! Get involved, every donation is important 

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PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons, — PS of ZSU.

6:05 PM: The Cabinet fired Deputy Defense Minister Vitaly Polovenko, who was responsible for rear support.

- This was reported by the representative of the government in the parliament, Taras Melnychuk.
- Polovenko was in office for less than half a year — he was appointed at the beginning of December 2023. The reason for the dismissal is currently unknown.

6:15 PM: The government allocates more than UAH 8 billion for the construction of fortifications, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said.

- Since the beginning of 2024, almost 38 billion hryvnias have been allocated to the strengthening of defense lines.

7:04 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with Minister of Entrepreneurship of Denmark Morten Bedskow.

- "We are counting on Denmark's help in finding additional Air Defense systems for the Mykolaiv region," the president noted.
- They also considered the prospects of expanding Danish business and attracting new investments to Ukraine.

7:22 PM: This week, Ukraine expects to receive a €1.5 billion tranche from the EU, Prime Minister Shmyhal said.

- The funds will come within the framework of the Ukraine Facility program.

7:38 PM: Parliament has allowed university students to choose the pace of their studies — the Council has adopted the corresponding draft law.

- This was announced by the head of the Ministry of Statistics Mykhailo Fedorov.
- Now students will be able to choose a certain number of subjects personally, adjust the duration of their studies, and, if necessary, will be able to change their specialty after a year or a year and a half of study.
- "A student will be able to complete a 4-year bachelor's program in three years or vice versa — combine study with work and complete it in 6-8 years," Fedorov notes.

7:52 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of April 23:

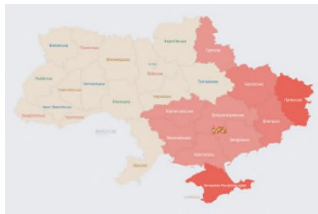
- During the day _60 combat clashes were recorded._
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 15 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces hit 1 ground control station of UAVs, 1 area of concentration of weapons and military equipment, 1 area of concentration of personnel, 1 means of Air Defense and 1 other important object of the enemy.

8:08 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky's evening address:

- "I thank the entire team of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, all the employees of the National Police who take care of people, each and every one who works in emergency medicine teams._
- Ukrainian psychologists are celebrating their professional day today. And I thank everyone who helps our people to overcome all the emotional and psychological challenges of this time of war. Thanks also to everyone who is already rebuilding life in Ukraine. Ukraine withstands the attacks of terrorists, because there is always someone to support life."_

8:55 PM: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs clarified the suspension of consular services for men of military age abroad

- Acceptance of applications for the provision of consular actions will continue taking into account the new requirements after the law on mobilization comes into force on May 18.
- The mechanism for updating and verifying military registration data for men aged 18-60 who are abroad is currently being determined and coordinated with state authorities.
- All applications for the provision of consular services, submitted by April 23, will be considered and processed by consular institutions.



9:35 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of enemy attack UAVs from the northeast.
- The activity of enemy tactical aviation in the east and northeast is maintained. But there is a threat of using aviation means of destruction for front-line areas.

10:22 PM: Threat of using enemy strike UAVs for Khersonska. Mykolayiv Oblast, the Air Force reports.

MORDOR – ruZZia

Monday, April 22

8:01 AM: A large-scale fire broke out in the Russian suburbs of Moscow: 1,200 square meters burned in Orekhovo-Zuyevo. m. at one of the industrial enterprises.

7:50 PM: Approximately 20-25 thousand Russian troops are trying to storm Chasiv Yar and its surroundings.

- This was stated by the spokesman of the "Khortytsia" OSU, Nazar Voloshyn.
- "The enemy is setting up assault groups in a planned manner for future assaults. They conduct assaults from time to time without securing positions. That is, they do not establish themselves, but stormed and turned back," Voloshyn notes.

9:47 PM: Due to SBU drone attacks, Russian oil refining fell to an almost annual low, Bloomberg reports.

- Russian refineries have reduced oil product exports by a third, and their recovery is very slow.

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 AM: Russian Belgorod was attacked by attack drones. As a result of falling debris, the house was damaged, the governor of the region reports.

4:02 PM: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Sevastopol, local residents report.

11:02 PM: the Russian Federation has intensified the construction of fortifications throughout the territory of the temporarily occupied Crimea, — "ATESH".

- "We are observing this process near the coastline, on the administrative border with the Kherson region, as well as in the center of the peninsula," the partisans write.
- New trenches are being built, old ones are being strengthened, and the protection of logistics facilities is being strengthened. Probably, this is happening against the background of military and financial aid for Ukraine from the allies.

REGIONS

KYIV



Monday, April 22

3:37 PM: BEB in Kyiv reported suspicion of 7 members of an organized criminal group engaged in illegal gambling business.

- Criminals set up a casino in a non-residential building in Darnytskyi district of the capital.
- "They worked without signs and advertisements, and customers were notified about the establishment's schedule through messengers," the BEB press service writes.

Tuesday, April 23

3:22 AM: Shahedi from the Obukhov side heading for Kyiv, — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

3:36 AM: An explosion was heard in Kyiv, subscribers reported.

- KMVA informed about the work of Air Defense.

Tuesday, April 23

5:16 PM: Russians shelled the civilian infrastructure of the Shalygin community with artillery — two women, aged 45 and 72, were wounded.

- This is reported by the Sumy Regional Prosecutor's Office.

KHARKIV



Monday, April 22

3:42 PM: Social Networks An explosion is heard in Kharkiv.

- the occupiers are attacking the city of Dergachi in the Kharkiv region, the mayor of the city, Vyacheslav Zadorenko, said.

4:37 PM: An explosion is heard in Kharkiv.

- Kharkiv Mayor Terekhov confirmed the explosions in the city.

4:53 PM: Russians targeted an infrastructure facility in Kharkiv, the mayor of the city, Terekhov, reports.

- Information about victims and destruction is being clarified.

5:37 PM: The Russians struck a television infrastructure facility in Kharkiv, RMA.

- At the moment there are interruptions with the digital television signal, there were no casualties.

7:06 PM: the Russians hit the television tower in Kharkiv with an Kh-59 missile, the regional prosecutor's office reports.

10:21 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

- The head of OVA Sinegubov confirms that the Russians are striking Kharkiv.

10:59 PM: At 10:37 p.m., the occupiers struck the Kharkiv district, Oleg Sinegubov, the head of the OVA, said.

- Previously, there was a fire on the territory of the poultry farm. There was no information about the victims.
- Inspection of the hit sites by specialized services is ongoing.

11:16 PM: A missile is moving from the east in the direction of Kharkiv, the Air Force reports.

Tuesday, April 23

1:55 PM: Explosions were heard in Kharkiv.

- Mayor of the city Ihor Terekhov informed.

2:26 PM: There is an "arrival" in the private sector of Kharkiv, the mayor of the city, Terekhov, reports.

- A car and a private house were damaged.
- Regarding the victims and the place of the other "arrival", information is being clarified.

5:28 PM: An explosion is heard in Kharkiv, the mayor of the city, Terekhov, reports.

9:44 PM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in the Kharkiv region.

11:46 PM: The destroyed Kharkiv TV tower will most likely be rebuilt after the war.

- Ivan Sokol, director of the civil protection department of Kharkiv OVA, says that experts are currently conducting an analysis and

disassembling the damaged equipment. After that, there will be final conclusions about damages. Sokol named the purpose of the strike to intimidate the people of Kharkiv.

DONETSK



Monday, April 22

1:09 PM: The amount of damages as a result of shelling of the territory of the Kurakhiv TPP reached 986 million hryvnias.

- This was reported by the Donetsk regional military administration.
- As a result of the systematic shelling by the Russian aggressors of the city of Kurakhove, 14 cases of soiling of the lands of the Kurakhova TPP with oil products and waste from the destruction were recorded.

6:45 PM: A 70-year-old woman, OVA, died as a result of Russian strikes on Krasnohorivka in Donetsk region.

- The occupiers also hit Ukrainaska and Maksimilianivka, the consequences of the shelling are being investigated.

10:10 PM: A fire broke out in temporarily occupied Mariupol.

- This was reported by Petro Andryushchenko, adviser to the mayor of Mariupol.

Tuesday, April 23

1:16 PM: 5 people were injured as a result of an attack on Kostyantynivka.

- This was announced by the head of Donetsk OVA, Vadym Filashkin.
- This morning, the Russians dropped a guided aerial bomb on the city. The impact damaged 3 houses, a car and an infrastructure object.

4:29 PM: Russian troops are trying to capture the village of Ivanovske and the outskirts of Bohdanivka, as well as break through to Chasovoy Yar.

- This was stated by the spokesman of the "Khortytisia" OSU, Nazar Voloshyn.

- At the same time, Voloshin commented on the situation in Ocheretyyn in Donetsk region:sss
- "The majority of the village is controlled by the Defense Forces, the southern part of the settlement is under the fire control of our artillery, comprehensive measures are being taken to knock out the enemy from the southern part of Ocheretyyn and stabilize the situation in this direction_".

DNIPRO



Monday, April 22

9:07 PM: The traitor who pointed Russian missiles at the Prydniprovsk TPP and "hunted" for Air Defense systems will spend 15 years behind bars.

- SBU counter-intelligence detained the attacker in January 2023, when he was conducting reconnaissance near a potential target.
- According to the materials of the Security Service, the court sentenced him to 15 years in prison with confiscation of property.

Tuesday, April 23

12:36 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Dnipro.



12:49 PM: Rocket on the Dnipro! — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

12:55 PM Social Networks: Another explosion rang out in Dnipro.

2:30 PM: the Russians struck the Dnipro district — four people were initially injured.

- This was reported by the head of Dnipropetrovsk OVA Serhiy Lysak.
- It is about three men - 34, 48 and 70 years old, and a 72-year-old woman. All are hospitalized in moderate condition.



6:43 PM: The number of victims in the Dnipro district has increased to 8, reports the head of Dnipropetrovsk OVA Serhiy Lysak.

- Among the injured is a 23-year-old girl with an open craniocerebral injury. She is in serious condition.
- The Russian army also attacked Nikopol region, 2 casualties are known.

9:36 PM: A missile is moving in the direction of the Dnipro, the Air Force reports.

10:28 PM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in Dnipro.

10:36 PM: "Orlan-10" was shot down by the Air Defense Forces in the Dnipro region, Serhiy Lysak, the head of OVA, said.

KHERSON



Monday, April 22

10:53 AM: Russian troops shelled a bus stop in the Dnipro district of Kherson, — OVA.

- A 44-year-old woman was injured as a result of enemy shelling. She received a contusion, leg injury, explosive and craniocerebral injuries.

2:17 PM: The SBU detained a traitor ex-deputy and his accomplice from the hospital who were pointing Russian missiles at Kherson.

- In total, 4 members of the enemy group were exposed, who were correcting missile and drone strikes in the region.
- On their "guidance", the Rashists fired at the local hospital, the church and the building of the National Police. In addition, they were preparing for new air attacks on the Kherson region.
- Currently, all four agents of the Russian Federation have been notified of the suspicion (two of them in absentia), the ex-deputy faces life imprisonment.

3:00 PM: One more family with two children left the temporarily occupied community of Kherson Oblast, RMA head Oleksandr Prokudin reports.

- "The occupiers threatened the family that they would deprive their parents of custody and take away the 12-year-old boy and 5-year-old girl for refusing to go to so-called Russian educational institutions," Prokudin notes.
- Now people are safe, social services, doctors and psychologists are working with them.

6:50 PM: the Russians hit the Kakhovsky District — men aged 85 and 50 were killed.

- This is reported by the Kherson Regional Prosecutor's Office.

Tuesday, April 23

11:25 AM: Russian troops attacked Berislav from drones, — Kherson OVA.

- This morning, a 63-year-old local resident was injured as a result of dropping explosives from a drone. The man was hospitalized with an explosive injury, a contusion, and injuries to his hands and body.

4:11 PM: An 82-year-old woman died as a result of Russian strikes on Kozatskyi.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of Kherson OVA, reports this.

11:30 PM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in the Kherson region.

MYKOLAIV



Monday, April 22

12:45 PM : Explosions were heard in Mykolaiv.

2:21 PM: The explosion heard by the residents of Mykolaiv is the controlled work of the State Emergency

Service.

- "Yes, there was a controlled detonation of the State Emergency Service in Shevchenkivska TG. It is possible that there will be a second one," said the head of the OVA Vitaliy Kim.

Tuesday, April 23

8:44 AM: It became known about one injured man as a result of the downed "Shahed" in Ochakov.

- This was announced by the head of Mykolayiv OVA Vitaly Kim.

ODESSA



Monday, April 22

8:27 AM: In the morning, 1 Russian reconnaissance UAV "Orlan-10" was destroyed in Odeshchyna.

Tuesday, April 23

1:55 AM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Odesa.

5:14 AM: At least 14 apartments were damaged in the residential sector of Odesa due to an enemy attack, Mayor Gennadiy Trukhanov said.

- It is already known about 7 victims. Previously, there were no casualties.

6:51 PM: Odesa Mayor Trukhanov showed the consequences of the "shaheed" night attack on the city.

- Damage to 58 apartments in 22 buildings was recorded.
- Four people are in hospitals, including two children born in 2011 and 2014.

POLTAVA



Monday, April 22

10:20 PM: The missile is headed for Kremenchuk, the Air Force reports.

Tuesday, April 23

3:02 PM: Rocket in the direction of Poltava, Air Force Command.

- Another rocket in the same direction.

3:04 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Poltava.

UPD: The sound of the explosion was heard within the Poltava community, — OVA.

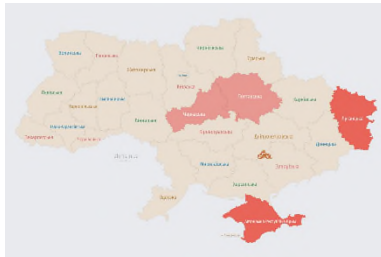
- According to preliminary information, there were no victims or victims.

9:43 PM: Poltava region - the threat of using attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.

- The threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.

10:38 PM: UAVs are moving in the direction of Kremenchuk, the Air Force reports.

10:46 PM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Kremenchuk.



Tuesday, April 23

12:34 AM: UAVs in the Cherkasy region are moving on a southwesterly course, the Air Force reports.

- Threat of UAVs for the Kyiv region.

Tuesday, April 23

11:52 AM: In Transcarpathia, a conscript died during transportation to the training center, TCC and SP.

- On the way, the man had an epileptic seizure and, despite the help provided, he died.

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 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 785 days	After 786 days	After 787 days	After 789 days	After 790 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	458,580	459,530	460,260	461,060	461,940

Material Losses

Tanks	147	7,213	7,229	7,236	7,241	7,242
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	13,873	13,896	13,904	13,916	13,928
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	12,724	12,765	12,782	12,811	12,856
Cruise Missiles		2,109	2,115	2,117	2,117	2,117
Fighters Bombers	118	348	348	348	348	348
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		9,341	9,379	9,384	9,407	9,439
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		763	767	768	769	771
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	15,717	15,785	15,812	15,845	15,892
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine	26 + 1 Submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,918	1,926	1,934	1,936	1,944

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