

# News From Ukraine



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## The Vote

Between the vote last February, on essentially the same bill to provide military assistance to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, 9 Senators changed their votes from “No” to “Yes.” Among those flipping their votes: Katie Britt (Ala.), Tom Cotton (Ark.), Deb Fischer (Neb.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (Miss.), James Lankford (Okla.), Markwayne Mullin (Okla.), Pete Ricketts (Neb.) and Tim Scott (S.C.). All 9 Senators are Republicans. A majority of Republican Senators voted for the bill.

Sen. Graham has been a vocal supporter of Ukraine aid, but he likely voted no the first time because he wanted to give priority to funding for the Southern Border. Sen. Lankford was the lead negotiator for the initial bill that included funding for the border. That bill failed to get sufficient support in the Senate.

Hopefully the weapons deliveries under the bill that Pres. Biden signed yesterday, won't include the dithering on deliveries that Ukraine asked for under the previous bill. Had Ukraine received the weapons they had asked for, when they asked for them, Ukraine could well have kept the Russians on the ropes, where they found themselves in November 2022 after the liberation of Kherson most of Kharkiv Oblast.

## [“Turning a Vault Into a Bomb Shelter: How Citigroup Kept Its Bank Running Inside Ukraine”](#)

Fascinating article about how Citibank managed to keep its Kyiv Branch open. Some excerpts (my comments in **bold face**):

- “A postwar Ukraine would need an estimated \$1 trillion to rebuild, and Citigroup would be the international pipeline. If Ukraine succeeds in joining the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, [global investment might pile](#) in to a newly protected fresh land of opportunity. There is a renewed Ukrainian vigor to [clean up a reputation for corruption](#) that slowed global investment before the war.”
- “Other foreign banks including Deutsche Bank, Crédit Agricole and BNP Paribas have operations in Ukraine, the latter two including consumer banks, that Citi doesn't run. All of them have remained open as well.” **Both Crédit Agricole and BNP Paribas have Ukrainian subsidiaries that they both own, but neither runs the subsidiary banks directly. Both banks have nationwide branch networks.**
- Alex McWhorter, Head of Citibank in Ukraine, tried to manage the people and the business. Within hours, he had approval from top executives to pause collecting loan payments from clients and forgo interest that accumulated. “Look, don't worry about paying us,” McWhorter told clients. “Worry about your own employees and your own operations.” Clients called wanting to rush cash into employee accounts, others needed bigger credit lines. Some clients worried about accounts in Russian-held territory where the signers couldn't be reached. Could Russia or those employees get access to the money? Could Citi freeze the accounts or get new authorizations?

- The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) needed to pass emergency measures to let Citi and others move to cloud servers. That approval came and Citi moved to European data centers.” **For the last several years, NBU has been rated as one of the top central banks in the world, for their astute handling of several crises that have arisen since 2014.**
- “Staffers rotate in and out of Kyiv on shifts. When the air-raid sirens ring, they hunker down in the bank vault in the basement of the headquarters. The bank has removed the contents of the vault and moved in desks and tables and some more comfortable seating options such as beanbag chairs. The bank limits the number of people in the office to how many could safely hide in the vault.”
- “Lending is down and the loans on the books are more problematic. Citigroup said in 2022 it no longer expected to collect on 16% of loans, about \$28 million, and the bank’s filings warn more losses could occur if the war worsens.”
- “Ukraine’s central bank imposed strict constraints on moving money out of the country, part of enforcing martial law. That means clients are sitting flush with cash they normally would have sent abroad, so have little need to borrow funds from the bank.”
- But all that trapped money has flooded Citi’s coffers: deposits are up 90% since the start of the war. And the bank has built new teams to advise clients on complying with the capital rules. Profits rose by more than 50% in 2022. But the Ukrainian government has [passed a bill to take 50% of bank profits, which are being inflated by the capital controls.](#) And the rules mean the income is stuck inside the country instead of being paid to Citigroup.
- McWhorter said most of the big international clients with operations in Ukraine are trying to remain in the country. Of Citi’s 500 corporate clients, McWhorter said only two have closed and that is because their entire operations are in Russian-held territory.

#### [Interview with Simon Shuster, Author of “Showman”/Atlantic Council](#)

“Showman” is a biography of Pres. Zelenskyy. Worth watching. Some observations:

- Shuster’s family moved from the former Soviet Union when he was 6. He has a Russian father and a Ukrainian mother.
- I was expecting Shuster’s remarks to be somewhat critical of Zelenskyy. They weren’t.
- Shuster said that the firing of Gen. Zaluzhny had to do with Zelenskyy becoming more confident as Commander-in-Chief, rather than trying to stanch Zaluzhny’s political ambitions.
- Shuster said that he believed that Andriy Yermak, Zelenskyy’s Chief of Staff had no agenda of his own, other than supporting Zelenskyy.
- Shuster said that sometimes Zelenskyy becomes annoyed over American obsession with [corruption. Shuster said that he believes that Zelenskyy is serious about ending corruption,](#) but he says that Zelenskyy keeps reminding Americans that fighting corruption in Ukraine is like fighting an entirely separate war.

I have not read the book.

#### [News From the Battlefield](#)

“[Reporting From Ukraine](#)” Focuses on Liman, where he states that Ukraine has blunted a Russian attack designed to take Terny, that would open the route to Liman. What is interesting about the video is that it illustrates Ukraine’s use of attack drones, where Ukraine supply is plentiful, as a

substitute for the use of artillery shells, where Ukraine's supply is limited. Hopefully this situation will improve – soon.

In the “[Latest Denys](#),” at about 1 minute into his video he shows a list of the items included in the first weapons delivery, valued at \$1 billion. Patriot missiles aren't on the list, because their delivery is likely going to be coordinated among the members of the Ramstein Contact Group that meets tomorrow. At 4 minutes into his video, Denys reports on the arrest of Russian Gen. Ivanev, the deputy of the Russian Defense Minister Shoigu. Apparently, the arrest was partly based on a hack that was initiated by Ukrainian State Security that revealed damaging information on Gen. Ivanev's activities.

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## INTERNATIONAL

5:28 AM: The US Senate approved a bill on providing aid to Ukraine

- During the final vote, 79 senators cast their votes "for".

5:42 AM: US President Joe Biden will sign a package of aid bills to Ukraine on April 24 to resume arms supplies to Kyiv this week, the White House said.



8:00 AM: The US State Department welcomed Britain's decision on a large-scale aid package for Ukraine.

8:00 AM: As part of its support for Warsaw, London will send Typhoon fighter jets to Poland to strengthen the defense of Polish airspace. This was stated by the Prime Minister of Great Britain Rishi Sunak, reports PolskieRadio.

8:00 AM: Estonia may close the churches of the Russian Orthodox Church, which are in the country, if they do not come out of subordination to Moscow, - ERR TV and radio company.

12:14 PM: The Government of Georgia has extended the visa-free stay of Ukrainian citizens in the country to three years.

- This was announced on the official page of the Government of Georgia.
- At the same time, it is emphasized that the resolution enters into force from the moment of publication and continues from February 24, 2024.

12:24 PM: Denmark has allocated 420 million euros for the reconstruction and energy sector of Ukraine.

- This was announced on the website of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine.
- Of these, 40 million euros will go to support the Ukrainian private sector involved in restoration work, and 380 million euros will be directed to the development of critical infrastructure using renewable energy.

2:11 PM: The EU provides Ukraine with an additional €1.5 billion under the Ukraine Facility program.

- This was announced by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen.

3:45 PM: Dust from the Sahara blankets Athens and other Greek cities, the country's worst dust storm since March 2018.

- As The Guardian writes, visibility has significantly decreased in Athens, and the concentration of solid pollutants in the air has increased.
- Authorities have already warned that the storm could pose a threat to people with respiratory problems. According to forecasters, the dust cloud should gradually dissipate by tomorrow.

5:23 PM: Britain to include laser guided Paveway IV aerial bombs in Ukraine's new military aid package.

- BBC journalist Jonathan Beale writes about it.
- According to media reports, these bombs have a 500-pound high-explosive warhead and use GPS as well as laser guidance to achieve a high level of accuracy.

6:00 PM: US President Joe Biden has signed a bill on over \$60 billion aid to Ukraine.

- Biden said this during his speech at the White House.

6:17 PM: Apple requires Telegram to block several propaganda channels for users who access Telegram on iPhone from Ukrainian SIM cards.

- This was announced by Telegram founder Pavlo Durov.
- "We still block accounts and bots that collect coordinates to launch strikes or publish personal information with calls for violence," Durov added.

6:33 PM: The US is handing over a \$1 billion military aid package to Ukraine, the Pentagon said.

- The package includes:
  - ▪155-mm artillery shells, including shells with high-explosive charges and improved conventional dual-purpose ammunition;
  - ▪Stinger MANPADS and additional ammunition for HIMARS (may include ATACMS that are shot from HIMARS);
  - ▪ 105 mm caliber artillery shells and 60 mm caliber mortar shells;
  - ▪ Bradley infantry fighting vehicles;
  - ▪MRAP;
  - ▪HMMWV.
- The full list is in the photo.

7:56 PM: Great Britain continues to import record volumes of Russian oil products using a loophole in the law, The Guardian.

- Britain has officially banned the import of Russian oil products from December 5, 2022, but if Russian oil is processed in another country, then it does not fall under the ban.
- Refined oil imports to Britain from India, China and Turkey in 2023 totaled a record £2.2bn, according to government figures.

8:36 PM: Joe Biden secretly approved the transfer of ATACMS missiles in February for use in Ukraine, Pentagon spokesman Garron Harn said.

- The ATACMS missiles were then quietly included in a \$300 million aid package announced on March 12, and eventually delivered to Ukraine earlier this month.



9:50 PM: The supply of weapons to Ukraine will happen quickly, the US military has prepared in advance to resume the transfer of weapons and military equipment to Kyiv.

- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Charles Brown, announced this.

10:24 PM: The drone coalition has already raised about €500 million for the joint purchase of drones for Ukraine, Latvian Defense Minister Andris Spruds said.

- "And this is only the beginning. We will attract funds from other countries as well," Spruds said.
- The UAV Coalition for Ukraine was launched on February 17, 2024 as part of the Rammstein format. Latvia and Great Britain acted as co-leaders of the initiative. It was also joined by Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Lithuania, Estonia, Canada and the Netherlands.

11:33 PM: Poland is ready to help Ukraine return men of conscription age, said Minister of Defense and Deputy Prime Minister of Poland Władysław Kosyniak-Kamysh.

- "Any kind of support is possible," Kosyniak-Kamysh said about how Poland would react if Kyiv asked for help in returning home those who may lose the right to stay in Poland after their passports expire.

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### NATIONAL

12:46 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east, the Air Force reports.



5:35 AM: President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reacted to the Senate's adoption of the draft law on aid to Ukraine.

- "I am grateful to the Senate of the US Congress for today's approval of vital aid to Ukraine. This vote strengthens America's role as a beacon of democracy and a leader of the free world," Zelenskyy said.
- He also noted that he expects the bill to be quickly signed by US President Joe Biden and the start of aid delivery.

7:00 AM: Battleground summary of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Command for April 24 as of 6:00 am, April 25.



PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMY

During the past 24 hours, 104 combat clashes took place, the Russians launched a total of 13 missile and 56 air strikes, hit the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas 105 times with anti-aircraft missiles.

- **Verbatim General Staff:**"During the past day, the settlements of Vesele, Belyy Kolodyaz, Vovchansk, Kyrylivka of the Kharkiv region; Serebryansk Forestry, Belogorivka of the Luhansk region; Ivanivske, Chasiv Yar, Bila Gora, Andriivka, Yevgenivka, Ocheretino, Berdychi, Semenivka, Kalinove, Vovche,

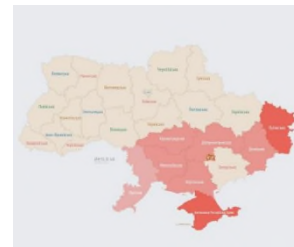


Oleksandropil were hit by airstrikes , Arkhangel'ske, Krasnohorivka, Staromayorske, Urozhane of the Donetsk region; Beryslav, Olhivka, Krynyk of the Kherson region.

- **Details:** With artillery, the invaders hit 110 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions.
- **Kupyansk direction** - Ukrainian soldiers repelled 1 attack in the area of Berestov settlement of Kharkiv region.
- **Limansky direction** -the Russians attacked defenders' positions 19 times in the Serebryansk Forestry and Nevsky Districts of the Luhansk Region; Terniv and Torsky, Donetsk region.
- **Bakhmut direction** - The Armed Forces of Ukraine repelled 25 attacks in the areas of settlements of Bilogorivka, Luhansk region; Verkhokamyanske, Vyimka, Novyy, Ivanovske, Klishchiivka of the Donetsk region.
- **Avdiivskiy direction** - defenders repelled 27 attacks in the areas of Ocheretyne, Solovyov, Novokalynov, Berdychi and Netaylov settlements of Donetsk region.
- **Novopavlovsk direction** - The defense forces continue to restrain the invaders in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Georgiyivka, Novomykhailivka, Urozhaine settlements of the Donetsk region, where the Russians tried 21 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- **Orihiv direction** - the invaders once attacked the positions of the Armed Forces in the Staromayorsky area of the Donetsk region.
- **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, they carried out 4 unsuccessful attacks on the positions of the Armed Forces.
- At the same time, the Air Force of the Defense Forces during the past day struck 11 areas where Russian personnel were concentrated. Air defense forces of Ukraine destroyed 1 Kh-59 guided air missile and 3 reconnaissance UAVs of the occupiers.
- Units of missile troops inflicted damage on 1 area of concentration of Russian personnel.

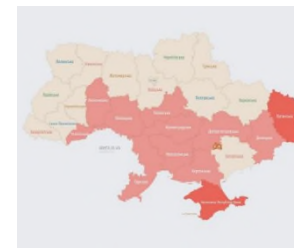
7:02 AM: Activity of enemy tactical aviation in the east and south, - PS ZSU.

- The threat of using aviation means of destruction for front-line



areas.

7:07 AM: Missile danger in the areas where the air alert has been declared, Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.



the Air

9:30 AM: As of today, there are no enemy ships in the Black Sea, — Ukrainian Naval Command.

- In the Sea of Azov - 1 ship. There are 7 ships in the Mediterranean Sea, among which 3 are carriers of Kalibr cruise missiles with a total salvo of up to 20 missiles.

11:52 AM: The Verkhovna Rada has increased the number of the State Border Service by 15,000 servicemen.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported this.
- The total number of the State Security Service before the abolition of martial law on the territory of Ukraine will be up to 75,000 people (including up to 67,000 military personnel).

12:53 PM: The Verkhovna Rada voted for bill No. 10380 on customs clearance of cars in the Diya application in the first reading.

- This was announced by the Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov.
- It removes the human factor from the car evaluation process. In general, the entire customs clearance process will be online. The action will help to fill out the customs declaration by pulling up information about the car by VIN code.

1:39 PM: Collection of 100 FPVs with batteries and a ground station for the Special Operations Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

- So far, almost 700,000 hryvnias have been collected, out of the required 1,677,000 hryvnias!

1:12 PM: Ukrainian farmers can receive 25% compensation from the cost of purchased agricultural machinery from 44 Ukrainian manufacturers.

- This is reported by the Ministry of Economy.
- In order to receive compensation, the agricultural producer must choose a supplier from the list on the website of the Ministry of Economy, purchase the necessary equipment and submit an application and confirmed documents to the authorized bank.

2:30 PM: The Ministry of Defense is creating a unified system of aid to the wounded according to NATO standards.

- Modernization of tactical medicine, updating of training according to the principles of evidence and transition to a new level of education using the best international practices will be carried out.

3:01 PM: The Ministry of Justice seized all the property and accounts of the former head of the Supreme Court Vsevolod Knyazev.

- The decision was made in connection with the failure of the ex-chairman of the Supreme Court to comply with the court order on the confiscation of an illegally received gift in the amount of more than 900,000 hryvnias from state income.
- We will remind that Knyazev received a gift in the form of renting an apartment in the Pechersk district (Lypki) of the city of Kyiv with an area of 133 square meters. m. at a price significantly lower than the minimum market value of housing rent (UAH 1,000 per month).\_

3:57 PM: Colored rains fell in Ukraine today - this is dust from the Sahara, which was observed the day before in Greece.

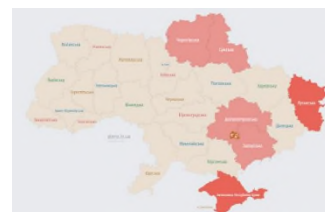
- "Continuous precipitation washes dust out of the atmosphere, as a result of which weather stations record colored (yellow shades) rain, which does not pose any threat," - writes the press service of the State Emergency Service.
- On April 25-26, dust will still remain in the atmosphere over Ukraine, and already on April 27, the air currents will change, the air will clear after the rains.

4:13 PM: Today from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. controlled energy supply restrictions will be applied for business and industrial enterprises, "Ukrenergo".

- Consumption restrictions will be evenly distributed across all regions of Ukraine.
- "Ukrenergo" once again calls on Ukrainians to consume electricity sparingly.

4:41 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using air weapons.

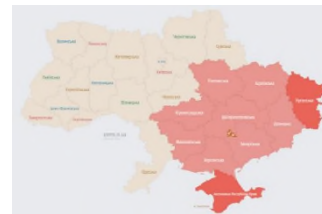


4:49 PM: Missile danger in the areas where the air alert has been declared - PS ZSU.

- High-speed target on the Dnipro.



5:25 PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons, — PS of the ZSU.



5:43 PM: In 2024, the format of providing assistance to Ukraine will be modified into the so-called "Ramstein 2.0", — Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

- From now on, Ukraine's allies will provide their support mainly not on an individual basis, but in a coalition format and in accordance with the formed need.
- The IOU also established the Office of Coalition Support to ensure sustainable and systematic management of military assistance provided by partner countries.

6:49 PM: "We have accurate information from intelligence - specific data - that Russia not only wants to disrupt the Peace Summit, but also has a specific plan on how to do it," - Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

- The president said this during a meeting with representatives of partner states and international organizations working in Ukraine, and Ukrainian diplomats.
- Zelensky called on the majority of the world to oppose Russia's intentions for the sake of a just peace.

7:25 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

- "These days, we have already worked as actively as possible with our American friends - at all levels - to quickly fill this package from the United States with exactly the kind of weapons that our soldiers need. From "Atakams" and artillery, from anti-tank weapons and missiles for "Highmars" to the necessary air defense and equipment\_".

7:45 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of April 24:

- During the day \_84 combat clashes were recorded\_.
- Aviation of the Defense Forces struck 11 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- The forces and means of the Air Defense Forces of Ukraine \_destroyed 3 reconnaissance UAVs\_ of the enemy.
- Units of missile forces \_hit 1 district\_ concentration of enemy personnel.

8:22 PM: A fake infographic purporting to be on behalf of the Ministry of Energy of Ukraine, TsPD, is being distributed online.

- The ministry said that they do not release any information about the destruction of the power system, as the enemy monitors the information and adjusts new strikes.
- Such fakes are spread with the aim of demoralizing Ukrainian society and sowing despair among citizens regarding the future of the state.

9:10 PM: Ukrainian men aged 18 to 60 will not be able to obtain passports abroad.

- This decision was adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.
- In addition, the government also banned passports for men of military age from being sent abroad.

11:00 PM: ATACMS will be able to cover all occupied territories - The Telegraph.



## MORDOR – ruZZia

5:57 AM: An oil depot is on fire in the Smolensk region of the Russian Federation.

- The local governor announced the burning of fuel and energy facilities in two districts of the Molen region after the drone attack.

7:14 AM: Footage of a fire at an oil depot in Russia's Smolensk tonight.

7:30 AM: Refinery burns in Russian Voronezh after drone attack.

- The local governor, Gusev, reports that the anti-aircraft missile allegedly shot down four unmanned aerial vehicles.

4:31 PM: A fire broke out at an oil depot under the temporarily occupied Simferopol, — rosZMI.

- It is known about one dead and two wounded.
- According to the occupation Ministry of Emergency Situations, three fuel tanks were on fire. The preliminary reason is a violation of the rules of the technological process.

## REGIONS

3:20 PM: All homes in the Svyatoshyn district of the capital and the Buchan district of Kyiv region have electricity again, DTEK.

- Energy workers promptly eliminated the consequences of the accident, which occurred due to bad weather.

4:33 PM: Explosions are heard in Sumy, subscribers report.

- The enemy launched a rocket attack on the outskirts of the regional center — Sumy RMA.
- The consequences of the enemy's hostile attack are clarified.

12:36 AM: Explosions were heard in Kharkiv, subscribers report.

- The Air Force reported a missile threat in the region. The mayor of Kharkiv confirmed the explosions in the city.

1:07 AM: In Kharkiv, the Russians hit a residential complex in the Shevchenkiv district.

- Information about the victims is being clarified, the mayor of the city, Ihor Terekhov, said.

1:23 AM: Two people were injured in Kharkiv, the city's mayor Igor Terekhov said.

- Both with shrapnel wounds. Doctors are already taking care of the injured. A search and rescue operation is underway.

1:24 AM: The enemy struck the central part of Zolochiv, Bogoduhiv district, RMA head Oleg Synegubov said.

- Previously - with two S-300 missiles. Damaged administration premises.
- As of now, there are no casualties.

2:20 AM: As a result of the Russian strike on Kharkiv, a gas pipeline was cut off, - Mayor Ihor Terekhov.

- Two enemy S-300 missiles exploded near a residential high-rise building in the central part of the city.
- "As a result of the incident, many windows were broken, an inspection of the roofs of the houses is planned in the morning. The gas pipeline was also damaged. We had to turn off the gas supply in the entire neighborhood, we will start restoration in the morning," Terekhov said.

3:48 AM: Consequences of the night attack of the Russian Federation on the Shevchenkiv district of Kharkiv on April 24.

8:47 AM: As a result of a night attack by Russians in Zolochiv, the former building of the local administration and 10 houses were destroyed.

- This was announced by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.
- In the Shevchenkiv district of Kharkiv, three apartment buildings and a gas main were damaged. 6 people were injured.



11:23 AM: Russians spread a fake on TikTok about the alleged preparation of an offensive on Kharkiv and Sumy.

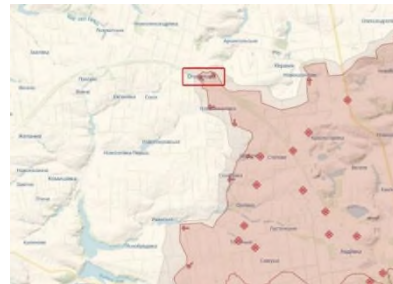
- This was reported by the Center for Combating Disinformation.
- "The attack on the television tower in Kharkiv is also about panic, about the signal of a number that they will try to kill with their broadcast. Likewise, the notification of an attack is intimidation. It is planned to increase the grouping of troops "Sevier" to 46 thousand. Equipment - to 1,000 units. This is not enough for an offensive. This group will exist for the time being to restrain part of our troops," explained the head of the CPD, Lieutenant Andriy Kovalenko.

8:00 AM: A series of explosions rang out in the temporarily occupied Mariupol, there were at least 12 of them, - mayor's advisor Andryushchenko.

5:57 PM: The SBU informed about the suspicion of Arseniy, Metropolitan of the Sviatohirsk Lavra of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (MP), who was "draining" the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in Donetsk region to the Russians.

- Even before the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Russia, the Metropolitan expressed pro-Kremlin narratives and called the armed aggression of the Russian Federation a "civil conflict".
- The issue of choosing a vicar for preventive measures is being resolved — he faces up to 8 years in prison.

9:30 PM: The leadership of the 115 OMBr responsible for the collapse of the defense near Ocheretiny and in the Avdiyiv direction Donetsk region, causing significant losses in dead and wounded, — DeepState.



- "The situation surrounding this breakthrough exposed a number of problems, starting with the incompetence of the spokesmen, who say that the enemy is not present in the center of the village, ending with the ignoring of a number of problems in certain linear units of the Defense Forces," the message reads.

5:07 PM: Anatoly Kurtev was dismissed from the post of Zaporizhzhia city council secretary — the new acting secretary. lawyer Regina Kharchenko became the mayor.

- This was announced by Ivan Fedorov, the head of the Zaporizhzhia RMA.
- "[...] \_during the 2 years of the full-scale invasion, the city and the region moved in different directions, with different positions, which is unacceptable during wartime\_", Fedorov noted.
- \_Let us remind you that last year the NAKC found signs of illegal enrichment of UAH 9 million in Zaporizhzhia city council secretary Anatoly Kurtev.\_

8:31 AM: As a result of night shelling in the Nikopol district, power lines were damaged, some subscribers were left without electricity.

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

2:42 PM: The deputy director of the mining and beneficiation plant, who seized almost UAH 1.5 million of budget funds by abusing his official position, will be tried — BEB.

- Despite the current contract for the supply of granulated slag, the company concluded a new one with an intermediary controlled by the official. Later, the suspect signed all documents for the supply of raw materials at inflated prices.
- According to the information of our sources, it is about "SE Eastern Mining and Processing Plant" in Dnipropetrovsk region.

4:54 PM: An explosion is heard in the Dnipropetrovsk region, subscribers report.

- We are waiting for official information.

5:29 PM: Air defense forces destroyed an Kh-69 guided air missile in the Synelnyk district of the Dnipropetrovsk region.

7:37 PM: A woman who tried to sell her two-year-old son for UAH 1 million was detained in Dnipro, the Prosecutor General's Office.

- The suspect decided to sell her son because he "was interfering with her personal life."
- The woman was informed about the suspicion of human trafficking committed against a minor. Currently, the issue of selecting her as a preventive measure in the form of detention is being resolved.

3:31 PM: At night, the Russians hit Stanislav in the Kherson region — a 57-year-old man was injured.

- Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of RMA, reports this.
- The man has a contusion, explosive and craniocerebral injuries. Almost four dozen residential buildings were damaged.

7:18 PM Social Networks: An explosion was heard in Mykolaiv,

- The explosion is not related to the arrival of the enemy, reports the mayor of the city, Sienkovych.

7:48 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Mykolaiv.

7:02 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

7:20 AM: After the explosions in Odesa, part of the city remained without electricity, local media reported.

9:35 AM: At 7 a.m., the Russians launched a missile attack on Odesa.

- This was announced by the head of RMA Oleg Kiper.
- So far, it is known about one victim, a 43-year-old woman. About 30 houses were damaged by the shock wave: windows and glass were broken, and ceilings fell in some houses.

10:18 AM: The SBU detained a recidivist in Odesa, who aimed Russian missiles at the buildings of the Security Service and the Prosecutor's Office in order to take revenge for a criminal record.

- During the search of the detainee's apartment, three combat grenades and cartridges for small arms were seized.
- The perpetrator is in custody without bail. He faces life imprisonment.

10:27 AM: The State Emergency Service published footage of the liquidation of the consequences of a missile strike in Odesa.

10:47 AM: In Odesa, the Russians hit the place where the decommissioned automotive equipment is stored - the Defense Forces of the South.

- "The enemy is trying to search for objects of military infrastructure in the rear," the message states.
- It passed without casualties. There were no Ukrainian military personnel at the site of the attack.

7:04 PM: Energy workers restored electricity to 32,000 families in Odesa after the morning Russian attack, — DTEK.

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

	Soviet Afghani stan	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 786 days	After 787 days	After 789 days	After 790 days	After 791 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	459,530	460,260	461,060	461,940	462,980

#### Material Losses

Tanks	147	7,229	7,236	7,241	7,242	7,255
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	13,896	13,904	13,916	13,928	13,942
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	12,765	12,782	12,811	12,856	12,885
Cruise Missiles		2,115	2,117	2,117	2,117	2,118
Fighters Bombers	118	348	348	348	348	348
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325
Drones		9,379	9,384	9,407	9,439	9,449
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		767	768	769	771	772
Cargo/Fuel/other transport	11,369	15,785	15,812	15,845	15,892	15,949
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 Submarine	26 + 1 Submarine	26 + 1 Submarine	26 + 1 Submarine	26 + 1 Submarine
Specialized equipment		1,926	1,934	1,936	1,944	1,946

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