

# News From Ukraine

**Russian Invasion of Ukraine**

**April 1 & 2, 2024**

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**In mid-April, on a date to be determined, we will be hosting a Zoom call for our email recipients who are kind enough to support our efforts over the past 2+ years.**

**The war is beginning its third year. During the Zoom call we will discuss significant developments over the past 2 years and our unvarnished predictions on how, and when, Ukraine will defeat Russia. To best accommodate everyone, we will schedule the call in the late morning/early afternoon, U.S. Eastern Daylight time (+5 hours in the UK, +6 hours in Germany, +7 hours in Ukraine). For those who cannot join the live call, it will be recorded, and archived.**

**If you would like to join the call, and support the effort we make to send out these emails 4 – 5 days/week, please provide your support [here](#), in any amount and in any currency. Thank You!!!!**

## Tucker Carlson Follow-up

I attended last night's reception in Washington, put on by the secondary school from where Tucker Carlson and I both graduated. I had a nice conversation with the new Head of the School. I complimented him on how he handled the Tucker Carlson matter, described in our email dated March 30th, and he thanked me. That's all I can say. There was no public mention of the matter.

More importantly, I had a conversation with a current student. She was part of a group of students who are in Washington for several days, making the rounds. This trip is arranged and funded by an alumnus, and it takes place

annually. For the last couple of years, the reception has been scheduled to take place during their visit to Washington.

Each student briefly spoke about their impressions. One of the places they visited was the Pentagon, where they met with Gen. Patrick Ryder, Press Secretary at the Dept. of Defense. One of the students said that she asked Gen. Ryder about Ukraine. After everyone spoke, I went up to her and introduced myself. I asked her what Gen. Ryder told her. She said Gen. Ryder spoke mostly about the Russian atrocities that continue to be uncovered in Ukraine.

It turns out that her mother is Ukrainian. I told her about our emails, and I asked her if she'd like to be on the address list. She said yes, and then she asked me if it would be ok if she forwarded them to others in her group. I said "absolutely." Perhaps a group of students will invite me to come to the School to give a talk about the war, just like a group invited Tucker Carlson to come and speak.

### Ending the War in 1 Day – How?

In the last day there have been two articles that appeared in the Wall Street Journal that, together addresses the common narrative that if elected President Donald Trump would end the war in 1 day, in Ukraine's favor. The first is by WSJ columnist Holman Jenkins entitled, "[Biden and the Ukraine Aid Standoff](#)." The second, an Op-Ed by Alexander Gray entitled "[Trump Was Good for America's Alliances](#)."

Some excerpts from the Holman Jenkins article:

- "In fact, Mr. Johnson (Speaker Mike Johnson) is down to a one-vote majority in the House. If Democrats sit on their hands, one or two GOP defectors are enough to unseat him no matter how popular Ukraine aid is with his membership. Mr. Johnson's and the bill's interlocked fate, the Washington Post correctly noted last week, "as it has been for months now . . . is very much in the hands of Democrats.""
- "GOP opposition (to funding Ukraine) is handy (for the Biden Administration) to push Ukraine toward a cease-fire. This is the inevitable corollary of the U.S. administration's conspicuous

unwillingness to seek increased defense budgets. It implies the administration intends an ending in Ukraine on the cheap by forcing negotiation on our Kyiv partner rather than by using our resources to force negotiations on Vladimir Putin.”

- “Make what you want of the Russian leader’s recent statement that he prefers a Biden victory. The signal Mr. Putin sends is sometimes the signal he means to send.”
- “FDR’s electorate was isolationist too and yet he put the U.S. on a crash course to rearmament.”

Some excerpts from the Gray Op-Ed:

- “The U.S. alliance system didn’t crumble during Mr. Trump’s first term. On the contrary, the Trump administration strengthened relations with partners in the Indo-Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe and the Mideast. Anyone who believes that Mr. Trump was once bound by conventional wisdom but won’t be again—and will wreak havoc on the global order he ostensibly detests—hasn’t been paying attention.”
- “Nearly every American administration has publicly scolded North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries for shirking their defense-spending commitments. Mr. Trump did likewise—and, perhaps unlike his predecessors, was seen as willing to take decisive action to secure change. Through public and private cajoling—also known as diplomacy—he secured a commitment from NATO members to beef up their contributions. **From 2017 through 2021, nearly every signatory raised defense spending, contributing substantially to the alliance’s ability to respond to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in 2022.**” (my emphasis).
- “These efforts resulted in a significant redistribution of U.S. forces from legacy bases in Germany to facilities in Poland and the Baltic states, where they are far better positioned to deter Moscow. Along with NATO allies, Mr. Trump provided long-sought Javelin antitank missiles to Ukraine, imposed sanctions against malign Russian actors, and worked with partners to stop the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which would have increased European allies’ energy dependence on Russia.

- “Mr. Trump’s language may make diplomats uncomfortable, but his actions strike fear among those who matter most to American security: our adversaries.”

Some other questions to ponder:

- Why did Ukraine’s First Lady, Olena Zelenska, decline the invitation by the Biden Administration to attend the recent State of the Union Speech and sit next to Jill Biden? One answer might be that Ukrainian diplomats are busy negotiating with Republicans, and they didn’t want the optics of Olena Zelenska sitting next to Jill Biden.
- Everyone says that Speaker Mike Johnson is a pawn of Donald Trump. If so, why is Johnson now saying that he’ll bring Ukraine aid for a vote next week, when the House returns from its recess?
- What was the purpose of Sen. Lindsay Graham’s (R-S. Carolina) recent visit to Kyiv? Sen. Graham has been a strong proponent of providing military aid to Ukraine? Lately, he has endorsed Donald Trump, and he now supports conditioning military aid for Ukraine to progress in securing our southern border. Perhaps Sen. Graham’s role in going to Kyiv, for just one day, was as an emissary of Donald Trump. Did he go all the way to Kyiv, simply to tell Pres. Zelenskyy that Trump is going to stop all assistance to Ukraine?
- The working presumption has been that Trump’s claim that he’d stop the war in 1 day, would be achieved by cutting off Ukraine from all assistance. Instead, what if Trump’s assertion is based on telling Russia to get out of Ukraine and, if they don’t, he’d give Ukraine everything they’re asking for, and more?

I don’t know the answers. I do know that my trust in the Biden Administration’s claims that they’ll support Ukraine for “as long as it takes” is fraying a bit, causing me to ask questions.

### Drones

Ukraine seems to be upping the ante on the use of drones, to attack targets inside Russia, making the Biden Administration uncomfortable (is Holman Jenkins right?)

[“Lessons on Low-Cost Deterrence and Drones From Ukraine”](#)/Wall St. Journal – Talk by Air Force General James Hecker, on how Ukraine is creatively using what they have to flummox Russia.

The [“Latest Denys”](#) – At the beginning of his video he provides a lengthy discussion on the possible drone configurations that Ukraine used to attack the Shahid drone factory in Kazan, 1,200 km. from Ukraine (see this [map](#)). Denys is a former commercial pilot for Ukraine International Airlines, and he says he has experience in the type of light aircraft that Ukraine may have reconfigured to be used as drones.

[Ukraine’s AI Enabled Drones Disrupting Russia’s Oil Industry](#)/Euromaidan Press

It’s likely that to be effective, Ukrainian drones use AI to strike the catalytic crackers, the most important part of a refinery.

[“By Air or By Sea: What Does the Spring Hold for Ukraine?”](#)/Atlantic Council

This is a long video, but 2 of the panelists made a couple of interesting points:

- Russian Gun Barrels – Evelyn Farkas, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, reports that Russia is having trouble replacing worn gun barrels for their artillery. This may be the result of the fact that much of the required machining comes the West, like [Haas Automation](#). Evelyn also has an article in a recent issue of “The Hill,” entitled [“Ukraine is not Losing: US Assistance Must Continue.”](#)
- Russian Gas – According the Aura Sabadus (39:00 into the video), Russian gas is still being sent to Western buyers via the pipeline crossing Ukraine, under a contract that expires this year but that Ukraine still honors. Unlike oil and refined products, gas is not sanctioned. She says that consumers of Russian gas look forward to going back to “business as usual.”

News From the Battlefield:

- The [“Previous Denys,”](#) covers the failure of a Russian offensive west of Avdiivka, resulting in a substantial loss of Russian equipment.
- [“Reporting From Ukraine”](#) covers Ukrainian successes in the north, around Kupiansk. At 2:50 into his video he includes a photograph of

the devastation in one village. It's an illustration of what I was talking about in a recent email, about whether these villages, that make up a major portion of Ukraine's social fabric, can ever come back.

### 4/3/2024 Sitrep

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

### **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Monday, April 1**

8:01 AM: Ukrainian boxer Sergey Bogachuk became temporary world champion in the middleweight rank for the WBC version.

8:01 AM: In Turkey, the opposition defeats Erdogan's party in key local elections.

8:01 AM: Four days of protests have begun in Israel demanding the resignation of the government, The Times of Israel.

8:01 AM: As of now, Armenia is not considering the possibility of joining NATO, - Minister of Foreign Affairs Ararat Mirzoyan.

11:48 AM: Poles may block another checkpoint on the border with Ukraine.

- Andriy Demchenko, the spokesman of the State Border Service, reported this.
- "Tomorrow, April 2, Polish farmers plan to renew the blocking of traffic for trucks at another checkpoint. We are talking about "Ugryniv-Dolgobychuv". At the moment, protesters are blocking two checkpoints - "Yagodin" and "Rava-Ruska", Demchenko said.

2:10 PM: Iran has warned Russia of the possibility of a major "terrorist attack" before the attack on Crocus City Hall, — Reuters.

- Tehran received the information during interrogations of those arrested in connection with terrorist attacks in Iran itself. Among those detained was the commander of the terrorist group "Islamic State - Khorasan".

- "They (members of the Islamic State of Khorasan) were instructed to prepare for a major operation in Russia... One of the terrorists said that some members of the group had already gone to Russia," says one of the publication's sources.

7:08 PM: Israel has struck a senior Iranian military residence in Syria.

- The Iranian channel Al-Alam confirmed that the building of the Iranian consulate in Damascus was destroyed.
- Meanwhile, Reuters reports the death of senior IRGC commander Mohammad Reza Zahedi as a result of an Israeli strike.

7:19 PM: Russia is working on the issue of removing the status of a terrorist organization from the "Taliban" — the final decision will be made by the highest leadership of the Russian Federation.

- This is reported by Russian media with reference to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.
- The ministry also noted that Taliban representatives were invited to the Russia-Islamic World forum, which will be held in Kazan.
- 8:54 PM: Hundreds of Germans smoked weed at the same time after midnight today near the Brandenburg Gate, local media reports
- This is how the people of Berlin celebrated the legalization of cannabis, which was introduced from today. Now residents of Germany can carry 25 g and store up to 50 g at home.

11:08 PM: In Germany, they want to simplify the employment of Ukrainians. They are planned to be given the opportunity to get a job without knowing the German language, reports tagesschau.

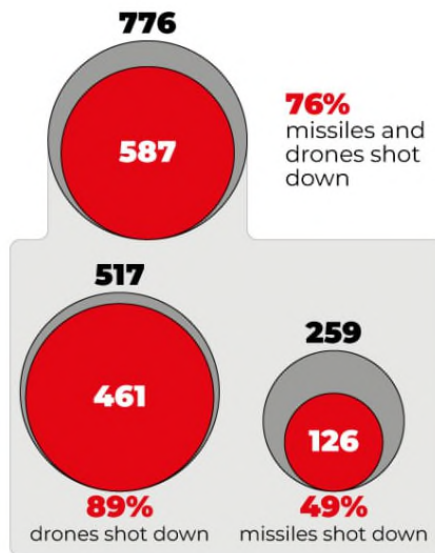
- "There is still too much bureaucracy when it comes to integration in the labor market. It should be possible to start work without first taking language and integration courses," Andre Berhegger, head of the Association of Cities and Municipalities of Germany, said.
- According to him, measures for integration and language learning should be carried out in parallel with the start of work.

# UKRAINE MARCH REPORT: -18% OF UKRAINIAN STRIKES, +55% OF AIR ALERTS

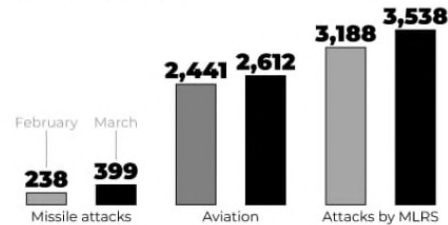
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In March, Russians continued to attack peaceful cities in Ukraine. The number of air alerts increased significantly. Ukraine's air defense system shot down most of the missiles and drones, but the ones that hit the target caused heavy damage.

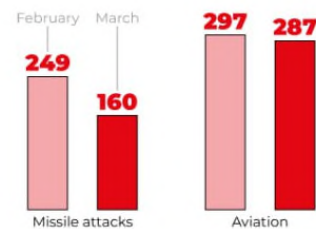
## RU air targets, launched and downed



## Russian attacks on the positions of the Ukrainian Defence Forces and settlements



## Ukraine's effective strikes on Russians



## Number of air alerts



## Destroyed enemy infrastructure



Sources: Ukrainian Air Force, alerts.in.ua, AFU StratCom, Oryx, @zsuwar

@TopLeadEU

## Tuesday, April 2

8:06 AM: Greece is planning to send a large amount of ammunition to Ukraine via the Czech Republic for the amount of €150 million, — iEidiseis.

8:06 AM: The US has warned China against any attempt to help Russia in its war against Ukraine, US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.

8:06 AM: United States Secretary of State Anthony Blinken heads to France and Belgium for talks with allies on support for Ukraine and Israel, The Voice of America.



8:06 AM: Independent candidate in the US presidential race, Robert Kennedy, is rapidly gaining support and could significantly influence the results of the American vote in the country's presidential election, The Hill.

10:53 AM: Polish farmers this morning renewed the blockade of the "Ugryniv-Dolgobichuv" checkpoint, — DPSU.

- In this regard, traffic may be complicated both when leaving and entering Poland.

12:24 PM: Germany to provide Ukraine with 180,000 artillery shells as a contribution to the Czech-led €576 million ammunition procurement plan for Kyiv, El Mundo.

- Ukraine's most pressing need two years after a full-scale Russian invasion is artillery ammunition, which is running low as both sides use heavy weapons to hold entrenched positions that are mostly stationary along a 1,000-kilometer front line.

9:18 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers approved the agreement on the opening of a new international checkpoint — Bila Tserkva (Ukraine) - Sighetu Marmaciei (Romania).

- This was reported by the representative of the government in the Verkhovna Rada, Taras Melnychuk.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Monday, April 1**

12:06 AM: Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia regions - missile danger, the Air Force reports.

12:33 AM: Sumy and Kharkiv regions - the threat of enemy use of attack UAVs, the Air Force reports.

1:05 AM: Donetsk, Poltava, Kirovohrad, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia regions - the threat of using ballistic weapons, reports the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

7:00 AM: Summary of the General Staff for April 1 as of 06:00 am April, 2



PHOTO FROM THE FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ZSU

The Russian occupiers attack along the entire front line, they use aviation to support their assaults, in total 71 combat clashes

took place on the front during the day.

- **Verbatim General Staff:**"The enemy launched 8 missile and 93 air strikes, carried out 126 attacks from rocket salvo systems on the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- At night, the Russian invaders once again attacked Ukraine, using 10 UAVs of the "Shahed" type. 9 attack UAVs were destroyed by the forces and means of air defense of Ukraine."
- **Details:** During the past day, the population of Popivka, Chernihiv region, was hit by airstrikes of the occupiers; Seredyna-Buda, Luhivka, Sumy region; Kozacha Lopan, Vovchansk, Okhrimivka, Kupyansk, Sadove, Tabaivka, Cherneshchyna of the Kharkiv region; Stelmakhivka, Belogorivka, Luhansk region; Pischane, Terny, Spirne, Chasiv Yar, Ivanivske, Oleksandropol, Umanske, Yasnobrodivka, Novobakhmutivka, Novoselivka Persha, Karlivka, Orlivka, Ocheretine, Vodyane, Novomykhailivka, Urozhaine, Zolota Niva of the Donetsk region; Mala Tokmachka, Robotyne of the Zaporizhia region, Mykilske of the Kherson region.
- The Russians shelled more than 120 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions with artillery.
- On **Lyman direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 9 attacks by the occupiers in the area of the settlement of Terna, Donetsk region,

where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.

- On **Bakhmut direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 18 attacks in the areas of Bilogorivka settlements of Luhansk region; Spirne, Ivano-Daryivka, Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, Chasiv Yar of the Donetsk region, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to improve their tactical position.
- On **Avdiivskiy direction** the defenders repelled 10 attacks in the areas of Berdychi and Pervomaiske settlements of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers tried to knock out Ukrainian units from the occupied lines.
- On **Novopavlovsk direction** The defense forces continue to restrain the Russians in the areas of Georgiivka, Novomykhailivka, Velyka Novosilka, and Urozhaine settlements of the Donetsk region, where the invaders, with the support of aviation, tried to break through the defense of the Armed Forces more than 25 times.
- On **Orihiv direction** the occupiers carried out 4 attacks on the positions of Ukrainian defenders in the districts of Staromayorskyi of the Donetsk region and north-west of Verbovoy of the Zaporizhzhia region.
- On **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 - they attacked the positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine 4 times during the day.
- At the same time, during the past day, the Air Force of the Defense Forces struck 1 command post and 7 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment of the Russians.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 1 UAV ground control station, 1 air defense device, 2 EW stations, 1 ammunition warehouse and 1 concentration area of the occupiers' personnel.

8:01 AM: Dust from the Sahara arrives in Ukraine: air quality will deteriorate significantly. This was reported by the Boryspil Meteorological Station.

9:47 AM: Telegram is considering a request from the SBU regarding 26 publics.

- Yaroslav Yurchyshyn, head of the Council's Committee on Freedom of Speech, announced this.
- "Actually, the SBU monitors everything that can be interpreted as a justification of Russian aggression - both anonymous channels and personalized ones. But these 26 channels already have clear arguments," said Yurchyshyn.

12:13 PM: U24\_gov\_ua presented #Minesalt — a Minecraft-based game that recreates the site of the largest salt mine in Europe:

<https://u24.gov.ua/minesalt>

- The goal is to remind about the struggle for the freedom of Ukraine and to raise funds for the reconstruction of the Veliko Kostroma Gymnasium of the Dnipropetrovsk region.

1:30 PM: Monobank has crashed.

- Users report that they cannot access the application and transfer funds.
- "They fell a little. I'm sorry," said the bank's co-founder Oleg Horohovskyi.

2:30 PM: The Security Service of Ukraine informed about the suspicion of the Russian propagandist Margarita Simonyan, who called for the genocide of Ukrainians.

- The figure heads the Kremlin's international mouthpiece, the "RT" TV channel, and is part of Putin's media pool.
- She was one of the first to support the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation and called for the mass murder of Ukrainian children in December 2023.

4:07 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a nearly three-hour meeting with military and government officials regarding drones.

- Among the discussed issues:
- production plans for the current year for all types of drones;
- flexibility of the Ukrainian defense industry;
- simplification of procurement procedures, import of equipment;
- increasing the production of shells for drones and training operators;

- the project of building a complex system for managing EW devices to protect our soldiers and equipment.
- "The system (management of EW devices - ed.) is already being tested in separate directions. They have planned to scale the project to the entire front", - adds the president.

4:19 PM: The Air Force reports a threat of using air strikes.

- Missile to Kryvyi Rih, — Air Force Command.

4:36 PM: From now on, you can vote for the initiatives of your condominium through "Action.Signature", — Ministry of Digital.

- Functions include changing the amount of contributions, approving the financial report for the previous year, changing the chairman of the board, and others.
- "Diya.Pidpis" has already integrated three services for condominiums.

7:33 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

- "NATO. Held a special meeting today regarding our work with the Alliance regarding compatibility and prospects for this year. [...] This year poses several fundamental questions for relations between Ukraine and NATO. In particular, this applies to the summit in Washington and many others aspects of interaction".

7:49 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of April 1:

- During the day, 61 combat clashes were recorded
- Aviation of the Defense Forces hit 1 control point and 7 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces hit 1 UAV ground control station, 1 air defense device, 2 EW stations, 1 ammunition depot and 1 enemy personnel concentration area.

10:08 PM: The SBU detained a collaborator in Kyiv who supplied building materials to the Russian Federation for the construction of fortified districts on the so-called territories of Ukraine.

- The figure turned out to be the owner of several enterprises in Berdyansk — he supplied the occupiers with sand, crushed stone and cement for the construction of fortifications.
- Currently, the suspect has been notified of the suspect, he is in custody.

10:45 PM: In 2024, Ukraine increased the production of long-range drones by 10 times compared to last year

- This was stated by the Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov in an interview with Welt.
- "Most of the drones that attacked Russian refineries have a range of 700 to 1,000 km, but now there are models that can fly over 1,000 km," he said.

### Tuesday, April 2

1:28 AM: In the Kherson and Dnipropetrovsk regions, there is a threat of using strike UAVs from the south, the Air Force reports.

UPD: A group of UAVs is observed in the Dnipropetrovsk region, heading for the Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia.

7:00 AM: Summary of the General Staff for April 2 as of 06:00 am April, 3



PHOTO FROM THE FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ZSU

The Russian occupiers are attacking in seven directions, the hottest of the past day was on Novopavlivskiyi, in total, 75 combat clashes took place on the front during the day.

- Verbatim General Staff: "The enemy launched 2 missile and 78 air strikes, carried out 66 attacks from rocket salvo systems on the positions of our troops and populated areas... At night, the Russian invaders once again attacked Ukraine, using 4 UAVs of the "Shahed" type. With the forces and means of air defense 4 UAVs of Ukraine were destroyed."
- Details: During the past day, the settlements of Volfine, Oleksandrivka, Novoselytsia, Krasnopillya of the Sumy region were hit by airstrikes; Synkivka, Liptsi, Kharkiv region; Belogorivka, Verkhokamianske, Luhansk region; Terny, Yampolivka, Hryhorivka, Stupochki, Berdychi, Kurdyumivka, Novobakhmutivka, Semenivka, Karlivka, Krasnohorivka, Oleksandropil, Vodyane, Ugledar of the Donetsk region; Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka, Zaporizhzhia region.
- The occupiers shelled more than 110 settlements in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions with artillery.
- In the Kupyan direction, defenders repelled 1 attack in the area of Synkivka settlement of Kharkiv region, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to break through the defenses of Ukrainian troops.
- In the Lyman direction, the Armed Forces of Ukraine repelled 10 enemy attacks in the area of Terna, Donetsk region.
- In the Bakhmut direction, Ukrainian soldiers repelled 6 attacks in the areas of the Spirne and Klishchiivka settlements of the Donetsk region, where the occupiers tried to improve their tactical position.
- In the Avdiiv region, the defenders repelled 14 attacks in the areas of Berdychi, Semenivka, Umanske, Pervomaiske and Nevelske settlements of the Donetsk region, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to knock out Ukrainian units from the occupied lines.

- In the Novopavlovsk direction, the Defense Forces continue to hold back the invaders in the areas of Novomykhailivka and Urozhayne settlements of the Donetsk region, where the Russians tried to break through the defenses 24 times.
- In the Orykhiv direction, the occupiers carried out 4 attacks on the positions of Ukrainian defenders in the districts of Staromayorskyi, Donetsk region, Robotyny, and north-western Vervovy, Zaporizhzhia region.
- In the Kherson direction, the Russians do not give up their intention to knock out Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper - they attacked 8 times in the past day.
- At the same time, the Air Force of the Defense Forces struck 1 anti-aircraft missile complex and 13 areas where Russian personnel were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 6 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 8 artillery systems, 1 anti-tank weapon and 1 rocket salvo fire system of the occupiers.

8:05 AM: During the night, Anti Air Defense forces destroyed 9 out of 10 attack UAVs within the Dnipropetrovsk region.

11:26 AM: SAP and NABU exposed an organized group led by a former adviser to the Office of the President of Ukraine.

- The investigation established that the organized group was created in 2021 for the purpose of controlling the funds of Ukrzaliznytsia JSC. As a result, "Ukrzaliznytsia" suffered losses in the amount of UAH 94.8 million, which were seized by the participants of the crime.
- So far, the leader, co-organizer and two members of the organized group have been detained.

12:05 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

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

1:50 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the participants of the "Restoring Justice for Ukraine" conference in The Hague. d



- The conference is designed to take stock of progress in the investigation of Russian war crimes and the coordination of international efforts for justice.

2:27 PM: The Cabinet dismissed Emine Japarova from the post of First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

- This was reported by the representative of the government in the Verkhovna Rada, Taras Melnychuk.
- Dzaparova has held this position since 2020.

2:57 PM: Today, the first stage of submitting applications for compensation to the international Registry of Damages through "Diya", — the Ministry of Statistics, starts.

- In order to submit an application, you must be the owner of the property and have a Certificate of Survey from the local authority. To use the service, update the application.
- Subsequently, other owners of destroyed property whose real estate is located in the temporarily occupied territories will be able to submit applications.
- "In the future, we plan to expand the service so that citizens can report damage to life and health, cases of torture and sexual violence," the Ministry of Statistics notes.

3:20 PM: The government allocates another 5.6 billion UAH for the construction of fortifications, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal reports.

Of them:

- Donetsk region — UAH 1.1 billion;
- Zaporizhzhia region — UAH 1 billion;
- Sumy region — UAH 1.5 billion;
- Mykolaiv region — UAH 300 million;
- Kherson region — UAH 400 million.

4:14 PM: In March 2024, the Defense Forces of Ukraine destroyed 976 Russian artillery systems, the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

- This is a record for one month since the start of the full-scale invasion.

5:02 PM: Students aged 18 - 22 who are studying at a full-time bachelor's degree will be able to temporarily travel abroad for study or internship.

- This was announced by the Minister of Education Oksen Lisovyi.
- This opportunity will also be available to master's students in medical, pharmaceutical or veterinary fields.
- "To cross the border for the purpose of studying on academic mobility programs, it is necessary to have a student's e-ticket, a referral from an educational institution, a certified copy of an agreement with a foreign university on admission to an academic mobility program, a military reference document from the TCC\_," writes Lisovyi.

6:00 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky met with representatives of Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church.

- The President congratulated them on Easter and thanked them for their service for the good of Ukrainians.
- "The Ukrainian state respects diversity in our society and shows its respect for every community\_," - noted Zelenskyi.

6:12 PM: The President of Ukraine signed a bill reducing the conscription age from 27 to 25.

- The corresponding card of the draft law is published on the VRU website.

6:29 PM: The President also signed the draft law on the electronic register of conscripts.

6:45 PM: At the level of the law, a cash payment of UAH 15 million has been established to the defender's family in the event of his death.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reports this.
- "Also there (in the draft law - ed.) was made an amendment that men who were found to be of limited fitness for military service will have to undergo a repeat medical examination within 9 months," Zheleznyak writes.
- the president has already signed the draft law on the repeated passing of the VLK.
- According to the new rules, there are only two states - "eligible" and "ineligible".

7:25 PM: Production of Ukrainian self-propelled guns "Bohdan" increased to 8 units per month, — The New York Times.

- Back in December of last year, the President of Ukraine Zelensky reported on the production of 6 such self-propelled guns per month.
- According to the publication, over the past year, Ukrainian defense enterprises have increased the production of armored vehicles by 3 times and the production of anti-tank missiles by 4 times.

7:34 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of April 2:

- During the day, 62 combat clashes were recorded
- Aviation of the Defense Forces hit 1 anti-aircraft missile complex and 13 areas where enemy personnel were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces \_struck 6 areas\_ concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment of the enemy, \_8 artillery systems, 1 anti-tank device and 1 rocket salvo fire system\_.

7:51 PM: Evening address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi:

"\_Rescue operations are currently underway in Dnipro after a Russian missile strike. In particular, the buildings of a college and a kindergarten have been damaged. All services are in place. And I thank all those who respond, who go to the places of strikes to help people as soon as possible. This is the most important\_".

8:17 PM: Currently, the process of inspections of the VLK by the relevant ministry is ongoing, Prime Minister of Ukraine Shmyhal reports.

- They want to make passing the VLK as convenient as possible due to digitization and debureaucratization.
- More than 53,000 medical expert cases have already been checked, and a new wave of checks is planned to begin in April.

8:30 PM: Pilots of the 63rd brigade destroyed the enemy TOS Sontsepok.

9:18 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers approved the agreement on the opening of a new international checkpoint — Bila Tserkva (Ukraine) - Sighetu Marmaciei (Romania).

- This was reported by the representative of the government in the Verkhovna Rada, Taras Melnychuk.

## MORDOR – ruZZia

### Monday, April 1

1:17 PM: A large-scale fire at the Uralmashzavod enterprise in Yekaterinburg, Russia, — rosZMI.

- According to the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations, the area of the fire at the large plant has increased to 4,000 square meters. Local residents report that plumes of black smoke can be seen from different parts of the city.
- According to open sources, "Uralmash" is one of the leaders of the Russian market of equipment for metallurgy, mining, construction materials and energy industry

2:10 PM: Iran has warned Russia of the possibility of a major "terrorist attack" before the attack on Crocus City Hall, — Reuters.

- Tehran received the information during interrogations of those arrested in connection with terrorist attacks in Iran itself. Among those detained was the commander of the terrorist group "Islamic State - Khorasan".
- "\_They (members of the "Islamic State - Khorasan") were instructed to prepare for a significant operation in Russia... One of the terrorists said that some members of the group have already gone to the Russian Federation\_", - says one of the sources of the publication.

2:30 PM: The Security Service of Ukraine informed about the suspicion of the Russian propagandist Margarita Simonyan, who called for the genocide of Ukrainians.

- The figure heads the Kremlin's international mouthpiece, the "RT" TV channel, and is part of Putin's media pool.
- She was one of the first to support the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation and called for the mass murder of Ukrainian children in December 2023.

4:21 PM: A fire broke out near Moscow at a factory of electrical insulating materials, — rosZMI.

- According to preliminary information, the impregnation workshop is on fire.

5:20 PM: Explosions are heard in the Russian city of Belgorod, — rosZMI.

- Cars and houses are burning in the city.

5:55 PM: In 2023, the Russians convicted 165 prisoners of war of the Mariupol Garrison, falsifying evidence and crimes.

- This was reported by the mayor's advisor T.o. Petro Andryushchenko, Mariupol.
- According to him, 23 of them received life imprisonment. This year, at least 43 Heroes have been similarly sentenced by "courts" to imprisonment.

7:19 PM: Russia is working on the issue of removing the status of a terrorist organization from the "Taliban" — the final decision will be made by the highest leadership of the Russian Federation.

- This is reported by Russian media with reference to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.
- The ministry also noted that Taliban representatives were invited to the Russia-Islamic World forum, which will be held in Kazan.

9:21 PM: The impact of sanctions against the Russian Federation is likely to have the greatest impact on more modern and sophisticated Russian weapons systems.

- This is stated in the British intelligence report.
- "These systems in production and development have an increased dependence on foreign components and technologies," - notes the intelligence.
- At the same time, Russia's isolation limits the number of countries with which it can trade directly, which can increase the time and cost of purchasing the necessary goods.

10:26 PM: Border guards planted the flag of Ukraine practically over the positions of the occupiers near Bakhmut, — DPSU.

11:18 PM: Air alert in Voronezh due to an attack by unknown UAVs. This is reported by the city government.

**Tuesday, April 2**

8:32 AM: In Russia, two drones attacked the city of Yelabuga and its surroundings in the Republic of Tatarstan, — rosZMI.

- The UAV hit the Yelaz-Naftoprodukt refinery, as well as the territory of the special economic zone "Alabuga" outside the city, where the production of "shakhed" is apparently deployed. There are victims.

8:51 AM: The moment a drone was hit in the Republic of Tatarstan is published online.

9:32 AM: The refinery in Nizhnyokamsk, Russia is also reported to have been hit.

11:45 AM: A Mi-24 helicopter of the Ministry of Defense of the republic crashed in Abkhazia, local media reported.

- The incident happened in the Gulrypsh district. All crew members are alive.

12:45 PM: Lukashenko said that Belarus is preparing for war.

- " \_Don't believe anyone that we want to fight. We are preparing for war, I speak about it frankly. "If you want peace, prepare for war" - I did not come up with it. It is very correctly said\_," Lukashenko said.
- According to the Belarusian president, necessary training of the relevant units continues in the republic, various types of weapons and equipment are supplied to the troops.

1:13 PM: Due to successful Ukrainian strikes on military targets, Russia has been forced to use a number of decoy and deception techniques in an attempt to hide the planes, British intelligence says.

- False Russian fighter jets are painted on the concrete at Kirovske airfield in occupied Crimea. Similar scenes were also observed at at least 12 Russian airbases.

3:42 PM: The SBU informed the general director of the Russian Raduga plant, which specializes in mass production of long-range missile weapons, of suspicion.

- " \_First of all, we are talking about X-101 cruise missiles, which the Russians use to carry out airstrikes on the civilian infrastructure of Ukraine\_," - writes the SBU press service.

For uninterrupted deliveries of missile weapons to the occupation group of the Russian Federation, the enterprise headed by Bogatikov received the Kremlin award "Gratitude of the President of the Russian Federation".

4:31 PM: According to Ukrainian intelligence, Russia currently has about 950 high-precision missiles with a range of over 350 km.

- This was stated by Vadym Skibitskyi, a representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Ukraine.
- " \_We predict that the Russians will be able to carry out a few more massive attacks (2-3 - exactly massive ones), and then they will be forced to take a pause again to accumulate missiles and "shaheeds". However, individual local shelling may continue at the same time\_ ", - says Skibitskyi .

7:46 PM: Putin appointed Serhiy Pinchuk as the new commander of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, Russian Defense Ministry.

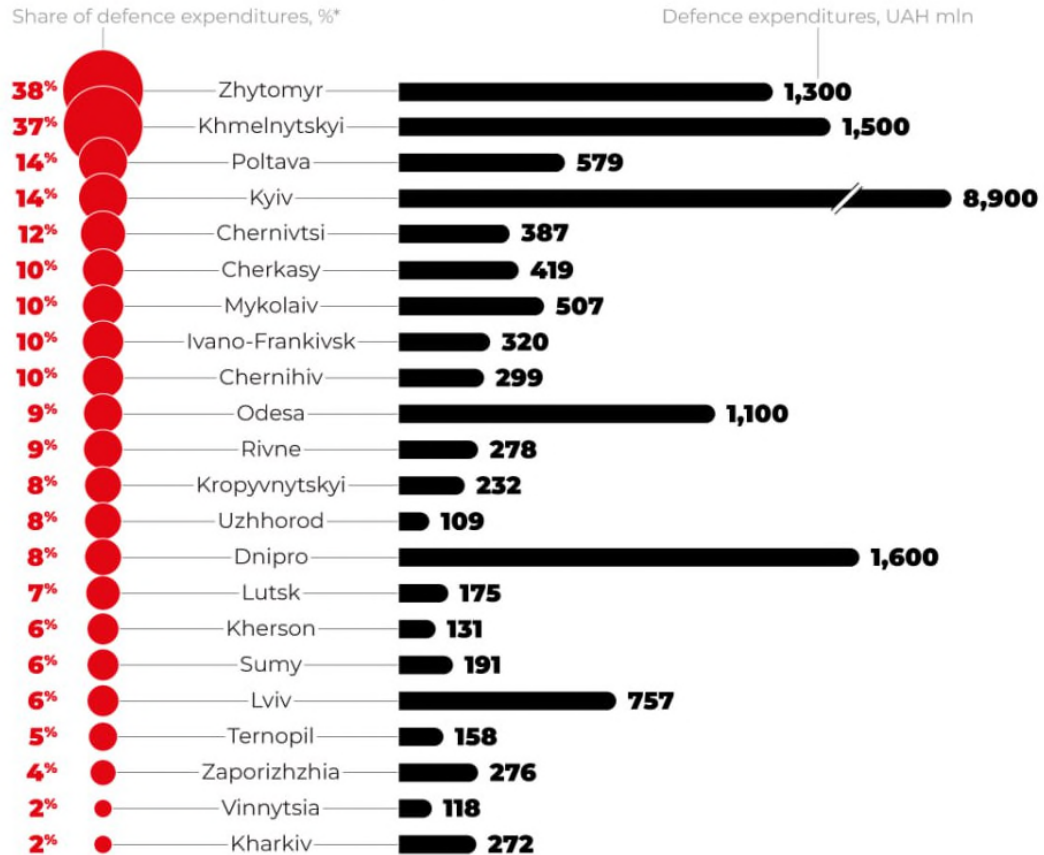
- Pinchuk replaced Viktor Sokolov in this position.

# VOLUNTEER CITIES: CITY BUDGETS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

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Kyiv allocates the largest amount of money to the Armed Forces. This is because it has the largest city budget in Ukraine. Zhytomyr, Khmelnytskyi, Poltava and Kyiv are the leaders in terms of spending relative to the size of their budgets.

## Defense spending by regional centers in 2023



Sources: Committee of Voters of Ukraine, relevant city councils.

\*compared to planned expenditures for 2023

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KYIV





## Monday, April 1

5:30 PM: A high level of air pollution with fine dust was recorded in Kyiv, KMDA.

- The city state administration recommends refraining from walking and ventilating the premises until the air quality normalizes.

6:15 PM: In Kyiv, an employee of one of the departments of the TCC and JV was detained, who promised to grant a deferment from the draft for a bribe - OK "Pivnich".

- A resident of Dnipro planned to move to the capital and get a job at an enterprise. The TCC employee assured the company representative that their worker would be immediately mobilized, but he could "influence" his management for \$300.
- The official was informed of the suspicion, he faces up to five years in prison.

10:08 PM: The SBU detained a collaborator in Kyiv who supplied building materials to the Russian Federation for the construction of fortified districts on the so-called territories of Ukraine.

- The figure turned out to be the owner of several enterprises in Berdyansk — he supplied the occupiers with sand, crushed stone and cement for the construction of fortifications.
- So far, the suspect has been notified

## Tuesday, April 2

9:56 AM: A new memorial was built in Irpin for the second anniversary of the city's liberation.

- It received the symbolic name "Will".
- This metal is not enough to break our will," the memorial reads in two languages.

## SUMY



**Monday, April 1**

11:04 AM: Border guards repelled an attack by the Russian DRG in Sumy Oblast, — the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

- The border guards exposed the saboteurs and immediately opened fire on them. A shooting battle ensued, and the reserves of the DPSU, NSU, and ZSU quickly came to the rescue. In particular, artillery calculations were involved. the Russians retreated.

**KHARKIV**



**Monday, April 1**

9:12 AM: Russians fired at a fire and rescue unit in the Kharkiv region, — DSNS.

- There were 6 rescuers on duty, none of them were injured. A third of the fire station building was destroyed as a result of shelling.

10:17 AM: Russians are striking Kharkiv.

- This was announced by the head of the RMA Oleg Sinogubov.
- "Residents of Kharkiv and the region, stay in shelters!" - he said in the message.

10:38 AM: The SBU detained a traitor who worked in a kindergarten and corrected missile strikes on Kharkiv.

- In order to direct fire, the figure received geolocations of potential targets from the Russians, and then conducted reconnaissance there.
- While near the facility, she covertly observed it to establish an approximate number of personnel and military equipment there.
- The perpetrator is currently in custody. She faces life imprisonment with confiscation of property.

11:56 AM: The explosion that was heard in Kharkiv is related to the impact on Lyubotynsk community of Kharkiv district.

- This was announced by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinogubov.

- According to him, the attack was on civilian infrastructure. Previously, there are no injured.

1:50 PM: In the morning, the Russians shelled Kupyansk, — the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

- The stadium tribune and private houses were damaged. A woman born in 1966 was injured. Necessary services are available on site.

2:51 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on Vovchansk, a 27-year-old woman was injured.

- This was reported by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.
- The woman has shrapnel injuries, she was hospitalized.

5:40 PM: More than \$10 billion is needed to rebuild everything that Russia destroyed in Kharkiv.

- This was announced by the mayor of the city Igor Terekhov.
- "Today in Kharkiv, almost all of the critical energy infrastructure has been destroyed, and the private infrastructure has also been destroyed. More than 150,000 Kharkiv residents are left without a home," Terekhov states.

## Tuesday, April 2

6:57 PM: A 59-year-old man was killed and an 11-year-old boy was wounded as a result of Russian strikes in the Kupyan district.

- This was reported by the head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov.

## LUHANSK



## Monday, April 1

3:48 PM: Previously, as a result of a car explosion in the so-called Starobilsk of Luhansk region was liquidated. "Deputy of the Center for Service of Educational Organizations "LNR"" Valery Chayka, mass media.

- The mass media note that the seagull took an active part in the creation of new occupation bodies.

- He was also one of the organizers of the "opening" in Starobilsk of the "customs post" controlled by the Russian Federation and the local unit of the "Ministry of the People's Republic of China".

6:39 PM: The occupation "media" confirmed the death of Valerian the seagull in Starobilsk, — Luhansk RMA.

- "Chaika is a typical "Zhdun" who has not hidden his sympathies for the "Russian measure" since Soviet times," - writes the head of RMA Lysogor.
- According to Lysohor, the collaborator was supposed to control the quality and quantity of propaganda that the enemy pours into the heads of Ukrainian children.

## DONETSK



### Monday, April 1

12:30 PM: The Third Assault Brigade published a video of the defeat of Russian equipment, tanks, self-propelled guns, as well as the destruction of Russian buggies and infantry near Avdiivka.

3:07 PM: Recently, the Russians conducted one of the largest tank attacks near Avdiivka, putting 36 tanks and 12 infantry fighting vehicles into battle, Forbes.

- Ukrainian soldiers destroyed 20 pieces of equipment (12 tanks and 8 BMP), stopping the Russian offensive.
- Defense forces were able to repel the enemy through a combination of mines, artillery, anti-tank missiles and UAVs.

3:46 PM: The Air Force reported launching air defense systems by tactical aircraft in Donetsk region.

9:11 PM: Air Force reports launch of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Donetsk region.

- The Air Force reports on the launch of guided aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Kharkiv region.

10:26 PM: Border guards planted the flag of Ukraine practically over the positions of the occupiers near Bakhmut, — DPSU.

## Tuesday, April 2

11:45 AM: A powerful explosion rang out in temporarily occupied Mariupol.

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

9:04 PM: Air Force reports launch of guided aerial bombs by enemy tactical aircraft in Donetsk region.

## ZAPORIZHIA



## Monday, April 1

9:52 PM: The defense forces destroyed the "Zhitel" enemy electronic warfare complex in the Zaporozhye direction.

## DNIPRO



## Monday, April 1

4:19 PM: The Air Force reports a threat of using air strikes.

- Missile to Kryvyi Rih, — Air Force Command.

6:00 PM: Anti Air Defense forces destroyed an enemy missile in the Kryvorizka district.

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

8:38 PM Social Networks: An explosion is heard in Kryvyi Rih.

9:37 PM: A 42-year-old woman was injured as a result of a rocket attack in Kryvyi Rih, she is in the hospital.

- This was announced by the head of the Defense Council of the city of Vilkul.

## Tuesday, April 2

2:02 AM: Dnipro - V district cities hostile UAV, are reported Air Forces Armed Forces.

10:31 AM: The SBU detained a Russian agent who was spying on warplanes of the Armed Forces near Kryvyi Rih.

- The attacker also tried to identify military airfields and Ukrainian Anti Air Defense bases near the city.
- The woman is currently in custody. She faces life in prison.

4:33 PM: Air guided missile in the direction of the Dnipro.

4:44 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Dnipro.

5:06 PM: the Russians launched missile strikes on the Dnipro — previously, it is known that 5 were injured.

- This was announced by the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhii Lysak.
- "Don't help the enemy. Don't take pictures of anything and don't put it on the network," Lysak notes.

5:33 PM: As a result of a Russian missile attack in Dnipro, one of the educational institutions, RMA, was damaged.

- "Fortunately, at the time of the impact, all the children were in shelter. This saved the health and, perhaps, the lives of the boys and girls," - writes the head of RMA Lysak.

6:24 PM: The number of victims in Dnipro has increased to 9, — RMA.

- According to detailed information, four children - aged 14 to 17 - were injured.
- Five adults are among the victims, two of them are in a moderate condition.

6:38 PM: Already 13 victims of the missile attack in Dnipro, among them five are children.

- This was reported by the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhii Lysak.
- Eight wounded were hospitalized, all in a moderate condition.

8:01 PM: Consequences of Russian missile strikes on the Dnipro.

- Kindergarten, college and enterprise were damaged.
- A fire with an area of 150 square meters occurred on the territory of the enterprise, which was already extinguished by rescuers.

8:42 PM: There are already 18 victims in Dnipro, the head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhiy Lysak said.

- Among the 12 hospitalized, five are children. Doctors now assess their condition as moderate.

## KHERSON



**Monday, April 1**

9:41 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

**Tuesday, April 2**

3:54 PM: A 79-year-old man died as a result of Russian strikes on Tokarivka, Kherson RMA.

- The body of the deceased was discovered today by law enforcement officers, the time and circumstances of death are being investigated.

## ODESSA



**Monday, April 1**

8:08 PM: Soldiers of the Odessa anti-aircraft missile brigade destroyed the Russian attack and reconnaissance UAV "Forpost" in the Black Sea.

## KIROVOHRAD



**Tuesday, April 2**

4:00 AM: Kirovohrad region - movement of strike UAVs in your direction from Dnipropetrovsk region, - Air Force Command.

## CHERNIVTSI



**Tuesday, April 2**

1:35 PM: BEB detectives in Chernivtsi region sent an indictment to the court against a resident of Bukovyna who was selling fake foreign currency.

- The man bought fake dollars and euros. In the future, he handed over counterfeit bills at exchange points in the territory of the Chernivtsi region.
- During the search, 1,200 euros and 1,800 US dollars, a mobile phone, a vehicle, computer equipment and a Romanian passport were seized from the man.

## LVIV-



**Monday, April 1**

3:23 PM: BEB detectives in Lviv Oblast secured compensation of UAH 4.5 million for damages caused to the state.

- During 2023, the director of a company engaged in the retail trade of household and electronic appliances submitted tax returns with false information about the company's profits.
- In the financial and economic documents, the manager did not include the cost of the sold goods, but the cost of the goods with a mark-up, as part of the expenses. He also reflected non-commodity transactions that did not actually take place.



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

	Soviet Afghanistan	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 764 days	After 765 days	After 766 days	After 767 days	After 768 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	441,520	442,170	442,880	443,660	444,370

#### Material Losses

Tanks	147	6,951	6,966	6,986	6,998	7,009
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	13,284	13,304	13,321	13,350	13,368
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	12,029	73	12,105	12,135	12,167
Cruise Missiles		2,046	2,048	2,057	2,058	2,059
Fighters Bombers	118	347	347	347	347	347
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	325	325

Drones		8,701	8,731	8,757	8,779	8,796
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		736	743	744	744	745
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	14,670	14,717	14,752	14,783	14,813
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,814	1,823	1,826	1,832	1,838

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