

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

April 4, 2024

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Zoom Call

During the Week of April 15th, in the middle of the day on a date to be determined, we will be hosting the Zoom call for our email recipients who are kind enough to support our efforts over the past 2+ years. Tomorrow, we will be polling those who have supported us, to determine the day that is most convenient. 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.

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.

Thank You!!!!

[“Denying Russia’s Only Strategy for Success”](#)/Institute for the Study of War

In Kyiv, during Euromaidan, I was speaking with a friend of mine with long experience working in the former Soviet Union, mostly in Moscow. I was gushing over Ukraine’s success in pushing back against Russia’s efforts to subjugate Ukraine. He looked at me and said, “don’t be so sure – Russia is very good at playing with a weak hand.” I had this conversation over 10 years ago, and during that time I have come to appreciate my friend’s wisdom. Based on my experience this article reasonably describes Russia’s

playbook, how Russia is successful in “playing with a weak hand.” It is a long article, written by people with great experience in these matters. It is worth reading.

- “The notion that the war is unwinnable because of Russia’s dominance is a Russian information operation, which gives us a glimpse of the Kremlin’s real strategy and only real hope of success. **The Kremlin must get the United States to the sidelines, allowing Russia to fight Ukraine in isolation and then proceed to Moscow’s next targets, which Russia will also seek to isolate.** The Kremlin needs the United States to choose inaction and embrace the false inevitability that Russia will prevail in Ukraine.” (my emphasis)

I have a possible example of Russia’s success. The last 2 years, including last Tuesday, I’ve attended a reception put on by my secondary school from where I graduated many years ago. Last year my wife, a Ukrainian citizen, and I spoke to a person, a School employee, who said that acquaintances/family members in Russia have spoken of the “inevitability” of Russia’s victory in Ukraine, and that Ukraine must sue for peace and get the best deal they can obtain, including ceding of territory, in order to avoid continued bloodshed.

I spoke to this person again last Tuesday, but the tone of the argument was much more strident. The thrust of the argument being made closely mirrors what is described in this article. I don’t know if this person is a Russian “asset” but, asset or not, it isn’t necessary for Russia’s purposes. The only thing that is necessary is that this person believes the Russian narrative.

- As the article states, “Those whose perspective aligns with the Kremlin’s are not ipso facto Russian dupes. The Kremlin links genuine sentiment and even some legitimate arguments to Russia’s interests in public debate. The Kremlin is also an equal opportunity manipulator. It targets the full spectrum of those making or informing decisions. It partially succeeds on every side of the political spectrum. Perception manipulation is one of the Kremlin’s core capabilities — **now unleashed with full force onto the Western public as the Kremlin’s only strategy for winning in Ukraine.** That is not a challenge most societies are equipped to contend with.” (my emphasis)

The paragraph below clearly describes the assertion this person made to me last year, with my wife present, and again this year.

- “The Kremlin targets our perceptions of costs, priorities, risks, upsides, alignment with our values, and effects of our own actions. Two main categories of false assertions that the Kremlin is trying to enforce in this respect are that: a) Ukraine cannot win this war; supporting Ukraine is a distraction from ‘real’ US problems; Ukraine will be forced to settle; the United States is at risk of being stuck in another “forever” war; and b) the risks in helping Ukraine defend itself, let alone win, are higher than the risks of failure in Ukraine for the United States - it is too costly, too risky, and that Ukraine is not worth it. ISW and many others have thoroughly debunked these assertions, yet they remain pervasive in US discussions about opposing Russia. **The Russian goal is to have us freely reason to a conclusion that Russia’s prevailing in Ukraine is inevitable and that we must stay on the sidelines — and Moscow is succeeding far too well in this effort. (article’s emphasis)**

The discussions I had with this individual, over a period of 12 months, is to me a clear example of “Moscow succeeding far too well in this effort.”

I’m not accusing the person with whom I spoke of being a Russian “asset,” and therefore it follows that I’m not accusing the School of either harboring one, or supporting the Russian narrative. In fact, the contrary is true. For me at least, based on two conversations I had over 2 years with the same person, including the conversation last year when my wife was present, it serves as an illustration of the success Russia appears to be having in getting many Americans to view the war in Ukraine through a Russian lens.

For me, this is what my friend was describing, when he said to me, “Russia is very good at playing with a weak hand.”

[More on the Kerch Bridge, Courtesy of the “Latest Denys”](#)

Yesterday, I shared an article in the “Manchester Guardian,” by Luke Harding, about Ukraine’s intention to take out the Kerch Bridge in the first half of 2025. Denys’ video provides maps and a possible means that Ukraine might use.

Recently, Ukraine may have used re-purposed ultra-light aircraft, capable of carrying larger quantities of explosives and likely employing artificial

intelligence, to hit a refinery and a Shahed drone factory deep inside Russia, over 1,000 km. from the border of Ukraine. Last night, Ukraine [struck](#) the Morozovsk military airfield in Russia's Rostov Oblast. The article stated that there were over 60 explosions.

If Denys is correct, that ultra-light aircraft may be used to hit the Kerch Bridge, the attack on the oil refinery and drone factory may be a type of dress rehearsal, to determine their effectiveness. The strike at Morozovsk Airfield, may have included the use of a swarm of drones, could also be part of the strategy Ukraine might use to hit the Kerch Bridge. Ukraine may have used a similar strategy in 2022, to sink the cruiser "Moskva," when they deployed a Bayraktar drone to direct the ships air search radar away from the incoming Neptune anti-ship cruise missiles.

Denys also describes the construction of a railroad, that will connect Rostov-on-Don inside Russia with Crimea, specifically the City of Dzhankoi, the site of a major Russian supply base. The map shows the two entrances to Crimea, a bridge due north of Dzhankoi and a causeway near Armiansk. The bridge was previously damaged by Ukraine, although it has probably been repaired by now. I have traveled along the causeway. It is narrow, and subject to mining and blowing a rail connection. Ukrainian partisans have damaged at least one railroad bridge, near Melitopol, along a route that the new railroad will transit. As 2024 progresses, and the railroad gets closer to its scheduled 2025 completion, it is certain to get increased attention from Ukraine.

News From the Battlefield

["Reporting From Ukraine"](#) covers fighting around Krasnahorivka, southwest of Donetsk City. We don't hear much about these encounters, where Russia attacks and Ukraine counterattacks leaving Russia back where it started. We only hear about Russian advances.

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

INTERNATIONAL

8:06 AM: Latvia will hand over 12 more cars to Ukraine for free, which were confiscated from the country's residents for drunk driving, — LSM.

8:06 AM: After the end of the war, Article 5 of the NATO charter has to protect Ukraine from repeated aggression by Russia, Stoltenberg said at a meeting of foreign ministers of NATO countries in Brussels.

8:06 AM: Lithuania will provide assistance to the Ukrainian energy sector, including large-scale equipment for thermal power plants.

8:06 AM: Iran may launch a military operation against Israel within 48 hours, Vox News reports, citing the CIA.

10:40 AM: Polish farmers block three directions on the border with Ukraine.

- This was reported by the spokesman of the State Border Service Andriy Demchenko.
- "The blocking of precisely three directions: Rava-Ruska, Yagodyn, and Ugryniv continues. And in fact, on all these three directions, Polish farmers do not allow freight vehicles to go to Poland at all, while several freight vehicles are allowed to go to Ukraine an hour," the spokesman said.

12:13 PM: Latvia will transfer 1 million euros worth of drones to Ukraine and contribute 10 million euros for the purchase of shells.

- This was stated by his Latvian colleague Evika Silinia at a joint press conference with the Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal in Riga.
- "Already this month, the next package of military aid is expected, including material and technical means, ammunition and weapons that we have," she said.

4:33 PM: Germany has initiated an immediate search for available Anti-Aircraft Defense Patriot systems for Ukraine.

- This was stated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Dmytro Kuleba.
- According to him, the Federal Republic of Germany will initiate an analysis of all Patriot batteries and other Anti-Aircraft Defense systems available not only in the Allies, but also in the whole world.

5:16 PM: Finland has indefinitely extended the closure of checkpoints on the border with Russia, according to the press service of the Finnish government.

- "In the spring, no facts were received on the basis of which it could be assumed that the situation (at the border - ed.) has changed significantly," the message says.
- The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the country reminded that directed migration is one of the ways of Russia's pressure on the security and social stability of Finland and the EU.

7:15 PM: UN Secretary General Stephane Dujarric says he misheard a journalist's question when he urged Ukraine not to attack Russia's "civilian infrastructure."

- "If asked one more time, I wouldn't answer like that," he said in a comment to "Voice of America".

8:10 PM: Prague has allocated hundreds of millions of crowns as part of a Czech initiative to purchase artillery ammunition for Ukraine.

- This was stated by the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Petr Fiala, reports Radio Prague International.
- The Czech government approved the contribution amount in secret, which Fiala said was "the right thing to do."

10:26 PM: From September 1 of this year, all Ukrainian children who are in Poland because of the war will be obliged to go to local schools.

- This was stated by the Deputy Minister of Education of Poland, Joanna Mucha.
- The Ministry of Education is preparing a corresponding draft law — it is already at the final stage. It is known in advance that special lessons of the Ukrainian language will be introduced for Ukrainian children in Polish schools.

11:02 PM: A German official was sentenced to 8 years in prison for molesting refugee children from Ukraine, — Bild.

- A 43-year-old man helped a Ukrainian family move, and then began blackmailing them, threatening deportation. Instead, he demanded intimacy with the children.
- According to the court, from March 2022 to April 2023, the official repeatedly abused boys aged 9 and 11, and also photographed them in his car.

11:26 PM: Several NATO member countries may announce the supply of Anti-Aircraft Defense equipment to Ukraine in the coming days.

- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said this in Brussels.
- "Allies will review their own stockpiles and capabilities to see if they can provide more assistance, in particular Patriot systems, ammunition and spare parts for them. This is not only a question of batteries and installations, but also the delivery of interceptors for these systems, which are already in Ukraine." Stoltenberg said.

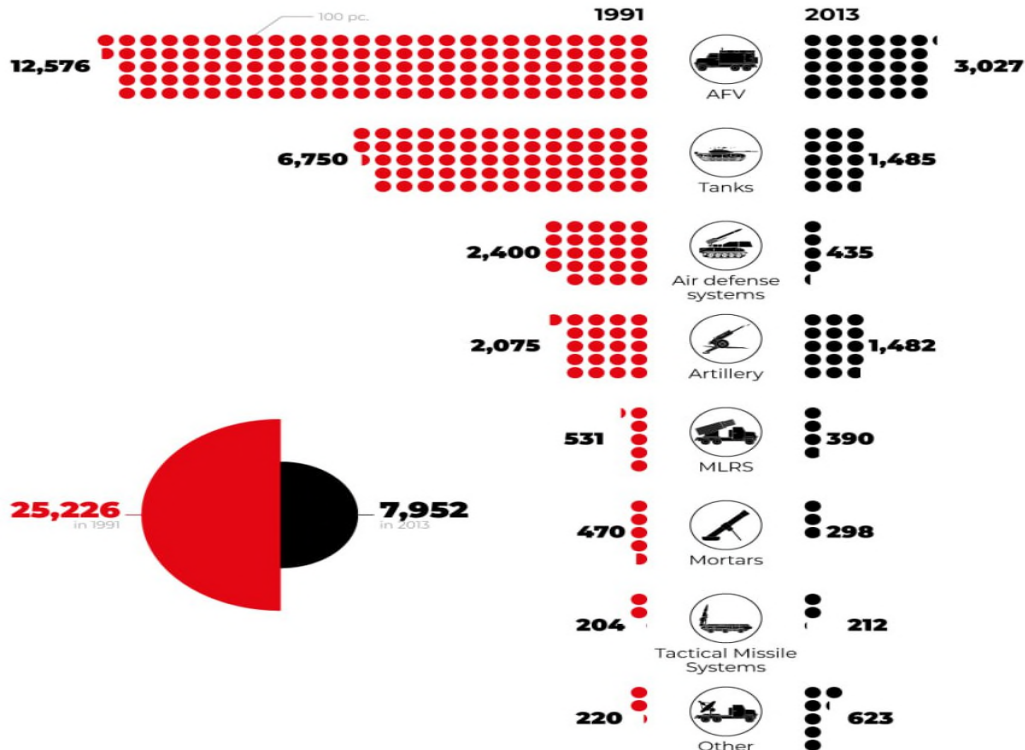
11:44 PM: French President Emmanuel Macron is convinced that Russia will attack the 2024 Olympics in Paris, — Reuters.

- Macron was asked if he thought Russia would try to attack the Olympics. "_I have no doubts, including from the point of view of information_" he said.

HOW UKRAINE'S GROUND FORCES HAVE CHANGED

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Comparison of armament of the ground forces of Ukraine in 1991 and 2013, units



NATIONAL

12:23 AM: Current air alert map as of 00:20.

- The Air Force reports that a w group is moving from the northeast.

2:08 AM: Activity of enemy tactical aircraft in the east, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

- There is a threat of using aviation means of destruction for front-line areas.

2:09 AM: Two people were killed as a result of Russian strikes on Kharkiv, - Mayor Igor Terekhov.

- A fire started at the site of one of the hits, and the slabs of a residential building collapsed at the other site. Currently, three "arrivals" of residential buildings are known.

2:14 AM: The number of people killed as a result of Russian airstrikes in Kharkiv has increased to 3, - Mayor Terekhov.

- In advance - all employees of the State Emergency Service, who came to eliminate the consequences of the shelling of residential buildings.

3:02 AM: North-east - repelling the threat, reports the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

4:13 AM: Enemy drones on the border of Poltava and Dnipropetrovsk regions, - Air Force Command.

- They continue moving on a course to the north.

4:33 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the southeast, - Air Force Command.

- There is a threat of damage to the frontline areas.
- UAVS entered the Kharkiv region. They are moving in a north-eastern direction.

7:00 AM: Summary of the General Staff for April 4 as of 06:00 am April, 5



UKRAINIAN WARRIOR IN THE TRENCH. PHOTO FROM THE FACEBOOK OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ZSU

The situation at the front remains difficult, the occupiers are pressing in all directions, over the past day the invaders have launched 4 rocket and 80 air strikes, shelled the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas 108 times with rocket launchers.

- **Verbatim General Staff:** "During the past 24 hours, there have been 65 military clashes. In the past 24 hours, airstrikes have hit the settlements of Volfine, Sumy Region; Ohirtseve, Kharkiv Region; Belogorivka, Luhansk Region; Terny, Yampolivka, Ivanivske, Druzhba, Zalizne, Andriivka, New York, Oleksandropil, Ocheretine, Keramik, Novobakhmutivka, Berdychi, Umanske, Vodyane, Volodymyrivka, Staromayorske of the Donetsk region; Mala Tokmachka, Robotyne of the Zaporizhia region.
- About 120 settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson and Mykolaiv regions were under artillery fire.
- **Details: On Lyman direction** Ukrainian soldiers repelled 4 Russian attacks in the Terna and Yampolivka settlements of the Donetsk region, where the enemy tried to break through the defenses.
- **On Bakhmut direction** defenders repelled 30 attacks in the areas of Belogorivka and Verkhokamyanka settlements of Luhansk region; Spirne, Chasiv Yar, Ivanivske, Stupochki, Klishchiivka, Andriivka of the Donetsk region, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried to improve their tactical position.
- **On Avdiivskiy direction** the defenders repelled 2 attacks in the areas of Pervomaiske and Nevelske 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 hold back the enemy in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Georgiivka, Kostyantynivka, Novomykhailivka, Velyka Novosilka and Urozhaine settlements, where the Russians, with the support of aviation, tried more than 20 times to break through the defenses of the Ukrainian troops.
- **On Orihiv direction** during the past day, the occupiers, with the support of aviation, made 4 unsuccessful attempts to attack the positions of the Ukrainian troops in the areas of settlements of Staromayorske of the Donetsk region and north-western Verbovoy of the Zaporizhia region.
- **On Kherson direction** the invaders do not give up their intention to knock out the Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of

the Dnieper - in the past day, they have carried out 5 unsuccessful attacks.

- At the same time, the Air Force of the Defense Forces during the past day struck 7 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment and 2 anti-aircraft missile complexes of the Russians.
- Units of the missile forces damaged 1 area of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 2 artillery systems, 1 radar station, 1 EW station and 2 means of Anti-Aircraft Defense of the occupiers.

7:38 AM: The Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reported the activity of enemy tactical aviation in the south and the threat of using air weapons for front-line areas.

10:22 AM: Attention! The threat of the use of ballistic weapons in the areas where the alarm has been declared — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

10:53 AM: During the day, the Russians attacked energy infrastructure in the Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk regions, — Ministry of Energy of Ukraine.

- In the city of Kharkiv, a 64-year-old locksmith was injured during the liquidation of the consequences of a nighttime drone attack. He was taken to the hospital in a moderate condition.
- In the Dnipropetrovsk region, a security guard received burns during the elimination of a fire.

11:01 AM: SBU employee Artem Shil was taken into custody with the possibility of bail in the amount of UAH 30 million.

- He is suspected of being the leader of an organized group that embezzled UAH 94.8 million during the purchase of transformers under martial law.

12:33 PM: The government allocated UAH 1 billion for the construction of shelters in hospitals.

- This was announced by the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on National Health, Medical Assistance and Medical Insurance, Mykhailo Radutskyi.

- According to him, the priority is the construction or repair of shelter facilities in facilities of a capable network in the front-line territories.

12:46 PM: Attention! The threat of the use of ballistic weapons in the areas where the alarm has been declared — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

1:01 PM: The military brigades of the Azov State University published a video of the destruction of the Russian Urals by a drone.

1:19 PM: The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine has published an explanation regarding the cancellation of the "limited service" status.

- The law will enter into force on May 4. Citizens who currently have the status of "limited fitness" must re-pass the VLK within 9 months, that is, until February 4, 2025.
- After re-examination, servicemen who are found unfit will be released from military service, and those who are fit will continue their service.

2:10 PM: The Committee on Finance, Taxation and Customs Policy has approved a bill that tightens control over the gambling business.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reports this.
- The draft law provides for the liquidation of the Commission for the Regulation of Gambling and Lotteries (KRAIL) and the strengthening of requirements for the advertising of gambling games.

2:33 PM: Yesterday, the Russians launched their first targeted attack on a rear solar power plant.

- Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, chairman of the board of NEC "Ukrenergo", announced this.
- He noted that as a result of warming, the total consumption of electricity is falling, so there is no acute deficit in the energy system.

2:53 PM: In two years, sappers discovered and destroyed more than 780,000 explosive objects, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

- The de-occupied regions remain the most densely mined.
- It is known that over the past year, the State Emergency Service has already trained almost 1,000 demining specialists.

3:20 PM: the Russian attack on the troops of the 128th Separate Mountain Assault Brigade of the Transcarpathian Brigade became possible due to the hacking of the messenger of one of the soldiers.

- The head of the Cyber Security Department of the SBU, Ilya Vityuk, called this version "one of the main ones".
- "During the investigation of one of the attacks, during which more than 30 of our servicemen were killed, we found that one of the devices on which the Signal messenger was installed received a message about the specific date and place of the line-up of servicemen, where the missile later landed_", - says Vityuk.

3:59 PM: An air alert has been issued in a number of areas.

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

4:18 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy held another meeting of the Stavka.

- Among the main:
- The report of the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Sirsky — the results of stabilization actions, thanks to which it was possible to stop the advance of the Russian occupiers;
- Execution of contracts for the purchase of drones and EW systems, preparation of new agreements;
- Combating the tools of Russian aerial terror — the results of the use of EW, mobile fire groups and Anti-Aircraft Defense.

4:40 PM: Oleksiy Tandyra's pretrial detention was extended until June 2, 2024.

- The lawyers also asked the court to release Tandyra from the pre-trial detention center for military service.
- We will remind that Oleksiy Tandyra is accused of committing a fatal road accident while under the influence of alcohol on May 26, as a result of which National Guard soldier Vadym Bondarenko died.

5:38 PM: The only permanent way to secure the energy system from Russian terror is to decentralize generating capacity.

- Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, chairman of the board of NEC "Ukrenergo", stated this.

- According to him, it is necessary to build hundreds of small power plants throughout Ukraine, which will be more resistant to massive attacks precisely because of their dispersion.

5:55 PM: A bail in the amount of UAH 30 million has already been made for the ex-adviser of the OP Artem Shil, who was taken into custody in the morning, — Anti-corruption Center.

- "[...] _after depositing bail, he must comply with a number of obligations, including handing in foreign passports, wearing an electronic bracelet_", - writes the Central Committee.

6:27 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a telephone conversation with Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

- "We discussed the preparation of the inaugural Peace Summit in Switzerland. It is fundamentally important for Ukraine to have a broad representation of Latin American countries at it," the president writes.
- Among the topics discussed is the possibility of holding a Ukraine-Latin America summit.

6:43 PM: Ukrzaliznytsia opens online ticket sales to Hungary for the Chop - Budapest - Vienna train.

- We are talking about tickets to all stations in both Hungary (starting from the departure date of April 17) and Austria.
- "Direct connections Ukraine — Hungary (Mukachevo — Debrecen, Mukachevo — Budapest, Chop — Zahon) will appear in the application a little later. We will write about it separately_", the press service of UZ reports.

6:55 PM: Ukrenergo introduces temporary power outages in 6 regions — there will be no electricity from 6:20 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- We are talking about Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Kirovohrad, Poltava and Sumy regions.
- The reasons for applying the restrictions are the lack of sufficient generating capacity in the system after the Russian attacks.

7:08 PM: Ukrainian engineers have developed a WarDog reconnaissance drone that can operate under the influence of enemy electronic warfare.

- This was announced by the head of the Ministry of Statistics Mykhailo Fedorov.
- The drone can operate up to 60 minutes in the air at a distance of up to 10 km with communication and up to 30 km in autopilot mode. The speed of the drone is 12-15 m/s.

7:53 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of April 4:


- During the day _57 combat clashes were recorded._
- The enemy _delivered 2 missile and 61 air strikes, carried out 49 attacks_ from rocket salvo fire systems on the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- Units of missile troops _hit 1 area_ concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, _2 artillery systems, 1 radar station, 1 EW station and 2 means of Anti-Aircraft Defense_ of the enemy.

8:41 PM: The Armed Forces managed to stabilize the positions at the front, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said.

- " _The head of the Armed Forces Oleksandr Syrsky reported at the meeting of the Stavka about our actions that prevent the occupier from advancing_," the president said.
- He also noted that in the conditions of a shortage of shells, a significant slowdown in supply, such results are really very good.

9:52 PM: Attention! The threat of the use of ballistic weapons in the areas where the alarm has been declared — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

9:56 PM: Azov has launched a large collection of 500 thermal imaging FPV drones

- Friends, support a very important collection 
- Link to the bank: <https://send.monobank.ua/jar/Xtz2oqi9x>

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3:48 PM: In March 2024, 38% of all Russian army frontline attacks occurred southwest of temporarily occupied Donetsk.

- This is stated in the British intelligence report.

- The number of reported Russian attacks across the front line in March 2024 was 9% lower than in February of the same year, falling from approximately 2,340 to 2,120.

5:45 PM: The UAV attack on the "shaheed" production enterprise in Tatarstan led to significant destruction - the continuation of the plant's work is complicated.

- Andriy Yusov, representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Ukraine, stated this.
- "_These are good results, and we were all happy about it. I think that there will be similar joys in the future as well. And their radius will increase_", Yusov added.

9:01 PM: The Russians have transferred the majority of Anti-Aircraft Defense from the Ryazan region to the front and to the Crimea, reports the partisan movement "ATESH".

- "_ATESH agents from the Russian Armed Forces report that they are facing a shortage of Anti-Aircraft Defense systems in the Ryazan region. The military command is looking for ways to protect military units, but understands that they are defenseless without Anti-Aircraft Defense," the message reads.

10:43 PM: Heavy fires broke out in various parts of Russia's Kursk after a UAVS attack, local media reported.

- An air raid siren is currently operating in the city.

11:57 PM: The only branch of the Bank of Russia in China faces serious problems due to sanctions, — Reuters.

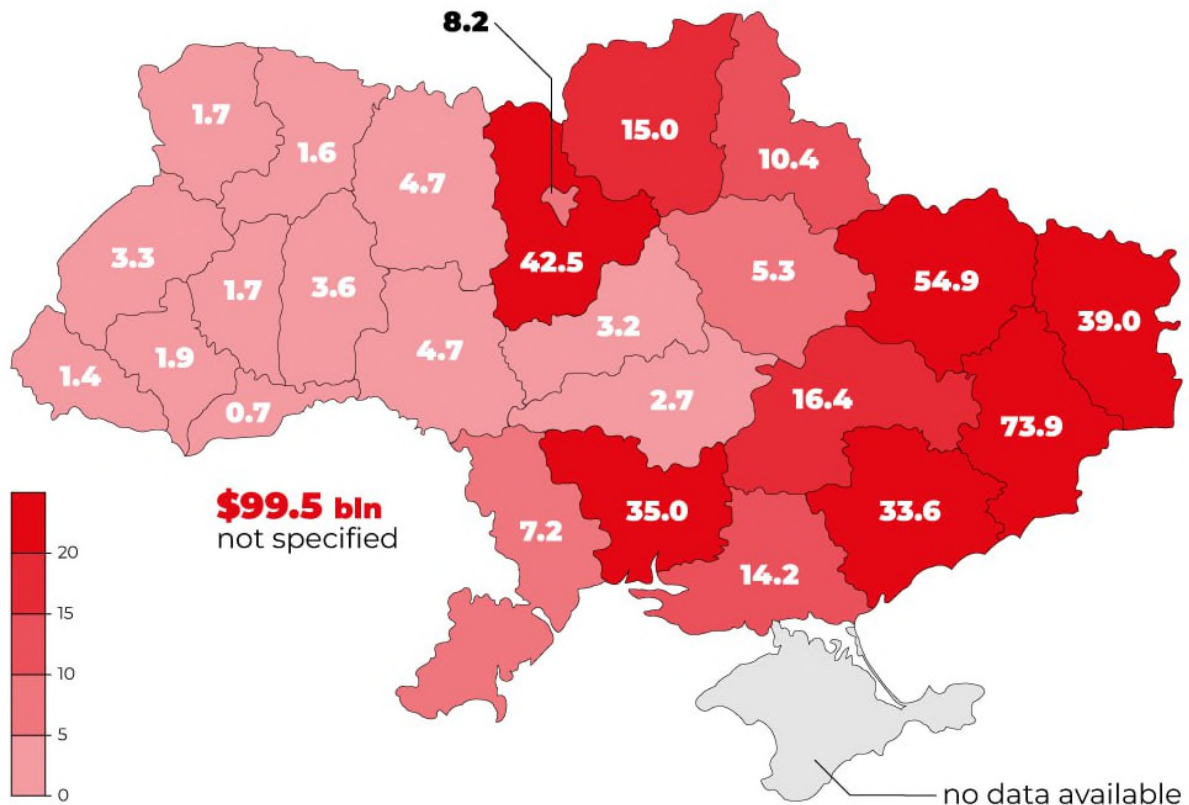
- Sources of the publication reported that the branch of the Russian bank does not have enough staff, so some companies are waiting for six months to open an account.

\$486.2+ BILLION IS NEEDED TO REBUILD UKRAINE

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Even preliminary estimates based on incomplete data suggest that Ukraine's recovery will require amounts three times Ukraine's GDP. No single state or international institution is capable of providing such aid. Ukraine needs external investments.

Ukraine's recovery needs in 2024-2033, USD bln



Source: The World Bank.

*Estimated at the end of 2023.

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REGIONS

KHARKIV



1:01 AM: UAVs from the northwest are heading towards Kharkiv.

1:03 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kharkiv.

1:16 AM: Current air alert map as of 01:15.

- The Air Force reports that new UAVs of the Belgorod region are moving in the direction of Kharkiv.
- Enemy strike UAVS are moving from the southeast of the Dnipropetrovsk region. Course — to Pavlograd.

1:49 AM: UAVs hit private and apartment buildings in Kharkiv, Mayor Terekhov reported preliminary data. Information about the injured and destruction is being established.

- According to the head of the Kharkiv RMA Synegubov, at least four strikes were recorded in the city.

1:53 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv.

2:20 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv. Previously, the work of Anti-Aircraft Defense.

2:37 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv. Previously, the work of Anti-Aircraft Defense.

2:45 AM Social Networks: Repeated explosions in Kharkiv. Previously, the work of Anti-Aircraft Defense.

3:11 AM: The number of dead as a result of the Russian attack on Kharkiv has increased to 5 people, - Mayor Terekhov.

- At the place of the second flight over residential buildings in the densely populated district of Kharkiv, it is known about 4 dead and 5 wounded.
- In another district of Kharkiv, at the site of the hit in the private sector, it is known about one more dead person.
- Power outages are possible in the city, Mayor Terekhov said.

7:24 AM: Mayor Ihor Terekhov published a photo of the consequences of Russian strikes on Kharkiv.

- So far, 5 people have died, and the number of injured has increased to 12.

7:57 AM: The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine reports 4 dead and 11 wounded as a result of a nighttime Russian attack on Kharkiv.

- Among the injured are a rescue worker, a policeman and a nurse.

9:39 AM: At night, Anti-Aircraft Defense forces destroyed 11 UAVs over the Kharkiv region.

- In total, the Russians attacked Kharkiv Oblast with 20 attack drones.

11:14 AM: The head of the Kharkiv RMA Oleg Sinegubov published the consequences of the night attack by the Russians.

- Currently, the liquidation of the consequences of the arrival of the plane in the residential area of the Novobavar district of Kharkiv continues.

12:47 PM: There are explosions in Kharkiv, Mayor Ihor Terekhov reported.

1:24 PM: The head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko published a video of the consequences of the strikes on Kharkiv.

- "A young firefighter is crying at the site of the impact, where Russia cynically killed his father, a 52-year-old rescuer, a few minutes ago," the message reads.

1:44 PM: Nuclear subcritical facility "Neutron Source" is de-energized due to shelling of Kharkiv.

- This was reported by the State Nuclear Regulation Inspection.
- The emergency power supply system worked normally, the emergency diesel generators were switched on. The radiation situation at the site is within normal limits.

1:49 PM: Today at 12:47 p.m. the Russians struck the Kharkiv district between populated areas.

- This was announced by the head of the RMA Oleg Sinegubov.
- As a result of the impact, a civilian man, who was in the tractor at the time of the impact, died.
- There is also an injured person as a result of the strike in the Kharkiv district.

3:33 PM: Launches of guided aerial bombs on the Kharkiv region, — Air Force Command.

9:45 PM Social Networks: There was an explosion in Kharkiv, the Russians are striking the city.

- This is reported by the local authorities.

11:30 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kharkiv,

- The head of RMA Oleg Synegubov confirmed the explosions in the city.

DONETSK



9:26 AM: German companies are indirectly involved in Russian construction in occupied Mariupol.

- This is stated in an investigation by Tagesschau (the news program of the ARD TV channel).
- In annual reports, on company websites, in photos and videos, there is evidence everywhere that a number of German companies are playing an important role in the reconstruction of Mariupol. Among such "helpers" is Knauf, which specializes in the production of building materials.

4:05 PM: The traitor who corrected the Russian missile attack on a cafe in the center of Kramatorsk received life imprisonment, SBU.

- The attacker turned out to be a local resident who had been recruited by the Russian military intelligence even before the start of the full-scale invasion.
- Then, as a result of the Russian attack, 13 local residents died, including 3 children. Another 64 people were injured of various degrees of severity._

6:13 PM: As a result of Russian strikes on New York of the Donetsk region, 2 people died, 1 more was injured, — RMA.

- Numerous private houses were damaged, the exact consequences of the shelling are being established.

ZAPORIZHZHIA



10:24 AM Social Networks: Explosions rang out in Zaporizhzhia.

- Ivan Fedorov, head of Zaporizhzhia RMA, confirmed the explosions in the city.

DNIPRO



1:37 PM: Head of Dnipropetrovsk RMA Serhiy Lysak reported on the work of Anti-Aircraft Defense in the region.

- "In the Dnipro district, the defenders of the sky shot down a drone," the message states.
- 4:07 AM: An enemy UAVS of the Shahed type is moving southeast of Kryvyi Rih, heading for Nikopol, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

Kherson



12:39 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

MYKOLAIV



2:36 AM: A group of Shahed fighters from the south headed for Mykolaiv, reports the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

KIROVOHRAD



3:22 AM: UAVS continue to move. Heading to Kropyvnytskyi, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

- UAVS continue to move in the direction of Dnipropetrovsk region.

LVIV-



5:00 PM: The former director of the defense enterprise, which caused losses to the state of almost UAH 1 million, will be tried in Lviv - BEB.

- The manager entered into contracts for the purchase of electron beam tubes, which are used during the repair of aircraft, at inflated prices.
- The former director was charged with a criminal offence, the indictment has already been sent to court.

ZHYTOMYR



9:23 PM: In the Zhytomyr region, the head of the regional VLK was detained, who took bribes for a "conclusion" about unfitness for military service, the National Police.

- The man was helped by two civilians who were looking for those interested in receiving the status of unfit for service among military patients.
- Intermediaries promised to "solve" such issues for a fee, their cost ranged from 3 to 5 thousand dollars.
- Extras may face from 5 to 10 years in prison with deprivation of the right to hold certain positions for a period of up to three years, with confiscation of property.

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 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 766 days	After 767 days	After 768 days	After 769 days	After 770 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	442,880	443,660	444,370	445,040	445,900

Material Losses

Tanks	147	6,986	6,998	7,009	7,018	7,033
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	13,321	13,350	13,368	13,386	13,459
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	12,105	12,135	12,167	12,197	12,250
Cruise Missiles		2,057	2,058	2,059	2,059	2,059
Fighters Bombers	118	347	347	347	347	347
Helicopters	333	325	325	325	3325	325

Drones		8,757	8,779	8,796	8,817	8,847
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		744	744	745	746	747
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	14,752	14,783	14,813	14,861	14,922
Naval Vessels		26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine	26 + 1 submar ine
Specialized equipment		1,826	1,832	1,838	1,845	1,849

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