

# News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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## From Bohdan

It's disappointing in the third year of this war that many journalists referred to the shootings in Dagestan as shootings in southern Russia. Even Russian media started by saying that shooting in the autonomous region of Dagestan in the Russian Federation.

It would be like saying that a shooting took place in western Canada in the city of Regina. Or in southern Italy mobsters shot each other on the outskirts of Palermo.

There is no Eastern Russia - there is Siberia composed of several autonomous regions. There is no western, northern or southern Russia.

## ["Conflict in Ukraine's Donbas Region: The Geology Behind the Headlines"](#)

This is a fascinating YouTube video that I ran across yesterday, where he asks whether there's a connection between Ukraine's geology and where a significant portion of the fighting is currently taking place. In addition to the video, please read the comments, a few of which seem to have been posted by people with extensive knowledge of the region.

He speaks about the gas basin between the cities of Kharkiv and Dnipro. He refers to exploration done by Shell. It is also the primary location for Burisma, the company where Hunter Biden served as a Director.

I hope he comes back with some additional videos about Ukraine's geology, including:

- Black Earth - How did the 3 billion plus year-old rocks that he says are found in the area marked in pink, going from the Sea of Azov up into Belarus, become the center of Ukraine famous “Black Earth” belt? Is the black earth a byproduct of the rocks he described, or did it come from elsewhere, laid down perhaps as the result of the receding ice from the most recent Ice Age? Same question about the black earth found in the State of Iowa.
- The [Limans](#) – Wikipedia describes a liman “as an enlarged [estuary](#) formed as a [lagoon](#) at the wide mouth of one or several [rivers](#), where [flow](#) is nearly fully or partially constrained by a [mouth bar](#) of [sediments](#) ([peresyp](#)), as in the [Dniester Liman](#) or the [Razelm liman](#). As Wikipedia describes, limans can be found all along the coasts of the Black Sea and Sea of Azov.

There are two limans, both of which I’ve visited, that are playing a major role in the war. The first is where the Dnipro and Southern Bug Rivers empty into the Black Sea. Both rivers play a major role in the war. At the beginning of the war, a Russian advance toward Odesa was stopped at a crossing of the Southern Bug in a town called [Voznesensk](#) (don’t miss the interview with the 3 babushkas toward the end). The city of Mykolaiv sits at the mouth of the Southern Bug, and Kherson near the mouth of the Dnipro. Both cities are and it is closed to the Black Sea because of Russia’s occupation of the southern bank of the liman.

The second is called the Dniester Liman, which is located between the towns of Zatoka and Bilhorod-Dnistrovskiy. There is a railroad bridge that crosses the Dniester Liman, that Russia has destroyed at least 3 times. It is the connection between Odesa, and grain ports along the mouth of the Danube River that have played significant role in maintaining Ukraine’s grain exports. The fort at Bilhorod-Dnistrovskiy played a major role in the wars between the Russian and Ottoman Empires.

Tim Judah wrote a book, published in 2016, called “[In Wartime – Stories From Ukraine](#).” Despite its title, much of the book is about

limans, especially environmental degradations that have taken place in and around a few of them.

The Rivers – At 5:25 into his video there is a map showing all the rivers that traverse Ukraine. If there is any factor that has influenced the land war it is the rivers. I mentioned the Southern Bug. The Russian advance on Kyiv was stopped by the Irpin River. In Bulgakov's book, "the White Guard," about the Russian Civil War, he mentions the significance of the Irpin River in the defense of Kyiv. Nothing more needs to be written about the significance of the Dnipro. If there is any geologic feature of Ukraine that is influencing the course and conduct of the war, it is the rivers.

### News From the Battlefield

At the beginning of "[The Latest Denys](#)" he covers an attack against Sevastopol by ATACMS missiles. At least one of the missiles, with a warhead full of cluster munitions, was shot down by Russian air defense. The cluster munitions fell on a beach full of Russian tourists, with the inevitable result. Apparently, the Russians gave no warning that might've allowed the beachgoers time to evacuate.

Every time I feel a shred of sympathy for the Russian beachgoers, I remember an attack in 2022 by a Russian Iskander missile carrying cluster munitions on a train platform in Kramatorsk, in eastern Ukraine, full of families evacuating the war zone. The ATACMS was headed for a military target in Sevastopol; the Iskander found its intended target. Actually, I'm kind of glad the ATACMS was shot down. Maybe it'll send a message (but I doubt it).

### 6/24/2024 Sitrep

Abbreviations: RMA = Regional Military Administration/UAV Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

### **INTERNATIONAL**

8:01 AM: Polish President Andrzej Duda arrived on an official visit to China. The most important elements of the visit are security and economic issues, in particular trade, the office of the Polish president.

8:01 AM: Thousands of protesters gathered in downtown Tel Aviv on the evening of June 22, demanding early elections, the resignation of Benjamin Netanyahu, and an immediate deal to release Israeli hostages who have been held in the Gaza Strip for more than 260 days.

8:01 AM: Hungary has supported the 14th package of EU sanctions against Russia in exchange for not affecting the construction of the Paksh-2 nuclear power plant.

11:55 AM: In Greece, fireworks launched from a yacht caused a forest fire, Bild.

- The fire engulfed the only pine forest on the famous tourist island. Despite warnings from authorities not to light fires due to high temperatures and drought, crew members of the 55-meter yacht set off fireworks on board to entertain passengers.
- 13 people who were on the yacht were arrested.

4:20 PM: In South Korea, the condition for the cancellation of any restrictions on aid to Ukraine was named.

- According to the head of the national security department of the administration of the President of South Korea, Jang Ho-jin, the provision of weapons to Ukraine depends on how Russia's military cooperation with North Korea will develop.
- "Will there be a limit for us if Russia transfers high-precision weapons to North Korea?" he asked.

6:30 PM: Slovenian President Natasha Pirc Musar will visit Kyiv on June 27 and sign a bilateral security agreement with Ukraine.

- This was reported by STA.

10:00 PM: The Ukrainian military will receive the first batch of ammunition under the "Czech initiative" by the end of June, according to the plan.

- This was stated by the Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic Jana Chernokhova.
- "Our assistance to Ukraine will not end," she assured.

10:45 PM: After Putin's visit to the country, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam called the US a partner of strategic importance.

- "Vietnam is ready to work with the US to promote a comprehensive strategic partnership [...] that meets the interests of the peoples of both countries in the name of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region," said the head of Vietnam's foreign policy department, Bui Thanh Shawn.

11:06 PM: AM General provided Ukraine with a test sample of its Hawkeye 105mm mobile howitzer system in April 2024.

- The Hawkeye is currently undergoing operational tests and evaluation at the Ukrainian service.
- "This system is destined to be one of the first soft recoil systems in combat. It goes into combat to test itself on live targets," said AM General Program Director Mike Evans.

11:40 PM: Israel fired artillery into Lebanon late this evening.

11:55 PM: Ukraine and Romania signed a memorandum of cooperation.

- "This opens a new stage in the cooperation of Ukrainian and Romanian defense companies. Together with our Romanian colleagues, we plan to establish even more projects for the maintenance of equipment and the production of ammunition for the Defense Forces of Ukraine," the National Association of Defense Industry Enterprises of Ukraine said.

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## NATIONAL

2:02 AM: Enemy tactical aircraft activity observed in east direction.

- PS: Cherkasy, Kyiv regions - rocket from Kirovohrad region.
- PS: Air Defense works in Kyiv region.

7:42 AM: At night, 2 Kalibr cruise missiles were shot down by anti-aircraft missile units of the Air Force in the Kyiv region.



10:04 AM: Stabilization shutdowns will start earlier today, — DTEK.

- According to the instructions of Ukrenergo, the schedules will operate from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

10:32 AM: The national team of Ukraine is in fourth place before the last round.

- All teams have three points. Our team is in last place with the difference in goals scored and conceded (−2). But we have a chance to enter the playoffs.

11:15 AM: The Ukrainian military has published a video of the destruction of Russian equipment and personnel.

- 3 tanks and one unit each of MTLB and BMP were destroyed.

1:21 PM: The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine published a video of the work of border guards.

- With the help of FPV drones, the military deactivated 5 units of Russian equipment and weapons.

3:38 PM: Oleh Stratievskyi was identified as the drunk next to General Sodol, writes MP Mar'yana Bezugla.

- This is a "cop" with the call sign "Batya", who headed the Primorsky RW of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the Odesa region in 2014, when the tragedy occurred on May 2 in the House of Trade Unions. At that time, the police deliberately sabotaged the separatists.

4:30 PM: The woman who is suspected of despoiling the graves of soldiers Da Vinci, Jus and Petrichenko has been committed to a psychiatric hospital, media reports.

- She will stay there for 60 days - until August 19.

5:02 PM: Tomorrow, all regional energy companies will apply hourly blackout schedules throughout the day, — Ukrenergo.

- From 19:00 to 23:00 the volume of restrictions will be greater.

8:13 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky's evening address:

- "We are preparing for a new outcome in relations with the European Union. The EU has already approved the negotiation framework for Ukraine, and on June 25 we expect the actual start of negotiations - the government delegation of Ukraine will be in Brussels precisely for this purpose. A truly historic week."

8:30 PM: Work of the crew of the 2K22 "Tunguska" anti-aircraft missile-gun complex.

- This anti-aircraft system effectively counters enemy UAVs, which the Russian Federation uses to attack Ukrainian cities.

8:54 PM: Chief of Staff of "Azov" Bohdan Krotevych submitted charges to the Security Intelligence Service against the Ukrainian general for committing war crimes

- According to him, at first he tried to convey the information to the higher authorities, but did not achieve the result.
- "I don't care that combatants and brigade commanders are tried for the loss of an observation post, but the general is not tried for the loss

of regions and dozens of cities and the loss of thousands of soldiers. This person starts investigations against commanders who advance and do not lose positions, but against himself does not initiate official investigations. [...] All the military now understand what kind of person I am talking about, because 99 percent of the military hate him for what he does," Krotevych notes.

9:27 PM: Mykola Tyshchenko commented on the fact that his assistant Evelina Andriivska is listed on the "Peacemaker" site and has repeatedly visited the temporarily occupied Crimea:

- "Maybe you need to repeat three times that Crimea is Ukraine...? Do not abuse! Do not insult a woman! Are you against gender equality? Do you not support our European values?"

9:39 PM: The head of the GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Kyrylo Budanov, gave an interview to The Philadelphia Inquirer:

- We have no other option but to return what was occupied. Otherwise, the state of war will continue forever.
- Ukraine's response to the numerical superiority of Russia's aggressor state is the use of military technologies on the battlefield.
- Captured by Moscow and transformed into a huge military base, the Crimean peninsula must be cut off from Russian supplies. ATACMS missiles provided by the US can play an important role in this process.

9:48 PM: Bradley infantry fighting vehicle of the 47th Separate Mechanized Brigade engages enemy infantry.

- On the way back, the FPV drone hits the vehicle - the crew didn't even feel it and continued driving.

10:09 PM: There is a threat of using ballistic weapons from the south.

11:11 PM: There is a threat of using ballistic weapons from the south!

11:28 PM: A Russian prisoner who went to fight, as he says, "for patriotic reasons," no longer believes the propaganda:



- "I believe that Ukrainians have the right to hate Russians, this is your land."

### **MORDOR - ruZZia**

6:15 AM Social Networks: Explosions were heard in Russian Rostov at night.

6:51 AM: The Navy of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, together with the SBU, confirmed the destruction of the "Shaheed" warehouse and related infrastructure in the Krasnodar region on the night of June 21.

- New satellite images confirm the strikes on the places of storage and preparation for the use of "Shahed-136/Geran-2", training buildings, control and communication points of these UAVs in the Krasnodar region of the Russian Federation.
- 6:57 AM: As of this morning, the presence of four Russian missile-carrying ships is recorded in the Black and Azov Seas.

8:52 AM: The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine also confirmed the successful defeat of the command post of the motorized rifle regiment, which was located in the village of Nekhotiivka, Belgorod region.

12:39 PM: Explosions rang out in temporarily occupied Sevastopol, local channels report.

- Loud noises are heard in the area of Kozacha Bay, Balaclava and Inkerman. There is information about the work of Russian air defense in the Yevpatoria and Sak area.

1:37 PM: A video of an alleged attack on the command post of a motorized rifle regiment in the Belgorod region is being circulated online.

3:23 PM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation reported the alleged downing of 4 ATACMS missiles.

- They claim that "another missile deviated from its flight path during reflection, exploding over the beach in the so-called Sevastopol."

- Meanwhile, a video of a probably corresponding "deflection" of a missile in Sevastopol is being distributed online. Local authorities reported 3 dead and almost 100 injured.
- During a war, it is impossible to verify some information that the aggressor spreads. Treat her with caution.

4:58 PM: Partisans sabotaged the railway connecting Rostov-on-Don and temporarily occupied Mariupol.

- "Our agent burned down a relay box on the Rostov-on-Don — Mariupol railway," says the message of the ATESH partisan movement.
- This railway branch plays a key role in the transfer of military forces and equipment between different parts of the Southern Military District of the Russian Federation. It also opens access to the sea route.

7:01 PM: In Dagestan, in the city of Derbent, unknown people fired at a synagogue and a church with automatic weapons, — rosZMI.

- According to preliminary information, one police officer was killed and one was injured.
- PS: Already 2 dead policemen.

7:10 PM: Also in Makhachkala, unknown persons fired at the DPS post, the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of Dagestan.

- According to preliminary information, one police officer was injured.
- An "Interception" plan has been announced. The attackers are being identified.

7:27 PM: Five policemen were killed during a shootout in Dagestan's Derbent and Makhachkala.

- Nine others were injured.

7:31 PM: There are also reports of shooting on the border between Russia and Abkhazia.

- Russian media reported 3 wounded and 1 dead.

7:35 PM: During an attack on a church in Derbent, Dagestan, the throat of a 66-year-old priest was cut, — rosZMI.

- One guard was also killed - he was shot.

7:44 PM: The first footage with the faces of the attackers in Dagestan.

8:38 PM: 6 security forces were killed in Dagestan, another 12 were wounded, reports the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. A counter-terrorist operation was announced in the region.

- Meanwhile, the shooting in Derbent does not stop. Russian media report that the attackers who were eliminated were the two sons of the head of the Sergokalyn district of Dagestan.
- PS: 40 hostages are locked up in the Russian Orthodox Church in the Kirovsky district of Makhachkala

9:12 PM: North Korea could transfer about 1.6 million artillery ammunition to Russia within six months, according to The Washington Post.

- The publication analyzed the data obtained by the non-profit organization on global security C4ADS. They testify that from August 2023 to January 2024, more than 74 thousand metric tons of explosives arrived in the Russian Federation from North Korea.

10:13 PM: The temporarily occupied Crimea is restless again.

- Yevpatoria and Saki hear the explosions. Sevastopol is getting ready.

10:15 PM: An explosion is also heard in temporarily occupied Skadovsk. We are waiting for details.

10:22 PM: What is happening in Dagestan:

The number of dead increased to 9, 7 of them law enforcement officers, another 25 people were injured.

- Magomed Omarov, the head of the Sergokalinsky district of Dagestan, has written a resignation letter, he has been detained and is being interrogated.

- The central part of Derbent is out of power, fighting is going on in the city.

10:27 PM: After the explosions, a fire broke out in the temporarily occupied Yevpatoria. The video was published on local social networks.

## REGIONS

### KYIV



8:25 AM: As a result of falling debris, 6 high-rise buildings and more than 20 private houses were damaged in one of the settlements, Kyiv RMA.

- Gas filling station buildings, pharmacies, enterprises, an administrative building and 3 cars were also damaged. Two victims are known.

### KHARKIV



7:29 AM: In Kharkiv, emergency and rescue operations have been completed at the site of an aerial bomb impact on a 5-story residential building.

- As a result of a Russian aerial bomb hitting a high-rise building, 2 people died, another 53 were injured, including 3 children, the State Emergency Service noted.

1:43 PM: Explosions rang out in Kharkiv. We are waiting for details.

2:12 PM: The patrol police showed a video of yesterday's arrival of a Guided Aerial Bomb in the central part of Kharkiv.

3:00 PM: A guided aerial bomb moves in the direction of Kharkiv.

- PS: Mayor of Kharkiv Ihor Terekhov informed about the explosions in the city.

3:08 PM: The power went out in a part of Kharkiv after a series of explosions, local media reported.

- PS: The metro also stopped in the city.

3:29 PM: KAB again in the direction of Kharkiv.

3:32 PM: There are casualties in Kharkiv as a result of the Russian attack, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said.

- One of the blows came to the private sector of the city.
- PS: Four people were injured. One person died.
- PS: The number of victims has increased to 5.

3:52 PM: Ihor Terekhov reported three more victims in another district of Kharkiv.

- A children's educational institution was hit there.

4:36 PM: 10 people were injured as a result of a Russian airstrike on civilian objects in the Shevchenkivskyi and Kholodnohirskyi districts of Kharkiv.

- According to the head of RMA Oleg Sinegubov, among the injured are two teenagers aged 15 and 16.

5:13 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi showed the consequences of today's Russian attack on Kharkiv.

- The president has already received all the reports about the situation in the city after the enemy shelling.
- "Maximum work to deprive the Russians of the opportunity to terrorize our cities. Modern air defense for Ukraine, strong combat aviation, long-range weapons and sufficient determination of partners are what will definitely be able to stop Russian terrorists," he emphasized.

## DONETSK



8:05 PM: Russians are using thermobaric projectiles in Donetsk region, said Oleg Kalashnikov, press officer of the 26th Artillery Brigade.

- He also noted that about three months ago, the Russians began to more actively use the mechanized component in their assaults.
- Russian troops continue to attack in small units - from eight to twelve people.

## ZAPORIZHIA



8:34 AM: An energy engineer, injured the day before as a result of a Russian missile attack on an energy facility in the Zaporizhzhia district, died in the hospital.

- This was announced by Ivan Fedorov, the head of the Zaporizhzhia RMA.

5:43 PM: The SBU announced in absentia the suspicion of the head of the occupation administration, so-called Yevhen Balytskyi of the Zaporizhzhia region.

- On July 14, 2022, he issued a decree on liability measures for offenses that threaten public order and security.
- Pursuant to this decree, at least 50 civilians were forcibly relocated from their place of permanent residence in the occupied territory of the Zaporizhzhia region.

## DNIPRO



10:09 AM: Due to a power outage in Kryvyi Rih, a failure occurred at the coke chemical plant. The city was engulfed in smog.

- "Today around 5:00 a.m. there was a sudden disconnection of a number of production facilities from the external power system. Employees were forced to resort to a number of crisis technological actions to preserve production equipment, in particular coke chemical production equipment and ensure the safety of employees," Arcelor said in a statement.

1:16 PM: Dnipropetrovsk - work of the Air Defense System on a reconnaissance UAV.



Comparison of russian losses in 9 years and 9 months in Afghanistan to losses in russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 856 days	After 857 days	After 858 days	After 859 days	After 860 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	529,750	530,920	531,980	533,090	534,360

#### Material Losses

Tanks	147	7,984	7,987	8,001	8,009	8,019
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	15,319	15,337	15,372	15,383	15,398
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	15,111	15,157	15,212	15,240	15,303
Cruise Missiles		2,297	2,298	2,298	2,301	2,321
Fighters Bombers	118	359	359	359	359	359



Helicopters	333	326	326	326	326	326
Drones		11,221	11,260	11,260	11,305	11,355
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		857	859	861	861	863
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	19,078	19,134	18,181	19,204	19,248
Naval Vessels		28 + 1 submar ine	28 + 1 submar ine	28 + 1 submar ine	28 + 1 submar ine	28 + 1 submar ine
Specialized equipment		2,351	2,357	2,367	2,369	2,377

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