

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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The Banning of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Moscow Patriarchate (UOC-MP)

Recently, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted a law banning any church that is affiliated with the Russian Federation from the territory of Ukraine. According to the Al Jazeera, the vote was 265 – 29m and President Zelenskyy is expected to sign it into law.

The only church that meets the criteria contained in the legislation is the UOC-MP. The UOC-MP is not much more than an organ of the Russian State. In my opinion, based on several of his public pronouncements the Patriarch of UOC-MP, Kirill, is a war criminal and he should be treated as such. Priests affiliated with UOC-MP have consistently been arrested for collaborating with Russia. During the Donbas incursion in 2014/2015, it was common for UOC-MP priests to allow their churches to be used as R&R facilities or, worse, as storage for weapons and ammunition to be used against Ukrainian soldiers.

Expect Tucker Carlson and Sen. J.D. Vance, to name two, to fulminate about Ukraine banning Christianity when they ban UOC-MP. This couldn't be further from the truth, but don't expect Carlson and Vance to want to educate themselves.

One of the first emails I sent out about the situation in Ukraine was just over 10 years ago, in mid-July, 2014, about the budding conflict between the UOC-MP, and what was then known as the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, now called the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU). July 2014 was not long after the end of the Revolution of Dignity. I corralled Bohdan Chomiak, we went to our favorite outdoor drinking spot that unfortunately no longer exists,

and he explained it all to me. This subject has been of significant interest to me ever since, partly because I found [Patriarch Kirill](#) to be such an odious individual. Kirill has called the rule of Vladimir Putin a “miracle of God.”

After the end of the Revolution of Dignity, members of parishes belonging to UOC-MP began to vote to dis-affiliate themselves from UOC-MP and join the OCU. Parishes have every right to do this. Russia tried to stop it, but there wasn't anything practical they could do.

Former President Poroshenko was a major supporter of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, the leader of the separate Eastern Orthodox Churches, giving OCU a “Tomos” (a Greek word for “document”), making OCU completely independent of UOC-MP, rather than subservient to it. Bartholomew demurred, likely the result of pressure brought by UOC-MP, the richest of the Eastern Orthodox churches.

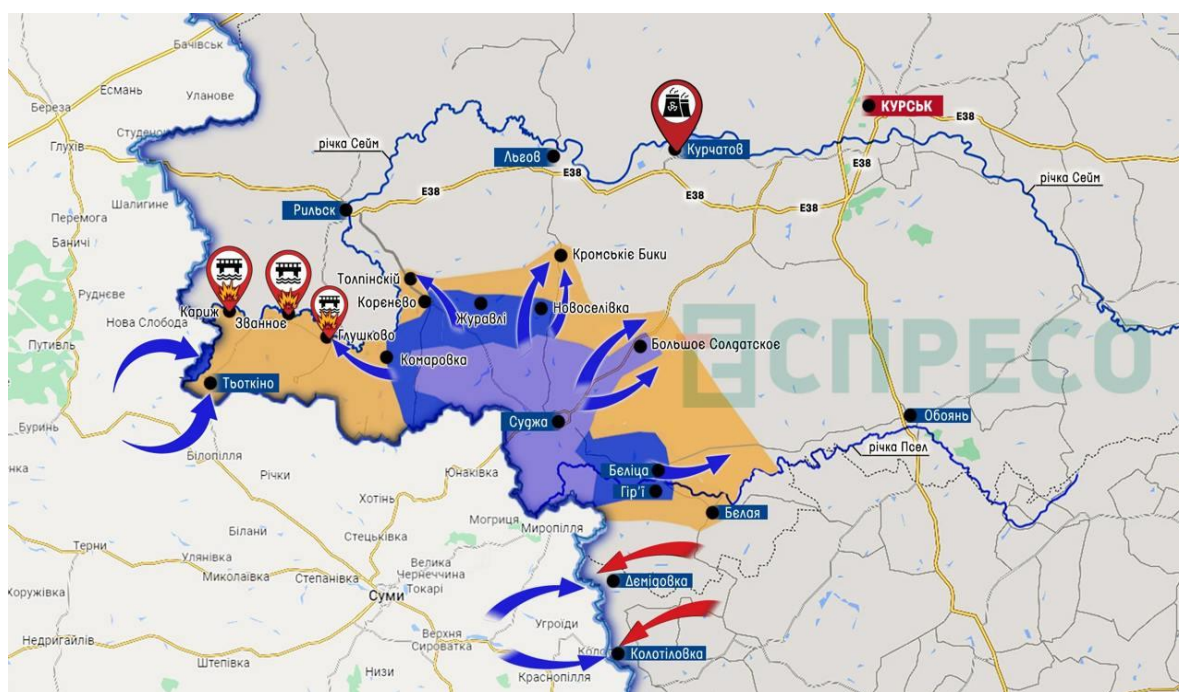
In late July 2018, both the UOC-MP and OCU celebrated the 1,030th Anniversary of Vladimir I's conversion to Christianity. The procession of OCU churchmen, clad in full vestments down Volodymyrska Street was something to behold. UOC-MP had a separate but far less impressive procession near the Pecherska Lavra, the former Seat of the UOC-MP. At the time I was hosting a delegation of Ethiopian Government Officials responsible for Ethiopia's financial sector, to Ukraine. Ethiopia is a majority Orthodox country, so they were able to see this event.

It is possible that the procession set in motion the events that led to Bartholomew I to issue the Tomos to OCU in January 2019. It was the first time Ukraine had an independent Orthodox church in over 300 years.

The third player in this saga is the Greek Catholic Church, based in Lviv. They follow the Orthodox rites but recognize Pope Francis I as their spiritual leader. Over the years, the Catholic Church has often conspired with what is now UOC-MP in persecutions of Greek Catholics. In recent years Pope Francis has looked the other way, as UOC-MP, and Kirill, have joined the Russian State in their assault against Ukraine and Ukrainian institutions including the Greek Catholics, all in the interest of ending the schism between their two churches. Lately I think Francis has decided that his pursuit of Kirill gives the Catholic Church a bad name.

The issuance of the Tomos was another nail in coffin of the narrative that Putin never tires of espousing, that Ukrainians and Russians are “one people.” It might well have accelerated Russia’s decision to invade. Every conflict has a religious aspect. This war is no different.

TWO MAPS ONE WAR



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INTERNATIONAL

Monday, August 19

6:20 AM: Sijarto, Hungary's Minister of Foreign Affairs, insists that the simplification of border crossing for Belarusians and Russians does not threaten the European Union

- He added that all contrary statements "are plain lies" and the Northern European and Baltic colleagues "continue the campaign of lies against Hungary".
- "Of course, this is not unusual for pro-war politicians, but such disregard for facts is still alarming," the post reads.

7:25 AM: US, South Korea begin joint military drills amid accusations by North Korea of invasion preparations

8:00 AM: Blinken arrives in Tel Aviv to seek a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and the release of Hamas hostages.

8:00 AM: Putin arrived on a two-day state visit to Azerbaijan.

8:00 AM: Russia's Rosatom uses Dutch subsidiary Uranium One Cooperative to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in profits.

8:31 AM: Democratic Senator Kelly believes that the operation in the Kursk region could change the course of the war

- When asked if he was comfortable now that American weapons were being used on Russian soil, Kelly said he was not against it. He also added that it is appropriate to continue studying the security needs of Ukrainians.
- The senator also said Ukraine's offensive should teach Russians that Putin is not the peerless protector he makes himself out to be.

8:33 AM: The British government confirmed the use of tanks provided to Ukraine in the Kurshchyna operation, - The Sunday Times

- The decision to allow British weapons to be used on Russian soil, which British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Defense Secretary John Healy made last week, was not a change of policy, but a change of tone.

8:59 AM: Hamas rejects US proposal for Gaza truce, saying chances of a deal are slim

9:37 AM: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Ukraine this month, India's Ministry of External Affairs.

10:07 AM: Germany's ruling coalition urged not to cut aid to Ukraine, amid media reports, DW.

- "It would be a fatal signal from the German government to Ukraine if funds for new military aid were not included in future federal budgets," said Social Democrat Michael Roth, chairman of the Bundestag's foreign affairs committee.
- The politician considers the already allocated 50 billion military aid from the G7 countries to Kyiv insufficient.

1:08 PM: US Presidential Election: Harris's approval rating among Americans is rising

- According to the results of the survey, about half of the adult population of the United States, or 48%, have a very positive or somewhat positive attitude towards the Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris.

1:40 PM: Germany handed Ukraine a new package of military aid — the government of Germany.

- It includes:
 - anti-aircraft missile complex IRIS-T SLS;
 - 14 thousand 155-mm ammunition;
 - 10 surface drones;
 - 26 VECTOR reconnaissance drones with spare parts;
 - means for disposal of explosive objects;
 - 6 highly mobile engineering excavators;
 - armored repair and evacuation vehicle Bergepanzer 2 with spare parts;
 - 55 thousand first-aid kits;
 - 700 MK 556 assault rifles;
 - 10 high-precision HLR 338 rifles with ammunition;
 - 50 CR 308 rifles

2:02 PM: Chinese Premier Li Qiang will visit the Russian Federation and Belarus this week

- Li Qiang plans to "exchange deep thoughts on practical cooperation in bilateral relations and issues of common interest" with the Russian Prime Minister.

2:18 PM: A 26-year-old volunteer from Finland, Wille Mückiänen, died during the hostilities in Ukraine. He died at the beginning of August in Luhansk region.

- Information about his death was made public at the request of the deceased's family. He became the fifth Finn to die fighting for Ukraine

3:25 PM: Denmark announced a new package of military aid to Ukraine in the amount of about \$116 million.

- The main funds will be directed to the purchase of new military equipment through the Ukrainian defense industry and international partners.

5:00 PM: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Ukraine on National Flag Day - August 23.

- This is the first visit of the head of the Indian government to our country in the history of bilateral relations.
- Meanwhile, Bloomberg writes that India has agreed to relay messages between Zelensky and Putin.

5:23 PM: A dispute within the German government over further aid to Ukraine led to a significant drop in the share prices of German arms manufacturers earlier in the week.

6:31 PM: The Armed Forces of Ukraine can use Danish weapons on Russian territory, Danish Foreign Minister Rasmussen said.

- "Self-defense may well include invading the aggressor's territory. If as part of this you attack the attacker's infrastructure or military facilities, it is entirely within the framework of the rules of war," says the minister.

7:03 PM: The US has not received an official request for Storm Shadow missile strikes on the territory of the Russian Federation, — Telegraph.

- Earlier, The Times wrote that the United States has not responded to Britain's request for authorization of such strikes for Ukraine for more than a month.

8:30 PM: The Economist writes that the Armed Forces were preparing an operation in the Kursk region of the Russian Federation in secret from the Western allies.

- According to The Economist, while preparing for the operation in the Kursk region, the military leadership of Ukraine considered several options, namely: a strike in the Bryansk region, a strike in the Kursk region, a combined strike in two regions at once, or an even larger scale.
- The article states that the main purpose of the operation was to withdraw troops from Donbas and create advantages for future negotiations

10:10 PM: Israel Defense Forces strike Hezbollah weapons depots in Lebanon.

11:04 PM: Zelenskyy called on Ukrainian diplomats to help Western countries expand their permission to use the long-range weapons transferred by them for strikes on Russian territory.

- According to the president, if the West had not imposed restrictions on the use of weapons on the territory of Russia, "we would not have needed a physical intervention, in particular, on Kurshchyna in order to protect our Ukrainian citizens in the border areas and destroy the potential of Russian aggression."

11:18 PM: The President of the Czech Republic does not rule out the possibility of Ukraine joining NATO despite the partial occupation.

- "If there is a demarcation, even of the administrative border, then we can consider this administrative border as temporary and accept Ukraine into NATO on the territory it will control at that time," said Czech President Petr Pavel.

- He cited the example of Germany, where a part of the country was accepted into NATO despite the division.

11:40 PM: Iran may declare itself a nuclear power by the end of the year, the chairman of the US Intelligence Committee says.

11:40 PM: A yacht with 22 people aboard has sunk in a powerful storm off Sicily, including billionaire Mike Lynch and his 18-year-old daughter, Reuters reports.

Tuesday, August 20

8:00 AM: In Latvia, starting from August 20, the nationalized building of the former House of Moscow in the center of Riga will be put up for auction. The funds from the sale will be directed to support Ukraine, - Latvian broadcaster LSM.

8:00 AM: The Democratic National Convention has begun in Chicago, where the candidate for the US presidency will be officially announced.

8:00 AM: The US officially accused Iran of cyberattacks on the headquarters of Trump, Biden and Harris.

1:07 PM: The Czech Republic will buy ammunition for Ukraine with the proceeds from the frozen assets of the Russian Federation, the Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic Yana Chernokhova said.

- "The European Union has made such a decision. Therefore, we will be able to purchase hundreds of thousands more units of such large-caliber ammunition that Ukraine needs," wrote Chernokhova.

1:20 PM: More than 500 Ukrainian medics underwent a complex of combat medical training for the Armed Forces, — the Ministry of Defense of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

- During the exercises, Ukrainian military personnel undergo an intensive five-week course in tactical medicine under the guidance of instructors from the British Ground Forces, the Royal Air Force, the Netherlands Ground Forces, and the Icelandic Fire and Rescue Service.

3:12 PM: Germany will deliver four more IRIS-T air defense systems to Ukraine by the end of the year.

- This was stated by the deputy official representative of the German government, Wolfgang Buchner, reports dpa.
- Also, according to him, 10 Gepard anti-aircraft guns, 16 self-propelled howitzers, 10 Leopard battle tanks, combat drones and several thousand ammunition will be delivered to Ukraine.

3:47 PM: Prime Minister of Georgia Kobakhidze criticized President Zurabishvili's invitation to Kyiv and her friendly relations with Zelensky

- Kobakhidze said that President Zurabishvili called on the Georgian government to open a second front against Russia.
- "Georgian Dream" is sure that Ukrainian politicians, Georgian oppositionists and representatives of the West urged it to do so.
- Commenting on Zurabishvili's invitation to the Crimean Platform summit, Kobakhidze accused her of friendship "with specific Ukrainian high-ranking officials."

6:43 PM: Bloomberg: Zelenskyy asked allies to return Ukrainian men, but was refused

- As the publication writes, Zelensky tried to convince his allies to help return men of draft age to Ukraine. He discussed this issue with them at bilateral meetings. But "politicians from Poland to Hungary have said they will not send refugees back as long as the war continues."
- Bloomberg points out that there is also an economic reason for such a refusal: many companies in these countries lack workers, for example, for newly built car factories or factories to produce batteries

8:56 PM: Fragments of a drone were found again in Romania near the border with Ukraine

- "The investigative team collected evidence from the scene for an examination, in accordance with legal procedures. The scene is in a marshy area, outside of populated areas, without damage to infrastructure elements," the Romanian Ministry of Defense said in a statement.

10:05 PM: The 24th meeting of "Ramstein" will be held in Germany on September 6, US Air Forces in Europe announced.

11:29 PM: Some NATO member states are delaying deliveries of promised air defense systems and military equipment to Ukraine, Bloomberg reports.

- Several countries have still not fulfilled the commitments announced at the summit in Washington, including sending at least five additional air defense systems.
- There are fears that the promised weapons may not arrive until the fall, when new strikes on Ukraine's critical infrastructure are expected.

11:57 PM: Azerbaijan submitted an official application to join BRICS, which is chaired by Russia, — Report.

11:57 PM: The Czech parliament has called on the government to audit Orthodox churches for Russian influence.

11:57 PM: Pakistan has successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable Shaheen-II surface-to-surface ballistic missile.

NATIONAL

Monday, August 19

6:52 AM: If the aggressor is given time, then in 5-8-10 years, our children will have to confront him: Olena Zelenska on Russia's concessions.

- This is how the first lady commented on proposals to cede territories to Russia for the sake of peace and suggested what would happen if "we give the enemy time."

7:11 AM: During the night, 11 out of 11 "shaheeds" were shot down by mobile fire groups of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, aviation, anti-aircraft missile units and EW equipment of the Air Force.

- Russian drone(s) were destroyed in Mykolaiv, Cherkasy, Vinnytsia, Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Sumy and Donetsk regions.

8:16 AM: On August 18, the Defense Forces liberated Apanasivka, Snagost, Otruba and advanced in Olhivka, Kursk Oblast.

- However, the enemy advanced in the Donetsk region, near Pishchany, Skuchny, Mykolaivka, Zaliznyansky, Novozhelanny in Nelipivka and New York

9:43 AM: Against the background of electricity problems in July 2024, Ukrainian enterprises worsened half-yearly expectations and sharply slowed down the pace of recovery

10:30 AM: Ukrposhta announced a new stamp for Independence Day.

- It is made in the form of a map of Ukraine and is called "Everything will be UA!".

10:40 AM: The attack on Monobank has stopped, the bank's co-founder Oleg Horohovskiy said.

- In three days, there were more than 7.5 billion requests to the bank's services. The service for collecting funds "Banks" was attacked the most.

12:03 PM: Zelensky: the Russian Federation uses the ZNPP as a site for strikes on Nikopol and storage of equipment

- According to the president, Ukraine has guaranteed the highest level of security of nuclear facilities for decades.
- This will continue to be the case, but for this the Russian presence at the ZANP must cease

1:09 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi listened to the report of the Central Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Heavy fighting continues in the Pokrovsky direction and the defense of Toretsk.
- The Commander in Chief also reported on the new details of the operation in the Kursk region. In the morning there is another replenishment of the exchange fund for Ukraine.

3:13 PM: Application of outage schedules for today has moved forward 30 minutes, — DTEK.

- Outages will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m.

4:03 PM: There are about 930,000 "reserved" people in Ukraine — this number will cross the 1 million mark in a week, Deputy Defense Minister Ivan Gavrylyuk said.

- What else did Gavrilyuk say:
 - Today, mobilization does not meet the needs of the army, because a mobilized person is not a fighter, he will become one in 3-6 months.
 - The economy should be transferred to a war footing, but today in Ukraine "few enterprises work in three shifts."
 - At the beginning of the year, the Russian group numbered 440,000 people in the occupied territories, now it is about 600,000, and by the end of the year it is expected to grow to 800,000 people.

5:13 PM: +30 minutes of light: one round of blackouts will operate from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Ukrenergo reports.

5:18 PM: 24-hour house arrest of People's Deputy Tyshchenko was extended until September 23, media reports.

6:05 PM: Tomorrow from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m., one round of shutdowns will be applied - "Ukrenergo".

- From 17:00 to 22:00 there are two queues.

8:36 PM: The Ministry of Defense discovered the illegal registration of a Moscow Patriarchate church on the territory of the military unit in Kyiv.

- the Moscow church could lead to the leakage of information about military movements and access of outsiders to the unit. Violations were eliminated together with the Ministry of Justice, and the church was handed over to the Military Chaplaincy Service of the Armed Forces of Ukraine for the spiritual needs of the military.

9:49 PM: Over the cities of Ukraine, you can observe a rare astronomical phenomenon — the Blue Supermoon.

- It's a combination of two events: a Supermoon makes the moon brighter and bigger, and a Blue Moon is the second full moon in August.
- The next time such a phenomenon is expected only in 2037.

10:48 PM: Lubinets commented on the words of the Volynskyi Regional Conscription Commission and the SP regarding the intervention of lawyers in the mobilization process.

- Dmytro Lubinets, the Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights, noted that according to Article 59 of the Constitution of Ukraine, everyone has the right to professional legal assistance. No one in Ukraine can be deprived of such a right, even under martial law.

11:55 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of the evening of August 19:

- Since the beginning of the day, 154 combat clashes took place at the front.
- Russian invaders carried out 71 airstrikes on the territory of Ukraine, dropping 86 gliding aerial bombs.
- For the attacks, the Russians used 629 kamikaze drones and conducted more than 3,400 attacks on the positions of the Ukrainian troops.
- The main activity of the enemy is concentrated in the Pokrovsky direction, where 325 occupiers were neutralized, 133 of them - irreversibly.

Tuesday, August 20

8:46 AM: Russia attacked at night with Iskanders, Shaheds and Kh-59 missiles

- According to the Air Force, a total of 28 air targets were destroyed. Air defense forces shot down 25 out of 26 Shaheds, 1 Iskander-K cruise missile, two Kh-59 guided air missiles.
- In addition, the enemy attacked with two Iskander-M/KN-23 ballistic missiles.

10:05 AM: BEB initiated the blocking of access to two sites of lottery operators.

- It was established that funds were transferred in the form of a change in the purpose of payment or a regular transfer between the accounts of individuals instead of the statutory top-up to the company's account with code 9406 — "state lotteries".
- Two managers were notified of charges.

10:51 AM: Oleksandr Usyk met with the fighters of the "Favorite" company <https://www.instagram.com/rotafavorit> and donated a unique T-shirt to the auction to support the Armed Forces

- The absolute world champion in boxing, Oleksandr Usyk, met with the fighters of the "Favorite" company to personally thank them for their service and contribution to the destruction of enemy equipment on the hottest areas of the front.
- Usyk handed over a unique T-shirt to the founder and commander of the company, Denys Perch <https://www.instagram.com/denysperch>. This is the same T-shirt that the president of the WTO put on Usyk after his historic victory over Tyson Fury.

11:04 AM: From 16:00 to 24:00, consumption restriction measures will be in effect in all regions, — Ukrenergo.

- As a result of hostilities and other reasons, 550 settlements were cut off.

11:27 AM: Volodymyr Zelensky announced the creation of the "Ministry of Ukrainian Unity".

- It will be responsible for the global unification of Ukrainians, protection of their interests abroad and countering Russian influence.
- The President emphasized that the existing institutions are not enough for this, so the new ministry will coordinate the efforts of various state bodies. Soon, Zelenskyi promises to present all the details regarding this new ministry.

12:23 PM: The Russian church is banned in Ukraine.

- The Verkhovna Rada adopted in general the draft law on the ban on the activities of religious organizations connected with the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine.
- The communities of the UOC MP will have 9 months to sever ties with the Russian Orthodox Church.

12:36 PM: The government allocates 24 billion hryvnias for the purchase of drones for the Security and Defense Forces.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal.

12:49 PM: Ukrainians will be able to receive up to UAH 3,000 cashback for the purchase of Ukrainian goods every month, - the Ministry of Statistics.

- From September 2, all interested parties will be able to join the program through Diya, where the amount of cashback received will be displayed.
- It will be possible to spend this money on utilities, donations, military bonds, transport, communication, sports, cinema and medical services.

1:32 PM: The Council supported the bill on the rescinding of state awards for traitors to Ukraine.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reported this.

2:27 PM: The Verkhovna Rada adopted a law on the status of military personnel fighting in the Russian Federation — they will receive the same payments and preferences as those on the front lines.

- People's deputy Yaroslav Zheleznyak reports this.

2:48 PM: The Armed Forces began to experience "shell hunger" after the transfer of units to Kurshchyna - FT

- The publication, citing an unnamed high-ranking official, writes that even a few days before the beginning of the Kursk operation, the defense in Donetsk region "was cracking." "Russian soldiers are still pushing their way through Ukrainian defenses, capturing villages and towns and bringing Moscow closer to its stated goal of full control over the Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine," the article says.
- The Financial Times, citing officials involved in the operation, writes that to ensure the Kursk operation, Ukraine transferred more than 10,000 military personnel, including many elite airborne troops and mechanized brigades, from the Donetsk and Kharkiv regions

3:34 PM: The Council supported the draft law on the legal status of foreigners and stateless persons fighting for Ukraine.

- This was reported by People's Deputy Iryna Gerashchenko.

- Such persons will be allowed to obtain temporary residence permits or to immigrate, even if their documents are expired.

4:01 PM: The Verkhovna Rada also adopted a draft law on the declaration of firearms, People's Deputy Frolov reports.

- It gives civilians the right to declare their existing weapons and ammunition, as well as to use them for the purpose of repelling armed aggression by the Russian Federation during the period of martial law in Ukraine and 90 days after its termination.

4:17 PM: The Ministry of Health has approved the Okhmatdyt Recovery Council, which includes 15 people from the hospital, the Ministry of Health, the United Nations Development Program in Ukraine and UNICEF.

- The Council will meet today to discuss a phased plan to restore the hospital.

4:41 PM: BEB reported charges against a confidant of the blogger Slobozhenko — he helped him earn illegal profits from work on the network.

- To hide income and avoid paying taxes, the company was not registered as a legal entity, and the employees did not have signed employment contracts.
- Income from the services provided was transferred to cryptocurrency, and then cash was withdrawn at currency exchange points.

5:07 PM: Tomorrow, from 16:00 to 18:00 and from 22:00 to 24:00, there will be one round of blackouts, "Ukrenergo".

- From 18:00 to 22:00 there are two rounds.

5:12 PM: The committee on foreign policy adopted a decision to recommend that the Verkhovna Rada ratify the Rome Statute.

- According to Oleksandr Merezhko, Chairman of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Foreign Policy and Interparliamentary Cooperation, at the meeting of the Committee, all conditions were created to get answers to any questions and dispel all myths about the Rome Statute, and almost all arguments were expressed.

5:56 PM: Ukraine has decriminalized desertion and desertion if it happened for the first time.

- The adopted law provides that such military personnel will be released from criminal liability if they themselves return to the place of duty.

6:10 PM: The Coca-Cola Foundation allocated \$300,000 to help the most affected agricultural households in the Kharkiv and Kherson regions.

- The program was implemented by the Ukrainian Red Cross. The main goal is to help restore agricultural activity, which is the main source of income for many families. They received polycarbonate greenhouses or walk-behind tractors with additional equipment, as well as financial assistance for the purchase of materials.
- The program was implemented for six villages in two regions. It was attended by households that were partially damaged or destroyed due to the war in Ukraine, as well as those with pensioners, persons with disabilities, large families, low-income families and those caring for orphaned children.

6:18 PM: The UOC MP commented on the adoption of the ban on religious organizations associated with the Russian Federation

- After the adoption of the law banning religious organizations associated with the Russian Federation, the UOC MP plans to continue living as a true church, and any attempts to ban it may lead to the discrediting of those who seek it, they say.
- According to Metropolitan Klyment, the draft law No. 8371 "perhaps prohibits the UOC MP", however, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, they say, does not have the "MP" appendix.
- He claims that the law that the deputies voted for is no longer about the church itself, but about its property. According to Metropolitan Kliment, this situation resembles historical parallels with the communist past

6:53 PM: The Internal Revenue Service warns of fake emails with malware.

- Fraudsters ask to open a file attached to the letter, infected with malware, and then gain covert access to the victim's computer and transfer money from the company's accounts.
- Refrain from downloading files from untrusted sources and avoid following suspicious links.

8:17 PM: Ukraine has urgently requested heavy construction, engineering and medical equipment from NATO, the Euro-Atlantic Coordination Center.

- This equipment is necessary for rescuers to work in different regions of Ukraine, in those most affected by brutal Russian attacks.

8:33 PM: Electricity may not be turned off next week, unless force majeure occurs, said the head of Ukrenergo Kudrytskyi.

- According to him, now the shortage occurs mainly in the evening, but the reduction of heat and the launch of additional power units should solve this problem.

11:18 PM: Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the occupiers have used more than 9,600 missiles against Ukraine, said the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Sirskyi.

- Air defense forces shot down almost 2,500 units. Among the missiles used are "Daggers", "Kalibri", "X-555/101" and others.
- In addition, the Russians used 13,997 attack drones, of which 9,272 were destroyed.
- Sirskyi reported that in the period from February 24, 2022, Russian missiles and drones hit 11,879 objects in Ukraine, of which the majority were civilian - 6,203, the rest - 5,676 military.

11:44 PM: Another six children were returned to the territory controlled by Ukraine, the head of Kherson OVA Prokudin said.

- Two boys and four girls from 3 to 12 years old, they returned together with their parents from the occupied part of the Kherson region.

SUMMARY OF BOMB, MISSILE, DRONE, UAV AND ARTILLERY THREATS TO CIVILIANS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Monday, August 19

12:20 AM: Kirovohrad region — threat of use of strike drone(s).

12:35 AM: Cherkasy region - threat of using strike drone(s).

12:53 AM: drone(s) from Poltava region heading for Kyiv region.

1:25 AM: Odesa region - threat of use of strike drone(s).

1:27 AM: Air defense is operating in the Kyiv region, Kyiv OVA reports.

1:41 AM: Vinnytsia region — threat of use of strike drone(s).

2:06 AM: Mykolayiv region - threat of use of strike drone(s).

2:20 AM: Donetsk region - threat of using strike drone(s).

3:43 AM: drone(s) from Poltava Region heading to Dnipropetrovsk Region.

3:51 AM: The threat of the use of air strikes for front-line areas due to the activity of enemy tactical aviation in the northeast.

5:02 AM: Launches of gliding aerial bombs by tactical aviation in Sumy region and Donetsk region!

12:18 PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east and from Crimea.

4:58 PM: Chernihiv and Poltava regions — missile danger!

5:13 PM: Repulse the threat.

6:36 PM: Poltava region — missile danger.

9:39 PM: Sumy region - threat of strike drone(s).

9:43 PM: drone(s) in the southern part of the Sumy region, heading southwest.

9:49 PM: drone(s) from Kherson Region, heading for Mykolaiv Region.

10:23 PM: Movement of strike drone(s):

- drone(s) on the border of Poltava and Sumy regions, heading west.
- drone(s) from the Kherson region, bound for Mykolaiv region.
- drone(s) in the eastern part of the Mykolaiv region, heading north-west.

10:45 PM: Movement of strike drone(s):

- drone(s) on the border of Chernihiv and Poltava regions, heading west.
- drone(s) in the southern part of the Sumy region, heading west.
- drone(s) in the northern and eastern part of the Mykolaiv region, the course is northwest.
- drone(s) from the Kherson region, heading for the Mykolaiv region.

11:21 PM: Launches of gliding aerial bombs by tactical aircraft in Sumy Oblast!

11:32 PM: Movement of strike drone(s):

- drone(s) on the border of Chernihiv and Kyiv regions, heading west.
- drone(s) in the southern part of the Sumy region, heading west.
- Several groups of drone(s) from the Kherson Region through the Mykolaiv Region, heading north-west.

Tuesday, August 20

12:35 AM: Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhya, Kharkiv regions — the threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.

12:49 AM: Movement of strike drone(s):

- drone(s) in the western part of Chernihiv region, heading west.
- drone(s) in the western part of Poltava region, heading north.
- drone(s) south of Kryvyi Rih, heading south.
- Several groups of drone(s) in the southern part of the Vinnytsia region, heading west.
- drone(s) on the border of Vinnytsia and Khmelnytskyi regions, heading north-west.

1:31 AM: Movement of strike drone(s):

- drone(s) in the northern part of Khmelnytskyi region, heading west.
- drone(s) in the southern part of Vinnytsia region, heading west.
- drone(s) on the border of Kyiv and Zhytomyr regions, heading west.
- drone(s) in the southern part of Chernihiv region, heading west.

2:02 AM: Movement of strike drone(s):

- drone(s) in the northern part of the Zhytomyr region, heading west.
- drone(s) in the eastern part of the Kyiv region, the course is southwest.
- drone(s) in the northern part of the Ternopil region, heading west.

2:05 AM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.

3:18 AM: Countering the threat of using ballistic weapons.

5:01 AM: Activity of enemy tactical aircraft on NE and SE directions.

2:21 PM: Enemy tactical aircraft activity to the northeast!

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

3:48 PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the east.

7:33 PM: Odesa region — missile danger.

7:33 PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the south.

7:56 PM: Enemy tactical aircraft activity to the northeast!

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

9:07 PM: Enemy tactical aircraft activity in the northeast!

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

9:21 PM: Enemy tactical aircraft activity eastbound!

10:21 PM: Threat of using ballistic weapons from the northeast direction.

10:41 PM: drone(s) from Kherson region, heading for Mykolaiv region.

11:02 PM: High-speed target from Sumy region to Poltava region.

11:14 PM: Several groups of enemy drone(s) enter Mykolaiv region from Kherson region,

- The rest of the drone(s) continue to move through the Kherson region, heading north-west.

MORDOR – ruZZia

Monday, August 19

12:39 AM: the Russians are still unable to put out the fire at the oil depot attacked by the Ukrainians in the Rostov region.

- Three fire teams are trying to extinguish the fire.
- This is the second drone attack on oil bases in the Russian Federation in 15 days.

7:07 AM: As of this morning, there are no enemy ships in the Black and Azov seas.

7:58 AM: The Armed Forces of Ukraine destroyed the last third bridge over the Seim River in Kursk.

- This was reported by Mariupol mayor's advisor Andryushchenko.

8:26 AM: The Russian Orthodox Church called the operation of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the Kursk region a "Satanist attack"

- Metropolitan Kirill of Stavropol announced the creation of a "spiritual headquarters" to support the Russian military and added that he would pray for the "liberation of Ukraine from the Nazis."

11:18 AM: Commander of the Ground Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Oleksandr Pavlyuk showed the work of Ukrainian soldiers in the Kursk direction.

- "We continue to replenish the exchange fund, which will allow us to return our boys and girls from captivity faster," writes Pavlyuk.

11:44 AM: The military was shown the work of one of the divisions of the SSpO of Ukraine in Kursk.

- "Enemies are trying to hide in industrial zones, in equipped positions and in civilian houses. Ambushes, assaults, aiming artillery and taking prisoners are the daily work of Special Operations Forces operators in enemy territory," the military wrote.

12:00 PM: The activity of 4 Tu-95MS aircraft from the "Olenya" airfield (Murman region) flying in the southeast direction is noted.

- 6 Tu-95MS are in the air!

1:24 PM: British intelligence: In the Russian Federation, the Signal messenger is blocked to deprive the enemies of the regime of communication

- Some commentators suggest that the ban is aimed at preventing the spread of information about the Ukrainian offensive in the Kursk region. But the British Ministry of Defense believes that this is unlikely.

1:31 PM: There was an explosion at a petrochemical plant in Bashkortostan: there are apparently victims

- After the explosion in the morning, a fire broke out at the enterprise in Sterlitamak, footage of which appeared in local media.
- According to the Ministry of Emergency Situations, firefighters are extinguishing a flare due to depressurization with subsequent burning of liquefied gas. 20 specialists and 6 pieces of equipment work on site.

3:50 PM: The Tu-95 has already landed.

- The activity of enemy tactical aviation in the north-eastern direction.

5:33 PM: "Run, blh," — after another outbreak at the oil depot, Rostov Ministry of Emergency Situations learned to speak Ukrainian.

- According to preliminary information, this is the same "Caucasus" oil depot that was attacked by Ukrainian drone(s) yesterday. They still can't put out the flames.

5:52 PM: "After Ukraine's invasion of the Kursk region, there can be no negotiations with Kyiv," the so-called the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Lavrov.

7:36 PM: Satellite image of an oil depot in the Rostov region — more than 10 fuel tanks are already on fire.

- According to preliminary information, 41 rescuers were injured during firefighting.

7:22 PM: The Russian Federation threatens foreign journalists filming reports in the Kursk region.

- "Criminal cases have already been initiated against a number of such representatives of foreign media for illegally crossing the state border of the Russian Federation. All such incidents are carefully recorded, and appropriate measures will be applied to violators," said the spokeswoman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Maria Zakharova.
- At the same time, she called foreign journalists working in Kursk "traitors of their profession, who stooped to direct participation in the fabrication and dissemination of Ukrainian-Nazi propaganda."

9:12 PM: Ukraine controls more than 1,250 sq. km of territory and 92 settlements in the Kursk region, Volodymyr Zelenskyi reported.

- "We have already captured the largest number of Russian prisoners in one operation," the president added.

Tuesday, August 20

7:28 AM: As of this morning, there are no enemy ships in the Black and Azov seas.

9:18 AM: Belarus sends additional troops and aircraft to border with Ukraine, — AP.

- In addition, anti-aircraft missile systems and radio engineering units were sent to the border.

- The reinforcement began immediately after Lukashenka announced that about a third of the Belarusian army would be stationed along the border.

8:00 AM: Analysts of the DeepState project on the night of August 20 updated the map and reported that the Russians occupied Mezhov, Skuchne and Zhuravka in Donetsk region, heavy fighting for New York continues

8:11 AM: According to analysts at the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), Putin went to Baku in an ostensibly diplomatic act and tried to divert attention from the "uncomfortable situation" in the Kursk region.

- According to reports, the delegations discussed bilateral energy relations, Russian-language initiatives in Azerbaijan and Russia's readiness to act as a mediator in the peaceful settlement of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan

10:23 AM: Air Force Commander Mykola Oleschuk showed how a Ukrainian fighter jet destroys an underground enemy control center with an AASM Hammer guided air bomb in the direction of Kursk.

10:32 AM: Putin gave the order to oust Ukrainian Defense Forces from the Kursk region by October 1, - mass media

- The Russian military received an order to push Ukrainian forces out of Kursk by October 1, but in such a way as not to lose the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.
- "Their task is to do it in any way, without withdrawing forces from key areas where Russia is conducting an offensive in Donbas. It is primarily about the Pokrovsky and Toretsky directions," the message says.

11:32 AM: The Navy of the Armed Forces of Ukraine named one of the most difficult tasks for Russia. This is the restoration of the Black Sea Fleet.

- "Crimea for the Russians still, albeit nominally, remains in fact the main logistics hub, the main naval base. The problem is that it is now actually unavailable for them to operate in the mode they need. Therefore, they are faced with the lack of the repair base they need," said Navy spokesman Dmytro Pletenchuk.

11:37 AM: The pontoon crossing that the Russian military built across the Seim River has disappeared, RFE/RL writes.

- Smoke is visible nearby, probably caused by an explosion.

12:04 PM: Russia announced that 17 people were killed during the offensive of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on Kursk

- "According to the latest data, 17 people have been killed as a result of the attacks of the Armed Forces. Out of more than 140 victims, 75 have been hospitalized, including 4 children," the publication said, referring to the data of the medical services.
- Ukraine cannot confirm this information.

1:54 PM: In the Kursk region, early elections of the governor have been announced, they will be held "in an extremely difficult environment."

- The electoral officer of the region said that early voting will take place from August 28 to September 5, and the main one will take place from September 6 to 8.

2:17 PM: Evacuation from the Kursk region to Ukraine is not happening, People's Deputy Kostenko

- The People's Deputy visited the settlements of Kurshchyna, which are under the control of the Defense Forces. According to him, the population of the region in the areas where there is no fighting continues to live there, but it is possible that some leave on their own.

3:47 PM: Special operation "Ocheret" - a Russian blew up the headquarters with "Storm Zet" officers and went over to the side of Ukraine.

- Back in the winter of 2024, a Russian FPV pilot contacted the LSR and handed over valuable intelligence data to the Ukrainian side.
- Then, at a convenient moment, he threw a grenade into the ventilation hole of the basement, where his comrades and other Russian officers were sleeping, and then fled along a previously planned route.

5:30 PM: The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation announced the creation of the "Belhorod", "Bryansk" and "Kursk" military groups.

6:34 PM: The occupiers have started construction along the Crimean bridge: it resembles a parallel bridge

- Back in early August, photos appeared showing builders driving piles for this structure. Also, the boom barriers on both sides of the bridge structure are clearly visible on the satellite images.
- Presumably, the new construction is intended to increase the protection of the bridge against potential Ukrainian attacks

7:18 PM: The Armed Forces already control 93 settlements in the Kursk region — that's 1,263 km², Chief Sirskyi reports.

- During the offensive on the territory of the Kursk region, Ukrainian soldiers advanced to a depth of defense from 28 to 35 km.
- At the same time, according to Sirskyi, the Russian troops spend three times more artillery ammunition than the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

7:59 PM: Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Sirskyi showed a map of the "Kursk operation".

- According to it, Ukrainian defenders are located 12 km from the village of Glushkovo.

9:50 PM: Another tank with fuel exploded at an oil depot in the Rostov region.

- The fire has been going on for the third day, 2 fire engines, 3 Il-76 aircraft and 600 firefighters are involved in extinguishing it.

10:18 PM: Minister of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko described how the Ukrainian commandant's office works in Kursk

- "We did not occupy these territories; we did not establish an authority. There is a military commandant's office there, and those people who stayed there ... receive humanitarian assistance and medicine from the military. The military submits its request to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and they provide everything to the military through the police and the State Emergency Service necessary for these people. 90% of them are patients, and they don't get medicine. That's why this kind of work is happening the commandant's office fully ensures the vital activities of those regions where our troops are conducting a defense operation," Klymenko said

REGIONS

KYIV



Monday, August 19

2:45 AM: Explosions were heard in the Kyiv region. Previously, the work of air defense.

2:48 AM: In the Kyiv region, near the capital, air defense forces and means are already working, the KMVA confirmed.

7:23 PM: The heads of the Buchansky and Boryspil Regional Conscription Commissions were taken into custody without bail.

- We will remind, they are accused of forging documents on unfitness for military service. In this way, they became richer by more than \$1 million.

11:05 PM: Explosions are heard in the Kyiv region.

11:38 PM: Air defense is operating in the Kyiv region, Kyiv OVA reports.

Tuesday, August 20

11:40 AM: Debris from downed Russian "Shakhed" and rockets damaged 4 private houses in the Kyiv region, reported the head of OVA Ruslan Kravchenko

2:33 PM: Metropolitan law enforcement officers exposed a lawyer who helped conscripts avoid mobilization.

SUMY



Monday, August 19

2:15 AM: Explosions are heard in Sumy region.

Tuesday, August 20

12:37 AM: An explosion is heard in Sumy.

11:06 AM: On the night of August 20, the Russians launched a missile attack on energy facilities in Sumy Oblast - almost 19,000 people were left without electricity

10:29 PM: Explosions are heard in Sumy Oblast!

11:10 PM: An explosion is heard in Sumy.

KHARKIV



Tuesday, August 20

9:15 AM: The enemy carried out mass assaults according to the "Donetsk scenario": the combatant of the 92nd OShBr Fedorenko spoke about the Kharkiv direction

- The military noted that despite the high-intensity actions of the enemy in the Kharkiv direction, the Defense Forces of Ukraine have made significant gains.

11:01 AM: The Russian Federation is strengthening its own forces in the Kharkiv region and is preparing for new assaults, - OTU "Kharkiv"

- Near the settlement of Hlyboke, the enemy increased the activity of aerial reconnaissance, carried out inter-positional movements of the personnel of the assault units of the 11th tank regiment of the 18th motorized rifle division, carried out the evacuation of casualties.
- In the area of the settlement of Liptsi, with the aim of replenishing losses, the enemy is bringing assault groups from the 7th separate motorized rifle regiment of the 11th army corps into position.

11:03 PM: Border guards of the Kramatorsk detachment in Kharkiv region destroyed a dugout with occupants and a field ammunition depot.

LUHANSK



Monday, August 19

2:28 PM: Ukrainian border guards destroyed enemy positions, 2 military trucks and a warehouse of fuel and lubricants in Luhansk region.

Tuesday, August 20

8:40 AM: The occupiers in Luhansk region have restricted the departure of collaborating officials who have "secret information"

- According to this innovation in the occupied territory, those who want to leave will be checked by the Russian FSB and internal intelligence within 35 days.

DONETSK



Monday, August 19

1:26 PM: Forced evacuation of families with children has been introduced in Pokrovsk since August 20, Vadim Filashkin, head of Donetsk OVA, said.

- If the front line approaches, the curfew will be tightened there.

3:33 PM: Russian military shelled the city of Toretsk and the village of Zarichne in the Donetsk region, killing 4 local residents

Tuesday, August 20

6:45 AM: Heavy fighting continues for New York, the enemy occupied three settlements in Donetsk region, - DeepState

- The occupiers captured Mezhev, Skuchne and Zhuravka.

10:02 AM: The defense forces are still holding their positions in New York - interlocutors of the UP in the leadership of the 53rd brigade and OTU "Luhansk"

- In addition to the lack of infantry, says the interlocutor of the UP, there are also certain problems with the available personnel. In the direction of New York and nearby Toretsk, there are problems with the motivation of the military and a fairly high rate of those who went to the SZH (left their positions).
- Having overcome part of New York, the Russians are already actively moving to the next village - Nelipivka



ZAPORIZHZHIA

Monday, August 19

9:29 AM: The Askania-Nova Nature Reserve no longer exists, said Oleksandr Prokudin, the head of the Kherson OVA.

- the Russians destroy it, take the animals to the Crimea and to Russia.
- Askania Nova is a the last nature reserve in Europe that preserves the flora and fauna of the wild steppe.

6:37 PM: The defense forces destroyed the modern Russian radar station "Kasta-2E2" in the Zaporizhzhia region - Dmytro Lykhova, spokesman for the "Tavria" OSU.

10:26 PM: Air reconnaissance of the 11th brigade named after M. Hrushevskyi carried out 229 strikes in the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia directions in a week.

- 21 observation posts, 5 units of armored vehicles, 6 BC warehouses, 24 communication antennas, 4 mortars, 17 personnel deployment locations and 14 UAVs of various types were destroyed.

Tuesday, August 20

7:50 PM: Russians hit a children's cafe in Malokaterinivka, Zaporizhzhia region — four children and an 18-year-old girl were injured.

- This is reported by the National Police.

8:55 PM: A 14-year-old boy, who was injured during the shelling of a children's cafe in Malokaterinivka, Zaporizhzhia, died in intensive care.

- This was reported by the head of the village of Volyk.
- The number of injured children has increased to five.

9:30 PM: In the Zaporizhzhia direction, the Ukrainian Armed Forces recorded unusual behavior of the occupiers, Dmytro Lykhova, the spokesman of the "Tavria" OSU, reported.

- Over the past three days, no assault actions by Russian troops have been recorded. Although the invaders continue shelling, their intensity is decreasing.

- The Ukrainian military is closely monitoring the situation, because such a change in behavior may indicate new plans of the enemy.

10:25 PM: The enemy military commander claims that the Ukrainian Armed Forces have gone on the offensive in the Zaporozhye direction.

- Allegedly, the reason was the transfer of part of the occupiers to the Kursk region.

DNIPRO



Monday, August 19

12:25 PM: An explosion is heard in Dnipro.

12:40 PM: An explosion in the suburbs of Dnipro

Tuesday, August 20

12:11 AM: Air defense works in Dnipropetrovsk region.

12:59 AM: Explosions are heard in Pavlograd, Dnipropetrovsk region!

KHERSON



Monday, August 19

8:36 AM: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

Tuesday, August 20

5:01 PM: Explosions are heard in Kherson, subscribers report.

9:21 PM: Explosions are heard in Kherson, subscribers report.

MYKOLAIV



Monday, August 19

12:25 PM: Explosions are heard in Mykolayiv region.

Tuesday, August 20

11:01 AM: They spied for the Armed Forces and coordinated an attack on an energy facility: current and former police officers are suspected of treason.

- One of the detainees is a local law enforcement officer, who since 2015 has been in contact with the head of the Russian intelligence

agency group, former official of the disbanded police Andriy Shevchenko.

- On his instructions, the alleged agent in Mykolaiv collected data on the locations of bases and movements of units of the Armed Forces. He also tried to establish the locations of strategic enterprises of the defense-industrial complex and reported to the occupiers about personnel decisions in law enforcement agencies of Ukraine.

ODESA



Tuesday, August 20

9:36 PM: Law enforcement officers detained a 16-year-old teenager who shot a stray dog in Odesa. He used an air pistol, which he later hid.

POLTAVA



Monday, August 19

12:24 AM: The sounds of air defense are heard in the Poltava region.

Tuesday, August 20

12:29 AM: Explosions are heard in the Poltava region, subscribers report.

5:55 PM: In Poltava region, risky shelter tenders worth over UAH 89 million were discovered.

- Tenders for the construction of a shelter for the city gymnasium, repair of the school cafeteria and reconstruction of the shooting range into a protective structure for another school were announced by the Capital Construction Department of the Poltava City Executive Committee.
- However, during the inspection, the BEB and the working group found that the company that won all the tenders is involved in several criminal proceedings.

11:05 PM: An explosion is heard in Myrhorod, Poltava Oblast.

VINNYTSIA



Tuesday, August 20

12:01 AM: Explosions are heard in the Vinnytsia region.

KHMELNITSKY



Tuesday, August 20

2:04 AM: Explosions are heard in the Khmelnytskyi region.

2:56 AM: Explosions rang out again in Khmelnytskyi region.

TERNOPIL



Tuesday, August 20

2:46 AM: The sounds of explosions are heard in the Ternopil region.

7:45 AM: A fire broke out in Ternopil during an air raid at night, the Ternopil Regional State Administration reported.

- Employees of the State Emergency Service and the police are working at the scene of the fire.
- When planning the day, the Regional State Administration recommends limiting your and, especially, your children's time outside, closing the windows in the premises.
- "Air quality measurements are being carried out in the Ternopil region," the report says.

9:34 AM: The enemy hit an industrial facility in Ternopil, a fuel tank caught fire, — OVA.

- The city is already in the first place in Ukraine in terms of air pollution, according to data from the IQAir service.

10:17 AM: The State Emergency Service showed the consequences of the Russian attack on the enterprise in Ternopil.

- Currently, the fire has been contained. Liquidation is in progress. Previously, there are no victims or victims.

2:18 PM: Ternopil OVA reports on the results of the latest air quality measurements:

- "As of now, 7 out of 10 control points have exceeded the normative indicators."
- The mayor of the regional center calls on residents of Ternopil and neighboring communities to close windows and ventilation passages, as well as to limit their time in the fresh air.

2:40 PM: fire at an industrial facility in Ternopil has been extinguished, — State Emergency Service.

IVANO FRANKIVSK



Monday, August 19

9:28 PM: In Bukovina, a drunk priest of the UOC MP collided with a pillar in a truck and fled the scene of the accident.

- Soon, law enforcement officers spotted a similar truck. When the patrol officers began to draw up a report, the father injured the female patrol police officer and tried to seize her firearm.

VOLYN



Monday, August 19

8:12 PM: The Volyn Oblast Regional Conscription Commission and SP violate people's rights, Ukrainian Ombudsman Lubinets said.

- Recently, the Regional Conscription Commission stated that the intervention of lawyers can "violate the objectivity and independence" of the mobilization and medical examination processes.

- However, Lubinets reminds that according to Article 59 of the Constitution of Ukraine, everyone has the right to professional legal assistance.

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	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 905 days	After 906 days	After 907 days	After 908 days	After 909 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	598,180	599,350	600,470	601,800	603,010

Material Losses

Tanks	147	8,501	8,508	8,513	8,518	8,522
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	16,473	16,480	16,495	16,521	16,542
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	18,145	18,227	18,269	18,322	18,382
Cruise Missiles		2,432	2,432	2,437	2,438	2,442
Fighters Bombers	118	367	367	367	367	367

Helicopters	333	328	328	328	328	328
Drones		13,714	13,752	13,809	13,864	13,902
Anti Aircraft Missile` Batteries		923	923	925	926	928
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	22,913	22,992	23,047	23,142	23,221
Naval Vessels		28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne
Specialized equipment		2,844	2,846	2,863	2,885	2,887

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