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The Immigration Issue Described (as Best as I can Describe it)

Yesterday one of our email recipients, the retired Head of a prominent non-governmental organization focused on Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, asked me to explain to him the issues relating to immigration that Senate negotiators are trying to resolve, as a condition for unblocking U.S. military aid to Ukraine. Below is my answer. I decided to reproduce it here, in an effort today make sure that readers understand the stakes -

As I understand it there are 3 policies that the Republicans want changed/addressed pertaining to immigration, specifically asylum rules, deportation rules, and humanitarian bailment.

On the matter of asylum rules Republicans want to go back to the Trump policy to force immigrants to apply for asylum either in their countries of origin, or in Mexico. Those applying for asylum at the Southern Border would not be able to enter the United States.

Going back to Trump's policy would, by itself, address much of the increased volume of crossings. As much as going back to the old asylum rules makes sense, at least to me. However, some Democrats don't want to be seen as accepting a policy that Trump initiated. I think this is the only reason why Biden scrapped Trump's asylum rules in the first place.

Regarding deportation rules, I believe that Republicans want very draconian deportation rules, that would allow for instant deportation if someone is unable to produce documents upon a demand of an officer, showing that they're in the US legally. Having lived in places where I used to keep a C-Note at the ready, if I was stopped on the street and couldn't produce a passport or proof of permanent residency, I'm concerned about giving authorities in the U.S. this type of power over individuals. There is also the issue of profiling, racial and otherwise, something of particular concern with Progressive Democrats. That said, I think this is an area where there can be compromise.

The third is humanitarian bailment, allowing an immigrant, or groups of immigrants, to stay in the US for a particular period, after which they have to return to their countries of origin. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), applying to individuals who, along with their parents, illegally entered the U.S. children is a type of humanitarian bailment.

Another example of humanitarian bailment took place at the beginning of the war, when the Biden Administration used its executive authority to allow 100,000 Ukrainians to come to the US for 18 months on a humanitarian bailment, during which time they

are allowed to work. The number has since increased and the bailment term extended.

Some Salvadorans are here on a humanitarian bailment resulting from an earthquake in El Salvador that took place years ago. There have been demands, mostly from Conservative Republicans, that the emergency is over, and they should immediately be sent back to El Salvador. Applied to Ukrainians who are here on a humanitarian bailment, what happens if Trump gets elected next year, and his Secretary of Homeland Security, maybe an immigration hard liner like Steven Miller, decides that humanitarian bailment for Ukrainians is over, and they all must go back to Ukraine, war or no war?

Republicans likely want limitations on the ability of a President to enact bailment using executive authority, and Democrats, especially Progressive Democrats, are opposed.

I think reasonable people on both sides can reach a deal, perhaps consisting of asylum rules going back to what existed under the Trump Administration, and some kind of compromise on deportation rules and humanitarian bailment. From the reports I've seen, Senate negotiators from both Parties are making progress toward a compromise. Whether they can complete their work before Christmas is another question.

The people I speak to in Ukraine seem to understand how our system works, namely I give you something you want and vice versa. From my conversations, with people both here and in Ukraine, there seems to be more angst about all this here in the U.S., than there is in Ukraine.

These are difficult issues to be sure, with strong feelings on both sides

["We'll be at Each Other's Throats: Fiona Hill on What Happens if Putin Wins"/Politico Interview](#)

This is a very long article, but it's worth the time.

Fiona Hill starts by describing what she sees as the main barrier to continuing U.S. assistance to Ukraine –

“Hill sees U.S. domestic politics as the main obstacle to Ukraine’s ability to win. She has long warned, [including in a book](#) published after she left the White House, that high levels of partisanship in the United States promote authoritarianism both at home and around the world. She’s been talking to some lawmakers about Ukraine, and she’s worried that their partisanship has blinded them to the dangers the country faces if Putin gets his way.

“The problem is that many members of Congress don’t want to see President Biden win on any front,” she said. “People are incapable now of separating off ‘giving Biden a win’ from actually allowing Ukraine to win. They are thinking less about U.S. national security, European security, international security and foreign policy, and much more about how they can humiliate Biden.”

“In that regard,” she continued, “whether they like it or not, members of Congress are doing exactly the same thing as Vladimir Putin. **They hate that. They want to refute that. But Vladimir Putin wants Biden to lose, and they want Biden to be seen to lose as well.**” (my **bold face**). Truer words have never been spoken.

Another excerpt -

“We have to think about where we would have been in February of 2022. Russia’s intent was to decapitate the Ukrainian government so it could take over the country. That’s what we all anticipated. We anticipated that [Ukrainian President Volodymyr] Zelenskyy would have gone into exile, the Ukrainians would have capitulated, **then there would be a very messy insurgency against the Russian forces.** (my **bold face**) So if we start from that point, militarily, and we look at what’s happened over the last two years, we can actually say that

Ukraine has won in terms of securing its independence, and Ukraine has won by fighting Russia to a standstill.”

Fiona Hill seems to be using the “Imperial We,” because from Day 1 neither Bohdan nor I shared her prediction. From our first email, we predicted Ukraine will win. Fiona Hill made a very important point about a “messy insurgency” against Russian forces. From the start, Bohdan and I have said that if Ukraine didn’t get the necessary assistance allowing Ukraine to win, that a “messy insurgency” will result that, in the end would drive the Russian Federation out of Ukraine. We’re happy to see a similar conclusion from Fiona Hill.

This is a long email, covering 2 days, so no more excerpts. I would only say it seems to me that Pres. Biden has brought a lot of the current situation in Ukraine on himself, including his reluctance to use the word “victory” when speaking about war aims in Ukraine, delays in providing the weapons Ukraine has asked for, when they’ve asked for them, and continued failure to explain the stakes for the United States if Ukraine loses, something Fiona Hill succeeds in doing by virtue of this article.

[“Biden’s Halting Record on Ukraine”](#)/Wall Street Journal Editorial

The editorial recites the delivery delays in howitzers, tanks, HIMARS, Patriot batteries, F-16s and ATACMS missiles, and concludes –

“All of this temporizing has slowed (but not stopped) Ukraine’s progress, and it has led Mr. Putin to believe he can outlast Western support. Mr. Biden has also failed miserably to make a public case to Americans about Ukraine, which has played into the hands of Trumpian critics.”

“In saner political times Republicans would criticize Mr. Biden for this weakness. Instead, some want to give him a political excuse by abandoning Ukraine. A Commander in Chief with more fortitude would be working to forge a bipartisan coalition by laying out a strategy to help Ukraine win on the battlefield.”

[“Ukrainian Intelligence Attacks and Paralyzes Russia’s Tax System”/Ukrainska Pravda](#)

Gotta love it!

According to the article, Ukraine hit both the primary server and the back-up, so that Russia will not be able to fully restore the system or the tax records.

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RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

WHAT IS THE DANGER OF BALLISTIC MISSILES

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Ballistic trajectory



It can be compared to the trajectory of a thrown stone. The rocket flies in an arc, reaches the highest point, and falls on the target like a stone. The missile may have wings, with the help of which it drives to the target, but it does not change the general trajectory.



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S-300/S-400

Why are ballistic missiles challenging to shoot down?



High speed of the missile when it hits the target. It only stays within the range of the air defense system for a short time.



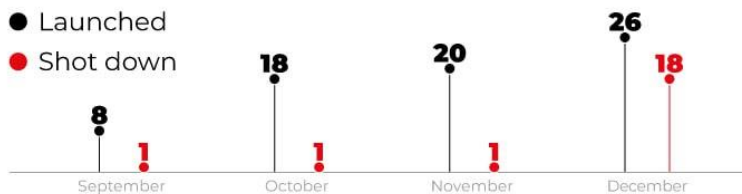
The missile is quite large and robust, so its fragments can damage a large area even if shot down.



In Ukraine, only two air defense systems (Patriot and SAMP/T) are capable of shooting down ballistic missiles, but their range is ~40 km.

Number of ballistic missiles launched and shot down during large-scale missile and drone attacks, September-December 2023*, pieces

- Launched
- Shot down



Most of the time, Russians launch ballistic missiles in frontline areas so that Ukraine does not have time to shoot them down.

Sources: open data, Ukrainian Air Force.
Data as of December 13, 2023.

*The number of missiles launched may be higher, as the Air Force does not always report the exact number.

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INTERNATIONAL

Wednesday, December 13

12:31 PM: Hungary is ready to lift the veto on aid to Ukraine in exchange for €30 billion from the EU

- The publication suggests that Hungary seeks to "get a high price for its consent, which may be difficult for the rest of the bloc to accept."
- "The financing of Hungary by the EU and the financing of Ukraine are two separate issues. But if the EU insists that the

financing of Ukraine should come from the amended EU budget, then these two issues become connected," Balazs Orban said.

1:24 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy discussed bilateral cooperation between the countries with Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Har Stere.

- For his part, the Prime Minister of Norway announced additional aid to Ukraine in the amount of \$1.8 billion.

1:55 PM: On borders of Ukraine V queues stand 4300 trucks, reported vocabulary State Border Service Andrew Demchenko.

- _"On the directions where the blockade continues, according to the information of the Polish border guards, as of this morning, there are 2,600 trucks: "Shegyni" - 1,300, "Rava-Ruska" - 720, "Krakowec" - 570," the spokesman said.

2:33 PM: Norway's aid package will include additional NASAMS air defense systems.

- This is stated on the website of the Norwegian government.

2:33 PM: Slovakia will not block the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the EU.

- Dennik writes about this with reference to the statement of the Prime Minister of Slovakia, Robert Fico.
- At the same time, Fico said that the decision of the European Union to start negotiations is completely political and has nothing to do with reality.

2:39 PM: Britain officially announced the creation of a naval coalition in support of Ukraine.

- The press service of the Navy of the Armed Forces of Ukraine writes about this.

- "_The main tasks of the coalition are to help Ukraine achieve victory at sea, to ensure the safety of civil shipping and to eliminate mine danger_ [...]" , the message reads.

2:46 PM: "Will be a final victory": von der Leyen called on the European Parliament to play a decisive role in Ukraine's accession to the EU

- "Ukraine is fighting not only against the aggressor, but also for Europe. And joining our European family will be a final victory for Ukraine. And we have to play a decisive role in this," stressed Ursula von der Leyen.
- She reminded that exactly two years ago it was in Strasbourg that the European Parliament first discussed the concentration of Russian troops near the borders of Ukraine. According to her, Putin caused enormous pain to innocent Ukrainians, and also caused Europeans with his energy blackmail.

3:07 PM: Ukraine and Turkey are ready to ratify the Free Trade Agreement in the near future, — Ministry of Economy.

- "_The free trade agreement will also simplify the issue of logistics, promote the development of Ukrainian business in wartime conditions, and also open up new prospects in Ukraine for our partners from Turkey_" , - noted the head of the Ministry of Economy Yuliya Svyridenko.

3:46 PM: European Commission refuses to unfreeze €10 billion for Hungary, — Reuters.

- Aid to Hungary will be unfrozen only if the government publishes the latest judicial reforms in the country's official journal.

3:52 PM: The second Patriot air defense system from Germany will enter service with the Armed Forces by the end of the year.

- This was announced by Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz.

4:30 PM: Denmark will hand Ukraine a new aid package totaling €1 billion.

- This was announced by the Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, Sky News reports.

4:34 PM: MEPs called on EU leaders to start negotiations on the accession of Ukraine and Moldova.

- Members of the European Parliament called on EU leaders to set clear deadlines for candidate countries to join the EU.
- "However, in their view, there should be no fast track to membership. MEPs insist on fulfilling the Copenhagen criteria to ensure that candidate countries and potential candidates demonstrate a consistent and sustained commitment to democracy, the rule of law, human rights, respect for and protection of minorities , as well as economic reforms," the statement reads.

4:36 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky met with the President of Finland Sauli Niinisto.

- The President of Ukraine thanked for 21 packages of defense aid, as well as for doubling the production of artillery ammunition in Finland.

5:11 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky thanked the countries of Northern Europe for uniting around Ukraine.

- Together with the leaders of Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Finland and Sweden, he discussed strengthening defense, political and economic cooperation at the summit.

6:39 PM: Spain favors the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the EU by the end of the year, — Reuters.

6:39 PM: The US and Britain have introduced new sanctions against Hamas leaders and financiers, according to the British government's website.

6:39 PM: Armenia and Azerbaijan begin prisoner exchange, Armenpress.

6:39 PM: Donald Tusk's government was sworn in at the presidential palace and officially started work, Onet.

7:13 PM: The European Parliament called on EU countries to start membership negotiations with Ukraine.

- The relevant statement is published on the website of the European Parliament.
- "Deputies strongly condemned the statements of the Prime Minister of Hungary regarding the opening of negotiations on membership with Ukraine, as well as changes in the policy of this country regarding Kosovo", the statement reads.

9:49 PM: The Czech Republic will purchase ammunition for RPG-7 anti-tank weapons from the arms company STV Group for up to \$110.1 million.

- This was stated by David Polak, the representative of the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic.
- Thanks to the purchase, it will be possible to train the Ukrainian military on the territory of the Czech Republic next year.

10:02 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the parliament and people of Norway during a special plenary session of the Storting.

- "Norway became the first country to approve a program of long-term support for us, for our families, for Ukraine. Your example has become a model for other countries as well", — the president of Ukraine thanked the Norwegians.

10:17 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy together with the Prime Minister of Norway met with representatives of Norwegian business.

- They discussed the priority directions of reconstruction of Ukraine after the war and the issue of possible bilateral cooperation in the agro-industrial sector, in the direction of military tech.

10:40 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi had a telephone conversation with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

- They discussed Ukraine's progress in implementing EU recommendations, the peace formula and preparations for the Global Peace Summit.

10:52 PM: The European Commission has unlocked 10.2 billion euros for Hungary ahead of the EU summit.

- This is part of the funds, the rest, about 12 billion, remain blocked because Hungary has not yet implemented the conditions for the rule of law and the fight against corruption.
- The European Commission claims that the decision is not related to Orban's threats to veto the decision on financial and political support for Ukraine, which will be considered on December 14 at the EU summit.

11:35 PM: Local authorities did not allow Polish carriers to start a new protest at the checkpoint in Dorohusk, — RMF24.

11:35 PM: Austria is delaying the approval of the 12th package of sanctions against Russia, allegedly due to the study of legal aspects. The country assures that it is not against restrictions, Politico.

11:35 PM: President Joe Biden has proposed changes to US border policy that raise the prospect of a bipartisan deal on aid to Ukraine, Bloomberg.

11:35 PM: NATO has increased the joint military budget for 2024 by 12%, the press service of the Alliance.

11:54 PM: Netanyahu said that fighting Hamas in Gaza will involve dealing with Iran and, most importantly, preventing it from getting nuclear weapons.

11:54 PM: Austria will not block the movement of Ukraine to the EU (<https://espresso.tv/avstriya-ne-blokuvatime-rukh-ukraini-do-es-popri-zauvazhennya-shchodo-balkan-politico>) despite the remarks about the Balkans, - Politico.

- It is noted that a high-ranking Austrian official stated that Austria has no intention of preventing Ukraine from joining the EU, as this would be the same as standing in front of a freight train.

NATIONAL

Thursday, December 14

7:23 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 14:

- During the day of December 13, there were 120x combat engagements. The enemy launched a total of 17x missile and 36x air strikes, 74x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- During the day of December 13, the russian occupants launched a missile and air strike against Ukraine. Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 31x of 32x Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. The aftermath of the missile strike is being clarified.
- Also, during the day of December 13, the enemy attacked Ukraine with 10x Shahed-136/131 strike UAVs. All of the drones were destroyed.
- Air strikes hit Kostyantynivka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast).
- More than 100x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, and Kherson oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of December 13, the Ukrainian Air Force launched 5x air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment of the adversary.

- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 1x command post, 5x concentrations of troops, weapons, and military equipment, as well as 1x ammunition depot of the Russian invaders.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 21x enemy attacks in the vicinity of Synkivka and 2x more attacks east of Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 2x enemy attacks in the vicinity of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast) and east of Terny (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 6x attacks of the adversary near Ivanivske, Andriivka, and Klishchiivka (Donetsk oblast). In turn, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, and consolidate their new positions.

Tavria operational-strategic group

Avdiivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground and inflicting major losses on the occupiers. The Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 29x attacks of the adversary in the areas east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiivka, and 28x more attacks south of Sjeverne, Pervomaiske, and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Novomykhailivka and Krasnohorivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 19x attacks in that area.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 6x adversary attacks near Robotyne and west of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian troops maintain their positions held on the left bank of the Dniro

River, continue to conduct counter-battery fire, as they strike behind the enemy lines.

7:31 AM: Air defense forces destroyed 41/42 "shaheed" tonight, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- The vast majority of UAVs were shot down over Odesa region.

Wednesday, December 13

12:21 PM: U State Border Service showed, as today at night military impressed Russian "shit".

- It is noted that the drone fell into the water.

12:32 PM: level consumption remains on high levels, what creates additional load on power system, — Ukrenergo.

- Due to a deficit in the energy system, for the third time since the beginning of winter, Ukraine was forced to attract emergency assistance with a capacity of 300 MW from Romania and Poland.

12:38 PM: Claim hackers about destruction thousands computers and kidnapping data in Kyivstar Not is valid.

- _"Kyivstar declares with all responsibility that personal data of subscribers is safe. The information of enemy Telegram channels about the alleged destruction of Kyivstar's "computers and servers" is also untrue," the operator's spokeswoman Iryna Lelichenko said.

1:15 PM: Dubinsky and his defense attorneys were limited in terms of familiarization with the case materials

- "During the court session, it was established that the suspect and his defense attorneys are deliberately delaying getting acquainted with the materials of the criminal proceedings in order to artificially delay the transfer of the indictment to the court," the report says.

- So the judge granted the request of the SBI investigator and set a deadline for the defense to review the case materials. Suspected of forgery in order to travel abroad, Dubinsky and his defenders have until December 29, 2023.

1:31 PM: The Cabinet of Ministers may adopt a draft resolution that duplicates the law on urban planning in order to bypass the recommendations of the European Commission - "Mirror of the Week"

- Journalists drew attention to the resolution, which refers to the government's agreement with the proposal of the Ministry of Community Development, Territories and Infrastructure, headed by Deputy Prime Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov, regarding the implementation of experimental projects in the field of urban planning.
- "The document consists of 232 pages and is essentially a carbon copy of the scandalous law No. 5655," the message reads.

1:40 PM: For subscribers "Kyivstar" blocked access to national roaming, in order to Not overload others network, — order State Special Communications.

- Subscribers will not yet be able to switch to other operators. People are being asked to use Wi-Fi, and owners of public facilities are being asked to make Wi-Fi networks available to everyone.

2:13 PM: Cyber police warn of new fraud scheme.

- Criminals create fake bots in messengers and distribute phishing links under the pretext of compensation and informing about the terms of resumption of Kyivstar services.
- The police urged not to follow dubious links, but to get information exclusively from official sources.

2:16 PM: The hacker attack on "Kyivstar" did not affect the Armed

Forces, it is aimed at civilian infrastructure, - GUR

- "Both the military on the front line and the forces provided by the Ukrainian Security and Defense Forces certainly have alternative sources of communication and protected positions to preserve information. This particular attack was aimed at civilian infrastructure," Yusov said.
- When asked about Ukraine's readiness to respond to such an attack, Yusov noted that "it is inappropriate to use such emotional categories here." At the same time, he emphasized that the cyber attack on Kyivstar is not a reaction from the Russian Federation to the GUR attack on the Federal Tax System of Russia.

2:50 PM: 877 civilians were killed and injured by Russian mines in the de-occupied territories of Ukraine.

- This was reported by Oleg Shuvarskyi, the head of the mine countermeasures department.
- The territories of the Mykolaiv, Kherson and Kharkiv regions are the most mined, where more than 50% of all these incidents took place.

5:26 PM: Kyivstar has already partially restored the fixed internet, the company's corporate communications director Anna Zakharash said.

- Our subscribers report that the network is partially recovering.

5:40 PM: NBU raised the official exchange rate of the dollar above 37 hryvnias for the first time in history.

- This is evidenced by the data on the website of the regulator.
- _The official rate is used for accounting purposes, for NBU operations and in other cases, without obliging the National Bank to buy and sell the indicated currencies at this rate._
- The exchange rate may differ significantly from the official one.

6:11 PM: "Action" updated the map of Points of Invincibility, — Ministry of Digital.

- To find the nearest Unbreakable Points, enter the application, view them online and plan a convenient route.
- For security reasons, the map is not available in Kherson, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, and partially Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, and Mykolaiv regions.

6:18 PM: The Ministry of Defense is withdrawing part of the dry rations delivered in 2022, and the relevant department is being disbanded.

- "In part of the sets, the packaging with jam is damaged - despite the fact that the expiration date of the products has not yet expired," the press service of the Ministry of Defense notes.
- The manager who signed the contracts for the supply of dry rations is currently in criminal proceedings, including on other charges.

6:21 PM: Return of fans to the stands: the Ministry of Youth Sports and the Ministry of Internal Affairs have developed security measures.

- Security measures include monitoring the condition of sports facilities, assessing the number of seats, evacuation conditions in the event of an air raid, and the presence of shelters near the stadium that must be accessible to persons with disabilities.

6:21 PM: The government has planned to create 10,000 jobs for people with disabilities in 2024.

6:21 PM: People's Deputy Boyko confirmed that his wife has an apartment in Moscow.

- The politician claims that he has not had access to her for two years.

- At the same time, the people's deputy avoided answering the question whether his family pays the mandatory regular payment to the budget of the Russian Federation - the real estate tax of an individual, which should amount to almost 400 thousand rubles annually (about 150 thousand hryvnias at the rate of the NBU).

6:55 PM: At 6:00 p.m., Kyivstar started enabling voice communication throughout Ukraine, the company's press service reports.

- "_We are currently working on restoring data and SMS services and hope to have them available during the day as well_" the message said.

7:24 PM: Commander Tarnavskiy refuted the claims of the Russians about the capture of Maryinka.

- According to Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, the commander of "Tavria" troops, Ukrainian defenders are holding back the enemy in the Novomykhailivka and Krasnohorivka districts, and 11 attacks have been repulsed.
- "In the area of Maryinka, the enemy is accumulating forces for further assaults. It continues to drop information and provocations about the alleged complete capture of this city. The defense of Maryinka continues," writes Brigadier General Tarnavskiy.

7:26 PM: Judge Oleksiy Tandyr, who beat a National Guardsman to death at a roadblock, is still receiving a salary after spending half a year in pre-trial detention center.

- This was reported in the Territorial Department of the State Court Administration in the Kyiv region.

- From the moment of the accident, the judges have been receiving a salary of 63,000 hryvnias. Allowances for years of service and for a scientific degree were removed from Tandyr - they stopped being paid from June 2, 2023.

7:49 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 13:

- During the day _89 combat clashes took place_.
- The aviation of the defense forces struck 5 areas where the enemy's personnel, weapons and military equipment were concentrated.
- Units of the missile forces _hit the command post_ of the Russian occupiers, 2 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment of the enemy.

7:57 PM: Kyivstar promised to prepare compensations for all subscribers and corporate clients who could not use the company's services.

- This is stated in the message of their press service.

8:45 PM: Ukraine has asked new Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk to meet with Volodymyr Zelenskyi on December 14.

- "_The Ukrainian side requested a meeting tomorrow morning. Technical points will still be clarified. I will, of course, be very happy to meet with the president_" said Tusk himself, upon arriving in Brussels for the "European Union - Western Balkans" summit.

10:13 PM: "The Russian language is returning to Ukraine at the legislative level": a new fake is spreading on TikTok.

- Hostile manipulation promotes the narrative that the law on national minorities guarantees the right to use the Russian language alongside the state language.

- In fact, the updated law states that educational institutions can choose the language of instruction of national minorities, but it must be an official language of the EU.
- The Center for Strategic Communications and Information Security also added that there is no legally registered community in Ukraine that identifies itself as a Russian minority. There are only citizens of Ukraine who speak Russian.

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Wednesday, December 13

12:02 PM: RF launches drones-kamikaze type Shahedby Ukraine with p'l you places, their can to increase, — British intelligence.

- Analysts note that on December 12, Russia launched 15 "shahedis" from the Balaklava district of Crimea. This is a new drone launch site south of Sevastopol.
- Intelligence agencies believe that the Russian Federation will concentrate its UAV launch capabilities on several locations in order to complicate the work of Ukrainian air defense.

1:46 PM: Military operations of the Russian Federation are aimed at undermining Western support for Ukraine, not at achieving goals on the battlefield, - ISW

- Analysts believe that, according to Russia, during the winter the military "dead end" will exhaust the support of the West, which will give their troops an advantage despite high losses and a constant shortage of trained personnel, ammunition and equipment.
- According to ISW estimates, the Russian military has been trying to regain the initiative in military operations since at least mid-November 2023, and is now likely to be ready for offensive operations in the period of difficult autumn and winter conditions in several areas of the front.

2:02 PM: Russians at the TOT of the south are calling on the unemployed to join the ranks of the Russian army

- There they emphasize that the Russians need manpower for their tactics of meat assaults and offer Ukrainians who are on the unemployment register to join the ranks of the armed forces of the Russian Federation. According to the Center of National Resistance, the Kremlin believes that the death of Ukrainians will not cause a sociological effect in Russia itself.
- It is also noted that the practice of recruiting the unemployed has been recorded in employment centers on the territory of the occupied Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, where covert mobilization takes place.



3:19 PM: The Kremlin, using the "Wagner" PMC, made more than \$2.5 billion from the trade in African gold, — The Blood Gold Report.

- "_ In the CAR and Sudan, where organizations associated with "Wagner" are already subject to international sanctions, Kremlin

proteges rely on complex smuggling routes and tactics of corporate subterfuge_ [...]", the study says.

- They haul large volumes of "blood" gold out of Africa to places like the Russian Federation and the UAE, where it is mixed with other legitimate sources of gold and turned into cash.

6:41 PM: "Throwback 15 years into the past": American intelligence assessed the state of the Russian ground forces after losses in Ukraine.

- An interlocutor of The Washington Post, who is aware of the declassified assessment of American intelligence, said that the Russian Federation has lost about 87% of its personnel and 63%

of its tanks in February 2022. Because of this, the war against Ukraine set back Russia's ability to modernize its ground forces for 15 years.

8:34 PM: In Belarus, an electric substation is on fire in the city of Vitebsk — the fire was preceded by explosions, the media reports.

- Local residents on social networks report that water and electricity have disappeared in several areas.

8:56 PM: In occupied Crimea, a protocol was drawn up on a religious figure allegedly for "illegal missionary activity".

- Imam Ismail Yurdamov was allegedly accused of violating laws on freedom of conscience.
- On the morning of December 13, Yurdamov's home was searched, after which he was taken to the police department and released.
- As it became known in the police department of the Kirovsk district, the search was conducted by the employees of the Center for Countering Extremism (CPE), in particular, senior police lieutenant Roman Filatov. He has long been involved in the persecution of Crimean Muslims - he drew up protocols for people's publications on the Internet, detained Crimean Tatar lawyers.

9:01 PM: Russian troops have not been able to occupy a single Ukrainian village this year, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said in an interview with Fox News.

- "I believe that it was very difficult for us to do this, but the most important thing is to understand that Russia did not occupy a single village, a single Ukrainian village during this year," he said.

10:51 PM: The number of 48N6 rockets with which the Russian Federation attacked Kyiv is measured in thousands and they continue to manufacture them.

- This was stated by Oleg Katkov, chief editor of Defense Express.
- "As for the missiles that were used to attack Kyiv today, we are talking about a range of more than 280 km. That is, the range of these missiles, most likely, is more than 300 km. These missiles are still of Soviet production. Therefore, their number in Russia is significant," Katkov said.

REGIONS

KYIV



Wednesday, December 13

1:32 PM: In the suburbs the capital it can be loud. They are working, our Sappers, — Kyiv Municipal Military Administration.

- "Keep calm. In case of an air alarm, go to the shelter!," - stated in the message.

KHARKIV



Wednesday, December 13

6:21 PM: FSB agent from Kharkiv will spend 15 years in prison for preparing sabotage against the Armed Forces.

LUHANSK



Wednesday, December 13

6:21 PM: The occupiers held a festival of "peoples of the Russian Federation" in Luhansk: children were convinced that they were Russians, and that Ukrainians were a fictional nation.

DONETSK



Wednesday, December 13

9:34 PM: Defense forces repulsed 45 attacks in the Avdiiv direction, - General Staff.

- During the day, 89 combat clashes took place at the front. The enemy hit the Ukrainian military positions and populated areas with various weapons: rockets, aviation, rocket salvo systems.

KHERSON



Wednesday, December 13

1:18 PM Kherson Municipal Military Administration: U Kherson are ringing explosions. Army RF is firing city with temporarily occupied

the left shores.

ODESA



Thursday, December 14

7:16 AM: As a result of shelling by Russians in Odesa region, 11 people were injured, 5 of them were hospitalized. Among the injured are three children, the State Emergency Service.

- 11 buildings were damaged, a car was on fire.
- A mobile heating station has been set up at the site, psychologists of the State Emergency Service are working with the victims and residents.

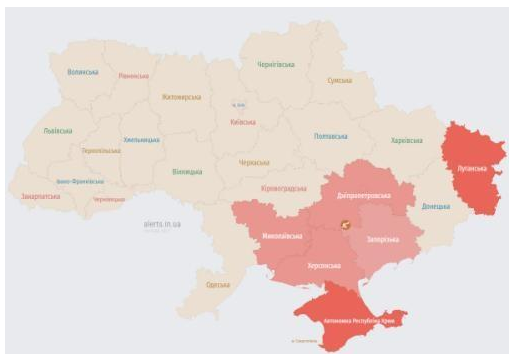
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7:28 PM: Movement of strike UAVs from the Black Sea in the direction of Odesa, — PS ZSU.

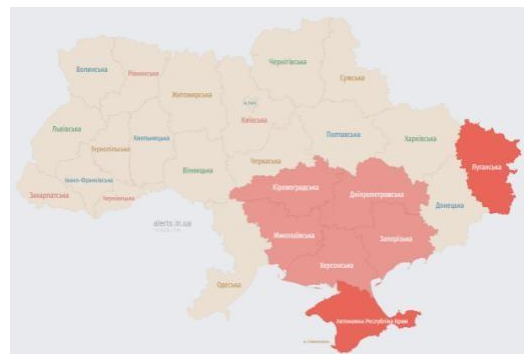
- Direction of movement - Bilhorod-Dnistrovsky district.

7:59 PM: A group of "shaheeds" in the direction of Odesa, — PS ZSU.
11:43 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa region.
Previously, the work of air defense.

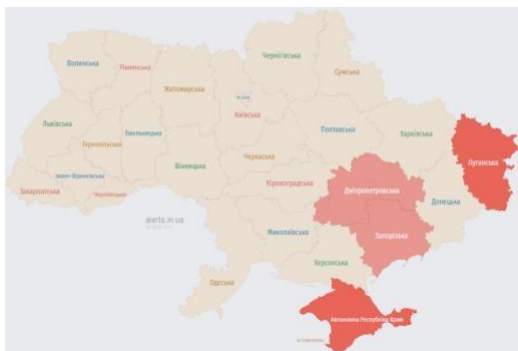
VISUAL CHRONOLOGY OF REGIONAL ROCKET, DRONE, ARTILLERY, MORTAR AND BOMB ALARMS



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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	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 654 days	After 655 days	After 656 days	After 657 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	338,820	339,850	340,650	342,500

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5636	5655	5664	5682
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10,529	10,560	10,579	10594
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8983	8989	8992	8995
Cruise Missiles		1586	1586	1596	1596
Fighters Bombers	118	324	324	324	324

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324
Drones		6136	6154	6163	6173
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		605	605	605	605
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,369	10,623	106,36	10,650	10662
Naval Vessels		22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)
Specialized mobile electronic communication and jamming, ballistic radars		1162	1168	1170	1176

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RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

INTERNATIONAL

Wednesday, December 13

12:08 AM: During a joint press conference with Zelenskyi, Joe Biden commented on the difficulties with providing aid to Ukraine.

- _"We have to prove Putin wrong. It shocks me that we are talking about this again, but we have to understand that Russia is celebrating when Republicans block aid to Ukraine. If you are ticked off by Russian propaganda, then you need to think again about what are you doing? History will judge us for how we defended freedom," he said.

12:25 AM: The main theses of Volodymyr Zelenskyi's speech during the joint press conference with Biden:

- Whoever controls the sky also controls the duration of the war.
- Since February 2022, Ukraine has liberated 50% of the territories occupied by Russia. We are currently working on an advantage in the sky, which will strengthen our position in 2024.
- Our seaborne exports have recovered, strengthening both our economy, now growing at 5%, and global food security.

2:53 AM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with Vice President Kamala Harris at the White House and confirmed his gratitude for the support from the United States.

- "We discussed the Peace Formula and the way to a just peace, as well as our "grain corridor", which strengthens global food security," the President of Ukraine emphasized.

8:09 AM: UN General Assembly backs immediate Gaza ceasefire, Reuters

9:27 AM: Leader republicans in Senate Mitch McConnell stated, what

Congress hardly or will approve additional package financing for of Ukraine to Christmas, even if the closest the other day both party will conclude agreement, which it provides, — Reuters.

9:57 AM: U Pentagon announced about new package military support Ukraine on \$200 millions.

- It includes:
- AIM-9M air defense missiles;
- components of the air defense system;
- additional ammunition for high mobility missile and artillery systems (HIMARS);
- 155 mm and 105 mm caliber artillery shells;
- high-speed anti-radar missiles (HARMs);
- tube-launched missiles with optical tracking and wire guidance (TOW);
- Javelin and AT-4 anti-tank systems;
- more than 4 million cartridges for small arms;
- explosive munitions for clearing obstacles;
- equipment for the protection of critical national infrastructure;
- spare parts, generators, repair and other auxiliary equipment.

10:07 AM: Item pass "Jagodin-Dorogusk", as well 11 December stopped strike polish carriers, they can again to block.

- The spokeswoman of Volyn Customs, Valentina Chernysh, said about this.
- According to her, the organizer of the previous strike submitted a new application for a repeat protest, which they want to start on December 18.

10:26 AM: Volodymyr Zelensky from USA arrived to Oslo with unannounced a visit, — DW.

- The President of Ukraine will take part in the summit of the leaders of the Nordic countries. Issues of joint defense and support of Ukraine will be discussed.

10:56 AM: Volodymyr Zelensky published video with arrival in Oslo.

- _"Together with the leaders of Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Finland and Sweden, we will talk about strengthening defense, political and economic cooperation, about our common future in Europe. Our goal is security and a just and durable peace on the continent._
- _I will also hold bilateral negotiations with the participants of the Summit. I will meet with His Majesty King Harald V, visit the Storting, talk with Norwegian politicians and businessmen," the message said.

Tuesday, December 12

12:04 PM: Philippines summons Chinese ambassador over South China Sea incident.

- Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Teresa Lazaro verbally protested China's maneuvers that led to the collision, as well as the use of water cannons against Philippine vessels delivering supplies to troops stationed on an old warship at the Second Thomas Shoal.

12:04 PM: Yemeni Houthis attacked a Norwegian tanker in the Red Sea.

- Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sari vowed after the attack on the Norwegian tanker that the Houthis would continue to block ships bound for Israeli ports until Israel allowed food and medical aid to enter Gaza.

12:04 PM: Capitol storming case: Special counsel accessed Trump's phone and X account data.

- Prosecutors said they will call three expert witnesses at Trump's trial who could potentially show how participants in the Jan. 6 riots moved toward the Capitol in response to the former president's tweets.

12:21 PM: US, Ukraine seek new strategy after failed counteroffensive, NYT.

- American officials are proposing a conservative strategy that focuses on maintaining the territory Ukraine holds and building up its defense capabilities. This strategy will help ensure Ukraine's self-sufficiency and ensure the ability to repel any Russian attack.
- The goal is to create a sufficiently real threat for Russia to consider engaging in meaningful negotiations late next year or in 2025.
- The Ukrainians, for their part, hope for a transition to an offensive that will attract the attention of the international community.
- The Ukrainian military is studying deep strike strategies that were successful in Crimea in the fall. Ukraine is looking for creative ways to unbalance Russia through attacks on weapons factories, weapons depots and railways.

12:30 PM: Finland will open the largest checkpoints on the border with Russia from December 14, — Ilta-Sanomat

- According to the source, the decision will be made to monitor the work of the checkpoint during the holidays. However, it is possible that checkpoints will not be closed after them.

1:30 PM: "We are not at the bazaar": the head of the Foreign Ministry of Luxembourg criticized Hungary's position regarding Ukraine's accession to the EU.

- The Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg, Xavier Bethel, pointed out that Hungary should remember the state in which it joined the European Union before claiming that Ukraine is too poor to join the EU.

- "If, when Hungary was on its way to membership, we had asked whether Hungary was rich enough to become a member of the European Union, maybe Hungary would not be a member today," said Xavier Bethel.

1:55 PM: The European Commission has called for the unblocking of all checkpoints on the border with Poland.

- "We are still concerned that three other border crossing points between Poland and Ukraine continue to remain blocked," said European Commissioner for Transport Adina Velyan.
- According to her, it is vital that the relevant national and local authorities take the necessary measures to ensure the movement of goods across the EU's external borders.

2:23 PM: "_We will loudly and decisively demand the full mobilization of the free world, the Western world, to help Ukraine in the war_" declared the new Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk.

- "_I cannot listen to politicians who talk about being tired of the situation in Ukraine. President Zelensky is being told to his face that he does not have the strength. The task of Poland, the new government, is to loudly and firmly demand from the West full determination in helping Ukraine in this war_" , he noted.

4:43 PM: President Volodymyr Zelensky arrived at the US Congress.

- He should meet with American senators and congressmen and discuss financial assistance to Ukraine. He also has a scheduled meeting with US President Joe Biden.

4:55 PM: The Czech Republic issued licenses for the supply of €4.7 billion worth of military equipment to Ukraine.

- This was stated by the Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic Jana Chernokhova.

5:13 PM: Nova Poshta has opened its first branch in Milan, Italy and plans to expand the network to Rome and Naples in the near future.

- Oleksandr Lisovets, CEO of Nova Post Europe, reported this.

5:18 PM: The Swiss company Global Clearance Solutions will deliver 60 demining machines to Ukraine by mid-2024.

5:51 PM: The Baltic and Scandinavian Olympic Committees discussed the possibility of boycotting the 2024 Paris Olympics. So far, no decisions have been made on this issue, and much will depend on Kyiv's position.

5:51 PM: Austria opposed the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession to the European Union. Federal Chancellor Karl Nehammer explained this by the fact that Kyiv should not receive privileges that Bosnia and Herzegovina do not have.

5:51 PM: China is ramping up capabilities to attack US infrastructure, The Washington Post.

5:51 PM: In Ireland, from the new year, the weekly allowance for Ukrainian refugees will be reduced from 220 euros to 38.8 for the period of their stay in public housing. And the term of such a stay will be limited to 90 days.

6:08 PM: Finland will double its ammunition production to enable long-term support for Ukraine, the press service of the Finnish Ministry of Defense reports.

- The agency has committed to invest about 24 million euros in increasing the production of large-caliber ammunition and to obtain long-term orders from the Finnish industry, which will enable the industry to invest on its own.

6:15 PM: The United States of America and Canada imposed sanctions against Russia.

- Defense factories, banks, and persons who participated in "elections" in the occupied territories fell under the restrictions.

6:51 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi in the US Senate told senators about the current security and economic situation in Ukraine.

- And also about the importance of maintaining vital American support.

8:31 PM: Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer expressed his support for Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

- _ "If Zelensky gets help, he can win this war. He outlined in great detail what kind of help he needs and how it will help him win. Even many of our Republican colleagues said that we will win this war," he said he.

9:08 PM: Volodymyr Zelensky arrived at the White House for a meeting with US President Joe Biden.

9:45 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyi held a meeting with the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Mike Johnson.

- _ "The bipartisan and bicameral support of the Congress is a very important factor, and we value it extremely highly. Ukraine is very responsible for military and financial assistance from the USA", _ - emphasized the President of Ukraine.

10:06 PM: Joe Biden signed the allocation of \$200 million in aid to Ukraine.

- The US President stated this at the beginning of the meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyi at the White House.

10:44 PM: PE "Yagodin - Dorogusk" is working normally.

- Within 24 hours after the release of the blockade, 248 trucks were registered for departure from Ukraine, 334 for entry.

10:55 PM: The decisions we make now will shape the future for decades to come, especially in Europe, - Biden

- _ "And this is one of those moments: Congress should vote on additional funding for Ukraine before the holiday break, so as not to give the biggest Christmas gift to Putin," the US president emphasized.

11:13 PM: At a meeting with Joe Biden, the President of Ukraine

talked about the country's goals for 2024.

- _"Our goals for the 24th year are clear – to deprive Russia of air superiority and disrupt their offensive operations. This is real," Volodymyr Zelenskyi said.

NATIONAL

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7:42 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 13:

- During the day of December 12, there were 95x combat engagements.
- The enemy launched a total of 2x missile and 13x air strikes, 63x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- Also, during the day of December 12, the Russian Federation attacked Ukraine yet again, using 10x Shahed-136/131 strike UAVs. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed all of the strike UAVs.
- Also, during the day of December 12, Russian occupiers launched yet another missile on Kyiv, using 10x missiles (S-400 anti-aircraft guided missiles, Iskander cruise missiles). The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed all of the missiles. The aftermath of the attack is being clarified.
- Air strikes hit Novomykhailivka and Kostyantynivka (Donetsk oblast).
- More than 130x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kherson oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of December 12, the Ukrainian Air Force launched 1x air strike on the concentration of troops, weapons, and military equipment of the adversary.

- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 2x command posts, 3x concentrations of personnel, weapons, and military equipment, and 2x ammunition depots of the Russian invaders.

Khortytsia operational-strategic group

Kupyansk axis: Ukrainian defenders repelled 8x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Synkivka, Petropavlivka, and Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian defenders repelled 2x enemy attacks in the vicinity of Makiivka (Luhansk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 5x attacks of the adversary in the vicinities of Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, and consolidate their new positions.

Tavria operational-strategic group

Avdiivka axis: the Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy who keeps trying to encircle Avdiivka. The Ukrainian soldiers are standing their ground as they inflict major losses on the enemy. The Ukrainian Defense Forces successfully repelled 51x attacks of the enemy in the areas east of Novokalynove, east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiivka, south of Sjeverne, south of Tonenke, Pervomaiske, and Nevelske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 13x attacks in that area.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 8x adversary attacks in the areas north of Pryyutne, west of Verbove, and south of Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia oblast). At the same time, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue their active operations on Melitopol axis to inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the occupation forces, and exhaust the enemy all along the front line.

Odesa operational-strategic group, Kherson axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces maintain their positions held on the left bank of the

Dnipro River, continue to conduct counter-battery fire, as they strike behind the enemy lines.

7:51 AM: Air defense forces destroyed 10/10 "shaheed" and 10/10 ballistic missiles tonight, - Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Almost all enemy UAVs launched by the Russians from the Balaklava region (temporarily occupied Crimea) were shot down in Odesa.
- All ten targets flying in the direction of the capital on a ballistic trajectory were shot down by an anti-aircraft missile unit of the Air Force

11:31 AM: State on morning 13 December V Black the sea Russians are holding two ships, V Azov – one. Rocket launchers among them there is no, — Navy Armed Forces.

11:47 AM: SBU helps "Kyivstar" restore work network

- According to preliminary calculations, it is planned to restore fixed Internet for households on December 13, as well as start the launch of mobile communication and Internet.
- The digital infrastructure of "Kyivstar" was critically damaged, so the restoration of all services in compliance with the necessary security protocols takes time.

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12:04 PM: "Kyivstar" will restore communication within four to five hours.

- This was said by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Ministry of Infrastructure Oleksandr Kubrakov.
- According to Kubrakov, repair work is currently underway.

12:41 PM: "Kyivstar" company officially confirmed the hacker attack on the network core.

- B2C director of Kyivstar Tetiana Lukynyuk reported this on her Facebook page.

- In order to record the circumstances and consequences of the intervention in the activity of the Kyivstar network, the operator involved representatives of law enforcement agencies and special state services, who currently work in the company's office.
- As of now, it is known that personal data of subscribers has not been compromised.
- _"Kyivstar will definitely provide compensation to subscribers who did not have a connection or could not use the operator's services," the message says. The company "Kyivstar" officially confirmed the hacker attack on the network core.

1:09 PM: Mobile addition Vodafone now inaccessible.

- Subscribers report that they are unable to access the operator's application.
- Previously, the company did not inform about technical works.

1:09 PM: Now happens massed DDoS attack on monobank, informs co-founder neobank Oleg Gorokhovsky.

- He assured that everything is currently under control. There are no problems with access to bank services.

1:29 PM: PrivatBank warned about are possible failures V work POS-terminals, ATMs and terminals self-service PrivatBank by difficulty mobile operator "Kyivstar".

1:50 PM: DDoS attack on monobank reflected, reported co-founder neobank Oleg Gorokhovsky.

2:02 PM: At the moment, the timing of the restoration of Kyivstar services is not completely clear, the company's general director, Oleksandr Komarov, said.

2:13 PM: The malfunction of Kyivstar does not affect the air alert system in Kyiv, the KMDA press service reported.

2:32 PM: The air alert in the regions is related to the activity of enemy tactical aviation in the waters of the Sea of Azov.

- The Air Force reports the threat of using air weapons.
- Kryvyi Rih - in shelter.
- Rocket in the direction of Kirovohrad region.

2:43 PM: The networks of the Vodafone mobile operator experience an almost triple load due to the increase in the number of users due to disruptions in the Kyivstar network.

- This was reported to the press service of Vodafone.
- "_Due to the heavy load on our service channels today, some subscribers may experience restrictions in accessing the My Vodafone application. Our specialists are already working to ensure the stability of services in these conditions_", the company assured.

2:45 PM: Part of the ATMs, POS terminals and informative payment terminals of Oschadbank do not work due to a malfunction of Kyivstar services.

- This was reported by the representative of the press service of Oschadbank, Leonid Zyabrev.

3:33 PM: The SBU opened a criminal case due to a cyber attack on "Kyivstar".

- The proceedings are opened under eight articles of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.
- One of the versions currently being investigated by SBU investigators is that Russian special services may be behind this hacker attack.

3:52 PM: Influenza will begin circulating in December, and COVID-19 is already leading to hospitalizations among at-risk groups — especially people over 60.

- According to the reports of Ministry of Health officials during the press conference "Epidemiological situation in Ukraine", about 4 thousand patients are hospitalized during the week. The only effective and safe way to protect yourself from the

severe course and complications of COVID-19 and influenza for the elderly and other risk groups remains vaccination.

- The Omicron strain is currently circulating in Ukraine. In the coming weeks, the Pfizer vaccine will be delivered to the vaccination centers, which forms immunity specifically against this strain, that is, it is Omicron-specific. However, all currently available vaccines are effective against any strain of COVID-19.
- We will remind that vulnerable groups, in addition to the basic course of vaccination (three vaccinations, including a booster administered after 5 months), doctors recommend after 6 months to get two more vaccinations, which are seasonal boosters. You can ask your family doctor or, if there is no declaration, a therapist about the vaccination algorithm.

4:19 PM: Mobile boiler houses from Coca-Cola will warm more than 50 thousand Ukrainians

- The Coca-Cola Company together with the Ukrainian Red Cross handed over 37 mobile boilers to Ukrainian communities. Given the urgent need to support local heat supply systems, 8 more mobile boiler houses will soon be delivered to communities.
- Boiler rooms run on natural gas and can be switched to diesel fuel. Most boiler rooms will be installed stationary to replace destroyed and worn out ones. And in several cities, where heat generation works at the limit of possibilities, they are used as spares during accidents.
- Boiler houses were mostly acquired by utility companies that supply heat in their settlements - that is, local territorial communities became their owners. Thus, more than 50,000 Ukrainians will receive heat from mobile boilers delivered by the Coca-Cola company.

5:23 PM: Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Valery Zaluzhnyi, Commander of the Ground Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Oleksandr Syrskyi and Minister of Defense Rustem Umyerov

presented awards to servicemen of the Ground Forces.

5:33 PM: Part of the intellectual IT infrastructure of the Kyivstar mobile operator has been destroyed, the company's president Oleksandr Komarov said.

- This means losing access to some company systems. The main goal of the attack is to cause maximum destruction. The company is currently trying to figure out how long it will take to restore.

6:30 PM: A video was published on social media showing how the 12th Azov Special Forces Brigade destroyed an enemy T-80 tank with an FPV drone.

7:04 PM: The government is starting to pay out funds for major repairs of damaged residential real estate under the "eRecovery" program, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal said.

- "_Maximum UAH 350,000 for an apartment and UAH 500,000 for a private house_" said the Prime Minister.
- Now you can submit an application not only through "Diya", but also through administrative service centers and notaries.

7:08 PM: Summary of the General Staff as of 18:00 on December 12:

- During the day, 73 combat clashes took place_. The enemy launched 1 missile and 3 air strikes, fired 38 rounds of anti-aircraft fire at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- Aviation of the defense forces struck _on the area of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment of the enemy_.
- Units of the missile forces inflicted damage _on the control point of the Russian occupiers, 2 areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 1 ammunition warehouse_ of the enemy.

7:24 PM: 20 heads of diplomatic missions from EU countries came to Transcarpathia to make sure there is no oppression of national

minorities.

- This was reported by the head of the subcommittee on higher education of the Education Committee Yuliya Hryshina.

7:40 PM: Defense Minister Umyerov stated that there is no question of the dismissal of Commander-in-Chief Zaluzhnyi or other commanders - "Suspilne".

- He added that this issue is "shaking both internally and externally" and he always jokes about this topic with Zaluzhny.

8:42 PM: The Air Force reports that strike UAVs are moving from Cherkasy region in the direction of Kyiv region.

- A group of UAVs in the direction of Odesa.

9:10 PM: "Kyivstar" announced the partial restoration of fixed communication services.

9:25 PM: Due to a malfunction of "Kyivstar" in some populated areas, the air alert system may not work.

- In this case, the crews of the Patrol Police and the State Emergency Service will announce the danger through loudspeakers.

10:27 PM: An "Azov" soldier with the call sign "Polyak", who went through captivity, told the program "Station Kramatorsk" about how the Russian army works.

- _"When I was in captivity, I understood their maximum incompetence... They are creating chaos and in this chaos they are trying to win their local positions," he said.

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Wednesday, December 13

11:08 AM: Russian hackers from groups "Suncepek" took on himself responsibility for attack on Kyivstar, — Russian mass media.

- It is noted that a team of hackers penetrated the operator's network and firmly established themselves there. During the attack, the internal network infrastructure of the organization, which provides communication not only to millions of subscribers, but also to the Armed Forces, was destroyed.
- They also say that their hackers obtained personal data of the company's customers: full names, passport data, and addresses. We are talking about millions of records.

Tuesday, December 12

2:45 PM: In Russia, an Aeroflot plane with 387 passengers on board twice failed to take off for a flight to Thailand.

- The flight was supposed to take place at 23:30 on Monday. Currently, the departure time has been changed to 14:00 on Tuesday due to technical reasons. 387 passengers are waiting in the airport building, including 18 children.
- The flight is operated by one of the largest aircraft in the world - Boeing-777-300ER.

3:16 PM: British intelligence says the Russians have a shortage of night-fighting equipment

- The Russian occupiers have a shortage of equipment that would allow them to conduct combat operations at night: they lack night vision devices and special cameras for drones to conduct combat operations in the dark. This is stated in the report of the Ministry of Defense of Great Britain.
- The Ministry of Defense reported that since the end of November 2023, the tendency of the Russians to conduct hostilities at night has been observed. However, users of social networks who are soldiers of the Russian Federation claim that they have a shortage of night vision goggles and special cameras for drones for conducting combat operations at night.

It is this equipment that appears on the lists of needs of Russian military personnel.

3:27 PM: Cyber units of the Military Intelligence of Ukraine attacked the tax system of the Russian Federation.

- As a result of two cyberattacks, the configuration files, which for years ensured the functioning of the extensive tax system of the Russian Federation, were completely eliminated. Communication between the central office in Moscow and 2,300 Russian territorial administrations is paralyzed.
- According to experts, the paralysis in the work of the Federal Tax Service of the Russian Federation will last at least a month. At the same time, resuscitation of the tax system of the aggressor state in full is impossible.

4:33 PM: Anti-tank trenches are being dug and concrete pyramids are being installed along the border with Belarus

- On the border with Belarus, the engineering units of the State Border Service of Ukraine are actively installing - despite the change in weather conditions - engineering barriers of various types. In particular, anti-tank ditches are being dug, concrete pyramids are being installed, and reinforced concrete, metal-mesh barriers and Egoza-type barbed wire barriers are also being built.
- In addition, in cooperation with units of the Defense Forces, mine and explosive defense continues to be increased in threatening directions.

8:12 PM: The defender of Mariupol - marine Dmytro Shalar was sentenced to life in a Russian court.

- Deputy mayor of Mariupol, Petro Andryushchenko, announced this.

8:48 PM: Defense Express: Russians install warheads from mysterious missile on Shahedi

- The Defense Express agency managed to establish that a combat unit of an incomprehensible design is on the Russian "Shahed" of the "Heran-K" modification. The Agency knows that this warhead has a missile index marking. Moreover, this index coincides with one of the enterprises that manufactures elements for the Pantsir-S1 complex. The 40 kg high-explosive warhead does not match the markings of any guided missile of Soviet or Russian production.
- Perhaps the Russians have developed a certain stock of warheads for some kind of modernized installation and have now used them on kamikaze drones, - Defense Express military expert Ivan Kyrychevskiy on the air of the Espresso TV channel.

REGIONS

KYIV



Wednesday, December 13

3:02 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kyiv.

3:06 AM: Kyiv, Chernihiv regions - missile danger, the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reports.

3:28 AM: Cars are burning in the yard of a residential building in the Dnipro district, Kyiv Mayor Vitaly Klychko said.

- Emergency services are on their way to the scene.

3:28 AM: After the work of anti-aircraft defense to shoot down enemy targets over Kyiv, numerous debris falls were recorded on the left bank of the city, - KMVA.

3:45 AM: Damage to the facade of a high-rise building was recorded as a result of falling debris in the Dnipro district, - KMVA.

- Residents are being evacuated from the building. Departments of the State Emergency Service are working on the spot.

3:50 AM: A fragment of a rocket is burning in an open area in the Desnyan district. A fire broke out in a one-story residential building in the Darnytskyi district, Kyiv Mayor Vitaly Klychko said.

- Fire and rescue services are working on the ground.

3:55 AM: Five victims are currently known in the Dnipro district of the capital. Three were hospitalized in the city's medical facilities, two were treated by medics on the spot, Kyiv Mayor Vitaliy Klychko said.

4:08 AM: In one of the children's hospitals in the Dnipro district, windows were broken and the central entrance to the institution was damaged. Previously, without victims, the mayor of Kyiv Vitaliy Klitschko.

- Currently, 12 people are known to have been injured in the night rocket attack by the Russians in the Dnipro region.

4:26 AM: In the Dnipro district, the fire of a high-rise building was localized, — KMVA.

- _"There are many victims. Mainly the injuries are related to cuts from the glass as a result of the windows blown out by the blast wave. All the victims are being provided with medical assistance," said Serhiy Popko, head of the KMVA.

4:59 AM: In Kyiv, rescuers continue to eliminate the consequences of the Russian missile attack.

- Mykola Kalashnyk, acting head of the Darnytsia district administration, published a photo from the scene.

5:20 AM: In the Dnipro district, the water supply network was damaged due to the fall of rocket debris on the roadway, Kyiv Mayor Vitaly Klychko said.

- Emergency crews are working on site to quickly repair the damage.

7:35 AM: 51 people were injured due to falling debris of a Russian

rocket in the Dnipro district of the capital. 18 victims were hospitalized, KMVA.

8:53 AM: Now is known, what hits by Kyiv enemy could to apply rockets 48N6 with of the complex S400, — Office the president.

9:44 AM: Police Kyiv conduct searches V "Kyivskyi subway", "Metrobudi" and structural subdivisions KMDA, — Ministry of Internal Affairs.

- The investigation should check the presence of miscalculations at the stages of design, construction and operation of the underground. And also to establish the responsible persons, due to whose actions or inaction, the depressurization and flooding of the subway tunnel happened.

Tuesday, December 12

6:40 PM: Due to a cyber attack on the Kyivstar network, the air warning system is not working in some populated areas of the Kyiv region.

- The system does not work in Buch, Irpen, Vyshnevo, Berezan, Skvira, Rzhyshev, Tarascha, Volodarka and Hirskya tergromad of Boryspil district.
- There are no problems with notification in the capital.

11:27 PM: Between the "Teremky"- "Demiivska" metro stations in Kyiv, "shuttle" train traffic will start on December 13.

- On this section, a train will run on each of the two tracks with an interval of 13 minutes and 17 minutes, depending on the direction of traffic.
- At the stations, navigational materials will be placed, indicating the mode of operation of the blue metro line, as well as the schedule of "shuttle" train traffic.

DONETSK



Tuesday, December 12

1:36 PM: Fighters of the 24th OMBr named after King Danylo recaptured one of the tericons within Horlivka and captured enemy positions, Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

- We are proud of our defenders! 🇺🇦 Glory to Ukraine!UA

DNIPRO



Tuesday, December 12

4:11 PM: Due to a hacker attack on "Kyivstar" in Dnipro, the central notification system is not working, the press service of the Dnipro City Council reports.

- You can find out about the air alert signal through special applications.

KHERSON



Tuesday, December 12

12:08 PM Kherson Municipal Military Administration: The Russian army is shelling Kherson.

ODESA



Wednesday, December 13

8:09 AM: As a result of the Russian attack on Odeshchyna, two people were injured, with fractures and burns. One of the victims is in serious condition, OVA.

8:48 AM: At night forces air defense nine "Shaheed" shot down over Odeshchyna, — OK "South",

- One of the downed drones fell on the territory of a communal car repair enterprise in Odesa.
- In Odesa district, debris from another downed drone damaged one of the buildings of the port infrastructure.

Tuesday, December 12

8:52 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

11:55 PM: Two people were injured in Odesa due to a drone attack and were hospitalized.

- There is damage to civil infrastructure, the Southern Defense Forces reported.

Zhytomyr



Tuesday, December 12

5:58 PM: "City authorities of Zhytomyr spent UAH 500 million on 2 UAVs": the Russians launched a new fake.

- Enemy resources distorted information from the Zhytomyr City Council about the transfer of two quadcopters to the 30th Separate Mechanized Brigade. This is reported by the Center for Combating Disinformation.
- According to Russian propagandists, the Zhytomyr city council spent 530 million hryvnias on the purchase of two drones. A significant part of the funds was allegedly stolen by local officials.

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	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 653 days	After 654 days	After 655 days	After 656 days	After 657 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	338,120	338,820	339,850	340,650	342,500

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5632	5636	5655	5664	5682
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10,519	10,529	10,560	10,579	10594
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8977	8983	8989	8992	8995
Cruise Missiles		1585	1586	1586	1596	1596
Fighters Bombers	118	324	324	324	324	324

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones			6136	6154	6163	6173
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		605	605	605	605	605
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,369	10,598	10,623	106,36	10,650	10662
Naval Vessels		22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)	22+(1 submarine)
Specialized mobile electronic communication and jamming, ballistic radars		1159	1162	1168	1170	1176

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