

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine
12:00 noon December 3 to
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Euromaidan Book (by Robert Homans)

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the start of the Euromaidan Revolution and the concurrent beginning of these emails, I am making available a never been published book that I wrote in 2016, incorporating many of the emails I wrote during that period, plus extensive additional material.

As an exclusive offer to email recipients, you can purchase an advance copy of the book for \$25.00, or in any other recognized currency. It's in the form of an Ebook. To purchase the Ebook, please click on the link [HERE](#). After December 9, 2023, the price will be \$30.00. I have no immediate plans to publish the book, so this is an exclusive offer.

The book covers important aspects of how Euromaidan was run. In our email 2 days ago, we summarized how food service for the protestors was organized. Today, we'll focus on Healthcare and First Aid. Future emails will cover subjects including the organization behind the building of the barricades, the volunteer battalions, and logistics and funding.

Healthcare & First Aid – “On January 19/20, 2014, after watching the first night of heavy fighting on Grushevskogo Street with her husband, O.S. set up the initial first aid station on Independence Square itself, in a vacant office located at No. 4 Grushevskogo St. Prior to that there had been first aid stations inside Kyiv City Hall and the Trade Union Building, but nothing inside Independence

Square.”

“During the night of January 19th and 20th O.S. started operating the first aid station at No. 4 Grushevskogo Street, with a supply of medicines and bandages. Later, she was able to get hospitals and clinics, as well as individuals, to supply equipment such as examining tables, beds, and other equipment.”

“If protestors were badly injured, they were sent to several makeshift hospitals that O helped set up. One of makeshift was in the basement of the Lutheran Church on Lyuteranska St., not far from the Presidential Administration Building. Another was in the basement of a Catholic Church located very close-by St. Michael’s Cathedral where, during the night of November 30/December 1, 2013, the students took refuge from the Berkut after the attack on Independence Square. The Catholic Church also operated a hostel next door, which the church turned over to O.S. to allow doctors and other workers to rest.”

“In addition to physical injuries, from gunshot wounds or being hit by truncheons, flu and pneumonia brought on by sustained exposure to cold and wet weather was also a problem, as was smoke inhalation from burning tires and, to a lesser extent, outdoor food preparation and fires maintained for warmth. O.S. also helped set up a call center, allowing the first aid stations to quickly summon protestors with cars, when they needed to transport injured protestors to the makeshift hospitals. The drivers later became collectively known as “Automaidan.” “

On February 20th, 2014, triage centers were established at St. Michael’s Church and the lobby of the Hotel Ukraine, to care for protestors who had been shot on Institutska Street, where 100 protestors were killed by snipers acting under orders from members of Yanukovich’s Government. This [video](#) shows the triage center at St. Michael’s Church, and this [video](#) shows the triage center in the lobby of the Hotel Ukraine, the latter located next to Institutska Street where the killing was taking place. One

can see blood on the marble floor of the hotel lobby, and the bodies of those who died. All members of the medical teams were volunteers, many of whom were risking their lives and all of whom, potentially their freedom had events turned out differently.

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News From the Battlefield

“Reporting From Ukraine” [covers](#) both Avdiivka (Dec. 4th) and the [Dnipro Crossings](#) (Dec. 3rd). In the latter, he covers possible mutinies by Russian soldiers refusing to fight when ordered to launch assaults against Ukrainian troops located on the islands (shown in dark green in the video and the wrapped by a blue line).

The “Latest Denys” covers a Ukrainian [attack](#) near Dubrove (north of Bakhmut), and Marinka, southwest of Donetsk City. As mentioned in an earlier email, Marinka is located on Ukrainian defense lines that were first established in 2014. In his Dec. 3rd video, Denys reports on a Ukrainian attack toward [Horlivka](#), northwest of Donetsk City.

Avdiivka, Marinka and Horlivka are all located very close to Donetsk City, the largest Russian-held city in Donbas. Russia is likely attempting to push Ukraine back from positions that are very near Donetsk City.

12/4 & 12/3/2023 Sitreps

Abbreviations:

RMA = Regional Military Administration SBU = Security Service of Ukraine

RASHISTS = russian Facists/all russian invaders

INTERNATIONAL

Monday, December 4

7:15 AM: "We found points of contact with the government":
Ambassador to Poland Zvarich on blocking the border

- "We are doing everything possible to stop this protest as soon as possible, to unblock traffic on the border. We continue negotiations with the Polish government, have found certain points of contact and compromises. And we really hope that for the protesters of these proposals, which we worked out together with the Polish government , will be enough to stop the protest," Zvarych said.
- The diplomat emphasized that the protest is causing damage not only to the economy of Ukraine, but also to the business of Poland and other countries, and also expressed his belief that "there is no reason for actions restricting movement at the border to continue."

8:02 AM: The new head of the British Foreign Ministry, Cameron, during his first visit to the USA, will *convince Washington to increase military and financial support for Ukraine*, — Reuters.

8:02 AM: Blinken and the Qatari prime minister discussed ongoing efforts to free more hostages and increase aid to Gaza.

8:02 AM: The US military struck a militant base in northern Iraq where drones were deployed.

9:55 AM: The "Ugryniv - Dolgobychuv" checkpoint on the border with Poland was opened for the movement of empty trucks leaving Ukraine this night.

- According to Andrii Demchenko, the spokesman of the State Security Service, as of 7:00 a.m., 30 trucks were registered for 6 hours, which were proceeding across the border.

9:55 AM: Venezuelan authorities announced 95% support for territorial claims to Guyana in a referendum

- It is noted that 95% of citizens supported the intention of the country's authorities to include a new state - Essequibo. These are the results of the referendum on the issue, held in defiance of the decision of the International Court of Justice of the

United Nations, which ordered Caracas to refrain from any action to change the situation in the territorial dispute with Guyana.

- The Venezuelan authorities called this referendum "consultative" and included five questions in it.

11:07 AM: Crossing operations at the "Smilnytsia" PE and the crossing point outside the "Nizhankovichi" PE have been resumed, State Border Service.

Sunday, December 3

12:02 PM: The Japanese government has launched a new program to support foreign nationals who have left conflict zones but do not meet Japan's criteria for refugee status, NHK.

- It is reported that such citizens will now be recognized as refugees. The program started working on December 1, as reported, primarily for people from Ukraine.
- If desired, immigrants who will take advantage of the new program can attend Japanese language classes, as well as courses for adapting to life in Japan. Foreigners will have the right to financial support as required by law.

2:13 PM: Poland plans to transfer more than 50 Krab self-propelled howitzers to Ukraine, — PAP.

- AHS Krab is a Polish 155 mm self-propelled howitzer compatible with NATO ammunition.

5:27 PM: According to UN estimates, about 80% of Gaza residents have been forced to leave their homes.

5:27 PM: Hamas has already released all the women and children held in the Gaza Strip, said Saleh al-Aruri, deputy head of the Palestinian movement's politburo.

5:27 PM: The US plans to deploy new land-based missiles in the Indo-Pacific region in 2024 to deter China, says US Pacific Army spokesman Rob Phillips.

5:27 PM: Israel has informed a number of countries of its intention to create a buffer zone on the Palestinian side of the Gaza border to prevent future attacks, Reuters.

6:43 PM: If Putin is not stopped in Ukraine, he will come back for more.

- This was stated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Great Britain, David Cameron.
- "_And we know from our history that the appeasement of dictators ultimately destroys British interests and costs British lives_" Cameron said.

7:20 PM: In the Red Sea, drones attacked a US warship and several commercial vessels.

- This is reported by the Associated Press with reference to the Pentagon.
- Earlier, the British military reported possible drone strikes and explosions in the Red Sea.
- The Iran-backed Houthis later confirmed that they had attacked civilian vessels, but did not admit that they had targeted the US Navy ship.

8:35 PM: Russian filtering programs are a violation of the Geneva Conventions, and the mass deportation of Ukrainian children has become a horrific phenomenon.

- This was stated by US Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice Beth Van Skaak.
- "_Children from Ukraine are taken to Russia through the occupied territories, and then to Belarus. Rather creepy non-governmental organizations, such as far-right biker communities, participate in this," says Van Skaak.

NATIONAL

Monday, December 4

3:04 AM: In the east - the activity of enemy tactical aviation, the Air

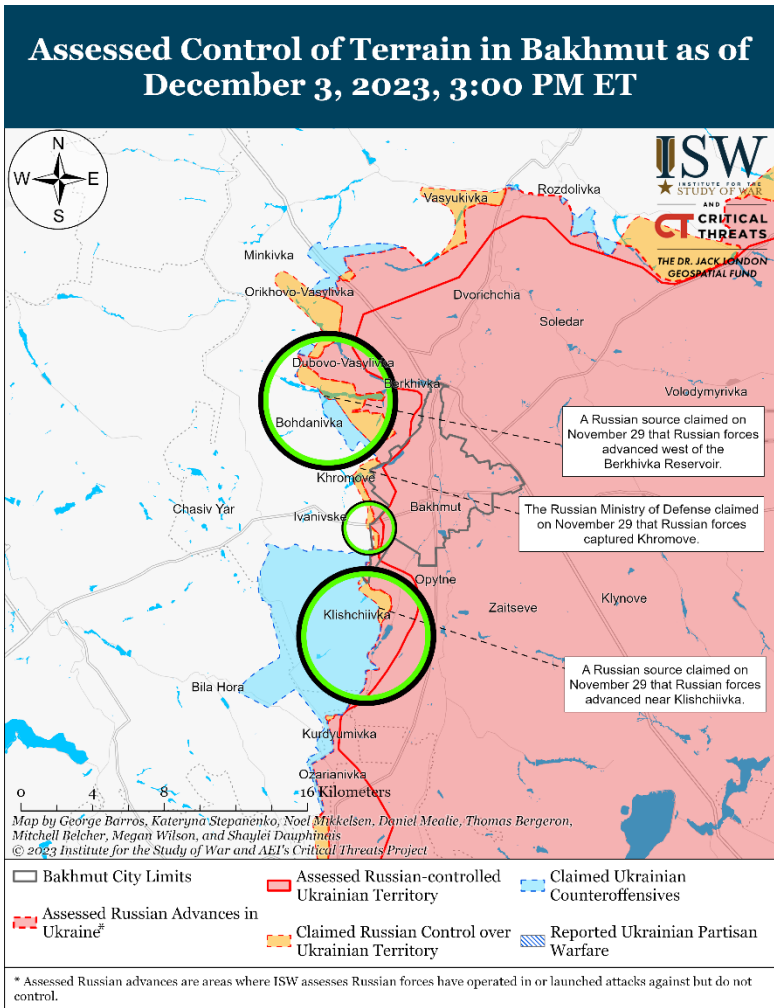
Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports.

- The threat of using aviation weapons.
- Ivano-Frankivsk, Zakarpattia Oblast - the threat of using UAVs.

7:41 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 4:

- During the day of December 3, there were 68x combat engagements.
- The enemy launched a total of 1x missile and 45x air strikes, 49x MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements. Unfortunately, the Russian terrorist attacks have killed and wounded civilians. Private residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure were destroyed or damaged.
- During the night of December 3, the Russian occupants launched 1x air strike on Ukraine, using 1x Kh-59 guided missile and 12x Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. The Ukrainian air defense forces and means destroyed 10x attack UAVs.
- During the night of December 4, the Russian occupants launched yet another attack on Ukraine, using 1x Kh-59 guided missile and 21x Shahed-136/131 strike UAVs. 16x enemy drones and 1x Kh-59 guided missile were destroyed.
- Air strikes hit Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), Spirne, Klishchiivka, Avdiivka, Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), and Krynky (Kherson oblast).
- More than 130x settlements in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts came under artillery fire.
- During the day of December 3, Ukrainian Air Force launched 8x air strikes on the concentrations of troops, weapons and military equipment, 2x air strikes on anti-aircraft missile systems, and 2x air strikes on the ammunition depots of the adversary.

- The Ukrainian missile troops hit 1x heavy flamethrower system, and Pantsir anti-aircraft artillery and missile system of the Russian invaders.



Khortytsia operational-strategic group

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

Lyman axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 3x adversary attacks in the vicinity of Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast).

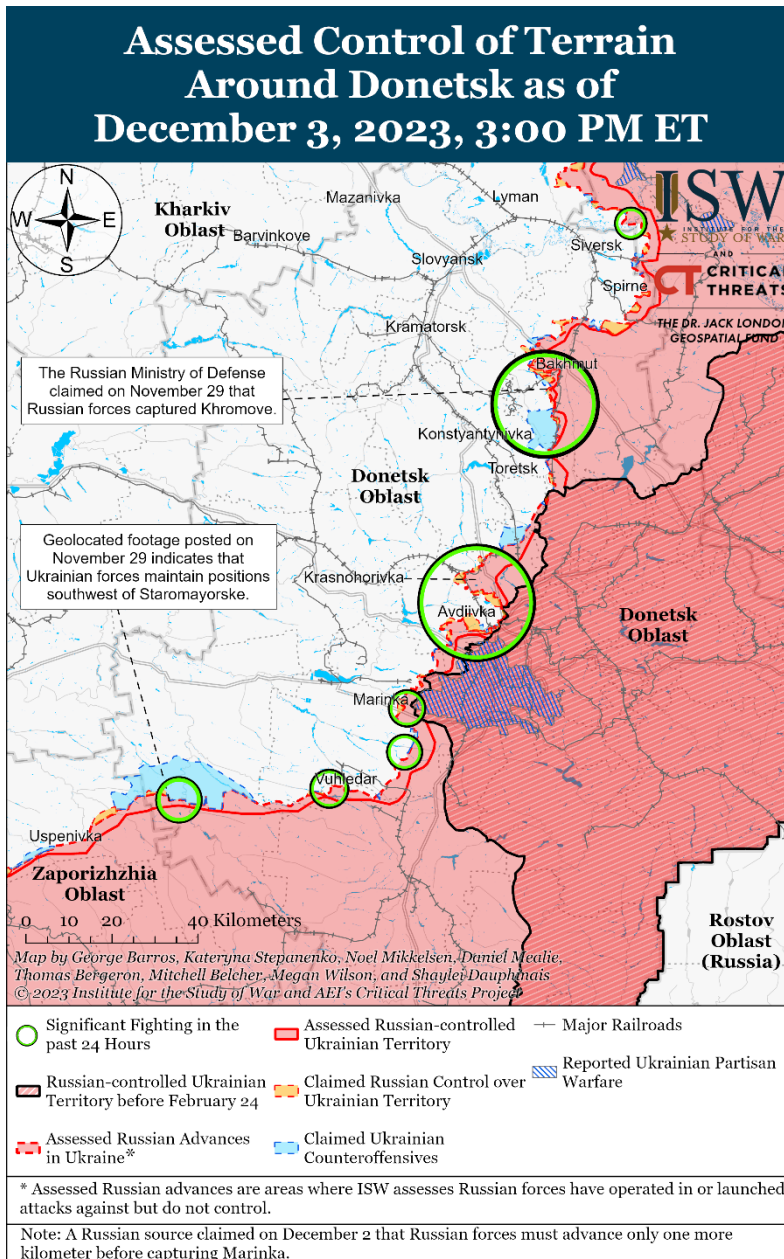
Bakhmut axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 16x enemy attacks in the vicinities of Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Andriivka, and Klishchiivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue assault operations south of Bakhmut (Donetsk oblast), inflict losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, 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 repelled 21x attacks of the adversary in the areas east of Novokalynove and Novobakhmutivka, as well as

in the vicinities of Stepove, Avdiivka, Sjeverne, and Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinities of Maryinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast). The Ukrainian defenders repelled 8x attacks in that area.



Shakhtarske axis: the Ukrainian soldiers repelled 1x attack of the adversary in the vicinity of Staromaiorske (Donetsk oblast).

Zaporizhzhia axis: the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled 3x attacks of the enemy who attempted to regain the lost ground in the areas south of Robotyne. Also, the Ukrainian defenders repelled 3x adversary attacks in the vicinity of Novopokrovka (Zaporizhzhia oblast).

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.

6:55 AM: the Russian army launched "shahedy" in the south of Ukraine

- The Air Force noted that as of 10:00 p.m., enemy UAVs are in the Kirovohrad region and are moving in the direction of Kropyvnytskyi. Instead, the Defense Forces of the South wrote that the Shaheds were flying in the direction of the Vinnytsia region
- At 11:40 p.m., it became known about a new group of "shaheds" who entered the Kherson region in the direction of the Mykolayiv region. Meanwhile, enemy UAVs are on the border of Cherkasy, Vinnytsia, and Kyiv regions.
- Subsequently, an air alert was announced in the Kherson, Mykolaiv, Kirovohrad, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipropetrovsk, Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi, Lviv and Zhytomyr regions.

8:49 AM: Exports by sea and river transport in November increased by 70.7% compared to October to 5.91 million tons. Imports increased by 8.2% to 495.2 thousand tons.

- This was reported by the Minister of Economy Yulia Svyridenko.
- Due to the blockade of Polish carriers, exports by road transport last month fell by 26.7% to 783,000 tons, while imports fell by 23.5% to 967,100 tons.

11:45 AM: The Ministry of Defense is finally returning to Ukrainian development of air defense systems, - Zgurets

- "The development of air defense remains an extremely important direction. And when we talk about our own air defense capabilities, these are mainly initiatives from the Luch State Design Bureau, which as early as 2021 offered the Ministry of Defense three complexes. One of these complexes had a range of up to 10 km, the second - up to 30 km, and the

third - about 100 km. These medium- and long-range complexes could be ready within two years with financing of about \$40 million. This was said by the general director of KB "Luch" Oleg Petrovych Korostelov," noted the director of the information and consulting company of Defense Express.

- Serhii Zgurets added that at that time the Ministry of Defense would not have found the money for these projects.

Sunday, December 3

1:06 PM: All of Ukraine is a missile hazard! The takeoff of the Russian MiG-31K from the Mozdok airfield was recorded, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

1:20 PM: The President's office had a telephone conversation with the National Security Advisor to the President of the United States of America, Jake Sullivan.

- Specific requests regarding weapons and ammunition necessary for the defense of Ukrainian lands were submitted.
- The interlocutors also discussed preparations for the first Ukrainian-American conference on arms production, which will take place on December 6-7 in Washington.

4:49 PM: There is no such thing as a "war plan for a year", there is a plan for a military campaign, - reserve colonel Yakubets

- It is almost impossible to draw up a war plan in the long term, there is no such thing as a "war plan for a year"
- This was told by a military expert, commander of the airmobile forces of Ukraine in 1998-2005, reserve colonel Ivan Yakubets.
- "You can say what will happen in 2024 in one word - there will be a war, this is the correct strategic answer. The only question is what it will be and here we need to speak more professionally. There is no such thing as a "war plan for a year", there is a plan for a military campaign, this is the biggest plan. There are laws of war that have been created for centuries. It is

almost impossible to draw up a war plan for the long term," he said.

8:49 PM: The Ministry of Defense warns of another fake.

- Unknown persons created an account in Telegram using the name and surname of the Minister of Defense of Ukraine. Today they started collecting data, pretending to be an official channel of information.
- The ministry emphasizes that Rustem Umerov does not have a Telegram account.

9:00 PM: Summary of the General Staff as of 18:00 on December 3:

- _56 combat clashes took place during the day. The enemy launched 1 missile and 31 air strikes, carried out 24 rounds of anti-aircraft fire at the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- During the day, the aviation of the defense forces made _8 strikes on the areas of concentration of personnel, weapons and military equipment, 2 on anti-aircraft missile systems and 2 on the enemy's ammunition depots._
- Units of the missile forces inflicted damage on the enemy's heavy flamethrower salvo system and the enemy's "Pantsir" air defense system._

10:04 PM: Shaheds in Kirovohrad Oblast, moving in the direction of Kropyvnytskyi.

- This is reported by the Air Force.
- A new group of "shahedis" in the Kherson region. The vector of movement is Mykolaiv Oblast.
- Shahed groups are moving in the Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia regions.

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Monday, December 4

8:20 AM: Partisans conducted reconnaissance of a military unit in occupied Bakhchisarai, - ATESH

- "Our agent scouted the situation near one of the military units in Bakhchisarai. According to the information gathered, despite the semi-neglected appearance, the military unit is functioning," the message reads.
- It is noted that this facility houses large warehouses where army Kamaz vehicles are loaded. In addition, it was established that servicemen are stationed in a military town not far from the military unit.

9:20 AM: Putin's decree probably does not increase, but officially approves the existing number of troops, - ISW

- The increase of 170,000 Russian troops between Putin's previous order of August 25, 2022 and the order of December 1, 2023 is most likely an official recognition of a net increase of 170,000 troops between August 25, 2022 and December 1, 2023, not a call to an immediate increase in the current number of military personnel.
- According to the Deputy Chairman of the Russian Security Council, Dmitry Medvedev, as of November 9, since the beginning of the year, the Russian army has recruited 410,000 contract, volunteer, and conscript soldiers.

11:03 AM: The Russians are waiting for better weather conditions in the Avdiivka area to use heavy equipment for assaults again.

- This was announced by the head of the Avdiiv city military administration, Vitaliy Barabash.
- Barabash said that the most difficult areas remain the Stepovoye district, Koksokhim and Avdiivska industrial zone.

Sunday, December 3

12:31 PM: "Tor" plays a decisive role in countering Ukrainian UAVs in the Russian Federation: British intelligence spoke about the

shortcoming of the Russian air defense system

- It is noted that one of the most important confrontations in the war for both Ukraine and Russia remains the destruction of ground air defense systems.
- For the Russian side, one of the main systems remains the Tor air defense system. It differs from the Pantsir air defense system, which primarily protects command posts, long-range air defense systems, and Russian air bases. British intelligence reported that the Russians are currently using Tor, in particular, to counter Ukrainian drones.

2:00 PM: Ukrainian soldiers who were shot by Russian soldiers surrendered because they ran out of ammunition.

- This was announced by the head of the Avdiiv MBA, Barabash.
- Later, according to him, Ukrainian fighters stormed this Russian position and, beforehand, eliminated all Russian military personnel who were there.

2:28 PM: In the near future, another wave of disinformation will be launched on Russian propaganda channels regarding the reasons for the suspension of prisoner-of-war exchanges, GUR of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

- "They are preparing to submit to the Coordinating Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War the exaggeration of the requirements regarding the exchange formula and the intention to return servicemen of all units without exception [...]", the message reads.

2:53 PM: After a storm in the Black Sea, the island of Dzharylgach in the Kherson region separated from the mainland again, despite the Russians' attempt to cover the crossing with sand.

- The Center for Journalistic Investigations writes about it.

- It is known that earlier the invaders destroyed all the vegetation on the island and set up a military training ground there.

7:31 PM: The launch of enemy strike UAVs from Crimea was recorded — the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

8:13 PM: thermobaric charge. What is known about the new combat unit "Shaheed"

- The Russians began to use a more powerful warhead in kamikaze drones of the Shahed type. Serhiy Flesh, an expert in combat radio electronics, told about it.
- "Of course, we investigate all the falling and downed Shaheds. And what we sometimes find, we are not very happy. Either a new navigation system, or a GSM modem. This time, it seems, a new type of BC. Almost 40 kg of thermobaric charge with three detonators." , - the message states.

9:22 PM: More than 100 billion dollars from the new budget of the Russian Federation will be directed to the war against Ukraine, - economist Neskhodovsky

- In the new budget of the Russian Federation for the next three years, expenditures related to the Ministry of Defense are significantly increasing. More than 100 billion dollars from the new budget of the Russian Federation will be directed to the war against Ukraine. Ilya Neskhodovskiy, an expert on economic issues, told about it.
- "More than 100 billion dollars will be directed directly to support the army, logistics and the production of weapons. This is a serious challenge, because the Ukrainian budget is much smaller. Without the help of international partners, this is a challenge (for Ukraine - ed.)," he said.

REGIONS

LUHANSK



Monday, December 4

9:33 AM: Footage of the aftermath of the explosions in the temporarily occupied Luhansk appeared on social media.

- It is known that due to the attack on the oil depot, one of the tanks caught fire, and there was a big fire.

10:31 AM: There is a lack of vaccines for newborns at the TOT of Luhansk region, - RMA

- It is noted that in the occupied territories of the region there are problems with the arrival of the vaccine for vaccination against tuberculosis, which must be waited for several months. Vaccines against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus for newborns are not available at all in many cities of the so-called LPR.
- In addition, the head of the OVA reported that the cost of products in occupied Novopskov is several times higher than in Voronezh, the nearest Russian regional center. On average, food costs twice as much.

Sunday, December 3

10:10 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in temporarily occupied Luhansk.

DONETSK



Monday, December 4

2:45 PM: In just one week, 11 Ukrainian defenders were convicted in Mariupol, - Andryushchenko

- "Just this week, the occupiers illegally sentenced 11 Defenders of Mariupol to captivity. On trumped-up and falsified charges. On average, up to 25 years in prison for each," he wrote in a telegram.

- The adviser to the mayor of Mariupol noted that the trials of the defenders of the city in Russian captivity are almost not publicized.

ZAPORIZHIA



Sunday, December 3

3:15 PM: This week alone, the Russians illegally sentenced 11 defenders of Mariupol to captivity.

- This was reported by Petro Andryushchenko, adviser to the mayor of Mariupol.
- "According to invented and falsified accusations. Everyone is sentenced to up to 25 years in prison," Andryushchenko noted.

DNIPRO



Monday, December 4

12:18 AM: Missiles are moving in the direction of Kryvyi Rih, the Air Force reports.

- Rockets in the direction of Kropyvnytskyi.

KHERSON



Sunday, December 3

12:17 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

12:21 PM: Today, around 11:20, the Russians shelled one of the settlements of the Kherson district, the Kherson prosecutor's office.

- "A 78-year-old local resident died as a result of the shelling. The man received life-threatening injuries while in his own garage. The projectile hit the building directly," the report says.

1:36 PM: The occupiers shelled a village on the right bank of the Kherson region with mortars: a man was killed

- "In the afternoon, the occupiers struck the village. One of the hits hit a private garage, where a 78-year-old man was at that time," the report says.
- It is noted that the elderly man died on the spot from the blast injury. According to Roman Mrochka, the head of the Kherson city military administration, the Russian occupiers attacked this settlement from the temporarily occupied left bank.

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- Russian troops continue to shell Kherson, the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mrochko said.

4:05 PM: Russians hit a high-rise building in Kherson, killing one person and injuring another.

- This was announced by the head of the MBA, Roman Mrochko.
- the number of wounded increased to 3.

5:01 PM: The number of wounded as a result of the Russian attack on Kherson has increased to 5, — OVA.

- 7 wounded are known.

9:49 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

MYKOLAIV



Sunday, December 3

6:00 PM: Filmed the work of air defense in Odesa: a blogger from China received a 5-year sentence

- The accused stated that he had drawn his own conclusions and would try to do everything possible for the victory of Ukraine. He supports Ukraine and its Armed Forces. At the stage of the pre-trial investigation, he voluntarily confessed to the crime.
- After the arrest, the man transferred 150,000 hryvnias to the needs of the Armed Forces. It is taken into account that he is a

person of young age, is being held criminally responsible for the first time, is in Ukraine on legal grounds and carries out business activities, paying taxes

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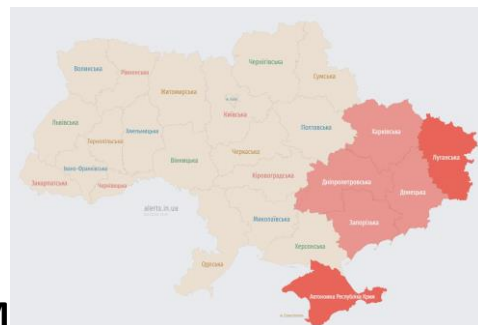
12:57 AM: "shahedis" near Khmelnytskyi are moving in the direction of Starokostyantynov, the Air Force reports.

- Enemy drones from Kirovohrad region and Poltava region have changed direction and are moving towards the Dnipro.

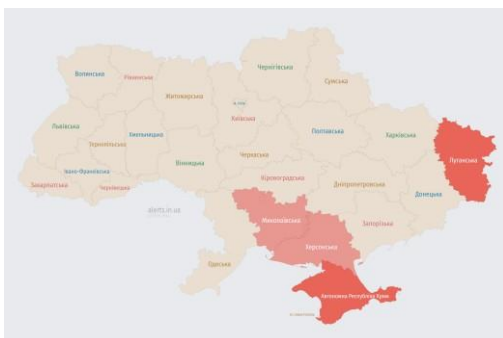
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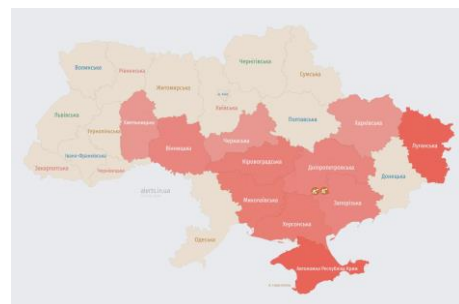
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 644 days	After 645 days	After 646 days	After 647 days	After 648 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	327,580	328,760	330,040	331,110	332,810

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5538	5551	5564	5571	5580
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10312	10340	10372	10.385	10401
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8818	8819	8843	8854	8874
Cruise Missiles		1567	1567	1567	1568	1569
Fighters Bombers	118	323	323	323	323	323

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		5944	5954	5976	5994	6017
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		600	600	602	602	602
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,369	10348	10361	10399	10,410	10451
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		1121	1124	1137	1138	1141

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8:08 AM: North Carolina, USA recognized the Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people.*

8:08 AM: US, EU and UK demand Liberia, Marshall Islands and Panama that ships registered in their countries ban shipping of Russian oil above ceiling price*, Reuters .

8:08 AM: A US Navy aircraft intercepted an Iranian UAV over its own aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf, US Navy said.

8:08 AM: Hamas shelled Tel Aviv for the first time in 11 days.*

9:46 AM: The "Smilnytsia" checkpoint and the checkpoint outside the "Nyzhankovichi" checkpoint are temporarily closed* — State Border Service.

- _ "Registration of persons and vehicles is not carried out due to a malfunction of the database of the customs service. Please take this information into account when planning trips across the Ukrainian-Polish border," the message reads.

11:07 AM: Crossing operations at the "Smilnytsia" PE and the crossing point outside the "Nyzhankovichi" PE have been resumed,

State Border Service.

Saturday, December 2

5:30 PM: UEFA did not include the Russian national team in the 2024/25 Nations League draw, release.

5:30 PM: Venezuela is preparing to hold a referendum tomorrow on annexing part of neighboring Guyana. The UN asks to refrain from any actions that could escalate the conflict.

5:30 PM: Armenia launched its own Hayasat-1 satellite into space for the first time. The launch took place on December 1 in the USA using a SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket.

7:19 PM: In two weeks, we will announce Ukraine's readiness for EU membership negotiations, - Vice President of the European Commission

- Vice-president of the European Commission, Czech politician Vera Jourova stated this in an interview with the French newspaper Le Monde, published today.
- "We will not wait until March. When the European Commission made this proposal in November, it was believed that Kyiv would need a few more months to meet the criteria set by 27 countries," she said.

8:03 PM: Mossad talks with Hamas in Qatar have reached an impasse.

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered Mossad chief David Barnea and his team to return from Qatar as talks in Doha on Saturday hit an impasse. This was reported by The Jerusalem Post.

9:18 PM: Poland will increase the inspection of Ukrainian trucks at the border

- As the Minister of Infrastructure of Poland, Alvin Gajadhur, emphasized, this was one of the demands of the industry.

- The head of the Ministry of Infrastructure emphasized that the government will also take measures in European institutions aimed at eliminating "unfair competition on the transport market."

NATIONAL

❤️ "Not in Kyiv" - the main Christmas tree of Ukraine, 6 km from Bakhmut



Sunday, December 3

7:51 AM: Summary of the General Staff as of 06:00 on December 3:

- During the day of December 2, there were 69 combat engagements.
- The enemy launched a total of 3 missile strike, 15 air strikes, 18 MLRS attacks at the positions of Ukrainian troops and various settlements.
- During the day of December 2, Ukrainian missile troops hit 4 artillery systems of the russian invaders.
- Ukrainian air defense forces also destroyed 1 Kh-59 air-launched cruise missile.

Sivershchyna and Slobozhanshchyna axes: the adversary maintains its military presence in the areas of russia bordering Ukraine. The enemy continues its sabotage and reconnaissance activities, shelling Ukrainian settlements from the territory of russia and increases the density of minefields along the state border of Ukraine. The occupiers launched an air strike in the vicinity of Kozacha Lopan (Kharkiv oblast). Around 20 settlements came under enemy artillery and mortar fire, including Kostobobriv, Prohres (Chernihiv oblast), Yunakivka, Hrabovske, Luhivka (Sumy oblast), Udy, Veterynarne, Stohnii (Kharkiv oblast).

Kupyansk axis: the enemy conducted assault operations in the vicinities of Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka (Kharkiv oblast), and Stelmakhivka (Luhansk oblast). Ukrainian defenders repelled 7 attacks in the area. The occupiers launched an air strike near Petropavlivka (Kharkiv oblast). The invaders fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Dvorichna, Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Berestove (Kharkiv oblast).

Lyman axis: the invaders made failed assaults around Serebryanske forestry (Luhansk oblast), where Ukrainian defenders repelled 3 attacks. The occupiers fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Nevske, Bilohorivka (Luhansk oblast), Torske, Serebryanka, Verkhniokamyanske, Spirne, Rozdolivka (Donetsk oblast).

Bakhmut axis: the invaders conducted offensives near Bohdanivka,

Ivanivske, Klishchiyivka and Andriyivka (Donetsk oblast), where Ukrainian defenders repelled 15 attacks. Around 15 settlements, including Orikhovo-Vasylivka, Chasiv Yar, Bohdanivka, Klishchiyivka, New York (Donetsk oblast), came under artillery and mortar fire.

Avdiyivka axis: the invaders made assaults east of Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiyivka, Sjeverne, south of Tonenke, Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast), to no success. Ukrainian defenders repelled 20 attacks in the area. The enemy fired artillery and mortars at around 10 settlements, including Sjeverne, Stepove, Avdiyivka, Karlivka, Pervomaiske (Donetsk oblast).

Maryinka axis: the invaders made failed assaults in the vicinities of Maryinka and Novomykhailivka (Donetsk oblast), where Ukrainian defense forces repelled 9 attacks. The occupiers launched an air strike near Pobjeda (Donetsk oblast). The settlements of Heorhiyivka, Maryinka, Novomykhailivka, Pobjeda (Donetsk oblast) were under artillery and mortar fire of the occupiers.

Shakhtarske axis: the adversary conducted unsuccessful offensives southeast of Vuhledar, west of Staromaiorske (Donetsk oblast). Around 10 settlements, including Vuhledar, Vodyane, Prechystivka, Urozhaine (Donetsk oblast), came under artillery and mortar fire.

Zaporizhzhia axis: the enemy made 8 attempts to regain lost ground south of Robotyne and west and northwest of Verbove (Zaporizhzhia oblast), to no success. Around 15 settlements, including Poltavka, Malynivka, Hulyaipole, Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka (Zaporizhzhia oblast), came under artillery and mortar fire.

Kherson axis: the enemy fired artillery at the cities of Kherson (Kherson oblast) and Ochakiv (Mykolaiv oblast).

Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold their ground on the left bank of the Dnipro River (Kherson oblast) and inflict fire on the enemy.

8:42 AM: A video of the shooting by Russians of Ukrainian servicemen who surrendered as prisoners appeared on the Internet,* — DeepState.

- Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets will appeal to the UN about this, so that the organization records this fact as another vivid example of violation of international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation and the Russian military. He also hopes that intelligence will be able to physically identify the culprits.
- According to DeepState, it happened near Stepovoye, Donetsk region, when the Russians entered the positions of the 45th separate rifle battalion

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12:10 PM: Missile danger throughout Ukraine! MiG-31K takeoff from Mozdok airfield (North Caucasus), — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Don't ignore the air alert!

12:41 PM: The volume of Ukrainian exports across the Polish border fell by 40% due to the blockade, — Ministry of Economy.

- At some checkpoints, such as "Yagodina - Dorogusk", "Rava-Ruska - Khrebenne", exports almost froze or fell in half.
- _"We are actively working to resolve this situation. Not all of it can be public, because this publicity does not always play into the country's hands", - Minister of Economy Yuliya Svyrydenko.

1:26 PM: "Demobilize our relatives." A peaceful picket is taking place in the capital regarding the establishment of terms of service and demobilization of military personnel.

- This is already the third rally taking place in all cities of Ukraine.
- The air raid didn't stop either - so the peaceful picket was moved to the underground, and later they marched to the KMDA.
- During the picket, participants' signatures were also collected in order to submit an appeal regarding demobilization to the President of Ukraine - Volodymyr Zelenskyi.

1:29 PM: An action in support of demobilization took place in

Zaporizhzhia

- According to the correspondent of Radio Svoboda, about four dozen women and children gathered in the city center. They demand that the central authorities allow the demobilization of servicemen who have been in service for more than 18 months.
- The participants of the action held in their hands the corresponding posters: "Army ≠ non-slavery", "Everyone is responsible for the victory", "The time of others has come", etc.
- At first, the participants of the action gathered under the walls of Zaporizhzhya OVA, and later, after the announcement of the air raid warning, they moved to the shelter.
- On November 8, the Verkhovna Rada supported the extension of martial law in Ukraine and general mobilization for 90 days - until February 14, 2024. It was the ninth parliamentary vote to extend these terms since the start of full-scale war.

2:03 PM: The second group of Ukrainian military personnel underwent training in Germany to work with the Patriot anti-aircraft missile system.

- The corresponding statement was made by the commander of the multinational training command, Lieutenant General Andreas Marlov, on December 1.
- 70 Ukrainian soldiers and officers completed the training. The training course lasted more than six weeks at one of the air force bases in Germany.

3:39 PM: Russians prepare IPSO involving Ukrainian politicians during their visits to third countries, SBU.

- It is about Poroshenko's plans to meet with Orban, who systematically expresses an anti-Ukrainian position.
- The SBU appealed to the Office of the President, the Cabinet of Ministers and the VRU, so the ex-president was not allowed to go on a foreign business trip.

4:03 PM: Deputy Dubinsky complained about being beaten in the pretrial detention center. His lawyers published a photo of the client's note.

- Dubinsky claims that he was transferred to another cell at night, after a flood occurred in the "old" one. According to him, the beating lasted for about two hours, he had a broken rib and bruises.
- The law enforcement officers arrived at the scene, but they are not allowed to see the deputy yet.

4:14 PM: The SBU states that Poroshenko was not allowed to go on a business trip due to the preparation of provocations by Russia.

- According to the department, the purpose of such provocations is "to reduce the support of foreign partners and try to split Ukrainian society":
- "According to the plan of the special services of the Russian Federation, the holding of a large-scale IPSO should lead to a change of mood in the partner countries of the anti-Russian coalition and will encourage representatives of the Ukrainian political community to declare narratives about the need for a negotiation process with the Russian Federation under the conditions of a war freeze."
- The service believes that Russia allegedly intended to use Petro Poroshenko's meeting with Viktor Orban, as well as other meetings of Ukrainian politicians with foreign officials who spread pro-Russian theses, "in their IPSO against Ukraine."

5:53 PM: Every blackout at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant is a threat of a repeat of Fukushima in Ukraine, said the Minister of Energy of Ukraine Herman Galushchenko.

- According to him, the scale of consequences in the event of an accident at the nuclear power plant can be large.
- "Calculations this year showed that the radiation explosion will go more to the western part of Ukraine and to the

countries bordering us on the western border," the head of the ministry said.

7:15 PM: Summary of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine as of 18:00 on December 2:

- 69 combat clashes took place during the day.
- The enemy launched 3 missile and 15 air strikes, carried out 18 attacks from rocket salvo fire systems on the positions of our troops and populated areas.
- Units of the missile forces destroyed 4 enemy artillery pieces.

10:33 PM: Eurosolidarity responded to the SBU's statement regarding the ban on Poroshenko's travel abroad

- The probability of a meeting between the fifth president of Ukraine and the prime minister of Hungary, Viktor Orbán, and the theoretical use of the conversation by the Russian special services "cause frank surprise."
- "The Security Service of Ukraine spread a false message that the cancellation of the business trip order signed by the head of the Verkhovna Rada and the ban on Poroshenko's departure on December 1 were related to the meeting with Orbán. It is not about any other dates," European Solidarity said.
- The message emphasizes that, in addition to Poroshenko, "all European Solidarity deputies who received invitations to the Forum of the International Democratic Union, as well as to meetings in the Pentagon, Congress, and the US State Department, were also not released from Ukraine."
- It also states that the actions of the SBU create "additional tension in the relations between Ukraine and Hungary."

- The party emphasized that the partners should not see that Ukraine's foreign policy is managed not by diplomats, but by special services, "as the FSB does in Russia."

11:09 PM: People's Deputy, Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security, Defense and Intelligence, SBU Colonel Roman Kostenko said that the positional war has been going on since last November

- "If we talk tactically, then active actions are taking place, but if we talk strategically about a counteroffensive, then I want to tell you, and it surprises many, when I say that we have a positional war going on since November 11, 2022.
- The People's Deputy stated that Ukraine must do everything, either to strengthen our territory, or to accept the fact that we have a positional war: "We tried to do something, nothing worked. There are no guilty parties, the enemy is against us, which outnumbers us several times, and in we have no support from the air and long-range missiles."

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Sunday, December 3

6:25 AM: "Bank cards are blocked for conscripts who did not appear at the Conscription Center": the Russians launched another fake

- "The bank cards of conscripts who have not appeared at the TCC are being massively blocked. In addition, Ukrainians without military records will be denied service in all state bodies, banks and transport companies," Russian Telegram channels write.
- The fake information was spread by propagandist Dmytro Vasylets - he regularly promotes pro-Russian interests and spreads hostile narratives. In fact, bank accounts can be blocked only in case of non-payment of a fine for non-appearance at the TCC, and not for the fact of non-appearance.

11:03 AM: the Russians are waiting for better weather conditions in the Avdiivka area to use heavy equipment for assaults again

- This was announced by the head of the Avdiiv city military administration, Vitaliy Barabash.
- Barabash said that the most difficult areas remain the Stepovoye district, Koksokhim and Avdiivska industrial zone.

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2:30 PM: In the Russian elite, most likely, they are worried about the protests of the families of the mobilized and are trying to restrain them in various ways, — British intelligence.

- Investigations by non-state news sources in Russia, as well as comments from protesting wives, suggest that relatives are now being offered larger payments in exchange for their silence.

2:31 PM: The Russians are forming a "judicial branch of government" in the occupied territories of eastern and southern Ukraine, - CNS.

- The Central Committee of the Central Committee emphasizes that in this way the Russian occupiers aim to improve the work of "judges", which will provide the occupation regime with another tool of influence on the local population - regarding deprivation of liberty and other rights of Ukrainian citizens.

2:46 PM: Economic problems at TOT prevent the occupiers from organizing the "elections" of the president of the Russian Federation.

- In particular, the lack of heat supply, a number of problems with power supply interruptions, which often leads to the blackout of most of the TOT. There are also problematic issues within the scope of salary payments to employees of the occupying district and regional administrations.
- The Center for National Resistance notes that prices for products and essential goods are constantly rising at TOT. In

addition, there is a "conscription" of the local population into the ranks of the Russian occupation forces.

2:50 PM: Exchanges of prisoners of war between Ukraine and the Russian Federation continue, often taking place right on the battlefield, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said.

- "Very often we exchange prisoners of war not so loudly, not so publicly. I will say frankly - we exchange right on the battlefield. When we have 10 of their prisoners, and they have a few of our guys - we exchange," the president said in an interview AP.
- According to him, commanders have orders for exchanges, and they know what to do.

5:47 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Krasnodar, Russia.

6:46 PM: After the Russian presidential election in March 2024, Western leaders must decide whether to recognize Putin's legitimacy if he goes to them and wins.

- This was stated by Volodymyr Zelenskyi in an interview with the Associated Press.
- "Therefore, the "game" here will already be on the side of the Western leaders of the civilized world... By the way, there may be a turning point — the illegitimacy of President Putin," Zelenskyy said.

9:22 PM: Instead of the Russian "Force of Siberia - 2", China will deal with gas from Kazakhstan, - Ukraine's ambassador to China Lytvyn

- China is in no hurry to conclude an agreement with Russia on the second gas pipeline "Power of Siberia-2", because it has enough alternative energy sources.
- When Putin was in Beijing in October, Chinese President Xi Jinping expressed hope that the construction of the China-Mongolia-Russia gas pipeline would make significant progress as soon as possible, but nothing was officially agreed upon

between these countries. There was a provision in the joint statement based on the results of Xi's visit to Moscow in March. It was said there that this gas pipeline would be a very good tool in the field of cooperation between China and the Russian Federation, but nothing happened after that," the expert said.

11:03 PM: A video appeared online showing how the Russian military executed two soldiers of the Armed Forces who had surrendered

- Due to such actions, Ukraine will turn to the UN and the Red Cross, said Dmytro Lubinets, the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Verkhovna Rada.
- "This is another violation of the Geneva Conventions and a display of disrespect for international humanitarian law! The Russian side shows its terrorist face again and again! The video clearly shows that the Ukrainian military is taking the necessary steps, which show that they are surrendering! The soldiers were disarmed, and their hands were raised to the mountain. They did not pose any threat! The Russian side should have captured them and given them the status of prisoners of war," he emphasized.

REGIONS

KYIV



Sunday, December 3

10:22 AM: Pechersk kittens disguise our defenders and defenders and V winter season!

- Pechersk kotiki is a volunteer community that actively helps the Armed Forces of Ukraine with "kikimor" suits that withstand even a thermal imager, as well as nets for equipment.

- What are they doing now?* They are buying materials for effective camouflage of the military, their positions and equipment.
- And this is the basis of the net for kikimora and nets - light and convenient spunbond: under the soil and rotten leaves for winter forests; and another fabric - white/gray pixel and white multicam to simulate different types of snow, etc.
- As of today, they did and sent to the front
- 1400* camouflage kikimora
- 14,837 m²* of camouflage nets
- 380* helmets

Saturday, December 2

8:20 PM: Curfew will not be lifted in Kyiv on New Year's and Christmas. It will operate from 23:00 to 05:00. This is reported by KMVA.

- On December 31, the subway will operate until 10:00 p.m. Ground transport until 22:30.

CHERNIHIV



Sunday, December 3

2:04 AM: Rocket through the Sumy region in the direction of the Chernihiv region, — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

3:36 PM: Occupiers shelled the border of Chernihiv Oblast: a family with a 4-year-old child was injured

- This was announced by the head of RMA Vyacheslav Chaus.
- "Today, as a result of shelling on the border of Chernihiv Oblast, civilians were injured in the Semenivska community. A family with a 4-year-old child was injured," the message says.
- It is noted that as a result of the attack, the man suffered shrapnel wounds, he was treated at a local hospital. His

daughter is being transported to the regional hospital, where she is awaiting surgery.

SUMY



Saturday, December 2

2:05 AM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Sumy region.

DONETSK



Saturday, December 2

12:06 PM: An explosion rang out in the temporarily occupied Mariupol, the mayor's advisor Petro Andryushchenko reported.

- _"Preliminary information from ours - at MMK named after One of the orc bases got a little tired of Illich. Details later," Andryushchenko added.

11:55 PM: This is how front-line Marinka looks like. Photo from social networks. **(The white smudges are the remains of every single home that has been destroyed in Marinaka - ed.)**



ZAPORIZHIA



Saturday, December 2

1:21 PM: An unexpected and successful attack was carried out on December 1, 2023 at noon at the entrance to temporarily occupied Melitopol, GUR.

- Ukrainian resistance forces destroyed several Russian invaders and damaged an enemy refueling station - military equipment was disabled.
- _ "The action of revenge against the enemies took place at 115 Bohdan Khmelnytskyi Avenue, where the Moscow occupiers liked to stop "for a smoke break", _ - stated in the message.

4:37 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in the temporarily occupied Melitopol of the Zaporizhzhia region.

KHERSON



Saturday, December 2

12:33 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard in Kherson.

1:16 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kherson.

5:43 PM Social Networks: Explosions are heard again in Kherson.

10:36 PM: The Air Force reports the movement of the "Shahed" type UAV from the Kherson region in the direction of the Mykolaiv region.

KHMELNITSKY

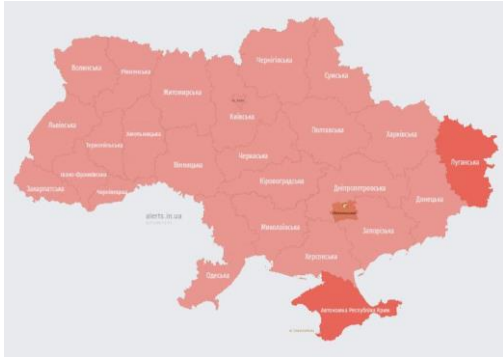


Sunday, December 3

2:04 AM: "Shakhedi" in Khmelnytskyi are moving in a northerly direction, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Starokostiantyniv — stay in shelters, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine informs.

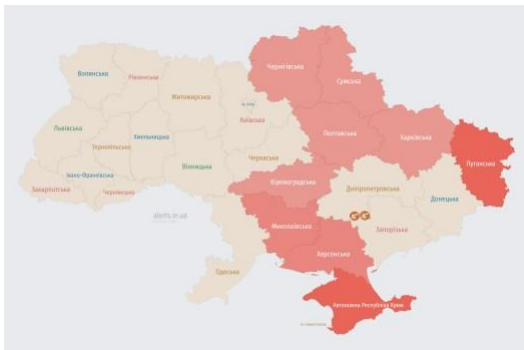
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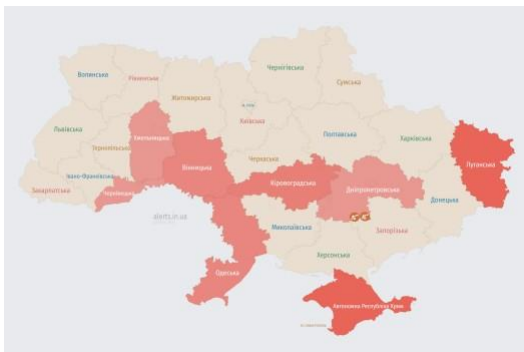
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Comparing Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to Russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment.

	Soviet Afghanistan	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 643 days	After 644 days	After 645 days	After 646 days	After 647 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	326,440	327,580	328,760	330,040	331,110

Material Losses

Tanks	147	5523	5538	5551	5564	5571
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	10285	10312	10340	10372	10.385
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	8883	8818	8819	8843	8854
Cruise Missiles		1565	1567	1567	1567	1568
Fighters Bombers	118	323	323	323	323	323

Helicopters	333	324	324	324	324	324
Drones		5905	5944	5954	5976	5994
Anti Aircraft Missile Batteries		597	600	600	602	602
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,36 9	10302	10348	10361	10399	10,410
Naval Vessels		22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)	22+(1 submar ine)
Specialized mobile electronic communicat ion and jamming, ballistic radars		1121	1121	1124	1137	1138

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