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International support

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- **Poland** supplied PT-91 Twardy battle tanks "in sufficient quantities" to Ukraine. Head of the President's Office Andriy Yermak confirmed the fact of the transfer of weapons, but did not specify the number of Polish tanks. Earlier, Poland provided Ukraine with 240 modernized T-72 tanks and more than 100 armored personnel carriers to counter Russia's armed aggression.
- Ukraine received the first three **German Gepard anti-aircraft guns**, as well as tens of thousands of rounds to them. In total, Germany plans to transfer 30 Gepard anti-aircraft self-propelled units to the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- **The European Union** has allocated about €1.6 billion to Ukraine for infrastructure reconstruction. The funds will be used for:
 - 1) repair of damaged infrastructure and urgent measures in the energy sector – €1.05 billion;
 - 2) power engineering, energy efficiency, roads, transport, education and infrastructure, reconstruction and restoration programs – € 540 million.



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- **Britain** has imposed sanctions against the leaders of RF regions and the Minister of Justice. This time, the sanctions list, which provides for a ban on entry and freezing of assets, includes 41 people and one company.
- **The EU Council** decided to extend sanctions against Russia aimed at specific sectors of the economy for another 6 months, until January 31, 2023.

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- **Lithuania** has banned Patriarch Kiril of the Russian Orthodox Church from entering the country because of his support for the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- The **Federal Government of Germany** has approved the sale of 100 panzerhaubitze 2000 self-propelled artillery systems to Ukraine. The total value of the contract is 1.7 billion euros, which is several times more than the total cost of all weapons provided by Germany (600 million euros).

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- **The Turkish company Baykar** will transfer the "Polish" Bayraktar drone to Ukraine for free, and the funds raised in Poland for it will be spent on humanitarian purposes.
- The Government of **Latvia** supported the proposal of the Ministry of Defense to provide **additional military support** to Ukraine. However, the ministry did not comment on what kind of support will be provided to Ukrainians.
- **The US Senate** unanimously approved a resolution calling for Russia to be declared a state sponsor of terrorism for actions in Chechnya, Georgia, Syria and Ukraine. Currently, the list of states sponsoring terrorism includes Cuba, North Korea, Iran and Syria.
- **Lithuanian President** Gitanas Nausėda announced allocation of a new **military assistance package** to Ukraine, which will include 10 armored vehicles, ammunition and anti-drones.



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- **North Macedonia** transfers Soviet T-72 tanks to Ukraine supposed to be decommissioned in the coming years. How many tanks are transferred to Ukraine is not specified. In total, as far as is known, the Army of North Macedonia is armed with about 30 T-72 tanks.



- **Germany** decided to transfer sixteen Biber tanks to Ukraine to build bridges. They can reportedly be used to overcome water and other obstacles on the battlefield.

- **Canada** will provide Ukraine with another CAD 450 million loan. The funds will be directed to the state budget to ensure priority social and humanitarian payments. In June, the state budget of Ukraine received a CAD 1 billion loan on preferential terms.



- Together with the **G7** ambassadors, Volodymyr Zelensky visited Odesa region.

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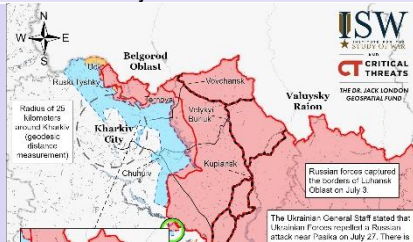
- The **Norwegian government** has announced the transfer of 14 lightly armored vehicles IVECO LAV III to Ukraine. "Norway continues to contribute to the struggle of Ukrainians for freedom," said Defence Minister Bjørn Aild Gram.

- **Qatar** has transferred five million dollars to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. The funds will be used to purchase ambulances, anesthesia and breathing apparatus.



Military positions

- The Russians continue to carry out air and missile strikes on military and civilian objects on the territory of Ukraine.
- Towards **Volyn and Polissia**, the situation is unchanged. The formation of offensive groups of the armed forces of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian army in the specified directions is not noted.
- Towards **Siversk**, the Russians continue to conduct aerial reconnaissance and shell infrastructure facilities from barreled and rocket artillery in the areas of border settlements of Chernihiv and Sumy regions.

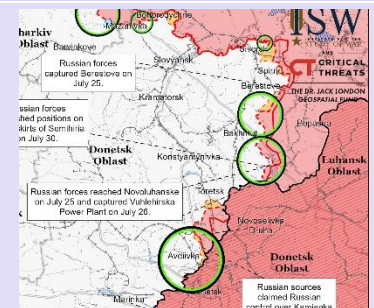


- Towards **Kharkiv**, the enemy carried out artillery fire in the Kharkiv districts, as well as other settlements controlled by Ukraine.

- In the **Sloviansk direction**, the Russian army carried out shelling from barreled, rocket artillery and tanks the areas of Asiivka, Protopopivka, Husarivka, Hrushuvakha, Karnaukhivka, Dolyna and Adamivka. Assault operations in the area of Brazhivka and Dmytrivka were unsuccessful, the enemy withdrew.
- Towards **Kramatorsk**, shelling was recorded near Kramatorsk, Siversk, Spirne and other settlements. The Russians also carried out airstrikes near Serebrianka and Spirne.

- Towards **Bakhmut**, the Russians tried to establish control over the settlement of Semyhiria by storming from three directions, they were partially successful, and gained a foothold on the outskirts of the settlement.

- Towards **Avdiivka**, the Russians fired from tanks, barreled and rocket artillery on the areas of Novobakhmutivka, Avdiivka, Opytne, Vodiane, Pisky and Krasnohorivka. There were airstrikes near Selydove, Avdiivka and Pervomaiske. They also carried out unsuccessful assault operations in the areas of Pisky and Avdiivka. Fighting continues near Krasnohorivka.



- Towards **Novopavlivka (Donets region)**, the enemy carried out artillery shelling in the areas of Mariinka, Vuhledar, Mykilske, Pavlivka, Vremivka, Novosilka and Novopil. Assault operations in the area of Mariinka were unsuccessful, the enemy withdrew. Fighting continues near Pavlivka.
- Towards **Zaporizhzhia**, the Russian army is shelling civilian and military infrastructure in the areas of Zaliznychne, Charivne, Bilohiria, Orikhiv, Novoandriivka and Kamianske. They carried out an airstrike near Novomykhailivka and Mali Shcherbaky.
- Towards the **South Buh**, the enemy is concentrating its main efforts on holding the occupied positions and preventing the advance of Ukrainians troops. The Russians continue the high intensity of aerial reconnaissance with UAVs. They conduct systematic shelling of civilian and military infrastructure of Mykolaiv and other settlements of Mykolaiv region.

- In the waters of the **Black Sea**, ships of the Russian Federation continue to conduct reconnaissance and isolate the area of hostilities. Carriers of sea-based cruise missiles of the Kalibr type continue to rotate in the Black Sea and are tasked to launch missile strikes on infrastructure facilities on the territory of Ukraine.

- On July 29, the Russians made a **deliberate attack** on the territory of former penal colony No. 210, in Olenivka (occupied territory of Donetsk region), where **Ukrainian prisoners of war** were kept. **As a result of shelling and fire, at least 53 Ukrainian defenders died**, 130 were wounded. In the evening of the same day, the Security Service of Ukraine, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Defense Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense and the Human Rights Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine issued a **joint statement**. It states that the explosion perpetrated by the Russians is an organized murder of Ukrainian prisoners of war, a cynical terrorist act by the Russian Federation, a military provocation and a classic false flag operation. The Ukrainian authorities demand that the UN and the ICRC respond to the terrorist act committed by the Russians and send an inspection mission to Olenivka.



- The Ukrainian army continues to destroy the **warehouses** of the Russian army in the occupied territories of Kherson, Kharkiv, Luhansk, Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia regions.

- In total, over the past day, the Armed Forces of Ukraine carried out large-scale demilitarization of **12 warehouses and 4 bases of the occupiers**.

- On July 27, the Ukrainian military caused **significant destruction to the Antonivsky Bridge** in Kherson. Now it is impossible to transport heavy equipment on it. The railway bridge is also disabled.

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The week of shelling

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- › During the air alarm at dawn, powerful explosions sounded in the city of **Mykolaiv**.
- › The invaders again struck at **Chuhuiv**, where there are still people under the rubble. Rescuers found the bodies of three victims.
- › As a result of shelling of settlements in **Donetsk region**, the occupiers killed 3 and wounded 8 people.
- › In **Kharkiv**, Russians shelled an area of the city near the center at night.



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- › The enemy struck the **Sumy region** with mortars and Grads, a woman was wounded.
- › The Russians hit **Kharkiv** with S-300 missiles. There are several wounded citizens.
- › In **Bakhmut**, the occupiers targeted a hotel: there are dead and wounded.



- › The Russians fired S-300 missiles at **Kharkiv**.
- › During the day, the Russians shelled the Shostka district of **Sumy region**. No casualties and destruction are reported.
- › At least two explosions sounded near **Kyiv**, and the Russians launched a missile strike on the **Vyshgorod district**.
- › A rocket launched from the territory of Belarus hit near Honcharivske in **Chernihiv region**.
- › Russians shelled **Chuhuiv**, hitting residential buildings

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- › At night, the Russians shelled the **Kryvyi Rih** district of Dnipropetrovsk region with Urahans and barreled artillery. No casualties are reported..
- › The Russian army struck **28 times** in the three directions with missiles of various classes in Ukraine.
- › As a result of Russian missile strikes on **Mykolaiv**, some educational institutions and residential buildings were damaged in the morning. There is a wounded person.
- › One person was killed and two were injured by Russian shelling in the village of Shestirnya in **Dnipropetrovsk region**.
- › In **Kyiv region**, Russian troops struck at the military unit, causing destruction.
- › In the morning, Russian invaders hit a 5-storey residential building in **Toretsk**, Donetsk region, killing 2 people.
- › The Russian army struck **Kropyvnytskyi** in Kirovograd region with missiles probably from the Iskander K operational-tactical complex.
- › The occupiers hit **Mykolaiv**, targeted the point of issuing humanitarian aid.
- › Russians shelled **Bakhmut**: there are 3 dead and 3 wounded residents.



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- › Massive shelling occurred in a residential area of **Nikopol**.



- › As a result of the morning shelling of **Mykolaiv**, 13 people were injured, four of them were in intensive care. A total of 5 people died. The next day, a rocket struck a playground in Mykolaiv.

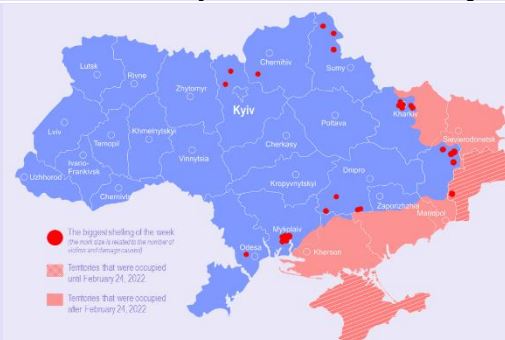


- › The Russian invaders launched a missile strike on **Kramatorsk**. There are 2 dead and 5 wounded civilians.

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- › At night, the occupiers shelled the city of **Nikopol** in Dnipropetrovsk region from the MLRS.
- › **Kharkiv** Mayor Igor Terekhov said that the Russians struck the city at night.
- › Russians shelled **Mykolaiv** from Tornado-S at night: one person is dead and some more are wounded.

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- › During the shelling of **Mykolaiv** on the night of July 31, the Hero of Ukraine, the owner of the largest grain trading company Nibulon, Oleksii Vadatursky, was killed at the age of 74. His wife was also killed. On the night of July 31, the Russians fired about **40 rockets** at Mykolaiv

- › The Russians shelled **Sumy region**. There is a dead man, a farm is burning.

- › In the **Odesa region**, the Russians launched a missile strike, hitting an open pit.

Humanitarian crisis



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- The **Kremlin** claims that the missile attack on the port of Odesa was directed at military infrastructure and in no way affects the agreements regarding the export of grain. Recep Tayyip Erdogan commented on the shelling of the port of Odesa by the Russians: "We see how delicate the process still is in connection with the attack on the port of Odesa on Saturday. We did not want it to happen, but it happened. We expect everyone to fulfill their part of the agreement. If this agreement fails, it backfires on us all."
- The Russian occupiers have restored electricity to the port of Mariupol to use it to export grain stolen from Ukrainian farmers.
- Acting Head of the **OSCE** Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, Antje Grawe, condemned the Russian persecution of local members of the Mission, in particular those deprived of their freedom in the occupied territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The mayor of **Melitopol**, Ivan Fedorov, said that the occupiers leave their military equipment and military facilities in the direct vicinity of residential high-rise buildings, so that the Ukrainian military could not respond to the shelling.
- It is reported that the pseudo-formation "Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs" carries out the task of **suppressing resistance** and intimidating residents of the **temporarily occupied territories** of southern Ukraine. This occurs through massive repression, persecution and illegal detention of citizens.
- The human rights organization **Human Rights Watch** documented the crimes of the Russian Federation in the south - torture, inhumane treatment, arbitrary detention and illegal riddance of liberty of civilians. A Human Rights Watch report documented the torture of three territorial defenders held as prisoners of war, and indicated that two of them died. The Geneva Conventions prohibit torture and inhuman treatment.



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- Ukrainian volunteers managed to deliver a sample of the liquid, which the Russians handed out to Mariupol residents as "**drinking**" water, for analysis to the territory controlled by Ukraine. It turned out that it contains bacteria that are characteristic of feces. Doctor Oleksandr Lazarenko notes that the water cannot be drunk as there is a high risk of "catching" dysentery, cholera or other pathogenic microorganisms.
- Occupiers are destroying Ukrainian **books** in Kharkiv region. Even fairy tales and illustrated books with almost no text are subject to «disposal», the Boriv village council reported.

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- The opening ceremony of the **Joint Coordination Center (JCC)**, created as part of implementation of the so-called «grain agreement», was held in Istanbul on Wednesday.
- Czech and Ukrainian ecologists believe that it will take **decades for Ukrainian nature to recover** from the war. For instance, restoration of the steppe in the south of Ukraine will take at least 50 years.

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- The ambassador of Ukraine informed the president of **Lebanon** that on July 27, a Syrian ship loaded with barley which was taken out from the occupied territories of Ukraine entered the port of Tripoli.

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- After the murder of **Ukrainian prisoners of war in Olenivka**, Ukrainian defenders demand that the UN and the ICRC, which acted as guarantors of the lives and health of Ukrainian fighters, send their representatives to the colony where the Russians kept the defenders. The General Staff of Ukraine reports that Russia shelled the colony in Olenivka in Donetsk region to cover up the torture and murder of prisoners, as well as to accuse the Armed Forces of Ukraine of committing 'war crimes'. Ukrainian intelligence believes that the killing of Ukrainian prisoners in Olenivka was organized by the mercenaries of the «Wagner» PMC on the personal instructions of Yevgeny Prigozhin, without coordinating it with the leadership of the Russian Ministry of Defense. «When the defenders of Azovstal left the plant, the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross acted as guarantors of the life and health of our soldiers. Now the guarantors must react, they must protect the lives of hundreds of Ukrainian prisoners of war," President Zelenskyy called for action. A day before that, a video shot by the Russians showing the Russian occupiers cutting off the genitals of a Ukrainian prisoner of war appeared in the network.



- Petro Andriushchenko, an adviser to the mayor of **Mariupol**, said that in the occupied city, partisans set fire to grain fields so that the Russians could not steal it.



- **The Institute for the Study of War (ISW)** also reports that members of Putin's United Russia party were sent to the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine to prepare so-called referendums on annexation.
- **The UN** is ready to send a group of experts to investigate the circumstances of the shelling of the pre-trial detention center in Olenivka in the Russian-occupied Donetsk region.

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- Near **Mykolaiv**, after the night shelling with cluster shells, a large forest fire is raging.



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