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# International support

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- **The European Commission** will provide Ukraine with €500 million in support. These funds will guarantee housing and education for internally displaced persons and support the agricultural sector.
- Head of EU diplomacy Josep Borrel says that **the European Union** will continue to support Ukraine in the fight against Russian aggression as much as Ukraine will need despite any threats and blackmail of Russia. *"We will provide political, financial, humanitarian and military support as much as necessary. **Our goal is to help Ukraine win the war.** We want this war to end, not in any way, but in accordance with the norms of territorial integrity of Ukraine,"* said Borrel.



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- **USA** decided not to recognize Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism. This decision is final, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said: *"...it is not the most effective or strongest path forward ... This designation [of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism] could have unintended consequences to Ukraine and the world."* According to Jean-Pierre, the USA has introduced sanctions that would be imposed on the Russian Federation in case it is recognized as a sponsor of terrorism. Meanwhile, **Latvia** has recognized the Russian Federation as a sponsor of terrorism.
- **German Chancellor Olaf Scholz** rejected a request made by the Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal for additional heavy weapons, including Leopard 2 tanks.
- The office of the Prime Minister of **Spain** reports that a T-23 plane with military aid for Ukraine took off from the airbase in Madrid (Spain) on Tuesday. It will deliver ammunition for large-caliber field artillery to Ukraine.
- For the first six months of the full-scale war, **Russia's** income from energy exports has significantly exceeded the costs of the invasion of Ukraine. This is stated in the report of the Finnish Energy Research Center. Analysts note that the largest buyers of supplies were the European Union (€85 billion) and China (€35 billion). Among the EU countries, Germany became the largest buyer of fossil fuels with a volume of €19 billion.



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- 105-mm howitzers from **Lithuania** are heading to Ukraine. The Ministry of Defense of Lithuania reported this on Twitter: *"Ukraine needs non-stop weapon supply. We cannot make pauses."*

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- At the opening of the fifth **Ramstein-style meeting** in Germany, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III says that Ukraine will receive another \$675 million in aid from **the United States**. The new package of aid to Ukraine will include ammunition for HIMARS, artillery, armored vehicles, grenade launchers, etc.



- During his visit to Kyiv, **US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken** announced the allocation of more than \$2 billion in military aid to Europe. These funds will be used to support Ukraine and 18 other European countries that are potentially threatened by Russian aggression.
- In total, since the beginning of the Biden administration, **the United States** has provided Ukraine with approximately \$15.2 billion in military aid.

- Russians with Schengen visas will not be allowed to enter the Baltic states and Poland. Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs Urmas Reinsalu says that the decision will come into force on September 19.
- According to the website of the Norwegian government, Ukraine will receive approximately 160 Hellfire missiles from **Norway**, including missiles, launchers, guidance units and night vision devices. AGM-114 (Hellfire) is an American guided missile of the air-to-ground class, which is guided by a laser beam. It is used against helicopters, combat aircraft, drones, and ground vehicles.

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- Ukraine will receive the second tranche of €5 billion of macroeconomic aid **from the EU**. The corresponding proposal of the European Commission was supported by the Council of the EU. The new loan of €5 billion will go to the day-to-day activities of the state and ensure operation of critical infrastructure in the country: offices, schools or hospitals.
- The ambassador of **Estonia** says that Estonia handed unmanned tracked armored personnel carriers THeMIS to Ukraine.

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- Statesmen of **Latvia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovenia** were honored with unveiled plaques installed on the Alley of Courage in Kyiv. These leaders have supported Ukraine since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion.
- **The International Bank** will support the Ukrainian state budget by providing approximately \$530 million. According to Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal, this decision was approved by the government. The funds received are planned to be used to fulfill social obligations: salaries of rescuers, educators, doctors, as well as pension payments and social assistance.

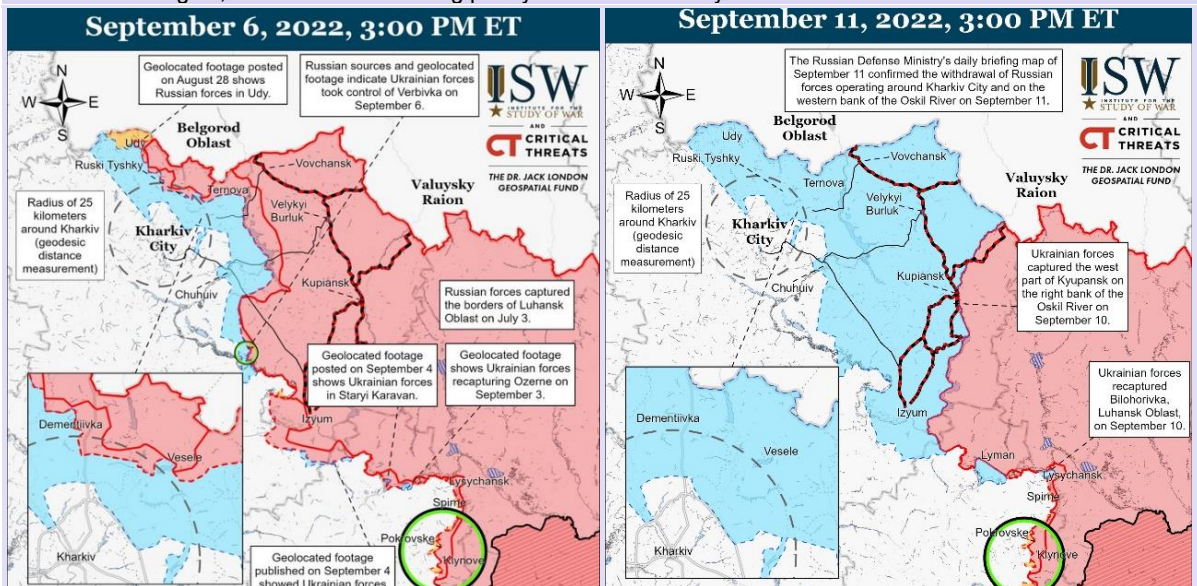


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# Military positions

- Over the week, from September 4 to 7, the Armed Forces of Ukraine were mounting a **successful counter-offensive in the Kharkiv and Kherson regions**.
- Slowly and gradually, Ukrainian troops are pushing the occupiers in **the Donetsk region**. Towards Kramatorsk, the Ukrainian army gained a foothold and advanced up to 2 kilometers. Towards Sloviansk, the Ukrainians pushed forward to 3 kilometers and liberated Ozerne village.
- Towards **Volyn and Polissia**, the situation has not undergone significant changes. In order to maintain the troops of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus in combat readiness, military exercises have been extended once again.
- In **other directions**, the Russians shelled civilian infrastructure with tanks, combat vehicles, mortars, barreled and reactive artillery.
- Due to the approaching of Ukrainian troops, the Command of the Russian occupation forces is trying to strengthen the defense of **Kherson** by moving reserves. Thus, new Russian military units are recorded in the regional center of Kherson region, their servicemen being poorly oriented in the city.

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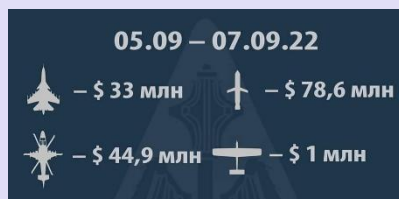


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- On September 4, the Armed Forces of Ukraine **liberated Vysokopillia** (Kherson region). The village was occupied by the Russians since March 16.
- On September 5, the Russian attacks were repulsed by Ukrainian troops near 9 settlements. In addition, they knocked out the enemy from their positions towards **Kramatorsk** (Donetsk region).
- President Zelenskiy said that Ukrainian aviation launched **15 strikes** on the Russian army positions. Also, Ukrainians destroyed a warehouse with Russian S-300 missiles, which were used to attack Kharkiv.
- On September 6, the Ukrainian military launched a **counter-offensive in the Kharkiv region**. They used the redeployment of Russian occupation forces to the southern front to launch an unexpected counter-offensive.

- On September 7, Ukrainian aviation launched 27 strikes and destroyed a Russian ammunition depot. Also, they inflicted damage on almost 40 strongholds, buildups of manpower and equipment of the Russian military. Ukrainian air defense units destroyed a SU Su-25 aircraft, a KA-50 helicopter, an UAV, and five X-101 cruise missiles.
- During September 5-7, Ukrainian defenders destroyed enemy air targets with a total cost of \$157.5 million. Those were exclusively air attacks destroying cruise missiles, aircraft, helicopters, and unmanned aerial vehicles. The data was provided by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.



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➤ As of September 8, over **20 settlements in Kharkiv region, including the city of Balakliia were liberated**. In this front section, the Armed Forces advanced up 50 kilometers further into the Russian positions. According to Oleksii Hromov, Deputy Chief of the Main Operational Department of the General Staff, the total area of the de-occupied territory towards Kharkiv and the South Buh is over **700 square kilometers**.



➤ Besides, on September 8, the Armed Forces of Ukraine pushed forward in **the Donetsk region** and liberated the village of Ozerne from the Russian occupation. Also, they gained a foothold towards Kramatorsk (Donetsk region).

➤ Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Chiefs of Staff of the U.S. forces reports that the Ukrainian military has hit more than 400 Russian targets with HIMARS systems and is using the system “incredibly effectively”.

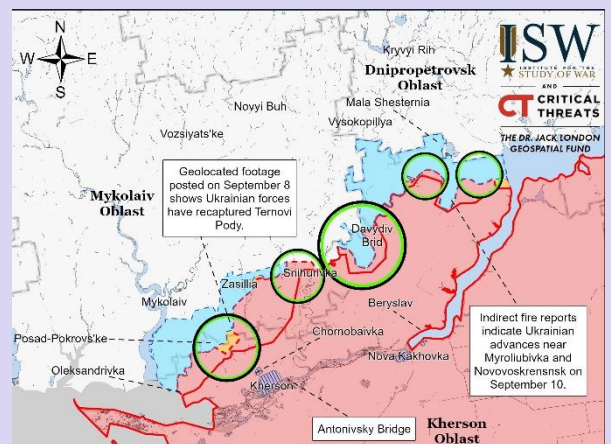
➤ On September 9, Ukrainians liberated more than 30 settlements in the Kharkiv region. It is approximately 2,500 square kilometers of the region.



➤ On September 10, The Armed Forces of Ukraine conducted surprisingly prompt operations and **entered the cities of Kupiansk and Izium**. On February 27, 2022, the city mayor of Kupiansk, Matsehor, surrendered the city to the Russians without a fight. The city was under Russian occupation for more than 5 months. On April 1, 2022, the city of Izium was captured by the Russians after prolonged fighting. Both cities are important logistical points, and losing them undermines enemy capabilities in the eastern direction.

➤ Also, on September 10, to support the actions of ground groups, the Air Force of the Defense Forces launched 17 strikes on strongholds and buildups of the enemy's manpower and equipment, as well as ammunition warehouses. As a result of the artillery operation, 2 control points, 8 buildups of manpower and military equipment of the enemy, as well as an enemy pontoon ferry were destroyed.

➤ According to the press center of the Southern Defense Forces, units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine advanced from two to several tens of kilometers in some areas on the southern front.



➤ **Losses of the Russian forces in a week 03.09 - 09.09:**

- Liquidated personnel - 3200
- Tanks - 102
- Armored personnel vehicle - 181
- Artillery system / MLRS - 125/18
- Anti-aircraft warfare systems - 9
- Aircraft / helicopters - 4/3
- UAV - 34
- Warships / boats - 0
- Vehicles & fuel tanks - 158
- Special equipment – 11

➤ This week, the Russian army lost 3,200 military personnel. It is much more than in previous weeks. Since September 6, Ukraine has liberated more of its territories than Russian troops have occupied since April

# The week of shelling



<p><b>05.09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Russian occupiers shelled Nikopol with barreled artillery. Up to ten private houses, a high-rise building, a gymnasium, and a sports school were damaged.</li> <li>➤ The enemy hit the communities of Sumy region with mortars.</li> </ul>
<p><b>06.09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mayor Ihor Terekhov reports that in <b>Kharkiv</b>, a projectile hit an apartment building in the central part of the city's Kyiv district.</li> <li>➤ Head of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Administration Valentyn Reznichenko informs that in <b>Kryvyi Rih</b>, a rocket hit an oil depot. A severe fire broke out.</li> </ul>
<p><b>07.09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In <b>Kharkiv</b>, there were 2 rocket strikes. A car wash, some cafes, shops, and cars were damaged. No casualties are reported. Four people were injured due to the missile strikes in settlements of the region.</li> <li>➤ In the <b>Dnipropetrovsk region</b>, artillery and mortars shelled the <b>Nikopol</b> district. There are no casualties or injuries. The fire at the oil depot in Kryvyi Rih, caused by shelling, was extinguished. An enemy drone was shot down over the region.</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the <b>Zaporizhzhia region</b>, the Russian invaders shelled civilian infrastructure in 15 settlements over the past day. <b>51 buildings were destroyed.</b></li> <li>➤ In the <b>Donetsk region</b>, the Russians conducted the most active shelling in the <b>Kramatorsk district</b>: Kramatorsk, Sloviansk, and Kostiantynivka were affected. Kramatorsk came under shelling at dawn when the occupiers hit a medical facility, which started a fire. In Sloviansk, around four in the morning, the Russians fired at school No. 4 and targeted a high-rise building. Shelling is also recorded throughout the territory of the Bakhmut district.</li> </ul>
<p><b>08.09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the day, the Russians launched 5 missile strikes on <b>Kharkiv's</b> infrastructure. According to the data available, S-300 missiles were used again. The object of critical infrastructure, premises in the production area, and an administrative building were damaged. Two men, aged 21 and 65, died. 5 people were injured. There were some strikes carried out in <b>Izium, Chuhuiv, and Bohodukhiv</b> districts.</li> <li>➤ The Russian invaders shelled the <b>Nikopol district</b> of the Dnipropetrovsk region four times with Hrad systems and heavy artillery. In Nikopol, 11 private houses and outbuildings near them, several solar power plant panels, and a local gymnasium were damaged. A power line was also damaged.</li> <li>➤ The Russians launched a missile attack on <b>Kryvyi Rih</b>.</li> <li>➤ In the <b>Donetsk region</b>, the Russians killed nine civilians, and another 23 were injured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>09.09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At night, the Russians fired in <b>Pokrovsk, Kramatorsk, and Bakhmut districts</b>. Bakhmut suffered the most damage. On the previous day, the Russians killed 8 people and wounded another 17. 20 private and 6 multi-storey buildings, 4 shops, the Palace of Culture, and an administrative building were damaged. The city has been without water and electricity for the fourth day as repairs are impossible due to active hostilities.</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At night, the Russians also shelled the Kyiv district of <b>Kharkiv</b> from reactive systems. No casualties are reported. The Saltiv district was hit, one of the higher educational institutions was affected. During the day, Kharkiv was also shelled from MLRSs. As a result of the shelling, 14 people were injured, including three children.</li> <li>➤ <b>Chuhuiv</b> in Kharkiv region came under enemy fire. A woman died as a result of the latest shelling.</li> <li>➤ The occupiers once again shelled the <b>Nikopol</b> district of Dnipropetrovsk region. There are no casualties, yet some destruction.</li> <li>➤ In the <b>Mykolaiv region</b>, the Russians shelled two districts, without casualties.</li> <li>➤ In the morning, the Russians carried out an airstrike on a <b>hospital</b> in <b>Sumy region</b>. The premises were destroyed. Dmytro Zhyvytsky, Head of the region, reports some casualties among civilians.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At night, the Russians attacked three districts of <b>Dnipropetrovsk region</b> at once. Rocket attacks on Dnipro and Synelnykove districts destroyed an agricultural facility and industrial objects. Some industrial buildings and warehouses caught fire. Civilians were not injured. The Nikopol district was shelled with heavy artillery, no casualties recorded.</li> <li>➤ <b>Mykolaiv</b> was also shelled at night. There were no casualties. Other settlements of the region were also shelled. In particular, an X-31 cruise missile hit the Voznesensk district. No victims are reported.</li> <li>➤ The occupiers also shelled the <b>Kharkiv region</b>. A private house was destroyed in Nova Vodolaha, there was a fire. A 62-year-old woman was killed. Five people were hospitalized in the Izium district.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11.09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At night, the Russian invaders shelled: <b>Mykolaiv and Mykolaiv region</b>: The occupiers targeted the courtyard of a five-storey residential building. One entrance was completely destroyed. According to preliminary information, nine people were injured.</li> <li>➤ <b>Dnipropetrovsk region</b>: Nikopol was shelled three times during the night. More than 35 Russian Hrad and heavy artillery shells were launched. In the city, 35 high-rise and private buildings, several educational institutions, a dispensary, an object of industrial infrastructure, some cars, gas pumps and power lines were damaged.</li> <li>➤ The rocket was also directed at the suburbs of the <b>city of Dnipro</b>. Head of the Dnipropetrovsk RMA Valentyn Reznichenko reports on the strikes launched directly on the city <b>residential area</b>, where the families were peacefully sleeping. A 72-year-old man was injured and hospitalized in serious condition. There was destruction of administrative buildings, shops, markets, warehouses and residential buildings.</li> <li>➤ The occupiers hit <b>Kramatorsk</b> with an S-300 missile. <b>Pokrovsk</b> was shelled with five Iskander-type missiles. Four people were killed and six more wounded. Over 20 residential buildings and railway infrastructure were damaged.</li> </ul> 

# Humanitarian crisis



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- According to the results of the IAEA mission to the nuclear power plant, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy believes that the international organization requires a broader mandate to force Russia to demilitarize the territory of the nuclear power plant and return full control to Ukraine.
- **Russia** has placed military personnel, vehicles and equipment in various locations at the **Zaporizhzhia NPP**. Members of the IAEA mission confirmed that several military heavy trucks are placed on the ground floor of the turbine halls in power units 1 and 2. The IAEA also reports about the presence of Rosatom, which "provides advice on nuclear safety, security and actions to the leadership of the ZNPP", as the Russian side told them.
- Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Russia, 236 Ukrainian **children** are considered missing, and at least 7,343 more children on the list of deported.
- As a result of the fire caused by Russian shelling at the **Zaporizhzhia NPP**, the last line connecting the ZNPP/TPS node to the energy system of Ukraine was disconnected.



- On September 6, it was 40th day since the cruel terrorist attack in Olenivka, where at least 50 Ukrainian prisoners of war, **defenders of Azovstal** died as a result of the explosion. The fallen heroes were honored in Kyiv. Ukraine has still not received the exact lists of those killed from the Russian side, and the relatives of the Azovstal defenders are trying to find out at least some information about their fate. They continue shouting throughout the world about the need for the fighters to be released as soon as possible.

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- In the coming days, the **UN fact-finding mission** will arrive in the occupied Olenivka, Donetsk region, to investigate the murder of more than 50 Ukrainian prisoners of war.
- President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, said that it is necessary to limit the directions of **export of grain** through the 'grain corridor' from the territory of Ukraine. He claims that almost all the grain was directed to the EU, and not to developing countries. Let us emphasize that the data on sea exports of Ukraine within the framework of the grain corridor testify to Putin's lies. Thus, according to calculations of the Barva Invest company, 22% of exports fell to Africa and the Middle East, 28% to Europe.
- After more than 1.5 months of negotiations, Russia returned the body of British volunteer Paul Urie. The Russians' stories that he died of an illness turned out to be lies. The man was tortured.
- Almost **500,000 students and more than 16,000 teachers** continue to stay abroad. This was announced by Head of the main department of general secondary and preschool education of the Ministry of Education and Science Yurii Kononenko during a briefing on September 7.
- The Ukrainian authorities call on residents of settlements located near the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant to evacuate on their own, because Russia does not agree to provide any humanitarian corridors.
- The Ministry of Reintegration asked for a humanitarian corridor for the **evacuation** of the civilians from the occupied territories adjacent to the nuclear power plant. According to Iryna Vereshchuk, they received nothing but cynical silence in response.
- The **letter "i"** appears en masse as a new form of protest in the occupied Mariupol. People draw the Ukrainian letters "i" on the streets, annoying the occupiers. This exceptional and unique letter, which is not found in the alphabets of other Slavic languages, is painted by the residents on pedestals, house walls and roadways of the streets.



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- Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Ruslan Strilets, says that at least 3,500 missiles of the Russian Federation have been fired at Ukraine since the beginning of the full-scale military invasion.

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- In Mariupol, the occupiers sent civilians to clear the **Azovstal plant** without prior demining. As a result, 4 residents were injured, all of them are in critical condition.
- In the **de-occupied territories of the Kharkiv region**, local authorities, police and the State Emergency Service will resume their activity and the settlements will be prepared for winter.
- Iryna Vereshchuk, Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, says in an interview that **140,000 residential buildings** have been **destroyed** since the beginning of the full-scale war in Ukraine. "Unfortunately, we are dying on our land. We pay for principles and values with the blood and lives of our civil population. You are preparing for a cold war, a cold winter, and this will also be part of your war. Let us unite our efforts"
- The WHO says that every fifth Ukrainian will potentially suffer from **psychological disorders** caused by the war.

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- Since the beginning of September, the Armed Forces have liberated about 2 thousand square kilometers of the territory of Ukraine from the Russian occupiers.
- Before the counteroffensive, the Ukrainian military launches propaganda shells towards the enemy's positions with instructions on how to surrender.

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- On September 11, at 03:41, Unit 6 of the **ZNPP** was disconnected from the power grid. Preparations are underway for its cooling and transfer to a cold condition.
- As a revenge for Ukrainian advances, Russia **bombed an electric power plant in Kharkiv**. The city, where 1 mln people lived before the war is without electricity, as well as other territories. Similar attacks in Dnipro region, many settlements without electricity, water.



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