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26.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lithuanian Defense Minister Arvydas Anušauskas said that Lithuania handed fifty M113 armored personnel carriers to Ukraine. He assured that Lithuania will continue providing military assistance to Ukraine in the future. According to the minister, Vilnius is discussing all the supplies of equipment or other weapons with NATO allies. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the USA will provide Ukraine with an additional \$457.5 million to support civil security. He noted that the US provides assistance to “save lives and bolster the capacity of our Ukrainian law enforcement and criminal justice partners. We share their commitment to a democratic, independent, and sovereign Ukraine”. Great Britain has announced the introduction of 92 sanctions in response to fake referendums that Russia organized in four regions of Ukraine, violating international law. Japan has banned the export of chemical weapons-related goods to Russia. Those are additional sanctions due to the invasion of Ukraine. Japan also imposed restrictions on 21 Russian companies, including scientific laboratories.
27.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, the United States is not against Ukraine using Western weapons to return territories where the Russian Federation organized pseudo-referendums. Facebook exposed a large-scale disinformation network of the Russian Federation, camouflaged as well-known Western media in order to sow discord among Europeans in their attitude towards Ukraine. The United States Department of State said that they see no signs that China is going to facilitate Russia's invasion of Ukraine or help Russia circumvent sanctions.
28.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United States is preparing a new package of military aid worth \$1.1 billion to confront Russia amid the so-called "referendums" held by the Russian Federation in the occupied territories. The package will include HIMARS launchers, associated munitions, various types of anti-drone and radar systems, as well as spare parts, training and technical support. The leader of the right-wing “Brothers of Italy” party Giorgia Meloni promised to support Ukraine after winning the elections. “Dear Zelenskyy, you know that you can count on our loyal support for the cause of the freedom of Ukrainian people. Stay strong and keep your faith steadfast!”, Meloni wrote on Twitter. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz expressed his annoyance at calls to supply Ukraine with main battle tanks. “We are supporting Ukraine. We are doing it in a way that this is not escalating where it is becoming a war between Russia and NATO because this would be a catastrophe”, said Scholz The European Commission has proposed the eighth package of sanctions against Russia due to its invasion of Ukraine and illegal referendums on the occupied territories. It is proposed to establish a new ban on the import of Russian products. This will deprive Russia of revenues of 7.5 billion euros. It is planned to expand the list of products that cannot be exported to Russia (electronic components, materials for aviation, etc.). For the second time, Hungary prevented the introduction of EU sanctions against the Patriarch Kirill of Moscow. Budapest justified its position by the fact that no religious leader should be included in the sanctions list. The USA allocates \$1.1 billion of military aid to Ukraine. The package includes 18 HIMARS and ammunition for them. The package also includes 12 Titan systems for combating drones, about 300 cars, tens of trucks for transporting heavy equipment, various radars, means of communication and surveillance, etc. At the same time, the Pentagon clarified that supply of 18 new HIMARS to Ukraine will take several years, as the USA will purchase these systems from the manufacturer, rather than taking them directly from USA stockpiles. Germany will transfer to Ukraine not one, as previously reported, but four IRIS-T air defense systems, which are not in service with the Bundeswehr.

29.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to Minister of Foreign Affairs Pekka Haavisto, Finland will close the border to Russian tourists starting from September 30. The USA will buy almost \$3 billion worth of arms from South Korea for Ukraine and deliver them through the Czech Republic. It primarily concerns surface-to-air defense systems known as Chiron, which are very effective against low-flying targets, such as helicopters. The US Senate finally passed the draft law about temporary budget financing that provides \$12.4 billion of immediate aid to Ukraine.
30.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the results of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine meeting Zelenskyy said that Ukraine is submitting an application to join NATO in an accelerated order. Heads of foreign affairs of the Baltic countries announced that their states are in favor of Ukraine joining the North Atlantic Alliance as soon as possible. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada Melanie Joly also spoke in support of Ukraine's membership in NATO. How the world reacted to the Russian annexation of Ukrainian territories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada expanded sanctions against the Russian Federation by adding 43 new names to the lists. - The US imposed new sanctions against 14 people from the military-industrial complex of the Russian Federation, as well as 278 members of the State Duma and the Federation Council. - Great Britain also expanded the list of anti-Russian sanctions, adding to it Head of the Central Bank of Russia Elvira Nabiullina. - The EU strongly condemned Russia's illegal annexation of Ukrainian territories. - Moldova condemned Russia's annexation of several Ukrainian regions. USA President Joe Biden said that the United States will always honor Ukraine's internationally recognized borders. Biden also confirms that the US supports Kyiv's attempts to return Ukrainian territories annexed by Russia.
1.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Ruslan Stefanchuk informed that the Ukraine Lend-Lease Act has entered into force. France is planning to partially cancel the delivery of Caesar self-propelled artillery units to Denmark to send them to Ukraine instead. The delivery may include 6 to 12 howitzers, while Kyiv is asking for 15. At the World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development, UNESCO member countries called on Russia to leave the territory of Ukraine to stop annexation of Ukraine and destruction of cultural heritage. German Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht made an unannounced visit to Odesa on Saturday. There she met with Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov. Lambrecht promised that the IRIS-T air defense systems will be delivered to Ukraine “in the coming days”



- ✓ The Russians continue to focus their efforts on trying to fully occupy Donetsk Oblast, holding the captured territories and disrupting the advance of the Defense Forces in certain areas. The enemy shells the position of the Ukrainian military along the entire contact line and conducts aerial reconnaissance. The Russians strike civilian infrastructure and accommodation of civilians, violating norms of International Humanitarian Law, laws and customs of war. Also, there is a constant threat of air and missile strikes throughout Ukraine. Towards Volyn and Siversk, the situation has not undergone significant changes.

In other directions, the enemy fires from tanks, mortars, barrel and **rocket artillery**:

- ✓ Towards Zaporizhzhia, the enemy does not conduct active offensive actions but is shelling the areas of civilian residence and humanitarian corridors.
- ✓ Russian occupation forces continue to suffer losses of personnel, weapons, and military equipment.
- ✓ The Russian military leadership carefully tries to hide the death toll in this war. At the same time, the political leadership of the Russian Federation continues to search for ways to replenish losses of personnel, in particular, by legalizing participation of prisoners in the war. According to available information, a draft law on changes in the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation has been submitted to the State Duma of Russia. This law envisages serving the sentence of the convicts in the area of hostilities.
- ✓ In the temporarily captured territory of Ukraine, the Russian occupation authorities, intensified measures for the forced mobilization of the male population of the conscription age to replenish their losses, committing a gross violation of rules of warfare and human rights. To timely implement mobilization measures and suppress resistance of the local population, additional units of the National Guard of Russia arrived in the cities of Berdiansk and Melitopol.

26.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In Kherson, seven Ural-4320s trucks were destroyed and disabled. In Melitopol, the Ukrainian military damaged up to 10 units of weapons and military equipment and they killed more than 20 occupants. Towards Tokmak and Chernihivka settlements of Zaporizhzhia Oblast, a Russian S-300 missile system, and 5 units of military equipment were destroyed. Over 50 occupiers were wounded. ➤ The Ukrainian Air Defense Forces made 28 strikes. It was confirmed that the Ukrainians damaged more than 20 buildups of manpower and equipment, and 7 positions of anti-aircraft missile systems. ➤ Ukrainian rocket units and artillery hit 5 control points, 12 buildups of manpower and equipment, 2 positions of anti-aircraft missile systems, 3 warehouses with ammunition, as well as more than 10 separate important targets.
27-28.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Air Forces of Ukraine carried out 26 strikes to support the actions of ground groups. It was confirmed that 3 strongholds, 17 buildups of manpower and military equipment, and 6 anti-aircraft missile systems of the enemy were destroyed. In addition, Ukrainian Air Force units shot down 9 UAVs, 4 Kh-59 Ovod TV-guided cruise missiles, and 1 Su-25 Hrach aircraft in various areas. ➤ Ukrainian rocket units and artillery hit 5 control points, 2 command points, up to 22 buildups of manpower and equipment, 2 air defense positions, 3 warehouses with ammunition, 1 repeater station, 3 EW stations, 2 warehouses with ammunition, and 1 - with combustible and lubrication materials.
30.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ukrainian Air Force made 11 strikes. The defeat of the enemy's stronghold, 6 buildups of enemy manpower and equipment, and 4 anti-aircraft missile systems was confirmed. In addition, Ukrainian Air Forces shot down 3 UAVs and a Kamov Ka-52 "Alligator" helicopter. ➤ The Ukrainian rocket units and artillery hit 11 control points of different levels and 8 buildups of manpower and weapons. Also, another 14 enemy military facilities were hit in the zone of defeat. Among them were warehouses with ammunition, anti-aircraft missile complexes, crossings and electronic reconnaissance stations.
01.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Towards Zoloty, the Russians lost about sixty people killed and wounded, as well as four units of military equipment, as a result of fire damage to an enemy object (Luhansk region). ➤ According to Head of the East Group of Forces Serhii Cherevatyi, the Armed Forces of Ukraine has liberated 5 settlements near Lyman - Yampil, Novoselivka, Shandryholove, Drobysheve, and Stavky. He added that the Armed Forces of Russia were surrounded in the Lyman area (Donetsk region). ➤ The Ukrainian military leadership announced the encirclement of Russian soldiers near Lyman. According to the calculations of the Ukrainian side, about 5,500 Russian invaders are surrounded (Donetsk region). ➤ On October 1, 2022, the Air Force of the Defense Forces of Ukraine carried out 21 strikes to support the actions of ground groups. It was confirmed that the Ukrainians hit the enemy's stronghold, 17 buildups of enemy manpower and equipment, and 3 anti-aircraft missile systems. Furthermore, the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down one UAV. ➤ Ukrainian rocket units and artillery targeted 4 command posts and 4 buildups of enemy manpower and weapons. Also, 2 warehouses with ammunition fell into the zone of defeat.
2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, announced that the Ukrainian military had completely cleared the city of Lyman, Donetsk region. ➤ In the direction of Kherson, the Armed Forces of Ukraine entered the village of Zolota Balka and are developing a counteroffensive in the direction of Beryslav.

Losses of the Russian army from 25.09.2022 to 02.10.2022	
Liquidated personnel	3810
Tanks	115
IFVs	168
Artillery systems / MLRS	46/10
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	6
Aircraft / helicopters	9/7
UAVs	59
Vehicles & fuel tanks	115
Special equipment	5

Military positions



✓ During the week, the Russians launched 35 missile and 89 air strikes, and carried out more than 537 rounds of anti-aircraft fire.

Kharkiv and Kharkiv region

During the week, Kharkiv was under missile strikes three times, in particular by S-300 air defense missiles. Some of the rockets hit areas near residential buildings, 2 adults and two children received light shrapnel wounds.

The enemy continues to terrorize the civilian population living near the border with the Russian Federation and the contact line of Kupiansk, Kharkiv, Iziurm and Chuhuiv regions. Kupiansk and its surroundings, as well as Iziurm, suffered the most from enemy shelling. As a result of shelling, **34 people were hospitalized in Kharkiv region; 8 people died**. A 15-year-old girl became the victim of Iskander missiles attack by the Russian occupiers in Pervomaisk. Shelling mainly destroys civilian infrastructure of cities - private and apartment buildings, commercial buildings, shops, factories.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia region

Zaporizhzhia and the region systematically suffer from Russian rocket attacks, the enemy attacks the regional center almost every day. Huliaipole, Stepanohirsk, Orihiv, Polohy and Vasylykiv districts were also under shelling this week. S-300 missile systems are used for attacks. Infrastructure objects, high-rise and private houses, historical monuments, roads, and farms were destroyed. The police received 221 reports about the destruction of civil infrastructure. In addition, power lines are damaged (as of October 1, 17,369 consumers of the region remain without electricity supply), 226,700 consumers of the region remain without gas supply.

On September 30, the Russians launched a missile attack on the outskirts of Zaporizhzhia, firing **16 missiles** and hitting a civilian humanitarian convoy. People stood in line to leave the temporarily occupied territory, to pick up their relatives and take away aid. **As a result of the impact, 31 people died, 88 people were injured. Among the dead are an 11-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy. A three-year-old child was also injured.** In connection with the tragedy and in order to honor the memory of the victims, October 1 was declared a day of mourning in the city and the oblast.

Mykolaiv and Mykolaiv region

Mykolaiv continues to be subjected to heavy shelling. During the week, the center of the city was hit several times with the Smerch MLRS. Residential buildings, shops, and water pipes were hit in various areas of the city. Buildings of a museum and an educational institution were damaged. As a result of an attack with cluster shells on September 29, explosions were recorded near **a public transport stop**. As a result, **3 people were killed, 11 more injured**, one of them being a child. On September 30, a residential area of Mykolaiv came under mass fire from S-300 systems. 2 of the missiles hit a ten-story building, injuring 9 people, and killing 1 person. On October 1, around 4 a.m., the Russians shelled Mykolaiv with S-300 missiles. One of the rockets hit a five-storey residential building in the city center. According to preliminary data, **5 people were injured, including a three-month-old baby**.

In addition, the air defense forces continue to shoot down Iranian Shahed-136 drones over the region. Their targets are administrative buildings of the regional center and objects of critical infrastructure. Villages located on the demarcation line of the Bereznehuva community remain under constant fire. Shyroke and Inhulets communities are subjected to rocket and artillery fire. Critical infrastructure objects, residential buildings, backyards, power grids, shops and private enterprises are shelled.

Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk region

Dnipropetrovsk oblast is one of the regions that suffers the most from Russian shelling. Communities there are subjected to both artillery and rocket attacks. Regular attacks occur in Nikopol and its surroundings. On September 26, almost 40 houses and more than 20 commercial buildings were damaged in the city as a result of shelling. On the same day, the occupiers fired an X-59 missile at the airport in Kryvyi Rih. The infrastructure of the airport was destroyed, its further use is impossible.

On September 28, the Russians bombarded the Nikopol region all night with Hrats and heavy artillery. As a result, more than 10 high-rise and private buildings, a lyceum, a bus stop, some gas pipelines and 6 power lines were damaged. Enemy shells left almost **8,000 families without electricity**.

On September 29, the occupiers hit the Kryvyi Rih region with prohibited cluster shells from the Urahan, targeting the industrial infrastructure. As a result, 13 employees of a local enterprise were injured and an administrative building damaged.

Three people were killed and five more wounded as a result of the night shelling of Russian Iskander-type missiles in Dnipro. On September 30, missiles destroyed the **city's transport enterprise**, burning almost 100 city buses. Several high-rise buildings, a gymnasium, a bus shop and some administrative buildings were also damaged.

Donetsk region

Donetsk Oblast is constantly under enemy fire. Russian invaders continue to fire along the entire front line from Mariinka to Sviatohirsk districts. Active shelling is recorded in Donetsk and Horlivka; Mariinka, Soledar and Avdiivka communities are suffering greatly. During the week, the city of Toretsk came under shelling several times, the city's electricity supply was partially cut off, a hospital and residential buildings were damaged. On September 28, the greatest damage was caused in Mykolaivka when S-300 missiles **fired at a school where a shelter for civilians was set up**. Fortunately, the shelter survived - none of the 12 people who were there was injured. On September 29, the occupiers targeted Kramatorsk, damaging the building of the former boarding school, some high-rise buildings, a road, premises of the second city hospital and Ukrtelecom and **injuring 11 people**.

Due to the critical security situation in the region, evacuation continues. Since February 24, the Russian invaders have killed 916 civilians of Donetsk Oblast and wounded another 2,303.

Odesa and Odesa region

During the week, Odesa Oblast was attacked by kamikaze drones three times. On September 26, two drones hit a military infrastructure facility, this resulting in a large-scale fire and ammunition detonation. There were no casualties. Other attacks were successfully repelled by air defense forces.

Twice in a week, the enemy launched a missile attack on Odesa Oblast. Two Su-35 fighters fired 2 X-59 air-to-surface missiles launched from the Black Sea. Air defense forces destroyed both missiles in the air. On October 1, the Russians fired two missiles, probably of the Iskander-type, and hit an industrial infrastructure facility. A power substation and several adjacent buildings were damaged. Also, a fire broke out in one of the garages. There were no victims.

This week shelling

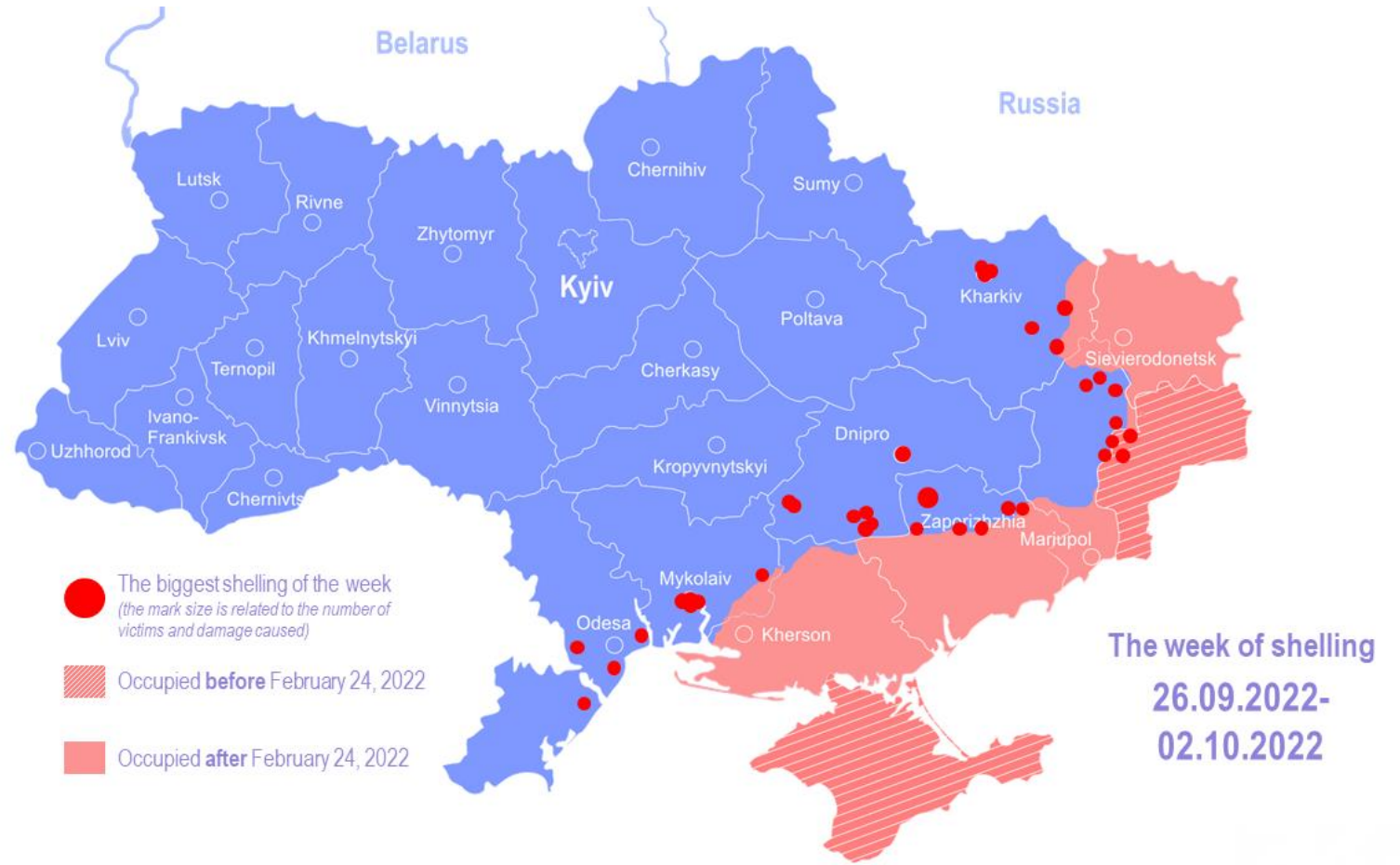
Zaporizhzhia, 30.09



Dnipro, 30.09



Mykolaiv, 29.09



Humanitarian crisis

26.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Investigating journalists claimed that the so called 'international observers' at the sham referendums in the occupied regions of Ukraine turned out to be long-time supporters of Russian President Vladimir Putin. ➤ According to Mayor Ivan Fedorov, in occupied Melitopol, the Russians forced Ukrainians to 'vote' instead of their relatives and neighbors in the sham referendum. ➤ Yevgen Balytsky, Gauleiter of Melitopol, said that after the 'referendum' in Zaporizhzhia Oblast, the Russians will send Ukrainians from the occupied territories to the war. In fact, Ukrainians are new cannon fodder for the Putin regime. ➤ The Security Service found a room in the village of Lyptsi, Kharkiv Oblast, where representatives of the so-called "people's militia of the LPR" and the Russian military held pro-Ukrainian local residents and then forced them to move to Russia.
27.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russia's puppets in the occupied parts of Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Luhansk oblasts announced the results of their sham referendums. The so-called local Central Electoral Committee in the occupied territory of Zaporizhzhia Oblast reported that according to 100% of ballots, 93.11% of "voters voted for the region to become part of Russia." The occupied part of Kherson Oblast is completely closed for entry and exit. In the occupied Kherson Oblast, the invaders announced 87.05% of the votes for joining Russia. Later, the so-called "LPR" announced their results: 98.42% said "yes"; in the "DPR" 99.23% are alleged to support joining Russia. Russians claim that the turnout is 97.51%. ➤ In the occupied Mariupol, Donetsk Oblast, Russian citizens were involved in taking part in the sham referendum to create 'mass participation'. About 100,000 people are now living in the occupied Mariupol (before the war, the population was 541,000), and only every fifth resident who stayed in the city voted in the sham referendum of the invaders. ➤ Olga Kravchenko, Head of the Department for working with prisoners and their families of the patronage service of the Azov regiment, said that about 800 Azov members remain in Russian captivity. ➤ Russia is holding 616 women captive, including pregnant ones. The Ukrainian authorities are working both informally and formally to exchange everyone for everyone.



"Referendum"



28.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National police investigators recorded 582 war crimes in the liberated territories of Kharkiv Oblast.
29.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russian invaders force all teachers and doctors of Mariupol to obtain Russian passports and hand over the Ukrainian ones by January 1, 2023.
30.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As a result of a strike on a humanitarian convoy in Zaporizhzhia on Friday, 30 people were killed and 88 were injured. For the first time, Russian troops carried out a strike with upgraded S-300 missiles, which have a much longer range. Among the dead are two children. ➤ In Kharkiv Oblast, a convoy of civilians trying to escape from the shelling was found shot by the Russians. 24 people were killed, including a pregnant woman and 13 children. Such terrible consequences of the shelling of a column of seven cars by the occupiers occurred between the villages of Kurylivka and Pishchane, in the Kupyan district. This is the so-called "gray zone". The Russians fired at civilians at close range. According to law enforcement officers in the Kharkiv region, the shelling took place on September 25 ➤ President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin signed "agreements on joining Russia" of the occupied Ukrainian territories of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts and said that, from now on, their residents are citizens of the Russian Federation.
1.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Melitopol Mayor Ivan Fedorov said that the number of wounded civilians in the strike on a humanitarian convoy in Zaporizhzhia on Friday rose to 118 people.



Kharkiv Oblast

