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10.01

- **Pakistan** is planning to dispatch **159 containers of ammunition** including projectiles and primers to Ukraine, according to The Economic Times. In particular, 155 mm projectiles and M4A2 propelling bag charges are being prepared for transfer. The ship with ammunition should leave in the second half of January. In return, Pakistan may receive Ukrainian assistance to upgrade its Mi-17 helicopters.
- **Canada** will buy the **NASAMS air defense** system from the US and **transfer it to Ukraine**. "This high-priority donation is the first Canadian donation of an air defense system to Ukraine," Defense Minister Anita Anand said.
- The head of the German Foreign Ministry, **Annalena Baerбок**, **visited Kharkiv**. She wanted to learn about the situation in the city and listen to the residents who are going through the "cold" war personally. "This city is a symbol of the absolute insanity of the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine and of the endless suffering," Baerбок said. She assured that Germany will continue to supply weapons to Ukraine and announced 20 million euro aid to finance Starlink satellite communication services.
- Putin has not changed his goal regarding Ukraine, we must be prepared for a long war, according to **NATO Secretary General**. "We should not underestimate Russia. They continue mobilization and work on obtaining additional equipment and machinery. There is no sign that Putin has changed the goals of the brutal war against Ukraine," Stoltenberg said.

11.01

- The **US Ministry of Defense** said that the Armed Forces will be able to receive American **Bradley** infantry fighting vehicles in the next few weeks.
- Lithuanian President **Gitanas Nausėda** and Polish President **Andrzej Duda** arrived in Ukraine without public announcements and met with Zelenskyi in Lviv. Lithuanian President Nausėda announced the **provision of anti-aircraft systems and air defense equipment** to Ukraine as part of military assistance.
- President of Poland Andrzej Duda said that a company of **Leopard 2 tanks** will be transferred to Ukraine as part of the international coalition. We are talking about the number of tanks from 10 to 14. As of January 13, the German government has not received an official request from Poland for permission to supply the Leopard main battle tank to Ukraine. Since the Leopard is a German-made tank, further export requires permission from the German federal government.
- **The British government** confirmed for the first time that it plans to **provide Ukraine with tanks**. "We are accelerating our support to Ukraine with the kind of next-generation military technology that will win this war. It is clear that battle tanks could provide a game-changing capability to the Ukrainians," Prime Minister said.

12.01

- The Minister of Defense of Germany, **Christine Lambrecht**, for the first time assumed the supply of German **Leopard 2 tanks** to Ukraine. "In the times in which we live – in which we are facing many great challenges in the face of a war in Europe – we are well-advised to always adapt to the respective situation," Lambrecht said in response to a question about the possible supply of tanks to Ukraine.



12.01

- **The European Commission** supports Estonia's efforts to prepare a legislative framework for the **confiscation of Russian assets** in favor of Ukraine.
- Deputy head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Emine Dzhaparova announced that the UN General Assembly will vote on the resolution on the creation of a **special tribunal on the crime of aggression** by the Russian Federation.
- Generators with a total capacity of one NPP power unit were delivered to Ukraine, according to Forbes. For the last 11 months, almost 354 thousand generators have been imported into Ukraine. The average capacity of all imported devices is at least 1 GW.

13.01

- The second part of **energy aid from Azerbaijan** arrived in Ukraine. These are 45 standby power plants with capacities from 94 to 150 kVA provided by Azerenergi. In December 2022, Kyiv received the first 45 power transformers and five backup power plants of various capacities from Baku.
- **Finland** sent 160 million euros in **military aid** to Ukraine. Details are withheld at the request of the Finnish government.
- **Japan** will help Ukraine with the **restoration of critical infrastructure**. It allocates \$95 million. Funds will be channeled through the United Nations Development Program as part of a partnership agreement.
- Ukraine will receive **AMX-10 RC wheeled tanks** from **France** within two months, according to the Defense Minister of France.
- **Israel** will transfer to Ukraine smart **missile and drone warning technologies**, informed by Ukraine's ambassador to Israel.

14.01

- British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak approved the **transfer of 12 Challenger 2 tanks** to Ukraine.
- **Turkey** is ready to seek a **local ceasefire** in Ukraine because it believes that neither Moscow nor Kyiv have the military means to win the war.
- Anti-Russian sanctions due to the war in Ukraine are not supported by 97% of the surveyed Hungarians, government spokeswoman Alexandra Szentkirályi said. She noted that the sanctions did not stop the war, but caused and continue to cause extreme economic difficulties for Europe.

15.01

- The German arms concern Rheinmetall will not be able to deliver Leopard tanks to Ukraine before 2024, even if the German government decides to transfer them tomorrow, according to Spiegel.
- **The British government** has confirmed plans to transfer to Ukraine a squadron of 14 **Challenger 2 tanks and about 30 self-propelled artillery installations** of 155 mm caliber AS90.
- The Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia stated that her country will **not provide** military aid to Ukraine, as it does not want to become a party to the conflict.

- ✓ The Russian occupiers, having no success on the battlefield, continue to destroy the infrastructure and homes of the civilian population. They strike at settlements, violating almost all the norms of the international humanitarian law, laws and customs of warfare.
- ✓ The enemy does not abandon its intentions to completely seize Donetsk oblast, focusing its main efforts on offensive actions towards Bakhmut. Heavy fighting for Soledar continues. The invaders suffer heavy losses. Also, the enemy is conducting an offensive toward Lyman, Avdiivka and Novopavlivka. Towards Kupiansk, the enemy is trying to improve the tactical position, towards Zaporizhzhia and Kherson, the invaders are defending themselves. In order to strengthen the defense capabilities of its units in the left-bank Kherson region, the enemy is redeploying. The movement of personnel, weapons, military equipment and ammunition is noted.
- ✓ Towards Volyn, Polissia, Chernihiv and Kharkiv, there are no significant changes. No offensive enemy groups were found. The Republic of Belarus continues to participate in Russian aggression against Ukraine, by providing its territory and airspace for strikes, as well as ammunition and logistics.

11.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russians reduced the intensity of artillery shelling in some areas by 75%. This is another evidence of the weakening of Russia's positions on the battlefield, CNN reports, citing information from US and Ukrainian officials. ➤ Russia may reduce the use of artillery shells due to a lack of supplies, or it could be part of a broader reassessment of tactics ahead of Ukrainian offensives. ➤ It is noted that the decline in Russia's capabilities is also associated with the strengthening of military support for Ukraine by its Western allies.
12.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ According to CNN, citing its own sources, training of Ukrainian fighters on Patriot air defense systems will begin next week. The training will take place at Fort Sill Military Base in Oklahoma, where Americans themselves are practicing skills in working with the latest air defense systems. The course will last for several months. ➤ Head of the Luhansk RMA Serhii Haidai says that the Armed Forces of Ukraine have successes towards Kreminna and Svatove. Gradually, step by step, they are liberating the Luhansk oblast. However, one should not expect a powerful breakthrough there, because Russian troops managed to prepare fortifications and carefully mine the entire territory.
13.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Military Intelligence of Ukraine does not exclude that the Russian leadership will announce the next wave of mobilization in the coming days. Another 500 thousand Russians will get into the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, which will allow the terrorist country to create strategic reserves. The scale of mobilization activities carried out by the aggressor country testifies to the plans of its leadership to create an army of about 2,000,000 people. ➤ In an interview with the BBC, Minister of Defense of Ukraine Oleksii Reznikov said Russia wants to launch a major offensive from the occupied territories in the spring. In his opinion, Russia will try to gather 'forces, ammunition and weapons' for an offensive from the occupied regions in the south and east of Ukraine. At the same time, the Minister of Defense does not think that the Russians are preparing a second offensive from the territory of Belarus, because it will take a long time, and Russia does not have enough resources. ➤ The Russian Ministry of Defense announced the capture of Soledar. This information is confirmed by analysts at the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). At the same time, the Ukrainian side claims that heavy fighting continues in the city. Thus, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi said in his address at the end of the 324th day of the war that <i>„... the difficult battle for the Donetsk region continues. The battle for Bakhmut and Soledar, Kreminna, and other cities and villages in the east of our state continues. Although the enemy has concentrated its largest forces in this direction, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, all defense and security forces are defending the state.”</i> ➤ It should be noted that earlier Head of the Russian CEC "Wagner" Yevgeny Prigozhin had announced the capture of Soledar, but the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation denied this statement. The reason for the contradictory statements of the Russian side is competition of military forces in the Russian Federation. Although after the liberation of the city of Izium (Kharkiv oblast) by Ukrainian troops, the strategic importance of Bakhmut and Soledar decreased. Holding these positions, the Ukrainian military is in a more advantageous position than the Russians, which allows for inflicting more significant losses on the enemy.
14.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On January 14, the Russians once again launched massive missile strikes on the territory of Ukraine. In total, the enemy carried out about 28 launches of cruise missiles from various bases and 5 launches of guided aircraft missiles. The forces and means of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, in cooperation with units of other components of the Defense Forces, destroyed 18 cruise missiles and 3 guided aircraft missiles.

Losses of the Russian army from 10.01.2023 to 15.01.2023	
Liquidated personnel	3530
Tanks	26
IFVs	36
Artillery systems / MLRS	25/3
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	2
Aircraft / helicopters	1/1
UAVs	16
Warships / boats	1
Vehicles & fuel tanks	37
Special equipment	4

✓ During the week, Russians carried out **79 missile and 75 air strikes**, and carried out more than **390 attacks from MLRS**.

Attack on January 14

On the afternoon of January 14, the Russian Federation carried out the **twelfth massive missile attack** on Ukraine. It happened after the morning attacks with S-400 (S-300) surface-to-air guided missiles from the northern direction on the critical infrastructure of Kyiv and Kyiv oblast, where 28 buildings were damaged. Later, Russians used high-precision weapons: air-launched cruise missiles X-101/X-555, X-22, sea-launched cruise missiles "Kalibr", and guided aircraft missiles X-59. In total, the enemy launched about **38 missiles of various types**. The forces and means of the Air Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in cooperation with units of other components of the Defense Forces destroyed 18 cruise and 7 guided missiles.

An apartment building was hit in Dnipro, part of the block was destroyed completely. As of 18:00 of January 15: **30 people were killed**, including a 15-year-old girl, **75 were injured**, including 14 children, the youngest is 3 years old. A 9-year-old girl is in serious condition. 39 people were rescued from the rubble, rescuers continue searching. Also, about 15 cars caught on fire. About 45% of the rubble has been removed. **At least 33 people are still missing**. 72 apartments are completely destroyed, and more than 160 are damaged.

- **Critical infrastructure facilities** were hit in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Vinnytsia, Zaporizhzhia, Odesa oblasts and Kharkiv.
- In Kryvyi Rih 1 killed, 1 wounded. 6 private houses were damaged.
- In Donetsk oblast 5 people died, and 4 are injured.
- Sumy oblast: 1 person injured.
- Kherson oblast: 2 people injured.
- Air defense was operating in Kyiv, Kryvyi Rih, Kyiv, Odesa, Lviv, Vinnytsia, Ivano-Frankivsk and Mykolaiv oblasts.

Donetsk oblast

The enemy continues to strike along the entire frontline. In the Volnovakha sector, Vuhledar, the outskirts of Vodyane, Novoukraiinka, Prechystivka and Bohoyavlivka came under fire. Residential buildings were damaged. In the Donetsk sector, Kurakhivka (the town has been one of the most affected by Russian occupiers for several weeks), Yelizavetivka, Avdiivka, Tonenke, Maksymilianivka, Maryinka and Ocheretyne communities came under rocket and artillery fire. Private and apartment buildings, garages, enterprises, equipment, and administrative buildings were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector Bakhmut, Paraskoviivka, Soledar, Klishchiiivka, Khromove, Kostyantynivka, the outskirts of Toretsk, Kostyantynivka and Chasovoyarsk communities suffered. Houses, roads, the building of the former institute were damaged.

In the Lysychansk sector, Seversk, Serebryanka of Siversk community, Rayhorodka of Mykolaiv community, Lyman, Torske and Zarichne of Lyman community were shelled. Residential buildings and a school were damaged. There are casualties and dead in all directions

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

Russians shelled the Nikopol district with heavy artillery during the week. Several houses, an industrial enterprise, a gas station, a shop, a gas pipeline and a power grid were damaged in Marhanets. In Nikopol houses, the production workshop of a private enterprise and power lines were damaged.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

The occupiers are constantly shelling the civilian infrastructure of Polohy, Orikhiv, Huliaipole, Vasylivka and Zaporizhzhia districts. On the night of January 12 and in the morning of January 14, the occupants attacked Zaporizhzhia. Infrastructure facilities, an enterprise and houses in one of the private sectors of the city were damaged.

Sumy oblast

On January 11, Russians shelled the Znob-Novhorod community with mortars. There were 10 arrivals. A residential building was damaged.

Mykolaiv oblast

Russians continue to shoot in the direction of the Ochakiv and Kutsurub communities. 1 person was wounded, and civilian infrastructure was damaged.

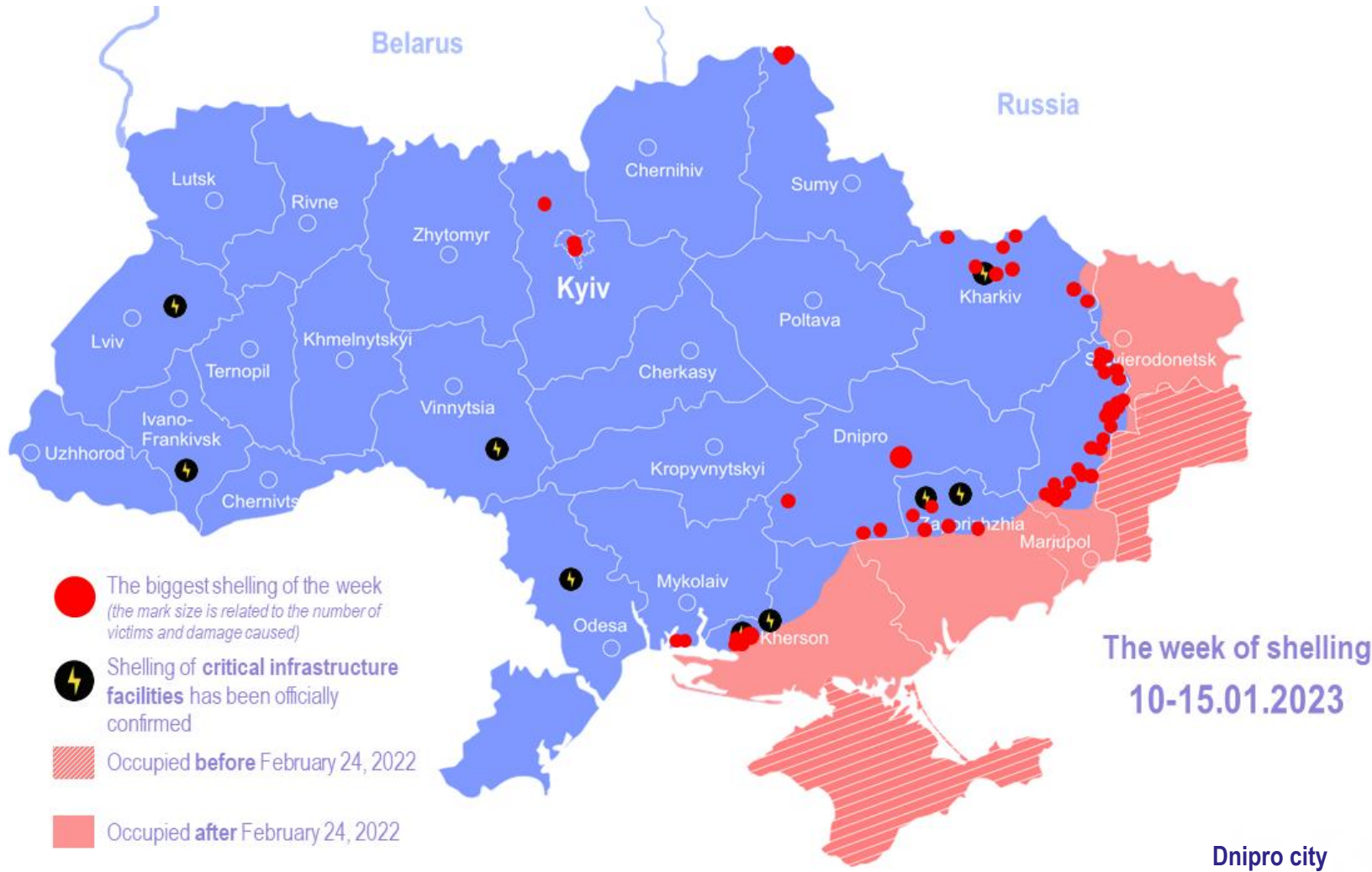
Kherson and Kherson oblast

Occupiers shelled the territory of the region **more than 300 times** - 4 dead, and 17 wounded. In Kherson, enemy shells hit critical infrastructure facilities, private and apartment buildings, a hospital, an educational institution, as well as a motor transport company. 16 buses, cars, warehouses, and a guard building were damaged. On January 11, **occupiers attacked the perinatal center in Kherson**. A fire broke out. The blast wave smashed windows in the children's department and damaged one of the doctors' offices. An employee was injured. The occupiers also shelled a critical infrastructure facility in Mykilske village, Kherson oblast. Three people received injuries of varying severity. On January 12, the occupiers attacked the village of **Yantarne** near Kherson. An enemy shell **hit a residential building**. A 27-year-old man died. A 47-year-old woman was injured. On the morning of Sunday, January 15, the Russians struck another attack on a residential quarter of Kherson, at least 2 people were injured

Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

The enemy continues terrorizing Kharkiv oblast. On January 10, Russian occupiers **shelled Kharkiv with MLRS "Smerch"**. A pyrotechnics warehouse was hit in the Kyiv district of Kharkiv oblast. During the week Russians shelled the border towns and villages of the Kupiansk, Bohodukhiv, Chuhuiv and Kharkiv districts of the oblast. 3 people were wounded. Private houses, a trade pavilion, and outbuildings were damaged. Enemy shells also hit one of the enterprises in **Vovchansk**. On January 13 the enemy shelled the **Dvorichna** village of the Kupiansk district with artillery. Two women aged 59 and 64 were killed. Another 63-year-old woman was wounded. On January 14 in the morning the enemy attacked **Kharkiv** - 2 "arrivals" of S-300 missiles in the Industrial district. They hit energy infrastructure and industrial facilities.

This week shelling



Kyiv region



Kherson



Dnipro city



Humanitarian crisis

10.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are 4,867,106 IDPs officially registered in Ukraine, and according to international estimates, the number of internally displaced persons exceeds 7 million. ➤ As of autumn 2022, more than 2.4 million Ukrainians live in damaged or destroyed housing. 	13.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russian invaders continue to rob the population in the temporarily occupied territory of Kherson oblast. According to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the Russians started with the entrepreneurs of one of the settlements of the Kakhovka region. The occupation authorities announced an inventory of the movable and immovable property of local private entrepreneurs, followed by the so-called 'nationalization'. ➤ Mayor Dmytro Orlov informs that there is no heat supply in Enerhodar because the Russian occupiers do not allow the launching of at least one of the power units of the Zaporizhzhia NPP to provide heat.
11.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The situation in the power system of Kyiv is complicated: generation has long been not enough to meet the people's needs for electricity. Due to the weather, the population uses electrical appliances more actively, which increases the load and deficit. ➤ In liberated Kherson, 84% of consumers are now connected to a centralized heating supply. ➤ Analysts of the work.ua service say that the labor market in Ukraine has recovered to only half of its pre-war level. The war has caused the biggest crisis in the labor market of Ukraine. Until February 24, 2022, employers posted about 100,000 vacancies every month. In December 2022, the number of job offers amounted to 53,179 vacancies. 	14.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President Volodymyr Zelenskyi said that after a massive missile strike by Russia on Saturday, the most difficult situation with electricity in Kharkiv and Kyiv oblasts. Immediately after the explosion, most districts of Kharkiv were left without electricity, and the movement of metro trains was temporarily suspended. As a result of the morning missile attack in Kyiv oblast, 28 residential buildings were damaged, without casualties. ➤ At a meeting of the UN Security Council, US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, said that as a result of Russia's conscious actions to delay the passage of vessels with Ukrainian grain, the pace of transportation has halved. The American representative noted that the Russian Federation is slowing down the inspection of ships, which is why they are waiting for departure, dozens of others - for inspections to deliver their grain cargo. ➤ In December, more than 300 thousand generators of different capacities and 8 thousand Starlink terminals were delivered to Ukraine. ➤ According to the Head of the RMA, Valentin Reznichenko, on January 14, the Russian army struck Dnipro with missiles. Deputy Mayor o Mykhailo Lysenko says that there are still living people under the rubble of the house, writing an SMS. Rescuers stop to make minutes of silence and hear people calling for help under the ruins of a high-rise building. ➤ Spokesman of the State Emergency Service in the oblast, Serhii Kovtoniuk, says that at the site of the missile hit, one entrance was destroyed. The search operation is underway, 102 rescuers and 27 pieces of equipment are involved. There are 72 apartments destroyed by Russian troops. According to information from registrations, these are 100-200 people, of which about 50 are children. Deputy to the President's Office Kyrylo Tymoshenko said that the whole house is without electricity, gas, and windows. More than 1000 people were left without housing.
12.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The head of Naftogaz of Ukraine Oleksiy Chernyshov said on Facebook that at present, power engineers, local authorities, and utility services have restored more than 55% of the power infrastructure facilities destroyed and damaged by Russian shelling. ➤ The CEO of the power supplier Yasno Serhii Kovalenko says that it takes a lot of time and resources to fully restore the power system. When the weather becomes warmer, the situation will improve, but it will definitely not be drastic. ➤ Head of the Luhansk RMA, Serhii Haidai, comments on the destruction in the Luhansk oblast that the territory of the oblast can be conditionally divided into three parts: one part was occupied in 2014, the second part was occupied without heavy fighting after February 24, 2022, and there is part of Luhansk oblast where you can conditionally draw a line from Kreminna, Rubizhne, Zolote, Hirske, Lysychansk and Popasna. All critical infrastructure is destroyed there. The water supply is completely destroyed. Electric substations are destroyed. The modern expensive substation in Kreminna, one of the best in Europe, is destroyed. Everything related to sewage and gas supply is strategically destroyed. The occupiers tried to repair something there, but it was done to pretend they were doing something. After the gas was connected, houses started blowing up because the infrastructure was simply damaged. ➤ In the occupied and destroyed Mariupol, Donetsk oblast, the occupiers destroyed a historical monument known as the "House with a Clock", where Victor Arnautov, Ukrainian painter and professor of art worked. ➤ Advisor to Mariupol Mayor of Petro Andriushchenko says that from the beginning of the dismantling, the occupiers claimed that it was not a demolition, but a reconstruction. „The reconstruction from the occupiers. This is how they destroy the real history of Mariupol with excavators after bombs.” 	15.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Most of the damage to Ukraine's environment due to the Russian invasion is air pollution. Since February 24, more than 42 million tons of greenhouse gases have already entered the air. Such figures can be compared with the annual volume of Bulgaria's emissions. The total amount of environmental damage is currently \$ 46 billion, 27 of which are air pollution.

