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- General Mark Milley said that an expanded **training program for the Ukrainian military by American instructors** has begun in Germany. It is planned to train about 500 people over the next 5-8 weeks.
- About a hundred Ukrainian **military personnel** who will be trained to operate and maintain **Patriot air defense systems** arrived at a base in Oklahoma, USA. At this stage, 90 to 100 Ukrainian soldiers will be trained to be operators or maintainers of the systems. The training will last several months.
- Ukraine has received the **eighth Zuzana 2 howitzer** purchased under a contract with **Slovakia**. Thus, Slovakia has fully fulfilled its contract to supply howitzers to Ukraine.
- In a speech to Parliament, **Defense Secretary Wallace** said Britain has decided to send Challenger 2 tanks to Ukraine in response to Russia's growing aggression and indiscriminate attacks. The **new military aid package** will include:
 - 14 Challenger 2 tanks
 - 30 AS90 cannons;
 - 100 units of armored vehicles
 - dozens of UAVs;
 - 100 thousand artillery shell
 - 100 'advanced missiles' and more.

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- The Prime Minister of the **Netherlands** says that the country will provide Ukraine with the **Patriot air defense system**. The country is armed with three Patriot batteries of the latest PAC-3 MSE modification. These systems are **capable of shooting down ballistic missiles**, including those recently fired by Russia at Kyiv and the Kh-22 that hit a residential building in Dnipro. Earlier, the United States and Germany announced the transfer of the Patriot to Ukraine. Thus, in the near future, Ukraine will receive the three best anti-aircraft missile systems.
- Reuters reports that **Germany** will soon provide Ukraine with **Leopard tanks**. German Economy Minister Robert Habeck said that the new German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius will, first of all, consider the supply of Leopard 2 tanks. Ukraine must receive all the military equipment it needs to win the war.
- The European Commission announced that Ukraine has received the first tranche of **macro-financial assistance from the EU** in the amount of **EUR 3 billion** out of a total of EUR 18 billion.
- **Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić** said that Russia should stop trying to recruit Serbs to participate in hostilities on the side of the Wagner PMC in Ukraine.



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- Latvian Defense Minister Inara Murniece says that in the near future, **Latvia** will send **new batches of military support**, namely Stinger MANPADS, helicopters, machine guns with ammunition, and drones to Ukraine.
- On January 20, 2023, the United States will announce a new large **package of military assistance** to Ukraine during a meeting at Ramstein (Germany). The list of weapons for Ukraine will include 8x8 Stryker armored vehicles and GLSDB-guided munitions. It is a 115-kilogram "hybrid" of a guided bomb and a missile, a kind of "cruise bomb" that can greatly simplify the task of de-occupying parts of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson oblasts.
- **Poland** is providing **14 Leopard 2 tanks** for Ukraine. Now the country is waiting for Germany, Finland, Denmark, and other Western allies to announce how many Leopard tanks they can provide. Then they will be sent to Ukraine.
- USAID Administrator Samantha Power said that the **United States will allocate \$125 million to Ukraine to repair power grids**. This financial support will help repair workers eliminate the consequences of Russian strikes on energy infrastructure.

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- **The European Parliament** approves a resolution calling for **establishing an international tribunal** to investigate the crimes of Putin and Lukashenko.
- According to a joint declaration by 10 NATO countries, **Poland** will provide Ukraine with a **new aid package** that will include **howitzers and anti-aircraft guns**. The new aid package includes C-60 anti-aircraft guns and 70,000 rounds of ammunition.
- **Estonia** will provide Ukraine with an **all-time military aid package worth 113 million euros**. This time, it consists of howitzers, ammunition, support vehicles for artillery units, and grenade launchers.
- **Sweden** has announced plans to provide Ukraine with Archer self-propelled **artillery systems**, 50 Stridsfordon 90 **infantry fighting vehicles**, and NLaw **anti-tank missiles**. This is the tenth package of military aid that Sweden will provide to Ukraine.
- Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said that **the United Kingdom** will provide Ukraine with 600 additional **Brimstone missiles**. "If President Putin is betting that we will get tired, he is wrong," said Wallace.
- **The Danish government** has approved the transfer of 19 French-made **Caesar self-propelled howitzers** to Ukraine. "Denmark has been one of the most active donor countries since the beginning of the war in Ukraine. We must continue to be so," said Defense Minister Jakob Ellemann-Jensen.

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- **Lithuania** has announced a new package of **military aid to Ukraine**, which will include L-70 **anti-aircraft guns, ammunition**, and two **Mi-8 helicopters**. The total value of the upcoming support package is approximately 125 million euros.
- Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amirabdollahian said that **Iran does not recognize Russia's annexation of the occupied territories of Ukraine**. *"We are against the war and the displacement of people in Ukraine. And we have never recognized the separation of Luhansk and Donetsk regions from Ukraine,"* said the Iranian Foreign Minister.
- The defense ministers of **9 European countries** signed the **Tallinn Declaration**, which pledges further military assistance to Ukraine. The Declaration was signed by the UK, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. The signatories note that a new level of support for Ukraine requires the **supply of tanks and air and missile defense systems**.
- **Hungary** has **blocked** the allocation of the 7th tranche of **500 million euros** from the **European Peace Fund** to Ukraine, which is used for military aid.

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- **The United States** allocates **\$2.5 billion in military aid** to Ukraine. The new package includes ammunition for HIMARS and NASAMS, eight Avenger air defense systems, Bradley infantry fighting vehicles, TOW anti-tank missiles, Stryker infantry fighting vehicles, tens of thousands of artillery shells, and other equipment. The package did not include longer-range ATACMS missiles or Abrams tanks.

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- **Finland** has announced the **12th military aid package** for Ukraine, which is several times larger than all previous ones, with a total value of over **€400 million euros**. *"Finland is providing heavy weapons and ammunition,"* said Defense Minister Mikko Savola. However, the contents of the package are not disclosed for security reasons.
- **German Defense Minister Pistorius** said that Western allies did not agree to provide Ukraine with **Leopard 2 tanks** at the Ramstein-format meeting, because there is **no consensus**. According to him, the impression that Germany is blocking such a decision is false.
- Next week, **the United States** will impose additional **sanctions against the Russian PMC Wagner**. The US Treasury Department will designate it as a transnational criminal organization. The decision will freeze any U.S. assets of Wagner and prohibit Americans from providing funds, goods, or services to the group.
- **Germany** has announced a spring package of **military aid to Ukraine** worth more than **€1 billion euros**. The package will include the Patriot system, 40 Marder infantry fighting vehicles, 7 Gepard self-propelled artillery systems, and guided missiles for the Iris-T air defense system.
- **The Netherlands** will supply Ukraine with **two Patriot air defense missile launchers** and a number of missiles. In addition, they will help train Ukrainians to work with Patriot systems.



- ✓ Russia does not give up its aggressive plans, focusing its main efforts on attempts to completely occupy Donetsk oblast. It conducts unsuccessful offensive actions toward Avdiivka. It continues offensive attempts towards Bakhmut and Zaporizhzhia, increasing the intensity of aviation use. In other directions, the invaders are in defense.
- ✓ No offensive groups were detected towards Volyn, Polissia, Chernihiv, and Kharkiv. Units of territorial troops are moving to Belarus. The deadline for checking the combat readiness of the armed forces of Belarus has been extended once again - until January 30. A threat of provocative armed incidents remains on the border. The Republic of Belarus continues to provide comprehensive support to Russian aggression. In addition to joint exercises, training of Russian units continues on the territory of Belarus.

16.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the territory of Russia, foreign citizens who are in the queue for citizenship of the Russian Federation are offered to voluntarily enlist in the ranks of the enemy army and automatically receive Russian citizenship. First of all, mobilized personnel will replenish the Wagner PMC and Bars units, which are constantly losing personnel in Ukraine.
17.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Andrii Yusov, representative of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, says that Putin has once again postponed the deadline to seize control of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. The Kremlin dictator instructed Gerasimov, the new commander of the Russian Federation in Ukraine, to occupy the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts until the end of March. ➤ Petro Andriushchenko, Adviser to Mariupol Mayor, reports that Russia is transferring military equipment toward Zaporizhzhia. About 20 tanks and 30 trucks with manpower were spotted in Mariupol on the way to Berdiansk. There are also refueling stations from Novoazovsk to Berdiansk and back. ➤ According to the Spokesman of the Eastern Group of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Serhii Cherevatyi, the Ukrainian military continues to hold Soledar. <i>"The Ukrainian military is in Soledar in the Donetsk region and is fighting back against the Russian army,"</i> he said.
18.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The U.S. military has launched an expanded, more complex training program for Ukrainian forces that focuses on large-scale combat and aims to strengthen Ukraine's ability to liberate territory from the Russian forces. ➤ There remains a threat of launching strikes using ground-based and air-launched missiles and kamikaze drones throughout Ukraine. On January 18, the Russian occupiers put almost 30 ships on combat duty in the Black, Azov, and Mediterranean Seas, as reported by the Naval Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. ➤ In the Black Sea, the Russian troops keep 16 ships, including 6 carriers of Kalibr cruise missiles, with a total volley of up to 44 missiles. ➤ The occupiers took 9 ships into the Mediterranean Sea, including 5 Kalibr cruise missile carriers. Their total volley is 72 missiles. ➤ In the Sea of Azov, the enemy continues to control sea communications by keeping 2 ships on combat duty.
20.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During the previous day, the enemy launched 9 missile and 23 air strikes and launched more than 80 attacks from multiple launch rocket systems. There is an increased threat of air and missile strikes on civil objects throughout the territory of Ukraine. ➤ The aviation of the Defense Forces made 21 strikes on enemy buildups and 7 - on positions of its anti-aircraft missile systems. Our soldiers also destroyed three Lancet-3 UAVs. Units of rocket troops and artillery of the Defense Forces of Ukraine hit 6 control points, 8 enemy buildups, and an ammunition warehouse.
21.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During the day, the enemy carried out 26 airstrikes and 15 attacks from multiple launch rocket systems. The enemy does not stop artillery fire along the entire front line. ➤ Aviation of the Defense Forces made 13 strikes on enemy buildups and 2 - on positions of air defense systems. Our artillery also struck an enemy buildup of manpower and equipment.

Losses of the Russian army from 16.01.2023 to 22.01.2023	
Liquidated personnel	5470
Tanks	39
IFVs	85
Artillery systems / MLRS	50/12
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	1
Aircraft / helicopters	1/1
UAVs	20
Vehicles & fuel tanks	86
Special equipment	6

✓ Within a week, the Russians launched **29 missile and 116 air strikes**, and carried out more than **493 MLRS attacks**.

Kherson and Kherson oblast

The invaders attacked the oblast more than 300 times, this resulting in 5 dead, and 19 wounded. In Kherson, enemy shells targeted the Red Cross building, hospitals, a rehabilitation center for children with disabilities, a shipyard, a boarding school, a critical infrastructure facility, residential buildings, a communal enterprise department, the Kherson Academic Regional Puppet Theater and a city printing house.

On January 20, the occupiers shelled two settlements in the Kherson oblast. A 15-year-old boy was wounded in Antonivka. In Novodmytrivka, a man was injured and his leg torn off.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On the night of January 16, the enemy launched a missile strike on Zaporizhzhia. An S-300 rocket hit a residential building in the city center. A 5-story building was damaged. There are 5 wounded, two of whom are children aged 9 and 15. With another missile, the enemy aimed at the light industry enterprise of the Kushuhum community. There was a fire in the hangar, where ready-to-sell products were stored.

Also, during the week, the enemy attacked the civil infrastructure of Orikhiv, Huliaipillia, Zaporizhzhia, Polohy, Vasylivka districts and Bilenke community. More than 50 objects of civil infrastructure were damaged. A woman died in Huliaipillia, two were injured in Orikhiv.

Mykolaiv oblast

During the week, the Russians launched artillery strikes on Kutsurub and Ochakiv communities, one person was killed. A social infrastructure object and residential buildings were damaged.

Donetsk oblast

The enemy continues to shell the area along the entire front line.

Towards Donetsk, Marinka, Avdiivka, Orlivka, Hirnyk, Vesele, Pivnichne, Krasnohorivka, Kurakhove were shelled. Private houses were damaged.

Towards Horlivka, Soledar, Bakhmut, Krasnopolivka, Paraskoviivka, Ivanivske, Rozdolivka, Vasiukivka, Fedorivka, Kalynove, Pleshchiivka, and Chasiv Yar suffered fire damage. Residential and apartment buildings, kindergartens, and civilian infrastructure were damaged.

Towards Lysychansk, the Russians struck at Lyman, Torsk and Zarichne, Siversk, Terny, Zakitne, Drobyshev, Zvanivka and Lyman communities. Private houses were damaged.

Towards Volnovakha, Vuhledar, Novoukrainka, Bohoiavlenka of the Vuhledar community and Vesele of the Komarska community were shelled. There are dead and wounded in all directions.

Kharkiv oblast

The enemy continues to hit with artillery, mortars, and tanks on the frontline settlements of the Kupiansk, Chuhuiv, and Kharkiv districts. In Kupiansk, there are 4 wounded. Private households, a boarding school, apartment buildings, garages, utility buildings, and the Kupiansk Motor Transport Professional College were damaged. In the Vovchansk district, the villages of Bilyi Kolodiaz and Tymofiivka, an educational institution, a building of the Central Regional Hospital, private houses, and a civil industry facility were damaged.

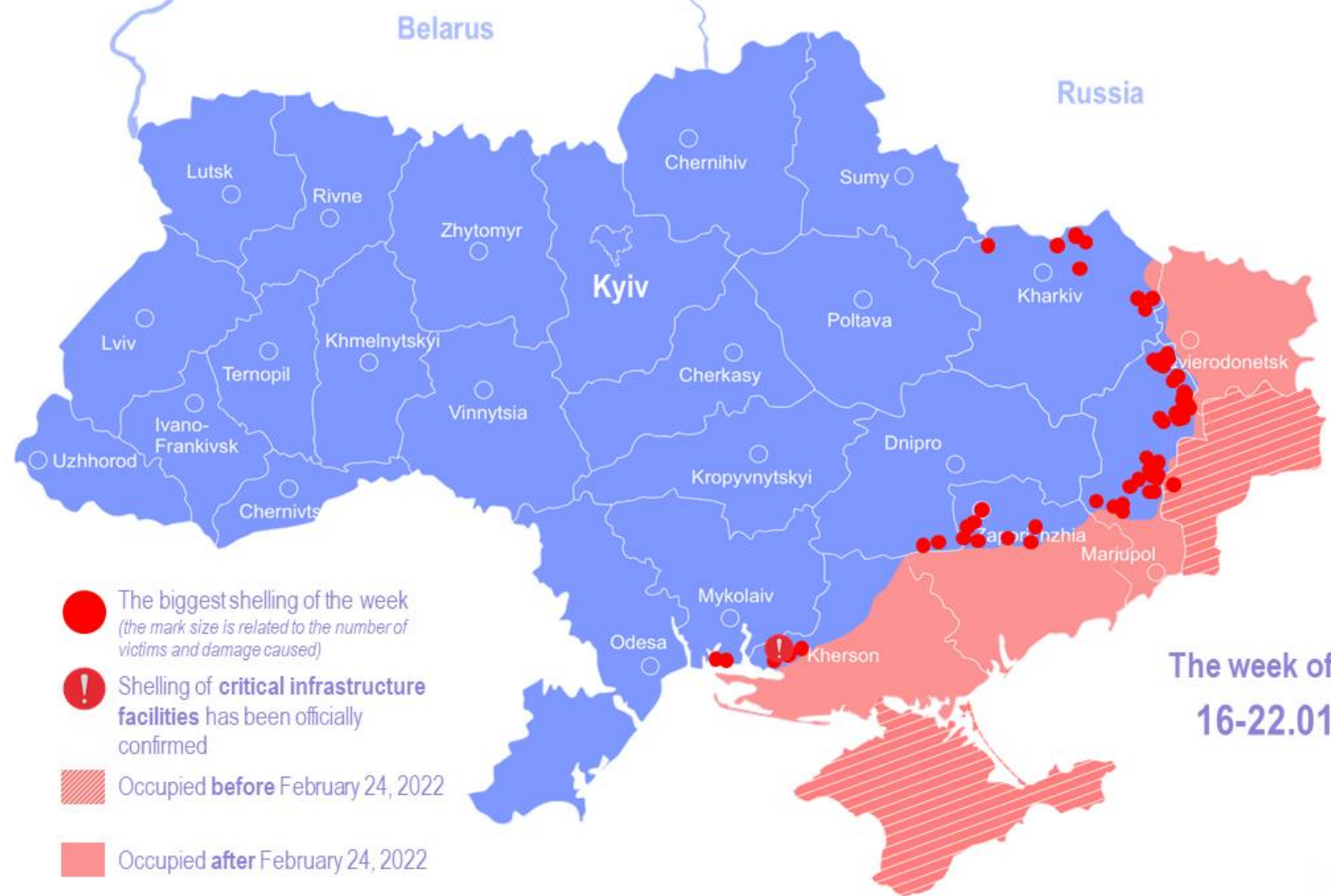
Dnipropetrovsk oblast

The Russians continue to shell the Nikopol district with heavy artillery. The shells arrived in Marhanets and Chervonohryhorivka communities. Private houses and utility buildings, power lines, and a gas pipeline were destroyed.



This week shelling

Kherson region



The week of shelling
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Kharkiv region



Donetsk region



Zaporizhzhia region

Humanitarian crisis



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- According to Kateryna Rashevskya, a lawyer at the Regional Center for Human Rights, Russia has **deported from 260,000 to almost 700,000 underage Ukrainians** and from **1,500 to 2,500 orphaned children**. At least 400 children have already become members of Russian families. Most of the minors were moved with their legal representatives. Since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion, more than 2 million Ukrainians have been deported from the temporarily occupied territories to the Russian Federation. These people are blackmailed into accepting Russian passports.
- The International Atomic Energy Agency is **expanding its presence in Ukraine** to prevent a nuclear accident during the ongoing war.
- Ukraine handed over to Russia a **list of 800 seriously wounded soldiers** with a demand **to return them without any conditions**, as required by the Geneva Convention. Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, said that, under the facilitation of Turkey, a humanitarian corridor is being created. This applies to seriously wounded defenders, children, and the elderly.
- The Mayor of Dnipro declared that **236 apartments were destroyed** in a high-rise building damaged by a missile, as Radio Liberty reports. People are promised compensation and offered places in dormitories.

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- The **unemployment rate** in Ukraine is about **30%**, 2 million Ukrainians are looking for a job inside the country, and another 2.7 million people, who went abroad because of the war, are ready to return to work.
- The massive missile attack on the Ukrainian energy system on January 14 **damaged 9 units of thermal power plants, 3 main substations**, and an overhead line.
- Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights said that Russia still would not allow the Red Cross to visit Ukrainian prisoners.
- In the Luhansk oblast, the Russian occupiers are planning to relabel some of the seized cities to the status of settlements to reduce costs, most notably on social infrastructure.
- In Dnipro, search and rescue operations were completed at the site of a Russian missile strike on January 14. **20 people are missing, 44 people are confirmed dead**, and **79 people are injured**, including **16 children**.

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- Ukrainians whose relatives and friends were **captured** by the Russian Federation or went missing have another tool for their search. Now Ukrainians can apply for help from the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Dmytro Lubinets, as the Russian and Ukrainian ombudsmen have developed an official **communication channel**.



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- Ukraine wants to **expand the essential grain export agreement** and include steel supplies, supporting the economy affected by the war with Russia. Ukraine called for expanding the agreement concluded in July 2022 with the mediation of the UN and Turkey, which opened three Ukrainian Black Sea ports for food exports to ease the situation on the world market.

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- Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, more than 5,000 hectares of **forests** have been destroyed in the National Park Sviati Hory (Holy Mountains) in Donetsk oblast. In just ten months of the war, more than **59,000 hectares of forests and other plantings** were scorched by missiles and shells due to the Russian invasion. 1,500 tons of pollutants have been **emitted into the water**, and more than 280,000 m² of **soil contaminated** with hazardous substances.
- Head of the Regional Military Administration claimed that the Russian shelling left part of Kherson without **electricity**. Over 15,000 users are without electricity.
- Since October, Russia has deliberately **sabotaged the inspection of ships** in the Bosphorus Strait as part of the grain initiative, which leads to a consistently large queue of more than 100 vessels.

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- In the occupied Melitopol, Zaporizhzhia oblast, starting from March 1, Russian invaders will **ban people from crossing roadblocks without special passes**, which can be obtained in the so-called Commandant's office only after providing their personal data.
- UNESCO trains law enforcement and judicial officials in countries on Ukraine's western borders to prevent the **illegal export of looted cultural objects** during the war. Krista Pikkat, Head of UNESCO Culture and Emergencies, noted that more than **230 cultural sites were damaged or destroyed in Ukraine** after Russia had invaded the country.
- The **OSCE** demands that the Russians return the stolen cars of the former mission in Donbas. They call such an act unacceptable. Also, the organization recalled that the occupiers have been holding **three former employees** of the monitoring mission detained on far-fetched charges since April. Therefore, Russia must immediately release these people and return the cars.
- DTEK Executive Director Dmytro Sakharuk declared that during the war, **127 company employees were killed, 319 injured, 46 missing**, and four more are in captivity. (*DTEK is the largest private investor in the energy industry in Ukraine)