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International support

01.05

- Pope Francis announced that the **Vatican** is participating in a **secret peacekeeping mission** regarding the war in Ukraine, and announced talks with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and Metropolitan Hilarion, representative of the Russian Orthodox Church in Budapest. Instead, an official close to the Office of the President of Ukraine on condition of anonymity told CNN that **official Kyiv knows nothing about these negotiations**.
- President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi held a **telephone conversation** with Canadian Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**. The parties discussed the program of long-term defense cooperation, the beginning of the **confiscation of Russian assets**, and the strengthening of **sanctions pressure** on the aggressor country. In addition, the interlocutors **agreed on positions** on the eve of the NATO summit.

02.05

- US State Department spokesman Vedant Patel said that the **United States supports the accession of new members to NATO**, including Ukraine. However, decisions must be made collectively by all NATO countries, and now the main focus of attention is focused on supporting Ukraine in resisting Russian aggression.
- The National Security Council of the White House coordinator, John Kirby, said that the United States provided almost 100% of the **military assistance** that Ukraine requested to **launch a counteroffensive**.
- German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that **Germany** has already **delivered 34 Gepard installations** with **six thousand ammunition** to Ukraine and plans to transfer three more installations with 300 thousand ammunition.
- The European Commission has introduced **temporary import bans** on wheat, corn, rapeseed, and sunflower seeds for all **EU countries bordering Ukraine**: Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. Transit is allowed. The European Commission promises measures to facilitate the passage of these goods into the EU and beyond the borders of the union as well.
- The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Dmytro Kuleba, said that the partners' decision to **transfer F-16 fighter jets** to Ukraine will be tied to the results of the counteroffensive of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Kuleba also noted that if Ukraine already had F-16 aircraft in its arsenal, the counteroffensive would have been much faster and could have saved many more lives.
- The head of the Danish Ministry of Defense, Troels Lund Poulsen, reported that **Denmark** will provide Ukraine with a **new package of military aid** in the total amount of more than **\$250 million**. It will include demining machines, ammunition, field bridges, and funds for air defense.

03.05

- President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi **arrived in Helsinki** on an official, unannounced visit. The talks with President Sauli Niinisto concerned Ukraine's defense struggle and Finland's support for Ukraine, bilateral relations between the two countries, and the global geopolitical situation. In addition, a meeting was held in Helsinki with the **prime ministers of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland**, as a result of which the heads of state made a **joint statement** regarding Ukraine's accession to the European Union and NATO. In the statement, they confirmed that the northern EU member states will strongly support Ukraine in its **reform efforts** and in meeting the requirements necessary for the earliest possible start of accession negotiations. Also, the leaders of the states reported that they support the provision of **military aid** to Ukraine and **NATO's "open door" policy**. The future of Ukraine in the Alliance is planned to be discussed at the NATO summit in Vilnius in July 2023.
- US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken reacted to reports of a drone attack on the Kremlin and said that Ukraine decides how to defend itself. Also, Blinken reminded that it is necessary to divide everything that is said in the Kremlin into two.

03.05

- The Prime Minister of Ukraine, Denys Shmyhal, announced that the **EU member states** will now send **1 billion euros worth of ammunition** from their warehouses. The Council of the European Union confirmed the adoption of a decision on the provision of aid within the framework of the European Peace Fund to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the amount of 1 billion euros for the joint procurement of ammunition and missiles.
- The **US Department of Defense** announced a **new military aid package** for Ukraine worth \$300 million. It included, in particular, additional ammunition for the High Mobility Artillery Missile Systems (HIMARS), 155-mm howitzers and artillery shells, 120-mm, 81-mm and 60-mm mortar mines, optically tracked and guided-by-wire (TOW) missiles, AT-4 and Carl Gustaf anti-tank missile systems, and Hydra-70 air defense missiles.

04.05

- The chairman of the US Senate Intelligence Committee, Senator Mark Warner, said that the US does not see any signs that Ukraine was **involved in the drone attack** on the Kremlin.
- The President of Ukraine arrived on an **official visit to the Netherlands**. There he addressed the parliament and also visited the International Criminal Court in The Hague and delivered a speech entitled "No Peace Without Justice".
- Later Volodymyr Zelenskyi and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte issued a **joint statement** welcoming the commitment of the 36 countries that have so far joined the Core Group to establish a **special tribunal for Russian crimes in Ukraine** and calling on other states to join the effort. In addition, Zelenskyi and Rutte welcomed the establishment of the International Center for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression (ICPA) at Eurojust in The Hague.
- In Slovakia, activists have started collecting funds to **buy a tank** with ammunition for the Ukrainian military. €1.2 million must be raised to purchase this equipment. It is expected that the necessary funds will be collected by September 2023.

05.05

- The head of the Danish Ministry of Defense Poulsen noted that **Ukraine will receive tanks from Denmark and Germany**, which were withdrawn from the Danish army in 2005, by June 1, 2023. At that moment, Poulsen was in Berlin together with the German Minister of Defense Boris Pistorius, where they were holding meetings with Danish instructors, who teach Ukrainians. It is noted that the training of Ukrainian soldiers will take about a month.
- Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte noted that the Dutch government is aware that the Ukrainian military needs modern F-16 fighter jets, so it is negotiating with European partners, in particular, with Belgium, Denmark, and Great Britain for their transfer.
- The **Minister of Foreign Affairs** of the Kingdom of **Bahrain** Abdulatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani paid the first visit to Ukraine since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the parties in July 1992. During the meeting, the parties discussed Bahrain's participation in the upcoming Peace Summit, implementation of separate points of the peace formula and participation in the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine, as well as joining humanitarian and economic cooperation projects.
- Inspector General of the Bundeswehr Carsten Breuer visited Ukraine on an official visit. Defense cooperation between Ukraine and Germany was discussed at the meeting. In particular, the Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Oleksiy Reznikov, called on Germany to join the creation of a **"sea coalition"** in support of Ukraine.
- A meeting regarding the **"grain agreement"** was held in Istanbul, at which representatives of Russia, Ukraine, Turkey and the UN **could not agree** on the continuation of the initiative, said the spokesman of the UN Secretary-General, Farhan Haq. UN Secretary-General Guterres urged to continue the discussions for the implementation of the initiative.



Military positions

- ✓ The Russian Federation continues to focus its main efforts on conducting offensive actions in the Bakhmut and Mariinka directions. Heavy battles are being fought for the cities of Bakhmut and Mariinka.
- ✓ No signs of the formation of offensive groups were found in the Volyn and Polissia directions. Training of enemy territorial defense units continues at the training grounds of the Republic of Belarus.
- ✓ In the Chernihiv and Kharkiv directions, Russian forces maintain a military presence in the border areas with Ukraine.
- ✓ In the Kupiansk direction, the Russians conducted unsuccessful offensive actions near the settlement of Synkivka.
- ✓ In the Lyman direction, the enemy is searching for weak points in the Ukrainian defense. Russian troops carried out offensive actions in the direction of Bilohorivka and Spirne, with no success.
- ✓ In the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson directions, the enemy continues defensive operations and also fires at populated areas not far from the battle line.
- ✓ The probability of missile and air strikes on the entire area of Ukraine remains high.

01.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commander of the Ground Forces Syrskyi said that Russian troops left some positions in Bakhmut after a counterattack by Ukrainian units. He added that the Russian Federation keeps sending new groups of Wagner PMC and other fighters to storm the city. On April 30, Syrskyi visited the positions of the Ukrainian military in Bakhmut and awarded fighters who distinguished themselves in battles. ➤ In total, during the day, the Russians launched 19 missile strikes, 13 air strikes and carried out 13 attacks from multiple rocket launchers. During the missile attack that took place on the night of May 1st, the Russians attacked Ukraine with 18 missiles. 15 of them were shot down by the Air Force of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. This was reported by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Valery Zaluzhnyi. ➤ During the day, the aviation of the Defense Forces launched 4 strikes on areas where enemy personnel were concentrated. Units of missile troops and artillery hit the control post, 2 areas of concentration of weapons and military equipment, 2 ammunition warehouses and 1 warehouse of fuel and lubricating materials of the enemy.
02-03.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ British intelligence reports that a lack of ammunition is causing internal disagreements in Russia, and because of problems at the front, Moscow is firing generals. Ammunition shortages lead to internal conflicts between the Russian Ministry of Defense and the PMC Wagner Group. The highest priority is given to the mobilization of the defense industry, despite the fact that it is unable to meet the needs of wartime. ➤ That day, at night, the Russian occupiers inflicted another massive blow, using the Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs. 21 out of 26 of these drones were destroyed by our defenders. In general, the occupiers launched 2 missile strikes and 41 air strikes, and carried out about 25 attacks from multiple rocket launchers on the positions of our troops and populated areas. Civilians were injured, private residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure were destroyed and other infrastructure was damaged. ➤ The division of the German IRIS-T anti-aircraft missile systems has destroyed more than 60 air targets since October last year, said the commander of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Mykola Oleschuk. Oleschuk added that at the end of April, the second division of IRIS-T was already on combat duty in Ukraine. ➤ The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) says in the report, Russia most likely orchestrated the drone "attack" on the Kremlin itself in order to convey information about the war to a domestic audience and create the conditions for a wider mobilization. Analysts note that the air defense system around Moscow is powerful enough to prevent such attacks from being carried out on the Senate Palace. The shooting of the incident from very convenient angles is also suspicious, which indicates that it was prepared in advance. ➤ During the day, the aviation of the Ukrainian Defense Forces made 3 strikes on areas where enemy personnel were concentrated. In addition, during this day, our defenders destroyed 5 reconnaissance UAVs of various types and one Lancet barrage munition. Units of Rocket Forces and Artillery hit the area of the concentration of manpower and the enemy's ammunition depot.
04.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the night of May 3-4, Russia attacked Ukraine with drones. 18 attack UAVs were destroyed by the anti-aircraft defense. The Russians used up to 24 Shahed-136/131 attack drones from the north (Bryansk region) and from the south - the eastern coast of the Azov. ➤ During a speech in The Hague, the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi said that in April 2023 alone, the Russian occupiers committed 6,139 war crimes, resulting in the deaths of 207 people, including 17 children. "We need a real full-fledged tribunal, real justice, not a hybrid one. This should be a guarantee of non-repetition of such aggression." ➤ The spokesman of the Air Force of Ukraine, Yuriy Ilnat, said that now 80% of the drones launched by Russia are being destroyed by air defense forces.

Losses of the Russian army from 01.05.2023 to 07.05.2023	
Liquidated personnel	3920
Tanks	24
IFVs	59
Artillery systems / MLRS	96/10
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	11
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	97
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	110
Special equipment	23

Military positions

04.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russians continue to advance in three directions in the east of Ukraine, the military forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces are repelling enemy attacks. According to British intelligence, local fighting continues in the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions. ➤ During May 4, the occupiers launched 6 missile strikes on the cities of Kramatorsk and Zaporizhzhia, carried out 66 airstrikes and carried out 33 attacks from multiple rocket launchers on the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas ➤ About 50 enemy attacks were repulsed in the Lyman, Bakhmut, and Marin areas. The fiercest battles continue for Bakhmut and Mariinka. ➤ During the day, the aviation of the Ukrainian Defense Forces launched 6 strikes on areas where enemy personnel were concentrated. In addition, during this day, 4 Lancet barrage munitions were destroyed. ➤ Units of rocket troops and artillery hit 5 areas of concentration of manpower, 2 enemy ammunition depots and 1 of his electronic warfare stations.
05.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Air Force Commander Mykola Oleschuk confirmed that during the night attack on May 4, Ukraine shot down the Russian Dagger (Kinzhal) hypersonic air-launched ballistic missile for the first time using the Patriot air defense system. ➤ The head of the Russian PMC Wagner Evgeny Prigozhin announced that on May 10, the PMC will leave Bakhmut due to a lack of ammunition and hand over positions to units of the Russian Ministry of Defense.
06.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During the day, the enemy carried out 6 missile strikes, in addition, the Russian Federation carried out 25 airstrikes and carried out more than 20 attacks from multiple rocket launchers. Private residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure were destroyed or damaged. ➤ As a result of the exchange, it was possible to free another 45 Ukrainian Defenders from captivity. 42 men and three women defenders of Azovstal are returning home. In particular, a participant in the legendary helicopter evacuation of the wounded from the Azovstal mission of the Ministry of Defense was freed. The evacuation helicopter he was in was shot down, but the soldier managed to survive. Seriously wounded, he was threatened with a so-called court. In violation of all requirements of international humanitarian law, Ukrainian military personnel were threatened with long terms of imprisonment. Many of the servicemen released today have injuries and serious health problems. A young couple who got married on Azovstal returned from captivity, as well as a medic who was already a prisoner of Russia after the Shyrokyne operation (2015). Back then he was in captivity for more than two years, and after his release, he went to serve again. He was captured again while defending Mariupol and Azovstal from the invaders. Also, a veteran of the Afghan war, a 56-year-old chief sergeant who was wounded on the Maidan, participated in the Anti-Terrorist Operation, in the Joint Forces Operation and repelled the full-scale aggression of the Russian enemy, was freed. ➤ During the day, the Ukrainian Air Force of the Defense Forces carried out 5 strikes on areas where the enemy's personnel and military equipment were concentrated, as well as a strike on the enemy's anti-aircraft missile system. ➤ During the day, Ukrainian defenders destroyed 4 Shahed-136/131 attack UAVs and 2 reconnaissance drones. ➤ During the day, units of the Rocket Forces and Artillery hit the control post, 3 areas of concentration of enemy weapons and military equipment, as well as an artillery unit in a firing position.

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✓ During the week, Russians launched **64 missile and 357 air strikes**, fired more **431 MLRS attacks**

Attack on the night of May 3

The Defense Forces of Ukraine shot down 21 of 26 Russian drones.

- In Kyiv oblast, there was no damage and casualties.
- In Dnipro, due to the drone attack, an administrative building was damaged.
- In Kropyvnytskyi, three drones hit an oil depot, causing a fire.
- In Mykolaiv oblast, a private house caught fire due to the hit of the "Shahed" drone.

Attack on the night of May 4

24 Shahed kamikaze drones attacked the northern, central, and southern oblasts of Ukraine. Among them, air defense forces shot down 18 drones and 1 reconnaissance UAV.

- Odesa was attacked by 15 drones. 12 of them were destroyed. The other 3 hit the dormitories of one of the educational institutions. People were not injured.
- Debris of downed enemy drones was found in the Shevchenkivskyi, Pecherskyi, and Podilskyi districts in Kyiv. Parked cars and road surfaces were damaged. Previously, without victims. There was also a fire in a small area of the territory in the Pechersk district and a 4-story building in the Solomianskyi district.

Kharkiv oblast

The Russians continue to attack the border areas of the oblast. On May 1, a 65-year-old man was injured as a result of shelling in the village of Kucherivka. A 57-year-old man was injured in Vovchansk. At least three houses and outbuildings were damaged by shelling. On May 3, the border and frontline settlements of the oblast were under fire. A 73-year-old woman was injured and hospitalized. Private and apartment buildings, as well as an agricultural enterprise, were damaged.

Donetsk oblast

On the night of May 2, the Russians launched a missile attack on Kramatorsk, wounding 1 person and damaging a school. On the night of May 3, the Russians attacked Kostiantynivka with kamikaze drones. Also, during the day, the town was shelled — 1 person was wounded, 2 infrastructure objects, 5 high-rise buildings and 7 private houses were damaged. On the night of May 4, the Russians again launched a missile attack on Kramatorsk, damaging the building of the educational institution and nearby residential buildings. On May 5, 2 S-300 missiles hit the building of the Zeus Ceramica plant in Sloviansk, and the administrative building of the Novokramatorsk Machine-Building Plant was damaged in Kramatorsk. No victims.

Towards Donetsk, Avdiivka, Marinka, Krasnohorivka, Kurakhove, the Ocheretyne and Kurakhove communities, Hannivka, Uspenivka, Heorhiivka are under fire. The area of the Avdiivka Coke Plant, high-rise buildings, an agricultural enterprise, and private houses were damaged.

Towards Horlivka, Bakhmut, Toretsk, Vasukivka, the Soledar, Toretsk, Kostiantynivka and Chasiv Yar communities, Pivnichne, Mykolaivka, Kostiantynivka, Predtechyne, Ivanopil, New York, Chasiv Yar are affected. Private houses, infrastructure facilities, high-rise buildings, and administrative buildings were damaged.

Towards Lysychansk, Zvanivka, Torske, Zarichne the Lyman and Siversk communities, Siversk, are under fire. High-rise buildings, and private houses were damaged.

Towards Volnovakha, Novoukrainka, Prechistivka, Maksymivka, and Vuhledar are under fire. Residential buildings were damaged. There are wounded and killed civilians in all directions.

Kherson and Kherson oblast

On April 30, the occupiers shelled Odradokamianka — a 58-year-old woman was killed. A 29-year-old man was injured in Bilozerka. He is in serious condition. The Russian forces targeted residential buildings. On May 2, Russian air forces shelled Kherson, villages in the Bilozerka community, and the village of Urozhayne in the Beryslav community. 9 people were injured. On May 3, the Russians shelled the only working hypermarket in Kherson — 21 dead, 48 injured. Among the wounded are two children. On the same day, Stepanivka was fired from MLRS. Three employees of Oblast's distribution network operator were killed while carrying out emergency work in the village. One of the shells destroyed a private house. The occupiers also hit the Kherson railway station, killing one person and injuring three others. A passenger car was hit at the Kherson station, the conductor was wounded. An ambulance was also damaged by the shelling, the doctors were not injured. On May 5, as a result of shelling in the oblast, there were 2 wounded. Russians targeted the residential quarters of populated areas, the territory of the factory in Kherson, and the church building of the Beryslav region. On May 6, six workers of the State Emergency Service were killed during demining in Kherson oblast. They came under enemy fire. Two more, one of them a paramedic, were injured. The equipment is destroyed.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

In Pavlohrad, on the night of May 1, an industrial enterprise was damaged due to an attack by the Russian occupiers (a total of 18 Kh-101/Kh-555 cruise missiles were fired by the occupiers across Ukraine around 02:30 am. 15 of them were shot down). 19 high-rise buildings, 25 private houses, 6 schools and pre-school education institutions, and 5 shops were also mutilated. More than 40 houses and a school were damaged in the communities of the Pavlohrad region. A total of 34 victims, five of them are children. On the night of May 4, the occupiers attacked Nikopol with artillery and drones. A 32-year-old man was injured. 11 private houses and 9 commercial buildings were damaged in the town. There is destruction at one of the industrial enterprises. On the night and in the morning of May 6, air defense forces shot down 6 enemy drones over the oblast. Debris of some downed "Shaheds" fell in the Synelnykove region - windows in 5 private houses were broken. The Marhanets community came under fire as well. On May 6, the Russians shelled Nikopol again — three workers of the enterprise were wounded.

Other oblasts:

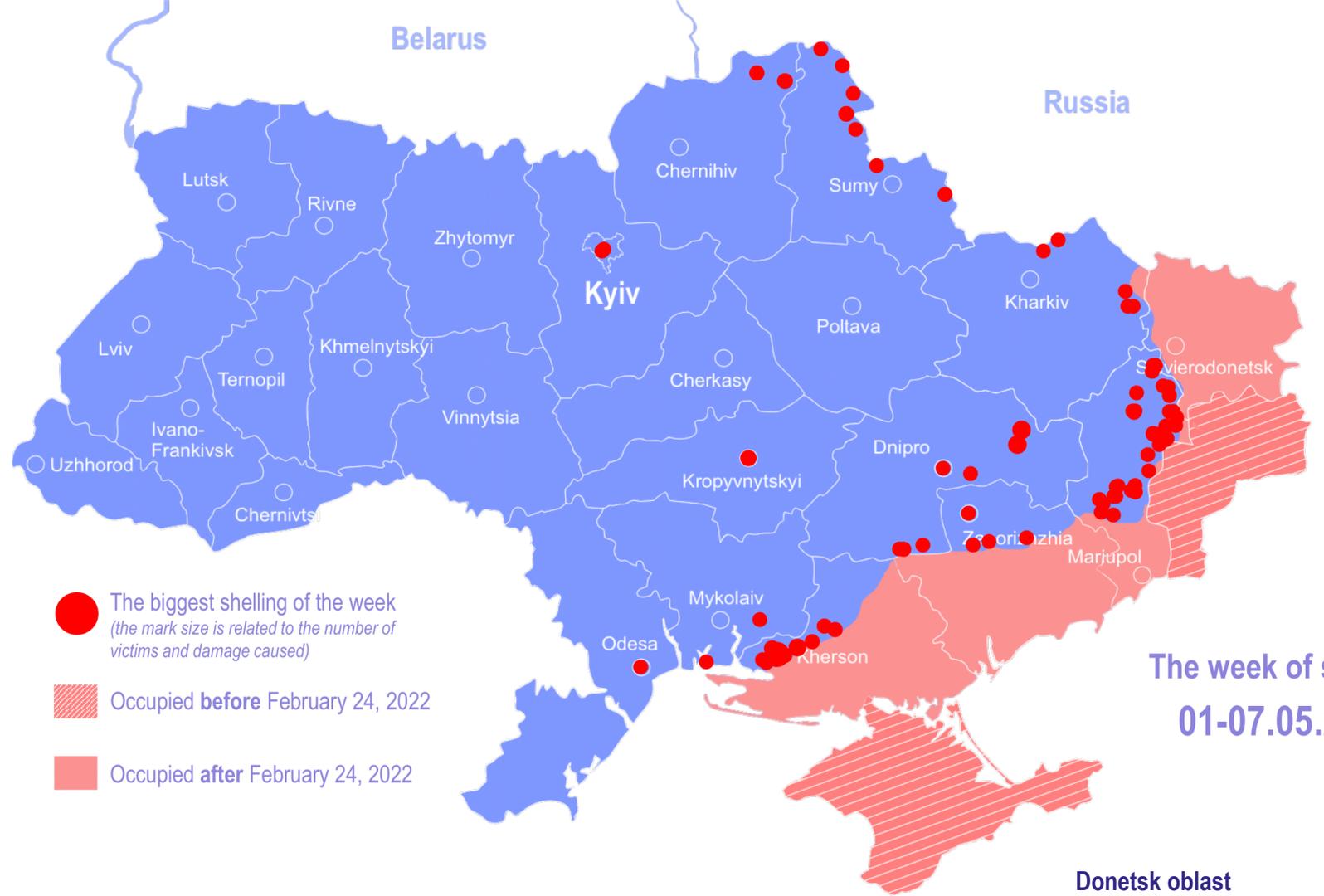
- Chernihiv oblast: On May 1, the enemy shelled an educational institution in the Novhorod-Siverskyi district, private houses were damaged, a nearby child (born in 2009) was killed and 2 more civilians were wounded. On May 3, as a result of an airstrike in the village of Ivanivka, Novhorod-Siverskyi district, a residential building caught fire, another building was damaged, and a woman born in 1941 died.
- Sumy oblast: On the night of May 4, the Russian forces shelled the border areas. 108 explosions were recorded. Private houses were damaged in the Shalyhyne community. In the evening of May 5, Russians attacked the village of Hlukhiv with 5 casualties. 44 private households and an educational institution were damaged.
- Mykolaiv oblast: The Russians fired artillery at the water area of the Ochakiv community. There are no casualties.
- Zaporizhzhia oblast: On the night of May 3, the Russians shelled the private sector in Zaporizhzhia. One house was completely destroyed, two were heavily damaged, and about 40 others had broken windows and damaged roofs. No casualties. Also, the enemy continues to terrorize the oblast by attacking populated areas — 5 wounded. Residential buildings, life support facilities and social institutions were damaged.

This week shelling and strikes

Kherson oblast



Dnipropetrovsk oblast



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Donetsk oblast

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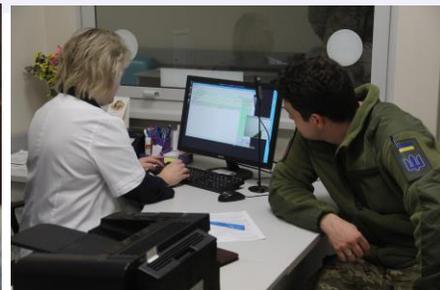
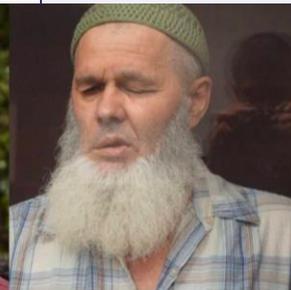


01.05

- The Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, Dmytro Lubinets, has appealed to the residents of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine **to acquire Russian membership in order to preserve their own lives**. The decree, which was previously signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin, envisages the prosecution of residents of the occupied parts of Ukraine and their deportation for deciding not to acquire Russian citizenship. The ombudsman also added that the Ukrainian government regards **compulsory passportization as a war crime**, but it does not criminalize the act of obtaining a passport.
- The Deputy Head of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Hanna Maliar, has called **Russian passports a "hybrid weapon"** of the Russian Federation. In her words, the occupants are now using passports to reinforce "their crime spree in the temporarily annexed territories of Ukraine".
- In **Kherson**, the city's busiest area, the **largest concrete shelter** in the city has been constructed to help protect local inhabitants from Russian fire, the head of the Kherson City Council said.
- A recent World Bank report estimated that in 2022, Ukraine's overall **income poverty rate rose from 5.5% to 24.2%**, pushing **7.1 million people** below the subsistence level. The impact is most noticeable in rural areas. It is stated that in Ukraine, food, fuel, and other goods have sharply increased in value. The **prices of certain products have grown by 50%**. The issue of employment remains the most challenging in this context. The United Nations gave a similar prognosis in March 2022.
- In temporarily invaded Mariupol, Russian "recruitment commissions" have launched, the press department of the city council informs. The **conscription of men** born in 1996-2005 will last through August in Mariupol. The so-called "local administrations" are to look for citizens who do not comply with "military obligations". They are facing threats of criminal liability.

02.05

- The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has **streamlined the military medical commission (MMC)** examination procedure. The legislation should help resolve the issue of queues and bureaucracy faced by servicemen and women. All military personnel who have been wounded or ill must pass the MMC in order to be referred for treatment or to establish their fitness for further service. So far, military personnel have been forced to undergo the procedure exclusively in military healthcare facilities. This caused huge queues and delays.
- *"All the children were taken from the town of **Orikhiv** in Zaporizhzhia oblast. At the moment, there are **no children in the town**. There are still 6 children in the village of Novopavlivka, representing two families. We are in the process of discussing with them the necessity of evacuation,"* said Svitlana Mandrych, Deputy Mayor of Orikhiv. About 1700 inhabitants are still living in the Orikhiv community, while in Orikhiv itself, Russian strikes have **devastated up to 80% of residential houses** and facilities.
- In the currently occupied **Chaplynka** in the Kherson oblast, the Russian troops have equipped a **torture chamber**. The General Staff reports that up to ten people are being held there, including minors, in brutal conditions and subjected to torture.
- The **Unified Register of Missing Persons** has been launched in Ukraine, which will collect information on missing persons in a centralized manner.



04.05

- Russian occupational forces **have stationed military hardware, weaponry and explosives** in the turbine room of **Zaporizhzhia NPP Unit 4**. This was confirmed by the IAEA authorities. "The SNRIU has received information via unofficial channels about the possession of equipment, arms and detonators in other production premises of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, including in repair and mechanical workshops and on the rooftops of its power units," the report said.
- A three-day **state of mourning** has been **announced in the Kherson region** for the victims of the massive Russian shelling on 3 May. The fire on the liberated part of the region did not practically stop throughout the day. The Russians struck the only functioning hypermarket, supermarket, railway station, and train. A 58-hour curfew will begin in Kherson at 8 p.m. on 5 May, with the city being closed to traffic and prohibiting public access.
- The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe has issued a **report on Ukrainian children who have been deported** to Russia. The experts point out that the occupants are altering the names, surnames, dates, and places of birth of Ukrainian children and are obstructing their homecoming in every way possible. The OSCE experts have noted that the largest scenario of displacement of young Ukrainians is deportation on the **pretext of "health rehabilitation"**. To this end, the Russian government convinced, manipulated, and even threatened parents in order to take the children away.
- The Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, Dmytro Lubinets, said that by rough estimates, Russia is holding more than **20,000 civilian captives**. *"I give these numbers on the basis of personal appeals to me from relatives whose loved ones have been detained by the Russian military."*
- **26 of the Crimean political detainees have critical health problems**, the Mission of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea reports. The journalist Amet Suleymanov has a sick heart, and Irina Danilovich is almost deaf. Nariman Dzhelal's vision is also deteriorating, and 62-year-old Servet Gaziev needs medical assistance. Medical care is obligatory under international humanitarian law.

05.05

- The Russian troops are **forcefully evacuating** inhabitants of the locally occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia, says the mayor of Polohy, Konovalenko. According to him, the district's residents began getting messages about the evacuation of mothers with children to occupied Berdiansk the night before. "Today, at least 40 cars entered Berdiansk from the city of Zaporizhzhia," confirmed Dudukalov, deputy head of the Berdiansk Regional Council. He said that kids living near the front line are being brought to the "Krasnaya Gvozdika" camp in Berdiansk.
- More than 7 thousand people are reported as missing, 15 % of them are civilians, Kotenko, the Commissioner for Missing Persons under Special Circumstances, told Suspilne. Eight thousand people have already been found, he added.