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# International support

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- **The International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression** against Ukraine was opened in The Hague. Prosecutors from Ukraine, the EU, the International Criminal Court, and the United States will join the Centre. The Centre will collect evidence to prosecute Kremlin officials as an interim step before a special tribunal is established. Eurojust has already opened a central database for evidence of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

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- **The Netherlands** is allocating €118 million to Ukraine. The money will be used to **repair** infrastructure, healthcare, eliminate the consequences of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power station explosion, and support Ukrainian human rights activists and businessmen. The Netherlands also appointed Roderick van Schreven as its **new ambassador** to Ukraine. He will assist with business and reconstruction of Ukraine.
- **The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly recognized the Wagner PMC as a terrorist organization** acting on behalf of the Russian government and called on OSCE member states to strengthen international norms that would determine the responsibility of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism. The resolution also **"strongly condemns" the Belarusian government** for its support and permission for the construction of a base for the Wagner PMC on its territory.
- Italy and Poland insist on **real security guarantees for Ukraine** from NATO. According to Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, this should happen at the summit in Vilnius, which begins next week. Meloni did not say what kind of guarantees she was talking about but noted that Europe must be aware of the threat of **"domino effect" consequences**.
- Italy has **frozen the assets of Russian oligarchs** worth about 2 billion euros since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. This was stated by the Director of the Financial Intelligence Service Enzo Serata in his annual report - la Repubblica.

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- Zelenskyi arrived in **Bulgaria** to hold talks with the Prime Minister, President, government officials, parliamentarians, politicians, and journalists. The topics discussed included defense support, Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration, the NATO summit, security guarantees, and the peace formula's implementation. Bulgaria became the **22nd country to support Ukraine's accession to NATO**.
- Volodymyr Zelenskyi and Bulgarian Prime Minister Nikolay Denkov signed a declaration. With this document, the Bulgarian partners confirmed that Ukraine's membership in the Alliance is the only way to guarantee the security of all the countries of the bloc and Ukraine itself.
- **Finland** approved the **17th package of military aid** to Ukraine. It will include, among other things, air defense equipment and ammunition.
- During the spring and early summer, Western partners **handed over** to Ukraine only a little more than **half of the weapons they had promised** during this period - Institute of World Economy at Kiel University (Germany). Thus, in the period from February 25 to May 31 of this year, all partner countries of Ukraine together promised to supply military equipment, weapons, and machinery totaling 13 billion euros. According to the researchers, **the United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom** promised the most during this period. *"Despite such a concentration on military promises, actual deliveries were significantly lower than promised. In general, only a little more than half of the promised heavy weapons were delivered,"* the authors of the study note. In contrast, the **Czech Republic, Slovenia, Poland, and Slovakia** provided Ukraine with more than 80% of the promised heavy weapons.

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- In recent days, a growing number of countries have expressed support for Ukraine's accession to NATO and reported that at the summit in Vilnius, the states will agree on **commitments to Ukraine**. Military expert Dmytro Sniehyriov believes that this could be a strategic partnership. *"There are statements by Western and NATO countries that indicate that Ukraine will be satisfied after the NATO summit. I can assume that they are talking about the possibility of a strategic partnership - direct agreements between Ukraine and key NATO countries on military and technical cooperation,"* he said. *"This is an example of US cooperation with Egypt, Israel, Taiwan, Japan, and other countries. If this happens, it will be a victory,"* Sniehyriov summarized.

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- **Romania** has confirmed that it will create a **training center for F-16 pilots**, including Ukrainian ones.
- The Dutch House of Representatives recognized the Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people.
- **The Czech Republic** will provide Ukraine with assault helicopters, 100,000 pieces of ammunition, and ammunition, and will help train pilots on F-16 fighter jets, including flight simulators so that training can take place in Ukraine. This was stated by Czech Prime Minister Fiala after a meeting with President Zelenskyi in Prague.
- **Slovakia** will supply Ukraine with **16 Zuzana-2 systems** "at a very fast pace," President Chaputova said at a joint press conference with President Zelenskyi in Bratislava. The two countries will also work on **joint production of ammunition and guns**, and Slovakia will help with the **demining** of Ukrainian territory.
- **Jens Stoltenberg** expects NATO leaders to confirm Ukraine's future membership in the Alliance at the summit in Vilnius. According to him, the summit will launch a **NATO-Ukraine Council** to bring accession closer and approve a **multi-year support program** for the full interoperability of troops. According to the Secretary-General, President Volodymyr Zelenskyi will take part in the summit, which will take place on July 11-12.
- Germany has handed over another **military aid package** to Ukraine. The package includes a Beaver bridge paver and an additional bridge to it, a DACHS armored engineering vehicle, 6 8x8 HX8 tractors, and 3 semi-trailers, as well as equipment for radio jamming and drone warfare.
- The Pentagon has officially announced the provision of **DPICM cluster munitions** to Ukraine. They will be part of a new military aid package. In addition to cluster munitions, the United States will provide a **new \$800 million aid package**: 32 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles and 32 Stryker Armored Personnel Carriers, additional ammunition for Patriot and HIMARS air defense systems, AIM-7 missiles for air defense, Stinger and Javelin anti-aircraft systems, 155-mm Howitzers (31 units), 105-mm and 155mm artillery rounds.
- **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is against** Ukraine and Russia **using cluster munitions** in the war. It should be noted that Ukraine is not a signatory to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Cluster Munitions, so the Defense Forces have the right to use them to defeat the enemy.
- After talks with Volodymyr Zelenskyi, Turkish President Recep Tayyip **Erdogan** said that **Ukraine deserves NATO membership**.
- **Portugal** became the 23rd country to join the **declaration of Ukraine's membership in NATO**.



- Russia is concentrating main efforts in the Kupiansk, Lyman, Bakhmut, Avdiivka and Marinka directions. In the Bakhmut direction, under heavy fire from the enemy's aircraft and artillery, the Armed Forces successfully repelled all enemy attacks in the area of Berkhyvka, Donetsk oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, the enemy, supported by aviation, carried out unsuccessful offensives in Novokalyнове, Avdiivka and Nevelske areas. In the Marinka direction, under enemy artillery fire, Ukrainian defenders repelled all attacks in the area of the city of Marinka.
- In the Lyman direction, during the day, the enemy conducted assaults and tried to dislodge Ukrainian troops from their positions in the area northwest of Berestove, Luhansk region, without success.
- In the Shakhtarsk direction, the enemy carried out unsuccessful offensive actions in the Blahodatne area of the Donetsk oblast.
- In the Kupiansk direction, the enemy tried to advance in the Novoselivske and Stelmakhivka areas of the Luhansk oblast. Ukrainian soldiers have repulsed all enemy attacks.
- In the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson directions, the enemy is concentrating its main efforts on preventing the further advance of Ukrainian troops. At the same time, the Defense Forces of Ukraine continue to conduct an offensive operation in the Melitopol and Berdiansk directions, are entrenched at the reached boundaries, inflict fire damage, and carry out counter-battery countermeasures.
- In the Volyn and Polissia directions, the operational situation has not changed significantly. No signs of formation of enemy offensive groups were detected.
- In the Chernihiv and Kharkiv directions, the enemy carried out airstrikes in the area, conducted mortar and artillery attacks on 15 settlements.

03.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Volodymyr Zelenskyi said that the past week at the front was difficult, but the Armed Forces are making progress. 'We are moving forward, we are moving step by step. Thank you to everyone who defends Ukraine, to everyone who leads this war to Ukrainian victory!'</li> <li>➤ According to Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Hanna Maliar, the liberated territories in the south of the country have increased by 28.4 km2 over the past week. In general, the size of the liberated area in the south is 158.4 km2. In the east of the country, another 9 km2 have been freed. Maliar notes that last week, Ukrainian soldiers destroyed high-priority enemy targets on average every 70 minutes. In 7 days, the following were hit: 94 troop gathering places, 22 anti-aircraft missile complexes, 19 ammunition depots, and 7 command posts.</li> <li>➤ On the Eastern Front, the number of Russian troops is more than 180,000, said Cherevatyi, the spokesman of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. "A fairly powerful group, more than 120,000 enemy troops, is gathered there. More than 180,000 Russian soldiers are in our entire zone. In the Bakhmut direction, there are around 50,000."</li> <li>➤ Ukraine has the right to act cautiously during a counteroffensive since the advance of troops is complicated by mines and other obstacles. This was stated by the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, Admiral Rob Bauer. According to Bauer, Ukrainian forces should not be pressured or criticized for not acting more quickly. Satellite images taken in April showed that Russia has created powerful fortifications, trenches, anti-traffic barriers, and other obstacles to slow down any Ukrainian advance.</li> </ul>
04.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The enemy keeps focusing its main efforts in the Lyman, Bakhmut, Avdiivka, and Marinka directions, and heavy fighting carries on. 30 combat clashes took place during the day.</li> <li>➤ During the day, the enemy carried out 35 airstrikes and about 50 attacks from MLRS on the positions of Ukrainian troops and populated areas.</li> <li>➤ Serhii Naiev, the commander of the United Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, reports that Ukraine has decided to strengthen the northern border. <i>"Because of the recent events around the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, a decision was made to strengthen the northern border of our state with both personnel and military equipment."</i></li> <li>➤ Deputy Minister of Defense Hanna Maliar spoke about the current situation at the front: <i>"Bakhmut. There is an advance on the southern flank. Fighting continues in the north. In the city itself, it is difficult for the enemy to move and it is impossible to get out. At the same time, the enemy is advancing in the Lyman, Avdiivka, and Marinka directions. However, he cannot advance."</i></li> <li>➤ The Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Oleksii Danylov informed that currently, the Armed Forces are <b>more focused on exhausting the Russian army</b>, rather than moving forward. <i>"The number one task is the maximum destruction of manpower, equipment, fuel depots, armored personnel carriers, command posts, artillery, and air defense forces of the Russian army. Now the war of destruction is equal to the war for kilometers. More destroyed means more liberated."</i></li> <li>➤ British intelligence reports that Russia has improved tactics to slow down the counteroffensive of the Armed Forces. It is noted that this tactic is based on the very <b>intensive use of anti-tank mines</b>. In particular, the density of minefields in some areas indicates that Russia has probably used far more mines than its military doctrine requires. According to intelligence data, having slowed down the offensive of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Russian troops are trying to strike Ukrainian armored vehicles with kamikaze drones, attack helicopters, and artillery.</li> <li>➤ In the Berdiansk direction, Ukrainian troops advanced 2 kilometers deep into the defenses of the Russians. The Defense Forces called it "the biggest advance".</li> </ul>
05.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ According to the deputy chief of the Main Operational Department of the General Staff, Oleksii Hromov, Russia produces about 100 missiles of various types of missiles in a month. Roughly, in a month the Russian Federation produces up to 60 air-launched missiles, including Kinzhals, up to 30 Kalibr missiles, and more than 10 Iskander missiles.</li> <li>➤ The spokesman of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Andrii Kovalev said that the defense forces are succeeding as a result of the offensive in the Klishchiivka area in the Bakhmut direction. To the north and south of the city of Bakhmut, Ukrainian troops continue putting pressure on the enemy.</li> </ul>

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# Military positions



05.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The commander of the operational and strategic group of troops Tavria, Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, stated that the Ukrainian military is systematically knocking out the Russian occupiers from their positions in the Tavria direction. During the day, artillery units performed 1,541 fire missions. Over the last day, the enemy lost more than two companies killed and wounded.</li> <li>➤ The General Staff of the Armed Forces spoke about the scale of Russian fortifications in the captured territories of Ukraine. According to the head of the Main Operational Department of the General Staff Oleksii Hromov, each of the strips of the deeply echeloned system of defense structures reaches a length of 10-40 kilometers.</li> <li>➤ Referring to representatives of European intelligence Bloomberg writes, at the front, PMC Wagner will be replaced with an even greater number of prisoners and Kadyrov people. They are already being prepared for transporting in the coming weeks to cover gaps.</li> </ul>
06.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The enemy carried out 41 airstrikes and launched 42 attacks from multiple rocket launchers on the positions of our troops and populated areas.</li> <li>➤ The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine confirmed the attack on a Russian storage facility in the occupied Makiivka. The Armed Forces of Ukraine destroyed a large warehouse where a significant number of artillery shells and missiles for Grad multiple rocket launchers were stored.</li> <li>➤ The British Ministry of Defense reports, the Russian Federation has withdrawn military formations from all over the country to counter Ukraine's counteroffensive. In the Zaporizhzhia Oblast, the 58th Combined Army of the Russian Federation is defending strongly fortified lines. In the area of Velyka Novosilka, the 5th Combined Army and Marines of the Russian Federation hold the front. In Bakhmut, the defense is mainly formed around airborne regiments, which are usually stationed in the west of the Russian Federation.</li> <li>➤ The Armed Forces of Ukraine conducted a series of missile strikes on Russian rear lines, the Institute for the Study of War (ISW) reports. <i>"The footage and claims of these Ukrainian strikes suggest that Ukrainian forces launched a coordinated series of strikes aimed at degrading Russian logistics and ground lines of communication (GLOCs) throughout the theater,"</i> the ISW said. The ISW also noted that the Armed Forces of Ukraine conducted successful counteroffensive operations on five areas of the front.</li> <li>➤ Bloomberg reports that Ukraine caught up to the Russian Federation by the number of tanks, and heavy weapons balance on the battlefields has changed significantly. <i>"Ukraine has received 471 additional tanks with a further 286 due to arrive,"</i> the Ukraine Support Tracker database says.</li> </ul>
07.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In Bakhmut, Russian troops are actually trapped, reports Deputy Defense Minister of Ukraine Hanna Maliar. <i>"Our troops made the movement of the enemy as difficult as possible and made it impossible to get out. Shelling continues from both sides. In the Bakhmut direction, on the southern flank, there is more than a kilometer advance in several sections,"</i> the message says.</li> <li>➤ During the day, the Armed Forces advanced more than 1 kilometer in the direction of Bakhmut, said the spokesman of the Eastern Group of Forces, Serhii Cherevatyi. In total, there were 7 combat clashes, during which 61 occupiers were killed, 116 were wounded and 5 Russians were captured. Two enemy infantry fighting vehicles, an armored personnel carrier, an amphibious assault vehicle, a Grad multiple rocket launcher, two Giatsint self-propelled guns, two mortars, two radar stations, five ammunition depots, and an anti-tank complex were also destroyed.</li> <li>➤ The defense forces continue their offensive in the Melitopol and Berdiansk directions. Fierce battles are going on everywhere - Ukrainian fighters are entrenched at the borders they have reached and clear the territory. Deputy Minister of Defense Hanna Maliar says that due to significant losses of personnel in the South, the Russians refuse to participate in hostilities. She noted that the ratio of irreversible losses there is 1 to 5.3.</li> </ul>
08.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 53 airstrikes and about 60 attacks from multiple rocket launchers on the positions of our troops and populated areas were recorded.</li> <li>➤ In the Kupiansk, Lyman, Bakhmut, Avdiivka and Marinka directions. During the past day, 36 combat clashes took place.</li> <li>➤ During the day, units of missile forces and artillery hit 2 control points, an ammunition warehouse, 8 artillery pieces in firing positions, 2 anti-aircraft defense equipment and 2 radio-electronic warfare stations of the enemy. In general, Ukrainian soldiers eliminated 630 Russian invaders during the day, destroyed 4 tanks, 9 armored fighting vehicles, 16 artillery systems, 3 multiple rocket launchers, 2 air defense vehicles, 14 UAVs of the operational-tactical level, 16 vehicles and 7 units of special equipment.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainian forces achieved tactically significant successes in the Bakhmut area and continued counteroffensive operations in at least three other areas of the front. This is stated in a report by the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). <i>"Russian forces in southern Ukraine would likely have to fall back on prepared defensive positions without significant support from operational breakthrough,"</i> ISW notes.</li> <li>➤ Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov explained how Ukraine will use US cluster munitions: the munitions will not be used on the territory of the Russian Federation, but only for the de-occupation of internationally recognized Ukrainian territories; ammunition will be used only in places of concentration of the Russian military; Ukraine will keep strict records of the use of these weapons and the local areas where they will be used; Ukraine will report to partners on the use of these munitions and their effectiveness.</li> <li>➤ Over the past day, the aviation of the Defense Forces of Ukraine made 7 strikes on enemy personnel concentration areas, 4 strikes on anti-aircraft missile systems, and 1 strike on the enemy's control point. Also, our defenders destroyed 2 operational-tactical reconnaissance UAVs.</li> </ul>
09.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ According to ISW, for 500 days, the Russian Federation has reached none of the set goals in Ukraine.</li> <li>➤ The Russian military intended to take Kyiv within three days, but failed to achieve any of the intended goals in Ukraine. The determined and skillful resistance of Ukrainians stopped numerous Russian offensives, including on Kyiv, and liberated the Sumy and Chernihiv Oblasts, as well as parts of the Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, and Kherson Oblasts, which were temporarily occupied by Russian troops.</li> <li>➤ In addition, analysts noted that Ukrainian forces have secured the initiative and are conducting counteroffensive operations along much of the front, while Russian forces are almost entirely focused on trying to keep the Ukrainian lands they still control.</li> <li>➤ The ISW emphasized that thanks to the help of the West, Ukraine secured its independence, but it faces the critical task of liberating strategically important territories that are still under the control of the Russian Federation.</li> </ul>

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 18 missiles and 354 air strikes and carried out over 435 attacks from multiple rocket launchers.

## Kyiv oblast

On the night of July 2, falling debris damaged three residential houses and injured a man in two regions of Kyiv oblast.

## Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

On July 4, due to a Russian strike in Pervomaiskyi, 43 people were injured, among them 12 children. Five of the wounded were provided with medical aid on the spot. In the city, Russians hit a parking lot near a high-rise building in a residential neighborhood. On the night of July 5, Russians shelled the border village of Kozacha Lopan, catching fire in a private house. A 48-year-old woman was hospitalized with burns due to the fire. In the evening and at night, Russia attacked the village of Bilyi Kolodiaz, where two wounded men were hospitalized. Russian troops hit an agricultural enterprise, damaging an apartment building and a car. On July 6, in the Zolochiv community, the Russians destroyed the railway station building at the Odnorobivka with a direct hit, causing a fire.

## Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On the night of July 3, Russians launched three missile attacks on the private sector of the Kushuhum community. On July 7, Russia hit an infrastructure facility in Zaporizhzhia with S-300 missiles: one of the buildings caught fire. There were no casualties or injuries.

## Donetsk oblast

Russians continue terrorizing the Donetsk oblast, shelling at the same time remote settlements and the entire front line. On July 8, Russians attacked the private sector of Lyman in the Donetsk oblast. At least eight people were killed, and 13 more were injured. A house and a shop were damaged.

In the Volnovakha sector, Vuhledar, Bohoiavlenka, Novoukrainka, Maksymivka, Blahodatne, Velyka Novosilka, Prechystivka, Shakhtarske, Velyka Novosilka and Vuhledar communities came under fire. Residential buildings were damaged.

In the Donetsk sector, Krasnohorivka, Kostiantynivka, Marinka, Kurakhove, Ocheretyne communities, Avdiivka, Ocheretyne, Kurakhove, Hostre, Heorhiivka, Dalnie, Hannivka, Veselyi Hai, Orlivka, Illinka, Hirnyk are affected. A commercial building and residential houses were damaged, and a fire spread across agricultural land.

In the Horlivka sector, Toretsk, Chasiv Yar, Soledar, Kostiantynivka, Toretsk, Illinivka communities, Minkivka, Vasiukivka, Rozdolivka, Dylivka, Druzhba, Predtechyne, Kostiantynivka, Bondarka, Pivnichne, Fedorivka, Kleban-Byk came under fire. High-rise buildings, a school, a rehabilitation center, an industrial building, a power station, infrastructure facilities, residential houses, a kindergarten, shops, and non-residential buildings were damaged.

In the Lysychansk sector, Yampil, Lyman, Zvanivka communities, Torske, Siversk, Pereizne, Zvanivka, Terny, Ivanivka, Kolodiaz, Yampolivka are affected. Residential buildings were damaged. In all directions, there are wounded or dead.

## Kherson and Kherson oblast

On the night of July 2, Russians shelled Mylove in the Kherson oblast: A 13-year-old child was wounded. In addition, the shelling of Kherson injured five residents of the Kherson oblast, particularly three children. On the afternoon of June 2, Russians shelled a residential area of Kherson. A pharmacy and a mass caterer came under attack. A 50-year-old man was wounded. Moreover, Russia shot a high-rise building in Kherson: four people were injured. On July 3, three people were wounded due to the Russian shelling of the Stanislav community, and two of them were hospitalized. Residential houses and farm buildings were damaged.

On the same day, Russia attacked Kindiika. A spouse was wounded: a 59-year-old man and a 55-year-old woman. On the morning of July 5, Russians shelled Antonivka and Bilozerk: one man was killed, and six were wounded. On July 6, due to Russia's morning shelling of the Kherson oblast, at least five people were injured. A 73-year-old woman was lightly wounded in Antonivka. In the village of Pryozerne, two people are in grave condition - a 71-year-old woman and a 65-year-old man. On the night of July 7, Russians again shelled Antonivka and the bridge area on the left bank with artillery. Russians fired mortars on the Korabel district of Kherson and the Kherson community. There was damage in Kherson, Sadove, Komyschany, and Inzhenerne. On the night of July 9, Russia shelled the left bank of the Dnipro River near Antonivskyi Bridge and Antonivka with artillery. There were no casualties. In addition, the Russians attacked the Kherson oblast's residential areas and the shipyard's territory in Kherson, and one person was wounded.

## Dnipro and Dnipro oblast

On the night of July 7, drone debris fell on a car driving on the highway in Dnipro oblast and killed two men. One drone hit a private enterprise in the Kryvyi Rih region.

## Sumy and Sumy oblast

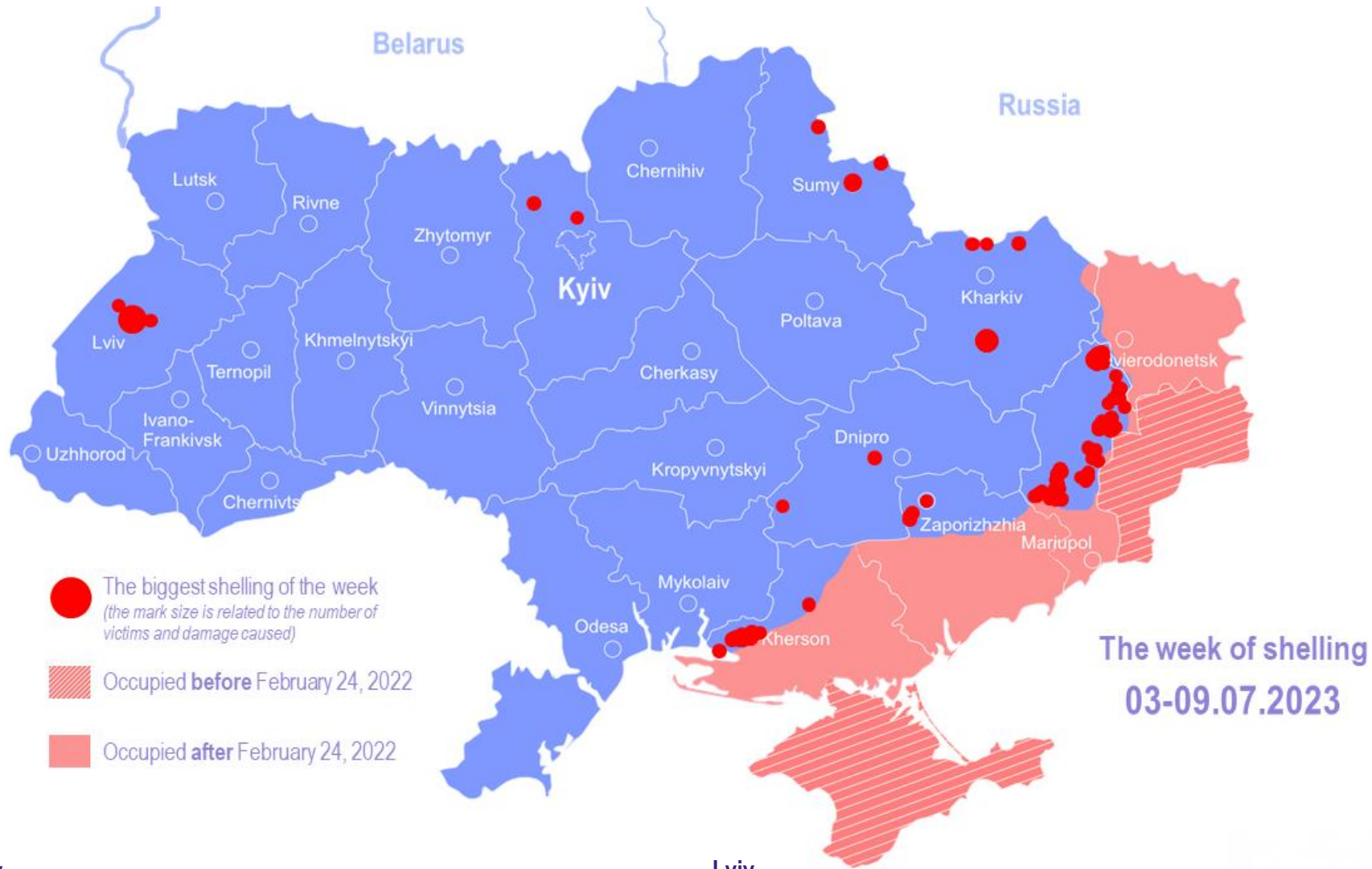
On July 3, Russians attacked the center of Sumy with drones, damaging an administrative building and two residential buildings. Due to the hit to the five-story building, 21 people were wounded, three were killed, and four are in hospitals. Overall, Russians fired 28 times at the Sumy oblast during that day. As a result of Russian artillery shelling in the Shalyhyne community, two people were killed and one injured. In addition, one civilian died due to mortar shelling in the Yunakivka community.

## Lviv and Lviv oblast

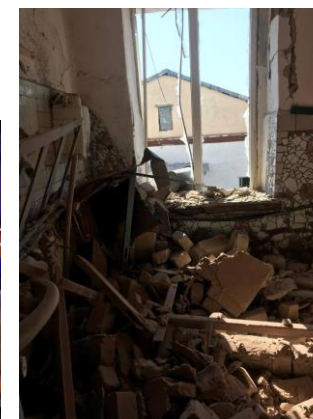
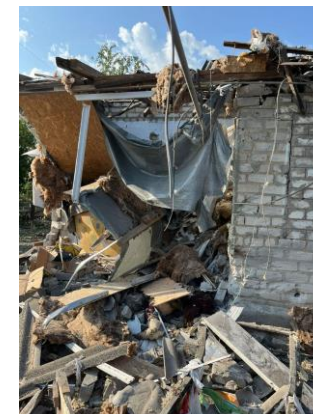
On the night of July 6, the Russians carried out the most significant attack on civilian infrastructure in Lviv since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. The Russians attacked Lviv with Kalibr missiles: the Ukrainian Air Force shot down 7 out of 10 cruise missiles. The missile fragments hit a residential building, destroying the third and fourth floors in two entrances. Seven people were rescued from the rubble, and another 64 people were evacuated. Ten people died, and 42 were injured. Lviv Polytechnic National University dormitories, an office building, and a school were damaged. About 50 cars were also smashed. Rocket fragments also fell in a village in the Lviv region of Lviv oblast near the building of the Narodnyi dim. Preliminary, there was no one injured. In the Zolochiv region, debris fragments fell in the private sector, causing damage, but no one was injured.



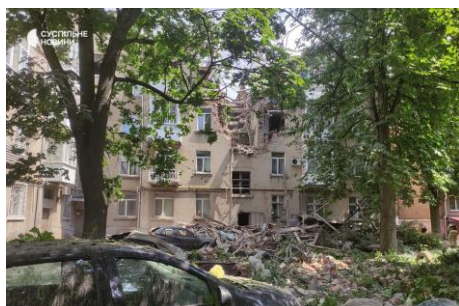
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Donetsk oblast



Sumy

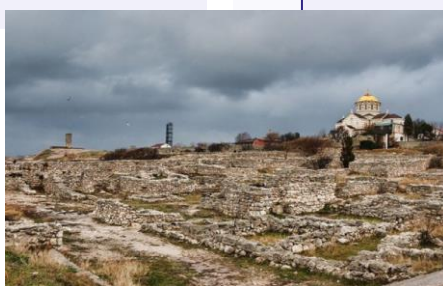
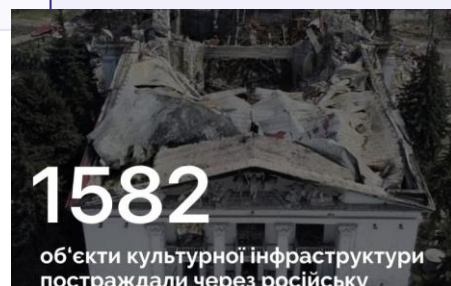


Lviv





# Humanitarian crisis



03.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ukrainian writer <b>Victoria Amelina</b> has died in the hospital. She was seriously injured during the shelling of Kramatorsk on June 27, while she was in the city with a delegation of Colombian journalists and writers.</li> <li>According to the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine, since February 24, 2022, the Russian army has <b>damaged 1,582 cultural infrastructure facilities</b>, excluding cultural heritage sites, out of which <b>585</b> have been <b>completely destroyed</b>. In the past month alone, the number of affected cultural infrastructure facilities has increased by 62, with the majority located in the Kherson Oblast.</li> </ul>
04.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The General Staff has reported that a <b>provocation</b> may be prepared at the <b>Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant</b> in the near future. Russian forces have installed objects resembling explosive devices on the outer roof of NPP units 3 and 4. While their detonation will not damage the power units, it could allow the occupiers to spread false information about shelling by the Ukrainian armed forces.</li> <li>The government has allocated UAH 1.5 billion for the <b>construction of water mains</b> in the regions affected by the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant explosion. Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal confirmed that the work has already commenced. Yesterday, the Minister of Infrastructure announced that the project involves the construction of <b>three water pipelines</b>: Karachunivka Reservoir – Kryvyi Rih – Pivdenne Reservoir, Marhanets – Nikopol, Khortytsia (Dnipro Water Supply Station #2) – Tomakivka. In total, these water pipelines will span almost 150 km and supply water to at least one million Ukrainians residing in Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, and Kherson Oblasts.</li> <li>DTEK has announced that it has already <b>repaired 7 power units at its thermal power plants</b> and is currently in the process of repairing 7 more. According to their statement, during the winter, DTEK's TPPs were targeted by numerous significant attacks involving missiles and drones. As a result, the energy sector is now confronted with an unparalleled challenge of swiftly and effectively preparing for the upcoming winter.</li> </ul>
05.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the National Resistance Center, the Russian occupiers are planning to loot <b>the Tauric Chersonese Museum-Reserve</b> in the temporarily occupied Crimea. It has been reported that the museum's occupation administration is <b>preparing "transfer certificates</b> for restoration and subsequent exhibition outside the museum" <b>for 300 thousand exhibits</b> from the reserve's collection.</li> <li>The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) mission in Ukraine has been <b>unable to reach the left bank</b> of the Dnipro River for a month since the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant explosion. Two days after the dam was destroyed, on June 8, Ukraine and the United Nations (UN) reached an agreement to evacuate the affected individuals from the occupied territories. However, both the UN and ICRC have been awaiting security guarantees from Russia, which have not been provided so far.</li> <li>According to Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Ruslan Strilets, it will take approximately 10 years to restore the natural ecosystems following the destruction of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant by Russian forces. The minister noted that over <b>80,000 hectares of protected areas were flooded</b> as a result of the attack.</li> </ul>

05.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Ecological Inspectorate in Chernihiv Oblast has assessed the damages caused to the environment in the region during the war, amounting to over UAH 18 billion (USD 487,409,543). This information was reported by the press service of the Department of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Chernihiv Military Regional Administration.</li> </ul>
06.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ukraine has <b>returned 45 soldiers</b> from the Armed Forces, National Guard, and State Border Guard Service, along with two civilians, from Russian captivity. There are two officers, 41 privates and sergeants, an Azovstal employee, and a territorial defender from Kherson. Before being captured, the militants fought in Mariupol, Bakhmut, and in the Zaporizhzhia and Kharkiv directions. Also, <b>6-year-old Renat and 10-year-old Varvara</b>, who had been deported to Russia, were returned.</li> <li><b>Lviv</b> has declared <b>two days of mourning</b>, as announced by Mayor Sadovyi. On the night of July 6, a significant attack on the civilian infrastructure of Lviv was launched by Russians, resulting in <b>10 fatalities and 42 injuries</b>.</li> </ul>
07.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to Russian state media, citing so-called emergency services, the explosion of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant in the occupied part of Kherson Oblast <b>claimed the lives of 55 people</b>. However, Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs reports that 16 individuals died in the free territory of Kherson Oblast as a result of the dam explosion, with an additional five killed by Russian shelling. 28 people sustained injuries, including 16 who were involved in the clean-up efforts.</li> <li>The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) confirms the deaths of over 9,000 civilians, including more than 500 children, since Russia's attack on February 24, 2022. However, the UN acknowledges that the actual number of victims may be significantly higher.</li> </ul>
08.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to Ukrainian intelligence reports, Russians <b>continue to mine the territory of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant</b>, bringing in mines and explosives. The Intelligence Service of Ukraine indicates the presence of anti-personnel mine barriers in technical rooms and machine rooms, primarily consisting of Soviet MON-50, MON-90, MON-100, and MON-200 mines. While these mines pose a danger to humans, they do not directly threaten the plant's facilities.</li> <li>President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyi, has announced the return of commanders, specifically Denys Prokopenko, Sviatoslav Palamar, Serhiy Volynskiy, Oleh Khomenko, and Denys Shlega, who were involved in the defense of Mariupol, from Turkey.</li> </ul>