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International support

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- The **Swedish** parliament approved a new **aid package** to Ukraine worth 270 million euros. It includes ammunition and spare parts, trucks, and demining equipment.
- The UK Ministry of Defense has signed three contracts on behalf of the **International Fund for Ukraine (IFU)** to supply the Ukrainian Armed Forces with **air defense equipment** worth more than 90 million pounds (105 million euros).
- **Romania** plans to **double the transit of Ukrainian grain**: "We hope that more than 60% of Ukraine's total grain exports will go through Romania," Romanian Prime Minister Marcel Ciolacu said. In the first seven months of 2023, Ukraine shipped 8.1 million tons of grain through the Romanian Black Sea port of Constanta, and 8.6 million tons for the entire 2022.
- On Saturday, the President of Ukraine and his wife **arrived on a visit to Sweden** to hold negotiations with the country's top leadership on assistance to the Armed Forces, defense cooperation and European integration of Ukraine. During the visit, Zelenskiy and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson signed a statement of intent regarding the **production and maintenance of CV90 combat vehicles in Ukraine**. In addition, Ukrainian pilots have already started introductory training on Swedish JAS 39 Gripen fighters.
- President Zelenskiy, along with the First Lady and his team, arrived in the **Netherlands** for talks with Prime Minister Mark Rutte. After the meeting, it was announced that the Netherlands would **hand over F-16 fighter jets**.
- The Danish Defense Minister announced that **Denmark**, together with the Netherlands, will **provide Ukraine with F-16 fighter jets** to help protect Ukrainian airspace. Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen clarified that the first F-16s are planned to be sent to Ukraine before the New Year and added that the first batch will include about 6 aircraft. Next year, 8 more fighters will be sent to Ukraine, and 5 more in a year. She added that more than 70 pilots from Ukraine are now in Denmark and are preparing to start training.

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- President Zelenskiy has arrived on an official **visit to Greece**, where he will take part in the **Ukraine-Balkans summit**. At the meeting, leaders will discuss European and Euro-Atlantic integration, defense cooperation, and security.
- Following the negotiations with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, it was announced that **Greece** would join the so-called **aviation coalition** to train Ukrainians on F-16s. A joint declaration of **support for Ukraine's membership in NATO** was also signed. Athens declares that it will continue to provide military, technical, defense, and humanitarian support to Ukraine, as well as contribute to Ukraine's post-war reconstruction.
- In Athens, Zelenskiy met with **European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen**. They discussed Kyiv's progress toward EU membership and alternative routes for the "grain corridor" after Russia's withdrawal from the **Black Sea Grain Initiative**, the Office of the President of Ukraine reports. Von der Leyen emphasized that Brussels and Kyiv will continue to work to ensure that Ukrainian grain reaches international markets.
- In Athens, Zelenskiy also met with **Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic**. "An open, honest, productive conversation with the President of Serbia. We talked about respect for the UN Charter and the inviolability of borders, the future of our people in a common European home, and the development of relations that are in our common interest," the Ukrainian president wrote.

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- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen states that Ukraine has received **another tranche of macro-financial assistance** from the European Union in the amount of EUR 1.5 billion. According to her, the total amount of EU macro-financial assistance, disbursed to Ukraine since May 2022, has reached €19.2 billion.
- The Ukrainian government has admitted that it will not be able to garner support for its proposed format of a **special tribunal** against Russia's top military and political leadership based on a UN General Assembly resolution, and has instead agreed to a slightly **modified format**. Kyiv does not rule out the possibility of creating a so-called internationalized tribunal, which the United States, in particular, insists on. According to the Yevropeiska Pravda publication, the special tribunal will be set up in the Hague and will operate under Dutch law. The Dutch government has already given its preliminary consent.

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- On August 23, Kyiv hosted the third **summit of the Crimean Platform**. Among the top guests who have come to Ukraine are Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda, Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, Finnish Prime Minister Petteri Orpo, and Hungarian President Katalin Novak. This year, 63 states and organizations are participating in the summit. Among the new participants are Bahrain, Serbia, East Timor, the United Arab Emirates, the Danube Commission, UNESCO, and the World Tourism Organization. "Our common goal remains unchanged - to create conditions for the liberation of the Crimea from occupation, as well as all the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba said at the opening of the summit.
- In the speech at the Crimean Platform summit, **Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni** assured Ukraine of support and called the West's response to Russia's 2014 aggression erroneous and insufficient. Meloni noted that Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 was a clear violation of international law and an attempt to realize Russia's aggressive intentions towards the whole of Ukraine. Meloni stated that Italy is also ready to assist in the **reconstruction of Ukraine** and will host the **Ukraine Recovery Conference** in 2025. French President Emmanuel Macron and German Foreign Minister Annalena Burbock emphasized that their countries did not recognize Russia's annexation of the occupied territories of Ukraine.

24.08

- **Norway** decides to provide Ukraine with **F-16 fighter jets** - TV2. During his visit to Kyiv, Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre also announced that Ukraine would receive air defense missiles and demining equipment.
- On the occasion of Ukraine's Independence Day, the Lithuanian Ministry of Defense announced that it would send another **batch of military aid** worth 41 million euros - the new package includes Carl Gustaf ammunition, rifles, maritime surveillance radar systems, and anti-drone systems.
- At a press conference with Zelenskiy, Prime Minister Petteri Orpo said that Finland agreed on an **18th aid package** for Ukraine worth €94 million. "There are things that are really needed: heavy weapons and ammunition," Orpo commented on the contents of the aid package.
- Orban's chief of staff says that **Hungary** wants the **EU's ban on domestic sales of Ukrainian grain** (expiring on September 15) **to be extended** in the five EU member states bordering Ukraine. He added that Budapest is ready to re-impose a national ban on imports if the EU does not extend the measure.
- **Germany** has transferred **missiles** for the Patriot air defense system to Ukraine for the first time. In addition to missiles, over the past week, Ukraine has received eight drone detection systems, 40 RQ-35 HEIDRUN reconnaissance drones, 16 Zetros trucks, and 510,000 rounds of ammunition for firearms.
- In a week, **Slovenia, Kosovo, Luxembourg, and Montenegro** joined the G7 declaration on long-term security assistance to Ukraine.



Military positions

- Towards the Volyn and Polissia, the operational situation has not changed significantly.
- Towards the Chernihiv and Kharkiv, the enemy launched mortar and artillery attacks on populated areas.
- Towards Kupiansk, civil settlements were subjected to artillery and mortar shelling by Russian troops. Towards Lyman, the occupiers conducted unsuccessful offensives in the Novoiehorivka area of the Luhansk Oblast. Russian troops carried out airstrikes and artillery fire.
- Towards Bakhmut, Russian forces conducted unsuccessful offensive actions in the Orikhovo-Vasylivka and Klishchiivka districts of the Donetsk Oblast. Airstrikes and artillery fire were carried out.
- Towards Avdiivka, the enemy carried out unsuccessful offensive actions in the area of Stepove, Donetsk Oblast. Settlements of the Donetsk Oblast were subjected to artillery shelling. Towards Mariinka, the defense forces continue to hold back the advance of Russian troops in the Mariinka area. Towards Shakhtarsk, the enemy carried out airstrikes in the areas of Vuhledar, Staromaiorske, Donetsk region.
- Towards Zaporizhzhia, the enemy carried out airstrikes in the districts of Mala Tokmachka, Orikhiv, and Robotyne of the Zaporizhzhia Oblast.
- At the same time, the Defense Forces of Ukraine continue to conduct an offensive operation in the Melitopol direction, are entrenched at the achieved boundaries, and carry out counter-battery countermeasures.
- The armed forces continue to destroy the enemy in the Kherson direction. Russian bloggers spread information about the undersupply of their army, as well as oppression by Ukrainian units. They are very annoyed by the counter-battery fight, a powerful strike is taking place from those positions that the Russians tried to master after the outflow of water provoked by the man-made disaster at the Kakhovka HPP.

21.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Western F-16 fighters are capable of changing the course of events on the front. Ukraine needs these planes to have air superiority over the occupied territories, stated by the spokesman of the Air Force Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Yurii Ilnat. He also reported that currently, about 8-9 Russian fighter jets can be freely stationed in the occupied territories. They drop aerial bombs and launch anti-aircraft missiles. At the same time, with the F-16 in service in Ukraine, they will not be able to do this. In order to replace the old aircraft fleet and gain an advantage in the sky, Ukraine needs 128 fighter jets, said the spokesman. ➤ The Russian army has serious problems with counter-battery capabilities in all areas of the front, especially in the Zaporizhzhia direction, — ISW. Analysts report that units of the Russian Armed Forces are experiencing a shortage of officers due to the loss of manpower, and that privates command some Russian companies that should be commanded by a junior officer.
22.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the morning of August 22, the Ukrainian authorities reported that the Armed Forces entered the village of Robotyne (Zaporizhzhia region). This is an important settlement, heavy fighting for which has been going on for the third month. Robotyne is a small village with an area of 3 square km, which acquired extremely important tactical significance during the Russian-Ukrainian war. The settlement lies on the highway from Orikhiv to Tokmak, the logistics hub of the Russian army. Further from Tokmak lies the city of Melitopol - one of the main targets of the Ukrainian counteroffensive. The main task near Robotyne was to overcome the dense minefields and Russian fortifications in front of the village and get to the main defense line of the Russian Federation, which runs immediately behind Robotyne. At first, the Ukrainians used the tactics of conducting attacks with large armored columns, which did not bring results. Subsequently, the Ukrainian command found a way out of the situation, deciding to bypass Robotyne from the east and west. The plan worked, the Ukrainians managed to wedge themselves into the Russian defense between the villages of Robotyne and Verbove and reach the main defense line of the RF in this area. In such conditions, the Russian troops in Robotyne got into a difficult situation, being semi-encircled. In recent days, Russian soldiers began to write about the retreat of Russian troops from this village. ➤ Polish President Andrzej Duda said that Russia has already started moving some of its nuclear weapons to Belarus, namely short-range missiles. This is reported by the Associated Press. According to the President of Poland, this step of the RF will change the security architecture of the region and the entire NATO military alliance. ➤ Russia put the new Zyklon missile carrier on combat duty for the first time. This is the Kalibr missile carrier, which was recently accepted into the Black Sea Fleet of the RF. It has 8 universal launchers for Kalibr and Onyx missiles. ➤ Washington does not believe that the war in Ukraine has reached a dead end, Biden's national security adviser Sullivan said during an online briefing. "We have always clearly understood that the battlefield is very dynamic. Both sides are attacking and defending at various points along a very long front line. We see how Ukraine continues to methodically and systematically win back territories," he said.
23.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the night of August 23, the enemy launched 20 attack UAVs "Shahed-136/131" from the Primorsko-Akhtarsk region (Russian Federation), Chauda (Crimea). Air defense forces destroyed 11 attack drones: 9 in Odesa and 2 more within Zaporizhzhia region. ➤ Ten people were killed in a private plane crash in Tver region, Russia. Yevgeny Prigozhin, the head of PMC Wagner, who organized an unsuccessful military coup against Putin in June 2023, was among the passengers on the plane that crashed. ➤ The strikes on the Chonhar bridges, which connect Crimea with the mainland of Ukraine, significantly complicated the logistics of the Russians. This is reported by British intelligence. "The pontoon bridges are unlikely to be able to fully withstand the flow of heavy vehicles transporting ammunition and weapons to the front," the report said.

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Vehicles & fuel tanks	174
Special equipment	18



Military positions

23.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Since the start of the full-scale invasion, Ukrainian air defense has shot down 14 Russian Kinzhal aeroballistic missiles. This was reported by the Strategic Communications Department of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. ➤ As a result of a special operation, the Main Directorate of Intelligence (MDI) of Ukraine lured out a Russian Mi-8 helicopter with a pilot. The plane made a flight between two air bases and transported parts to Su-27 and Su-30 SM fighters. Along with the pilot, there were two crew members on board who did not know where the helicopter was actually going. The Mi-8 landed in the Kharkiv oblast. As a result of the special operation, two crew members were eliminated. The pilot and his family are in Ukraine, the family was taken out of the Russian Federation early. The Mi-8 remained in Ukraine, and so did the parts for the fighters. ➤ In the temporarily occupied Crimea, the Russian S-400 complex was destroyed - MDI of Ukraine. An explosion took place near the village of Olenivka on Cape Tarkhankut in the temporarily occupied Crimea, which destroyed the Russian S-400 "Triumph" long- and medium-range anti-aircraft missile system, the missiles and personnel installed on it.
24.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MDI was told about the special operation in Crimea. Ukrainian scouts landed on the shore near the settlements of Olenivka (where the S-400 was destroyed the day before) and Mayak in occupied Crimea on the night of August 24. After the end of the special operation, they returned without loss. The Ukrainian military hung the national flag on the peninsula. As a result of the battle, the Russian military suffered losses: four speedboats were damaged and at least 30 Russian military personnel were killed. ➤ Troops are planned to be replaced in the Lyman direction - Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Hanna Maliar. At the same time, the Russians are unsuccessfully storming to displace the Ukrainian troops in the areas of Serebrianyy Forest, Kreminna, and Bilohorivka of the Luhansk Oblast. In addition, the troops of the Russian Federation plan to regroup and replace troops.
25.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russian Federation is considering the option of additionally conscripting 450,000 people into the army, and the process of mobilization within the country has not stopped, - the head of the Main Directorate of Intelligence of Ukraine Kyrylo Budanov in an interview with Radio Liberty. ➤ The probable death of PMC leader Wagner Yevgeny Prigozhin will have a destabilizing effect on his mercenaries, - British intelligence. "There are no candidates who could lead the group," the intelligence report says. ➤ Ukrainian troops approached the second line of defense of the RF forces near Robotyne in the west of the Zaporizhzhia region and expanded the breakthrough of the defensive positions of the Russian troops in this area analysts of the ISW. The authors of the review point out that on August 24, Ukrainian troops conducted offensive operations on at least two areas of the front and succeeded in advancing in the Bakhmut area and in the west of the Zaporizhzhia region. ➤ After the start of the counteroffensive in June 2023, Ukraine changed its tactics, which involved heavy losses, and now the emphasis is on suppressing the enemy with artillery, electromagnetic warfare, and UAVs - The Economist. Another problem is the lack of air cover, which makes it difficult for the Armed Forces to break through Russian minefields and defense lines. For this reason, the military leadership of Ukraine delayed the counteroffensive as long as it could. ➤ Ukraine is increasing the production of military UAVs "multiple times" and is working with partners on the supply of such drones and systems, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said. "Drones are a guarantee that people will not have to pay with their lives when drones can be used," the Ukrainian leader emphasized.
26.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the right bank of the Kherson region, the police recorded 22 war crimes committed by the Russian army against the civilian population. The Russians continuously bombarded populated areas of the Beryslav and Kherson districts with multiple rocket launchers, artillery, mortars, aviation, and unmanned aerial vehicles. ➤ 38 combat clashes took place on the front line during the day. ➤ The counteroffensive is going according to plan and the Western allies do not criticize its pace and results, - Minister of Defense Oleksii Reznikov in an interview with Bild. "And everyone who is really involved in this process, everyone knows about it. They know what the enemy's defense is like, what are the security zones, where are the minefields, where are the tanks surrounded, where are the fortifications... Of course, we had serious discussions with the American colleagues, but this is not a criticism, we will not send our soldiers to die in battle without any result," the Minister of Defense commented. ➤ "Ukraine can return Crimea only by military means," said the head of the Ukrainian MID Kyrylo Budanov. The liberation of Crimea is not far off, there will be a ground operation. "No one is going to just leave the residents of Crimea there. Our territories will be returned. Soon everyone will be waiting to return home." ➤ Also, in an interview with the "Krym.Realii" publication Kyrylo Budanov, said that approximately 20% of the Russian military surrendered voluntarily. But, according to him, the "exchange fund" in Ukraine is much smaller than that of the occupiers. "Because in the first days of the Russian invasion, a terrible number of hostages, including civilians, were seized ... We must understand this. And, unfortunately, I think we will not be able to catch up with these numbers," he said. ➤ Russia is likely to intensify its offensive in the direction of Kupiansk-Lyman in the next two months, British intelligence notes. Intelligence sources note that the Ukrainian counteroffensive has put pressure on Russian forces in Bakhmut and southern Ukraine. Therefore, the likely goal of the enemy may be to advance west to the Oskil River and create a buffer zone around the Luhansk region.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched **41 missiles and 360 air strikes** and carried out over **457 attacks from multiple rocket launchers**.

Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

On the morning of August 20, Russians shelled Kupiansk with artillery: 11 people were wounded. In the afternoon of the same day, as a result of the shelling of Vovchansk, a 71-year-old man was killed. The Russians struck a medical facility and the private sector. On the night of August 22, Russia attacked Vovchansk again: four residential buildings were damaged and destroyed. A 56-year-old woman was pulled from the rubble of one of the houses, and a 51-year-old man was wounded. On August 26, Russians attacked a café in the village of Podoly: two people were killed and another was injured.

Chernihiv oblast

On August 21, a drone hit a civilian facility in a settlement of a border community in Chernihiv oblast.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On the night of August 22, Russians launched two missile strikes and used drones three times to attack Zaporizhzhia. The blast wave damaged four high-rise buildings. There were no casualties or injuries. In Mala Tokmachka, as a result of shelling on August 25, one man was killed, and another was injured.

Donetsk oblast

Russians continue terrorizing the Donetsk oblast.

In the Volnovakha sector, Vuhledar, Novoukrainka, Velyka Novosilka, Komar, Vuhledar communities, Burlatske, Bohoiavlenska, Shakhtarske, Iskra, Maksymivka came under fire. Residential buildings, outbuildings, a former school, and a shop were damaged.

In the Donetsk sector, Kurakhove, Marinka communities, Kurakhove, Kurakhivka, Trudove, Avdiivka, Hirnyk, Hostre, Krasnohorivka, Maksymilianivka, Kostiantynivka, Zoriane are affected. Residential houses, high-rise buildings, a shop, and an administrative building were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector, Toretsk, Shcherbynivka, Kostiantynivka, Chasiv Yar, Toretsk, Soledar communities, Nykyforivka, Pivnichne, Niu-York, Vasiukivka, Rozdolivka came under fire. Residential buildings, garages, high-rise buildings, industrial buildings, power lines, a gymnasium, and a boiler house were damaged.

In the Lysychansk sector, Siversk, Zvanivka, Lyman, Zvanivka communities, Pereizne, Torske, and Zakitne are affected. Residential houses and schools were damaged. There are wounded or dead in all directions.

Kherson and Kherson oblast

On the night of August 20, Russians fired mortars upon Antonivka and artillery upon the Korabel district of Kherson. Also, damage was recorded in Sadove, and one person was wounded. In the afternoon of the same day, Russia shelled Zolota Balka of the Novooleksandrivka community. A 69-year-old man was injured. In addition, the Russians Kozatske. A tank hit a house, one woman died and another was wounded. On August 21, Russians dropped explosives from a drone on Zolota Balka. A 43-year-old man was hospitalized with multiple shrapnel wounds. On the same day, two people were injured in the shelling of Sofiiivka. On August 22, Russia struck Komyshany: one person was killed and another was wounded. On the night of August 23, Russians dropped two guided bombs on a kindergarten and residential buildings in Kherson. Six people were injured. On August 24, Russia shelled Kherson once again. One of the shells hit the roof of a private house in the center of the city: three people were wounded, including a seven-year-old child. On August 25, the Russians shelled the village of Olhivka in Beryslav district with artillery. A resident was killed. Also, the center of Kherson was shelled, and two people were wounded.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On the morning of August 22, Russians launched a missile attack on Kryvyi Rih. More than 20 private houses and energy infrastructure were damaged. One person was wounded. On the night of August 24, the occupiers attacked Dnipro with missiles, one of which was shot down by air defense. Ten people were injured. Also, dozens of buildings were damaged: a bank, a gas station, a hotel, kiosks, an agricultural company, a furniture manufacturer, an administrative building, residential buildings, as well as transportation, a trolleybus overhead line, water and gas pipelines.

Odesa oblast

On the night of August 23, Russians attacked Odesa oblast with drones, hitting production and transshipment complexes and damaging grain storage facilities. Overall, Ukrainian Air Defence Forces shot down nine drones. On the night of August 25, Russia shelled Odesa oblast twice more. At midnight, two X-59 missiles were launched towards one of the ports, then two more Kalibr missiles were fired towards Odesa. Anti-aircraft warfare shot down all the missiles.

Sumy oblast

On August 23, a Russian drone hit and destroyed a school in Romny, killing four people and injuring four others. Among the dead were the head teacher, her deputy, a librarian, and a secretary.



This week shelling and strikes

Sumy oblast



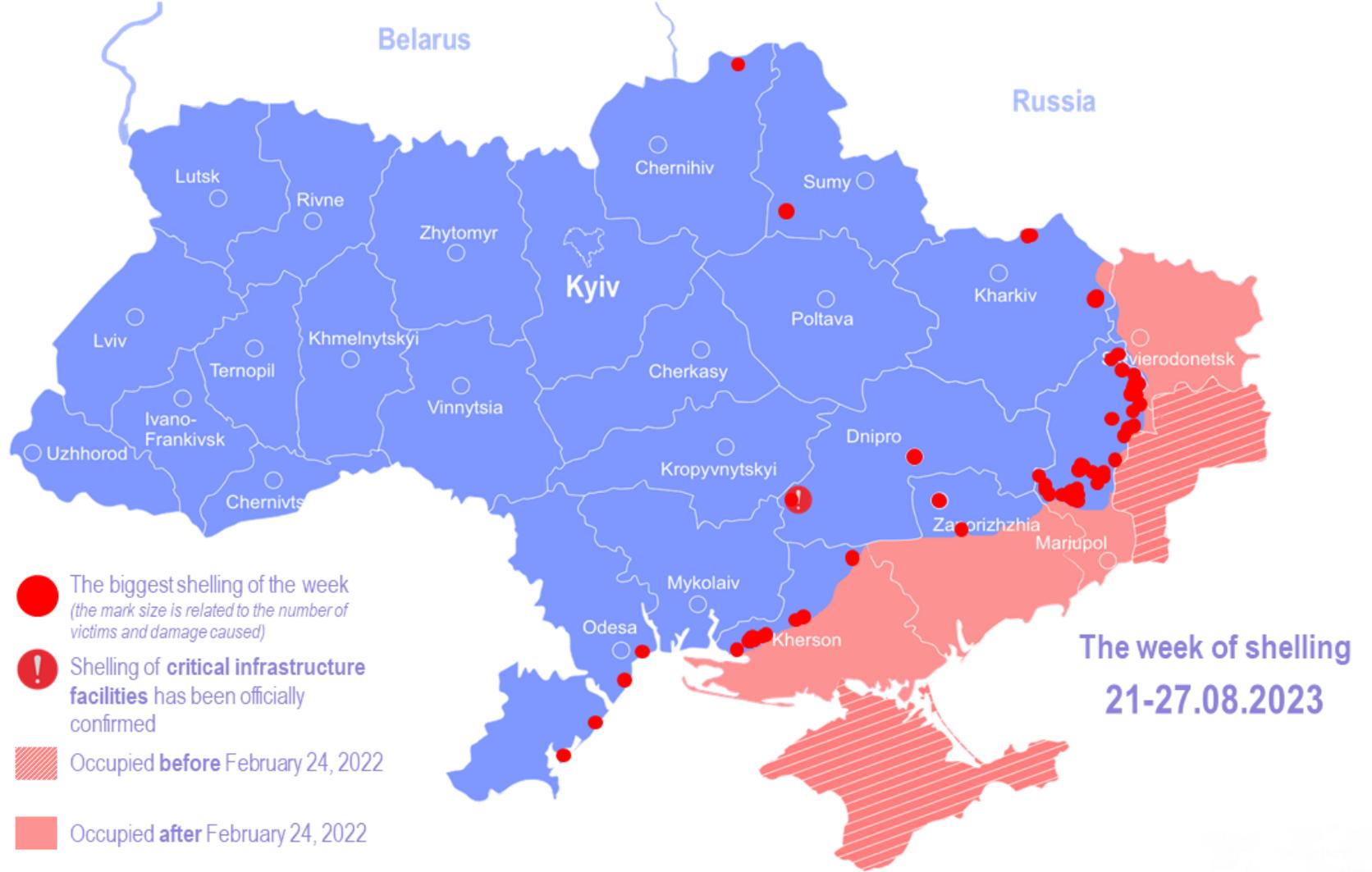
Odesa oblast



Kharkiv oblast



Donetsk oblast



Humanitarian crisis

21.08

- The war unleashed by Russia has led to the **deaths of about 1,000 dolphins** in the Black Sea, both on the Ukrainian coast and in Turkey and Bulgaria. The destruction of the **Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant** by Russian occupiers was one of the biggest blows to the Ukrainian environment. As a result of the dam being blown up, about 15 billion cubic meters of fresh water flowed into the Black Sea and the Dnipro delta, disrupting their ecosystems and leading to significant desalination of the sea.
- A new pipeline between the Inhulets River and the Southern Reservoir has been put into operation in Dnipropetrovsk oblast. The pipeline solves the problem of **water supply for the residents of Kryvyi Rih** due to the Russian terrorist attack on the Kakhovka HPP. It was built at the expense of the Fund for the Liquidation of the Consequences of Russian Aggression. Three more branches of the pipeline are under construction to supply water to the communities of Kryvyi Rih district.
- The Russian occupation administration is preparing a **new wave of mobilization in Crimea**. This was reported by the Crimean partisan movement "Atesh". It is specified that the occupiers plan to mobilize up to 30 thousand people. The Russians also plan to draft up to **10 thousand conscripts**.

22.08

- Ukraine will set up **mixed medical commissions for the exchange of prisoners of war**. According to the Geneva Conventions, three doctors are involved in such a commission: one from the country that holds prisoners of war, and two from neutral countries. This was reported by the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine. Due to mixed medical commissions, Ukrainian prisoners of war will be able to receive the necessary medicines and medical care or be repatriated to neutral countries.
- The press service of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine reported that the **bottom of the former Kakhovka reservoir**, left without water, was **sown with various herbs**. Environmentalists from the Kamianska Sich National Nature Park stored the **plants to prevent dust storms** and the spread of alien species.

23.08

- The Mariupol City Council has published **lists of children killed by the occupiers in Donetsk oblast in 2022**, including during the siege of Mariupol. According to the Russian list, 101 Mariupol children died during the bombing. Among them, 87 could be identified.

23.08

- The occupiers are now **bringing garbage from Rostov Oblast**, the Russian Federation, **to the temporarily occupied territory of Donetsk Oblast**. Transporting garbage from Rostov to landfills in Donetsk oblast, the occupiers are solving the problem of **overloaded landfills in the Russian Federation**. According to the National Resistance Center, the invaders promised to build two more landfills in Donetsk oblast. They will also serve the neighboring Rostov oblast. At the same time, the Russians refused to build new landfills in Rostov oblast because of its environmental condition.
- Oleksandr Kubrakov, Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development reports that **Russia has destroyed 13,000 tons of grain as a result of a drone attack on the port of Izmail**. He noted that Russia is systematically hitting grain tanks and warehouses to stop agricultural exports. Last night alone, the export capacity of the port of Izmail was reduced by 15%. Before that, it was the **port of Reni** and 35 thousand tons of grain were destroyed there.

24.08

- On August 24, starting at 4 a.m., Russian security forces **broke into the homes of Crimean Tatars** in Bakhchisarai and Bakhchisarai district with searches in the temporarily occupied Crimea. This was reported in Telegram by the head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people Refat Chubarov. "*It is known that searches are now taking place in Ruslan Asanov, Seydamet Mustafaiiev, Remzi Nemetulaiev, Abdulmejlit Seytumerov, Ametkhan Umerov and Eldar Yakubov's houses,*" he wrote. The Head of the Mejlis considers this to be the occupiers' **revenge for the third summit of the Crimean Platform** and his own fear of the inevitable liberation of Crimea.

25.08

- Another **11 Ukrainian children are returned from Russia** and the temporarily occupied territories. This was reported by former Presidential Commissioner for Children's Rights Mykola Kuleba. "*As of today, there are already 161 children who have been returned by the Save Ukraine team,*" Kuleba wrote. As of the morning of August 14, the Russian army has killed 502 children in Ukraine. In addition, at least 1599 children have suffered from Russian aggression.

