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# International support

20.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The <b>EU has frozen the assets of Russian oligarchs</b> for 12.5 billion euros. Since April, the amount has doubled, including yachts, real estate, helicopters and other property.</li><li>➤ <b>Taiwan</b> will help to restore several Ukrainian cities after the attacks of the Russian invaders. Bucha, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Odesa, Sumy and Zaporizhzhia will receive financial and material assistance. "<i>The atrocities in Bucha are war crimes that are important to convict and those responsible to punish,</i>" Taiwan's Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said in a statement.</li></ul>
21.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Armed Forces of Ukraine received 12 Panzerhaubitze 2000 howitzers from <b>Germany</b> with trained Ukrainian crews. These are heavy artillery units capable of firing at a distance of up to 40 km. These weapons are described as one of the most advanced artillery systems in the world.</li><li>➤ The <b>German government</b> has published a list of weapons that are being prepared to be transferred to Ukraine. The list includes 30 Gepard artillery pieces, an IRIS-T SLM air defense system, 54 M113 armored personnel carriers, three Mars MLRS and a range of weapons. For security reasons, the federal government does not provide further details on the ways and terms weapons are transferred until this occurs.</li></ul>
23.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The <b>British government</b> announced new sanctions against Russia. They relate to the export of goods and technologies of oil refining and aviation industries, as well as the use of sterling and EU banknotes in Russia.</li><li>➤ <b>Ukraine has officially received the status of an EU membership candidate.</b> The corresponding decision was supported by the leaders of all 27 member states. "<i>Ukraine will win. Europe will win. The people of Ukraine belong to the European family. And the future of Ukraine is in the EU. We stand together in defense of peace,</i>" said Head of European Diplomacy Josep Borrell.</li></ul>
24.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Nike</b> has decided to completely withdraw from the Russian market: the site and application of the American retailer will not be available in Russia, and stores will no longer open. Termination of its business in Russia and Belarus was also announced by the American manufacturer of network equipment Cisco Systems Inc.</li><li>➤ Ukraine has signed a contract with <b>Germany</b> for the purchase of IRIS-T air defense systems. The amount of the contract with the manufacturer of complexes, Diehl Defence, is 178 million euros that will be paid by the German government.</li><li>➤ The <b>United States</b> announced a new tranche of military assistance worth \$450 million to Ukraine. The package includes new HIMARS MLRSs, patrol boats, tens of thousands of artillery munitions, as well as weapons and equipment.</li></ul>
25.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Following the summit, the <b>European Council</b> decided to provide Ukraine with macro-financial assistance in the amount of up to EUR 9 billion. EU leaders also agreed to strengthen sanctions against Russia and continue military assistance to Ukraine.</li><li>➤ <b>Canada</b> will confiscate the property of sanctioned Russian assets and possibly transfer them to restoration of Ukraine. The Canadian Senate signed the bill into law. This is the first precedent for strengthening such a mechanism in legislation after the beginning of the war.</li></ul>
26.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Ministries of Finance of Ukraine and Germany signed an agreement on granting Ukraine EUR 1 billion in grant funding. The funds will be sent to the state budget of Ukraine to finance prioritized social and humanitarian expenditures during martial law.</li><li>➤ On its own initiative and at its own expense, Ukraine has purchased 2,900 RGW 90 Matador anti-tank missile systems from the German concern Dynamit Nobel Defense (DND).</li><li>➤ On June 26, the <b>G7 summit</b> began, at which it is expected to adopt commitments of the G7 countries to indefinitely support Ukraine. "<i>We will continue to provide financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic assistance and support Ukraine as long as necessary,</i>" said the statement.</li></ul>



# Military positions

- Currently, Russian troops control :
    - 98.17% of Luhansk region;
    - 58,49% of Donetsk region;
    - 74,89% of Zaporizhzhia region and
    - 94,07% of Kherson region
  - Towards Siversk, to control the section of the Russian-Ukrainian border, the Russian army keeps up to three battalion tactical groups from the 1st tank and 20th Combined Arms Armies, as well as units of airborne troops in Bryansk and Kursk regions. The Russians continue enhancing their defensive positions in the border areas of Bryansk region.
  - Towards Kharkiv, the Russian army focuses on maintaining previously occupied positions
  - Towards Sloviansk, the Russian army focuses on conducting an offensive near Dovhenke and Dolyna as well as assault actions towards Dovhenke - Mazanivka.
  - Towards Sievierodonetsk, the Russians shelled Lysychansk, Spirne and Vovchoiarivka with barrel artillery. They carried out an airstrike at Lysychansk and tried to block the city from the south.
  - On June 24, the Ukrainian Command confirmed that the Ukrainian military was withdrawing from Sievierodonetsk. It will take a few days for the garrison to leave. Ukrainian troops withdrew from the city to more fortified positions in Luhansk region, the battles for which lasted for over a month. The enemy failed to encircle our troops. Yet, the neighboring Lysychansk is now in greater danger. But it is more fortified due to its geographical location and the height at which it is.
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- Towards Bakhmut, Ukrainian soldiers stopped the Russians' advance to Volodymyrivka - Pokrovske. Units from the 5th Combined Arms Army are conducting an offensive towards Pylypchatyne - Pokrovske. Fighting continues. The Russians moved one kilometer further to Rota – Vershyna.
  - Towards Avdiivka, Kurakhiv and Novopavlivske, the Russians are trying to conduct restraining actions and keep seized positions, thus promoting actions of their units. They are conducting the defensive towards Zaporizhzhia.
  - The Russian military tried to take control of the road section Yasynuvata - Konstantynivka (Donetsk region), there was a battle near Vasylivka - Kamianka. Ukrainian defenders strongly rebuffed the attack. The enemy retreated suffering losses.
  - In the South Bug direction, the Russians are focusing their main efforts on maintaining seized position. They are conducting reconnaissance, improving the engineering equipment of positions and trying to prevent regrouping of our troops.
  - The Ukrainian military continues the counteroffensive along the borders of Dnipropetrovsk and Kherson regions.
  - In Kherson region, Ukrainian partisans attack the Russian military and collaborators cooperating with Russia. Thus, on June 22, in the city of Hola Prystan, People's Deputy of Ukraine Oleksii Kovaliev, who was cooperating with the invaders, was killed by an explosion. On June 24, in Kherson the car of collaborator Dmytro Slavutchenko was exploded. He also died from his injuries at the scene.
  - Ukrainian intelligence warns that Russian DRGs arrived in the city of Mozyr (Belarus) and will carry out sabotage actions there in order to draw Belarus into the war with Ukraine. According to the GUR, the Russians plan to blow up some residential buildings in Mozyr and blame the Ukrainians. Similar events in 1999 became a formal pretext for the beginning of the second Chechen war.
  - Within three days, Ukrainian people raised 600 million UAH (about \$ 20 million) for Bayraktar drones for the Armed Forces. The fundraising of "people's" Bayraktars was announced by the charitable foundation of Serhii Prytula and a well-known blogger Lachenkov. It was planned to raise UAH 500 million for 3 Bayraktars in a week, but in only three days Ukrainians raised more than UAH 600 million.
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# This week shelling



<p><b>20.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; In <b>Izium</b> district, a shell hit a pond where <b>two children</b> were swimming.</li> <li>&gt; In <b>Kharkiv</b>, the intensity of shelling has increased, in particular, in northern suburbs. Fighting continues in Kherson region.</li> <li>&gt; In the night, Russian troops tried to launch a missile strike on Belhorod-Dniester district of <b>Odesa region</b>, and in the morning - on Odesa, but the missiles were destroyed in the air.</li> <li>&gt; At dawn, <b>Sumy and Chernihiv</b> regions were shelled twice from the territory of Russia.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>21.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; In <b>Mykolaiv region</b>, as a result of Russian shelling, one local resident was killed and 6 others were wounded. Buildings, enterprises and infrastructure were damaged. Russian troops launched seven missiles at Mykolaiv.</li> <li>&gt; Russian invaders struck <b>Kharkiv</b>, <b>killing five people</b>. 11 people were injured. In addition to the dead and wounded in Kharkiv, on Tuesday, 10 more people were killed by Russian shelling, including an eight-year-old child.</li> <li>&gt; As a result of the attack of Russian kamikaze drones in the Krasnopilska hromada in <b>Sumy region</b>, four people were injured, two of them are in serious condition.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>22.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The Russians shelled the border areas in <b>Chernihiv region, Chuhuiv and Kharkiv</b>. fighting continues in Luhansk and Donetsk regions. There are casualties among civilians.</li> <li>&gt; At midnight, Russian troops once again shelled Zolochiv in <b>Kharkiv region</b>. As a result, at least one person was killed, there are still people under the rubble, and now the bodies of two victims have been recovered.</li> <li>&gt; Russian invaders opened fire using prohibited cluster shells on the beach near the lake in the city of Chasiv Yar, Bakhmut district, <b>Donetsk region</b>. 12 people were injured.</li> <li>&gt; In the Black Sea, there are 5 surface carriers of cruise missiles and one submarine with a total of 44 Kalibr missiles.</li> <li>&gt; During the day, the Russian invaders carried out over 80 attacks on the territory of <b>Sumy region</b>, resulting in at least 1 person killed.</li> <li>&gt; As a result of Russian shelling in Donetsk region, 4 civilians were killed and 5 more were injured.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>23.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; In the night, the Russians again fired at the units of border guards in <b>Chernihiv region</b> and hit <b>Kharkiv</b>. Sumy region suffered massive shelling from the territory of Russia. There were explosions in <b>Kherson region</b>.</li> <li>&gt; Shelling of the seaport in the Russian-occupied <b>Skadovsk</b> killed a local resident.</li> <li>&gt; The sappers defused the FAB-500 bomb, which was on the roof of a residential 9-storey building in Saltivka.</li> <li>&gt; Russian troops shelled the villages of <b>Sumy region</b> with phosphorous munitions from Grads on the territory of the Russian Federation.</li> <li>&gt; As a result of Russian shelling in <b>Donetsk region</b>, there are 6 civilians killed and 5 injured.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>24.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; At night, Russian invaders shelled <b>Zaporizhzhia region</b> with multiple launch rocket systems and carried out similar strikes on two communities in <b>Dnipropetrovsk region</b>.</li> <li>&gt; Russia shelled the city of Konstantynivka in <b>Donetsk region</b>, hitting the local fire department. Four rescuers were injured and one person was killed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>25.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The Russians shelled Shyrokye, Hrechani Pody and Zelenodolsk communities in <b>Dnipropetrovsk region</b>, injuring a 60-year-old woman.</li> <li>&gt; In the morning, the invaders hit about 30 missiles in <b>Zhytomyr region</b>, causing deaths among the military.</li> <li>&gt; There was a missile strike from the Black Sea on the territory of <b>Lviv region</b>, including six launched missiles, four hit, and two shot down.</li> <li>&gt; Two Russian helicopters fired on the border area of <b>Sumy region</b>.</li> <li>&gt; The Russian invaders carried out two missile strikes on a civilian infrastructure facility (a gas station and car washing) in the city of Sarny (<b>Rivne region</b>), which resulted in 4 dead and 4 wounded civilians.</li> <li>&gt; At about 05am in the morning, <b>Chernihiv region</b> was subjected to a massive rocket attack. 20 missiles were launched both from Belorussian airspace and ground-based rocket systems targeting the village of Desna. Local infrastructure was damaged.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>26.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; In <b>Mykolaiv</b>, on the morning of June 26, explosions were heard. There are some casualties. At night, residential areas of <b>Kharkiv</b> were shelled. Explosions were heard in <b>Cherkasy</b> during the day, and powerful explosions were heard again in <b>Kharkiv</b> in the evening.</li> <li>&gt; As a result of the morning missile strike in <b>Kyiv</b>, a person was killed and six more were injured. The body of one of the dead was found. Six residents of the hit house were injured. Four of them, including a seven-year-old girl, were hospitalized. One of the injured is a Russian citizen. The Russians fired using Tu-95 and Tu-160 aircraft with X101 missiles from the Caspian Sea. In the morning, one of the Russian missiles hit a kindergarten in the Shevchenko district of <b>Kyiv</b>. Others ended up in residential buildings nearby.</li> </ul>	



# Humanitarian crisis



20.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russian invaders commit crimes against the environment: only at the end of March, Russian invaders <b>damaged over 400 hectares of the forest fund of Chernihiv region</b> by bombing and shelling.</li> </ul>
21.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In March 2022, 73,850 non-EU citizens applied for asylum in EU member states, an increase of 35% compared to February 2022. This is caused by the increased number of Ukrainians who first applied (from 2,370 in February to 12,875 in March; +443%) due to Russia's military aggression against Ukraine.</li> <li>Representatives of Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and the UN are due to meet in Istanbul next week to discuss the problem of unblocking Ukrainian grain exports.</li> <li>On the first day of the war, over 234,000 tons of metallurgical products produced by the Ilyich Iron and Steel Company and Azovstal remained in the port of Mariupol. It is noted that letters with a request not to buy metal products stolen by Russians have been sent to all ports, customers and partners of "Azovstal".</li> <li>The mayor of Enerhodar, Zaporizhzhya region Dmytro Orlov, said that Russian occupiers throw <b>employees of the captured Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant into basements</b>: "People stayed in the city so that there are no nuclear problems. They operated the nuclear plant safely, under moral and physical pressure. Who will exploit the atomic station is not clear at all,"</li> <li>Head of the European Investment Bank (EIB) Werner Hoyer says that Ukraine may need up to <b>1 trillion euros</b> (\$1.1 trillion) in outside aid to recover losses caused by Russia's invasion.</li> <li>The medical collapse in Mariupol and the lack of insulin put the lives of at least a thousand patients with <b>diabetes mellitus</b> at risk. "The situation with insulin addicts is completely out of control. Every day, surgeons carry out <b>from three to five amputations of the limbs</b>," says the adviser to the mayor of the city Petro Andriushchenko. "[Russians] dig up corpses, load on tractors and take them to the "morgue near the Metro". Because of the heat, they transport corpses from the morgue immediately to mass graves. <b>Treating the dead like garbage</b> has become a norm."</li> <li>Residents of the occupied Mariupol are on the verge of survival due to the <b>lack of drinking water</b>. In some areas, technical water is used as the drinking one. The mayor of Mariupol says that the Russian-occupied city is flooded with mountains of garbage, due to which <b>unsanitary</b> conditions reign. In all city areas, there are spontaneous burials, the sewerage system does not work.</li> </ul>
22.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of the morning of June 22, <b>over 916 children were injured in Ukraine by Russian troops, of which 324 children were killed and over 592 injured</b>.</li> <li>As of June 22, there are <b>568 people at the Azot plant</b> in Sievierodonetsk, including 38 children. Now it is very dangerous to evacuate them, so it is safer for people to be in shelters.</li> </ul>
23.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the beginning of the full-scale war, the Russian invaders have <b>caused damage to the environment throughout Ukraine by at least 202 billion UAH</b>. This was announced by Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Ruslan Strilets. According to the Minister, for four months of the war over 250 cases of ecocide have been recorded in Ukraine.</li> </ul>
24.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In <b>Kyiv region</b>, the second temporary modular town was opened. It is located in Bucha and can accommodate 704 people.</li> <li><b>Russian invaders abduct relatives</b> (including children) of the Ukrainian military to demand that defenders arrive in the occupied territories in exchange for the life and safety of their loved ones. Most cases are recorded by intelligence in Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, Mykolaiv regions. Recently, the invaders <b>have taken hostage several children of one of the Ukrainian military</b>.</li> <li>The Russian occupiers began construction of a medical center in Mariupol, almost half of which will be occupied by a morgue. "The Russian occupiers first destroyed all hospitals and medical institutions, and now they are building their next "analoGOVNET" in a short way!" commented Maksym Borodin, a deputy of the Mariupol City Council.</li> <li>The European Council has recognized Russia as a country that uses food in the war with Ukraine and is solely responsible for the global food crisis.</li> </ul>
25.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the temporarily occupied Kherson, <b>Russian troops terrorize Ukrainians. 75-year-old journalist and volunteer Tetiana Antoniuk broke her spine because of the refusal to give the Ukrainian passport when evacuating from the city</b>. Semi-conscious and with a fractured spine, she was able to climb into the car and escape. Tetiana has been in hospital for more than a month. She worked as a journalist during the war in Afghanistan, and then as a volunteer from the Red Cross. This is only one of many cases of human rights violations by Russians in the occupied territories.</li> </ul>
26.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the morning of June 26, a Russian missile, probably one of those flying to Kyiv, flew critically low over the South Ukrainian nuclear power plant.</li> <li>Since the beginning of the large-scale invasion, <b>Russia has already exported at least 400,000 tons of grain from the temporarily occupied Ukrainian territories</b>.</li> </ul>

