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International support

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- **Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte arrived to Ukraine** and visited the settlements of the Kyiv region, which suffered from the Russian invaders. Thus, Rutte showed support for the Ukrainian people and the government of President Zelenskyy.
- **The EU** will establish a hub in Moldova to prevent the illegal sale of weapons used in the war in Ukraine to criminal groups in Europe. This was announced by European Commissioner for Internal Affairs Ylva Johansson. Sweden's Migration Minister Anders Ygeman says that most of the weapons supplied in Ukraine remain in the hands of the Ukrainian military, and "only a limited number of ammunition can be used by organized crime groups later. But we should have measures to control the flow of weapons after the war in Ukraine".
- In Kyiv, ambassadors of the **G7** countries stressed the urgency of the timely appointment of the head of the **Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO)** to strengthen Ukraine's **anti-corruption institutions**. This is a necessary condition for maintaining the status of a candidate for EU membership.



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- The **Council of the European Union** supported the **allocation of 1 billion euros of macro-financial assistance** for Ukraine to support its economy in war conditions.
- The **European Union has frozen €13.8 billion in Russian assets** since Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24. Of this amount, over 12 billion euros have been frozen in five member states only. However, the names of these five EU countries have not been disclosed.
- The **Spanish** government is preparing to transfer to Ukraine **10 Leopard 2A4 battle tanks and 20 M113 armored personnel carriers**, which are in service with the Spanish army.
- **Ukraine** has become an **associate member of the NATO Military Technology Cooperation Program**. This implies that Ukraine has the right to jointly develop and amend key NATO standards related to interaction of combat control systems and related standards.



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- **Germany** will completely **stop buying Russian coal** on August 1 and **Russian oil** on December 31, says Deputy Finance Minister Jörg Kukis. According to him, Russia used to supply 40% of coal and 40% of oil to Germany.
- **The European Commission** partially lost to Russia in the **issue of goods transit to Kaliningrad**. There are additional instructions for the EU Member States on the transit of goods from Russia, where the movement of sanctioned goods to the Kaliningrad region by rail is allowed.
- **Ukraine is severing diplomatic relations with the DPRK** in response to its recognition of the independence of the so-called DPR and LPR.

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- **Britain** allocates 2.5 million pounds to Ukraine to **investigate Russia's war crimes**. The funding will be used to assist the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine in investigating crimes, including war-related sexual violence.
- **The U.S. Treasury** says it **allows transactions with Russia related to fertilizers, food, seed, medicines and medical equipment**. It is also reported that the United States withdrew from sanctions the former subsidiary of Gazprom - **Gazprom Germania GmbH**. Lifting restrictions on the export of fertilizers from Russia was a condition of the Kremlin to unlock Ukrainian ports.

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- **The European Union announced the seventh package of sanctions against the Russian Federation**. It provides for an embargo on Russian gold, extension of sanctions until January 2023, expansion of the ban on exports of dual-use goods and technologies to Russia, as well as introduction of new personal sanctions.
- The first long-range **multiple launch rocket systems M270 arrived to Ukraine**, as reported by Defense Minister Reznikov. "They will become a good supplement to HIMARSs on the battlefield," he added.



Military positions

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- Russians continue carrying out **missile and airstrikes on civilian targets** on the territory of Ukraine.
- Towards **Volyn and Polissia**, **no significant changes** in the position and activities of the Republic of **Belarus** army have been noticed.
- Towards **Siversk**, Russian invaders occasionally **shell Ukrainian positions with mortars**. To demonstrate their presence and deter actions of the Ukrainian Defense Forces, the Russians **keep four battalion tactical groups in border areas of Briansk and Kursk oblasts**.
- Towards **Kharkiv**, the Russian army focuses on preventing the advance of Ukrainian troops. There was artillery shelling in the areas of the city of Kharkiv and the villages controlled by Ukraine.
- Towards **Sloviansk**, the Russians are **trying to storm Bohorodychne**. On July 15, Ukrainian soldiers **repelled** an enemy assault there.
- Towards **Donetsk**, in some areas of the region, the Russians **intensified operations using aviation, barrel and rocket artillery** in order to expand the temporarily occupied territory and reach the administrative border of Donetsk region.
- Assault actions of the invaders **towards Spirne – Ivano-Darivka** were **successfully repelled** by Ukrainian defenders.
- On July 15, the Russian invaders tried to establish control of a section of the **Bakhmut-Lysychansk highway**. There were some **assault actions towards Nahirne and Bilohorivka**.
- Ukrainian soldiers halted the enemy's attempts and pushed it back.
- The Russians attempted to storm Ukrainian positions **near Dolomitne - Novoluhanske and Dolomitne - Semyhiria (Donetsk region)**, but those attempts failed under the apt fire of Ukrainian soldiers.
- The same fate befell the Russians near **Rota – Vershyna settlements**. **The enemy withdrew**. After regrouping the invaders resumed the offensive on the Vuhlehirska TPP. Fighting continues.
- Towards Avdiivka, Kurakhiv, Novopavlivka and Zaporizhzhia, in order to oust our units from the occupied positions, the Russians **carried out several airstrikes**.
- On July 13, the **Ukrainian military targeted a Russian ammunition depot in Nova Kakhovka** in Kherson region.



- During the day, the **Ukrainian military destroyed several enemy ammunition depots in Luhansk, Donetsk and Kherson regions**.



- It is confirmed that on July 9, the Ukrainian HIMARS strikes on Shakhtarsk **killed or wounded the majority of the command of the 106th Division of Russia**.

- Three carriers of high-precision weapons are ready to be tasked with missile strikes on objects on the territory of Ukraine.

The week of shelling



<p>11.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russian invaders once again shelled Kharkiv with multiple launch rocket systems, killing 3 citizens and injuring 31 others, including 2 children. ➤ In the morning, Russian troops carried out a missile strike on Odesa region. There were up to seven missiles fired. 	
<p>12.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ According to the latest data from the State Emergency Service, as a result of a missile strike on a 5-storey building in Chasiv Yar, Donetsk region, 48 people were killed, including a child, and 6 more were injured. ➤ A Russian missile hit a residential six-storey building in central Kharkiv. ➤ On the morning of July 11, explosions were heard in Mykolaiv. Russians fired artillery at the Shostka district of Sumy region. In Kherson region, there were several fires which are not allowed to be extinguished by occupation authorities. Grain burns. 	
<p>13.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At dawn, the Russian military once again attacked Mykolaiv, hitting two medical institutions and some residential buildings – at least 12 people were wounded. ➤ During the day, Russian troops once again attacked Kharkiv. There were strikes on the Industrial district of the city resulting in four victims. 	
<p>14.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At lunchtime, in the city of Zaporozhzhia, there were explosions heard: Russian missiles hit an industrial enterprise. 14 people were injured. 	
<p>15.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During the morning shelling of Mykolaiv, Russians hit a hotel in the city center, damaged a shopping and entertainment center, two educational institutions and other social facilities. 	
<p>16.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In Vinnytsia, there were explosions and fires as a result of a missile attack by Russians on the city center. 24 dead are reported, including 3 children under the age of 10. Some of the dead were burned alive. About 90 people sought assistance at medical institutions, 50 of them being in serious condition. The missiles hit a concert hall, a shopping mall, a parking lot, and a medical center where most patients and personnel were either killed or seriously injured. About 55 buildings and 40 cars were damaged. 	
<p>17.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russians hit a school in Synelnykove district of Dnipropetrovsk region with a missile, causing a serious destruction. ➤ In the morning, there was a series of explosions in Mykolaiv. The Russians hit two universities, two people were injured as a result. ➤ There are new strikes on the city of Dnipro. The missiles hit an industrial plant and a busy street next to it. This Russian attack killed 3 people and wounded 15 others. 	
<p>17.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russians hit residential areas of Nikopol with Grads, killing two people and injuring a woman. ➤ As a result of the shelling of Chuhuiv in Kharkiv region, 3 people were killed. The Russians partially destroyed a two-storey residential building. ➤ The Russians hit Odesa. A fire broke out, it took almost 6 hours to extinguish it. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ About 10 powerful explosions occurred in Mykolaiv. Hits and fires at two industrial enterprises are reported. ➤ In the city of Zaporozhzhia, there were several explosions. Also, in the region there were fires due to shelling from MLRSs in settlements on the contact line. ➤ The map on the left represents the Ukrainian territories shelled the most during the week.

Humanitarian crisis



<p>11.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On July 11, more than 1,100 people were evacuated from the temporarily occupied communities of Kharkiv oblast, including almost 300 children. The Russian Defense Ministry said a missile strike on a dormitory in Chasiv Yar in Donetsk region "killed over three hundred nationalists." As a result of shelling, 48 civilians were killed. Advisor to the Mayor of Mariupol Petro Andriushchenko calls on Ukrainians to immediately leave the occupied Mariupol for their safety, explaining it by the Russians' inability to restore the necessary standard of living before the winter. 	
<p>12.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds from the international community in March-June covered only half of the needs of the Ukrainian budget amounting to \$ 22 billion. For the first time, there appeared a video showing what filtration looked like in Mariupol at the beginning of the occupation. The video shows a humiliating examination of people including undressing. In particular, the occupiers were looking for tattoos, "similar to the Azov-regiment ones", and checked mobile phones. 	
<p>13.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grain and other agricultural products stolen by the Russian invaders are estimated at more than \$ 613 million. As a result of Tuesday shelling by the Russian Federation in Zaporizhzhia, about 600 hectares of various grain crops burned. Russian invaders deported 2 million residents from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine to Russia, including several hundred thousand children. As of the morning of July 13, Russia has fired almost 3,000 different missiles at peaceful Ukrainian cities. Pro-Putin puppet leader of militants of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic Pushilin said that the death penalty in the "DPR" will be performed by the shooting, and the date will not be announced in accordance with the quasi-legislation of the republic. According to official information of juvenile prosecutors, 349 children have been killed and more than 652 got injuries of varying severity. 	
<p>14.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ukrainian intelligence officials say they are working to organize a humanitarian corridor from the Sviatohorsk Lavra in Donetsk region, where 600 civilians are hiding. About 70% of them are pilgrims and local residents who tried to find refuge from hostile shelling. Head of the Luhansk RMA Serhii Haidai says that the Russian occupiers want to resume functioning of the Sievierodonetsk Azot enterprise, but this can lead to a man-made disaster due to destruction caused by the warfare. 	
<p>15.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three times Russian representatives have changed the version about the consequences of their missile strike on the Vinnytsia House of Officers, which killed 23 people on July 14. According to the Prosecutor General of Ukraine Venediktova, 22,000 war crimes of the Russian Federation have been registered in Ukraine, and every day Russia adds another 200-300 cases with missile strikes, shelling and atrocities. Grain exports from Ukraine lag behind last year's schedule by 40%. In Mykolaiv, there has been no drinking water for three months. On April 12, the occupiers destroyed the water supply facility. Only partial supply of technical water has been restored, while drinking water has to be delivered into the city. 	
<p>16.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defense Ministry spokesman Oleksandr Motuzianyk says that 70 % of Russian strikes target civilian infrastructure, while only 30 % hit military targets. 	
<p>17.07</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Kryvyi Rih district, a fire broke out on several dozen hectares of fields because of the Russians strikes. The fire destroyed the crop. Head of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Kyiv region Andrii Niebytov says that in Kyiv region, there have been found 1346 bodies of civilians who died at the hands of the invaders. 	