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International support

15.08

➤ The Air Force of Ukraine received four **Mi-17 and Mi-2 helicopters from Latvia**. In the near future they will be fully incorporated into the aviation fleet of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. In addition, Latvia donated six more **M109 howitzers**. They are participating in battles with the invaders. Latvia is one of the countries that has provided Ukraine with the most significant support in terms of gross domestic product. The country has supplied Ukraine weapons and equipment worth more than 200 million euros.



16.08

➤ Ukraine received 200 million euros from **Italy** as part of a soft loan provided for 15 years at zero interest rate. The funds will be directed to the salaries of teachers of general secondary education institutions.

➤ **Latvia** raises funds for Bayraktar for Ukraine. A total of five million euros are planned to be raised.

➤ **Finland** will reduce the number of visas for Russians tenfold. Since September, the country will accept only 10% of visa applications from tourists from the Russian Federation – about 100 applications per day. Exceptions may be made for some groups – journalists, dissidents or activists.

➤ **Latvia** will extend temporary residence permits for Russians in rare cases only.

17.08

➤ A number of authoritative American experts, military and diplomats **called on Biden** to more decisively help Ukraine with weapons, noting that a decisive moment is coming in Russia's war against Ukraine, and at stake, among other things, are vital interests of the United States.

18.08

➤ Since August 18, **Estonia** has stopped allowing Russian citizens with Schengen visas issued by the country. Now about 25,000 Russians have such visas.

➤ Throughout July, **Europe's six largest countries** have not offered Ukraine new bilateral military commitments, the first such month since Russia's invasion in February. This is a sign that, despite historic changes in the European defense policy, military assistance to Ukraine seems to be diminishing. Just as Kyiv launches a decisive counteroffensive. Such conclusions are made by Politico.



➤ Zelenskyy met with **Turkish President** Recep Endorgan in Lviv. They discussed the theft of grain by Russia, nuclear terrorism of the Russian Federation and defense cooperation. During the meeting, the presidents of both countries signed a memorandum providing for the participation of the Turkish party in the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine.

➤ Zelenskyy met with **UN Secretary-General** Guterres in Lviv. The President of Ukraine and the Head of the United Nations discussed development of the grain initiative, illegal and forced deportation of Ukrainians, and the release of our servicemen and doctors from captivity. Special attention was paid to the topic of nuclear blackmail of Russia at the Zaporizhzhia NPP.



➤ The **Estonian government** has approved a new military aid package for Ukraine, including new batches of mortars and anti-tank weapons, as well as another field hospital.

➤ **Canada** will provide Ukraine with CAD 450 million for gas purchases. The allocated funds will help Ukrainians prepare for the heating season. "Another step of solidarity from friendly Canada. I thank Justin Trudeau, Chrystia Freeland and the entire Canadian people for their unwavering support in the struggle for freedom and democracy," said Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal. Currently, Ukraine is already 70% ready for the heating season.

➤ The Ministry of Internal Affairs of **Latvia** proposes to stop issuing residence permits to citizens of Russia and Belarus until June 30, 2023.

19.08

➤ **Britain** will allocate 15 million pounds for Ukrainians for humanitarian aid. About \$ 18 million will be transferred to help Ukrainians who suffered during the war. Up to 200 thousand Ukrainian refugees in Poland and internally displaced persons in Ukraine, in particular, children, the elderly and people with disabilities, will be able to receive assistance.



➤ **Germany** handed over three more Gepards to Ukraine. Also, the German government transferred 11 tracked armored personnel carriers M113 and a thousand dry rations. This is stated on the website of the German government.

➤ **The United States** will provide Ukraine with a new \$775 million military assistance package. According to the White House website, the assistance was approved by US President Joseph Biden. The money will go to defense items and services of the Ministry of Defense. Also, some funds will be spent on military education and training of the Ukrainian military.

20.08

➤ An interactive map has appeared with the scale of **military assistance provided by countries** around the world to Ukraine. It was developed at the University of Kiel, Germany. Thus, the main military donor of Ukraine is the United States, which has already provided \$25.45 billion. In second place is Britain (\$ 4.11 billion), and in third place is Poland (\$ 1.83 billion).

➤ The **German government** and the EU purchased 225 Vulcano high-precision missiles for the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The ammunition will reinforce Ukrainian 155 mm guns. These are high-precision artillery shells that can destroy targets at a distance of up to 70-80 km.

Ukraine Support Tracker

Total bilateral aid: Government commitments in % of GDP



Military positions

- The Russians continue to carry out air and missile strikes on civilian and military objects on the territory of Ukraine. In some areas, they are trying to break through the front line but suffer losses.
- In the **Slobozhansk direction** (Kharkiv region), the Russians are conducting combat operations with the aim of holding the occupied areas and preventing a counteroffensive by units of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, in some places they are trying to improve the tactical position.
- In the **Sloviansk direction**, units of the Russian army tried to conduct assault operations, were repulsed, and withdrew.
- Towards **Kramatorsk and Bakhmut**, the Russian army is trying to conduct an offensive, fighting is ongoing.
- Towards the **South Buh** (Kherson, Mykolaiv regions), the main efforts of the Russians are focused on preventing the advance of Ukrainian troops.

➤ Losses of the Russian forces in a week 15.08 - 20.08:

- Liquidated personnel - 1350
- Tanks - 43
- Armored personnel vehicle - 86
- Artillery system / MLRS - 38/5
- Anti-aircraft warfare systems - 5
- Aircraft / helicopters - 108/3
- UAV Operational-tactical level - 19
- Warships / boats - 0
- Vehicles & fuel tanks - 98
- Special equipment - 6

➤ In the rear of the Russians, the Ukrainian defense and resistance forces continue to attack warehouses, command posts, and military bases:

- 15.08 — the Ukrainian military carried out a targeted strike on the private military company "**Wagner**" base, which was located in the temporarily occupied Popasna, Luhansk region. Probably 100 "Wagner" personnel from the leadership were destroyed.
- 16.08 — were detonated warehouses with ammunition between the villages of Maiske and Azovske (the Autonomous Republic of **Crimea, Dzhankoi district**). The distance to them from the front line is 200-250 km. As a result of the explosions, the railway equipment to the front.



near the village of Azovske was also damaged. The Russians used it to supply equipment to the front.

- The Ukrainian military struck the building of the Security Service of Ukraine in temporarily occupied **Lysychansk**. Explosions also occurred in Pervomaisk, Luhansk region.

- Aviation of the Armed Forces of Ukraine hit two strongholds and two areas of concentration of enemy weapons and equipment in the areas of Novopetrivka, **Kherson region**, and Maksymivka, **Mykolaiv region**. 23 Russian military

personnel, a 152-mm howitzer, and seven pieces of equipment were destroyed.

- 17.08 — an attack was made on the base of the Russians near **Nova Kakhovka** (Kherson region), the base in the village of **Kyrylivka** (Zaporizhzhia region), a warehouse in the **Yampil district** of Zaporizhzhia region.

- 18.08 — explosions occurred at the **Belbek airfield** in the temporarily occupied **Crimea**.

The Armed Forces of Ukraine made 4 strikes on the accumulation of manpower, weapons, and equipment of the Russian troops in the **Bashtan and Beryslav districts** (Kherson region). According to the command, the confirmed losses of the Russian army are 73 soldiers, three tanks, four launchers, a radar station for the S-300 air defense system, five pieces of equipment, and a



warehouse of ammunition.

- 19.08 — Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine made **11 strikes on the positions of the Russian troops**, destroyed 17 Russian troops, the reconnaissance and fire control radar complex "Zoopark 1", and four units of automobile and armored vehicles.

- 20.08 — in **Sevastopol** (the Autonomous Republic of Crimea), a fire broke out in the building of the headquarters of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation. The headquarters was attacked by a drone. Explosions also occurred near **Yevpatoriia and Bakhchysarai**.

- Bombings at Russian positions in occupied Crimea are likely a coordinated part of a Ukrainian counteroffensive and can weaken Russia's ability to maintain its forces on the west bank of the Dnipro River and protect them from counterattacks, according to a new report by the American Institute for the Study of War.

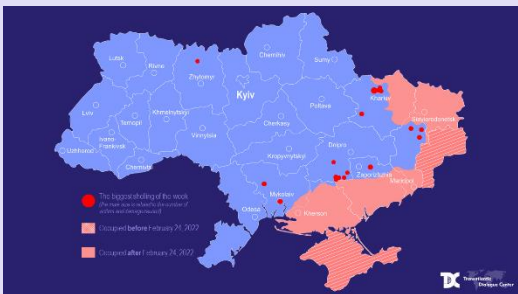
- There is a split in the troops of the unrecognized quasi-republics of the DPR/LPR. On August 14, 2022, a video appeared online showing fighters of the so-called Luhansk People's Republic refusing to fight in the Donetsk region and claiming pressure, threats, and blackmail from their military leadership. A similar video was published by the military of the Donetsk People's Republic on 24.07.2022.

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The week of shelling

<p>15.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russia shelled the Saltiv district of Kharkiv with the Grad rocket launcher. 5 cars, a church and a playground were damaged. Seven people were injured, one of the wounded died in hospital. ➤ On the night of August 16, the Russian occupiers shelled five of the nine districts of Kharkiv. The city center was also under attack. It has been one of the most massive shelling of Kharkiv in recent times.
<p>16.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russian army shelled two districts of Dnipropetrovsk region — Kryvyi Rih and Nikopol. Two women were injured, up to two thousand people have no power supply. Private houses, a gas pipeline, a power line, two warehouses with grain and equipment of a local agricultural enterprise were damaged. There were 40 shells from Grads and 10 from barreled artillery. ➤ In the Zhytomyr region, Russians hit a military airfield with missiles. As a result of the hit, the runway and several pieces of automotive equipment were damaged. No personnel were injured. ➤ During the day, the Russians shelled settlements in Zaporizhzhia region 28 times. In total, police recorded the destruction of two high-rise buildings and more than 20 private houses.
<p>17.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russians once again struck the North Saltivka microdistrict in Kharkiv. The main blow hit the hostel in which civilians lived, including those with hearing impairments. ➤ On the same day, the Russians fired S-300 missiles at one of the universities in Mykolaiv — the Black Sea National University named after Petro Mohyla. The walls, windows, and doors were damaged, the ceiling and interior decoration were destroyed. ➤ Also, as a result of shelling, 27 residential buildings in Mykolaiv were damaged.
<p>18.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kharkiv was again under attack. In the Sloboda district, one of the missiles hit a 4-storey dormitory. The building is partially destroyed. Russian shelling of Kharkiv killed 18 people, including a boy born in 2009, and wounded 42 people. ➤ The city of Krasnohrad, Kharkiv region, was also shelled. A couple was killed in their own home. Their 12-year-old daughter was thrown from the house into the yard by a blast wave and seriously injured.
<p>19.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ From the village of Vodiane, Zaporizhzhia region, the enemy covered the center of Nikopol with fire from barreled artillery. As a result of the shelling, a school, a bank, shops, a cultural institution, an administrative building, and almost 20 high-rise buildings were damaged. ➤ In the Donetsk region, Russians shelled civilians 24 times a day. Residential buildings, a college and the Machine-Building Academy were destroyed and damaged.
<p>20.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russian occupiers shelled the city of Voznesensk, Mykolaiv region. They hit a five-storey building and some private houses. There are 9 wounded, including 4 children. All children are in serious condition, their age is from 3 to 17 years. ➤ In the Donetsk region, Ukrainian police recorded 17 cases of shelling during the day. Civilians were killed and wounded. The invaders targeted residential buildings, a playground and a utility company.
<p>21.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the night of August 21, the Russian occupiers shelled the city of Nikopol, Marganets and the Myrove communities with barreled artillery. Both high-rise buildings and private houses, cars, and outbuildings suffered damage, a gas pipeline and power lines were damaged. ➤ In the Donetsk region, the occupying forces carried out 12 shelling attacks, killing and wounding civilians. ➤ The map indicating the biggest shelling spots for the week 15.08-21.08.



Humanitarian crisis



<p>15.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The UN has rejected accusations from Russia that the UN Secretariat is allegedly blocking a visit of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to the Zaporizhzhia NPP, which is under the control of the Russian occupation forces. ➤ The Belarusian Haiun monitoring group informs that a large number of anti-aircraft missile systems with about 15-60 missiles have accumulated on the territory of the Zibrivka airfield in Homel region, Belarus, which may indicate preparations for massive strikes. On the right you can see the map of missile systems' location. ➤ Ivan Fedorov, Mayor of Melitopol, says that there has been no gas in the city for three weeks, and the occupiers will not have time to fix the gas supply system and start the heating season on time. ➤ Russia is at an advanced stage of planning a pseudo-referendum on the annexation of the so-called "DPR". 	
<p>16.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The largest hacker attack has been carried out from the territory of Russia since the beginning of February 24 on the official website of the state-owned enterprise NNEGC Enerhoatom. ➤ The situation in the temporarily occupied Enerhodar is dangerous not only for Zaporizhzhia region. The evacuation plan from the city and the radiation contamination risk zone is being adjusted to take into account the military situation. "If we take the 50 km zone of mandatory resettlement that may arise as a result of a possible accident at the nuclear power station in Enerhodar, it is more than 200,000 [people] in our region and up to 200,000 in the neighboring Dnipropetrovsk region. The cities of Nikopol, Marhanets, Enerhodar, Vasylivka, Dniprorudne and others," says Head of the Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration Starukh. 	
<p>17.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reported that the Russian occupiers hit a dormitory in Kharkiv on the evening of August 17. In several parts of the dormitory, destroyed by the Russians, people with hearing impairments lived, and they might not have heard the alarm. 18 people were killed, more than 40 injured. ➤ In Mariupol, temporarily occupied by Russian troops, the queue for filtering to get a pass to leave the city exceeds 1,300 people. 	
<p>18.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that at a meeting in Lviv, he agreed with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on the details of a possible mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the occupied Zaporizhzhia NPP.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called on UN Secretary General António Guterres to resort to all the UN mechanisms to return Ukrainian prisoners of war to the Motherland. ➤ General Director of the IAEA, Raphael Grossi, announced that he was ready to head the IAEA delegation to the Zaporizhzhia NPP. ➤ Crop capacity during the war is no worse than the average in recent years, but the agricultural industry is still set back for years. ➤ Moscow does not accept the proposal to create a demilitarized zone around the Zaporizhzhia NPP, states Ivan Nechaev, Deputy Director of the Department of Information and Press of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. According to him, proposals for a demilitarized zone around the Zaporizhzhia NPP are unacceptable, because their implementation will make the plant even more vulnerable. 	
<p>19.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ According to ISW, the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation is probably creating conditions for accusing Ukraine of attacking the Zaporizhzhia NPP. In addition, in the near future, the Russians are planning to stop the operating power units of the ZNPP and disconnect them from the communication lines supplying power to the Ukrainian power system. The NNEGC Enerhoatom emphasizes that the shutdown of the Zaporizhzhia NPP by the occupiers will bring the scenario of a radiation disaster closer. ➤ In Melitopol, the Russian invaders intend to hold their pseudo-referendum at the voters' place of residence. It is noted that a "hidden referendum" is planned because they understand that they do not have a sufficient number of supporters even to create an illusion of support. ➤ 10 vessels are being prepared for departure from "Odesa", "Chornomorsk" and "Pivdenniy" ports. In addition, more than 40 applications have already been received for loading Ukrainian goods in Ukrainian ports. The department pays special attention to the export of food to African countries. ➤ On the Independence Day of Ukraine, August 24, the Russian occupiers plan to hold a show trial of the captured defenders of Azovstal in the temporarily occupied Mariupol, as reported by the Intelligence Directorate. They are planning to copy the format of the Nuremberg Tribunal: they want to hold the trial not specifically over the fighters of "Azov" as a unit, but allegedly over the "ideology of Nazism". According to the plan of the occupiers, the so-called "tribunal" will be held in many locations, and Mariupol will be only the first of them. According to intelligence, another location may be the occupied Kherson. ➤ The Russian invaders are threatening to confiscate the property of parents who do not send their children to study in Russian schools in the temporarily occupied territories of Kherson region. 	
<p>21.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Animals are dying in the Black Sea, in the wake of full-scale war in Ukraine. The number of dead dolphins exceeds 5 thousand animals, the "Open Cages" organization reported. ➤ In Ukraine, air-raid warnings have been updated, particularly in cases of chemical and radiation danger. New warning signals: Chemical hazards will sound like church bells, radiation danger is an alarm bell, and the alarm to signal evacuation from the city sounds like a train horn. ➤ Out of 20 missile strikes in Ukraine, only one hits a military facility, the rest hit civilian infrastructure, according to the Security Service of Ukraine. ➤ In recent weeks, the Russian invaders have increased the scope of filtering measures in the Kherson region, the number of people abducted by the invaders is increasing 	