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International support

29.08

- Prime Minister of **Sweden** Magdalena Andersson announces that the Swedish government will provide Ukraine with a new aid package of 1 billion Swedish krona (about \$100 million). She says that they cannot allow Russia to win this unjust and unjustified war.
- Chancellor of **Germany** Olaf Scholz urged for the expansion of the European Union to include Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia. He also expressed the idea that Germany could help Ukraine build up artillery and air defense in coordination with other Western allies.



30.08

- The **Norwegian** government considers the possibility of financially helping Ukraine to prepare for the winter. Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gaarlt reports about providing Ukraine with 2 billion Norwegian krone (about \$200 million) to purchase gas for the heating season.
- **The EU** will supply Ukraine with 5.5 million tablets of potassium iodide. The medicine was asked by the Ukrainian government to increase the level of protection around the ZNPP.

31.08



- According to Head of European diplomacy, **Josep Borrell, the EU** is suspending the agreement on the visa facilitation regime with Russia. "We have seen a substantial increase of border crossings from Russia into neighboring states. This is becoming a security threat. We therefore agree today with the EU Foreign Ministers on Full Suspension of the EU-Russia visa facilitation agreement," Borrell said. He also adds that the European Union will not recognize passports issued by the Russian Federation in the occupied territories of Ukraine.
- Head of the **Polish Foreign Ministry**, Zbigniew Rau says that Poland supports Ukraine's accession to the EU as soon as possible. "The European Union should be ready to grant membership to Ukraine in a few years. The time of passivity in Europe is over, and I consider this to be the slogan of our thinking and actions."
- **Head of the German Foreign Ministry** says: "We will not lift the sanctions against the Russian Federation, even if the Germans go out to protest". In addition, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Annalena Baerbock, promised that Germany "will support the people of Ukraine as long as it is necessary."

01.09

- The **British Ministry of Defense** announces that Ukraine will receive six underwater mine-detecting drones from the UK. The British will also provide appropriate training to help Ukraine clean the coastline.



02.09

- **The President of the European Commission** urged the EU to limit the price of Russian gas. As Reuters reports, Ursula von der Leyen said that the European Union should limit the price of Russian gas to counter Putin's energy blackmail.
 - **Denmark** will supply military uniforms and winter clothing for the Ukrainian Armed Forces. This was reported by the Office of the President of Ukraine.
 - **Biden** asks Congress to allocate **\$11.7 billion** as an emergency aid to Ukraine. The appeal also mentions \$2 billion aid to strengthen domestic energy supplies and compensate for the impact of the war on the global energy market. "We rallied the world to support the people of Ukraine and protect our democracy, and we simply cannot allow this support for Ukraine to end," the Administration's representative told reporters.
- **All EU member states, except Hungary**, agreed to financially guarantee another 5 billion euros of macro-financial assistance in the form of long-term loans for Ukraine. The European Commission intends to put forward a formal proposal on the matter next week, despite resistance from Orban's government.



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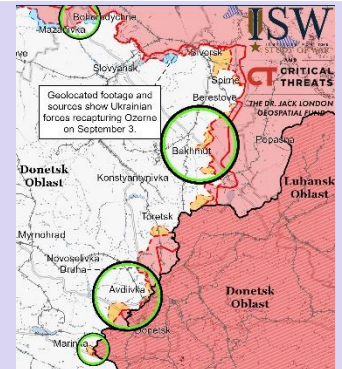
- **The Pentagon** has signed a contract with Raytheon Missiles & Defence to purchase NASAMS air defense systems for Ukraine. These are surface-to-air missile systems of short and medium range. The contract price is more than \$182 million. The approximate date of completion of the production of the air defense system is August 23, 2024.
- **Latvian President** Egils Levits and Defense Minister Artis Pabriks urged NATO allies to provide Ukraine with modern combat tanks and aircraft, and also warned against weakening determination in countering Russia.

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Military positions

➤ The Russian army continues to focus its efforts on establishing control over **Donetsk region**, holding previously occupied territories of **Kharkiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Zaporizhzhia regions**.

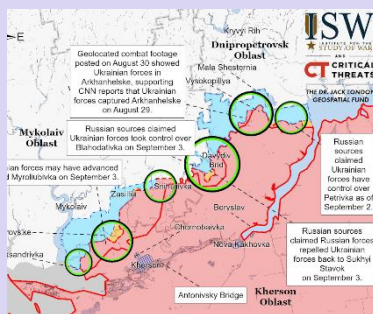
➤ Towards **Bakhmut** (Donetsk oblast), the Russian attacks in Soledar, Bakhmutse, Vesela Dolyna were repulsed by Ukrainian defenders. The Armed Forces of Russia are trying to push forward towards Zaitseve and Maiorsk.



➤ **Losses of the Russian forces in a week 28.08 - 03.09:**

- Liquidated personnel - 2300
- Tanks - 92
- Armored personnel vehicle - 146
- Artillery system / MLRS - 84/19
- Anti-aircraft warfare systems - 5
- Aircraft / helicopters - 1/3
- UAV Operational-tactical level - 26
- Warships / boats - 0
- Vehicles & fuel tanks - 94
- Special equipment - 6

As of
03.09



➤ On August 29, Ukrainian defenders **launched a counter-offensive** in its south and broke through the first front line in the **Kherson region**. According to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), during the first day of the counter-offensive, the Armed Forces of Ukraine completely liberated 5 more settlements in the Kherson region.

➤ According to British intelligence, the actions of the Ukrainian military in the Kherson region were a certain tactical surprise for the enemy, and the Russian command will soon have to choose where to send the reserves available to them.

➤ On August 29, the Ukrainian Air Force launched **more than 15 group air strikes** against the Russian invading forces in various areas, shot down the Kh-

59 missile and some drones.

➤ The Armed Forces of Ukraine destroyed the crossing that the Russian troops were building across the Dnipro river in the area of the village Lvove, and three ammunition depots in Beryslav, Vysokopillia, and Antonivka.

➤ The Ukrainian defenders eliminated 82 invaders and 30 units of equipment.

➤ The Armed Forces of Ukraine continue eliminating the enemy along the front line and in the enemy's rear. For three days, from August 31 to September 2, enemy machinery worth of about \$26.5 million was destroyed by Bayraktar TB2 UAV, including 8 T-72 tanks (the estimated cost of each one is \$3 million), one SO-152 (Akatsiya) (\$1,6 млн), one IFV (\$0,6 million), and one howitzer (\$0.3 million).

➤ On the evening of August 31, there were explosions in Kherson and Beryslav. It's possible that the Armed Forces of Ukraine struck the Antonovskiy Bridge (Kherson region) once again.

➤ On September 1, the Ukrainian military **attacked 9 control points, 2 ferry crossings, as well as 2 drone control points**. They also hit air defense equipment and enemy buildups, destroying more than a hundred Russian invaders and units of equipment on the southern front.

➤ In addition, the Armed Forces of Ukraine **destroyed 5 enemy ammunition warehouses** in Kherson, Bashtanka, and Beryslav regions of Kherson oblast.

➤ Ukrainian soldiers raise a blue-yellow flag in the village of **Visokopillia** in the Kherson region. We are waiting for confirmation about the liberation of Visokopillia from the General Staff of the Armed Forces.



The week of shelling



<p>29.08</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Sumy region: Russians fired nearly a hundred units of ammunition at the region. › Starting at 6 am Russian occupiers have been selling the residential area of Kharkiv with cluster ammunition. › Explosions are heard in occupied Melitopol in Zaporizhzhia region. › There are casualties as a result of occupier's shelling the residential area of Mykolaiv. There are 2 killed and 24 wounded as known so far.
<p>30.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Russians launched a missile attack on Zaporizhzhia. › Russians shelled three districts of Dnipro region: there was a lot of destruction, one woman was wounded. › Russian occupiers shelled Kharkiv city center using artillery. There are 5 killed, 11 wounded as known so far. 	
<p>31.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › On the night of August 31 Russian army fired from "Hrads" and heavy artillery at Nikopol district four times. Therefore, a 57 years old woman was wounded, 12 high-rise buildings, a number of shops and pharmacies, a college, a youth sport school and a sports complex were damaged. › Russians hit a residential building in the center of Kharkiv. The mayor of the city reports civilian casualties. › One teenager was killed due to the detonation of a cluster munition in the Dnipropetrovsk region. › The Russian army is shelling Enerhodar on the eve of the IAEA mission arrival at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant. Russians try to accuse Ukrainian military of shelling the city from Nikopol - the head of Nikopol District Military Administration reports. Enerhodar Mayor Dmytro Orlov published a photo of the damaged Enerhodar municipal council building. 	
<p>01.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › At night Russians fired at Odesa region with "Onyx" missiles from the occupied Crimea. › Another body of a man tortured by Russians in Zadvyzhivka village, Bucha district, Kyiv region was found. Man's approximate age was about 40-50. There are wounds on his neck and trunk. › Mortar shelling has been going on in Energodar since 5 am on September 1. There are injured. Some objects of the civil infrastructure were also hit. 	
<p>02.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Russians fired at Kholodnohirsky district of Kharkiv. No casualties were reported. › At night Russian forces shelled Nikopol district of Dnipro region from "Hrads" - one person was injured. 	
<p>03.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Russians shelled Chernihiv region: over 50 explosions, buildings are damaged. › Russian militaries shelled Zelenodoski of Dnipro region from "Urahan" launchers twice, 9 years old boy was killed - the head of Regional Military Administration Reznichenko reported. Therefore, ten people were hospitalized, most of them in serious condition, according to initial information. › For the last day Russians had fired at two districts of Sumy region from mortars and self-propelled artillery. 	
<p>04.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Shelling of Kharkiv: a missile hit at a restaurant complex, a great fire started. › In the evening Russian forces fired at two districts of Kharkiv, two casualties were reported. › The map indicating the biggest shelling spots for the week 29.08-04.09. 	

Humanitarian crisis



<p>29.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ukrainians from the temporarily occupied territories, in particular in the south, are once again being urged to evacuate because “the scenario [of the counteroffensive] is powerful and dynamic”. RF President’s Spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, says that Russia does not intend to demilitarize the zone around the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. Head of Zaporizhzhia oblast, Oleksandr Starukh, claimed that 65% of the population of the oblast is located on the territory controlled by Ukraine, i.e. the invaders can organize a “referendum”, attracting no more than 35%. In Zaporizhzhia oblast the Russian military fired at an evacuation convoy in the “gray zone” to intimidate civilians trying to leave for the Ukraine-controlled territory. IAEA Director General, Rafael Grossi, said that he and the team of IAEA experts set off to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.
<p>30.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to RIA Melitopol, Russians are smuggling out new crops from the occupied parts of southern Ukraine; the highway to the occupied Crimea is clogged with trucks with loot from Ukrainians. In August, Ukraine received a record monthly amount of foreign financial assistance totalling \$4.6 billion. <div data-bbox="263 772 518 963" data-label="Image"> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judging by the new satellite images from Maxar Technologies, four holes appeared on the roof of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant building. There was a “hunger riot” of the Russian-occupied Mariupol residents when the Red Cross tried to stop giving out humanitarian aid due to a large number of applicants. Adviser to the Mariupol mayor, Petro Andriushchenko says that since there is no humanitarian aid from the invaders, the only source of food for many residents is the humanitarian aid from the Red Cross. But, because of too many people, the Red Cross tried to cancel its distribution. <div data-bbox="1204 622 1500 784" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>31.08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia has sent a group of Russian “teachers” to the occupied Luhansk region to ‘russify’ Ukrainian children. 106 teachers will work in the regions of Luhansk oblast. According to the ISW, Putin is doing everything to erase Ukrainian cultural identity of Ukrainians forcibly resettled in the Russian Federation and assimilate them into Russian culture. According to the Strategic Communications Center of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, during the “reconstruction” of the Mariupol Drama Theater, where people had died during the bombing, the Russians cover the corpses with concrete and pour these places with bleach. According to local residents, the builders were ordered not to make a fuss about that and not to pull out corpses, but to “pour them with concrete” in a quiet way. The IAEA Mission left Kyiv for the Zaporizhzhia NPP to assess the situation and establish a permanent mission at the station. The invaders stated that they allowed the Mission to work 1 day only. <div data-bbox="1204 1097 1500 1254" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>01.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, 111 institutions of general secondary education have been completely destroyed. Another 830 schools were damaged as a result of shelling by the invaders. Only 30 % of Ukrainian schoolchildren will be able to attend schools offline this year. The emergency protection system of the Zaporizhzhia NPP turned off the operating fifth reactor due to the shelling by the Russian invaders. According to Enerhoatom, the Russians staged new provocations at the ZNPP shortly before the visit of the IAEA Mission. On September 1, at 4:57 a.m., as a result of another mortar attack on the site of the plant by the Russian occupation forces, the emergency protection system was activated, and the 5th reactor turned off. The IAEA Mission arrived at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said that despite the agreements with IAEA Director General the Mission got to the Zaporizhzhia NPP without journalists. There were only propagandists from Russia. Four hours after his arrival, Rafael Grossi left the Zaporizhzhia NPP along with most of the members of the delegation. The IAEA team will maintain its presence at the plant. <div data-bbox="247 1265 542 1444" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>02.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 185 thousand Ukrainian children who fled the war in Ukraine started the new school year in Polish schools. Head of the IAEA, Rafael Grossi, said that physical integrity of the occupied Zaporizhzhia NPP was violated several times. He said: “There were moments when shelling was obvious with heavy machine guns, artillery mortars. Two or three times, [it was] really very disturbing, I would say, for all of us.” The fifth reactor at the Zaporizhzhia NPP, which was shut down as a result of Russian shelling on September 1, was re-connected to the power grid and was gaining power. <div data-bbox="247 1668 542 1836" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>04.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 5 schools in the center of the occupied Melitopol Russian military bases have been deployed. On the morning of September 4, the Russian occupiers attacked Ochakiv in Mykolaiv oblast, as a result several thousand tonnes of grain were destroyed. Head of the Kyiv City Military Administration, Major General Zhirnov says that Ukraine's air defense has reached efficiency when from 50% to 70% of Russian missiles are shot down. The Insider reports that investigative journalists received a video of the operation of Russian multiple launch rocket systems from the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP.