



# Transatlantic Dialogue Center

## Weekly briefing

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- **The EU** has provided Ukraine with €500 million for the purchase of weapons and will establish a mission to train the Ukrainian military (EUMAM). The mission will be primarily aimed at **training the Ukrainian military** in the EU. It is reported that up to 15 thousand servicemen will take part in the program.
- **The Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs** officially accused **Iran** of complicity in Russia's crimes against Ukraine. "Providing weapons for waging the war of aggression in Ukraine and killing Ukrainian citizens makes Iran an accomplice in the crime of aggression, war crimes and terrorist acts of Russia against Ukraine," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.
- Defense Minister Reznikov said that Ukraine will soon receive the latest **air defense systems** - Norwegian anti-aircraft missile systems NASAMS, which are designed to destroy maneuvering targets at low and medium altitudes.

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- **The Estonian Parliament** supported the resolution on the **recognition of Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism**.
- Ukraine received another tranche of **macro-financial assistance from the EU** in the amount of 2 billion euros – the funds will help cover urgent budget expenditures, in particular in the social and humanitarian spheres
- Over the past week, **Germany** handed over to Ukraine an additional five armored Bergepanzer 2 recovery vehicles, as well as winter military uniforms and equipment. In addition, Ukraine received from Germany 100 tents, 183 generators, 116 thousand winter jackets, 80 thousand pairs of winter pants, and 240 thousand winter hats for the military.
- **Iran** has agreed to provide Russia with surface-to-surface missiles – Reuters with reference to Iranian officials. *"It's not a seller's problem where they are used. We are not taking sides in the Ukrainian crisis like the West is. We want to end the crisis diplomatically,"* the Iranian diplomat said.

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- **Greece** has started transferring IFV-1 to Ukraine, Foreign Minister Kuleba said after talks with his Greek counterpart Nikos Dendias.
- **Israeli Defense Minister** Benny Gantz states that Israel will not supply weapons to Ukraine to counter Russian invasion, but could provide an early warning system for impending missile or drone strikes.
- **The European Parliament** awarded the Sakharov Prize, the EU's top human rights award, to "the brave people of Ukraine, represented by President Zelenskyy, elected leaders, and civil society."



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- **Swiss President** Ignazio Cassis arrives in Ukraine on a visit. *"My goal is to get an impression of the war situation, the humanitarian situation and the preparatory work for the reconstruction of the country,"* Cassis wrote.
- **Britain** is preparing a package of assistance to Ukraine for the winter - it will include 25 thousand sets of uniforms, said Defense Minister Ben Wallace. He also added that London will continue to provide Ukraine with missiles for air defense systems "in light of the ongoing and indiscriminate attacks on civilian infrastructure".
- **The EU** finally approved **sanctions against Iran** for supplying drones ("Shaheds") to Russia. According to media reports, Shahed Aviation Industries, the company responsible for the design and development of the Iranian Shahed UAV, has been sanctioned.
- **Scholz** assured that Germany will support Ukraine as long as it is needed. *"This Russia under Putin is no longer a reliable trading partner. Putin hoped to blackmail us by cutting off the gas. But he was wrong here too... Together we will survive the winter,"* the German Chancellor emphasized.

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- Luke Skywalker (actor Mark Hamill) helped Ukraine to raise funds for **500 drones**. Earlier, the actor joined the UNITED 24 initiative and became an ambassador of the "Army of Drones" project, in which he, together with concerned people, managed to collect half a thousand drones. "I am a fictional hero of films, and these heroes are real," Hamill said about Ukrainians.
- **German company HENSOLDT** announced the transfer of four TRML-4D radar stations for the IRIS-T SLM air defense system to Ukraine. It is noted that one of the TRML-4D radars has already been delivered to Ukraine within the framework of the order of Diehl Defense (IRIS-T manufacturer) for the amount of 2 million euros, and three more will be delivered within a few months.

- ✓ Having no significant victories on the battlefield, the Russian army continues to shell civilian infrastructure objects to terrorize the civilian population of Ukraine.
- ✓ The Russian Army is trying to hold the temporarily occupied territories and concentrating its efforts on restraining the actions of the Defense Forces in certain directions, and at the same time, it is not abandoning its attempts to conduct **offensive actions in the Bakhmut and Avdiivka directions**.
- ✓ The situation on the eastern front of Ukraine has worsened as a result of official mobilization in Russia, but the Russians haven't yet achieved significant success in any direction. Today, **the most difficult battles are taking place in the Bakhmut region**. As of October 22, the attack on the Bakhmut direction was repulsed and the Armed Forces of Ukraine held their positions.
- ✓ The Russians have no success in the **Kherson region**. Only on October 22 in the south, the missile and artillery units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine carried out more than 100 fire attacks on the concentration areas of manpower and equipment of the Russian troops. It is known that the occupiers are taking property and documents out of Kherson and are getting ready for street battles. On October 22 the General Staff announced that the Russians had completely **left the occupied settlements of Chkalove and Charivne** in the Kherson region.
- ✓ The situation in **Volyn and Polissya** has not changed significantly. According to reports from the Ukrainian side, there is a growing threat of renewed Russian military offensives in the northern direction. This time, the direction of the offensive may be changed to the west of the Belarusian-Ukrainian border in order to cut the main logistical supply arteries of weapons and military equipment to Ukraine from partner countries. At the same time, British intelligence believes that the Belarusian army is not capable of conducting complex military operations, so Ukraine is not at risk from this direction. The deployment of the group on the territory of Belarus near the Ukrainian borders may be an attempt to draw Ukrainian troops and weapons there.

17.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Captured Ukrainian women return home. Another large-scale exchange of prisoners took place. 108 women were released from captivity — 37 evacuees from "Azovstal", 11 officers, 85 privates and sergeants.</li> </ul>
19.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the city of Beryslav, Kherson region, all bodies of the occupation authorities ceased the operations. It is also known that collaborators who collaborated with the Russian occupiers continue to leave the city, along with their families and property.</li> </ul>
20.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Around 11:00 p.m., explosions occurred on the Antonivskyi Bridge in temporarily occupied Kherson. This happened the day after Russian officials inspected it. It is reported that Russian equipment could use the crossing during the strikes around 11 p.m to deliver equipment to the city, and its destruction will create logistical problems for Russia in this direction.</li> </ul>
22.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past two weeks, the rate of destruction of Iranian kamikaze drones by Ukrainian air defenses has increased to 85% - Yuriy Ignat, spokesman for the Air Force Command of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The overall effectiveness of Ukrainian air defense forces is 64%.</li> <li>➤ Certain units of Russian troops continue to leave the temporarily occupied territory of the Kherson region. At the same time, looting and robbery cases of local residents have become more frequent. According to available information, the enemy has completely left the settlements of Charivne and Chkalove, and officers and medical personnel have been evacuated from Berislav.</li> <li>➤ The number of cases of looting and illegal actions in the city of Kherson has increased. Russians seize cars from the local population and try to leave the city with the help of a ferry crossing near the Antonivsky Bridge.</li> </ul>

Losses of the Russian army from 17.10.2022 to 23.10.2022	
Liquidated personnel	2470
Tanks	55
IFVs	91
Artillery systems / MLRS	78/9
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	3
Aircraft / helicopters	2/3
UAVs	138
Vehicles & fuel tanks	83
Special equipment	5

✓ During the week, Russians carried out **73 missile and 200 air strikes** and conducted more than **470 attacks from MLRS**.

## Overview

During the week, Russia continued massive attacks primarily on the energy infrastructure of Ukrainian cities. Between 7 and 18 October, Russia conducted **about 190 massive strikes with missiles, kamikaze drones, and artillery**. The strikes targeted **critical infrastructure**, including energy facilities and civilian objects. More than 70 people were killed, more than 240 wounded, and more than 380 objects damaged. These are more than 140 private and multi-apartment residential buildings. Due to Russian attacks, almost a third (30%) of Ukrainian power plants were destroyed.

The occupiers struck at critical infrastructure facilities in Vinnytsia, Rivne, Khmelnytskyi, and Odesa regions, as well as in Kryvyi Rih, Zhytomyr, and Lutsk. Most of all, the enemy targeted energy supply facilities, as a result, many districts of cities and villages were left without water and electricity. In the Ivano-Frankivsk region, Russian missiles hit the Burshtyn thermal power plant, which caused a fire. Three people were wounded in a kamikaze drone attack in Chernihiv, two of them are in serious condition.

Ukraine suffered a massive missile attack on critical infrastructure on **October 22** - Ukrenergo reported that the attacks on energy facilities in the west of the country may **exceed the consequences of the shelling on October 10-12**. During the day, the occupiers launched 40 missile strikes and 16 kamikaze drones. 20 cruise missiles and 11 UAVs were shot down. 9 regions of Ukraine came under attack. Facilities in Rivne, Volyn, Khmelnytsky, Cherkasy, Odesa and Mykolaiv regions were damaged among them. The energy facility in Lutsk is completely destroyed and cannot be restored. Attacks on critical infrastructure can be found on the map of attacks of the week with a special mark.

At least three people were killed in a rocket attack in the **Sumy region**, nine were wounded. Three Russian missiles hit a civilian infrastructure facility in Romny district. The State Emergency Service reported four dead. Two people were killed and one injured as a result of the shelling of Yunakivska community in the Sumy region on October 18.

Russians continue shelling **Kharkiv**. Two series of explosions were recorded. One of the enterprises and an object of industrial infrastructure in Kyiv district was hit. 14 people were injured. Chuhuiv, Kharkiv, Izium and Kupyansk districts of the region are also under fire.

**Mykolaiv** is constantly attacked by kamikaze drones. Three drones hit industrial infrastructure facilities and a pharmaceutical warehouse, there were no casualties. Attacks with S-300 missiles were also recorded. On October 18, Russians hit a two-story building, and the body of a 55-year-old man was found under the rubble. In the Mykolaiv region, 30 Shahed-136 drones were shot down, and four more hit one of the educational institutions of Mykolaiv. Bashtansky district of the region, which is near the frontline, also suffers from shelling.

## Kyiv and Kyiv region

On October 17, Russians struck at critical infrastructure facilities in the Kyiv region. 4 drone strikes were recorded, one of which hit a residential building in Shevchenkivskyi district. **19 people were rescued, 5 were killed**. Among them were a young husband and wife couple who were expecting a child. The woman was 6 months pregnant. According to Vitaliy Kliutschko, a total of **28 drones were flying toward Kyiv, most of them were shot down**.

On October 18, three hits to the power supply facility on the left bank of the city were recorded in Kyiv. The explosions occurred in Desnianskyi district at a **critical infrastructure facility**, killing three employees. Also, two objects suffered significant damage.

## Zaporizhzhya and the region

Russia continues to shell Zaporizhzhya and its suburbs, terrorizing the local population. Residential buildings and infrastructure of the city were damaged. On October 21, the city was shelled with S-300 missiles. A residential building, a school and infrastructure facilities were damaged. Three people were injured. A similar attack on the city and its surroundings was repeated on October 23, Russians used **kamikaze drones and S-300 systems**. Schools and private houses were damaged. Russians launched a missile attack on the territory of a specialized children's school in Komyshevakha. There were no casualties. But civilian infrastructure and residential buildings were destroyed.

**Enerhodar** was also shelled. The city is partially without electricity and water, the power substation was damaged. A critical infrastructure facility in Zaporizhzhya district was also attacked with MLRS. The fire at the facility was eliminated, people were not injured.

On October 19, Russians shelled **Orikhiv** in Zaporizhzhya region for almost seven hours. Eight people were injured. Private houses, the building of the city council and an educational institution were damaged. Due to the shelling in Orikhiv there is no electricity and water supply. Russians also shelled Gulyaypole with S-300 missiles. The local school was destroyed. According to preliminary information, there were no casualties.

## Dnipro and Dnipropetrovska oblast

**Dnipropetrovsk region** suffers from shelling. Two hits at the energy infrastructure facility and serious damage were recorded in Dnipro. A fire broke out, and some districts of Dnipro, Synelnykove and Vasylykivka were left without electricity.

In **Kamianske and Kryvyi Rih districts**, the Russians fired missiles at infrastructure and energy facilities. As a result, a number of towns and villages in the region were left without electricity and water supply. During the week, the Russians again shelled **the Nikopol district** of Dnipropetrovsk oblast: they hit Myrivska and Pokrovska communities with "Hrad" and heavy artillery. Nikopol is also suffering every day, Russians cover it with fire from MLRS and heavy artillery. Mostly private and multi-story houses, enterprises, gas pipelines and power lines are affected. **Almost 1000 families were left without electricity**.

## Donetsk region

Russians were actively shelling the Donetsk and Horlivka directions.

In the Donetsk sector Marinka, Avdiivka, Selydivske and Lymanske communities were shelled. In Marinka community, shelling was recorded in Katerynivka, power lines were damaged. Avdiivka came under artillery shelling: the outskirts and a garden society were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector Soledar, Chasovoyarsk, Toretsk, Bakhmut and Svitlodarsk communities suffered from shelling. Private houses and infrastructure facilities were damaged.

# This week shelling



Region Sumy



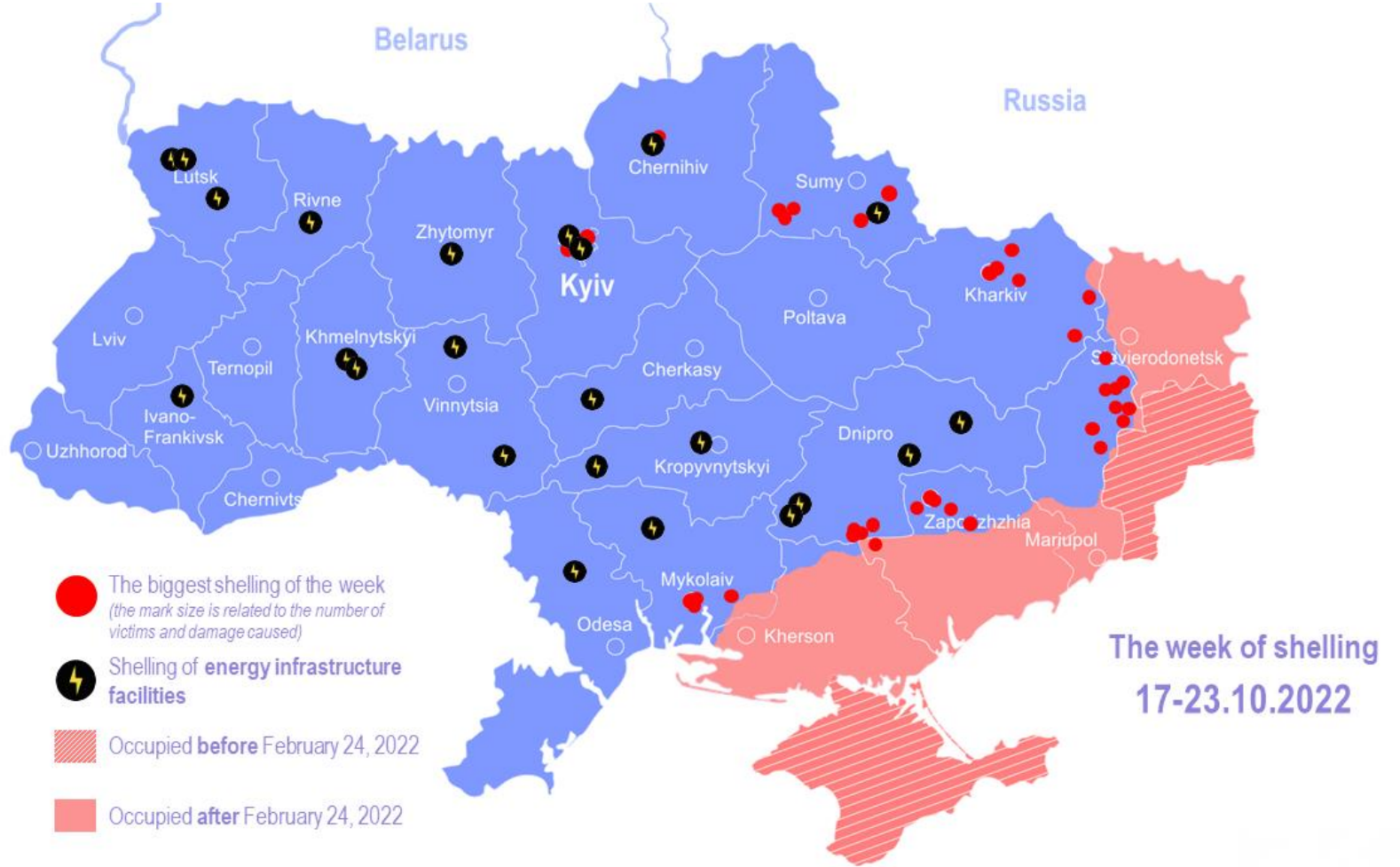
Bakhmut



Kamikaze drone attack in Kyiv



Consequences of attack on power infrastructure in Rivne (left) and Zhytomyr (right)



# Humanitarian crisis



<b>17.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ According to the survey results of the sociological group Rating, about a quarter of the population of Ukraine were forced to change their place of residence during the war. Most of them lived in the war zone - 64%, and in Kyiv - 42%. A third of those who left their homes have already returned. Also, 9% of the displaced persons plan to return in the near future, 15% will wait longer. At the same time, another third intend to return only when the war ends. Only 6% do not plan to return at all. Half of those who left during the war have already returned to the de-occupied settlements.</li> <li>➤ Representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross did not arrive at the border with the temporarily occupied territory, where the Ukrainian delegation was waiting for them. Together they were supposed to obtain access from Russia and visit Ukrainian prisoners of war in Olenivka.</li> </ul>
<b>19.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Most Ukrainian companies resumed work during the war. According to grc.ua portal research, in March only 40.2% of companies maintained their commercial activities, and 8.8% worked partially. As of the beginning of October, 93% of surveyed enterprises and organizations are engaged in commercial activities.</li> <li>➤ In Mariupol, the Russians dismantled a memorial dedicated to the victims of the Holodomor, the artificial famine of 1932-33, which Ukraine defines as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people. In this way, the occupiers erase the traces of Soviet repressions and the memory of them among the local population.</li> </ul>
<b>20.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Restrictions on electricity supply are being introduced throughout Ukraine. If necessary, rolling blackouts can be applied. Ukraine's energy infrastructure was significantly damaged as a result of Russian attacks.</li> <li>➤ 22 torture chambers were found in the de-occupied territories of Kharkiv region by law enforcement officers. The Ukrainian police have information that the occupiers also took people to the territory of the Russian Federation (in particular, to Belgorod), tortured them there, and then returned to Ukraine.</li> <li>➤ President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reports that Russians mined the dam and units of the Kakhovska HPP and are planning a terrorist attack under a foreign flag. The Kakhovska HPP is one of the largest power facilities. If the Russians blow up this dam, more than 80 settlements, including Kherson, will be hit by rapid flooding. Hundreds of thousands of people could be affected. This Russian terrorist attack could leave the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) without cooling water because water for the ZNPP is taken from the Kakhovka Reservoir. The canal to Crimea will also be destroyed.</li> </ul>
<b>21.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gas supply has been partially restored in Donetsk Oblast; centralized heating will be provided in 15 communities in Donetsk oblast, critical infrastructure facilities will be heated in 10 communities, and heating points will be installed. Earlier, gas supply in Donetsk oblast was stopped due to Russian shelling.</li> </ul>



<b>21.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Russia has hit at least half of Ukraine's thermal generating capacity and caused billions of dollars in damage since the 10th of October. 30-40% of the total national energy infrastructure was affected during the attacks, which were aimed at destroying the energy system of Ukraine, emphasized the Minister of Energy of Ukraine Herman Galushchenko. In general, from October 10 to 20, more than 400 objects in 16 oblasts of Ukraine were damaged as a result of shelling by the Russians. More than 250 heat supply facilities damaged by Russian strikes have been restored.</li> <li>➤ In Kyiv and the oblast, as well as regions of Chernihiv, Cherkasy and Zhytomyr, temporary power outages are applied.</li> <li>➤ Ukraine suffered more than 127 billion dollars in losses due to the war. Housing, infrastructure and industry were most affected.</li> </ul>
<b>22.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The morning strikes on October 22 at critical infrastructure facilities in the western regions of Ukraine caused damage that may exceed the consequences of the October 10-12 attack.</li> <li>➤ The Office of the President of Ukraine reported that in Ukraine, almost 1.5 million consumers were left without electricity.</li> <li>➤ The most difficult situation is in Khmelnytskyi and Mykolaiv oblasts, where only 27-28% of the population has access to the Internet.</li> <li>➤ Almost 40% of the country's energy infrastructure has been damaged as a result of missile attacks. Damages reach billions of dollars.</li> <li>➤ As a result of the Russian missile strike on October 22, the city's energy facility was virtually destroyed, reports the mayor of Lutsk, Ihor Polishchuk.</li> <li>➤ Russia is carrying out massive attacks on critical infrastructure in order to cause waves of refugees from Ukraine to Europe, believes Mykhailo Podoliak, Adviser to the head of the President's Office. As a result of Russian missile attacks on the power structure on October 22, 1,451,603 Ukrainians were left without electricity in different regions.</li> </ul>
<b>23.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 90% of wind and about 40-50% of solar energy have been lost, due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.</li> <li>➤ The occupied Enerhodar in the Zaporizhzhia region is on the verge of a humanitarian disaster. There is no energy and water supply, and there are no prospects for heating.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainians may be left without salaries and pensions if the European Union stops funding Ukraine within the promised 9 billion euros. This statement was made in an interview with the Frankfurter Allgemeine by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal. Ukraine uses financial assistance from the EU to a large extent for the social needs of the people and for reconstruction. Any delay entails dire consequences.</li> </ul>

