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### **Weekly briefing**

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- ➤ Italy plans to extend the decree on the supply of weapons to Ukraine for 2023 Defence Minister of Italy Guido Crosetto. The Italian government can send aid to Ukraine without seeking parliamentary authorisation each time on the basis of a decree that expires at the end of the year. Currently, the Ministry of Defense will shortly propose to renew that same measure, extending it to all of 2023.
- > **Defense Minister of Luxembourg** François Bausch announced providing HMHMMWV to Ukraine. "These will strengthen [Ukraine] in exercising its right to self-defence. Luxembourg will support Ukraine for as long as it takes."- Bausch wrote on Twitter.
- > The **Norwegian Minister of Finance** signed an agreement to provide funding of NOK 2 billion to enable Ukraine to purchase natural gas during the coming winter.
- The NATO Parliamentary Assembly has recognized the Russian Federation and its regime as a terrorist state. The resolution also calls for the establishment of a special tribunal to bring to justice the direct perpetrators of war crimes and the top leadership of the Russian Federation. The document was supported by all 30 member states.
- > **Britain** supplies upgraded Brimstone 2 laser-guided missiles to Ukraine The Telegraph. The cost of one missile is about 175 thousand pounds.
- ➤ The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, has announced the allocation of 2.5 billion euros of macro-financial assistance to Ukraine. The announced funds are part of this year's EU macro-financial aid package of 9 billion euros. Ukraine expects to receive another 500 million euros in December.
- ➤ **The United States** is allocating an additional \$4.5 billion in direct budget support to Ukraine the funds will be used for social payments and salaries for doctors and teachers.
- ➤ European Parliament declares Russia to be a state sponsor of terrorism the resolution was supported by 494 MEPs, 58 were against, and 44 abstained. In the document, the European Parliament acknowledged that Russia has carried out "indiscriminate attacks on residential areas and civilian infrastructure" in Ukraine, resulting in the deaths of thousands of people.
- ➤ The UK is sending three helicopters to Ukraine Defence Secretary Ben Wallace. Three Sea King helicopters will be provided, with the first already in Ukraine. THe UK will also send an extra 10,000 artillery rounds.
- > "Leaders in the Kremlin, beware there will be no impunity for these crimes". The President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Tinie Cox warned the Russian authorities about punishment after the latest missile shelling on the civilian infrastructure of Ukraine.
- ➤ The Pentagon provides over a new \$400 million military aid package. It includes additional weapons, munitions for NASAMS and HIMARS, air defense equipment from the US Department of Defense stockpile, and much more.
- > The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will provide "Ukrenergo" with 372 million euros to repair energy facilities damaged by Russian missiles.





- > The government of Croatia has approved a decision to train military personnel from Ukraine on the territory of its country Minister of Defense Reznikov.
- > The House of Representatives of **the Dutch parliament** has recognized Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism because of its military actions in Ukraine.
- ➤ Ireland, Romania and Moldova recognized the Holodomor of 1932-1933 as genocide of the Ukrainian people.
- The European Union is preparing the ninth package of sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine Ursula von der Leyen. The president of the European Commission is confident that very soon it will be possible to agree on "a global price cap on Russian oil with the G7 and other major partners".
- ➤ The European Parliament has approved the allocation of 18 billion euros for Ukraine now the decision must be approved by the European Council.
- > **Germany** initiated a meeting of the heads of foreign affairs of the G7 to consider how to support Ukraine in the conditions of constant damage to the power grid due to Russian missile strikes.
- > \$750,000 was collected in **Lithuania** for the purchase of three maritime drones for Ukraine all three have already been given catchy names.
- Norway provides a new package of military aid to Ukraine it includes, in particular, winter clothing, the M109 self-propelled artillery system and spare parts for military equipment repairs. The package includes about 55,000 individual first-aid kits. In addition, 30,000 field rations and 55,000 units of winter clothing it to be sent.
- Prague donates hundreds of units of equipment to help provide light and heat in Kyiv and Mykolaiv while infrastructure is being rebuilt after the Russian missile strikes, as well as equipment for medical facilities.
- > France has sent 100 powerful generators to Ukraine to help cope with the consequences of Russian strikes on energy infrastructure.
- ➤ The UK Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, James Cleverly, visited Kyiv for the first time on Thursday to meet with the Ukrainian leadership and promised support as much as it would be needed to defeat Russia. He announced an additional package of aid to Ukraine, which includes, in particular, 3 million pounds for the restoration of infrastructure.
- > **USAID** transferred 80 generators to Ukraine to support electricity supply.
- ➤ Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania signed a joint statement based on the results of the meeting within the framework of the "Lublin Triangle", in which they called on the international community to recognize as a common goal the liberation of the entire temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine.
- > The Finnish Red Cross is sending transformers to Ukraine to replace destroyed power transmission networks, said in the organization's statement.
- Estonia sent another batch of humanitarian aid to Ukraine. It includes nine buses for the Zhytomyr region. "Russia's war of terror knows no limits. Russia is shelling Ukraine's civilian infrastructure with the barbaric aim to make Ukraine cold and dark. I urge each and every one to send all help possible," said Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas.
- > To restore the energy system of Ukraine, **Lithuania** sent 6 trucks with 114 transformers of various capacities.
- ➤ Hungarian President Katalin Novak during her visit to Kyiv said that Russian President Vladimir Putin's responsibility for the war against Ukraine is "crystal clear."





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- ✓ The Russian army continues the **regrouping of troops** with the aim of strengthening the groups in the Lyman, Avdiivka and Novopavliv areas. Only in the past day (November 25, 2022), units of the Defense Forces of Ukraine repelled the attacks of the Russian army in the areas of 8 settlements in the Donetsk region. In the Volyn, Polissia and Siverskyi directions, the situation has not changed significantly, no signs of the formation of enemy offensive groups have been detected from the side of the Ukrainian border with the Republic of Belarus.
- ✓ In the direction of Kryvyi Rih and Kherson, the Russians are carrying out **fortification of positions along the coastline** and in the depth of the defense, improving the logistical support of advanced units, and does not stop artillery shelling of the positions of Ukrainian troops and settlements on the right bank of the Dnipro River. The cities of Ochakiv and Kherson were directly affected by enemy fire.

## In the temporarily occupied Makiivka of the Donetsk region, two fuel tanks on the territory of an oil depot and three stationary tanks have been burning since night, the so-called "DPR Ministry of Emergency Situations" reports. According to Russian militants, the cause was "the impact of an explosive object", which allegedly caused two fuel tanks to catch fire, as well as three stationary tanks. The fire at the oil depot was assigned the third degree of complexity.

- > Ukraine returned 33 bodies of dead soldiers. In total, it was possible to return 696 dead military personnel.
- > The Ukrainian military continues to advance in the directions of Svatove and Kreminna. Weather conditions make it difficult to speed up the pace the equipment is heavy due to the rains. Therefore, the military expects frost.
- Near Bilohorivka, the Armed Forces of Ukraine repelled the Russian offensive, said Serhiy Haidai, head of the Luhansk regional state administration. Haidai reported that the Russians are bringing more reserves to the Luhansk region, including Kadyrov troops, regular troops, newly mobilized citizens of the Russian Federation, and prisoners recruited by the Russian Wagner Group, as well as those mobilized in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. "From Svatove-Kreminna, every forest strip is littered with corpses of Russian soldiers. No one takes them away. They just keep walking over their own corpses," said the head of the Luhansk regional state administration.
- > The Belarusian military uses electronic warfare to complicate the monitoring of the border by the Ukrainian defense forces using unmanned aerial vehicles, said spokesperson of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine Andriy Demchenko. However, according to him, today the situation remains under control.
- > Local residents report 6 loud explosions in the temporarily occupied Tokmak (Zaporizhia Region), said Ivan Fedorov, the mayor of Melitopol.
- Russia has once again launched a **massive missile attack on the critical infrastructure** of Ukraine from strategic aircraft and ships of the Black Sea Fleet. The launches were carried out from 10 Tu-95ms missile-carrying aircraft from the Volgodonsk region of the Rostov region and the Caspian Sea, as well as 2 small missile boats from the Black Sea. **In total, about 70** Kh-101/Kh-555 and Kalibr cruise **missiles were launched**. 51 missiles were destroyed by forces and means of air defense.
- ➤ In addition, 5 attack UAVs of the Lancet type were destroyed in the South.
- Enemy losses for November 24 in the temporarily occupied part of the Zaporizhzhia region have been confirmed. In the city of Melitopol, the ammunition depot of the occupiers was destroyed, about 50 people were injured of various degrees of severity. Two warehouses were destroyed in the Vasylivskyi district. Here, up to 130 occupiers were wounded, and 7 units of military equipment of various types were also destroyed. The number of liquidated enemy personnel is being specified.
- > The Ukrainian Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War reports that 1,269 defenders of Ukraine have already been released from Russian captivity, and work in this direction continues. On November 26, 2022, it became known that 12 more people were released from captivity.
- The Defense Forces of Ukraine are still collecting Russian equipment after their successful counteroffensive in the Kherson region. Only one of the units of the 59th brigade has 10 trophy tanks. This was reported by Operational Command "South". Also, the composition of the Armed Forces of Ukraine was replenished with two more T-72B vehicles, which form the basis of tank units of the Russian Armed Forces. A lot of broken and burned Russian equipment is used to repair the equipment of the Armed Forces.
- The Russian Army will not be able to hold the left-bank Kherson region, noted the Head of United Coordinating Press Center of Security and the Defense Forces of South of Ukraine, Natalia Humeniuk. "The de-occupation of the right bank of Ukraine in the southern direction brings the enemy back to the understanding that the Armed Forces continue to establish fire control over the enemy's transport arteries. Ukrainian artillery can already reach the lines they are building on the left bank of the Dnipro, in the Armyansk district. The enemy has mined the coastline and is setting up firing positions 15-20 km deep, because it understands that it will have to retreat." Humeniuk said.

Losses of the Russian army from 21.11.2022 to 27.11.2022	
Liquidated personnel	3300
Tanks	16
IFVs	39
Artillery systems / MLRS	29/2
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	0
Aircraft / helicopters	0
UAVs	16
Vehicles & fuel tanks	38
Special equipment	2

# Week

✓ During the week, Russians conducted 113 missile and 53 air strikes, and carried out over 362 MLRS attacks.

#### **Attack on November 23**

On November 23, Russia massively shelled Ukrainian cities again, including energy and critical infrastructure facilities and residential buildings. 36 objects were damaged.

In Kyiv, an infrastructure facility and a two-story building were hit. The shelling caused fires in Dniprovskyi and Solomianskyi districts, an administrative building in Holosiivskyi district was also destroyed. Kyiv was hit by 31 missiles, air defense forces shot down 21 targets. 80% of consumers in the city were left without electricity, approximately the same number - without water supply. During the attack in the Kyiv region, the missiles hit critical infrastructure facilities, as well as residential high-rise buildings in Vyshhorod and the private sector in Chabany. Ten people were killed and 55 wounded in Vyshhorod district.

Critical infrastructure facilities in Vinnytsia, Lviv and Zaporizhzhya regions were also shelled. Due to damage to the general system, emergency shutdowns were introduced throughout Ukraine. There are interruptions in water and heat supply.

Zaporizhzhia NPP went into full blackout mode. Emergency protection was triggered at Rivne, South Ukrainian and Khmelnytska NPPs, as a result of which all power units were automatically shut down. They were operating in the special mode, without generation to the power system.

In total, on November 23, Russians fired about 70 cruise missiles at Ukraine. The Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine shot down 51 of them. In addition, five more Lancet attack drones were destroyed in the south.

#### Other regions

Russians continue shelling Nikopol, Marhanets and Myrove of Dnipropetrovsk region with Grad systems and heavy artillery. A man was wounded, houses and cars were damaged. On November 26 the enemy shelled civilian infrastructure in Dnipro. Seven private houses were destroyed and 13 people were wounded, one woman is in serious condition.

The occupiers struck with MLRS on the water area of Ochakiv community in Mykolaiv region. As a result of the shelling, one person suffered a concussion. Residential buildings were damaged, including one multi-storey building.

About 100 attacks from mortars, self-propelled artillery systems and multiple rocket launchers were registered in the Sumy region. The occupiers shelled 4 territorial communities: Hlukhiv, Seredyno-Buda, Khotyn and Znob-Novgorod. The building of a cultural institution, private houses, and power lines were damaged. There were no casualties. Russians also fired twice at the Seredyno-Buda community. A 5storey building was damaged.

#### **Kherson and Kherson region**

Russians are constantly shelling the civilian infrastructure of Kherson and the region with artillery and MLRS. 15 casualties are reported. Seven people were killed, among them a 13-year-old boy. He and his father were returning home from church when the Russians opened artillery fire. Two more children were wounded as a result of shelling: one boy lost an arm, the other received a stomach wound.

On November 24 the Russians shelled Kherson and the region 49 times, ten dead and 54 wounded were recorded. In Kherson Russians hit private and apartment buildings, a shipyard, a building on the territory of a school and gas pipes. The enemy also fired at Zelenivka, Chornobaivka, Stepanivka and Boryslav. In total, since November 20, the enemy shelled Kherson 74 times. On November 26, the Russians shelled residential areas of Kherson, Beryslav and other settlements of the region again. Two residents of the region were killed, and 10 more people were injured.

#### Zaporizhzhia and the region

Russians shelled Orikhiv. As a result of a direct hit to the humanitarian aid distribution point in the school building, a social worker was killed and two more women were injured. On the night of November 23. Russians shelled the maternity ward of the Vilnyansk hospital. A boy, who was born two days ago, died. His mother survived. Two doctors were injured. The enemy also shelled two villages of one of the communities of Zaporizhzhia district. Residential buildings were destroyed and damaged. There were no casualties. The enemy fired at the positions of the Defense Forces in the areas of Huliaypole, Zaliznychne, Malynivka and Myrne. Russian occupiers once again fired missiles at the suburbs of Zaporizhzhia. First, a rocket fell near the hospital, and then the Russians destroyed a service station. Russians also shelled civilian infrastructure of Zaporizhzhia, Polohy and Vasylivka districts.

#### Kharkiv and Kharkiv region

Russians continue to terrorize Kharkiv and the region. Occupiers continue shelling Kupiansk, Kharkiv, Chuhuiv districts. A shell hit a two-storey house in Shevchenkove village. A 38-year-old woman died, and at least two people were wounded. Three people were wounded in Vovchansk. Russians also hit Chuhuiv: private house, garage, outbuildings, several cars were damaged. There were no casualties. In Izium district a man hit a mine and died. Two passers-by died in Kupiansk after the occupants shelled a residential building and a clinic.

#### **Donetsk Region**

In Volnovakha sector Vuhledar, outskirts of Prechistivka and Vodiane were under fire. In the Donetsk sector, Kurakhivka, Avdiivka, Maryinka, Kostyantynivka and the outskirts of Ocheretyne and Mariinka communities were shelled. In the Horlivka sector Russians are firing at Bakhmut - they hit one of the schools, destroyed high-rise buildings and an administrative building. There were also attacks on the outskirts of Toretsk, Chasovy Yar and Svitlodarsk communities. There were attacks near Paraskoviyivka, Yakovlivka, Rozdolivka and Bakhmutske of Soledar community and near Siversk. In the Lysychansk sector, Torske and Zarichne of the Lyman community came under fire again.

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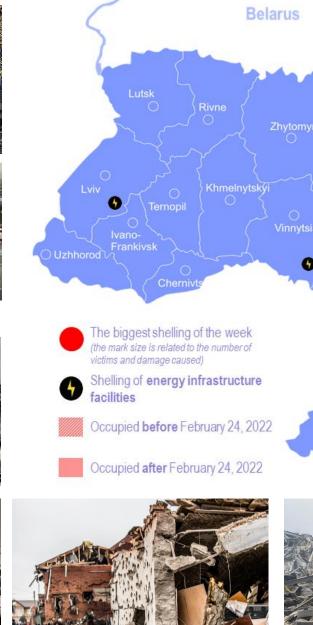
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# Vyshhorod, Kyiv region, 23.11

**Dnipro region, Nikopol district** 













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> Demand for flashlights has **quadrupled**, for walkie-talkies has **tripled**, according to the "Allo" chain of stores

➤ Ukraine imports more than 8,000 generators per day. This was announced by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.

➤ The Russian occupiers set up a **torture chamber** on the territory of a recreation center in the Strilkove village of the Kherson region. Ukrainians are detained and tortured there, reports the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

➤ There are almost no thermal or hydroelectric power plants left intact in Ukraine because of the latest Russian attack. In addition, almost all National Power Company "Ukrenerho" substations have been damaged, the company reported. Due to damage, Ukraine no longer produces as much electricity as consumers need. That is the reason for the planned outages.

➤ In Irpin, houses are being **built for people who have lost their homes** using innovative technology that cuts construction time in half. By this technology all elements of the house are first manufactured at the factory, and then assembled at the construction site. The first house will be built by the construction company "Budova" for free. The apartments will be distributed to the residents of Irpin who have lost their homes.

Russians fired about **70 cruise missiles** over Ukraine on November 23. The Russian missile attack caused emergency power outages across the country. All the nuclear, as well as most of the thermal and hydroelectric power plants in Ukraine were temporarily broken down. "Ukrenergo" introduced emergency power outages for 24 hours for most consumers.

Due to the lack of electricity, the supply of heating and water was temporarily suspended throughout the country. Mobile signal was also limited. Ukrainian Railways trains moved with delays. Recovery started by the end of the day, but consumers were getting connected at different times in different regions.

In total, during the massive missile attack, 16 hits at objects across the country were recorded, the National Police reported. In the Kyiv region, 7 people were killed, 34 were injured due to a mass missile attack.

At the Rivne, South Ukrainian, and Khmelnytskyi Nuclear Power Plants, emergency protection was triggered. As a result, all the power units were automatically shut down. They worked in the project mode and were not generating into the power system. The Zaporizhzhia NPP has fallen into a complete blackout mode, according to "Enerhoatom".

➤ Due to the Russian attacks, there was a jump of the electrical current frequency in the technically common power grid of Ukraine and Moldova. As a result, **Moldova has lost its connection with the European electricity grid**, from which the country receives a share of its energy.

More than 4,000 "Points of Invincibility" have been deployed throughout Ukraine, and more of those are planned. The points get activated in case of emergency power outages lasting over 24 hours. Despite the power outage, there will be heat, water, lighting, Internet, mobile communication, first-aid kits and places to rest.







> "Yesterday, on November 23, a blackout occurred in the Ukrainian energy system due to Russian shelling. The situation was difficult, but at 4 am we connected the power system in one. It works as one unit now", said Ukrainian Minister of Energy Herman Halushchenko

➤ Electricity has been supplied to all regions of Ukraine. At first, critical infrastructure facilities were powered up. Later, household consumers will be connected, according to the Office of the President.

About 50% of consumption needs in the country have been provided with electricity, according to "Ukrenergo". A large part of thermal and hydroelectric power plants have been already operating. All nuclear plants are gradually gaining capacity, except for the occupied Zaporizhzhia NPP.

➤ The Ministry of Digital Transformation says that mobile connection in Ukraine is gradually being restored. There are difficulties in Kherson, Kharkiv, Kirovohrad, Poltava and Mykolaiv regions. Power engineers are working non-stop to restore electricity as soon as possible. Along with it, communication is gradually returning.

According to the Office of the Prosecutor General, existence of 9 torture chambers on the territory of the liberated Kherson region has now been confirmed. The bodies of 432 killed civilians have also been discovered.

Ukrainian companies are developing interactive maps of establishments where you can charge gadgets during power outages, as well as check which establishments have autonomous power. Cafes, shops, co-working spaces, coffee shops, hairdressers, pharmacies, gas stations, post offices, medical centers and other services are marked there.

➤ In Kyiv, half of consumers are without electricity. Water supply in Kyiv has been fully restored. The heat supply is also being restored, a third of the houses have already received heat. The electricity in the city will be turned on for consumers for 2-3 hours, until the amount of electricity increases.

> "Our energy system has already passed the most difficult stage since this attack. All regions are restored, the energy system is again connected to the energy system of the European Union. All three nuclear power plants located in the unoccupied territory are working. In 1-2 days, they will reach their normal scheduled capacity, and we expect to be able to switch from emergency to planned schedules of electricity supply to our consumers", Volodymyr Kudrytskiy the Chairman of the Board of National Power Company "Ukrenergo" said.

➤ Electricity producers have provided more than 70% of consumption needs in the country, "Ukrenergo" reports.

➤ Russians looted the Kakhovka Historical Museum. They took all the museum assets to the temporarily occupied Crimea. Ancient Greek amphorae, Scythian ritual pommels and a golden Sarmatian earring were stored in the museum. A collection of Turkish weapons of the 18th and 19th centuries was also presented here. Earlier, the occupiers looted and took away 15,000 paintings from the Oleksiy Shovkunenko Kherson Art Museum.





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