



# Transatlantic Dialogue Center

## Weekly briefing

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# International support

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- **French President Macron** believes that Putin should be prosecuted for war crimes committed in Ukraine. At the same time, he continues to insist on the need to maintain an open dialogue with the President of the Russian Federation. "Isolation is the worst thing, especially for a leader like this," said Macron.
- The British edition of the **Financial Times** named President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi the person of the year 2022. "The 44-year-old has earned a place in history for his extraordinary display of leadership and fortitude," wrote the FT.
- **Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas** said, if long-term peace in Europe is the goal, agreeing to peace talks with Russia now would be dangerous. "This is a veil under which [Russia's] wars of conquest and other war crimes are justified. It is also a theme that is used to promote the politics of spheres of influence, in order to take away from countries their right to make sovereign decisions about their foreign and defense policy choices," Kallas continued.
- **The US** has secretly modified the HIMARS launchers transferred to Ukraine in such a way that they could not be used to launch long-range missiles on the territory of Russia. This is the way Washington tries to avoid escalation of the war

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- **Germany** has refused to provide Patriot air defense systems to Ukraine, according to Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak. Earlier, the head of the Polish Ministry of Defense called on the German partners to place the Patriot air defense system on the western border of Ukraine. Preparations for placing launchers on the territory of Poland are currently underway.
- At a meeting of the EU Council, **Hungary** spoke against the adoption of the European Commission's proposal to allocate **18 billion euros in financial aid to Ukraine** in 2023. At the same time, Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán said that Budapest is actually not against financial support for Ukraine, but they would do it a different way, namely being "ready to give financial assistance to Ukraine, on a bilateral basis."
- **Norway** is transferring almost 15 million euros for the **EU mission to train the Ukrainian military**. Norway became the first country outside the EU to make a financial contribution to the European Peace Fund, which "is a confirmation of Norway's close cooperation with the EU on security and defense matters and its firm support of Ukraine's defense of its freedom and sovereignty."

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- Ukraine received another 20 Dingo armored vehicles from **Germany**, as well as two M1070 Oshkosh tank transporters. In addition, the German government announced the transfer of 18 RCH wheeled self-propelled howitzers of 155 mm caliber, 80 pickup trucks and 90 anti-drone sensors and jamming devices.
- **Pope Francis** compared Russia's war against Ukraine with Nazi Germany's operation against the Jews during World War II.
- In **Georgia**, activists collected funds for **200 electrical generators** for Ukraine in a week. The collection of funds will continue until December 12. They plan to send them to Kyiv on December 24, where partner Ukrainian organizations will distribute them among priority objects.

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- **The European Commission** has prepared the **9th package of sanctions** against the Russian Federation. It is proposed to add to the sanctions list:
  - about 200 individuals and companies, including military personnel, the State Duma members, ministers, etc.;
  - 3 more Russian banks;
  - export restrictions for dual-purpose goods that can be used for military purposes;
  - prohibition of direct export to Russia of motors for drones and export to third countries, such as Iran, which could supply drones to the Russian Federation;
  - blocking four more Russian TV channels;
  - restrictions against the energy and mining sectors, including a ban on investment in new mining capacity.

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- The risk that Putin will use **nuclear weapons** in a war against Ukraine has decreased in response to international pressure, **according to German Chancellor Olaf Scholz**.
- **The Government of Slovakia** has approved a new military aid package for Ukraine. "This is ammunition, including large-caliber, for fighter jets, warm clothes and other equipment," Foreign Minister Rastislav Káčer said. Slovakia also plans to resume production of 120 and 155 mm shells for Ukraine.
- **The US House of Representatives** approved the 2023 defense budget, which provides \$800 million for Ukraine. That is \$500 million more than the Biden administration requested earlier this year.

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- **The Parliament of Bulgaria** approved the draft decision on the provision of military and technical assistance to Ukraine.
- **The White House** announced a new \$275 million military aid package for Ukraine. The package includes HIMARS missiles, 155 mm ammunition, Humvee military vehicles, electrical generators, ambulances and medical equipment.
- The German company received an order for two Skynex anti-aircraft missile complexes for Ukraine, which are designed to shoot down drones and cruise missiles. The delivery of the systems is scheduled for early 2024.
- **NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg** said that he fears the possibility of the war in Ukraine spreading "into a major war between NATO and Russia", but believes that this can be avoided.

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- The **Pentagon** gave tacit consent to Ukraine's long-range strikes against targets on Russian territory after President Putin's numerous missile strikes against critical infrastructure in Kyiv.
- **The Norwegian government** signed an agreement with the World Bank to provide Ukraine with one billion Norwegian kroner to restore energy infrastructure damaged by Russian missile attacks.
- On the recommendation of the US, **Morocco** will provide military aid to Ukraine for the first time and will become the first African country to join military aid to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Morocco will provide Ukraine with spare parts for T-72 tanks.
- **The EU Council** passed a decision on an aid package worth 18 billion dollars to Ukraine despite Hungary's veto.



- ✓ Towards Volyn and Siversk, the situation did not undergo significant changes, and there are no signs of Russian offensive groups being formed. There is still a threat of enemy missile strikes launched on the objects of the energy system and critical infrastructure throughout Ukraine.

05.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On December 5, the Ministry of Defense of Russia <b>acknowledged drone strikes on the military airfields</b> of Diahilievo in Ryazan oblast and Engels in Saratov oblast of the Russian Federation as launched by Ukraine. Russia said that the target of these attacks was Russian <b>long-range aircraft</b>. The damaged airfields in the Riazan and Saratov oblasts of the Russian Federation are located much further than the sites of previous explosions in the Russian Federation. For example, Engels is located at a distance of over <b>600 km</b> from the territory controlled by Ukraine.</li> <li>➤ On the same day, the Russians launched a barrage of missile attacks on critical infrastructure facilities in Ukraine. Russia applied 38 Kh-101/Kh-555 cruise missiles from eight Tu-95 strategic aviation missile-carrying aircraft from the Caspian Sea and Volgodonsk of Rostov oblast. It also struck with 22 Kalibr cruise missiles from Black Sea Fleet ships. In addition, long-range Tu-22m3 bombers with three Kh-22 cruise missiles, as well as Su-35 fighters with six Kh-59 guided air missiles and one Kh-31P, attacked Ukraine from the Black Sea. In total, the <b>Russians launched more than 70 missiles, while Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down more than 60 of them.</b></li> <li>➤ Anti-aircraft missile units, aviation, mobile fire groups of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and other components of the Defense Forces were involved in repelling the air attack.</li> <li>➤ It was confirmed that the Defense Forces of Ukraine had <b>destroyed a buildup of enemy manpower</b> in the Yakymiv region of Zaporizhzhia oblast. The losses of the enemy are up to 30 injured and more than 10 dead soldiers.</li> <li>➤ During the day, Ukrainian aviation made <b>18 strikes on</b> buildups of personnel, weapons, and military equipment. In addition, the positions of the enemy's anti-aircraft missile systems were hit.</li> </ul>
06.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Towards <b>Lyman, Bakhmut, and Avdiivka</b>, the situation remains difficult. Here the Russians are concentrating their efforts on the <b>offensive</b>.</li> <li>➤ There was another successful exchange of prisoners. 60 soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the National Guard, and the State Border Guard Service returned to Ukraine: 58 men and 2 women, including 15 officers, and 45 privates and sergeants.</li> </ul>
07.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of December 7, 2022, the Ukrainian military has <b>liberated 1,888 settlements</b> from those occupied by Russia since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. But almost as many Ukrainian towns and villages are still under occupation.</li> <li>➤ Towards Luhansk, near Kupiansk, the <b>Russians are preparing a counteroffensive operation</b>. Serhii Cherevatyi, Spokesman of the Eastern Group of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, said that they were monitoring the situation and actively countering it near Svatovo and other settlements where the enemy was trying to counterattack.</li> <li>➤ He also emphasized that the situation was difficult but controlled, and significantly differs from that towards Avdiivka and Bakhmut. In that direction, Russia has long concentrated a huge amount of their forces and conducts dozens of assaults every day, using all types of barrel artillery, rocket salvo fire systems, assault and army aviation, and helicopters Ka-52.</li> </ul>
09.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Towards the settlements of Ploshchanka, Nevske, Bilohorivka in Luhansk oblast and Yakovlivka, Bakhmut, Pidhorodne, Bakhmut, Opytne, Kurdiuvivka, Druzhba, Nevelske, Pobieda and Novomykhailivka in Donetsk oblast Russia's <b>attacks were repelled</b> by units of the Defense Forces of Ukraine.</li> <li>➤ As a result of the actions of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, the Russian occupation forces suffer losses from the 'friendly fire' in addition to significant losses among Russian soldiers on the territory of Ukraine. It is a result of poor training of tank and artillery crews, as well as the lack of interaction and communication between units.</li> <li>➤ According to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, <b>mobilization continues in some regions of Russia</b>. In particular, men continue to get summonses in Samara oblast.</li> </ul>
10.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ According to British intelligence, <b>Iran</b> has become one of the <b>main military suppliers of Russia</b> since the beginning of the war in Ukraine. The support might increase in the coming months as the Russian Federation is trying to obtain more weapons, including other ballistic missiles. Having received Iranian missiles, Russia will possibly continue its attacks on the critical infrastructure of Ukraine.</li> </ul>

## Losses of the Russian army from 05.12.2022 to 11.12.2022

Liquidated personnel	2990
Tanks	20
IFVs	28
Artillery systems / MLRS	20/2
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	1
Aircraft / helicopters	0/1
UAVs	40
Vehicles & fuel tanks	61
Special equipment	4



✓ During the week, Russians launched 102 missile and 117 air strikes, as well as more than 387 MLRS attacks.

## Attack on December 5

On December 5, Russia launched the **8th barrage of missile attacks** on Ukraine's energy infrastructure. In total, there were three waves of missile launches from strategic bombers and missile carrier ships. During the attack, Russia fired more than 70 missiles at Ukraine, and more than 60 of them were shot down by air defense forces.

- In Kyiv oblast, air defense forces were on alert and spotted 10 missiles. According to preliminary information, 9 of them were destroyed. One of the critical infrastructure facilities in Kyiv oblast was shelled. About 40% of consumers were left without electricity.
- During the attack, there were hits in Vinnytsia oblast.
- In the village of Novosofiivka, Zaporizhzhya oblast, two people were killed and three more injured, namely a child, 1 year and 10 months old. Several private houses were destroyed.
- Two infrastructure facilities were damaged in Odesa oblast, and one person hospitalized. In Odesa, all pumping stations and backup lines were de-energized and there was no water supply.
- Emergency blackouts were introduced in Sumy oblast.
- In Mykolaiv oblast, in anticipation of rocket attacks, all ten stages of the stabilization schedule were canceled.
- Most of the residents of Zhytomyr were left without electricity.
- In Kryvyi Rih, miners were brought to the surface from underground mines due to possible large-scale blackouts after the destruction of infrastructure.
- Ten missiles were shot down over the Poltava oblast.

As of the end of November, almost 600 power and heat supply facilities were damaged in Ukraine, including 444 heating plants, 13 combined heat and power stations, 7 thermal power stations and 128 central heating stations. Because of this, there are scheduled and emergency blackouts introduced in Ukraine. On December 6, Russians repeatedly shelled several energy infrastructure facilities in the east of Ukraine while the temperature reached -17 ° C.

## Kherson and Kharkiv oblasts

The occupiers shelled the territory of Kherson oblast more than 150 times using artillery, MLRS, mortars and tanks. Residential areas and civilian infrastructure of the oblast came under enemy fire once again, resulting in 4 killed and 10 wounded civilians.

On December 7, four policemen were killed in Kherson oblast, having blown up on enemy mines. Four more were wounded. On December 9, Russians shelled a hospital in Kherson. The shells damaged the children's department and the morgue, no one was injured.

Russians shell the civilian infrastructure of Kupiansk, Kharkiv oblast, with S-300 missiles and artillery. As a result of the shelling, a fire broke out at a service station, a car was burnt, a lyceum building partially destroyed, and residential buildings were damaged. Four people were wounded and one killed. In Kupyansk-Vuzlovyyi, the road surface and transport infrastructure were damaged as a result of the shelling. In the village of Borivske, the occupiers hit the House of Culture and an area near the school. There were no casualties. Shevchenkove and Vovchansk communities, Chuhuiv, Kharkiv, Izium and Kupiansk regions are also under constant fire.

## Night attack on December 7

- An attempt was made to attack Zhytomyr oblast with Shahed drones. Air defense forces shot down the aircraft in the north of the oblast.
- The enemy attacked two communities of Zaporizhzhia oblast with drones and S-300 missiles. In one of the villages, 2 houses were destroyed, 8 more were damaged. Three people were wounded. In another village, a missile explosion destroyed one house and damaged 10 others.
- Dnipropetrovsk oblast was also attacked by kamikaze drones and artillery. The military shot down all eight drones that the enemy launched. The Nikopol region suffered from Urahan MLRS system.
- In total, Ukrainian servicemen shot down 14 Shahed-136 drones, one Orlan-10 drone, and two more drones, the type of which is being specified.

## Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On December 5, after midnight Russians fired three missiles at Kryvyi Rih, killing 1 civilian and injuring 3 more. They hit an industrial enterprise. The Marhanets community in the Nikopol region also came under fire. The Nikopol region remains under constant shelling. Private houses, outbuildings, gas pipelines, power lines, several shops, office buildings and a college were damaged. More than 70 shells hit peaceful towns and villages. Private houses and a gas pipeline were damaged in Marhanets and Chervonohryhorivka communities as a result of shelling, a power line was broken.

## Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On December 5, the occupiers attacked Zaporizhzhia with S-300 missiles, hitting the industrial infrastructure of the city. There were no casualties. The enemy also struck at peaceful objects in Zaporizhzhia, Orikhiv, Polohiv and Vasyliv regions of the oblast. Russians hit the Stepove community near Zaporizhzhia. Critical infrastructure facilities and residential buildings were damaged. On December 8, 86 attacks were launched at Zaporizhzhya oblast, 1 person was wounded, and 18 houses were damaged. On December 9, the occupants fired a S-300 missile at one of the communities of Zaporizhzhia region. The road between two villages was destroyed. Komyshevakha, Hryhorivske and Yuliivka were also subjected to missile attacks. The shelling of Huliaipole and Preobrazhensk communities continues.

## Sumy oblast

On December 5, Russian troops shelled the Bilopillia community. The border village was hit with 120 mm mortars. There were 23 hits. The power line was damaged. The Velykopysarivka community was also shelled twice. And the enemy directed another 30 shells from the barrel artillery at the Novosloboda community. On December 7, the Russians opened fire on the Seredyno-Buda community. There were 9 attacks with self-propelled artillery systems on two border villages. Three houses were significantly damaged. The enemy struck the Znob-Novhorodska community with self-propelled artillery 12 times. On December 8, the occupiers fired mortars at one of the villages of the Miropillia community. 15 mines exploded on the border. On December 9, Russians fired machine guns and grenade launchers at one of the villages of the Hlukhiv community. There were no casualties or destruction. Also in the evening of December 9, Russia launched a missile attack on the Velykopysarivka community. 20 private houses, an apartment building, a fire station, a bank branch, 5 shops and cars were damaged.



# This week shelling

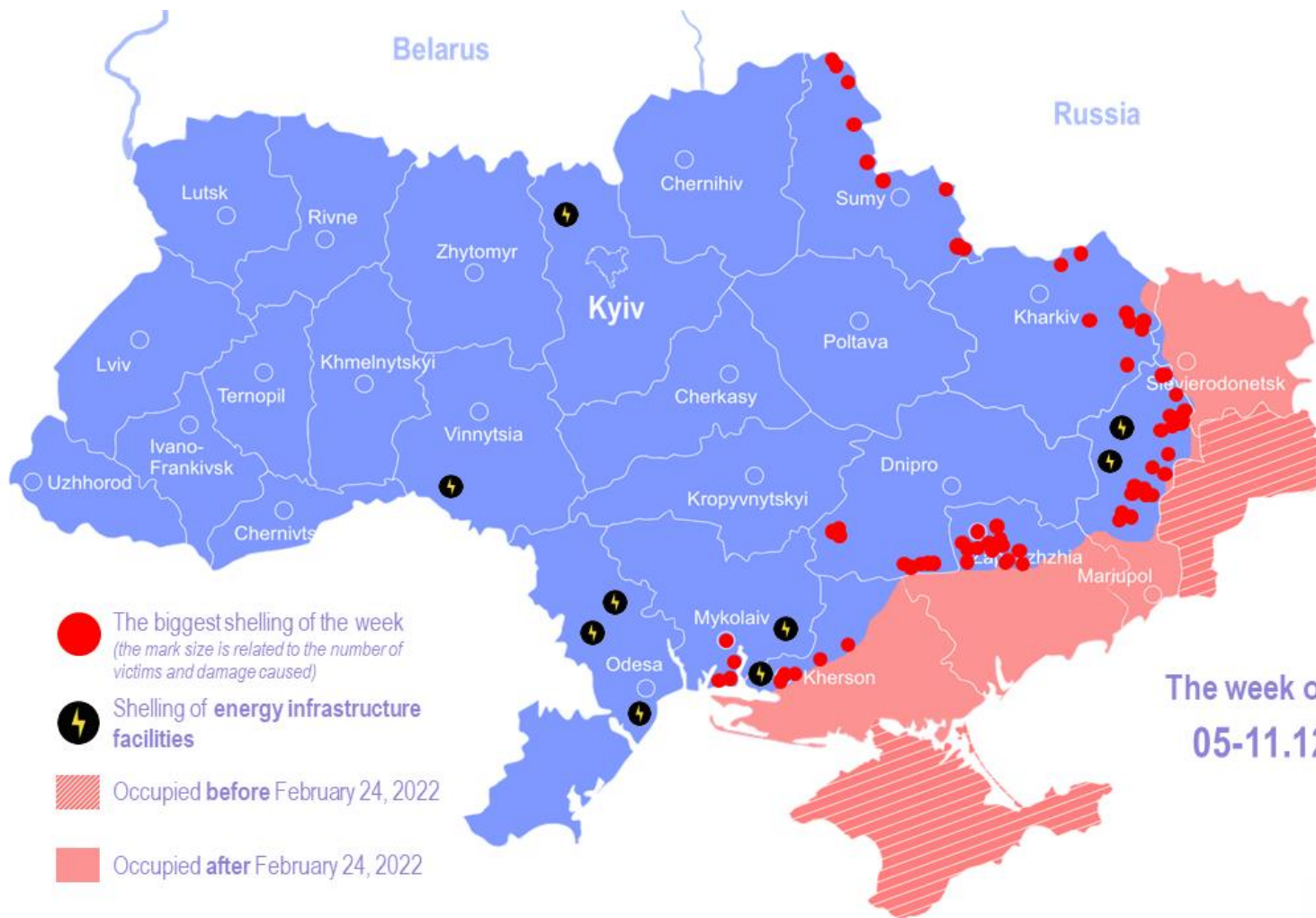
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## Donetsk oblast

Russians are shelling Donetsk oblast along the entire frontline. Towards Volnovakha, Vuhledar, Bohoyavlenka and Vuhledar communities are under fire. Towards Donetsk, Kurakhove, Heorhiivka, Hostre, Avdiivka, Kurakhivska, Mariinka and Ocheretyn are under fire. Towards Horlivka, the enemy is constantly shelling Bakhmut, administrative buildings, residential houses, high-rise buildings and outbuildings were damaged. There are dead and wounded civilians. Ivanivka, Toretsk, Kostiantynivka, Soledar and Chasiv Yar communities are also under fire. Towards Lysychansk, there were numerous attacks on Torske, Zarichne and Yampil in the Lyman community.

## Mykolaiv and Mykolaiv oblast

On December 8, the occupiers shelled Mykolaiv. They hit a transport company (damaged equipment), and the port. The Mykolaiv region remains under constant fire. Infrastructure facilities were damaged in Kutsurub and Ochakiv communities. On the night of December 10, kamikaze drones attacked Mykolaiv, Odesa and Kherson oblasts. The occupiers targeted energy infrastructure facilities. In total, air defense forces shot down 10 Iranian Shahed-136 drones: 4 over Kherson and Mykolaiv oblasts, and 2 over Odesa oblast. There were significant destructions, as a result of the night attack several energy infrastructure facilities were destroyed at once. As a result, electricity was cut off to all consumers in Odesa, except for critical infrastructure.



- The biggest shelling of the week (the mark size is related to the number of victims and damage caused)
- ⚡ Shelling of energy infrastructure facilities
- Occupied before February 24, 2022
- Occupied after February 24, 2022

The week of shelling  
05-11.12.2022

## Bakhmut, Donetsk region





# Humanitarian crisis

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- Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights claims that **15,000 people are considered missing** since the beginning of the full-scale armed aggression of Russia against Ukraine
- The official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Maria Zakharova, stated that Russia would **not transfer** control over the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant within the agreement on establishing a nuclear safety zone around it.
- On December 5, the anniversary of the Budapest Memorandum, Russian troops hit energy facilities in Kyiv, Vinnytsia, and Odesa oblasts of Ukraine. In Odesa, **all consumers** were left without a water supply as a result of a barrage of missile attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure.

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- After the Russian missile attack on December 5, water supply and sewerage in Odesa were restored in full, and about 90% of citizens are provided with heating.
- The amount of **pledged contributions to humanitarian assistance** to African and Asian countries is almost USD 190 mln. The Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba said that more than 30 countries and the EU have already announced their financial participation in the **Grain from Ukraine humanitarian program** initiated by President Zelenskyi. On December 4, the second ship with 30,000 tonnes of grain under the Grain from Ukraine program in partnership with the UN World Food Program (WFP) left for Ethiopia.
- Yuliia Sviridenko, First Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development of Ukraine informs that in the first 11 months of this year, Ukraine exported 50.9 mln tonnes of agricultural and food industry products totaling \$21.1 bln. *“In terms of volume, this is 16.7%, and in terms of cost - 13.7% less than in the first 11 months of previous year.”*
- In Ukraine, the **demand for petrol and diesel** has increased by 20%. Fuel reserves began to decline due to the use of generators during blackouts. However, the situation is under control, and the fuel shortage is not yet expected.
- According to Bloomberg, **Russia has stolen** Ukrainian wheat worth at least **USD 1 bln**. The invaders exported the stolen grain to various countries, including Libya and Iran.

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- **Ukrenerho** explained the current **situation with** the restoration of the **power supply**:
- There is still a significant shortage in the system. Several regions exceeded their consumption limits, so emergency shutdowns were applied.
- The weather complicates the repairs: frost, freezing rain, and wind gusts cause icing and damage to the wires.

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- **The most difficult situation** is in the East, where the Russians shelled several areas again in the evening.
- Repairs continue around the clock in Kyiv and Odesa oblasts. In Odesa, the population gets connected to the energy system according to backup schemes.
- The amount of damage caused by Russia to the environment of Kharkiv oblast exceeds UAH 100 bln.
- NBU Deputy Governor Serhii Nikolaichuk reports that due to the Russian barrage of attacks on energy infrastructure, Ukraine's GDP decline this year may be deeper, and next year's recovery may be much lower than predicted in October. .
- The Russians occupying the Zaporizhzhia NPP brought several Grad multiple rocket launcher systems there, this indicating probable provocations being prepared.
- As part of the grain initiative, four more vessels with 149.3K tonnes of agricultural products for Asia and Europe left the ports of Greater Odesa.
- According to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the Russians are mobilizing residents in the temporarily occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia oblast to make up for their losses at the front. In Melitopol, men of military age are issued summonses demanding to arrive at the military commissariat shortly.

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- Since December 9, new schedules of stabilization shutdowns have been in effect in Kyiv, offering three power consumption categories. The power shortage in the grid is still significant. Given the situation in the energy system today, the **deficit is predicted to remain during the winter season**.
- The growth rate of consumer prices slowed in annual terms for the first time since the beginning of the year – in November, inflation was 26.5%. However, according to the operational estimate by the State Statistics Service, Ukraine's GDP dropped by 30.8% in the third quarter in annual terms but showed growth compared to the second quarter.
- The Ministry of Internal Affairs concludes that in Ukraine, the **area of contamination with explosives** is equal to that of four Switzerlands. This is about 30% of the territory of Ukraine. Now, **174,000 square kilometers are polluted** and planned to be cleaned within ten years.
- In an interview with Radio Svoboda, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Dmytro Lubinets says that Russia continues to hold **150 Ukrainians** in a correctional camp in the village of Olenivka, Donetsk oblast. There are military and civilian people among them.

