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International support

24.04

- The Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia have stood up for **providing Ukraine with security guarantees before joining NATO**. Premiers of three countries think this should be done right after the war to make new aggression impossible. From their point of view, without guarantees there will be no investment and stable reconstruction.
- The Deputy Speaker of the **Hungarian Parliament Dora Duro** claimed that **Ukraine's joining NATO** without big security risks is possible only on the condition that such a move will be **approved by Russia** in the format of the agreement. According to MFA speaker Oleh Nikolenko, Ukraine's sovereign right to choose to enter NATO as a security tool does not depend on Russia's permission.

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- The Head of the European Commission **Ursula von der Leyen** announced the disbursement of another **€1.5 billion in macro-financial aid** to Ukraine. This is the third transfer of aid, the total amount of which equals €18 billion.
- The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine **Dmytro Kuleba** stated that at the July **NATO summit in Vilnius** the alliance should make a political decision: **introduce a timeline of Ukraine's joining or to commit to doing so** till the end of the year. The minister emphasized this is not about the immediate joining but the real steps towards it.
- The **depleted uranium ammunition** that the UK has transferred to Ukraine is already controlled by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

26.04

- Ambassador of Ukraine to the US **Oksana Markarova** said that the **United States had presented a draft resolution on Ukraine's victory**. The draft says that US policy is for Ukraine to win in Russia's invasion and restore its internationally recognized borders of 1991. Also, it is about Ukraine's integration into NATO, the disbursement of reparations, the reconstruction of Ukraine, and bringing Russian leadership to justice.
- **Romanian Minister** of Foreign Affairs **Bohdan Auresku** claimed that his country **fully supports the territorial integrity of Ukraine and its efforts to win this war**. Auresku said that in response to the statement of deputy head of the Russian security council **Dmitriy Medvedev** about the "sharing of the territory of Ukraine" between neighboring countries.
- President of Ukraine **Volodymyr Zelenskyi** has held a **telephone conversation with Chinese leader Xi Jinping**. This is their first conversation since the beginning of the invasion. Later Zelenskyi shared details of the conversation with the Chinese leader, particularly: among the issues discussed were the implementation of the **Ukrainian peace formula**, the return of deported Ukrainian children, the release of prisoners and the inadmissibility of supplying weapons to Russia.
- Chinese MFA Spokeswoman **Hua Chunying** said that **China would send a special representative for Eurasian affairs to Ukraine** and neighboring countries for "in-depth communication on a political settlement of the crisis in Ukraine."
- **Slovenia** has secretly provided Ukraine with **20 Valuk armored personnel carriers**, according to 24UR. The country has a total of 85 such APCs. All of them are in service with the troops.
- Ukrainian Prime Minister **Denys Shmyhal** held a meeting with the President of Italy in Rome. Italian President **Sergio Mattarella** said that **Italy supports Ukraine joining the EU** as soon as possible. The meeting also discussed nuclear security, the reconstruction of Ukraine, the financial, defense, and sanctions sectors and the possibility of peace negotiations with the Russian Federation.

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- NATO Secretary General **Jens Stoltenberg** has informed that **NATO member states have already managed to supply Kyiv with 98% of promised aid**. According to the Secretary-General, it is about 1550 armored vehicles, 230 tanks, mobile satellite systems, and a large amount of weapons as well as ammo. In total nine brigades of the Ukrainian army have been armed.

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- President of Brazil **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** has explained why he refused German Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** to transfer ammunition for Leopard tanks to Ukraine. The reason allegedly is that **Brazil doesn't want to become so-called "party of a military conflict" in Ukraine**.
- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe **recognized the deportation and forcible transfer of Ukrainian children to the territory of Russia as genocide**. PACE calls on the International Criminal Court to consider prosecuting this crime.
- Premier Minister **Denys Shmyhal** at a meeting with the Pope in the Vatican, has discussed with the Pontiff **assistance in returning children abducted by Russia** and has invited Francis to visit Ukraine.
- South Korean President **Yoon Seok Yeol** has stated that the Korean people have experience in fighting for freedom and sovereignty, so the Republic of **Korea will support Ukraine in its confrontation** with Russian aggressors and will **help rebuild the country** after the war.
- Eurojust, the European Commission and the Dutch authorities are working to organize the work of the **International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression in Ukraine**. The main objective of this center is to coordinate collection of evidence based on which the court cases will be possibly built regarding the prosecution of the crime of aggression.

28.04

- From 28.04 Poland **simplifies the export of drones to Ukraine**. Now it will operate based on general permission, which means no need to obtain individual permission for transporting each party of drones. This should speed up UAVs deliveries to the frontline. The Ukrainian Ministry of Economy emphasized that this decision is very important since it is through Poland the volunteers buy major amounts of UAVs.
- **The Czech Republic** will open a **new consulate in Dnipro**. This is planned to do "in the nearest time". The new consulate will enable it to assist more effectively in the restoration of the region since the Czech Republic was assigned to the Dnipropetrovsk region in the **program for the restoration of the region**.
- The European Commission has come to an **agreement** with Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, and Bulgaria to **lift the ban on agricultural imports from Ukraine**. However, the European Commission agreed to ban the import of wheat, corn, rape, and sunflower.
- **President of Slovakia Zuzana Caputová** and **President of the Czech Republic Petr Pavel** arrived in **Kyiv region**. They visited **Borodianka** and **Bucha** and are planning meetings with Ukrainian colleagues **Volodymyr Zelenskyi** and **Denys Shmyhal**. Caputová condemned Russian attacks on Ukraine on April, 28.
- German Defense Minister **Boris Pistorius** informed that in summer **Germany is going to transfer 80 more Leopard 1 tanks** to Ukraine. According to the Minister of Defense of Germany, statements of the Netherlands and Denmark regarding the supply of tanks are the result of countries' initiative together with Germany. This week the training has also started for more than a hundred Ukrainian military servants on tanks Leopard 1.
- Defense Minister **Oleksii Reznikov** said that the first **155-mm Caesar self-propelled artillery units from Denmark** had arrived in Ukraine. The country promised to hand over all its 19 Caesars.
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister **Dmytro Kuleba** said that **Moldova** had **joined** the Core Group on the establishment of the **Special Tribunal for Russia's crimes against Ukraine**. Currently, **35 countries** have become members of this group.
- U.S. Department of Defense spokesman **Patrick Ryder** informed that the USA with its partners will discuss the **speedup of weapons supply to Ukraine**. The meeting will take place in Brussels in the nearest future and will include the representatives of the above 40 countries that concentrate global efforts on the acceleration of production rates and supply of weapons for AFU.



- ✓ The enemy is focusing its main efforts on conducting offensive operations at the Lyman, Bakhmut, Avdiivka, and Mariinka sectors. The fiercest fighting is taking place for Bakhmut and Mariinka, with Ukrainian soldiers bravely holding the line.
- ✓ In the Mariinka area, Russian occupation forces have increased the number of cases of a collective refusal to participate in hostilities. It has been established that the main factors affecting this are large losses in manpower, an untimely supply of ammunition to the occupants, lack of sufficient personal protective equipment, and forcing the Russian armed forces to conduct assault operations without the support of heavy equipment and artillery.
- ✓ The enemy is conducting air and artillery strikes in the Chernihiv and Kharkiv sectors. In the Kupiansk sector, the enemy did not conduct offensive actions, actively using UAVs. In the Lyman sector, the enemy conducted unsuccessful offensive actions in the direction of Bilohorivka. The enemy continues to conduct defensive actions in the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson sectors.
- ✓ The possibility of further missile and air strikes throughout Ukraine remains quite high.

24.04

- At night, a powerful explosion occurred in the temporarily occupied Sevastopol - the OSINT community reports a successful drone attack on the base of the 68th Brigade of the Black Sea Fleet. In addition, an oil depot in the town of Rovenky, Luhansk oblast (60 km from the border with Russia), burned down at night. Media, including Russian ones, reported that it was attacked by a drone.
- The main points from the interview with the Chief of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine Kyrylo Budanov for RBC-Ukraine:
 - Ukraine is approaching a significant battle in its modern history;
 - Crimea is part of the territory of Ukraine, the situation will not end without the return of Crimea;
 - There is only one way to end this war - by returning to the borders of 1991;
 - Bakhmut is the only place where the occupiers have had some tactical success with huge losses;
 - Russians have completely switched to positional defense everywhere;
 - As of now, there are no threats from the direction of Belarus;
 - Russia is producing new missiles. It is accumulating them to disrupt Ukraine's offensive.
- Ukraine is approaching the "all-for-all" exchange format. According to the head of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, more than 2,200 people have been released since the start of the full-scale invasion. Budanov called this an unprecedented case in history.
- The Ukrainian Defense Forces shot down nine Russian drones in eastern and southern Ukraine - six Shahed-136/131 kamikaze drones, two "Lancets" and one reconnaissance UAV.

25.04

- The enemy is advancing in the east simultaneously in several directions, said Colonel-General Oleksandr Syrskyi, commander of the Eastern military grouping. The fiercest fighting is currently taking place near the towns of Bakhmut and Avdiivka in Donetsk Oblast. The enemy is also active in the Kreminna sector, trying to push Ukrainian troops out of the Serebrianka forestry south of Kreminna, thereby creating favorable conditions for the development of an offensive towards Lyman. The "Lyman" military operation units repel the enemy's attacks.
- The enemy is currently not conducting any attacks in Kupiansk sector, but this area is a record holder in terms of the use of weapons. The enemy launched 432 attacks with various types of artillery, and multiple rocket launchers and carried out 13 air raids over the last day," said Serhii Cherevatyi, spokesman for the Eastern Group of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. "As a result of Ukrainian military strikes, 15 occupants were killed, 65 were wounded, a Russian armored personnel carrier, a 240-mm mortar - the largest available to the enemy, a "Tulip", an anti-tank gun "Rapira" and three unmanned aerial vehicles were destroyed," said Cherevatyi.
- Over the past three days, Ukrainian defenders have made progress in the south. The Ukrainian Armed Forces destroyed between 13 and 22 units of military equipment in this area," said Natalia Humeniuk, spokesperson for the Southern Defense Forces of Ukraine. "We are able to destroy artillery pieces, tanks, armored vehicles, and enemy air defense systems. That is, our work on clearing the same strip, the front line of the left bank, is very powerful. But we are still working only in the counter-battery mode," said Humeniuk.
- Ukrainian forces advanced northeast of Verkhokamianske, 18 kilometers from Kreminna, and southeast of Bilohorivka, according to a report by the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). In particular, Ukrainian forces recaptured some positions near Bilohorivka, and Russian occupants conducted unsuccessful ground attacks in the area of Nevske and Makiivka. The report also emphasizes that the Ukrainian Armed Forces continue to shell Russian logistics hubs in the rear areas of the occupied Luhansk oblast.
- Air Force spokesman Yuriy Ilnat said "Patriot" anti-aircraft missile systems will protect strategic facilities and critical infrastructure in Ukraine, including substations near nuclear power plants.
- There are 48 Russian brigades and 122 regiments fighting against Ukraine. In total, this is about 369,000 military personnel and about 5,900 pieces of heavy weapons, the press center at the Defense Ministry reported.
- In the Kherson region, the military shot down six Russian drones - five "Lancets" and one "Merlin-BP".

Losses of the Russian army from 24.04.2023 to 30.04.2023

Liquidated personnel	4090
Tanks	24
IFVs	58
Artillery systems / MLRS	77/5
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	6
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	73
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	112
Special equipment	18

27.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russians attacked Ukrainian positions in the Maryinka-Avdiivka area 35 times during the day, said Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky, spokesman for the Tauride Defense Forces. In addition, the 155th Marine Brigade of the Russian Federation, which was almost completely destroyed in February 2023 during attempts to storm the city, has reappeared in the area of Vuhledar. "So far, they are not trying to storm the city," Dmytrashkivsky said. ➤ Russian troops have set up firing positions at the nuclear reactors of the Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant. They are visible on satellite images. One of them was published by the British Ministry of Defense with markings. The images are dated March 2023. Certain additions are visible on the roofs of reactors 2, 3 and 5. This means that the reactors are integrated into the tactical defense of the plant, so there is a high risk of damage during the fighting. ➤ Russian troops withdrew equipment from parking lots in northern Crimea and dug trenches there. "Krym.Realii" and "Skhemy" published satellite images of the village of Medvedivka, Dzhankoi district, where armored vehicles and artillery were based in October 2022. In April of this year, the entire region was already in the trenches and without equipment.
28.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ukrainian forces advance in the western part of Donetsk oblast, near Vuhledar - ISW. Geolocation footage released on April 28 shows that Ukrainian forces have advanced southwest of Pavlivka, 3 km southwest of Vuhledar. ➤ In the Bakhmut sector, 27 combat engagements took place over the last day, 525 Russian attacks with various types of weapons, and Ukrainian defense forces destroyed 154 Russian invaders, said Serhiy Cherevaty, spokesman for the Eastern Group of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. According to him, the situation is dynamic, it is changing, but any statements by the Russians about Russia's alleged full control of the routes to Bakhmut and cutting off Ukrainian supplies are not true.
29.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The massive missile attack on April 28 may indicate a change in Russia's approach to missile strikes, British intelligence reports. "There were fewer missiles in this wave than during the winter attacks, and it was unlikely to be directed at Ukrainian energy infrastructure. There is a real possibility that Russia was trying to target reserve units or weapons recently transferred to Ukraine," intelligence analysts say. ➤ Over the last day, the aviation of the Defense Forces conducted 3 strikes on the areas of concentration of occupants' personnel. Our defenders also shot down two Russian "Shahed-136/131" UAVs, one "Orlan-10" reconnaissance UAV, and another UAV of an unspecified type.

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✓ During the week, the Russians conducted **59 missile and 247 air strikes**, and fired over **396 MLRS attacks**.

Attack on 28 April

On the morning of 28 April, Russian invaders launched another massive missile attack on Ukraine. The Ukrainian Armed Forces destroyed 21 of the 23 X-101/X-555 cruise missiles used by Russia to attack Ukraine, as well as two drones. The attack took place at around 04:00 from the Caspian Sea. The targets were destroyed in the areas of responsibility of the "Centre", "East" and "South" Commands. During the missile attack, the Russians used particularly Iskander-K ground-launched missiles, which are difficult to detect and can be launched from short distances.

- Two cruise missile hits were recorded in **Uman** - one on a residential multi-story building and one on a warehouse. One of the entrances was almost destroyed. According to preliminary data, 109 people lived there. Out of 46 apartments, 27 were completely destroyed. Twenty-two people were rescued from the rubble, and one died in hospital. **23 people died, including 6 children, 18 more were injured**. Two women are missing. In total, about 10 residential buildings were damaged.
- Seven cruise missiles were shot down over the Dnipro oblast. In Dnipro, a 2-year-old girl and a 31-year-old woman were killed by shelling. Three people were injured. A 58-year-old man and a 57-year-old woman were taken to hospital in moderate condition, while a 31-year-old man will be treated on an outpatient basis. The missile strike destroyed the building of a private enterprise. A fire broke out there and has been extinguished. A construction base on an area of 400 square meters was also on fire, and the fire was contained. A 70-year-old woman was injured as a result of the strike, doctors provided medical care.
- Air defense systems shot down 11 cruise missiles and two drones in Kyiv airspace. As a result of the falling debris, a local power line was cut in Obolon region and the road surface was damaged. No people were injured.
- Russian missile fragments hit a high-rise building in Ukrainka, Kyiv oblast, damaging apartments on the fifth and sixth floors. A 13-year-old girl was injured.

Donetsk oblast

The enemy continues striking remote settlements of the oblast and along the entire frontline. On the night of 24 April, Russians fired two rockets at Kramatorsk, damaging a school and nearby private houses. On 26 and 27 April, Russians launched rocket attacks on Druzhkivka, damaging private houses, an administrative building, and a school. On 29 April, the occupiers fired on Malotaranivka in the Kramatorsk community. Two people were wounded, including a child who suffered severe burns and was taken to hospital.

In the Volnovakha sector, Novoukrainka and Prechystivka of the Vuhledar community came under fire. Private houses, an administrative building, a dispensary and a shop were damaged.

In the Donetsk sector, the shelling of Mariinka, Krasnohorivka, Kurakhivka community, Horoshne, Vesely Hai, Hannivka, Halytsynivka, Novobakhmutivka, Ocheretyne community, Avdiivka, Novohrodivka, Kurakhivka continued. Residential buildings, a school and an infrastructure facility were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector, Bakhmut, Predtechyne, Kostiantynivka, Chasovoyarsk, Soledar, Toretsk and Illinivka communities, New York, Chasiv Yar, Kostiantynivka, and Ivanopillia were hit. A school, private and multi-storey buildings, an infrastructure facility, a kindergarten, and medical facilities were damaged.

In the Lysychansk sector, Lymans hromada, Yampil, Torske, Zarichne, Zvanivka, Siversk, Pereizne came under fire. Residential buildings were damaged. There are dead and wounded in all sectors.

Kharkiv oblast

Russians continue to shell the border oblasts. On the night of 23 April, the enemy launched rocket attacks on Kharkiv and the oblast. Greenhouses and workshops were damaged. In the village of Kotliary, 2 private houses were destroyed, 10 apartment buildings, 1 garage and 4 cars were damaged. On 25 April, Russians attacked the center of Kupiansk and hit the building of the Local History Museum. 10 civilians were injured, 2 employees of the city military administration were killed. A 60-year-old woman died during the artillery shelling of Kupiansk district. There were also hits to residential buildings in the village of Lyptsi, Kharkiv district. In Vovchansk, a private household, the buildings of an oil production facility and the building of a fire and rescue unit were damaged.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

Russians continue to terrorize the oblast by shelling villages and towns. Residential buildings, agricultural warehouses, and utility networks were damaged. A 56-year-old man was injured in Stepanohirsk. There are 2 dead in Orikhiv.

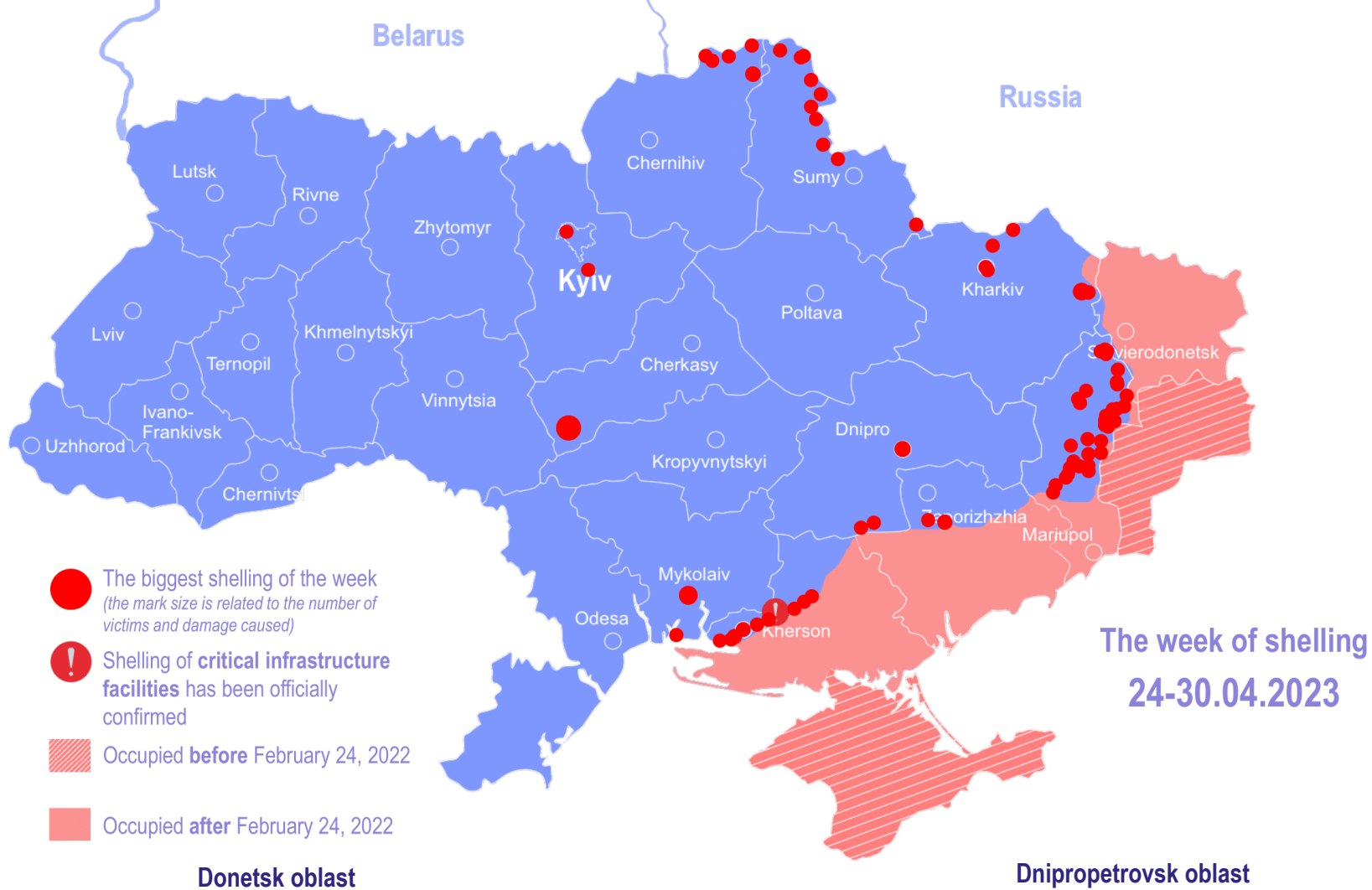
Kherson and Kherson oblast

Russian occupiers attacked the oblast more than 400 times in a week - 7 dead, 25 wounded. On 26 April, Russians shelled the Antonivskiy Bridge area, injuring a journalist of the Italian newspaper La Repubblica. In Beryslav, the enemy hit a critical infrastructure facility. The shelling of Stanislav (1 wounded) damaged an administrative building, a post office and a pharmacy. On 27 April, Russians shelled a residential area in Kherson, killing a 42-year-old man. The occupiers dropped five guided aerial bombs on the village of Kizomys in the Bilozerska community, damaging 11 residential buildings, a church, two shops, garages, and a car. The Russians also hit a residential building in the village of Odradokamianka, killing a 60-year-old woman and seriously injuring her 73-year-old husband. On 29 April, the occupiers shelled Bilozerka, killing a 57-year-old woman and injuring three other people. 30 houses and a hospital were damaged.

Other oblasts:

- Mykolaiv and Mykolaiv oblast: Russians shelled the waters of the Ochakiv community. There were no casualties. On 26 April, the occupiers shelled Mykolaiv with S-300 missiles, one hit a multi-story building. 1 dead and 23 injured. Private houses and a historic building were also damaged.
- Dnipropetrovska oblast: On 22 April, the enemy dropped an explosive shell from a drone on the Marhanets community. On the night of 24 April, Russians attacked Nikopol with heavy artillery. There were no casualties.
- Chernihiv oblast: During the week, Russians shelled the Semenivka community and the village of Hremiach with self-propelled artillery systems. There were no casualties. On 28 April, Russian aviation attacked the territory of an enterprise in Semenivka and the village of Kostobobriv. Eight civilian houses were damaged. On the night of 29 April, the occupiers shelled the border of the oblast with bombs, artillery and rockets. In the Novhorod-Siverskyi district, 1 dead, 4 wounded, 9 houses were damaged.
- Sumy oblast: Nova Sloboda, Seredyno-Buda, Znob-Novgorod, Bilopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Shalyhyne, Hlukhiv, Svesa and Esman communities of the oblast came under fire. The building of Chernatsk Lyceum and 2 residential buildings were damaged.

This week shelling and strikes



Uman, Cherkasy oblast



Mykolaiv oblast



Humanitarian crisis

25.04

- In an interview with the Austrian newspaper Die Presse, Halina Hrihorenko, Deputy Minister of Culture and Information Policy, said that as a result of Russian military aggression against Ukraine, **1,373 cultural institutions and more than 550 cultural monuments** have currently been **damaged or destroyed**. According to her, the reconstruction of these institutions will require approximately 100 billion US dollars.
- The Government of Ukraine has identified the first **six settlements** that will be **restored** according to the **"better than it was" principle**. The list includes Borodianka and Moschun in Kyiv oblast, Trostianets in Sumy oblast, Posad-Pokrovske in Kherson oblast, Tsyrkuny in Kharkiv oblast and Yahidne in Chernihiv oblast. All these settlements suffered great destruction. These will be comprehensive reconstruction projects and not spot restoration of destroyed buildings.
- Mykolaiv oblast has already submitted 10 objects for reconstruction under the **„Recovery of Ukraine” project**. The head of Mykolaiv RMA Vitalii Kim reports that more than **14,000 objects** have been **destroyed or damaged in Mykolaiv oblast** since the beginning of the full-scale war. Among them, more than 3,000 were hit twice or more. France, Moldova, Germany, and Kazakhstan will also take separate large objects for restoration.
- Andrii Yermak, head of the Office of the President, states that Ukraine will **strengthen cooperation with UNICEF** to stop the **violation of Ukrainian children’s rights** by Russia. Only according to officially confirmed data, 19,391 Ukrainian children were illegally taken to the Russian Federation, Belarus or forcibly relocated to the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. 470 children died or were killed, 949 children were injured, and 406 are considered missing.
- More than 15,000 unemployed Ukrainians in 17 oblasts have joined the **"Recovery Army"**, engaged in the reconstruction of roads and local infrastructure.

26.04

- **Ukraine returned 44 defenders from the Russian captivity**. Among them are soldiers, border guards, national guardsmen, and sailors who defended Mariupol, "Azovstal", and Kherson oblast and fought with the Russian forces in the east.
- The Naval Forces of Ukraine reported that Russia **suspended the Black Sea Grain Corridor operation** once again. Because of this, four vessels could not leave Ukrainian ports. The Russians are spreading false information as if the Ukrainian Navy banned the movement of merchant vessels.
- According to Andrii Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine, more than **80,000 war crimes** committed by the Russian Federation during the full-scale war in Ukraine, have been recorded. Kostin added that more than 10,000 civilians were killed, more than 13,000 were injured, and more than 98,000 civil infrastructure objects were damaged or destroyed.
- **In the Luhansk oblast**, "volunteers", brought by the Russian occupiers to the temporarily occupied towns and supposed to restore the infrastructure of towns, are engaged in **looting**. Artem Lysohor, head of the Luhansk RMA, comments that more or less maintained apartments from destruction are being broken down, people are moving in there, and all the property is being taken away.

26.04

- On April 26, Hanna Malliar, the adviser to the Minister of Defense, reported that Russia was trying to **"influence a change in the ethnic composition of the population"** in the occupied oblasts of Ukraine. According to her, such measures are more active in Luhansk oblast. Malliar said that the government of the Russian Federation has initiated **large-scale resettlement** of a significant number of people of various nationalities, mostly from the poor, from remote regions of Russia.
- In captured Mariupol, new mass graves were found at the Novotroitske cemetery. The sectors are visually larger in size than mass graves in Vynohradne and Manhush. The Novotroitske cemetery was closed and under the control of the occupiers until the middle of July last year.

27.04

- Dmytro Lubinets, the Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights, reported on **new illegal searches in the homes of Crimean Tatars**. On the morning of April 27, armed and masked Russian security forces broke into the residence of Crimean Tatar activists in Sudak - Bari Bariiev and Edem Ismailov. "The occupiers did not state the reasons for the searches. Both men were taken to the FSB headquarters in Simferopol," Lubinets said. A few days before that, Russian security forces in occupied Crimea **detained human rights defender Abdureshyt Dzhapparov**, whose son and nephew were kidnapped and taken to an unknown destination back in 2014. Nothing is known about their fate.
- According to human rights defenders of the Human Rights Center "ZMINA", in the occupied territories, Russians often **torture civilians with electric shocks and beatings**. The Russian army mostly detains and abuses former servicemen and Anti-Terrorist Operation participants, volunteers, public and political activists, as well as representatives of authorities and entrepreneurs.
- The security service has released another **intercepted telephone conversation** of the occupier, **admitting that the Russians kill Ukrainian prisoners of war**, in particular after interrogations. Such murders are carried out in a brutal way - the throats of the captives are cut.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree on the **"deportation" of those who renounced Russian citizenship from the occupied Ukrainian territories**. That is, from July 1, 2024, the Kremlin will force Ukrainians under occupation to accept Russian citizenship or leave the territory captured by the Russian army.

28.04

- IAEA Director General Raphael Grossi said that a mine exploded near the Zaporizhzhia NPP that week. Grossi added that IAEA experts at the nuclear plant were forced to take cover after a warning of a missile attack. The general director of ZNPP notes that **increasing military presence** and activity in the region once again emphasizes the importance and urgency of agreeing on the issue of **protecting the plant**.
- At the government meeting, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal said that a special account of the Ministry of Economy was opened to finance measures for humanitarian demining. According to him, the **Russians mined up to 30% of the area of Ukraine**.

