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### **Weekly briefing**

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### Zelenskyi met with the head of the Pentagon, Lloyd Austin. They discussed the situation on the front, strategic goals, and the urgent needs of the Ukrainian forces. The American side received a request for an uninterrupted supply of weapons and ammunition. Separately, Zelenskyi emphasized that considering the arrival of winter, it is necessary to strengthen military support for Ukraine.

> The Pentagon has announced a new 100 million dollar military aid package. Ukraine will receive one M142 HIMARS rocket artillery system and ammunition from the US Department of Defense stockpile, 155 mm and 105 mm artillery ammunition, Javelin and TOW anti-tank systems, Stinger man-portable air defense systems, ammunition, spare parts and equipment.

> The state of New York recognized the Holodomor man-made famine of 1932-1933 as a genocide of the Ukrainian people. It became the 34th state in the USA to adopt such a decision.

> France will additionally allocate 12 million euros for the urgent needs of Ukraine's healthcare sector.

> Japan has handed over a batch of aid to Ukrainian rescuers, including 40 vehicles and 50 metal detectors. The handover ceremony took place in Kyiv, as reported by a correspondent from Ukrinform.

> Ukrainian rescuers have already received 19 foreign explosive ordnance disposal drones. The demining drones were obtained from the governments of Canada, Switzerland, Estonia, and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, as well as United24.

British farmers have donated over 35 off-road vehicles for the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. This was reported by the Head of the Lviv Regional Military Administration, Maksym Kozytskyi, on Facebook.

German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius arrived in Ukraine for an unannounced visit "to personally assess the current situation and the effectiveness of Germany's support." The German Defense Minister informed about a new aid package — Ukraine will receive four IRIS-T SLM systems, 155 mm artillery ammunition, and anti-tank mines. During a briefing in Kyiv, Boris Pistorius stated that the cost of the package is 1.3 billion euros.

Germany reported the transfer of Marder infantry fighting vehicles and ammunition to Ukraine. This information was announced on the official website of the German government. The list includes 20 Marder infantry fighting vehicles with ammunition to add to the 60 already delivered. The German concern Rheinmetall was engaged in the restoration of these infantry fighting vehicles for Ukraine. The list of aid also includes WISENT-1 mine-clearing tanks (12 in total).

The President of Moldova, Maia Sandu, arrived in Kyiv. Together with the Zelenskyi's couple, she honored the memory of those who died during the **Revolution of Dignity**. The President of the European Council, Charles Michel also arrived in Kyiv.

> Some Ukrainian pilots are already undergoing flight training on F-16 fighters in Denmark. This was reported by the Spokesman for the Ukrainian Air Force, Yurii Ihnat. The next stage is independent flights. In addition to the pilots studying in **Denmark**, Ukrainians are also being trained in the United States and the United Kingdom. Not only pilots but also ground personnel, officers of the combat management and aviation engineering service are being trained.

> The Ministry of Defense of the United Kingdom equipped 30,000 Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel who have been trained in the UK. This was reported by the Ministry of Defense of the United Kingdom.

> The European Union allocated another tranche of 1.5 billion euros in macro-financial assistance to Ukraine, announced by the European Commission President, EU assistance has already reached 85 billion euros, with another 50 billion euros planned until 2027.

> Lithuania delivered 3 million units of 7.62×51 mm ammunition, remote detonation systems, and winter equipment to Ukraine.

> The European Parliament will open a representative office in Kyiv. The decision was made to provide institutional support to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and to signify the strength of relations between Kyiv and Brussels.

Pentagon Chief Austin opened the 17th virtual session of "Ramstein" with the participation of about 50 countries. Austin called on allies to strengthen Ukrainian air defense due to the risks of winter mass attacks. He also stated that Ukraine has received over 80 billion dollars in total from countries in the "Ramstein" format. The Minister of Defense of Ukraine outlined 5 key outcomes of "Ramstein" that can be publicly discussed:

A new coalition of ground-based air defense systems was formed by 20 countries, with Germany and France leading. Berlin also committed to providing one set of Patriot systems in the upcoming aid package.

> The Netherlands earmarked 2 billion euros for military assistance to Ukraine.

Estonia, as the leader of the IT coalition, will contribute half a million dollars to the coalition's activities, in addition to Luxembourg's commitment of 10 million euros.

> The United Kingdom and Norway, within the **Maritime coalition**, will explore effective ways to enhance security in the Black Sea.

Work is ongoing on the Compatibility Roadmap to ensure that the Ukrainian army meets all NATO criteria.

The Parliament of Bulgaria ultimately approved the transfer of 100 old armored personnel carriers to Ukraine. These BTR-60 armored personnel carriers were manufactured in the 60s and 70s. The vehicles are the property of the Bulgarian Interior Ministry, but they have never been used. They will be handed over to the Ukrainian army along with weapons and spare parts.

> Finland is closing eight out of nine border crossing points with Russia. Only the "Raja-Jooseppi" checkpoint, the northernmost of them all, will remain open. The government made this decision because of the influx of migrants from Iraq, Yemen, Syria, and other Middle Eastern countries artificially created by the Russians.

> North Macedonia has successfully completed the training of the first group of Ukrainian military personnel - information about the training has been kept confidential for security reasons. This was reported by Defense Minister Slavjanka Petrovska.

Canada will allocate almost 870 million euros in aid to Ukraine by 2026, according to Ukrinform.

> Europol has created a new group to help investigate crimes by Russians in Ukraine. The group will work as an OSINT community, and 14 countries have agreed to join its work.

> Norway has contributed 22 million dollars to the Trust Fund for Supporting Ukraine's Reconstruction and Economy (SURE). This was reported by the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine.

> Finland will provide 3 million euros in additional support to improve food security in Ukraine. In particular, the funds will be used to support grain exports and to help demine villages. This was reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland.

**Denmark** will **increase aid to Ukraine** by more than 3 billion euros by 2027 - Danish Ministry of Defense. This means that in total, more than 7 billion euros will be allocated for military support to Ukraine in 2023-2028 under the Fund.

> Azerbaijan handed over a Revival P unmanned mine clearance vehicle to the State Emergency Service of Ukraine. The press service of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine reported on this.

> Canada will provide Ukraine with more than 11.000 assault rifles and more than 9 million rounds of ammunition for small arms. This was reported by Yevropeiska Pravda.

President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs arrived in Ukraine on an unannounced visit. According to him, he visited several facilities in Chernihiv oblast, which were rebuilt at the expense of Latvia, and also met with Zelenskyi to discuss bilateral relations and support from the EU and NATO.







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- > The Russian Federation continues to ignore the laws and customs of warfare, uses terror tactics, launches missile and air strikes, and fires multiple launch rocket systems at both military and civilian targets in Ukraine.
- > The operational situation remains unchanged in the Volyn and Polissia directions.
- > In the Chernihiv and Kharkiv direction, Russian forces maintain a military presence in the border areas, conduct active sabotage activities, and increase the density of minefields along the state border in the Belgorod region.
- In the Kupiansk direction, Russian troops, with the support of aviation, conducted assault operations in the areas of Synkivka, Petropavlivka in the Kharkiv oblast and Stelmakhivka in the Luhansk oblast, where the Defense Forces repelled a number of attacks.
- > In the Lyman direction, the enemy conducted an assault in the area of Serebrianske forestry in the Luhansk oblast but was unsuccessful.
- In the Bakhmut direction, Ukrainian troops repelled a number of Russian attacks near Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka. Ukrainian defense forces continue assault operations south of Bakhmut, inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy, and consolidating their positions.
- In the Avdiivka direction, Russian troops continue to try to encircle Avdiivka. The enemy's offensive actions east of Novokalynove, Novobakhmutivka, Stepove, Avdiivka, Sieverne and Pervomaiske in the Donetsk oblast were unsuccessful. In the Marinka direction, Russians conducted assault operations in the areas of Marinka and Novomykhailivka. In the Shakhtarsk direction, the enemy did not conduct any offensive actions.
- > In the Zaporizhzhia direction, Russian troops tried to regain lost ground 7 times near Robotyne and Novopokrovka, but had no success.
- At the same time, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to conduct an offensive in the Melitopol direction, inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the occupation forces, and depleting the enemy along the entire front line. In the Kherson direction, the Defense Forces continue to hold their positions on the left bank of the Dnipro River. They continue to conduct counter-battery combat and inflict fire on the enemy's rear.
  - > There were 71 combat engagements on the frontline over the day.
  - > Between November 13 and November 20, the Ukrainian drone army destroyed 214 pieces of Russian equipment. Over the past week, Ukrainian drones hit 39 tanks, 31 cannons, 41 armored vehicles, and 66 trucks.
  - The Kremlin may launch total mobilization after the presidential election in March 2024. This was stated by National Security and Defense Council Secretary Oleksii Danilov. "Russia has proven to be more resistant to Western sanctions than expected. The country's economy is increasingly shifting to a military orientation." Danilov added.
  - > Western air defense has made Kyiv the safest place in Ukraine Politico. The defense is bolstered by Germany's Gepard systems and American Avenger systems that shoot down drones and cruise missiles. At medium range, Ukraine uses MIM-23 Hawks; NASAMS; and the German IRIS-T SLM. Long-range defense is provided by the Patriot PAC-3 and Eurosam SAMP/T, supplied by France and Italy.
  - > The Main Intelligence Directorate (HUR) presented an attack on two radar stations in Russia's Kursk region. They were located near the town of Dmitriev. The expensive 55Zh6 Nebo and possibly Gamma-S1E stations were damaged.
  - Russia has amassed significant stockpiles of cruise missiles that it is likely to use to make another attempt to destroy Ukraine's critical infrastructure, British intelligence says. It is noted that on November 18-19, Russia launched about 50 Shahed strike drones, mainly towards Kyiv. The drones were launched in waves. "One of Russia's goals was probably to worsen Ukraine's air defense, to form a combat space before a concerted winter campaign of strikes on Ukraine's energy infrastructure," intelligence analysts said.
  - > The United States fears that Iran is preparing to provide Russia with modern short-range ballistic missiles to wage war against Ukraine. This was stated by John Kirby, Strategic Communications Coordinator for the White House National Security Council, at a briefing.
  - ➤ Iran's new Shahed-238 drone will be faster and probably less radar-observable than its previous version. This was stated by Air Force spokesman Yurii Ihnat. The drone is presented in black color, which, according to the spokesman, may complicate the work of air defense against such drones at night.
  - A video of an alleged drone strike on the 810th Sevastopol Marine Brigade of the Russian Federation during an award ceremony was posted online. As a result of the strike, 25 Russian soldiers were killed and more than a hundred wounded.
  - ➤ About 200 companies are already producing drones in Ukraine, some of them have set up assembly-line production. This was announced by the head of the Ministry of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov.
  - The situation on the left bank of the Kherson oblast can be regarded as a setback for Russia, British intelligence says. "The fighting in the Krynky area is smaller than some of the major battles of the war, but the Russian leadership will regard it as extremely unsuccessful," the British Ministry of Defense reports.
  - The Ukrainian Armed Forces occasionally record attempts to cross the state border by Russian subversive reconnaissance groups, said Yurii Povkh, spokesman for the Joint Press Center of the Northern Defense Forces. "Sometimes small groups of 4-5 people try to cross the border, sometimes 10-16 people. The goals are different: an attempt to break through to a critical infrastructure facility or to terrorize civilians," said the spokesman.
  - > The commander of the Tavria strategic grouping of troops, Oleksandr Tarnavskyi, said that Russian troops had launched the "third wave" of the offensive in the Avdiivka area. On November 22, the spokesman for the Tavria Defense Forces, Oleksandr Stupun, reported a 25-30% increase in the number of Russian ground attacks near Avdiivka and said that Ukrainian forces had repelled several Russian columns, totaling about 12 armored vehicles.
  - The enemy has built more than 6,000 kilometers of trenches, fortifications and fortifications in the occupied territories. According to DeepState, the most protected from the offensive are the occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia (1869 km), Donetsk (1865 km), Luhansk (1140 km), and Kherson (886 km) regions.

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> There were 74 combat engagements on the frontline over the last day.

> "Border guards of the Steel Frontier offensive guard took the enemy's advanced positions in the Syatove direction." the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine reported.

> "The Crimean Bridge is doomed, there will be many surprises to come," announced Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Head VasylMaliuk. "Two successful SBU attacks on the Crimean bridge cut off this logistics artery of the Russians. Now the bridge is not fully functional. The occupiers are forced to deliver weapons to their troops by ferry," said Maliuk.

> Ukraine will soon have an "Army of Robots" and an "Army of EW" (electronic warfare). This was stated by the head of the Ministry of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov at ForbesTech-2023. "We will rely on our ideology - opening the market, transparency, and maximum opportunity to attract entrepreneurs who have already created various products and are able to scale products," Fedorov said.

> Russian troops in Ukraine continue to suffer massive casualties from Ukrainian long-range precision strikes far behind the front lines, and Russian commanders face an "acute dilemma" in this regard, UK intelligence said. "Soldiers on the ground are generally well aware of the range of enemy weapons systems. However, when faced with the reality of a very long combat deployment, commanders face an acute dilemma. They must balance the best practice of keeping troops dispersed and less vulnerable to attack with the day-to-day requirement to bring units together to exercise command and control and maintain morale," the UK Ministry of Defense said in a statement.

> Overnight, Russians attacked Ukraine with unusual black drones containing a material that absorbs radar signals. The spokesman for the Ukrainian Air Force, Yurii Ihnat, says that although these are not the new drones previously announced by Iran, they still complicate the work of the Air Defense, namely the visual targeting of mobile fire groups.

> The head of SBU, Vasyl Maliuk, confirmed that the service used Sea Baby maritime drones to hit ships of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. Thus, in October 2022, SBU maritime drones attacked Russian ships in the Sevastopol Bay. Four warships were damaged, including the Admiral Makarov frigate. This year, the Sea Baby hit the Samum and Pavel Derzhavin missile carriers, the SIG tanker, the Olenegorskiy Gornyak landing ship, the Nikolay Muru large military tug, and the newest reconnaissance and hydrographic ship, the Vladimir Kozitsky.

> Ukraine will receive ships to protect the "grain corridor". This was announced by Volodymyr Zelenskyi at the Grain from Ukraine International Summit. "We already have specific agreements on receiving ships. This is a matter of the near future," the President said. Also, according to him, the Odesa oblast will be protected by additional powerful air defense systems. Agreements with partners are already in place.

> Russia has suspended cruise missile attacks due to logistical problems in Novorossiysk. This is stated in the daily report of the UK Ministry of Defense.

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# week shelling

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### Attack on the night of November 25

At night, the Air Defense Forces shot down 71 out of 75 attack drones, used by the Russians to attack Ukraine. The main target was the city of Kyiv. It was the most massive attack on the capital since the beginning of the full-scale invasion.

- > Air defense forces were operating in at least six oblasts of Ukraine: Kyiv, Sumy, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, and Kirovohrad oblasts.
- > An X-59 guided missile was destroyed in Dnipropetrovsk oblast.
- > 66 drones were shot down over Kyiv and Kyiv oblast. Five people were reported injured. In Kyiv, power grids are damaged, 77 residential buildings and 120 institutions are without electricity. UAV debris fell in Šolomianskyi, Pecherskyi, Podilskyi, Dniprovskyi, and Holosiivskyi districts. A fire broke out at an enterprise in one of the districts. The fire has been extinguished. Three private houses and one multi-story building, a car, and fences were damaged.

### **Dnipropetrovsk oblast**

On November 20, an 83-year-old woman died during the shelling of Nikopol. A 53-year-old man was wounded. 3 private houses, 2 outbuildings, a car, a power line, and a gas pipeline were damaged. On November 21, two men were injured in the evening shelling of Nikopol. On the night of November 23, Russians fired a missile at an infrastructure facility in the Kryvyi Rih district. No one was injured.

### Odesa oblast

On November 21, during the day and evening, Russians attacked the Odesa region with X-31P missiles. In Odesa and Bilhorod-Dnistrovskyi districts, there were hits on open ground, administrative buildings, and port infrastructure. There were no injured.

### **Donetsk oblast**

Russians continue to terrorize the oblast, shelling both remote settlements and along the entire front line. On November 19, a rocket attack was launched on Sviatohorivka in the Dobropillia community, damaging 9 private houses and a veterinary clinic.

In the Donetsk direction, Avdiivka, Krasnohorivka, Heorhiivka, Maksymilianivka, the Mariinka, Novodonetsk, Ocheretyne, Novohrodivka, Kurakhivka community, Novomykhailivka, Kurakhove, Kurakhivka, Hostre, Berdychi, Ocheretyne, Novoselivka Persha, Mykhailivka, and Selydove came under fire. Residential buildings, cars, businesses, hospitals, a mine area, and buses were damaged.

In the Volnovakha direction, Vuhledar and Novoukrainka came under fire.

In the Horlivka direction, the Toretsk and Chasiv Yar communities, Shcherbynivka, Toretsk, Pivnichne, New York, Vasiukivka, and Minkivka are affected. Private houses, infrastructure facilities, multi-story buildings and non-residential houses, and an industrial building were damaged.

In the Lysychansk direction, Zvanivka, Siversk, Pereizne, the Zvanivka, Siversk, and Lyman communities, Serebrianka, Kolodiazi, and Torske came under fire. Residential buildings, an infrastructure facility, and a nonresidential building were damaged.

### Kherson and Kherson oblast

On November 19, five people were injured in the Russian shelling of Kherson. On November 20, Russians shelled the parking lot of a private enterprise in Kherson. Two people were killed and two others injured. Cars and a house were damaged. On November 21, the Russiain occupiers dropped explosives from a drone on Beryslav. A car was damaged. A man was injured. Two people were wounded in the Russian shelling of Antonivka. On November 22, Russians attacked the center of Kherson: a man was killed. Shells hit houses and damaged a civilian infrastructure building. On the night of November 23, the Russian forces shelled Kherson again: a 45-year-old man was wounded and his apartment was damaged. On November 23, the Russians shelled the suburbs of Kherson. A 51-year-old woman was wounded. On the same day, a cyclist was attacked by a drone in Beryslav. The 70-year-old man died from his injuries. Russians also fired at Chornobaivka with cluster munitions. Three people were killed and four were injured. Two children were wounded as a result of another Russian attack on Kherson.

### Sumy oblast

On November 19, a 48-year-old man died in Seredyno Buda as a result of mortar shelling on the territory of his

### Kharkiv oblast

The Russian forces continue shelling frontline and border settlements in the Kharkiv. Chuhuiv, and Kupiansk districts of the oblast. On November 20, as a result of the shelling of Yurchenkove, Chuhuiv district, agricultural machinery, and outbuildings were damaged by Uragan multiple launch rocket systems. In Vilcha, Chuhuiv district, civilian men of 53 and 74 years old were injured and hospitalized as a result of shelling from MLRS. A private residential building was damaged in the village. The Russians struck Podoly in the Kupiansk district with two guided aerial bombs. On November 21, Russians shelled Kozacha Lopan, causing a fire in one of the houses. While extinguishing the fire, rescuers found the body of a 29-year-old man. The man died as a result of a shell fragment. On November 22, the Russian occupiers attacked Vovchansk, Chuhuiv district. The shelling caused a local utility company to catch fire. On November 23, residential buildings were damaged in Kupiansk and Kupiansk-Vuzlovyi as a result of shelling. On November 24 in Kurylivka of the Kupiansk district. 4 private houses, a garage and outbuildings were damaged. A private household was damaged in Novooosynove, Kupiansk district. An infrastructure facility was damaged as a result of a UAV strike on Oleksandrivka, Bohodukhiv district. In Kozacha Lopan, 4 private houses and outbuildings were damaged.

Also, under fire were: Starytsia, Pletenivka, Zemlianky, Dvorichna, Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Berestove, Stepova Novoselivka, Kucherivka, Pershotravneve, Kyslivka, Krokhmalne.

### Zaporizhzhia oblast

On November 21, the occupiers attacked one of the districts of Zaporizhzhia, a rocket hit an open area, no one was injured. The blast wave damaged several private houses.

### Khmelnytskyi oblast

On the night of November 22, an air defense system in Khmelnytskyi oblast shot down a drone, the debris of which fell into the yard of a private household. An outbuilding was damaged. No one was injured.

# strikes





### Kyiv

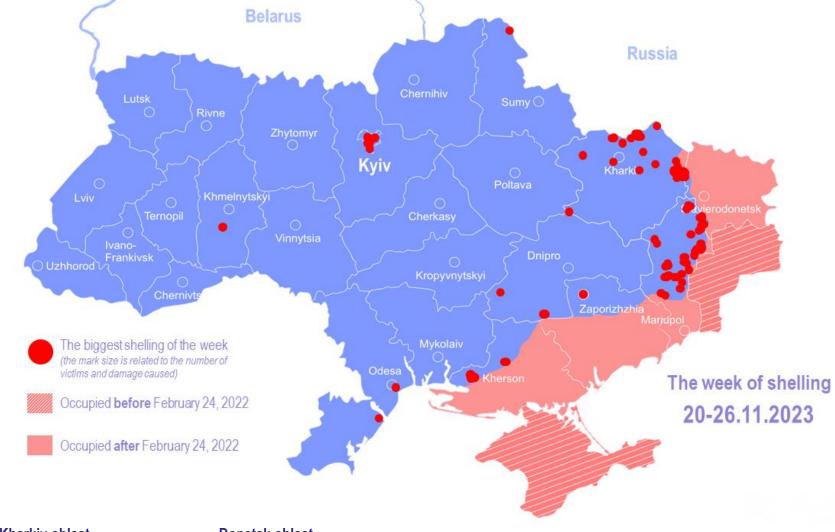




**Kherson oblast** 







### Kharkiv oblast



### **Donetsk oblast**







- ➤ Bohdan Yermokhin, 18, who was deported from Mariupol by Russians, has been returned to Ukraine, as confirmed by Andrii Yermak, the head of the Presidential Office. Yermokhin was taken from the Moscow oblast to Minsk and then to Ukraine.
- ➤ Police and volunteers evacuated two horses from Avdiivka, which had been living on the city's streets since spring when their farm in Lastochkyne was destroyed by Russians. **About 300 animals perished during that incident**. While most surviving horses were evacuated with their owner, these two escaped but have now also been safely relocated.
- Ukraine has returned the bodies and remains of 94 defenders. Now they will be sent for forensic examination. The bodies will also be examined by law enforcement.
- > Ukraine's **energy facilities** now have three levels of protection:
  - The first level is a defense **against blast waves** or indirect Shahed attacks (gabions, sandbags) guarding 90 facilities in 21 regions.
  - The second level is defense **against direct drone strikes** securing 22 substations and 63 autotransformers across 14 regions.
  - ➤ The third level is large-scale structures for **comprehensive missile defense**, constructed in 14 regions, protecting 22 substations.
- "According to available data, at least 11,000 Ukrainian children are being detained in 43 reeducation camps across Russia, situated thousands of kilometers away from their homes," reads the statement reported by the British Ministry of Defense. This situation is considered a violation of the rights and freedoms of the deported children.
- In the **Kharkiv oblast**, intensive efforts are underway to **clear mine-infested territories**. The State Emergency Service's pyrotechnics neutralized 479 pieces of ammunition in just one week. Enhanced demining operations involve 33 pyrotechnic teams, 168 sappers, and 70 units of equipment operating in the region, as announced by Yevhen Vasylenko, a spokesperson for the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in Kharkiv oblast, according to the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration.
- Almost **11,000** Invincibility Centers have been established in Ukraine, per the State Emergency Service, National Police, and Ukrainian Railways. Presently, 10,945 centers operate throughout Ukraine, with 2,356 more set up and ready to open.
- The press service of the Sumy Regional Military Administration reported the **opening of a modular polyclinic in Trostianets**, Sumy oblast, replacing the one destroyed by the Russians. The statement mentioned, "With the support of the German agency GIZ, the community received a state-of-the-art polyclinic equipped with new facilities and advanced, precision equipment."
- In the village of Romanivka, Kyiv oblast, a **bridge over the Irpin River** was inaugurated, leaving destroyed structures nearby as a memorial. The bridge, demolished by the Ukrainian Defense Forces on February 25, 2022, during the Russian offensive on Kyiv, **served as a route for the evacuation** of thousands of people in March.







- ➤ "The occupiers continue to export Ukrainian grain from the temporarily occupied territories of the Zaporizhzhia oblast. Another barge with Ukrainian grain left the port of the temporarily occupied Berdiansk," the National Resistance Center reports.
- ➤ Since the full-scale armed attack by the Russian Federation on Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) recorded at least 10,000 civilian deaths and over 18,500 injuries. Shockingly, this toll includes more than 560 children among the deceased.
- At a UN Security Council meeting, Matthew Hollingsworth, the World Food Program (WFP) Representative in Ukraine, highlighted that "approximately **one in five Ukrainian families faces varying degrees of acute food insecurity**," particularly in regions near the war zone. The WFP aims to provide food assistance to about 750,000 individuals during the winter. Additionally, 1.5 million others in areas directly affected by hostilities will receive cash assistance. Hollingsworth mentioned 31 documented attacks since mid-July on crucial grain production and export facilities, with 28 of these incidents occurring in Odesa oblast, home to essential Black Sea and Danube River terminals "crucial for global trade and food production".
- ➤ Oleksandr Tolokonnikov, head of the press office of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, reported the evacuation of 573 children with their families from 23 settlements in Kherson oblast. Another 220 children require relocation to safer regions, primarily concentrated in settlements like Komyshany and Pryozerne, where over 100 children remain. Approximately 10 out of the 23 settlements still house children.
- ➤ The Protasiv Yar nature reserve in Kyiv has been renamed in honor of Roman Ratushnyi, who valiantly opposed the construction of Protasiv Yar and later joined the frontlines after the invasion began. Ratushnyi tragically passed away in June 2022 near Izium.
- ➤ The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office revealed that 1,139 individuals suffered torture, ill-treatment, and injuries by Russian soldiers during the partial occupation of Kyiv oblast.
- According to Serhii Lysak, head of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Administration, an underground hospital has been established in Dnipropetrovsk oblast, equipped with an intensive care room, oxygen supply, and an operating room.
- Following a significant attack on Kyiv and the downing of enemy drones, the city's overhead power line was severed, leaving 77 residential buildings and 120 administrative offices **without electricity**, as reported by the Kyiv City Military Administration.
- ➤ Melitopol Mayor Ivan Fedorov reported the **abduction and captivity of approximately 500 civilians** from the occupied Zaporizhzhia oblast by Russian forces. The abductees are subjected to mockery and torture.







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