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International support

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- Kyiv hosted the **second summit of the Ukrainian humanitarian initiative Grain from Ukraine** under the auspices of President Volodymyr Zelenskyi. The summit participants discussed cooperation in grain storage and transportation of agricultural products to the receiving countries. In addition, they raised the coordination issue to **increase pressure on Russia** to end its food blockade. As a result of the summit, a joint statement was adopted and supported by 23 countries.
- **Switzerland** will donate more than €100 million to Ukraine, which will be **used for demining and food aid**, according to Swiss President Alain Berset.
- Ukraine will **receive warships from its allies** to enhance the security of the ships partaking in the grain corridor in the Black Sea. This was announced by the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi at a press conference following the Grain from Ukraine international summit.
- The European Commission will allocate **€50 million to repair Ukrainian ports** attacked by Russia. This will simplify the process of exporting grain to international markets.
- Almost **1 billion Australian dollars in aid** has been provided by Australia to Ukraine during the full-scale war, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia Bruce Edwards announced during a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Stanislav Haider in Kyiv.
- Germany is to provide **EUR 300 million** to help Ukraine **repair and modernize the power grid** in the energy sector — German Ambassador to Ukraine.

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- Ukraine and its allies have **agreed on a program to meet NATO's requirements for further accession**. Following the meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said that the work program for the next year has already been agreed upon. It includes cooperation in the areas of energy security, innovation, cyber defense, resilience and interoperability. The program also includes reforms that bring Ukraine closer to membership.
- The Chamber of Deputies Parliament of the Czech Republic has approved the **extension of the mission to train the Ukrainian military** in the country in 2024. Instructors from other NATO countries will also be able to train Ukrainians in the Czech Republic. Defense Minister Jana Černočová said that although much of the equipment in army warehouses has already been transferred, support for Ukraine, which has been defending itself against aggressive Russia since last February, will continue.
- **Ukraine's Defense Minister** Rustem Umerov has held a meeting with military attachés amid the IT coalition in Kyiv, calling on the representatives of more than 30 countries participating in the Contact Group on Defense of Ukraine **to help with innovations for victory**.

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- **France will increase the supply of ammunition** and purchase **additional Caesar** self-propelled artillery systems for the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. This was reported by the Press Office of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. During a meeting between the Ukrainian and French delegations in Kyiv, Weapons Engineer General Jean-François Doc announced that France will continue to provide military assistance to Ukraine in 2024.
- The European Commission's **proposal to support Ukraine with loans and grants** in the amount of 50 billion euros over the next four years is not disputed by anyone, said the European Commissioner for the Budget, Johannes Hahn.
- **The EU** has already supplied or is in the process of supplying **480,000 shells** to Ukraine and will increase its ammunition production capacity to 1 million shells per year, says European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.
- In 2024, **the Netherlands** will provide Ukraine with an **additional €2.5 billion aid package**. This was reported by TRT World. The additional package demonstrates the Dutch government's strong and unwavering support for Ukraine. This support will continue for as long as necessary.
- The former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Liz Truss, who is **visiting the United States** to convince Republicans **to support further aid to Ukraine**, believes that Russia's defeat is necessary to end the war.

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- **Ukraine and Italy** have started the first round of negotiations on **bilateral security commitments**, as envisaged by the G7 joint declaration. Ihor Zhovkva, the Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, headed the Ukrainian negotiating team. Zhovkva reminded that Ukraine has already started bilateral consultations with all G7 countries.
- **Finland** is officially **closing all checkpoints on the border with Russia**. The Prime Minister of Finland, Petteri Orpo, announced that the checkpoints would be closed from 00:00 on Thursday until December 13, meaning they would be closed for at least two weeks. The decision was made **due to the overflow of illegal migrants from Russia**.
- The Council of the European Union has allocated an additional **€194 million for training the Ukrainian military**. This brings the total budget for the **EUMAM Ukraine mission** to train Ukrainian soldiers to €255 million. So far, 34,000 soldiers have been trained within the mission, mostly in Poland and Germany. As of today, more than 34,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been trained under the EU mission.
- The European Parliament **supports the start of negotiations on Ukraine's accession** to the EU. The President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, made this statement at a conference on Ukraine's European integration and a meeting with the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ruslan Stefanchuk. Also at the meeting with Ruslan Stefanchuk, a Memorandum of Understanding between the parliaments of the EU and Ukraine was signed. Roberta Metsola believes this step is important and symbolic in Kyiv's further movement towards the European Union.
- **The European Commission** has approved a proposal to **ban the sale of Russian diamonds**. In the near future, the document may be submitted to all EU countries for consideration. This was reported by AFP with reference to the draft resolution.
- The President of the Czech Republic, Petr Pavel, is calling on the West **not to weaken its support for Ukraine**, otherwise, next year will be more favorable for Russia. According to him, the winter will allow Russia to recover, having already put its industry on a war footing. *"They are producing a lot more large-caliber ammunition, more tanks, recruiting more soldiers. They are negotiating with several countries for supplies,"* the Czech president reminded.
- The U.S. Treasury Department has sent letters to around 30 companies that control up to 100 **oil tankers**, warning of potential imprisonment if they exceed the **price limit for Russian oil**, according to Bloomberg.

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- Ukraine will receive **\$1.2 billion** from the World Bank under the guarantee of the Japanese government. The funds will be used to finance **social assistance** to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population - Press Office of the World Bank.
- The UK has contributed £20 million to the Trust Fund **to support Ukraine's economy**, the press service of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine reports.
- The US imposed **sanctions on three tankers carrying Russian oil** and companies from the UAE and Liberia. According to Reuters, Washington suspects 100 vessels of violating Western sanctions on oil from Russia.
- Switzerland has **frozen about \$8 billion of Russian assets**, the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) has reported. In addition to freezing the funds, the Swiss authorities confiscated 15 real estate properties attributed to sanctioned Russians.
- **Ukrainian border guards** have received three Role 2 modular field hospitals and 6 Toyota Land Cruiser medical evacuation vehicles. This was reported by the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine. The medical equipment was delivered to Ukraine by the **Dutch manufacturer Hospitainer** under the government program to strengthen the medical capabilities of the Ukrainian Defense Forces during the ongoing Russian aggression.



Military positions

- The Russian Federation continues to ignore the laws and customs of warfare, uses terror tactics, launches missile and air strikes, and fires from multiple rocket launchers not only at the military but also at numerous civilian targets in Ukraine. Russian attacks have resulted in civilian casualties.
- The operational situation in the Volyn and Polissia sectors remains unchanged.
- In the Siverskyi (Chernihiv) and Slobozhanskyi (Kharkiv, Sumy) directions, Russian troops maintain a military presence in the border areas, conduct active sabotage activities to prevent the deployment of Ukrainian troops to threatened areas, and increase the density of minefields along the state border in the Belgorod region.
- In the Kupiansk direction, Russians conducted assault operations in the areas of Synkivka in the Kharkiv oblast and Stelmakhivka in the Luhansk oblast. In the Lyman direction, the Russian army conducted assault operations in the area of Serebrianske forestry (Luhansk oblast).
- In the Bakhmut direction, Russian troops conducted assault operations in the areas of Hryhorivka, Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka. Ukrainian defense forces continue assault operations south of Bakhmut, inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the Russians, and consolidating their positions.
- In the Avdiivka direction, Russians continue to try to encircle Avdiivka, while Ukrainian troops are holding steady, inflicting significant losses on the occupiers.
- Russian offensives were unsuccessful in the areas south of Novokalynove, Stepove, Avdiivka, Severne, and Pervomaiske in the Donetsk oblast, where the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled a number of attacks.
- In the Marinka direction, the Russian army, supported by aviation, conducted unsuccessful assault operations in the area of Novomykhailivka. In the Shakhtarsk direction, the Russians did not conduct any offensive actions.
- In the Zaporizhzhia direction, Russian troops unsuccessfully conducted several offensives in the vicinity of Robotyne and west of Verbove.
- At the same time, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to conduct offensive operations in the Melitopol sector, inflicting losses in manpower and equipment on the occupation forces, and exhausting 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, continue to conduct counter-battery combat and inflict fire on the enemy's rear.

27.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russia is escalating its invasion of Ukraine, sending more Russian troops to their deaths than at any time since the beginning of the war. This was stated by British Defense Secretary Grant Shapps in response to a British intelligence report on the situation at the front in Ukraine. ➤ In the winter, Russia will focus on using drones to shell Ukraine, although it will not give up missile strikes, said Air Force spokesman Yuri Ihnat.
28.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At night, air defense forces destroyed a Shahed UAV, and in the morning - an Orlan-10 operational-tactical level reconnaissance UAV, the Ukrainian Air Force reported. Also, at about 9:00 a.m., a ballistic missile (presumably Iskander-M) struck Zaporizhzhia. ➤ Putin will spend a third of the Russian budget on war in 2024, Russian media report. For 2024, the budget will allocate 10.4 trillion rubles (\$111 billion) to the "national defense", which is 70% more than last year. State propaganda can count on record funding from the Russian budget - 121.3 billion rubles.
29.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statements and assumptions made in Ukraine that the leadership of the Ukrainian Armed Forces does not have a plan to achieve military goals are incorrect. This was stated by a senior NATO military official at a briefing in Brussels. According to him, Ukraine's partners do not impose a specific approach to warfare on the Armed Forces of Ukraine, as they believe that the Ukrainian military is more effective at determining its own planning.
30.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the night of November 30, an explosion occurred on the Baikal-Amur Mainline, which is located in Buryatia. It was a successful operation by the Security Service of Ukraine that paralyzed the only major railroad route between Russia and China. The Russians classified the explosion as a terrorist attack and claimed that the tunnel explosions were caused by sabotage. A freight train was blown up on the Itykit-Okusikan stretch, consisting of 50 cars (41 diesel tanks and 3 jet fuel tanks). After the explosion, 14 tanks were removed, but further transportation of the railcars is still impossible. ➤ Dirt in the engine filters is the biggest problem with Abrams M1 tanks in Ukraine, Forbes writes. If the tank's filters are not cleaned every 12 hours, it can damage the engine so badly that it will have to be removed and the vehicle sent to Poland for a lengthy overhaul. ➤ Ukrainian Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets said that prisoner-of-war exchanges are not taking place because Russia simply does not want them to. All of Ukraine's initiatives, desires and actions to return its defenders from captivity are met with Russian reluctance to return even its own citizens. The last exchange of prisoners of war between Ukraine and Russia took place on August 7, when 22 Ukrainian soldiers were returned. Later, in an interview with AP, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said that exchanges of prisoners of war between Ukraine and Russia continue, but often take place on the battlefield. "Very often we exchange prisoners of war not so loudly, not so publicly. To be honest, we exchange them right on the battlefield. When we have 10 of their prisoners and they have several of our guys, we exchange them," the president said in an interview. ➤ Ukrainian companies produce about 50,000 FPV drones a month, while Russians produce six times as many, Forbes reports. In total, there are about 200 manufacturers of various types of drones in Ukraine. They provide only 10-15% of the army's total needs. At the front, only FPV drones require about 200,000 units per month.

Losses of the Russian army from 27.11.2023 to 03.12.2023	
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IFVs	117
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UAVs	94
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	144
Special equipment	27



Military positions

01.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were 67 combat engagements along the frontline. ➤ At night, air defense forces destroyed 18/25 Shahed-type UAVs and 1/2 of X-59 guided missiles, the Ukrainian Air Force reported. Air defense was operating in Mykolaiv, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia and Dnipro oblasts. ➤ A fuel train exploded again in Buryatia (Russia). This led to a temporary shutdown of a section of the Baikal-Amur Mainline. The Russians use it, among other things, for military logistics.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In the Tavria direction, Russians continue active ground infantry attacks with the support of armored vehicles and aviation. This was reported by General Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, commander of the Tavria operational and strategic group of troops. According to him, a total of 49 combat engagements, 890 artillery shelling and 18 air strikes were recorded. ➤ "An unexpected and successful attack was carried out by the Ukrainian Resistance Forces on December 1, 2023, at the entrance to the temporarily occupied Melitopol," the Military Intelligence (HUR) reports. "They destroyed several Russian occupiers and defeated an enemy fuel tanker - the military equipment was disabled." ➤ Deputy Chairman of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev said that in 2023, more than 425,000 people decided to serve in the Russian army. For example, contract soldiers were recruited in Moscow, Chechnya, and the temporarily occupied Sevastopol. "I would like to recognize the Chechen Republic. Thanks to the efforts of the leadership there, more than 30,000 citizens were sent to the front line for the needs of the Joint Forces Group," Medvedev said. ➤ German arms manufacturer Rheinmetall wants to start producing armored vehicles in Ukraine next year, the company's CEO Armin Papperger said. He said that he expects an agreement with Ukraine on the production of Fuchs armored personnel carriers and Lynx infantry fighting vehicles at the beginning of the year. After that, the production of Fuchs will start within 6-7 months, and Lynx - within 12-13 months. ➤ Ukraine did not achieve the desired results during the counteroffensive, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said in an interview with AP. The President noted that Ukraine did not receive all the necessary weapons from its allies, and the limited number of armed forces did not allow for rapid progress. "We have a new phase of the war, and this is a fact. Winter as a whole is a new phase of the war," Volodymyr Zelenskyi said.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were 84 combat engagements in the frontline over the last day. ➤ At night, Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed 10/11 Shahed-type UAVs and 1 X-59 guided missile. ➤ Russians are trying to get to the territory of the Avdiivka Coke Plant. The invaders are attacking the positions of the Ukrainian military in Avdiivka every day, but the Defense Forces are repelling the enemy's attacks. "The plant is controlled by the Armed Forces of Ukraine," the General Staff emphasized.
03.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Near Stepove in the Avdiivka sector, Russian troops shot dead two Ukrainian soldiers who surrendered due to a lack of ammunition. The video of the execution of the Ukrainian defenders is being shared online, according to Deepstate analysts. The video shows Ukrainian soldiers coming out of a dugout with their hands up and lying on the ground, after which the Russians open fire on them. The incident was confirmed by a spokesperson for the Ukrainian Defense Forces press center. "The enemy entered the positions of the 45th Separate Rifle Battalion. While clearing the area, the Russians stumbled upon a dugout with Ukrainian soldiers in it. The Ukrainians were forced to surrender due to a lack of ammunition. As soon as the second fighter came out, the Russians shot them both."

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 33 missile and 282 air strikes and carried out more than 384 attacks from multiple rocket launchers.

Kherson and Kherson oblast

On 26 November, Russians shelled Kherson. There were hits in the Dniprovskiyi and Korabelnyi districts of the city. On 28 November, Russian occupiers attacked the Beryslav district. In Dudchany village, a 64-year-old woman was wounded while she was on the street. In Beryslav, a drone dropped explosives on a civilian car. A 48-year-old man was wounded. On 29 November, Russians attacked a suburb of Kherson. A man who was in his yard during the shelling was killed. An ambulance worker was also wounded. The medical team was responding to a call to Kindiika, where a man had been killed by shelling, and came under repeated attack from the Russian Federation. On the night of 30 November, Russians attacked Dariivka. Ten residential buildings, a kindergarten and a hospital were damaged. Four people were injured. Sadove was also shelled. Three people were killed. On the same day, the Russian invaders shelled Tiahynka. Three people were wounded. On 2 December, Tiahynka was shelled. A woman was wounded. On 3 December, Russians shelled one of the settlements of the Kherson district. A shell hit a garage, killing a 78-year-old man.

According to the head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration Oleksandr Prokudin, from 27 to 1 December, the occupiers fired 456 times at the region, launching 2,506 shells from mortars, artillery, Hrad, tanks, UAVs, and aircraft, and fired 124 shells at the city of Kherson.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On the night of 28 November, Russian occupiers launched a missile attack on Kryvyi Rih. On the morning of 28 November, Russians shelled Nikopol with artillery. Two men were killed and two women were injured. In total, the occupiers shelled the area about ten times. An administrative building, a utility company, two industrial enterprises, three multi-story buildings, two private houses, cars, power lines, and gas pipelines were damaged. An apartment in one of the buildings caught fire due to shelling. On 2 December, Russians attacked Dniprovskiyi district, causing no casualties.

Odesa oblast

On the night of 2 December, air defense forces shot down ten drones over the Odesa oblast. The drones were sent to the coastal areas. An infrastructure facility was hit, and a fire broke out.

Donetsk oblast

Russians continue terrorizing the region by shelling both remote settlements and along the entire frontline. On 30 November, in the middle of the night, Russians launched a massive rocket attack on the western part of the region: in Pokrovsk, 5 people were wounded, 11 private houses, a multi-story building, an administrative building, and an educational institution were damaged; in Novohrodivka, 5 people were wounded; in Myrnohrad, an administrative building was damaged.

In the Volnovakha direction, Bohoiavlenska, Vuhledar community, Novoukrainka, and Vuhledar came under fire. Private houses, an outbuilding, and a non-residential building were damaged.

In the Donetsk direction, Kurakhove, Marinka, Selydove, Hrodivka, Trudove, Veselyi Hai, Hanivka, Krasnohorivka, Novomykhailivka, Kostiantynivka, Novohrodivka, Novoekonomichne, Kurakhivka, Petrivka, Hirnyk, Avdiivka are affected. Residential buildings and industrial areas were damaged.

In the Horlivka direction, Chasiv Yar, Soledar, Toretsk communities, Pivnichne, Toretsk, Rozdolivka, Minkivka, Vasyukivka, Kostyantynivka, New York, Druzhba, Shcherbynivka, Izhevka, and Petrivka came under fire. Private houses, multi-story buildings, industrial buildings, administrative buildings, infrastructure facilities, a kindergarten, and non-residential buildings were damaged.

In the Lysychansk direction, Serebrianka, Siversk, Lyman communities, Torske, Zarichne, Yampil, and Siversk are affected. Residential buildings were damaged. There are dead or wounded in all directions.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On 28 November, Russians fired an Iskander missile at the territory of the enterprise in one of Zaporizhzhia's districts, leaving one person lightly injured. The blast wave damaged windows in three multi-story buildings and three educational institutions, as well as a shop near the site of the attack.

The Russian army conducted 575 strikes using aircraft, MLRS, drones and artillery on towns and villages in Zaporizhzhia oblast between 27 November and 1 December. Zaliznychne, Mali Shcherbaky, Orikhiv, Mala Tokmachka, Huliaipole, Novodanylivka, Levadne, Poltavka, Robotyne, Charivne, Novoandriivka, Novodarivka, Kamianske, Stepanivsk, Verkhnia Tersa, Bilohiria, Zatyshshia, Luhivske, Lobkove, Piatykhvatky, Stepove, Malynivka, Krasne, Shcherbaky, Plavni, Temyrivka, Shyroke were affected.

Khmelnitskyi oblast

On the night of 28 November, air defense forces were operating in the region. The wreckage of a downed object fell on the roof of a private house, no one was injured. On the night of 29 November, air defense forces shot down 21 drones launched by Russians in the direction of Khmelnytskyi.

Sumy oblast

On 28 November, Russians shelled the town of Serebryna-Buda. The bodies of two dead women and two wounded men were recovered from the rubble. A man and his 7-year-old stepdaughter were also injured in their car. The girl later died in hospital.

Chernihiv oblast

On 3 December, Russians shelled the village of Oleksandrivka in the Semenivka community. Two civilians were injured. One residential building burned down.

Kharkiv oblast

On 27 November, Russians launched a guided aerial bomb at the village of Kivsharivka in the Kupiansk district. A hit was recorded between residential buildings. The facades of the houses, windows, and the adjacent territory were damaged. There were no casualties. On 29 November, as a result of a guided aerial bomb strike on the villages of Podoly and Kurylivka in the Kupiansk district, private households and an educational institution were damaged. In Vovchansk, Chuhuiv district, massive artillery shelling damaged an administrative building, 2 supermarkets, 10 private garages, a residential building and other structures. On 1 December, the enemy shelled Kivsharivka in the Kupiansk district. Residential buildings and infrastructure facilities were damaged. A private household was damaged as a result of mortar shelling in the village of Lyptsi, Kharkiv district. A civilian 52-year-old man was injured. In Novosynove village of the Kupiansk district, a private house was damaged. As a result of artillery shelling of Vovchansk, Chuhuiv district, a private household was damaged.

Also, during the week, Starytsia, Tykhe, Synkivka, Ivanivka, Kyslivka, Kotliarivka, Tabaiivka, Krokmalne, Stroiivka, Hraniv, Starytsia, Dvorichna, Vetaryname, Hatyshche, Mala Vovcha, Petropavlivka, Berestove were under hostile attacks.

This week shelling and strikes

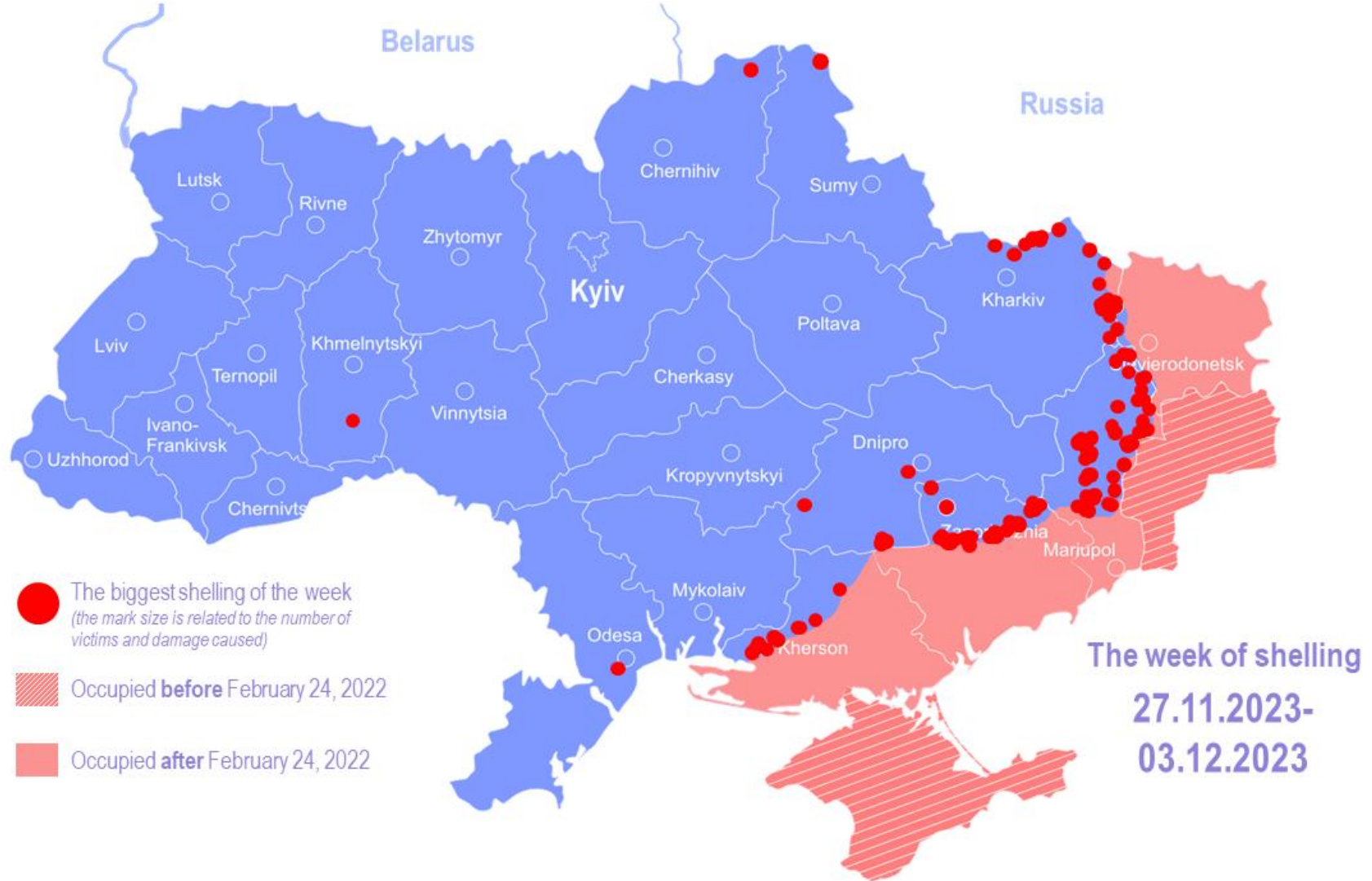
Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk oblast



Sumy oblast



Donetsk oblast



Humanitarian crisis

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- **Heavy snowfall** in Ukraine has caused **power outages** in approximately 2019 settlements across 16 regions. The inclement weather also resulted in road accidents, leading to traffic blockages on 14 roads. Minister of Internal Affairs Klymenko stated that responders, including rescuers, police, National Guard, and border guards actively manage the weather-related issues. In Odesa Oblast, rescuers have towed over 500 vehicles, comprising 14 buses and 12 emergency vehicles. They have provided assistance to 1624 individuals, including 93 children, and treated six people for hypothermia. As a response to the adverse weather conditions in Ukraine, the State Emergency Service has established nearly a thousand warming stations.
- The **occupation administrations** in Ukraine's temporarily occupied territories have been instructed to **create new lists of children without guardians**. These children are reportedly intended for deportation, as stated on the website of the National Resistance Center. The process is overseen by Maria Lvova-Belova, Commissioner of the President of the Russian Federation for Children's Rights. The National Resistance Center emphasizes that the occupiers refuse to return these children to Ukraine, despite having relatives in free territories, and they facilitate the adoption of these children within the Russian Federation. The alleged aim is the assimilation of Ukrainian children, which could result in the erosion of an entire generation of the nation.
- According to reports from the International Atomic Energy Agency experts stationed at Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP), the Russian army is allegedly **using the facility as a firing position** to deploy multiple launch rocket systems, shelling Ukrainian territories. NNEGC Energoatom conveyed this information. Rafael Grossi, Director General of the IAEA, expressed concern, stating, 'Today's events once again highlight the extremely **fragile situation regarding nuclear safety** and security at the Zaporizhzhia NPP.'

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- Due to **severe weather conditions**, 10 people died in Ukraine, with an additional 23 individuals, including children, injured. Minister of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko reported the operation of state and regional headquarters aimed at mitigating the consequences of the adverse weather on Telegram.
- Ukraine has announced plans to **restore historical names in Crimea** to the Crimean Tatar language. The Ministry of Reintegration's press service shared this decision, aligning with the Law on Condemnation and Prohibition of Propaganda of Russian Imperial Policy in Ukraine and Decolonization of Geographic Names.
- Oleksandr Prokudin, head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, stated that due to constant shelling in 23 settlements in the Kherson Oblast, **630 families with children have been evacuated**. 'Currently, there are no families with children in 14 settlements. Together with the police, volunteers, and local authorities, we are engaging with residents, urging them to evacuate now for the safety of their children,' added Prokudin.

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- The Ministry of Culture of Ukraine has announced plans to designate **Ukrainian libraries as spaces for receiving psychological support**. Efforts are underway to establish conditions within library institutions where the public can access psychosocial support services.

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- In the Kupiansk region of Kharkiv Oblast, under constant shelling from Russia, police have successfully concluded the evacuation of children from three communities. Oleh Syniehubov, head of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration highlighted the challenging week-long search for the last two families with children. A total of 299 children have been safely evacuated from these communities where the need for evacuation was declared.
- Reports from the National Resistance Center reveal ongoing incidents of **occupiers stealing grain from Ukrainian sources**. Ukrainian grain, exported from the ports of the temporarily occupied Crimea, has been traced to **ports in Syria and Iran**. According to the Center, the invaders purchase grain from local farmers at a rate lower than the market price and resell it at the market rate.

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- On the night of November 29, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) detected **explosions near the Khmelnytskyi Nuclear Power Plant (NPP)**. The monitoring team reported hearing several explosions in close proximity to the plant. Although the facility itself wasn't directly damaged, General Director Grossi highlighted that this incident underscores the continued vulnerability of all Ukrainian nuclear power plants during ongoing conflict, as reported by the agency's press service.
- A concerning development was observed regarding the **alteration of the name and surname of a Ukrainian child adopted** by Russian citizens. Russian politician Sergei Mironov and his wife reportedly 'adopted' 10-month-old Margaryta Prokopenko, allegedly taken from an orphanage in Kherson Oblast under the guise of 'medical examinations and rehabilitation'. Subsequently, they changed the girl's name, surname, and citizenship. Notably, **the adoption of Ukrainian children by Russians is illegal**. Foreigners seeking custody of a child must comply with Ukraine's regulations, including notifying and obtaining consent for adoption, as emphasized by Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights.

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- Continued violations of international humanitarian law by the Russian forces include **impeding civilians' access to medical services**, while their focus remains on treating the wounded occupants. Recent instances involve the use of civilian hospitals in occupied Kherson Oblast to accommodate the Russian army. Additionally, starting January 1, 2024, **Russia has refused medical services to Ukrainians declining to accept a Russian passport**, as reported by the National Resistance Center.
- "In the Arabat Spit area of occupied Kherson Oblast, a storm caused the Syvash Bay to overflow, flooding the Safari Park. Due to a shortage of staff in the local Ministry of Emergency Situations, some animals perished in the zoo as timely assistance couldn't be provided," stated the National Resistance Center. The occupiers are still grappling with the aftermath of severe late-November weather; several settlements in southern Ukraine under their control remain without electricity.
- Two young children and their parents were successfully evacuated from the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine. The occupation 'authorities' compelled the parents to alter their children's Ukrainian birth certificates to Russian-type documents. Furthermore, the occupiers attempted to conscript the father into military service, reported the Save Ukraine Foundation.

