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International support

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- Sweden's defense-industrial complex will **increase the production of artillery ammunition** for Ukraine. The Defense Materiel Administration (FMV) has signed an agreement with the ammunition manufacturer Nammo, which has already been supplying its products to Ukraine.
- The Ministry of Strategic Industries of Ukraine and the Association of Defense and Aerospace Industries of **Estonia** have signed a **cooperation agreement**. This information was announced by the Association. The signing of the agreement is a continuation of successful collaboration, within which Estonian defense enterprises contribute to the development of Ukraine's capabilities.
- On January 14th, the fourth **meeting of national security advisers** on the **Ukrainian peace formula** took place in Davos, Switzerland. Among the participants were representatives from 81 countries and international organizations; however, China was absent for the third time, skipping the meeting. During the gathering, the five points of the Ukrainian peace formula were discussed: "Withdrawal of Russian troops and cessation of hostilities," "Restoration of justice," "Environmental safety," "Prevention of escalation and recurrence of aggression," and "Confirmation of the end of the war."
- On the sidelines of the **Davos meeting**, Ukraine initiated negotiations with **Romania** on the conclusion of a **bilateral security agreement**. Romania becomes the 9th country to engage in bilateral security talks with Ukraine.
- Switzerland has pledged to allocate **1.5 billion Swiss francs to support Ukraine** from 2025 to 2028, as announced by the President of Switzerland, Amherd, during a press conference with President Zelenskyi. She added that Switzerland sees a special **focus on reconstruction**.
- The government of **Denmark** will provide Ukraine with another **aid package** worth over 21 million dollars, intended for the **reconstruction of Mykolaiv**. This information was announced by the press service of the Ministry of Community Development, Territories, and Infrastructure of Ukraine.

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- **Bulgaria's defense industry** is operating "practically in a **24/7 mode**," with a significant portion of its production going to Ukraine, either directly or through third parties, according to Bulgaria's Minister of Defense, Todor Tagarev. The Bulgarian defense official mentioned that **support packages** include old Soviet-era systems and ammunition, which, despite their age, are still in good working condition.
- Support for Ukraine is a strategic issue for the United States and other allies, stated the Prime Minister of Belgium, Alexander De Croo. "For us, Europeans, **support for Ukraine is of an existential nature**. It is at the core of our security and prosperity," he said in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, presenting Belgium's priorities during its **presidency of the Council of the EU**, as reported by a DW correspondent.
- President Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. They agreed to initiate the **screening of Ukrainian legislation**, marking a step towards opening negotiations on Ukraine's EU membership.
- The speaker of **Latvia**, Daiga Mierina, has **arrived in Ukraine**. "Latvia is and will be, with Ukraine until Russian aggression is eradicated from the entire territory of Ukraine. We will continue our military support to contribute to Ukraine's swift victory. We will never tire," stated the Speaker during a press conference.

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- The first two out of the **14 Leopard 2 tanks** for Ukraine, which are jointly purchased by Denmark and the Netherlands, have undergone a major overhaul and are ready for shipment. This information was provided by the Dutch Ministry of Defense.
- **France** will supply Ukraine with **40 new long-range SCALP EG cruise missiles** and "hundreds of bombs." President Emmanuel Macron announced that he will sign an agreement for new arms deliveries to Ukraine and emphasized that work is underway on a multilateral security assurance agreement.
- In 2024, **Germany** will provide **military goods** to Ukraine amounting to over **seven billion euros**, as stated in a message from the Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz, on X (formerly Twitter).
- Germany has announced a **new package of military aid** to Ukraine, including 8 armored personnel carriers, 25 reconnaissance drones RQ-35 Heidrun, 16 Zetros trucks, 5 vehicles for border services, several units of automotive transport, ammunition for Leopard 1 tanks, 50 SatCom communication terminals, demining materials, 500 LED lamps, and almost 2 thousand combat helmets.
- **The Ukrainian Reconstruction Bank** will attract approximately \$1 billion and start operating within 5-6 months. The bank is being established with the support of BlackRock and JPMorgan Chase, and its current capital is already \$500 million.
- The United Kingdom is **investing \$25 million to unlock Ukrainian exports and imports**, including crucial food supplies. This information is reported by RBC-Ukraine, citing the UK's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The Parliament of **Slovakia** has transferred control over **arms exports** to the Ministry of Defense. Politico writes that the country's defense enterprises can benefit significantly from the opportunity to sell their products to Ukraine.

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- **Ukraine and Latvia** are establishing a **Coalition of Drones and Electronic Warfare (REB)**, with other allied countries expected to join, according to a statement from the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.
- The Defense Minister of France, Sébastien Lecornu, together with his Ukrainian counterpart Rustem Umerov, **founded the Artillery for Ukraine coalition**. As part of the project, the plan is to acquire 78 Caesar self-propelled howitzers, which are expected to be manufactured in 2024. It is anticipated that each participating country in the coalition will contribute to the funding of the project. **France**, for example, will utilize **50 million euros from its Support Fund** for Ukraine to order 12 howitzers, while Ukraine will finance the production of an additional 6 units. The statement from the Ministry of Defense also reveals, for the first time publicly, the delivery of several hundred guided aviation missiles (AASM). According to Lecornu, starting from January 2024, Paris will deliver approximately **50 guided bombs per month** until the end of the year.
- Canada has trained nearly **200 Ukrainian tank crew members** for the operation of Leopard 2A4 tanks, as stated in a publication on the Canadian Armed Forces' page.

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- **Estonia** will allocate **€14 million annually to Ukraine** for development within the framework of cooperation, according to the country's state budget strategy, as reported by the national broadcaster ERR. From this amount, €12.8 million will be transferred to the Estonian Cooperation Development Center (ESTDEV), one million for humanitarian aid to Ukraine, and €200,000 to support cooperation between Estonian businesses and Ukraine.



Military positions

- The operational situation in the Volyn and Polissia sectors remains without significant changes.
- At the Siverskyi (Chernihiv) and Slobozhanskyi (Kharkiv) directions, the enemy maintains a military presence in the border areas, conducts active sabotage activities, and increases the density of minefields along the state border in the Belgorod region.
- In the Kupiansk direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled a number of enemy attacks near the towns of Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Tabaivka, and Berestove in the Kharkiv oblast.
- In the Lyman direction, Ukrainian troops repelled a number of occupants' attacks near Terny, Yampolivka, Verkhniokamianske in the Donetsk oblast, in the areas of Serebryanske forestry, and Bilohorivka in the Luhansk oblast.
- In the Bakhmut direction, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled enemy attacks near Ivanivske, Andriivka, and Klishchiivka in the Donetsk oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, Ukrainian defenders continue to hold back the enemy, who continue to try to encircle Avdiivka.
- In the Marinka direction, Ukrainian troops continue to hold back the enemy near Horlivka, Marinka, and Novomykhailivka, where they repelled a number of attacks.
- In the Shakhtarsk direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled an enemy attack south of Zolota Nyva in the Donetsk oblast.
- In the Zaporizhzhia direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled enemy attacks west of Verbove in the Zaporizhzhia oblast.
- In the Kherson direction, the Defense Forces continue to expand their bridgehead. Despite significant losses, the enemy continues to try to drive Ukrainian units from their positions. Over the past week, the enemy made 10 unsuccessful assaults.

15.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, 94 combat engagements took place on the frontline. ➤ The Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine destroyed a Russian A-50 long-range radar detection aircraft and an enemy Il-22 air control center. The Ukrainian military shot down the A-50 thanks to a missile trap, according to Forbes. Ukrainian Su-24 bombers disabled enemy radars and damaged radar coverage due to the fact that they were the first to strike the Russian-occupied Crimean peninsula. Satellite imagery and radar data indicate that the A-50 was flying over occupied Berdiansk, within range of the Patriot system. It is likely that the Ukrainian military combined the Patriot and S-300 systems to collect target data. After that, they launched missile strikes, shot down an A-50, and damaged the onboard command center of an Il-22. ➤ The defeat and downing of the Russian A-50 and Il-22 aircraft may delay future missile attacks. This was stated by the spokesperson for the Southern Defense Forces of Ukraine Nataliia Humeniuk. According to the spokeswoman, the A-50 served as the enemy's "eyes", as the Russians used the equipment to monitor the territory of Ukraine and "launch powerful missile strikes". ➤ The Russians have learned how to manufacture bodies for the Shahed, and have organized two production lines in the city of Elabuga, where these UAVs are assembled from their own and imported elements. This was stated by Vadym Skibitskyi, a representative of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR). "Moscow's goal is to reach a full, closed cycle of production of these UAVs in Russia by 2026. I am not sure that they will be able to replace them or find a Russian analog, for example. Everything that is currently produced by Russia is immediately sent to the front and used against Ukraine. According to him, Moscow is trying to maintain a strategic reserve of missiles at 30%. According to Skibitskyi, as of January 2024, Russia produces about 115-130 strategic missiles and 100-115 operational tactical missiles. Production has not increased in recent months. Russia has lost a lot due to the fact that its companies that supplied components are under international sanctions. ➤ Russia's massive missile strikes are now targeting not Ukraine's energy sector, as they did last winter, but defense industry facilities, headquarters, command and control systems, and individual units on the front line. The HUR said that although the Russians are not currently hitting energy facilities, they are still monitoring their condition.
16.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, 94 combat engagements took place at the frontline. The enemy attacked the positions of Ukrainian troops in the Kupiansk, Lyman, Bakhmut, Avdiivka, Marinka, and Zaporizhzhia directions. ➤ The Russian Federation hopes to regain the lost territories in the south of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts, and Ukrainian soldiers are holding an active defense there. This was stated by Colonel General Oleksandr Syrskyi, Commander of the Land Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, in an interview with Reuters. Russia also seeks to gain full control over the industrial region of Donbas, where the Russian command does not take into account the significant losses of troops and ammunition. ➤ "In December, the enemy used about 770-780 Shahed drones," Ukrainian intelligence reports. According to the representative of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR), December was the most massive use of shaheds in Ukraine. "We are talking only about those that we recorded. After all, there is still a certain percentage - approximately 4% - of those that did not reach, did not start, or exploded immediately after launch. We have confirmed data from the Russian side that such cases also occur," the HUR said. According to intelligence estimates, the occupiers can produce 330-350 units of these UAVs locally. "But, again, it depends on whether there are parts, because, for example, there may be bodies, combat parts, but no engines. We have assembled what we could and are waiting for the engines. Once the engines arrive, the number of finished products will increase, and there will be more than 300 of them," Skibitskyi said in an interview with RBK-Ukraine. ➤ The Russian invaders are "experimenting" with different types of missile strikes to adapt their systems and "overcome" Ukrainian air defense, the ISW report says. Analysts have previously assessed that Russia may step up efforts to supply ballistic missiles from abroad, as they may be more successful in hitting targets in Ukraine under certain circumstances.

Losses of the Russian army from 15.01.2023 to 21.01.2023	
Liquidated personnel	5880
Tanks	103
IFVs	167
Artillery systems / MLRS	125/10
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	7
Aircraft / helicopters	2/0
UAVs	96
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	193
Special equipment	41

Military positions

17.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, 98 combat engagements took place on the frontline. ➤ In the Black Sea, the Russian naval grouping was replenished with another surface missile carrier - a small missile ship of the Buyan-M project. The total volley of "Kalibr" is up to 16 missiles. The level of missile danger is very high. This was reported by the Southern Defense Forces. ➤ Russia has no reserve for an offensive in two or three directions. This was stated by Vadym Skibitskyi, a representative of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR). "Russia's mobilization measures continue, they manage to recover the losses they suffer every day, but the reserve is not enough to form powerful strategic offensive operations in two or three directions." ➤ Ukraine has begun producing artillery systems in accordance with NATO standards and doubled its ammunition production. This was announced by Minister of Strategic Industries Oleksandr Kamyshyn. According to him, the need for components that are severely lacking will be met by creating joint ventures with foreign partners. ➤ Last night, Ukrainian air defense used the FrankenSAM project system against enemy drones for the first time. This was announced by Minister of Strategic Industries Oleksandr Kamyshyn. The system shot down an Iranian Shahed kamikaze drone from a distance of 9 kilometers. The FrankenSAM project is a hybrid air defense system jointly developed by the Pentagon, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry, and the Ministry of Strategic Industries. ➤ The Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry (HUR) reports that unknown opponents of Vladimir Putin's policy have burned down several relay cabinets at important facilities used for the logistics of Russian troops. The incidents took place in the areas of Saratov, Yaroslavl, and Dzerzhinsk in the Nizhny Novgorod region. Traffic on these railroad sections was suspended.
18.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, 78 combat engagements took place at the front. ➤ Russian X-101 missiles are different from those used in 2022, said Vadym Skibitskyi, a representative of the HUR. "This is a missile with an active electronic warfare system, with active protection, heat traps, etc." ➤ Russia used a rare 4-ton P-35 anti-ship missile from the 60s to strike Ukraine - Defense Express. "The images, with the Defense Express background additionally blurred, show the wreckage of the P-35, which is distinguished by its impressive size," the newspaper writes. It could have been launched either from the Redut coastal missile system or from the underground Object-100. ➤ The drones that attacked the oil depot in the Leningrad region were Ukrainian-made. This was stated by the Minister of Strategic Industries of Ukraine Oleksandr Kamyshyn. "They were made in Ukraine. Yes, we hit the target last night, and this thing flew exactly 1,250 kilometers last night."
19.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, 127 combat engagements took place at the frontline. Russia has about 21.8 thousand troops near the northern border with Ukraine - the situation remains under control. This was reported by the commander of the Joint Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Serhii Naiev. The military-political leadership of Belarus continues to provide all possible assistance to the Russian Federation in its armed aggression against Ukraine by supplying and repairing weapons and military equipment, Naiev said. ➤ On the night of January 19, the HUR staged another special operation on the territory of the Russian Federation - Ukrainian drones attacked the Tambov powder plant and an oil depot in Klinets, Bryansk region, Ukrainska Pravda outlet said. ➤ Russia has launched a new A-50 long-range radar detection and control aircraft to replace the downed one. However, it flies much further from the front line, which confirms Ukraine's success. ➤ This was reported by British intelligence. According to analysts, on January 17, the Russian Air Force began operating another A-50, but this time over land in the Russian Federation in the Krasnodar Territory, further east of Ukraine. ➤ Fighters of the Russian Volunteer Corps (RVC) attacked a Russian Ural truck in the Bryansk region. This was reported by the press service of the RVC. It is known about the dead and wounded among the personnel of the Russian army. ➤ NATO said that the civilian population of Western countries should prepare for a "comprehensive war" with Russia. This was stated by the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee Rob Bauer. He noted that although the Armed Forces are already ready for the outbreak of war, citizens of Western countries should also be prepared.
20.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, 103 combat engagements took place on the front line. ➤ The war between Ukraine and Russia should end with negotiations and the latter's abandonment of nuclear weapons. This was announced by Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Ivan Havryliuk. He added that Russia must give up nuclear weapons when signing any document. The war will end with the return of all Ukrainian territories, however, it is necessary to create a mechanism that will prevent the enemy from attacking again.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 24 missile and 435 air strikes and fired over 446 MLRS attacks.

Attack on the night of January 17

At night, air defense forces shot down 19 out of 20 drones within Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kirovohrad oblasts territory. Russian troops also fired two S-300 anti-aircraft guided missiles at Kharkiv.

- As a result of the Russian shelling of Odesa, the civilian residential infrastructure was damaged. Eleven drones were shot down during their movement towards the coastline. A greater number of drones fell into the water, but their fragments and the blast wave damaged apartment buildings, shops, and private cars of citizens in the Prymorskyi district of Odesa. Five people were injured.
- The fragments of the neutralized "Shahed" drone in the Sumy region caused the roof of the technical building to collapse and two trucks to catch fire.

Attack on the night of January 18

Air defense forces shot down 22 out of 33 drones during the night. The Russians used two S-300 missiles as well. The main directions of impact are south and north.

Kirovohrad oblast

On January 16, fragments of a Russian missile damaged an agricultural building and nearby private houses in one of the communities in Kirovohrad oblast. No victims.

Zaporizhzhia and oblast

On January 18, the Russians air-bombarded the city of Orikhiv. Six shells hit non-residential buildings and a block building. During the week, the Russians fired at more than 800 towns and villages in the Zaporizhzhia region. Huliaipole, Robotyne, Levadne, Poltavka, Novodarivka, Charivne, Novoandriivka, Zatyshshia, Mala Tokmachka, Malynivka, Pyatykhatky, Luhivske, Preobrazhenka, Zaliznychne, Pryiutne, Novodanylivka, Bilohiria, Kamianske, Lobkove and other villages on the fireline are being shelled.

Donetsk oblast

On the night of January 20, the Russians attacked Novohrodovka with three missiles, damaging at least 25 private houses, an enterprise building, and a power line.

In Pokrovsk district following localities were under the shelling: Avdiivka, Marinka, Kurakhove, Ocheretyne, Novohrodovka, Hrodovka communities, as well as towns of Krasnohorivka, Novomykhailivka, Heorhiivka, Halytsynivka, Myrnograd, Novoselivka Persha, Kurakhove, Kostiantynivka, Ptyche, Dalne, Berestki. Private houses, administrative buildings, a club, a former school, high-rise buildings, an infrastructure object, a lyceum, an industrial zone, and a hotel were damaged.

Kramatorsk district. The communities of Kostyantynivka, Lyman, the towns of Diliivka, Markove, Kolodiaz, Ivanivka, Torske, Zarichne, Nova Poltavka, Mykolaivka, Predtechyne, Yampil, Zakitne, Podilske, Oleksandro-Shulytne, Nelipivka, Molocharka, Drobysheve, Lyman were affected. Residential buildings, an infrastructure object, a shop, a kindergarten, non-residential buildings, and a garage were damaged.

Bakhmut district. The communities of Zvanivka, Chasiv Yar, Soledar, the towns of Pereizne, Rozdolivka, Minkivka, Siversk, Vasiukivka, Verkhniokamianske, Toretsk, and Niu-York are being shelled. Private houses, industrial buildings, and block buildings were damaged, with dead or wounded victims in all directions.

Kherson and oblast

At the beginning of the week, the Russians attacked Kherson. A local resident had to be rescued from under the rubble. The occupants attacked the fire department in Stanislav with an exploding drone. Four emergency workers were injured. In the village of Llove, the Russians fired a drone at a police car. A 50-year-old police officer was injured, and the vehicle was damaged. Also, as a result of an explosion of a guided bomb in Shliakhove, a 27-year-old police officer got concussed. On January 15, the occupants fired at the ambulance post in Stanislav. One woman was injured. One car and some of the residential buildings were damaged. On January 17, the Russians attacked the Dniprovskiy district of Kherson several times. The shellings caused several power outages. One person died, and one was injured. Beryslav became the target as well. Three people were injured: one married couple, and one man. On the same day, another shelling of the Dniprovskiy district of Kherson injured one more person. On January 19, Russians attacked residential buildings of the Dniprovskiy district — a woman was killed, and a 16-year-old boy was injured. In addition, the occupants threw explosives at the emergency crew of "Khersonskiy Vodokanal" ("Kherson water utility building") in the suburbs of Kherson. The emergency repair vehicle was damaged.

Kharkiv and oblast

Throughout the week, the occupants committed artillery and mortar attacks at: Hatyshche, Pletenivka, Vovchansk, Bochkove, Ohirtseve, Budarky, Nesterne of the Chuhuiv district; Potykhonove, Synkivka, Petropavlivka, Ivanivka, Dvorichna, Berestove of the Kupiansk district; Huriv Kozachok, Stohnii, Udy of the Bohoduhiv district; Kozacha Lopan of Kharkiv district.

At the beginning of the week, the Russians destroyed two hangars with grain and a technical building in Vovchansk, using 2 guided bombs. The invaders shelled Vilkhuvatka of the Kupiansk district, damaging the enterprise building; as well as Ivashky of the Bohodukhiv district, damaging residential buildings, cars, and farm buildings. The village of Zolochiv, Bohoduhiv district, was shelled, with the use of mortars. On January 15, the occupants attacked Kupiansk with the "Grad" MRLs, damaging residential buildings. Vesele of the Kharkiv district was shelled, with the use of guided aerial bombs (KABs). The school building was damaged, and the club building was destroyed. No victims. On January 16, the occupants attacked the center of Kharkiv, causing injuries to 17 people, hitting the roadway and a three-story residential building. The hospital next to the place of impact was also damaged. Two floors in the medical facility caught fire. No personnel were injured, and no patients were in the building at the time of the impact. The invaders attacked Vovchansk of the Chuhuyiv district, using MLRs. The administrative building of the telecommunications services company was damaged. On January 17, the Russians bombed Malyi Burluk: two children were injured - a 10-year-old boy's leg was torn off. A 61-year-old woman died. The "House of Culture" and residential buildings were damaged. On the same day, two explosions took place in Chuhuiv. One educational institution was damaged. The boiler staff worker died as a result of the explosions. One injured person was treated by ambulance medics on the spot. On January 18, a 57-year-old woman died as a result of the Russian shelling of Kupiansk, a 57-year-old and a 61-year-old man were wounded. The Russians hit a residential building. On January 19, the invaders shelled Kupiansk again, using a "Pion" self-propelled cannon, killing a 57-year-old woman, and injuring two men, a 56-year-old and a 62-year-old. A block building was damaged.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On the night of January 15, two five-story buildings and two private buildings, as well as one shop, pharmacies, farm buildings, and gas and power lines, were damaged by the artillery shelling in Marhanets. No victims. On January 17, two people were injured in the morning attack by a kamikaze drone on the Marhanets community. A 13-year-old boy is in a severe condition, a 19-year-old boy is in a state of moderate severity. On the night of January 20, the Russians used artillery to attack the Nikopol district twice.



This week shelling and strikes

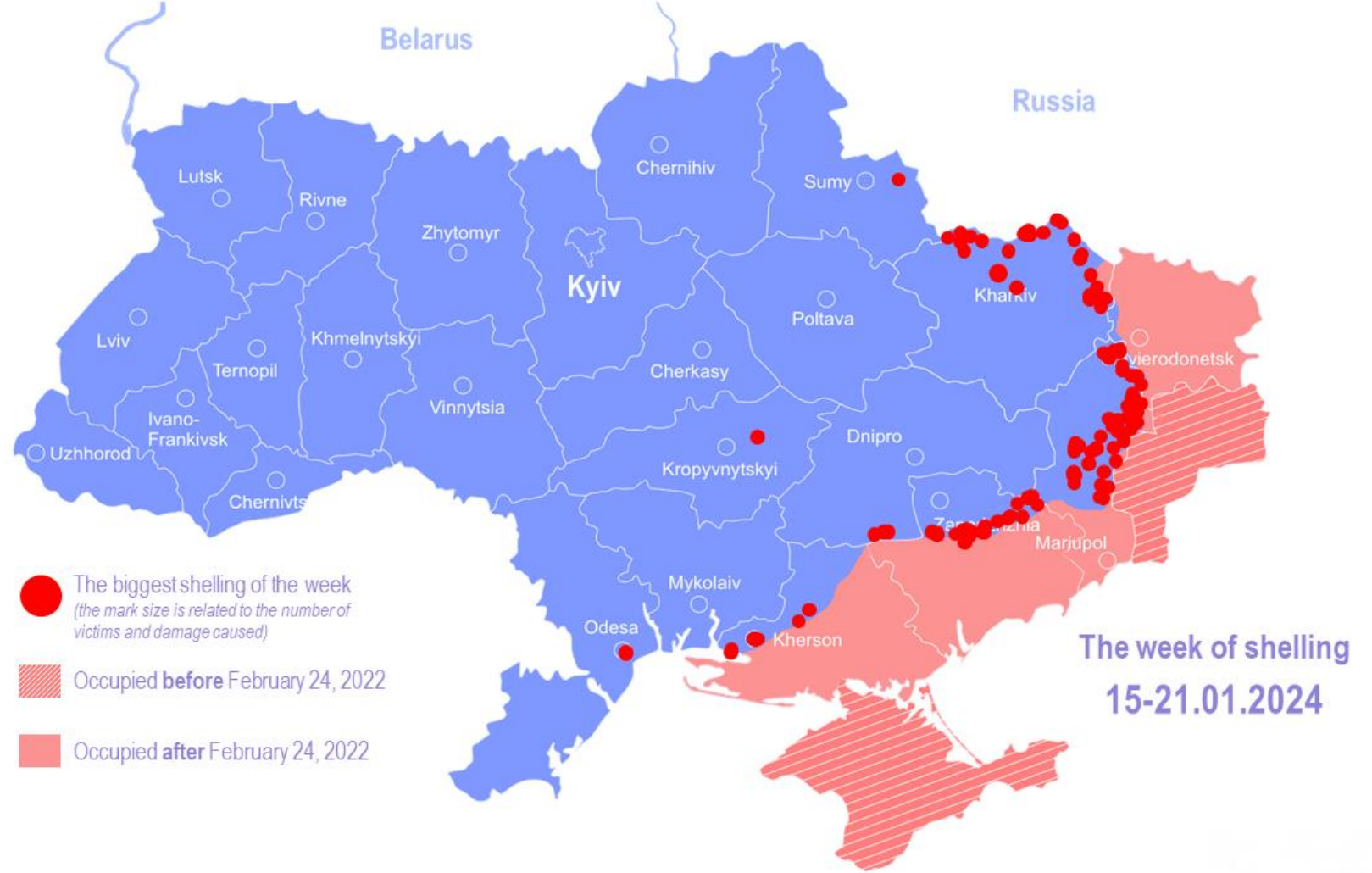
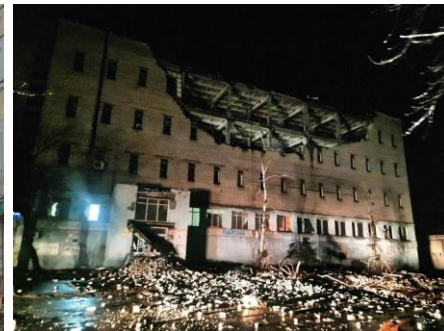
Sumy oblast



Kharkiv



Dnipropetrovsk oblast



Donetsk oblast

Humanitarian crisis

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- The United Nations and its partners have appealed to donors to provide a total of **\$4.2 billion to support war-affected communities in Ukraine**, as well as Ukrainian refugees and host communities, through 2024, the UN said in a statement. The organization emphasizes that almost two years after the outbreak of the full-scale war, 14.6 million people in Ukraine, which is 40% of the population, need humanitarian assistance.
- In the occupied left bank of the Kherson region, Russians plan to form **mobilization lists** by mid-April that will include 16-year-old boys. Oleksandr Tolokonnikov, the head of the press service of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, stated.
- Prosecutor General Andrii Kostin said at the World Economic Forum in Davos: *"We have already notified 477 people of suspicion of committing war crimes, 77 people have been convicted. The International Center for the Prosecution of Crimes of Aggression has started its work, which is a key step towards establishing the Special Tribunal."*
- During the panel discussion, the forum participants heard **testimonies of Ukrainians** who survived war crimes committed by the Russian military. A 16-year-old boy whose father was shot dead by the occupiers right in front of his eyes and a young woman who was sexually assaulted by a Russian soldier.
- About **850 residents remain in Chasiv Yar** in the Donetsk region, said Vadym Filashkin, the head of the Regional Military Administration (RMA). Before the full-scale invasion, the **town was home to 14,000 residents**.

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- Over the past day, **43** more people, including four children and five people with limited mobility, were **evacuated** from the frontline **Pokrovsk and Bakhmut districts** in the Donetsk region. The Main Directorate of the State Emergency Service in the Donetsk region reported.
- **In Crimea** throughout 2023, **Russians detained 173 people**, 119 of whom were Crimean Tatars. There were 186 interrogations registered, as well as almost 300 cases of violations of the right to a fair trial and more than 50 violations of the right to adequate health care. Reported by Eskender Bariev, the Chairman of the Board of the Crimean Tatar Resource Center (CRC) and the Head of the Department for Legal Affairs and Foreign Affairs of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People.
- In 2023, Russia **exported nearly 5 million tons of Ukrainian grain** from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, the National Resistance Center of Ukraine reported.
- According to Leonid Kozachenko, president of the Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation, the pre-war capacity of the **grain corridor** in the Black Sea has almost been restored. Meanwhile, the cost of cargo insurance has decreased significantly. Ukraine is now at a record high for the number of exporters, as small and medium-sized farmers have started selling grain by themselves.
- Russian occupants are massively **engaging civilians and civilian transport in the construction of fortifications near Mariupol** to disguise these works and complicate the decision-making of the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF). Petro Andriushchenko, an advisor to the mayor of Mariupol, said.
- The number of women occupying "male" positions increased after the full-scale invasion of Russia. Throughout 2023, 1,200 women were employed in construction, accounting for 38% of all workers in this industry. An equal number of women found jobs in the mining industry, accounting for 49% of all employed people.

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- Ukrainian micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises with export capacity and innovative potential can receive 100 grants of up to 10,000 EUR for recovery and development. The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine reported. The money is allocated under the EU4Business initiative funded by the European Union and the German government.
- **Mariupol is on the verge of an epidemic**, according to the Mariupol City Council. Over the past four weeks, the number of patients with viral infections has increased in temporarily occupied Mariupol, and medical facilities lack the necessary medicines and equipment.

18.01

- Ukrainian police investigators have **discovered 28 Russian torture chambers** in the de-occupied territory of **Kharkiv oblast**. Three more torture chambers remain undocumented because they are located in intensively shelled settlements on the border with Russia. The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine reported this. Among **the largest** is the torture chamber **in Kupiansk**. About 67 people were recognized as victims, but more than 150 sufferers had been tortured there, with some of them held for more than 100 days. Schoolchildren, pensioners, teachers, directors of local businesses, and farmers have suffered from torture by the Russian occupiers. A total of 88 places of detention and torture facilities have been discovered in the de-occupied territories since the beginning of the full-scale invasion.
- In the occupied territories of Ukraine, Russians are planning to identify "opponents of the Russian Federation" by IP addresses. According to Melitopol Mayor Ivan Fedorov, this way, Russian special services will be able to track a person's online activity.
- The mayor of Enerhodar, Dmytro Orlov, said that more than **10 residents** of the Russian-occupied city **are held in torture chambers**. People are kept there for several months. According to the mayor, these are civilians, employees of the budgetary sector, and the energy industry.
- Losses from a cyberattack and network failure last December reached almost \$100 million, announced the Dutch company VEON, which owns the largest Ukrainian mobile connection provider Kyivstar.

19 – 20.01

- Russian troops have again **mined the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant** along its perimeter. According to Ukrinform, this is stated in the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency. "The mines along the perimeter of the ZNPP - in the buffer zone between the inner and outer fence of the facility. The mines previously discovered by the IAEA team and removed in November 2023 are now back in place." This is a closed area inaccessible to the plant's operational personnel," the statement said. In addition, IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi emphasized the **vulnerable state of the plant's power supply**: since August 2022, the plant has already lost power from off-site eight times and depended only on emergency diesel generators, he added.
- A Russian government commission has supported **amendments to the Criminal Code** of the Russian Federation. They would provide for the confiscation of property for criticizing the actions of Russian troops during the invasion of Ukraine. The punishment in the form of confiscation of property is proposed to be introduced in the **article "On Discrediting the Army"** and the article "On Public Calls for Activities against the Security of the State." On January 22, the bill will be submitted to the State Duma. The mayor of Melitopol, Ivan Fedorov, reported this.

