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International support

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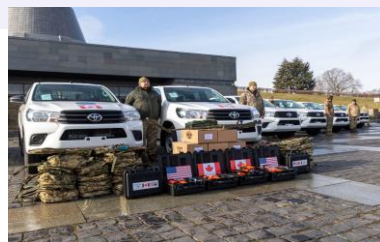
- Japan will pledge **15.8 billion yen** (\$106 million) **in aid to support the reconstruction** of Ukraine from war damage. The Kyodo News reports. It's about infrastructure rebuilding and helping with demining.
- The Norwegian-Finnish Nammo ammunition manufacturer is switching to a **round-the-clock production** schedule at its factory in Sweden to fulfill **orders for Ukraine**. The Swedish publication Dagens Nyheter reported on this.
- The U.S. Senate voted for a separate **bill on assistance** to Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan. Now, the decision is up to the House of Representatives. The bill provides **\$95.3 billion** for three countries.
- **Italy** will help with the **reconstruction** of the historical center of **Odesa**, which was damaged as a result of Russian attacks. The recovery plan will last three years and cost €45 million. The Ministry of Culture and Information Policy reports.

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- The **19th meeting of the Ramstein** format began.
 - At Ramstein, an agreement on the **Air Defense Coalition** was signed. Germany and France are providing assistance in the development and support of the Air Defense of Ukraine. Allies' attention will be focused on "long-term capabilities."
 - **Germany** will lead the **IFV Coalition** together with **Poland** and consider joining Coalitions on Artillery, Maritime security, Mine action, and Drones. 20 countries officially joined the Demining Coalition.
 - **The UK and Latvia** will jointly lead the **Coalition of Drones**, the purpose of which is to provide Ukraine with modern drones that will **strengthen the offensive capabilities** of the Ukrainian military and provide thousands of drones worth \$250 million within its framework. **The Netherlands** also joined the Drone Coalition. Dutch Defense Minister Kajsja Ollongren said that under the new coalition, the country can spend more than **€2 billion of military assistance** allocated for 2024.
 - **Canada** allocates \$44 million to Ukraine for defense, announced Defense Minister Bill Blair. The money will go to **equipment** and materials for **F-16 fighters**, weapons, ammunition, and avionics.
- The U.S. and Canada provide Ukraine with special **demining** equipment. The Canadian Embassy in Ukraine Bridget Brink reported this. She also notes that one-third of Ukrainian territory has been mined since the Russian invasion.
- **Finland** handed Ukraine six modern ambulances and associated **medical equipment** to Ukraine. This was reported by the official page of the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine.

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- The **Australian** Government will provide \$50 million to the **International Fund for Ukraine**, administered by the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defense, which supports the purchase of priority military equipment for Ukraine. This is stated in the message of the Ministry of Defense of Australia.



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- **Spain** is preparing to transfer a **new batch of M113 armored personnel carriers** for the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The Ministry of Defense of Spain reported on this. The Spanish government will donate several fire engines and snowplows, two light vessels, an electric generator, and a water treatment plant. The Spanish Ministry of Defense informs that air defense equipment and equipment for naval operations have already been shipped to Ukraine.
- This spring, the **Norwegian military will begin training Ukrainian marines** to operate small boats. The Ministry of Defense of Norway announced this. The training is a first step in the Maritime Coalition work that will supply ships and other vehicles to strengthen Ukraine's ability to operate at sea.
- NATO countries **pledge to supply one million drones** to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. This will happen as part of the Drone Coalition, which will be presided over by the UK and Latvia. Also, the Polish city of **Bydgoszcz** will create a **joint analysis and training center**. In it, the Ukrainian military will study and train together with NATO colleagues, sharing the experience of the war with Russia.

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- Ukraine in 2024, as before, needs **\$42 billion in external funding**, says IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva. "Ukraine earned the support of the international community with very prudent actions domestically. They collect 36% of GDP in taxes. I don't know many countries that do that, even without the war. They **brought inflation down** from 27% to 5%, and they have restored the **prospects for growth**: growth is now 4.5%," she said in an interview with CNBC.
- **Hungary** has joined the **Coalition for Mine Action**, which supports demining in Ukraine, said Defense Minister Kristof Szalay-Bobrovniczky.
- **Ukraine and Germany signed a bilateral security agreement**. Olaf Scholz called this agreement a historic step. The signed security agreement fixes German support for Ukraine at the level of more than **€7 billion for this year**. These are weapons for which there are already specific contracts. The agreement contains sanctions against the aggressor, the tribunal, and frozen assets. Chancellor Olaf Scholz confirmed the preparation of a new aid package for Ukraine worth €1,1 billion.
- The German government has updated the list of **military aid provided** to Ukraine, published earlier this week. The new package, which is already being transferred, includes 18 armored personnel carriers, 3,990 artillery ammunition, 3 WISENT demining vehicles, 11 mine trawls, a total of 58 unmanned reconnaissance systems, and other equipment.
- **Ukraine and France also signed a security agreement**. It will be valid for 10 years. France will provide up to €3 billion for Ukraine's military needs in 2024. Separately, the agreement provides for areas of military and **security cooperation** between Kyiv and Paris, including the joint production of weapons, the provision of long-range weapons and combat aircraft, and cooperation in cyberspace. Ukraine and France will also cooperate on the **issue of frozen Russian assets, sanctions**, and bringing those responsible to **justice**.
- The State Budget of Ukraine has received part of **the grant of \$49.4 million from Japan** under the World Bank's Housing Repair for People's Empowerment Project (HOPE). This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Finance, Ukrinform reported.

Military positions

- Russia continues to ignore the laws and customs of warfare, uses terror tactics, launches missile and air strikes, and fires multiple rocket launchers not only at the military but also at numerous civilian objects
- The operational situation in the Volyn and Polissia directions remains unchanged.
- In the Chernihiv and Kharkiv direction, the enemy maintains a military presence in the border areas, conducts sabotage activities, and increases the density of minefields along the state border in the Belgorod region.
- In the Kupiansk direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled enemy attacks near Synkivka, Kharkiv oblast.
- In the Lyman direction, Ukrainian troops repelled a number of enemy attacks near Terny, Yampolivka, and Torske in the Donetsk oblast and Bilohorivka in the Luhansk oblast.
- In the Bakhmut direction, the Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled a number of occupants' attacks near Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka in the Donetsk oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, Ukrainian troops repelled a number of enemy attacks near Lastochkyne, west of Berdychi, near Pervomaiske and Nevelske in the Donetsk oblast.
- In the Marinka direction, the Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy near Heorhiivka and Novomykhailivka in the Donetsk oblast. Here, the invaders, supported by aviation, tried to break through the defense more than 10 times.
- In the direction of Novopavlivka, no offensive (assault) actions were registered.
- In the Zaporizhzhia direction, the enemy tried several times to unsuccessfully attack the positions of Ukrainian troops southeast of Mala Tokmachka.
- In the Kherson direction, the Defense Forces continue to hold their positions and repel the attacks of the occupation forces. Despite significant losses, the enemy continues to try to drive Ukrainian units out of their positions.

12.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ukrainian military has probably begun using Vampire anti-drone systems against Russian drones, Defense Express believes. The publication made the assumption, citing footage of the Ukrainian Navy's combat work during the repulsion of another attack by Russian kamikaze drones. "At first, the anti-aircraft gunners take the enemy Shahed in their sights using an unknown optoelectronic station; after that, a rocket shell hits the Russian kamikaze drone, after which the Shahed breaks into a dive and falls," the report says.
13.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ukraine wants to open up the production of electronic warfare devices for entrepreneurs so that companies can compete with each other for contracts from the Ministry of Defense. This was announced by the head of the Ministry of Digital Transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov. "We are now working to repeat our success with drones. We are working to open the market as much as possible and create competition," explains Fedorov.
14.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5 Ukrainian MAGURA V5 drones destroyed Caesar Kunikov large landing ship of the Russian Navy, the head of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR/DIU) Kyrylo Budanov said. The DIU (HUR) chief says the ship was transporting cargo from Novorossiysk to Sevastopol. ➤ The Russian army has taken fire control of the Dnipro-Buh estuary, reports the South Command. The Russians are firing artillery shells, making it impossible for Ukraine to resume shipping in the Mykolaiv direction. ➤ Oleksandr Syrskyi gives his first interview as Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ukraine has switched to a defensive operation, which is to inflict maximum losses on Russia; ➤ The life of a soldier is the main value. I am ready to retreat from a position rather than sacrifice all personnel; ➤ Russian losses in the war are 7-8 times higher than Ukrainian losses, as Russian commanders use the tactic of "meat assaults." ➤ Everything is based on the fact that we have to end the war by reaching our borders. No other options are being considered because we simply have no other choice.
15.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In the morning, Belarus suddenly announced a "counter-terrorist operation" in the Lyelchytsy district of the Gomel region, which borders Ukraine. According to Belarusian law, security forces can freely enter residential premises, use their personal means of communication, and detain citizens. However, according to the spokesperson for the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, Andrii Demchenko, Ukrainian border guards have not yet recorded any active actions on the border with Belarus. ➤ The 3rd Separate Mechanized Brigade was urgently redeployed to the area of Avdiivka to reinforce the troops. The situation in the city is extremely critical. Separate battalions of the brigade raided the enemy-held areas of Avdiivka. The Russian forces in their area are approximately 7 brigades. Two of them were critically damaged. The Russians are actively rotating their troops and deploying new forces to the city. The 3rd Brigade is forced to fight 360 degrees against the new brigades that the enemy is deploying.

Losses of the Russian army from 12.02.2024 to 18.02.2024	
Liquidated personnel	7730
Tanks	82
IFVs	255
Artillery systems / MLRS	252/5
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Aircraft / helicopters	4/0
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Vehicles & fuel tanks	168
Special equipment	31



Military positions

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- It was decided to withdraw from the Zenit position on the southeastern outskirts of Avdiivka. This was reported by the commander of the Tavria Operational and Strategic Group of troops, Oleksandr Tarnavskiy. According to him, the decision to withdraw was made to save personnel and improve the operational situation. "We are currently regrouping troops, replenishing supplies, and equipping units at new positions. Planned reinforcement of the units is underway," the statement said.
- At least 24 ballistic missiles, probably Kn-23/24, made in North Korea, were used by Russia during the missile attacks on Ukraine. This was reported by the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, Andrii Kostin.

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- There were 90 combat engagements in the frontline over the last day.
- Ukrainian servicemen are being withdrawn from Avdiivka and will be transferred to more favorable positions," said Ukrainian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskiy. "Our soldiers performed their military duty with dignity, did everything possible to destroy the best Russian military units, and inflicted significant losses in manpower and equipment on the enemy. We are taking measures to stabilize the situation and hold our positions," noted the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Since the beginning of the year alone, the occupants' losses in this sector amounted to 20,018 people, 199 tanks, and 481 armored combat vehicles.
- Volodymyr Zelenskyi made a statement on the situation in Avdiivka. "Ukraine can win. Our actions are limited only by the range and sufficiency of munitions. But it depends not only on us. And the situation in Avdiivka confirms this. Unfortunately, keeping Ukraine in an artificial arms deficit, in particular, in the shortage of artillery and long-range weapons, allows Putin to adapt to the intensity of hostilities. This weakening of democracy undermines our common capability," the President said. He noted that Russia now has the only advantage – the devaluation of human lives.
- As of 13:00, the operation to regroup troops from Avdiivka continues. This was reported by Maksym Zhorin, deputy commander of the 3rd Separate Brigade. "Withdrawal from Avdiivka was the right and logical decision. But it is extremely difficult to implement," writes Zhorin.
- The withdrawal of personnel from Avdiivka went according to plan, but at the final stage of the operation, under pressure from the enemy's superior forces, a number of Ukrainian servicemen were captured. This was reported by the commander of the Tavria separate military unit, Oleksandr Tarnavskiy.
- The 12th Special Forces Brigade "Azov" of the National Guard of Ukraine eliminated a Russian commander in the forests near Kreminna, the brigade's press service reports. Artillery, in cooperation with aerial reconnaissance, struck an enemy dugout. Radio intercepts of the occupiers confirmed the death of the Russian commander, whose body is currently being evacuated.
- Ukraine will surprise Russia with drones and electronic warfare this year, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said. "We have started to develop drone production. We will surprise them this year with drone systems and electronic warfare systems, which are our domestic technologies. But this is a parallel path while we are waiting for help from our partners," the President of Ukraine said.
- In the morning, the Defense Forces shot down three enemy aircraft at once - two Su-34 fighter-bombers and one Su-35 fighter. The commander of the Ukrainian Air Force, Mykola Oleshchuk, showed the crash sites of the Russian planes that were shot down by Ukrainian defenders in the morning. While Russia has traditionally denied the losses, four rescue buoys have appeared in the international Cospas-Sarsat satellite system, which is usually used to search for downed pilots. Another pilot has already been found, according to the intercepts. During the telethon, the spokesman for the Ukrainian Air Force, Yuriy Ihnat, said that it is not yet known whether the Russian pilots survived - they could have ejected.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 70 missile and 665 air strikes and fired over 914 MLRS attacks.

Attack on the night of February 11

The Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down 40 out of 45 Shahed drones in the Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Zhytomyr, Kirovohrad, Mykolaiv, Cherkasy, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kherson oblasts.

- During the night, Russia targeted Mykolaiv, where one man was injured. This attack caused a fire outbreak on the open area of the infrastructure object. In addition, an administrative building, the residential buildings, a car, and a gas pipeline were damaged.
- The falling debris of the downed drone caused a fire outbreak in the Dnipropetrovsk oblast, where a 39-year-old man was wounded. In the Nikopol district, two private buildings and a gas pipeline were damaged. No injuries were reported.
- In the Kyiv oblast, the falling debris caused a fire outbreak on the territory of one of the enterprises. There were the warehouses, a service station, a hangar, an administrative building of the enterprise, a car, and a forklift damaged. No one was injured.

Attack on the nights of February 12-13

- Attack on the night of February 12: The Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down 14 out of 17 Shahed drones and an anti-aircraft missile X-59. Moreover, the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces were active in the Khmelnytskyi, Vinnytsia, Kirovohrad, Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.
- Attack on the night of February 13: The Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down 16 out of 23 drones in the Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson oblasts.

Attack on the night of February 15

The Ukrainian Air Defense Forces downed 13 missiles of various types. Russia directed 26 missiles toward Ukraine, including cruise missiles of different types, such as the Kalibr missile, ballistic Iskander / KN-23 missiles, guided S-300, and airborne X-59 missiles.

- Poltava oblast. In the Myrhorod district, a warehouse was struck. The fire broke out in an area of 100 square meters. There were no casualties reported.
- Zaporizhzhia oblast. There were six people wounded. The high-rise buildings, an educational institution, and the premises of a trade facility (the windows were shattered, the roof was damaged) were affected. Five people were killed.
- Kharkiv oblast. Due to the Russian strike on the Chuhuiv, a 68-year-old woman was killed. The city was shelled with two S-300 missiles. The private houses, the outbuildings, a pipeline, and the street line were damaged and destroyed.
- Lviv oblast. During the morning air attack, three people were wounded, resulting in lacerations. The Russians targeted the infrastructure facility. A blast wave shattered windows in 16 residential houses and damaged the cars.
- Khmelnytskyi oblast. Due to the air attack, two people were wounded.
- Kyiv oblast. Due to the morning attack, the debris of the downed missiles landed on two settlements. Seven houses, several outbuildings, and the cars were damaged. There were no injuries reported.
- Dnipropetrovsk oblast. The Ukrainian Air Defense Forces intercepted two missiles. In the Dnipro district, Russia struck the infrastructure facility. There were no injuries or casualties reported.

Sumy oblast

On February 10, Russia dropped four aerial bombs on the Druzhba community, where the industrial plant was targeted. In the city of Druzhba, Russia damaged four two-story buildings and several houses in the private sector. There were no injuries reported.

Kherson and the oblast

On February 10, Russia targeted Tokarivka, where a woman was killed, and a man was carried to the hospital. On February 11, the Russians shelled the Korabelnyi district of Kherson. A 61-year-old woman was wounded. In addition, the Russian forces bombarded the Beryslav district from the aircraft. Two guided bombs hit near the village of Monastyrsk, where two people were wounded. Two other Russian-guided bombs struck Kachkarivka. Additionally, Russia dropped the explosives from the drone on Zolota Balka, where a fire broke out. In Beryslav, there is a strike in the city center. On February 13, the Russians attacked the residential area of Kherson. One woman was injured. Moreover, the Russian forces dropped the explosives on Havrylivka. There was a hit near one of the houses, and two people were wounded. On the same day, Russia targeted the village of Mykhailivka. On February 14, Russia struck the Dnipro district of Kherson. One woman was injured. Additionally, Kherson was attacked once again. A 14-year-old girl was taken to the hospital in extremely critical condition. She was diagnosed with a blast injury, and her leg and neck were wounded. Also, an 84-year-old resident of Kherson was hospitalized with a blast injury. A 19-year-old boy died. On February 15, the Russians shelled Kherson with artillery. A 70-year-old woman was killed. On February 16, Russia targeted Romashkove in the Bilozerka community. The shell hit a house, and a resident was wounded.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On February 11, the Russian forces launched a drone attack on the Dnipro oblast. Some of the settlements in the Pavlohrad and Synelnykove districts were without electricity. On February 14, due to the artillery fire on Nikopol, a 33-year-old man was wounded. As a result of the attack on Nikopol, the private houses, the outbuildings, and the gas pipeline were damaged. On February 13, due to the attack on Nikopol district, one man was killed, and two others were wounded. The Russian forces shelled the district with artillery and drones. There is a hit in the territory of the industrial plant. An industrial institution, a two-story building, thirteen private houses, and the electric power transmission were damaged. On February 17, the Russian drone struck a car in the Marhanets district. A 49-year-old woman and a 48-year-old man suffered severe injuries.

Kharkiv and the Kharkiv oblast

On February 11, Russia struck Liubotyn with S-300 missiles. The city's hospital, the educational-production complex, the fitness club, and the private households. On February 13, two men were killed due to the Russian attack on the agricultural enterprise in Kurylivka. In addition, a woman and a 36-year-old man were wounded due to the explosions. Moreover, due to the artillery attack on the city center of Vovchansk, a 61-year-old woman was killed. A 50-year-old woman was wounded. On February 14, four people were killed, and another five were injured due to the missile attack with S-300 on Velykyi Burluk. On February 15, the Russians struck a car in the Vilkhuvatka community with a guided bomb, where a man and a woman died. In addition, another three people were killed in the community. On February 16, two men were killed as a result of the munitions explosion near Dovhenke in the Izium community. One other man was wounded.

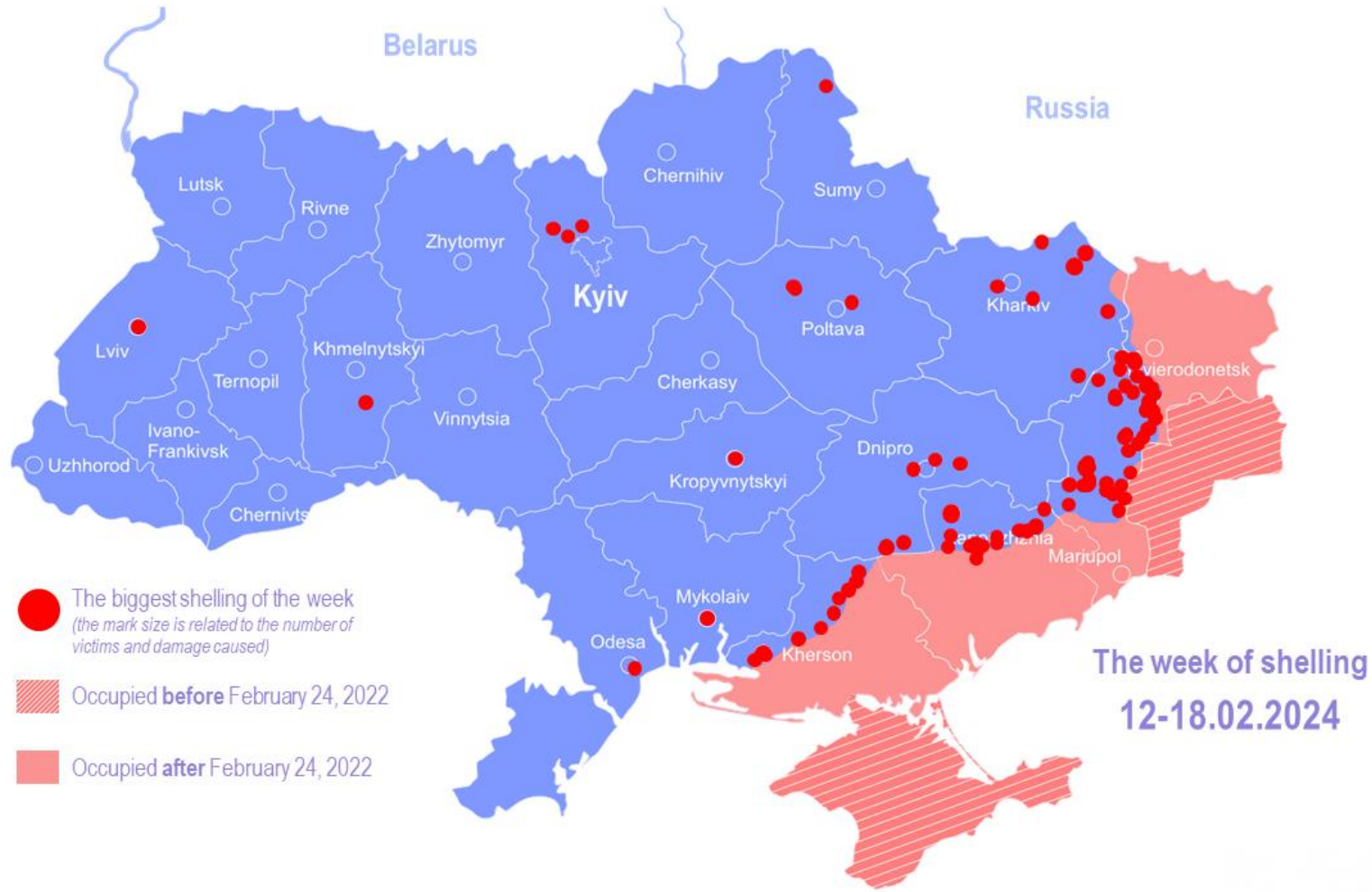
Other oblasts

Poltava oblast: On the night of February 16, Russia targeted an open area in the Myrhorod district. There were no injuries or casualties reported. On February 16, the Russians launched an attack on the Poltava oblast. No one was injured or killed.

Kirovohrad oblast: On February 16, the Russian forces shelled Kropyvnytskyi. There were no injuries or casualties reported.

Odesa oblast: On February 13, Russia shelled Odesa with an X-59 missile, which was downed by the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces near the city. The falling debris damaged construction and several high-rise buildings in the coastal zone. There were no injuries reported.

This week shelling and strikes



Zaporizhzhia oblast

During the week, Russia attacked the cities and villages in the Zaporizhzhia oblast more than 900 times.

Additionally, the Russians targeted Orikhiv, Mala Tokmachka, Robotyne, Novodarivka, Huliaipole, Novodanylivka, Malynivka, Charivne, Poltavka, Luhivske, Chervone, Novoandriivka, Lobkove, Lukianivske.

Donetsk oblast

On the night of February 14, Russia struck a five-story building in Selydove, where the twelve apartments in one entrance were destroyed. Also, the Russians hit the maternity ward in the hospital and the five-story building. Due to the attack, an 8-year-old boy, his mother, and a pregnant woman were killed. Another twelve people were wounded, including four children.

Pokrovsk district. Avdiivka, the Kurakhove, and the Marinka communities, Ostrivske, Kurakhove, Krasnohorivka, Kostiantynivka, Maksymilianivka, Selydove, Kurakhivka, Vovchenka, Novohrodivka, Hostre, Heorhiivka, and Hirnyk were under fire. The residential building, high-rise buildings, school, church, kindergarten, department of the hospital, and administrative buildings were damaged.

Kramatorsk district. Zoria, the Illinivka, Lyman, Kramatorsk, Mykolaivka, and Kostiantynivka communities, Torske, Zarichne, Yampil, Yasnohirka, Stavky, Rai-Oleksandrivka, Ivanivka, and Terry were affected.

Bakhmut district. The Chasiv Yar, Siverck, Toretsk, Soledar, and Zvanivka communities, Siversk, Serebrianka, Shcherbynivka, Rozdolivka, Fedorivka, Pereizne, Verkhokamianske, Chaciv Yar, Zvanivka, and Vasiukivka were under fire. The private houses, high-rise buildings, non-residential buildings, and administrative buildings were damaged.

Volnovakha district. Bahatyr and the Velyka Novosilka community were affected. There are injuries or casualties in all directions.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast



Donetsk oblast



Humanitarian crisis

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- The head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, Oleksandr Prokudin, announced the return of a 16-year-old girl and her grandmother-guardian to the territory under the control of the Ukrainian government from the regions occupied by Russia.
- As of January 2024, **the total direct damages to Ukraine's infrastructure** during the war amounted to almost **\$155 billion**. This includes the losses incurred by Ukraine due to the sabotage of the Kakhovka HPP by Russia on June 6, 2023. These figures were provided by the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE). "Due to hostilities and regular shelling, the number of damaged and destroyed residential buildings increases daily: as of January 2024, there are over 250 thousand such structures. Among them are **222 thousand private houses**, over **27 thousand multi-apartment buildings**, and **526 dormitories**. The direct losses from the destruction of these objects are estimated at \$58.9 billion," the report states.

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- Approximately **3,000 tons of petroleum products** spilled into the ecosystem after the Russian strike on the oil depot in Nemyshlianskiy district of Kharkiv on February 9, as reported by the State Emergency Service. The petroleum products did not reach sources of drinking water. State Ecology Inspection workers will disinfect the water with sorbents to prevent the further movement of petroleum products downstream.
- Over nearly two full years of full-scale war, Russia has caused **damage to Ukrainian culture**, amounting to **3.5 billion dollars**, according to UNESCO. The inflicted damage by the Russian Federation includes **589 cultural objects**. To rebuild all cultural and historical objects in Ukraine after the full-scale invasion, it will take approximately **10 years** and 9 billion dollars.
- In the first month of 2024, the Ukrainian economy continues the trend of **recovery**. According to preliminary data, the Ministry of Economy estimates a **GDP growth of 3.5%** in January compared to January 2023.
- As of now, **103 National Guard fighters** who were guarding the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant **remain in captivity**. The occupiers captured them during the full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022. This information was disclosed by Nataliia Kushnariova, the wife of one of the servicemen held captive at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, as reported by Ukrinform.

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- In the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, Russians, **threatening business confiscation**, force Ukrainian entrepreneurs to register their data in the registers of the Russian Federation. This information is reported by the Center for National Resistance. "Meetings" with local farmers took place in the occupied part of the Zaporizhzhia oblast, attended by so-called tax officials and representatives of "law enforcement agencies."

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- Russians are attempting to strengthen **ideological influence** in the temporarily **occupied territories** of Ukraine on the eve of the so-called "presidential elections in Russia." This was reported by the Center for National Resistance. Occupiers sent another group of so-called "ideologists" – employees of the Russian FSB security service. In addition to propaganda goals, the purpose of such actions is **to conduct searches in the homes of local residents** with the intention of identifying members of the Resistance Movement.
- The road leading to Avdiivka is already completely shot through by Russian occupiers, putting the **evacuation of civilians** at risk. Meanwhile, **926 people still remain in the city**. This was reported by Vadym Filashkin, the head of the Donetsk Regional Military Administration, during a telethon.

15.02

- In the occupied part of the **Donetsk oblast**, there is an **exacerbation of the humanitarian crisis**, as reported by the Center for National Resistance. "The main problems in the temporarily occupied territories of the east and south of Ukraine remain unchanged in the economic and social spheres. According to available information, the worst situation is recorded in the Horlivka and Novotroitske districts of Donetsk," the Center for National Resistance states. Specifically, there is a high level of **unemployment**, leading a significant portion of the population to leave the occupied territories, either deported or **forcibly mobilized** into the Russian Armed Forces. Additionally, the Temporary Occupied Territories of the Donetsk region critically **lack medical supplies**, and there is no opportunity to obtain essential goods.
- According to the results of the updated "Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA3)," as of December 31, 2023, **the total cost of reconstruction and recovery in Ukraine** over the next 10 years is **\$486 billion**, as reported by Ukrinform with reference to the World Bank press release. This figure is higher than the estimated needs of \$411 billion reported a year ago. It is noted that the highest cost estimates for reconstruction and reconstruction are in **residential construction** (17% of the total amount), followed by **transportation** (15%), commerce and **industry** (14%), agriculture (12%), energy (10%), social protection and livelihoods (9%), and explosive hazard management (7%). In all sectors, the costs for debris cleanup and management (and demolition if necessary) amount to almost \$11 billion.

16.02

- The Coordination Headquarters for Dealing with Prisoners of War reports another repatriation event, during which **58 fallen Defenders** have been **returned to Ukraine**. After the identification of the bodies, the defenders will be handed over to their families for burial.
- Due to high personnel losses near Avdiivka, Russians are placing the bodies of military personnel in abandoned schools and using mobile crematoriums. This information is reported by the Center for National Resistance. "Morgues in Donetsk are overflowing due to the large number of Russian 'meat grinder' attacks in the Avdiivka direction."

