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International support

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- The US continues sending some **military aid** to Ukraine, despite Congress's lack of additional financing. This is due to the agreements that were concluded earlier. Military aid includes artillery shells, missiles for the HIMARS multiple-launch rocket system, air defense systems, and a range of other military equipment.
- The work of the **Drone Coalition**, which will operate within the framework of The Ukraine Defense Contact Group, officially started on 17 February. **Latvia and the United Kingdom are the co-leaders** of the initiative. Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Lithuania, Estonia, and the Netherlands have also already joined the Coalition.
- The United States will transfer about **\$500,000 of confiscated Russian assets** to Estonia, which will be used to restore Ukraine's electricity grid. The funds were confiscated in the case of an illegal procurement network but cannot be transmitted directly to Ukraine. This is the first of its kind transfer of money from the US to a foreign ally to help Ukraine.
- **Norway** has been sending **medical equipment** and other supplies to the Ukrainian military. The Norwegian government announced this on its website on 17 February.
- Rheinmetall will build an **ammunition factory in Ukraine**. The German company announced this on its X (Twitter) account. According to Rheinmetall, it will produce six-figure numbers of 155 mm caliber shells per year, including projectiles.
- Ukraine will receive **36 additional 155 mm tracked and wheeled self-propelled howitzers from Germany**. This was announced by the German government on its official website. As part of a new package of German **military aid amounting to 1.13 billion euros**, Ukraine will receive 18 PzH 2000 and 18 new RCH 155 self-propelled howitzers. This military support will also include crew training, spare parts, and ammunition for artillery systems.
- **Japan** has pledged to **assist Ukraine**, amounting to **\$12.1 billion**. Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal announced this after a joint speech with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. This financial assistance package includes a \$4.7 billion grant that Ukraine will receive by the end of this month and about \$8 billion previously announced. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said that Japan's position in support of Ukraine remains steadfast.
- The EBRD and Italy will allocate 200 million euros **to restore Ukrainian hydroelectric power plants** that were destroyed and damaged by the war. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Economy.

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- The Swedish government has announced a **record-breaking tranche of military aid**, which will include combat boats, armored vehicles, air defense systems, and ammunition. The news was announced by Defense Minister Paul Johnson. The package of **7.1 billion Swedish kronor** (about \$683 million) includes the transfer of a range of weapons that are currently needed by the Ukrainian military. The Swedish government will also strengthen the capabilities of the Ukrainian **Navy and River Fleet** by providing ten combat boats and dozens of other auxiliary vessels. The Ukrainian military will receive Gruppbat support boats and combat boats CB90.
- As part of its military support, the Government of Canada will provide Ukraine with **more than 800 SkyRanger R70 multi-purpose unmanned aerial systems**. This was announced by Canadian Defense Minister Bill Blair. The SkyRanger R70 drones are used for surveillance and collection of intelligence, as well as for the transport and delivery of ammunition.

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- In the US, the first four Ukrainian pilots are **to complete training on US F-16 fighter jets** by summer. This was reported by the Arizona National Guard. All pilots are supposed to complete their training between May and August. The United States plans to train 12 Ukrainian F-16 pilots in the current year.

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- **New Zealand** has announced a **new aid package for Ukraine** of more than \$16 million. The money will be used to provide humanitarian aid, purchase ammunition, train the Ukrainian military, and rebuild Ukraine.
- **The Danish government** has announced a **15th package of military assistance** to Ukraine worth €161 million. This money will be used to purchase 15,000 155 mm artillery shells, demining equipment, air defense ammunition, unmanned aerial vehicles, radars, and communications equipment. All this will be delivered to Ukraine within a few months. In addition, Denmark plans to deliver the first F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine this summer.
- Secretary of State for Defense Grant Shapps announced that the UK would send Ukraine 200 more **Brimstone anti-tank missiles**.
- Poland will add **border crossing points** with Ukraine to the list of critical infrastructure. According to Prime Minister Donald Tusk, this would guarantee the entry of military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine without obstacles. To recap, since November 2023, the Poles have been periodically blocking border crossings with Ukraine. Polish haulers, and then farmers, have been blocking truck traffic for various lengths of time, demanding better working conditions and preferences from their government and the European Union. On 20 February, Polish farmers went on a nationwide strike. Protesters blocked six border crossing points with Ukraine.
- Ukraine will have the **right to strike Russia** with F-16 fighter jets. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said that the war launched by Russia was a war of aggression, so Ukraine had the right to defend itself by striking **legitimate Russian military targets**.
- The Bundestag recommended providing Ukraine with **"long-range weapons."** This most likely means Taurus cruise missiles (analogous to Storm Shadow and SCALP-EG). Now the decision is up to German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

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- **Ukraine and Denmark** have **signed a security agreement**. Denmark will guarantee Kyiv's security for the next ten years, cooperate in the defense industry, help integrate F-16 fighter jets into the Ukrainian Air Force, build up the fleet, and provide high-tech weapons. In 2024, Danish military support will amount to **at least €1.8 billion**. In addition, the Danish Fund for Support of Ukraine has allocated €8.5 billion for ongoing support in 2023-2028.
- **The EU Council** has approved the **13th package of sanctions against Russia**. The lists include another 106 individuals and 88 legal entities. The sanctions are aimed at the military and defense industry and those involved in arms supplies from North Korea. It is specifically stated that the new sanctions will help to **"restrict access"** of the Russian military-industrial complex to components for drones. The restrictions are also aimed at representatives of the judiciary, politicians, and those responsible for the deportation and "re-education" of Ukrainian children.
- Biden announces large-scale **sanctions against Russia** for its war against Ukraine and the death of opposition leader Alexei Navalny. The White House said that more than 500 people and organizations would be sanctioned.



Military positions

- In the Volyn and Polissia directions, the operational situation remains without significant changes.
- In the Siverskyi (Chernihiv, Sumy) and Slobozhanskyi (Kharkiv) 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 Oblast.
- In the Kupiansk direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled a number of unsuccessful enemy attacks near Synkivka and Ivanivka (Kharkiv Oblast).
- In the Lyman direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled a number of attacks near Terny (Donetsk Oblast).
- In the Bakhmut direction, Ukrainian soldiers repelled a series of enemy attacks near Bohdanivka and Ivanivske in the Donetsk Oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, the Defense forces repelled a number of enemy attacks near the settlements of Lastochkyne, Sieverne, and Pervomaiske.
- In the Marinka direction, Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back Russians in the areas of Heorhiivka, Pobieda, and Novomykhailivka, where they tried to break through the defense.
- In the Novopavlivske direction, the enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) operations.
- In the Zaporizhzhia direction, Defense forces repelled the attacks of Russians near Robotyne
- In the Kherson direction, the Ukrainian soldiers continue to hold their positions and repel attacks by the occupying forces. Despite significant losses, the Russian army continues to try to drive Ukrainian units from their positions. Over the past week, Russians have launched a series of unsuccessful assaults on the left bank of the Dnipro River.

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- On the morning of February 19, the Ukrainian Air Force destroyed two Russian aircraft that were conducting guided missile strikes on Ukrainian troop positions. One Su-34 fighter bomber and one Su-35S fighter jet.
- The delay in Western support helped the Russian Federation launch an offensive on three fronts simultaneously, ISW believes. According to ISW and several Ukrainian and Western sources, delays in the delivery of Western security assistance, such as artillery ammunition and critical air defense systems, prevented Ukrainian forces from defending Avdiivka from the Russian offensive. Ukrainian forces were forced to disperse their equipment across the front, which likely encouraged Russian forces to take advantage of the situation.
- The Russians promised to evacuate wounded Ukrainian soldiers from the "Zenit" position in Avdiivka but did not fulfill their promise and shot the soldiers. As reported by the 110th Separate Mechanized Brigade, due to the complete encirclement of the "Zenit" position, the military decided to contact the coordination center and organizations that are negotiating with Russia on the exchange of prisoners to help seriously wounded unarmed soldiers. "The enemy informed the coordinators of this process that they agreed to evacuate our wounded and provide them with assistance, and later to exchange them. Our soldiers were ordered to save their lives," the military wrote. But then a video with six dead Ukrainian defenders, whom the occupiers shot, appeared online.

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- At night, Air Defense forces destroyed 23 "Shaheds" in Kharkiv, Poltava, Kirovohrad, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Mykolaiv Oblasts.
- Southern defense forces denied Russian Defense Minister Serhii Shoigu's statements about the capture of Krynyky. Russian troops attempted to storm the positions of Ukrainian defenders once during the day, suffered significant losses, and retreated to their previous positions. "We officially inform that this information is not true. The Southern Defense Forces of Ukraine continue to hold their positions, inflicting significant losses on the enemy," the Southern Defense Forces said.
- Probably, today there was a successful strike on the Russian military training ground in Trudivske, Volnovakha district, Donetsk Oblast. Russian internet communities report 65 dead Russian soldiers.
- Near Robotyne, Russians shot Ukrainian soldiers, Deep State reports. On February 18, the invaders attacked the village from the south and captured part of a large stronghold, where three soldiers of the 3rd Brigade "Spartan" remained. The Security Service of Ukraine and prosecutors will investigate the shooting of Ukrainian prisoners of war by the occupiers near Robotyne, Zaporizhzhia region.
- Russia has started recruiting female prisoners to be sent to Ukraine - National Resistance Center. The campaign to recruit women has been going on for several months in penal colonies in different regions. They are offered to sign a contract for a year, mostly for combat positions, such as sniper or assault rifleman. The women are promised a two-month training program and a mercy after the end of the contract.

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- At night, the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces destroyed 13 of the 19 "Shaheds" in Kharkiv, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk regions and an X-59 guided missile in Poltava region. The Ukrainian Air Force also destroyed one SU-34.
- Iran has provided Russia with hundreds of powerful surface-to-surface ballistic missiles with a range of 300-700 km, Reuters reports. According to the publication, it is about 400 ballistic missiles. Reuters writes that the deliveries began in early January - there were at least four and more are expected in the coming weeks.
- Russia has deployed 48 Iskander missile launchers along the border with Ukraine. This was reported by Vadym Skibitskyi, a representative of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine. "There were 46, now there are 48. Two launchers were added, they made an additional tactical group, which is used to launch ballistic missiles from the territory of Russia," Skibitskyi said.

Losses of the Russian army from 19.02.2024 to 25.02.2024

Liquidated personnel	6980
Tanks	57
IFVs	246
Artillery systems / MLRS	260/14
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	12
Aircraft / helicopters	4/0
UAVs	247
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	270
Special equipment	35

22.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ukrainian military attacked a Russian military training ground in the temporarily occupied part of Kherson region. Russian soldiers from the 328th Air Assault Regiment, the 810th Separate Marine Brigade, and the 81st Air Assault Unit were brought there before being destroyed. According to preliminary data, the command staff and about 60 Russian soldiers were killed, writes Serhii Bratchuk, head of the Public Council at the Odesa Regional Military Administration. ➤ Spanish intelligence services are convinced that Moscow is behind the murder of Mi-8 pilot Maxym Kuzminov - El Pais. Information about the murder of Russian pilot Kuzminov in Spain appeared on February 19, 2024. It was he who landed the Mi-8 in the border community of Vovchansk in Kharkiv region on August 9, 2023 - a special operation codenamed "Titmouse" that the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine had been preparing for several months. The publication notes that the Spanish government is very cautious about commenting publicly on the situation, especially regarding the possible involvement of Russia. But Spanish intelligence services have no doubt that the Kremlin is behind the pilot's murder.
23.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ukroboronprom will produce rifles according to NATO standards. This was reported by the press service of the Ukrainian Defense Industry. Obtaining a license from the Czech company Česká zbrojovka will allow the production of NATO-standard rifles, in particular the CZ BREN 2 model, in Ukraine and equip the Armed Forces with proven, high-quality standard firearms that will enhance their operational capabilities. ➤ The losses of the Ukrainian Armed Forces are five times lower than those of Russia. This was stated by Volodymyr Zelenskyi in an interview with Fox News. "If we compare the number of soldiers killed, I would say the ratio is 1:5. For every Ukrainian soldier killed in action, there are 5 Russian soldiers. This is an exemplary statistic," he said. ➤ North Korea has already sent one and a half million pieces of artillery ammunition to Russia, but these shells are from the 70s and 80s. This was stated by Major General Vadym Skibitskyi, Deputy Chief of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine. "Half of them do not work, and the rest need to be either restored or tested before they can be used. ➤ The Air Force announced the downing of an A-50U aircraft over the Krasnodar Territory of the Russian Federation. This is a new modernized version of the A-50, a Russian long-range radar detection and control aircraft that is used to direct attacks by Russian strike aircraft and detect Ukrainian aircraft in the sky. The cost of such a vessel, of which Russia has only a few left, is \$350 million. This is the third loss of the A-50 by the Russians. Prior to that, a similar aircraft was disabled by Belarusian guerrillas at the Machulyschi airbase in February 2023, and on January 14, 2024, the Air Force shot down A-50 and Il-22 aircraft.
24.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 84 military clashes on the front line. In total, the Russian Federation launched 10 missile and 93 air strikes, fired 141 missile attacks from multiple launch rocket systems at the positions of our troops and settlements. ➤ At night, the Russian occupiers attacked Ukraine once again, using 12 Shahed UAVs. Air defense units destroyed all 12 kamikaze drones.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 49 missile and 676 air strikes and fired over 907 MLRS attacks.

Night attacks on Ukraine throughout the week

- **Attack on the night of February 20:** During the night, Russia launched 23 drones toward Ukraine, and the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down all of them. Additionally, the Russian forces attacked Ukraine with two S-300/S-400 air defense missiles and an X-31 air-to-surface missile.
- **Attack on the night of February 21:** During the nighttime assault, the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces intercepted 13 Shahed drones, an X-59 missile, and a Su-34 fighter bomber. Several other drones failed to reach their targets. Overall, Russia deployed 19 drones and six missiles of various types against Ukraine.
- **Attack on the night of February 23:** During the night attack, the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down 23 out of 31 Shahed drones in the Odesa, Mykolaiv, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kharkiv oblasts. Additionally, the Russian forces sent toward Ukraine three S-300 missiles, an X-31P antiradar missile, and two X-22 cruise missiles.
- **Attack on the night of February 24:** During the night of February 24, Russia launched two ballistic Iskander missiles, three X-59 air-guided missiles, and 12 Shahed attack drones. As a result, Ukraine destroyed 2 X-59 air-guided missiles, and 12 Shahed drones in the Kirovohrad, Odesa, and Mykolaiv oblasts.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On the night of February 18, a 56-year-old man was wounded due to the Russian shelling of the Myrove community in the Nikopol district. On February 20, three people were wounded during the attack on the Nikopol district. The cars, private houses, and telecommunications networks were damaged. On the night of February 23, a Shahed drone struck the multi-story building in Dnipro. Eight residents of the house were wounded. Three apartments were destroyed, and two others were damaged.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

Throughout the week, Russia launched more than 3000 strikes on cities and villages in the Zaporizhzhia oblast, including Novodarivka, Robotyne, Huliaipole, Levadne, Charivne, Novodanylivka, Preobrazhenka, Stepanohirsk, Kamianske, Orikhove, Mala Tokmachka, Piatykhatky, Plavni, Prymorske, Bilenke, Malynivka, Mali Shcherbaky. On February 21, the Russian forces conducted an airstrike on Orihiv. A non-residential building was struck, where a fire broke out. Also, Russia conducted more than six airstrikes near Mala Tokmachka and Novodanylivka.

Odesa oblast

On the night of February 23, Russia attacked Odesa by drones. Three people were killed. One of the drones landed on the enterprise building in the coastal zone of the Odesa oblast, where a fire broke out. In the evening of February 23, Ukraine shot down 5 Shahed-131/136 drones in the Odesa oblast. One of the drones landed on the residential block in Odesa, and caused a destruction of a residential building. The apartment owner died, and firefighters managed to rescue his wife under the rubble. She was hospitalized in critical condition. Two other residents from the neighboring apartment were taken to the hospital with burns and other injuries.

Kherson and the oblast

On February 17, as a result of the Russian attack on Kherson, one person was killed, and three others were wounded. Russia dropped the explosives via drone targeting a residential building in Antonivka near Kherson. One building was damaged, and one woman was wounded. On the same day, during another shelling of Kherson, a 58-year-old man was wounded within the premises of a local enterprise. In one of the villages in the Darivka community, Russia struck a microbus belonging to the Center for Humanitarian Aid and objects related to the water supply system. Additionally, the Russian forces shelled Bilozerka, where three people were wounded. On the night of February 21, following a Russian attack on Kherson, a garage and several cars were burned. On February 21, Russia launched an attack on Dudchany. The house was targeted, and a man sustained contusion, explosive, and traumatic brain injuries. Moreover, Russia targeted the village of Rakivka using a drone. Two people got explosive injuries. On February 22, the Russian forces shelled Llove. One of the shells struck the house, where a man was killed. On the same day, Russia fired upon Novotiahynka, where a 72-year-old man was wounded. On February 23, the Russian forces attacked Inhulets. A woman got caught in the shelling and was hospitalized with limb injuries.

Kharkiv and oblast

On February 17, two residents of Kupiansk were wounded due to the Russian strike on the city. A two-story building was destroyed in two sections, and at least five residential buildings were damaged. During the Russian attack during the day on the Kupiansk, two people were killed, and five people were wounded. On February 19, Russia dropped guided bombs on the village of Vilkhuvatka in the Kupiansk district. Two private houses were destroyed, and a woman was trapped under the rubble. On February 20, a Russian drone attacked a car with civilians in Petropavlivka. There were three employees of the local farm in the car. Two men died, and a woman with injuries was taken to the hospital. On February 22, 15 calves perished as a result of five Shahed drone strikes on the agricultural enterprise in Mala Rokytna. In the village, the hangars, warehouses, outbuildings, and equipment were damaged or destroyed.

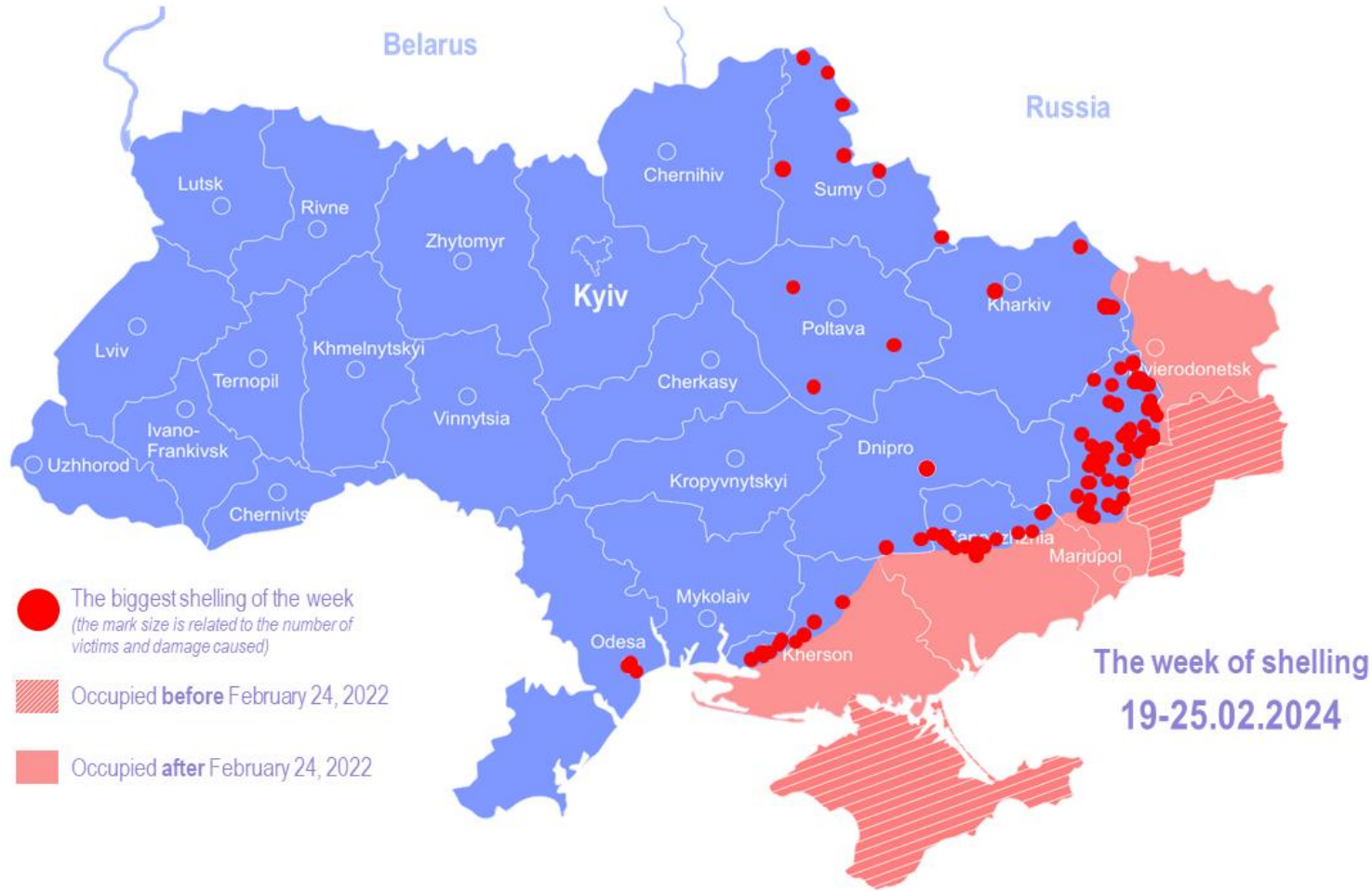
Sumy oblast

On the night of February 17, Russia targeted the village in the Khotyn community. Eleven explosions were recorded. As a result of shelling, one man was killed, and another person was wounded. Private houses and a farm building were damaged. On February 19, four people were wounded in the Nova Sloboda community due to the Russian shelling. Throughout the day, Russia attacked ten communities in the oblast. On February 20, the Russian forces launched an aviation artillery strike on the community in the Konotop district. A fire broke out in a residential building, where a family was killed, including a mother, two sons, and two of their relatives. The house was struck by a Russian attack drone of the Lancet type.

Poltava oblast

On the night of February 18, due to the Russian drone attack on the Poltava oblast, a fire broke out in an infrastructure facility. There were no casualties reported. On the night of February 20, Russia shelled the Kremenchuk district with drones. The Russian forces targeted an industrial object, where a fire broke out. There were no injuries or casualties reported. On February 21, Russia attacked the Poltava oblast with several groups of drones. In the Myrhorod community, explosions were heard.

This week shelling and strikes



Donetsk oblast

On the night of February 23, approximately 500 tons of grain, which had been prepared for sowing, were destroyed during the Russian shelling of the Kramatorsk district. Russia attacked the territory of the agricultural enterprise with four drones. The threshing floor, warehouses, workshop, and garage were destroyed, and the agricultural machinery was damaged.

Pokrovsk district. Kurakhove, Novohrodivka, Ocheretyne, Marinka, and Hrodivka communities, Kostiantynopolske, Kurakhove, Myrnohrad, Krasnohorivka, Veselyi Hai, Hanivka, Kostiantynivka, Memryk, Dobropillia, Katerynivka, Zhelanne, Hostre, Selydove, and Malynivka were under fire. Private houses, multi-story buildings, an orphanage, an administrative building, and a school were damaged.

Kramatorsk district. Lyman, Kostiantynivka, and Illinivka communities, Mykolaivka, Ozerne, Romanivka, Kostiantynivka, Kramatorsk, Yampil, Zakitne, Ivanivka, Predtechne, Sloviansk, Torske, and Zarichne are affected. Residential buildings, multi-story buildings, and a school were damaged.

Bakhmut district. Toretsk, Siversk, Soledar, and Chasiv Yar communities, Druzhba, Pivnichne, Serebrianka, Rozdolivka, Vasiukivka, Toretsk, Zvanivka, Pereizne, Fedorivka, Niu-York, and Siversk. Private houses, multi-story buildings, infrastructure facilities, and industrial buildings were damaged.

Volnovakha district. Vuhledar, Bohoivlenka, Novoukrainka, and Vuhledar communities. Residential buildings, and outbuildings were damaged. There are injuries or casualties in all directions.

Kharkiv oblast



Zaporizhzhia oblast



Odesa oblast



Humanitarian crisis

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- On February 18, one of the Telegram channels published a message about the **execution of six captured defenders** of a mechanized brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces at a position in Avdiivka. The defenders were seriously wounded, unable to move on their own, and were waiting for evacuation. They also found a video with a fragment showing the killing of two more Ukrainian soldiers in a forest near the village of Vesele in the Bakhmut region. Later, the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported that they were checking information about six captured comrades who had been **shot by Russians** on the outskirts of Avdiivka.
- The Red Cross decided to find out what happened to **23,000 people who went missing** during the war in Ukraine. After the full-scale invasion, the organization **set up a special bureau** to search for missing Ukrainians and Russians. The ICRC says it is trying to determine whether they were captured, killed, or lost contact after fleeing their homes. The Red Cross reported that over the past two years, it had received more than 115,000 phone calls, online inquiries, letters, and personal visits from family members from Russia and Ukraine looking for missing relatives.

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- The Ministry of Health of Ukraine has released data on the **number of medical facilities that have been damaged** during the full-scale war. For almost two years, Russians have damaged **1,525** medical facilities. Of these, **197 were destroyed** beyond repair. However, 506 facilities have been completely rebuilt, and another 359 are in the process of repair.
- The commander of the Tavia operational and strategic grouping of troops, Oleksandr Tarnavskiy, reports that Russians have **resumed using toxic substances** in the Zaporizhzhia sector and Donetsk Oblast: a total of four grenades with tear gas and suffocating chemicals were fired.

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- The Institute for the Study of War noted that the Russian-appointed head of the occupied part of Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Yevhen Balytskyi, **openly admitted** that the Russian authorities **forcibly deported Ukrainian citizens** who opposed the occupation and hinted that they were executed. Balytskyi said that the forced deportation of Ukrainian families was “for their own good” because the occupation authorities would have to “deal” with them even “harder” in the future, or they would be killed by “pro-Russian citizens.”
- The Ministry of Energy of Ukraine reported that as a result of the hostilities on February 20, a high-voltage power line was de-energized, so the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) remained on one power line.

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- Since the start of the full-scale invasion, **90% of Ukrainian companies have resumed operations**, according to a study by the United Nations Development Programme. Since the full-scale invasion, 64% of Ukrainian micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises have suspended or completely closed their operations. Among those who suspended business in early 2022, 84% of companies were able to partially resume operations within six months. Construction and agriculture suffered the largest financial losses, while telecommunications, marketing, consulting, and design services suffered the least.

22.02

- Polish farmers continue to **block six checkpoints on the border with Ukraine**, as of the morning of February 22, 2,450 trucks are queuing in Poland, said Andrii Demchenko, spokesman for the State Border Guard Service. As a reminder, on February 9, a farmers’ strike began in Poland, announced by the Solidarity trade union. They plan to block all checkpoints for a month.
- The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine reports that in its latest report, it has **verified 30,457 civilian casualties** since Russia’s invasion on February 24, 2022: 10,582 killed and 19,875 injured. But the real number is “much higher.”
- A joint investigation by *Schemy* journalists (a project of the Ukrainian edition of Radio Liberty) and the Belarusian edition of Radio Liberty informs about children from the Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine who were taken to Belarus to children’s summer camps “for rehabilitation,” and the program included propaganda activities aimed at **eradicating Ukrainian identity**, mental and cultural assimilation with Russia. In 2022-2023, the Belarusian Red Cross and the Foundation of Paralympian Oleksii Talai organized such trips. In 2022, the program was also **co-financed by the UN Children’s Fund UNICEF**.
- IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi said that it was necessary to constantly **protect the physical integrity of the ZNPP** and avoid any attacks or military actions that could affect the safety of the facility. In particular, it is necessary to strictly adhere to the five specific principles he defined at a meeting of the UN Security Council on May 30, 2023, according to a press release on the agency’s website.

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- Ukraine has already **documented 64,000 crimes** committed by the Russian Federation out of more than 120,000 registered, and the authorities need international assistance in justice. This was stated by Oleksandra Matviichuk, head of the Center for Civil Liberties, at an international conference in Berlin entitled “Responding to Crimes under International Law: Bringing War Criminals to Justice.”

