



# Transatlantic Dialogue Center

## Weekly briefing

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# International support

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- Ukraine has signed **security agreements with Italy and Canada** that will be valid for ten years. The Office of the President of Ukraine reported. The bilateral agreements were signed during the visit of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to Ukraine on the occasion of the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion.
- **The Netherlands** has announced the transfer of the VERA-NG **radar system** to Ukraine. Minister of Defense of the Netherlands, Keesa Ollongren, announced.
- During the year, **the United Kingdom** will allocate 245 million pounds (about **280 million euros**) for purchasing and producing **artillery shells** for Ukraine's needs. The British government's website reported.
- **The European Union** plans to deliver almost **170,000 artillery shells** to Ukraine by the end of March; the EU is also working on a further increase in the volume of supplies - Minister for Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba announced.
- In **Lithuania**, a fundraising campaign for the Ukrainian military managed to raise more than **eight million euros** for purchasing equipment - the LRT publication announced.
- The online community North Atlantic Fella Organization (**NAFO**) has handed the **25th volunteer aid** to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF), the total value of which is \$500,000. The message of the 69th Sniffing Brigade stated. Volunteers delivered **16 vehicles and more than 180 drones** for various purposes to Ukraine.
- **Germany** has provided another tranche of **military aid to Ukraine** that includes armored vehicles for various purposes and ammunition. The list was published on the German government website. As part of the new tranche, the German government handed over four WISENT 1 demining vehicles, and four patrol vehicles to Ukraine. The package also includes other **demining equipment**, including 250 demining kits and three demining systems. In addition, the new package contains 147-night vision devices, ten reconnaissance unmanned aerial vehicles Vector, twelve satellite communication terminals SatCom, and 22 drone detection and suppression systems. The aid also provided 14,000 pieces of **artillery ammunition**.

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- French President Emmanuel Macron has announced the creation of a **long-range weapons coalition** for Ukraine. The French leader made this announcement after a conference of European leaders dedicated to helping Ukraine, which took place in Paris, Le Figaro reports.
- French President Emmanuel Macron said that he does not rule out the possibility of **sending a French military contingent to Ukraine** - Politico reported. He noted that currently, there are no specific plans to deploy troops, yet emphasized that such a possibility should exist to show Russia that Western countries are ready to take decisive action. French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal confirmed President Macron's words and noted that the **possible deployment of troops** would not be aimed at participating in hostilities at the front but at providing rear support.

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- **The Netherlands** has ordered the latest DITA self-propelled **artillery systems** from the Czech Republic for Ukraine. Recently, **nine units** have been ordered for Ukraine - the Dutch Ministry of Defense reported.
- The United Kingdom will provide a new Minewolf 370 tracked **demining vehicle** for the needs of the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF). The message of the UK Ministry of Defense reported.
- Latvia has extended **tourist travel restrictions for Russians** until March 2025.
- **Belgium** will finance a €200 million Czech initiative to buy **800,000 shells for Ukrainian artillery**. Prime Minister Alexander de Kroo promised the first batches of ammunition in the coming weeks.

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- **Ukraine and Albania** signed a **Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation**, which will promote the development of collaboration and strengthen Ukraine's position in the Balkan region. In addition, Albania has expressed its readiness to join the **core group of the special tribunal** to investigate the crime of aggression against Ukraine. The Albanian Minister for European Affairs Igli Hasani stated.
- **North Macedonia** and Ukraine have signed a joint **declaration that supports Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration** - the press service of the Presidential Office reported.
- The European Union has finally approved the **Ukraine Facility program**, which foresees **€50 billion** for Ukraine over 2024-2027. Of this money, €39 billion will be spent on direct budget financing, and the rest will cover risks in priority sectors, technical support for reforms, and interest on loans. Ukraine will receive the first tranche of €4.5 billion in March.

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- Finland does not impose any **restrictions** on Ukraine regarding the **utilization of the transferred weapons**. The Finnish newspaper Yle reported. At the same time, the Finnish Ministry of Defense is calling on Germany to hand over Taurus cruise missiles to Ukraine.
- **New Zealand** introduces new **sanctions against Russia and Belarus**. The country implements G7+ price caps on Russian oil (\$60 per barrel) and bans the export of sanctioned goods to Russia and Belarus through third countries.
- The Argentine president is scheduling a "**Latin American support summit**" for Ukraine later this year. According to the Financial Times, Argentina has already handed over two Russian-made Mi-171E helicopters to Ukraine, which Miley had previously promised to Volodymyr Zelensky.

01.03

- The French government has ordered 100 **kamikaze drones** from Delair for Ukraine. French Defense Minister Sebastian Le Coronneu announced on social network X. The drones are to arrive in Ukraine in the summer of 2024.
- **Canada** is ready to deploy its **non-combat troops** to Ukraine for training, provided that the location is far from the front line - Canadian Minister of Defence Bill Blair announced.
- President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and **Prime Minister of the Netherlands** Mark Rutte met in Kharkiv. They signed an **agreement on security cooperation** between the countries. The message on the official website of the President of Ukraine stated.
- **The Netherlands** will provide Ukraine with high-speed rubber and armored **boats** in patrol and combat versions - as stated in the message of the Ministry of Defense of the Netherlands. The country is also allocating **250 million euros** for a Czech initiative to order many **artillery shells** for Ukraine as soon as possible.
- **Japan** has imposed **sanctions** on 12 people and 36 organizations **linked to Russia**. The list includes Rosatomflot, Tinkoff Bank, Kalashnikov, Uralvagonzavod, Almaz-Antey, the Artek camp, and officials involved in the deportation of Ukrainian children. The list also contains the head of the Chechen government and the commander of the Chechen police special regiment, Zamid Chalaev.
- **Switzerland** has joined the **13th package of EU sanctions** against Russia, which includes 106 individuals and 88 legal entities.
- **Russia** was **excluded from the Danube Commission**, established under the Convention on the Regime of Navigation on the Danube River. Minister for Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba announced.





- In the Volyn and Polissia directions, the operational situation remains without significant changes.
- In the Siverskyi and Slobozhanskyi directions, Russian troops maintain a military presence in the border areas, conduct active sabotage activities, and increase the density of minefields along the state border in the Belgorod Oblast.
- In the Kupiansk direction, the enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) actions.
- In the Lyman direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled a number of Russian attacks near Terny, Yampolivka, Rozdolivka (Donetsk Oblast), and Bilohorivka (Luhansk Oblast).
- In the Bakhmut direction, Ukrainian soldiers repelled a series of enemy attacks near Bohdanivka, Ivanivske, and Andriivka in the Donetsk Oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, the Ukrainian Defense forces repelled a number of enemy attacks near the settlements of Berdychi, Orlivka, Tonenke, Nevelske, and Pervomaiske.
- In the Novopavlivske direction, Defense forces continue to restrain the Russian troops in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Heorhiivka, Pobieda, Novomykhailivka and Urozhaine (Donetsk Region).
- In the Orikhiv direction, the enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) operations.
- In the Kherson direction, the Ukrainian soldiers continue to hold their positions. The enemy did not conduct offensive (assault) operations.

<b>26.02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 95 military clashes on the front line.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainian Armed Forces withdrew from the village of Lastochkyne. This was reported by the spokesman for the Tavria Unit, Dmytro Lykhovii. The units withdrew to organize defense along the line of Orlivka, Tonenke and Berdychi to prevent the advance of Russian troops in the western direction.</li> <li>➤ However, now the Russians are trying to storm Orlivka from three sides after the Ukrainian Armed Forces withdrew from Lastochkyne in Donetsk region. "The defense forces have indeed withdrawn from the village of Lastochkyne, which is located immediately to the west of Avdiivka. There are difficult terrain conditions there, there is a cascade of small reservoirs, and this qualifies as stabilization of the defense line, its certain leveling [...]," said Lykhovii.</li> <li>➤ In 2024, Russia plans to produce 2.7 million shells. This was announced by Vadym Skibitskyi, a representative of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR). He noted that last year, the Russians produced about 2 million 122 mm and 152 mm shells. In February 2024, the Russians planned to launch 130 missiles of the Iskander, Kalibr, X-101, X-32, and Kinzhal types. From North Korea, Russia has already received 1.5 million 122 mm and 152 mm shells.</li> <li>➤ The head of the Security Service of Ukraine, Vasyl Maliuk commented on the successful attacks on Russian refineries. "If we look even at the last two months, at how many enemy oil refineries have been successfully hit. In fact, we have reduced exports of oil products by one-third. And 55% of their military budget is foreign exchange earnings from the export of oil products. And these are our legitimate goals," Maliuk said.</li> <li>➤ Russia will prepare counter-offensives in early summer if it can, President Volodymyr Zelenskyi said. "It will be difficult for us in March-April. We will go through different waves. Both political and economic," Zelenskyi said.</li> <li>➤ Kyrylo Budanov denied that Iran had supplied Russia with missiles and that Russia was massively using North Korean missiles to strike Ukraine. "Russia does not have Iranian missiles, and only a few North Korean missiles were used for strikes; it is not large-scale," the head of the Defense Intelligence said.</li> </ul>
<b>27.02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 96 military clashes on the front line.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainian troops have withdrawn from the villages of Stepove and Sieverne near Avdiivka. This was reported by the spokesman of the Tavria military unit, Dmytro Lykhovii.</li> <li>➤ The commander of the Tavria military unit, Oleksandr Tamavskyi, said that Russian offensive attempts in the areas of Novomykhailivka and Robotyne were unsuccessful.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Armed Forces struck with two HIMARS missiles at a gathering place for Russian troops during an award ceremony in the Donetsk region, Russian media reports. They report 19 dead and 12 wounded.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian military destroyed an enemy's Su-34 in the eastern direction. This was announced by the Commander of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Mykola Oleshchuk.</li> </ul>
<b>28.02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 102 military clashes on the front line.</li> <li>➤ The Third Assault Brigade drove the occupiers out of Krasnohorivka in the Donetsk region. Units of the Third Separate Assault Brigade and the 2nd Assault Battalion conducted a combat operation to clear the town of enemy forces. The occupiers' losses amounted to about 100 people wounded or killed. As of February 28, Krasnohorivka is under the control of Ukrainian troops.</li> </ul>

<b>Losses of the Russian army from 26.02.2024 to 03.03.2024</b>	
Liquidated personnel	<b>7 250</b>
Tanks	<b>93</b>
IFVs	<b>182</b>
Artillery systems / MLRS	<b>217/4</b>
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	<b>12</b>
Aircraft / helicopters	<b>7/0</b>
UAVs	<b>138</b>
Ships/boats	<b>0</b>
Vehicles & fuel tanks	<b>337</b>
Special equipment	<b>41</b>

# Military positions

<b>29.02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 99 military clashes on the front line.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Air Force destroyed 3 Russian Su-34 aircraft. The planes were destroyed in the Avdiivka and Mariupol directions.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainian troops knocked out Russians who broke through to the outskirts of Orlivka. This was reported by the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Oleksandr Syrskyi.</li> <li>➤ Russians are trying to capture two villages in the Bakhmut direction - Ivanivske and Bohdanivka. This was stated by Illia Yevlash, head of the press service of the Khortytsia military grouping. "Fighting is already underway there - the enemy is actively using assault groups and special forces, and pulling up reserves. Ukrainian defenders are also constantly attacked with Lancets, FPV drones, aircraft, and artillery fire.</li> <li>➤ Vladimir Putin confirmed the use of special Zircon missiles against Ukraine. "The Zircon sea-based hypersonic strike missile system has already been used in the battle, and it is already in service," he said.</li> </ul>
<b>01.03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 83 military clashes on the front line.</li> <li>➤ On Friday, March 1, another enemy Su-34 fighter bomber was destroyed in the eastern direction while it was trying to strike Ukrainian positions with guided bombs.</li> <li>➤ Today, as a result of a successful fire attack, a Russian missile and gun system, "Pantsyr S-1" was damaged, the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR). The attack took place near the village of Golovchino, Hraivoron district, Belgorod region. This complex is designed to cover military and military-industrial facilities. Its cost is about \$15 million.</li> <li>➤ Russia has said it is ready to hand over to Ukraine the bodies of the victims who allegedly died on board the IL-76 that crashed in the Belgorod region on January 24. This was reported by Russian Ombudsman Tatiana Moskalkova. Ukrainian Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets said that Russia is speculating on this topic and has not yet provided official lists or confirmed the deaths of prisoners of war. Ukraine demands a transparent investigation and access to the crash site.</li> </ul>
<b>02.03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 82 military clashes on the front line.</li> <li>➤ Ukraine has the means to destroy Russian planes, said Air Force spokesman Yuri Ihnat. According to him, the planes are destroyed at very long distances, which makes it difficult to confirm, for example, the death of a pilot. However, Ihnat added that the additional tools that Ukrainian soldiers have received are not enough to completely close the vast front line.</li> <li>➤ For the sixth day in a row, Ukrainian forces have not recorded any A-50 flights over the Sea of Azov. Russian warplanes have started to act more cautiously, according to a spokesman for the Ukrainian Air Force. The Su-34 and Su-35 fighters can no longer feel free, as they need to fly closer to conduct attacks. Without the A-50, they have limited information about Ukrainian air defense in the sector. The Russians' caution allows Ukrainian troops to catch their breath.</li> <li>➤ The Russian Federation may try to return previously mothballed A-50 aircraft to service, according to British intelligence. The loss of the A-50s, which provide daily command and control of Russian air operations, is likely to significantly worsen the situational awareness of other aircraft crews. "This is a gap in capability that Russia cannot afford over the disputed airspace of eastern and southern Ukraine," the report says.</li> <li>➤ A substation supplying power to three defense plants has exploded in Yekaterinburg, Russian media reports. "[...] an improvised explosive device was detonated, but according to the official version, the explosion was caused by malfunctions at the Kalinin substation," the report said.</li> <li>➤ The supply of weapons by sea from North Korea to Russia has stopped for now. This is evidenced by satellite images from the American company Planet Labs.</li> </ul>

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 37 missile and 513 air strikes and fired over 829 MLRS attacks.

## Night attacks on Ukraine throughout the week

- **Attack on the night of February 25:** Air defense forces shot down 16 out of 18 drones within the territory of Poltava, Kyiv, Khmelnytskyi, Mykolaiv, Kirovohrad, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson oblasts. In the Khmelnytskyi oblast, the attack damaged an infrastructure object.
- **Attack on the night of February 26:** the Russians launched an Iskander-M ballistic missile, two S-300 missiles, three Kh-59 guided missiles, an anti-ship missile Kh-31P and 14 Shahed drones. Air defense forces shot down three Kh-59 missiles and nine "Shahed" drones.
- **Attack on the night of February 27:** Russians fired Iskander-M/KN-23 ballistic missiles, four Kh-59 guided missiles, 13 drones, and a Kh-31P anti-ship missile. Air defense forces shot down two Kh-59 missiles and 11 Shahed drones within Kharkiv, Sumy, Khmelnytskyi, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kirovohrad oblasts.

## Attack on the night of March 2

- On the night of March 2, the Russians attacked with three Kh-59/Kh-35 guided air missiles and 17 Shahed attack drones. Air defense shot down 14 "Shahed" drones within the territory of Odesa, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Sumy, and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts.
- No victims in Kharkiv; several garages and four cars were damaged, and several windows in high-rise buildings shattered. The drone attack killed a 76-year-old resident of Velyky Burluk who died under the rubble of a house. The police managed to evacuate an elderly woman from a house nearby.
- In Odesa, a drone **hit a high-rise building** - part of the structure has collapsed. **Ten people died**, including **two mothers with babies**; seven injured, including a three-year-old child. The attack damaged engineering lines and a boiler house. The closest houses were disconnected from the heating.

## Donetsk oblast

On February 25, the Russians destroyed the building of the railway station in Kostyantynivka, hitting it with S-300 missiles. One woman received minor injuries; civilian infrastructure and private and block buildings were damaged.

Volnovakha district. Novoukrainka, Skudne, Bohoiavlenska, and the communities of Vuhledar and Komar continue to be the targets of shelling. Private houses and an agricultural enterprise were damaged.

Pokrovsk district. Ocheretyne, Kurakhove, Mariinka communities, Soloviove, Kurakhove, Hostre, Zhelanne, Krasnohorivka, Kostyantynivka, Heorhiivka, Maksimilianivka, Hrodivka, Novoselievka Persha, Hirnyk, Kurakhivka, Pokrovsk, Ostrivske, Romaniivka, Haniivka, Veselyi Hai, Ocheretyne, Katerynivka, Selydove are being targeted. A cultural center, private houses, high-rise buildings, an infrastructure facility, administrative buildings, a shop, an agricultural enterprise, and a coffee shop were damaged.

Kramatorsk district. Kostyantynivka, Lyman, Illinivka, Kostyantynivka communities, Ozerne, Yampil, Kryva Luka, Nova Poltavka, Kleban-Byk, Torske, Mykolaivka, Zakitne, Zarichne are being attacked. High-rise buildings, private houses, administrative buildings, kindergartens, health center, shopping pavilions, a temple, and infrastructure damaged.

Bakhmut district. The Toretsk, Chasiv Yar, Siversk, Zvanivka, Soledar communities, Shcherbynivka, Toretsk, Siversk, Pereizne, Serebryanka, Rozdolivka, Vasiukivka, Verkhokamianske, Sviato-Pokrovske are being targeted. Residential, block buildings, farm buildings, an infrastructure object, one industrial and one administrative building were damaged. Numerous victims in locations in all directions.

## Zaporizhzhia oblast

The Russians committed over 2,200 strikes in the cities and villages of Zaporizka oblast during the week. On February 24, the invaders shelled Huliaipole (located at the frontline), having killed a woman right in her own yard. One man was wounded. On February 25, the Russians attacked the village of Shyroke. On February 29, one person was killed in an air strike on the village of Yuliivka. The Russians also shelled Orikhiv, Novodanylivka, Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka, Vilniansk, Huliaipole, Novoandriivka, Malynivka, Dolynka, Levadne, Stepove, Shcherbaky.

## Kherson and the oblast

On February 24, the Russians shelled Bilozerka, and five people were injured as a result. On February 28, the occupants attacked the residential areas of Kherson. One 32-year-old man was wounded in the shoulder by a shrapnel shell. On February 29, the Poniativka of the Dariivka community was attacked, and a 35-year-old man was killed. Beryslav was attacked by a drone, with explosives hitting the yard of a residential building. One woman and one man suffered contusions, blast injuries, and shrapnel wounds.

## Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On February 25, the shelling injured four people in Dnipro. Houses, several cars, and a truck were damaged. On February 28, a 61-year-old woman was killed by a shelling in Nikopol.

## Sumy oblast

On the night of February 26, two people from the Yunakivka community (a retired couple) were killed by Russian guided air bombs. One house was destroyed, and five more were damaged. On February 26, a 68-year-old man was killed by shelling in the village of Ryzhivka of the Bilopillia community. On February 27, the shelling in Sumy oblast killed two and wounded four policemen. While the investigative unit was documenting the consequences of the attacks on the farm building, the Russian army attacked again.

## Kharkiv and the oblast

On the night of February 26, the Russians attacked the village of PISOCHYN with two S-300 missiles, damaging hangars, tractors, cars and trucks, and commercial buildings, also hitting an (out of service) recreation center in the Chuhuiv district and a village of Velyky Burluk. On February 28, one 59- and one 39-year-old men were killed by guided aerial bombs shelled at Kupiansk, and five more were injured. The impacts, recorded in the city center, have damaged residential buildings and civil infrastructure. On the same day, a 6-year-old girl and a 48-year-old man were killed by an aerial bomb attack at Velyky Burluk. The places of impact were recorded on the territory of the railway station. On March 2, a 55-year-old volunteer was wounded by shrapnel during the shelling of Kupiansk.

# This week shelling and strikes

Odesa oblast



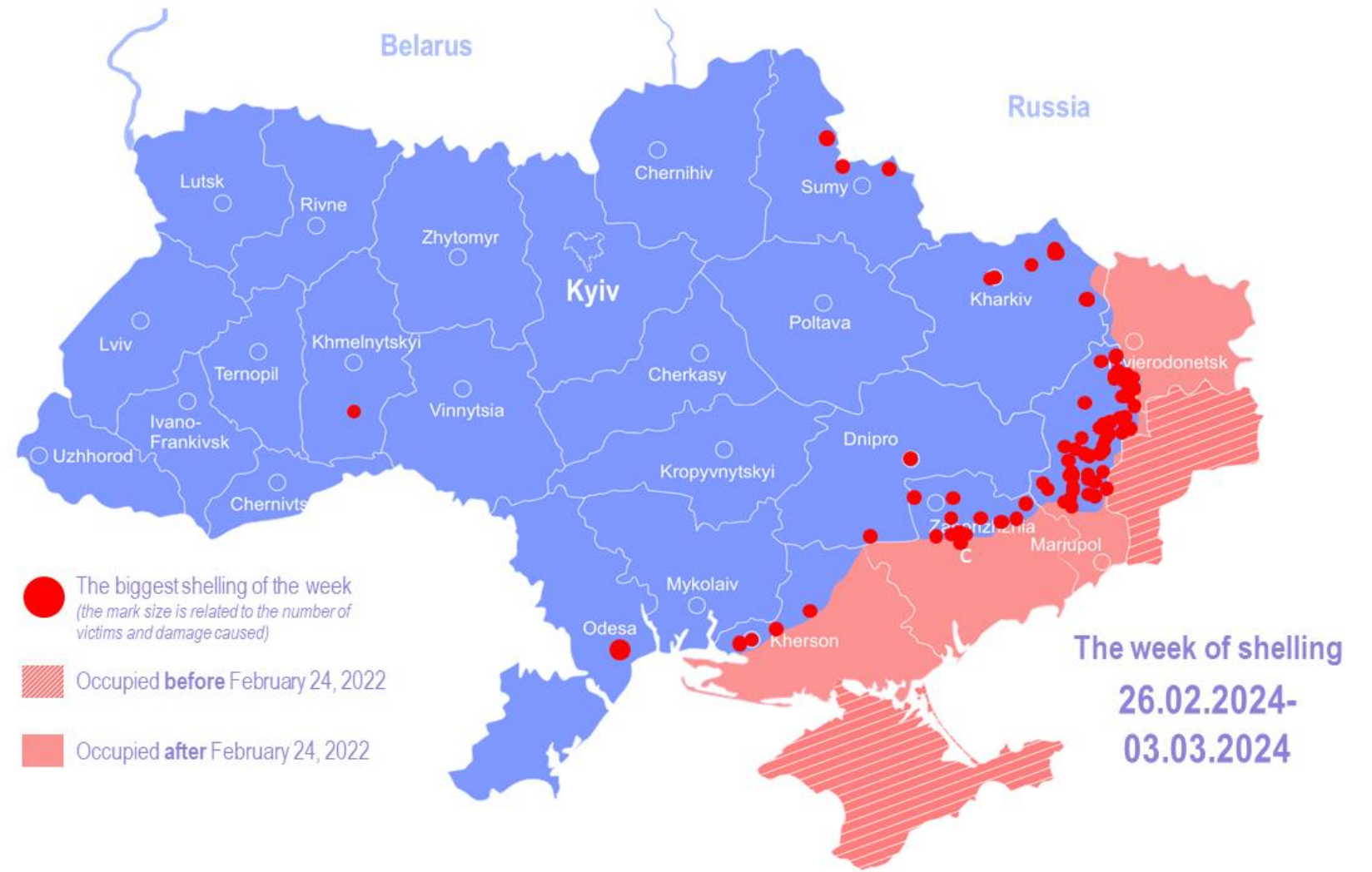
Donetsk oblast



Sumy oblast



Kharkiv oblast



# Humanitarian crisis

26.02

- According to Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, **Ukraine's economy has fallen by 30%** after the beginning of Russia's invasion. "Experts predicted the collapse of the Ukrainian economy but underestimated it." As of 2024, more than 90% of businesses have resumed work here.
- The press service of the Ministry of Reintegration reports that Ukrainians in the temporarily occupied territories (TOT) will be able to apply for a **temporary certificate of Ukrainian citizenship** at the request of family members or legal representatives, living in the government-controlled territory. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has adopted a relevant resolution.

27.02

- Since November 2023, **more Ukrainian soldiers** captured by the Russian occupiers have been **executed**. Since that time, **45 murders** have been **reported**. Most of these cases are recorded in Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts. According to Yuriy Belousov, Head of the Department of the Prosecutor General's Office for Combating Crimes Committed in the Context of Armed Conflict, these actions may be an order from the senior leadership of the Russian army.
- Russia has allocated **59 billion rubles** to organizations that control the activities of teachers and **hold propaganda festivals** in the TOT of Ukraine. According to the opposition Russian media outlet "Medusa," this amount is equal to **two annual budgets of Ingushetia**, one of the poorest regions of the Russian Federation.
- The evacuation of civilians from the Selydove community in Donetsk oblast to safer oblasts of Ukraine is continuing. This was informed by the press service of the Selydove City Military Administration. According to the report, on Feb 27, **families with children were evacuated** to Zakarpattia oblast for further resettlement. Among them, there are **29 people**, including 15 children.
- Valerii Brusenskyi, Head of the Nova Kakhovka City Military Administration, states that more than a **dozen local residents** are still **in Russian captivity**. According to Brusenskyi, due to the fact that the city is located on the front line, the Federal Security Service and Rosgvardia have been actively working there since the first days of the occupation.
- Ukraine created an **information system** on the treatment of **prisoners of war**, including information on Ukrainian defenders captured by Russia, **civilian prisoners**, and **missing persons**. The Cabinet of Ministers has adopted a relevant resolution.

28.02

- Currently, at least **208 Ukrainian citizens** in the temporarily occupied **Crimea are imprisoned** due to politically motivated and/or religious criminal prosecution by Russia. This was reported by Elvin Kadyrov, representative of the Ombudsman for the rights of residents of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol. He specified that **125 of them** are representatives of the indigenous **Crimean Tatar people**. In addition, **two** Crimean political prisoners have already **died in prison** due to a lack of medical care. At least 36 political prisoners need immediate medical care.

29.02

- Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Dmytro Lubinets announces the start of **collecting evidence of Russian war crimes** against the **environment** in Ukraine. Facts about the Russian ecocide, including photos and videos, can be posted on a special platform. The testimonies will be forwarded to the International Criminal Court, the Prosecutor General's Office, and investigators.
- According to Oleksandr Prokudin, Head of the Kherson RMA, two girls and three boys were taken out of the temporarily occupied territories. The children, aged from 4 to 16 years old, are in a safe place now.
- The "White Angel" police group **evacuated 26 people** and a dog **from the Avdiivka area**. They also delivered more than a ton of **humanitarian aid** to local residents. This was reported by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- Ukraine has initiated the deployment of an **international mission within the OSCE** to help Ukrainian **civilian hostages held by Russia**. This was reported by the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War. The mission under the auspices of the OSCE will help investigate crimes and **establish the facts** and the true extent of the deprivation of liberty of Ukrainian civilians.
- According to the National Resistance Center, in the temporarily occupied territories of Donetsk oblast, Russians have **increased the number of Rosgvardia checkpoints** to search for those who fled the front line. The Center also states that in the TOT, Russians are **jamming the Internet and telephone communications** in the settlements so that Ukrainians cannot transmit information to the Ukrainian Defense Forces.

01.03

- The Main Directorate of the State Emergency Service in **Donetsk Oblast** reports that rescue workers helped **evacuate 76 people**, including 14 children and eight people with disabilities, in Pokrovsk and Bakhmut districts.
- As of today, according to Health Minister Viktor Liashko, more than **2,800 bodies** and body fragments of Ukrainian soldiers **have been identified**. The process of searching for their relatives to return them for burial is continuing.
- After the massive missile strikes during the 2022/2023 heating season, the **generation capacity** of the Kyiv power hub (city and oblast) **decreased by six times** (from 1200 MW to 200 MW). Now, this figure reaches 950 MW, which is **close to the pre-war level**. This was stated by Deputy Head of the Kyiv City State Administration Petro Panteleiev during a plenary session of the Kyiv City Council.
- In Kharkiv oblast, it is planned to carry out a **forced evacuation of families with children** from 18 villages in the Velykyi Burluk and Vilkhuvatka communities. This was reported by Oleh Syniehubov, Head of the Kharkiv RMA. Currently, 161 children are still staying there.

