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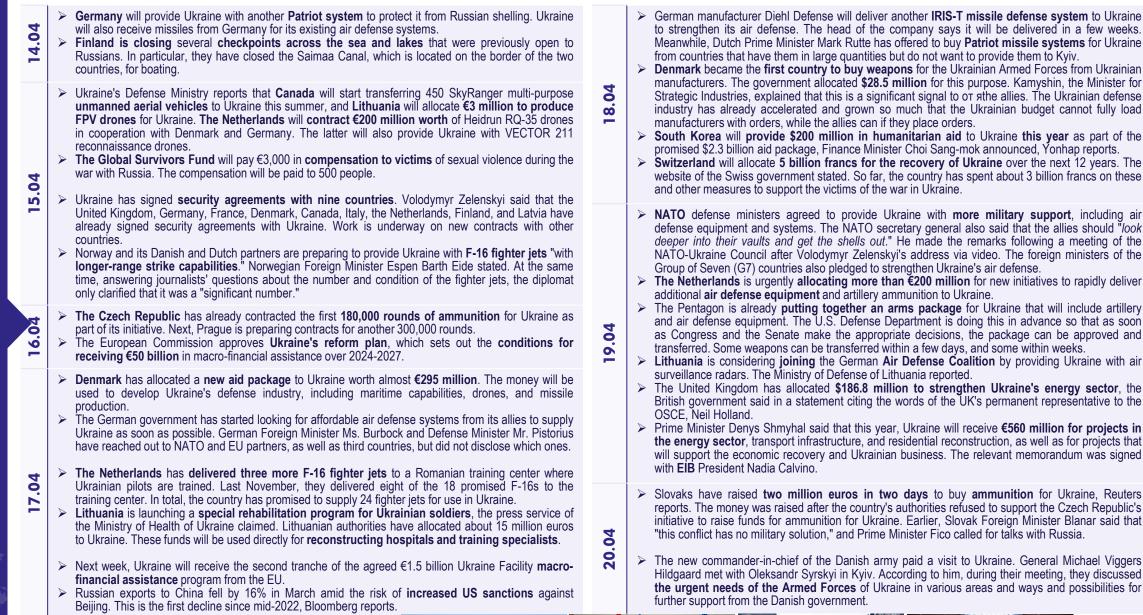
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- to strengthen its air defense. The head of the company says it will be delivered in a few weeks. Meanwhile, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte has offered to buy Patriot missile systems for Ukraine from countries that have them in large quantities but do not want to provide them to Kyiv. Denmark became the first country to buy weapons for the Ukrainian Armed Forces from Ukrainian manufacturers. The government allocated \$28.5 million for this purpose. Kamyshin, the Minister for Strategic Industries, explained that this is a significant signal to or sthe allies. The Ukrainian defense industry has already accelerated and grown so much that the Ukrainian budget cannot fully load
- manufacturers with orders, while the allies can if they place orders.
- > South Korea will provide \$200 million in humanitarian aid to Ukraine this year as part of the promised \$2.3 billion aid package, Finance Minister Choi Sang-mok announced, Yonhap reports.
- Switzerland will allocate 5 billion francs for the recovery of Ukraine over the next 12 years. The website of the Swiss government stated. So far, the country has spent about 3 billion francs on these and other measures to support the victims of the war in Ukraine.
- > NATO defense ministers agreed to provide Ukraine with more military support, including air defense equipment and systems. The NATO secretary general also said that the allies should "look deeper into their vaults and get the shells out." He made the remarks following a meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council after Volodymyr Zelenskyi's address via video. The foreign ministers of the Group of Seven (G7) countries also pledged to strengthen Ukraine's air defense.
- > The Netherlands is urgently allocating more than €200 million for new initiatives to rapidly deliver additional air defense equipment and artillery ammunition to Ukraine.
- The Pentagon is already **putting together an arms package** for Ukraine that will include artillery and air defense equipment. The U.S. Defense Department is doing this in advance so that as soon as Congress and the Senate make the appropriate decisions, the package can be approved and transferred. Some weapons can be transferred within a few days, and some within weeks.
- > Lithuania is considering joining the German Air Defense Coalition by providing Ukraine with air surveillance radars. The Ministry of Defense of Lithuania reported.
- > The United Kingdom has allocated \$186.8 million to strengthen Ukraine's energy sector, the British government said in a statement citing the words of the UK's permanent representative to the
- > Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said that this year, Ukraine will receive €560 million for projects in the energy sector, transport infrastructure, and residential reconstruction, as well as for projects that will support the economic recovery and Ukrainian business. The relevant memorandum was signed
- > Slovaks have raised two million euros in two days to buy ammunition for Ukraine, Reuters reports. The money was raised after the country's authorities refused to support the Czech Republic's initiative to raise funds for ammunition for Ukraine. Earlier, Slovak Foreign Minister Blanar said that "this conflict has no military solution," and Prime Minister Fico called for talks with Russia.
- > The new commander-in-chief of the Danish army paid a visit to Ukraine. General Michael Viggers Hildgaard met with Oleksandr Syrskyi in Kyiv. According to him, during their meeting, they discussed the urgent needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in various areas and ways and possibilities for further support from the Danish government.



- > The combat situation remains unchanged in the Volyn and Polissia directions.
- > On the Siverskyi (Chernihiv, Sumy) and Slobozhanskyi (Kharkiv) directions, Russian troops maintain a military presence in the border areas, conduct sabotage activities to prevent the deployment of Ukrainian troops to threatened areas and increase the density of minefields along the state border.
- > Russian occupants did not conduct any offensive actions in the Kupiansk direction.
- In the Lyman direction, Russian occupants attacked the positions of Ukrainian troops near the settlements of Tverdokhlibove, Kreminna in Luhansk Oblast, and Yampolivka, Terny, Torske in Donetsk Oblast.
- > In the Bakhmut direction, Ukrainian troops repelled attacks in the areas of Bilohorivka in Luhansk oblast; Verkhniokamianske, Spirne, Chasiv Yar, Ivanivske, Klishchiivka in Donetsk oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, Ukrainian troops repelled a number of attacks near Novokalynove, Ocheretyne, Berdychi, Umanske, Novobakhmutivka, Pervomaiske, and Nevelske in Donetsk oblast.
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- In the Novopavlivka direction, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy near Novomykhailivka, Pobeda, and Urozhaine in Donetsk oblast, where Russians, supported by air power, tried to break through the Ukrainian troops' defense.
- > In the Orikhiv direction, the occupants attacked Ukrainian positions near Staromaiorske in Donetsk oblast and northwest of Verbove in Zaporizhzhia oblast.
- > In the Kherson direction, the Russian invaders are trying to drive Ukrainian units out of their footholds on the left bank of the Dnipro River.

		 Over the past day, there were 54 combat engagements on the frontline. The Russian military leadership has set a task for its troops to capture Chasiv Yar by May 9, as announced by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Oleksandr Syrskyi. "To adequately respond to the enemy's actions and strengthen the defense of our troops in this area, measures were taken to 	Losses of the Rus 14.04.2024 to	
		 significantly strengthen the brigades with ammunition, drones, and electronic warfare equipment," he said in his statement. Assistance to Ukraine remains limited, and the Russian Federation still has access to critical components needed to produce missiles and drones, stated Volodymyr Zelenskyi. "All of this must be stopped and can be stopped: the connivance of terror, the ability of terrorists to seek allies around the world, and Russian terror itself – all its manifestations!" said the President of Ukraine. 	Liquidated personnel	5 880
	• •	The Russians are trying to break through near Bakhmut, but the Ukrainian Armed Forces are thwarting these plans, according to Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov. "The enemy is trying to push deeper into the positions of the Defense Forces, concentrating to break through west of Bakhmut. Despite the	Tanks	55
	15.04	 enemy's numerical superiority, we are effectively disrupting these plans thanks to the courage, training, and professionalism of our defenders, who successfully use modern technological systems to counter the enemy, who is trying to gain an advantage in manpower," the minister said. London cannot help Ukraine in shooting down Russian missiles and drones, as it did during Iran's attack on Israel, as British Foreign Secretary David Cameron stated. "If you want to avoid an expansion of the war in Europe, the only thing you need to avoid is a direct clash between NATO troops and Russian troops. That 	IFVs	131
		 would be a danger of escalation," Cameron said. The United States also will not aid in shooting down air targets in Ukraine, stated Pentagon spokesman John Kirby. "Different conflicts, different airspace, 	Artillery systems / MLRS	167/0
		 different threat picture," he explained. In Belarus, militants of the private military company Wagner are training saboteurs for the war in Ukraine, reports the Center for National Resistance. According to the Center, Wagner's employees conduct classes in engineering and firearms training, as well as tactical medicine. "The main weapons for such units are hand-held anti-tank grenade launchers, automatic grenade launchers, and Kalashnikov machine guns," the report says. 	Anti-aircraft warfare systems	9
-		 > 12 drones attacked the airport in Belgorod, Russia, according to Russian media reports. > Over the past day, 104 combat engagements took place on the frontline. 	Aircraft / helicopters	1/0
	16.04	 On the night of April 16, 2024, Russian terrorists again launched an aerial attack on the territory of Ukraine, employing 9 Shahed-type attack drones from the temporarily occupied Ukrainian Crimea. All nine Shaheds were destroyed by mobile fire groups of the Ukrainian Air Force and Defense Forces within Kherson, Mykolaiv, Khmelnytskyi, Poltava, Cherkasy, and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts. A fire broke out at the Avangard military plant in Moscow, as reported by Russian media. The plant is known for manufacturing missiles used in air defense 	UAVs	144
		systems, particularly for the S-300 and S-400 systems, according to the open sources.	Ships/boats	0
	4	 There were 68 combat engagements on the frontline over the past day. At the military airfield in Dzhankoi, Ukrainian forces struck missile and air defense launchers, radar systems, and Russian aircraft on April 17. The Defense Intelligence of Ukraine published a list of destroyed equipment in the temporarily occupied Dzhankoi: Four launchers of S-400 surface-to-air missile systems, three radar stations, an air defense control center, and airspace surveillance equipment 	Vehicles & fuel tanks	326
	17.0	 'Fundament-M.' The number of damaged or destroyed aviation objects and casualties among Russian personnel is being assessed. Later, the Schemes outlet published satellite images of the consequences of the missile strikes by the Armed Forces of Ukraine on the military airfield in occupied Dzhankoi. They reveal damage near the 	Special equipment	21
		 ammunition allowance warehouse and air defense systems. In Russia, a Mi-8 transport helicopter was destroyed at the Kriazh airfield in Samara, as reported by the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine. The Russians used the helicopter in the war against Ukraine to transport weapons and personnel. The cost of a helicopter of such type ranges from 10 to 15 million dollars. 		

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	18.04	 There were 87 combat engagements in the frontline over the last day. Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed all 13 attack unmanned aerial vehicles. All 13 Shaheds were shot down in Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk, Vinnytsia, Poltava, Khmelnytskyi, Ternopil, and Ivano-Frankivsk oblasts. 		Losses of the Russian army from 14.04.2024 to 20.04.2024	
		 Volodymyr Zelenskyi received a briefing on the daily security situation in Ukraine. Main points: This month marks the production of 10 Bohdana air defense systems in Ukraine for the first time, with plans for further production in May and beyond; 	Liquidated personnel	5 880	
		 Following Ukrainian defense forces' actions in the Black Sea, Russia is relocating ships, including Kalibr carriers, to the Caspian Sea; Ukraine has developed its own technologies to counter Russian propaganda television signals in the border regions. 	Tanks	55	
		Only 3% of Russian missiles, UAVs, and guided air bombs hit military targets, while the remaining 97% struck civilian infrastructure, as reported by Victoriia Kuvshynnykova, Deputy Head of the Ukrainian Mission to the OSCE. She highlighted that Russian propagandists do not hide their intentions, openly stating that their goal is to make Ukrainian cities uninhabitable.	IFVs	131	
	19.04	 There were 86 combat engagements in the frontline over the past day. For the first time, anti-aircraft missile units of the Air Force, in collaboration with the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, destroyed a Tu-22M3 long-range strategic bomber armed with X-22 cruise missiles. Additionally, air defense forces intercepted and destroyed 15 missiles and 14 attack drones. In total, the Russians used 36 air attack weapons – 22 missiles of various types and 14 attack drones. The Defense Intelligence of Ukraine press service reported that a Russian Tu-22MZ aircraft was shot down approximately 300 kilometers from Ukraine using the same means that had previously hit a Russian A-50 long-range radar and control aircraft. As a result, the bomber was able to reach the Stavropol area before crashing. Reuters, citing intelligence sources, reported that Ukraine downed a Russian Tu-22M3 bomber using a modified S-200 air defense system. The standard Soviet S-200 air defense system is capable of targeting objects at altitudes of up to 40 km and distances of up to 300 km. 	Artillery systems / MLRS	167/0	
			Anti-aircraft warfare systems	9	
			Aircraft / helicopters	1/0	
		NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg affirmed Ukraine's right to target military objectives in Russia, characterizing Russia's actions as aggressive warfare. Stoltenberg emphasized that as Russia is attacking Ukraine, the latter has the sovereign right to intercept Russian aircraft targeting its territory.	UAVs	144	
	20.04	 Over the past day, 102 combat engagements took place. During the pight of April 20, 2024. Bussian terrorists launched three Iskander-M ballistic missiles, two S-300/S-400 apti-aircraft guided missiles. 	Ships/boats	0	
			Vehicles & fuel tanks	326	
			Special equipment	21	

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 85 missile and 445 air strikes and fired over 599 MLRS attacks.

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Attack on the night of April 16

Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed all 9 drones launched by the Russians into Ukraine. The drones were shot down in Kherson, Mykolaiv, Khmelnytskyi, Poltava, Cherkasy, and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts.

Attack on the night of April 19

The Ukrainian Air Force shot down 15 missiles and 14 drones. In total, the Russian army used 22 missiles and 14 drones.

- The Russian army attacked the center of Dnipro and the oblast with 11 missiles. A total of 8 people, including two children, were killed and 34 wounded in the Dnipropetrovsk oblast on April 19 as a result of the Russian army's attacks.
- > In Dnipro, 3 people died and 24 were injured. A residential building and 2 infrastructure facilities were damaged.
- In Synelnykove, 5 residents died, including two children. 7 people were injured. More than 60 private houses were damaged, a solar power plant was destroyed, and an enterprise was damaged.
- > An enterprise in Pavlohrad was damaged. In Kryvyi Rih district, 3 people were injured.

Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On April 14, 13 people were injured and 33 houses were damaged in an attack and the fall of rocket fragments in Dnipro and the Lyubymivka community. On the same day, Russians attacked Nikopol with a drone, and three men were hospitalized with shrapnel wounds. The attack also set two cars on fire. On April 17, a woman was injured in an artillery attack on Nikopol.

Russian troops are regularly shelling Nikopol district with drones and artillery, in particular, Nikopol, Chervonohryhorivka, Myrove, Pokrovsk, and Marhanets communities are affected. Private houses, outbuildings, power lines, vehicles, greenhouses, and a gymnasium were damaged.

Chernihiv and the oblast

On April 17, Russians launched a missile attack on the city of Chernihiv. Three Iskander cruise missiles hit the city center. 18 people were killed, and over 78 were injured, including four children. The missile attack damaged 28 buildings and 419 apartments in the city.

Also during the week, Russians fired mortars, cannon artillery, and drones at Semenivka, Snovsk, Novhorod-Siversk, and Horodnia communities of the oblast.

Odesa and the oblast

On April 17, Russians attacked the oblast's infrastructure. On April 18, the Russian army repeated the attack with missiles and attack drones on critical infrastructure of the oblast. On April 19, Russian troops attacked Odesa oblast with missiles and damaged port infrastructure. One casualty was reported.

Mykolaiv oblast

On April 14, Russians shelled the territory of the Kutsurub community with artillery. As a result, in the village of Dmytrivka, a shock wave and shrapnel damaged three private houses. There were no casualties. On the night of April 17, Russian troops shelled the Ochakiv community in Mykolaiv oblast. A residential building was damaged. On April 19-20, Russians shelled the territory of the Kutsurub community with artillery. A woman was killed in the village of Solonchaky as a result of the attack. A 14-year-old boy and an elderly man were injured.

On April 14, the occupiers attacked Kharkiv with at least two UAVs, targeting critical infrastructure. On the same day, in the village of Mala Vovcha (Chuhuiv district), a 57-year-old woman died as a result of a drone dropping munitions. On April 15, Russian troops hit an educational institution in the village of Lukiantsi, Lipetsk community, with a guided aerial bomb, killing two people and injuring 4 civilians. On April 16, the occupiers shelled the post office in Zolochiv, Bohodukhiv district, with a guided aerial bomb, two people were wounded. On April 18, 8 private houses and 2 outbuildings were damaged in Vovchansk as a result of shelling. A 52-year-old man sustained shrapnel wounds. On the same day a 45-year-old civilian man was injured in the village of Sorokivka as a result of an S-300 shelling. On April 20, Russian troops shelled the civilian population of Vovchansk, leaving a man dead and a woman wounded.

Kharkiv and the oblast

During the week, the following settlements also suffered artillery, mortar, and air strikes by Russian forces: Lyman, Ivashky, Shestakove, Slatyne, Kupiansk, Podoly, Petropavlivka, Kyslivka, Kruhliakivka, Udy, Kozacha Lopan, Strilecha, Volokhivka, Synkivka, Pishchane, Vesele, Hlushkivka, Kolisnykivka, Berestove, Borova, Kindrashivka, Veterynarne, Hatyshche.

Kherson and the oblast

On April 16, the Russian army dropped a guided aerial bomb on Beryslav. The strike hit a residential area. A residential building and other civilian infrastructure were damaged. 15 local residents were injured. On the night of April 18, Russian troops shelled the Dniprovskyi district of Kherson with massive fire. The occupiers hit private houses and high-rise buildings. As a result of the shelling, 3 people were injured. During the week, Russians fired at Kizomys, Veletenske, Bilozerka, Poniativka, Sadove, Mykilske, Beryslav,

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Sumy and the oblast

During April 13-19, Russians fired 131 times at the border areas and settlements of Sumy oblast.

On April 14, on the territory of the Krasnopillia community, Russians dropped explosives on a truck from a UAV, killing the driver. On the night of April 17, Russians shelled Bilopillia with multiple rocket launchers, damaging apartment buildings and private homes and injuring a man. On April 19, the Russian army struck the center of Bilopillia four times with artillery. Three people were seriously injured. On the same day, Russians launched a missile attack on the civilian infrastructure of Sumy. There were no casualties. The Russians are shelling the territory of the oblast with small arms, mortars, grenade launchers, artillery, FPV

The Russians are shelling the territory of the oblast with small arms, mortars, grenade launchers, artillery, FPV drones, and MLRS. The settlements of Mykolaivka, Myropillia, Krasnopillia, Shalyhyne, Svesa, Khotin, Yunakivka, Vorozhba, Bilopillia, Krolevets, Velyka Pysarivka, Shostka, Esman, Seredyna-Buda, Znob-Novhorod, Yampil communities were shelled.

Zaporizhzhia and the oblast

On April 14, a woman died as a result of Russian shelling of Vasylivka district. A man was also wounded during the shelling of Huliaipole.

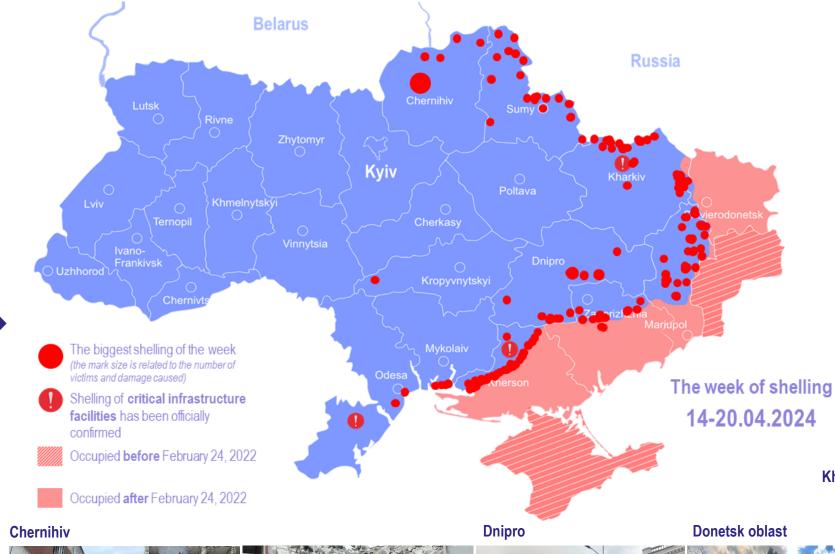
During the week (April 13-19), the occupants fired 2213 times in Zaporizhzhia oblast. Mala Tokmachka, Huliaipole, Levadne, Robotyne, Malynivka, Novoandriivka, Prymorske, Orikhiv, Novopavlivka, Verbove, Mali Shcherbaky, and other towns came under fire from attack drones, artillery, MLRS, and aircraft.

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Donetsk oblast

On April 14, Russians dropped a bomb on a fivestory building in the village of Ocheretyne in the Donetsk oblast. A 67-year-old woman was killed, and two other people were injured. On the same day, Siversk was shelled with rocket artillery, killing four people. On April 17, the Russians attacked the town of Lyman with three guided bombs and an FPV drone. There were no casualties, but there was significant damage.

During the week, the following settlements in the oblast were also under fire:

- in Pokrovsk district: Selydove, Ocheretyne, Krasnohorivka, Katerynivka, Yelizavetivka, Pokrovsk, Novobakhmutivka, Soloviove, Hostre, Novoselydivka, Ukrainsk, Ocheretyne and Kurakhivka communities. Multi-storey buildings, administrative buildings, and outbuildings were damaged. 9 people were killed and 6 injured.
 in Kramatorsk district: Yampolivka, Torske,
- in Kramatorsk district: Yampolivka, Torske, Terny, Lyman, Zarichne of the Lyman community, the city of Sloviansk, the villages of Stupochky, Predtechyne and Maiske, Kostiantynivka, Markove, Bilokuzmynivka of the Kostiantynivka community.
- in Bakhmut district: Toretsk, Siversk, Verkhniokamianske; Chasiv Yar and Zvanivka communities. Residential buildings, infrastructure facilities, and non-residential buildings were damaged. 1 person died, 1 was injured

Kharkiv oblast

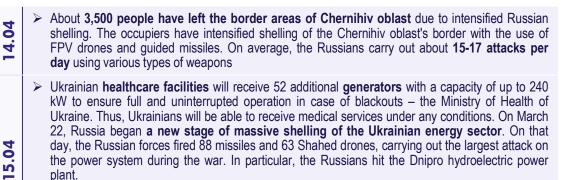
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- According to intelligence, the Russian occupiers are preparing to conduct another provocation at the temporarily seized Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) – the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- In 2023, more than 4,000 Ukrainians were diagnosed with an acute stress reaction, and since the beginning of 2024, almost 3,000 people have had the same diagnosis. These results are announced by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.
- Over the past day, rescue workers helped 69 civilians evacuate in Donetsk oblast: 14 were taken out of the active combat zone, and 55 people were helped to get to evacuation vehicles. This was reported on Facebook by the Main Directorate of the State Emergency Service in Donetsk Oblast. The rescuers clarified that people were evacuated from the settlements under fire: Ocheretyne and Orlivka villages in Pokrovsk district, as well as the town of Toretsk in Bakhmut district.
- Residents of the de-occupied territories consider destroyed housing, Russian missile and bomb attacks, lack of medicines, and lack of employment opportunities to be the biggest problems. The results are confirmed by the sociological survey of public opinion in the de-occupied territories of Ukraine, conducted by the "Stratego" analytical group at the initiative of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine
- Oleksandr Prokudin, head of the Kherson RMA, announced the return of two families with children from the temporarily occupied territory (TOT) of the Kherson oblast to the territory controlled by Ukraine. One of the families is raising two brothers, aged 12 and 16, deprived of parental care.
- Roman Vlasenko, the head of the Sievierodonetsk district military administration, said that in the temporarily occupied territory in Luhansk oblast, Russians began a new stage of "nationalization" of housing, being taken away from villagers.

- In cooperation with German colleagues, Ukrainian law enforcement officers managed to identify 161 Ukrainian children abducted by Russia in Germany. This was stated by Ivan Vyhivskyi, head of the National Police of Ukraine, during a meeting in Berlin with Holger Münch, President of the German Federal Criminal Police Office.
- More than 1839 children have suffered in Ukraine as a result of Russia's full-scale armed aggression. As of April 18, 2024, according to official information from juvenile prosecutors, 543 children were killed, and more than 1,296 were injured of varying severity.
- Roman Mrochko, head of the Kherson city's military administration, informs that 86 cultural heritage sites on the right bank of the Kherson oblast have the status of war-damaged. He also emphasized that the Russians had taken about 10,000 works from the Kherson Regional Art Museum named after Oleksiy Shovkunenko to Crimea.
- According to Karina Doroshenko, Deputy Executive Director of the Ukrainian Veterans Fund, about 30% of veterans remain unemployed in Ukraine. She noted that one reason given by veterans is that they feel uncomfortable returning to civilian life or their previous jobs.
- Landfills protested by residents of Russian cities are being relocated by the invaders to the temporarily occupied Luhansk oblast. Under the guise of a recycling plant, the Russian occupiers are organizing a new landfill, "Luhansk." It is noted that the enemy is already practicing the removal of garbage from the Rostov region to the TOT of Donetsk oblast, abandoning plans to build a new landfill near Rostov due to protests from local residents.
- More than 700 hectares of land have been cleared of mines with the assistance of 38 vehicles received by the State Emergency Service from international partners. This is stated by Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Kateryna Pavlichenko during her visit to Germany.
- According to IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi, the IAEA experts present at Zaporizhzhia NPP once again recorded **outgoing artillery shots** from the area of the Russian-occupied plant.
- The Russian invaders have created a body controlling propaganda in schools in the temporarily occupied territories (TOT), the National Resistance Center reports. The Center notes that schools in the occupied regions exist only for the purpose of mass brainwashing of children to change their self-identification.



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