



# Transatlantic Dialogue Center

## Weekly briefing

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# International support

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- The United Kingdom has warned Putin not to use the terrorist attack in the Moscow region as an **“excuse” to intensify the war** against Ukraine. The Telegraph journalists reminded that the Russian president, in his speech, accused Ukraine of trying to help the four suspects escape after they opened fire on people in a concert hall. London emphasizes that there is **no evidence** of any connection between the attack and Ukraine. US Vice President Kamala Harris also rejected Putin’s claims about Ukraine’s involvement in the case. The US government and Western allies insist that ISIS is responsible for the attack in Moscow.

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- **Iceland** has **joined the Czech initiative** to purchase ammunition for Ukraine, allocating almost €2 million for this support. Additionally, the country is investing in the purchase of equipment for the Ukrainian Armed Forces.
- The United States has imposed **restrictions on crypto operators** used by Russia to circumvent sanctions, as stated in a report by the US Treasury.

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- Ukraine has received the **fourth tranche** of \$880 million **from the IMF**, as announced by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal. The funds came under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) program and will help cover **priority budget expenditures** and **maintain macro-financial stability**.
- According to Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky, Ukraine may receive **1.5 million shells as part of the Czech initiative**, an increase from the initially planned 800,000.
- French Defense Minister Sébastien Lecornu has assured that **France** will soon be able to supply Ukraine with **78 Caesar** self-propelled artillery **systems** and significantly increase the supply of shells.
- **Volunteers** from the Czech Republic have delivered **1,000 RPG-75M anti-tank grenade launchers** to the Ukrainian military, as reported by the Czech initiative Gift for Putin, which supports Ukrainians in their fight against Russian aggression. In December, Czech volunteers completed a nearly two-month fundraising campaign to donate the weapons.

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- The defense concern Rheinmetall has received over **€130 million from the EU** to increase shell production, emphasizing the essential role of ammunition in Ukraine’s fight against Russia. By 2027, Rheinmetall aims to produce up to 1.1 million shells annually.
- **The World Bank** will provide Ukraine with an **additional \$1.5 billion for reconstruction**, and social and humanitarian spending. The funds are expected to arrive by the end of March.
- **Slovenia** will support the **Czech Republic’s initiative** to purchase artillery ammunition for Ukraine outside the European Union.
- Russian oil companies have faced **payment delays** for oil and fuel of up to several months **due to tightened controls** by banks in China, the UAE, and Turkey, as claimed by Reuters. Banks now require written guarantees that transactions do not involve sanctioned individuals or legal entities. This disrupts the flow of money to the Russian Federation and, at the same time, does not interrupt global energy flows.
- EU ambassadors have agreed to extend the **“customs visa-free regime” for Ukraine**, with a compromise reached within the EU. The European Parliament now needs to vote for it. On June 5, 2024, trade liberalization for Ukraine during the war expires, so discussions on this issue have begun in the EU.

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- **The Coalition of Armored Vehicles** for Ukraine was **launched in Poland**, as announced by the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. The Coalition has created four syndicates responsible for weapons and ammunition supply, maintenance and repair, training of crews and technicians, and the development of effective battlefield tactics for armored vehicle usage.
- **Poland** will **double its contribution to the Czech Republic’s initiative** to purchase ammunition for the Ukrainian Armed Forces outside the EU, according to Foreign Minister Radosław Sikorski. Additionally, Germany will transfer 10,000 artillery shells to Ukraine in the coming days, as stated by General Christian Freuding to DW.

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- **The Czech government** has allocated funds for the purchase of **artillery shells** as part of its initiative for Ukraine, as reported on the official website of the Czech government.
- **Germany** has updated the list of **military aid** for Ukraine. It includes additional ammunition, infantry fighting vehicles, engineering equipment, and drones, as posted on the website of the German Ministry of Defense.
- As of the beginning of March 2024, almost **10,000 Ukrainian soldiers** have been **trained in France** since the beginning of the full-scale war, as reported by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. These exercises take place in France and Poland under the European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (**EUMAM**).

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- Ukraine has received a **\$1.5 billion tranche** from the **United Kingdom and Japan** through the World Bank mechanism to support the main priorities of the country’s budget and maintain financial stability.
- In March of this year, Ukraine’s budget received approximately **\$9 billion in external financing**, according to the press service of the Ministry of Finance. Among the donors are **the EU** with \$4.9 billion, **Canada** with \$1.5 billion, **Japan** with \$1.1 billion, **the IMF** with \$880 million, and **the UK** with \$515 million.
- Ukraine will receive **€100 million from Belgium** for the maintenance of **F-16 fighter jets**, as announced by Defense Minister Ludivine Dedonder.
- **The Czech initiative** to purchase artillery shells for Ukraine outside of NATO **has been completed** and is now awaiting delivery, as reported by The Corriere della Sera. The full amount has now been raised for the purchase of **over a million artillery shells**, expected to be received by Ukraine in April.
- **France** continues to **transfer decommissioned weapons** and equipment from the French Armed Forces to Ukraine, with French Defense Minister Sébastien Lecornu stating that this transfer does not compromise national security as the items are decommissioned.
- The White House has reiterated its call for the US House of Representatives to approve **aid to Ukraine**, facilitating the supply of new air defense equipment to Kyiv. The statement said that on Friday night, Russia launched one of the largest air **attacks on Ukraine’s energy system** since the beginning of the war, depriving many people across the country of heat, water, and electricity on cold days in early spring.



# Military positions

- 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 (Donetsk Oblast) and Bilohorivka (Luhansk Oblast).
- In the Bakhmut direction, Ukrainian soldiers repelled a series of enemy attacks near Klishchivka and Andriivka in the Donetsk Oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, the Defense forces repelled several dozen enemy attacks near the settlements of Berdychi, Umanske, Tonenke, Semenivka, Pervomaiske, and Nevelske where Russian forces, supported by aviation, tried to drive Ukrainian units out of their positions.
- In the Novopavlivske direction, Defense forces continue to restrain the enemy in the areas of Krasnohorivka, Heorhiivka, Pobieda, Novomykhailivka and Vodiane (Donetsk Oblast)
- In the Orikhiv direction, Russians carried out unsuccessful attacks on the positions of Ukrainian defenders in the areas of Staromaiorske, Donetsk region, and northwest of Verbove, Zaporizhzhia region.
- In the Kherson direction, Russian forces do not abandon their intention to drive Ukrainian units from footholds on the left bank of the Dnipro River.

<b>24.03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Air defense forces destroyed 43 air targets overnight: 18 missiles and 25 attack UAVs. Russians attacked Ukraine with 29 X-101/X-555 cruise missiles and 28 Shahed attack UAVs.</li> <li>➤ The Kuibyshev Oil Refinery in the Samara Oblast (Russia) has suspended its operations after a drone strike, Russian media reports. "As a result of the attack on the refinery in Samara, the AVT-4 unit was damaged, and the plant's production cycle has been suspended," the report said.</li> <li>➤ More than 10 explosions were heard in the Rostov Oblast of the Russian Federation, Russian media reported. Local news outlets report that a UAV attack on the Novocherkassk State-owned district power plant was allegedly repelled. Two power units of the Novocherkassk DRES in the Rostov region have been taken out of operation, according to local authorities.</li> </ul>
<b>25.03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Today, Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed 8 out of 9 attack UAVs used by Russians to attack from Cape Chauda (Crimea).</li> <li>➤ A large Russian amphibious assault ship, Yamal, has been damaged, the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine reports. It was damaged during an attack on the 13th Shipyard of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. According to Ukraine's military intelligence, the damage is critical: a hole in the upper deck caused the ship to roll to starboard. The Russians are continuously pumping water out of the damaged ship, which took part in the annexation of Crimea and was undergoing repairs from 2017 to 2023.</li> <li>➤ In the occupied Crimea, Russians are actively transporting field artillery depots, according to the ATESH resistance movement. The reason for this is the successful attacks of the Ukrainian Armed Forces on Sevastopol and Hvardiiske, the guerrillas say.</li> <li>➤ In total, The Security Service of Ukraine has carried out 13 successful attacks on Russian refineries, which have already reduced the export of Russian oil products by a third, said the SSU Head Vasyl Maliuk. "It is through the export of oil products that Russia replenishes its budget, including the military budget. Therefore, the SSU is actively working to minimize these revenues and cut off Putin's oxygen. We have conducted a number of successful operations with appropriate long-range drones," Maliuk said.</li> </ul>
<b>26.03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Navy has officially confirmed the information about the successful destruction of the Ivan Khurs reconnaissance ship and the large amphibious assault ship Kostiantyn Olshanskyi. This landing ship was stolen from Ukraine by Russia in 2014 during the occupation of Crimea.</li> <li>➤ NATO is considering the option of shooting down Russian missiles when they are flying toward the territory of the North Atlantic Alliance, the Polish Foreign Ministry reports. "NATO is analyzing various concepts, in particular, that such missiles should be shot down when they are very close to the NATO border - but this should be done with the consent of the Ukrainian side and taking into account international consequences," said Deputy Minister Andrzej Szejna.</li> <li>➤ Russia has begun direct oil supplies to North Korea in exchange for weapons, ignoring UN sanctions, the Financial Times writes.</li> </ul>
<b>27.03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On the night of March 27, the Air Defense Forces destroyed 10 of the 13 UAVs. Shahed attack drones were shot down in Kharkiv, Sumy, and Kyiv regions.</li> <li>➤ Explosions were heard in the Belgorod region of the Russian Federation. Local authorities reported 18 downed air targets over the region.</li> </ul>

<b>Losses of the Russian army from 24.03.2024 to 30.03.2024</b>	
Liquidated personnel	<b>5 420</b>
Tanks	<b>90</b>
IFVs	<b>146</b>
Artillery systems / MLRS	<b>195/5</b>
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	<b>20</b>
Aircraft / helicopters	<b>0/0</b>
UAVs	<b>221</b>
Ships/boats	<b>0</b>
Vehicles & fuel tanks	<b>310</b>
Special equipment	<b>45</b>

# Military positions

28.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Due to the attacks of Ukrainian drones on Russian refineries, gasoline production in Russia decreased by 14% year-on-year and diesel fuel production by 7%. This was reported by Radio Liberty with reference to Rosstat data. "By mid-March, the Armed Forces of Ukraine managed to disable about a sixth (16%) of Russia's automotive fuel production," the publication writes.</li> <li>➤ Russian troops are preparing a counteroffensive in late May or June, President Zelenskyi tells CBS News. "We are starting to prepare brigades for important actions. We have stabilized the situation. It is better than two or three months ago. We share information with our partners and say that Russia will be preparing a counteroffensive, and it could be the end of May or June," the president said.</li> <li>➤ Russia does not have the resources to attack Kharkiv, their stories about readiness to surround the city are false - PSYOP. This was stated by Lieutenant Andrii Kovalenko, head of the National Security and Defense Council's Center for Countering Disinformation. "Talks about 350 thousand military men they want to recruit for this task... Soloviov's threats are just talks. [...] Now the enemy is only able to shell and terrorize the city, and to this terror, it adapts narratives about an offensive that is impossible," Kovalenko said.</li> </ul>
29.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On the night of March 29, Ukrainian air defense destroyed 84 air targets: 58 "Shaheds" and 26 missiles, the Ukrainian Air Force reported. In total, the Russians used 99 weapons.</li> <li>➤ Recently, the number of positions regained by Ukraine exceeds the number of positions lost, said Oleksandr Syrskyi, Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. "The enemy has not managed to advance significantly on strategic directions, its territorial gains, if any, are of tactical importance. This situation is under control," said Syrskyi. He also said that the process of rotation of military units on the front line has already been launched. This allows, first of all, to ensure rest and recuperation of the military, as well as to restore the combat capability of equipment. "To ensure this process, we need people. That is why I would like every man of military age in Ukraine to realize that it depends on his will and actions for Ukraine to survive," the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine emphasized.</li> <li>➤ Russia has started producing X-101 missiles with two warheads; their weight has increased to 800 kg. This is reported by Defense Express. The second warhead has ready-made cubic-shaped striking elements. The addition was made possible by reducing the size of the fuel tank.</li> </ul>
30.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past 24 hours, there were 72 military clashes on the front line.</li> <li>➤ In total, the Russians launched 38 missile and 75 air strikes, and fired 98 multiple launch rocket systems at Ukrainian troop positions and populated areas. The Russian attacks resulted in deaths and injuries among the civilian population.</li> </ul>

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- In the Cherkasy oblast, there was a hit on an energy infrastructure object, and due to the falling debris of drones, a non-residential building was damaged.
- Several energy facilities were damaged in the Dnipropetrovsk oblast — in Dnipro, Kryvyi Rih, and Kamianske districts. Emergency power outages were implemented in the region. Six people were wounded in the attack, including a 5-year-old child and private residences were destroyed and damaged.
- Russian forces also attacked critical infrastructure objects in the Ivano-Frankivsk oblast.
- As a result of the Russian attack, equipment at three thermal power stations was seriously damaged, and one power plant worker was injured. Hydroelectric power stations were also damaged.
- In the Lviv oblast, during the night attack, missile fragments damaged a critical infrastructure object. In the region, 11 drones were shot down, while two "Kinzhals" missiles were not successfully intercepted. There were no injuries reported.

## Massive attack on the night of March 30

- During the night, the Russian army attacked Ukraine with 12 drones. Nine of them were destroyed within the territories of Kherson, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, and Poltava oblasts.
- As a result of the drone attack in the Poltava oblast, there was a hit on an infrastructure object.
- Debris from the downed drone fell on the territory of an elevator in the Dnipropetrovsk oblast, causing a fire.

## Kyiv and the oblast

On March 24, in Kyiv, debris from downed missiles fell in the Desnianskyi and Shevchenkivskyi districts of the city. On March 25, Russian forces struck Kyiv with two "Zircon" ballistic missiles. As a result of the Russian attack, debris from downed missiles was recorded in four districts of the capital: Holosiivskyi, Pecherskyi, Solomianskyi, and Darnytskyi. Multi-story buildings and one private structure were damaged. More than 17 people were injured.

## Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On March 24, due to the falling debris in Kryvyi Rih in the Dnipropetrovsk oblast, heat networks and power lines were damaged. Also, debris from a downed drone damaged an energy facility in the Nikopol district. On March 26, in the morning, Russian forces twice shelled Nikopol in the Dnipropetrovsk oblast with artillery. A woman was injured. On March 28, two people received shrapnel wounds due to night shelling in the Nikopol district.

## Kharkiv and the oblast

On March 26, Russian forces struck civilian residential infrastructure in the Shevchenkivskyi district of Kharkiv - an X-35U missile hit the dormitory of a sports college. One person was injured. On March 27, in Izium, a 62-year-old man was injured as a result of a "Shahed" strike. On the same day, the Russians carried out two strikes with guided aviation bombs on Kharkiv. As a result of the strikes, 18 buildings were damaged, 19 people were injured, and 1 person was killed. On the evening of March 27, the Russian army shelled the village of Borova. A 12-year-old boy died from shrapnel wounds. On March 28, Russian forces shelled Vovchansk: a shell hit the yard of a private house, injuring two men aged 60 and 48. The Russian army also shelled the village of Monachynivka in the Kupiansk district. A 57-year-old woman died, and her husband was also injured.

Throughout the week, the following settlements in the region were under shelling: Kupiansk, Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, Kucherivka, Ustynivka, Malynivka, Budarky, Hrafske, Synelnykove, Krasnoiorske, Iziumske, Bochkove, Uspenivka, Khrypunny, Zybyne, Lyman, Vysoke, Kurylivka, Chuhuiv, Kozacha Lopan, Vilcha, Synkivka, Ivanivka, Berestove, Veterynarne, Novoiehorivka, Kyslivka, Dvorichna, Oleksandrivka, Derhachi, Kotliarivka, Moskovka, Vovchanski Hutory, Starytsia.

## Sumy and the oblast

On March 24, Russia attacked the village of Peremoha in the Sumy oblast with three high-explosive aerial bombs. They hit an object of the energy infrastructure. Private houses and cars of locals were also damaged. There were no casualties. On the night of March 26, Russian forces struck Bilopillia in the Sumy oblast with guided aviation bombs: the City Center of Children's Creativity and about 20 private houses were damaged. On March 26, during the day, the Russian army bombed civilian infrastructure in the city of Sumy from the air.



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## Odesa and the oblast

On the night of March 24, three Russian combat drones were shot down. Hits occurred in the port infrastructure of the Danube. As a result of the drone attack on March 25 in the Odesa oblast, there is damage to the energy infrastructure. As a result, more than 300,000 subscribers in Odesa are without electricity. On the evening of March 25, Russia carried out a missile strike on the recreational area of the city; the shock wave hit the Palace of Sports and residential complexes located nearby. Ten people were injured. On March 28, the Russian army launched missile strikes on the Odesa oblast. No injuries were reported. On March 29, in Odesa, five injured were known due to the falling debris from the Russian attack on the city. Among them are three children aged 10, 12, and 15.

## Donetsk oblast

On March 26, two local residents were killed in shelling by Russian forces in Novohrodivka, and another person was injured. On the night of March 30, Russian forces struck Selydove in the Donetsk region with two "S-300" missiles. There were no casualties.

Pokrovsky district: Ocheretyne, Hostre, Trudove, Uspenivka, Hanivka of Kurakhivka community, Myronohrad, Mariinka community, Kostiantynivka, Maksymilianivka, Selydove, Kurakhove, Novohrodivka, Selydove community, Hrodivka community were under fire. Private houses, apartment buildings, administrative buildings, infrastructure objects, and non-residential premises were damaged. There are casualties and fatalities.

Kramatorsk district: Lyman community, Katerynivka of Illinivka community, Kostiantynivka community, and Mykolaiv community were shelled. There are casualties and fatalities.

Bakhmut district: Toretsk, Chasiv Yar community, Siversk community, Soledar, and Zvanivka community are suffering. There are casualties and fatalities.

## Mykolaiv and the oblast

On the night of March 25, debris from a downed drone fell on the territory of a private sector and caused a fire, damaging houses. Eleven people were injured. On March 27, the Russian army attacked Mykolaiv using a ballistic missile, Iskander-M. The number of casualties from the attack increased to 12 people.

## Lviv and the oblast

On March 24, Russian forces attacked critical infrastructure facilities in the Lviv oblast. There were no injuries. On the same day, Russian forces again targeted a critical infrastructure object in the Lviv oblast with "Kinzhalf" missiles, which were aimed at it during the night. Preliminarily, there are two hits.

## Kherson and the oblast

On March 26, a hit on an office building in downtown Kherson was recorded. On March 27, Russian military drones targeted a house in the village of Mykhailivka, Berislav district, in Kherson region. A 61-year-old woman died as a result. On March 28, the Russian army shelled Kherson and the region throughout the day. As a result of a hit on a taxi in the Central district of Kherson, one person died. After the attack on Mykhailivka, two people received blast injuries and shrapnel wounds. As a result of the shelling of Antonivka, a 61-year-old man was diagnosed with blast trauma and spine injuries.

## Zaporizhzhia and the oblast

Two people were injured as a result of a Russian drone attack on Zaporizhzhia on the night of March 28. Additionally, private houses in three districts of the city suffered destruction, with three houses completely destroyed and over 80 sustaining damage.

Throughout the week, the following settlements in the region were under Russian shelling: Huliaipole, Levadne, Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka, Malynivka, Novoandriivka, Pryutne, Verbove, Novodanilivka, Komyshevakhka.



# The week of shelling

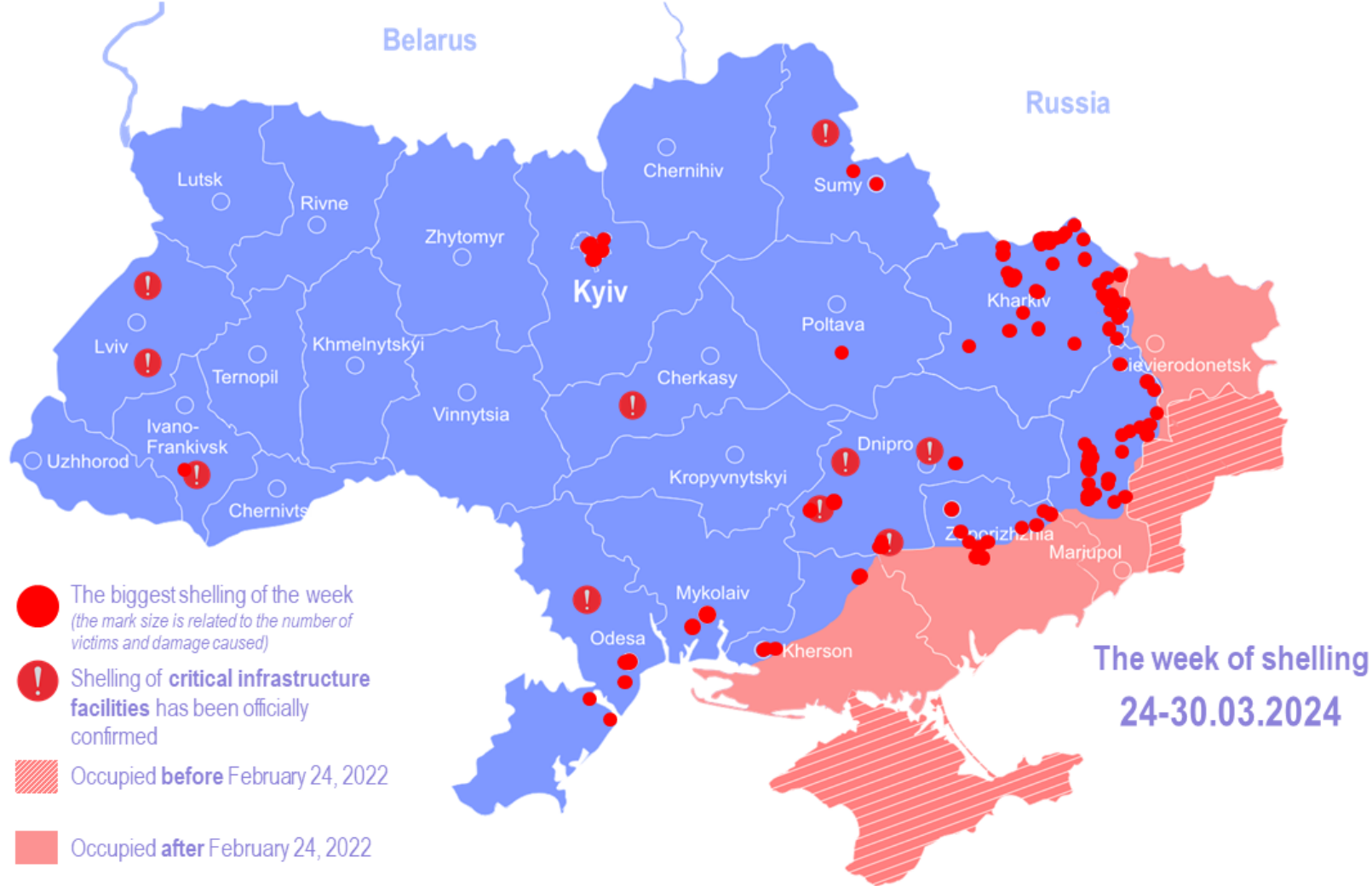
## Kharkiv oblast



## Dnipropetrovsk oblast



## Donetsk oblast





# Humanitarian crisis



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- Russia **encourages** its citizens to **fight against Ukraine** with promises of employment in the occupation administrations. As part of the "Heroes of the Special Military Operation" program, each occupier can stay in the temporarily occupied territories (TOT) of Ukraine after the end of the contract and **get a position in the occupation structures**. In this way, the Kremlin plans to overcome the shortage of personnel, as most locals do not work with them.
- The morning Russian **missile attack** did not significantly affect the operation of the Ukrainian power system. But during the night, Russians again **targeted energy facilities** in the Dnipropetrovsk oblast with UAVs. Shrapnel damaged a high-voltage power line and some equipment at one of the substations. At the same time, heat supply was interrupted in Kryvyi Rih. In Kharkiv, there are network restrictions. In Odesa and Khmelnytskyi oblasts, outage schedules are possible if consumption increases - Ukrenergo reported.
- The Russian occupiers are not giving the **bodies of three civilians killed by Russian soldiers** in the village of Kokhany, Kherson oblast, to their relatives. The ZMINA Human Rights Center reported. The only thing known about the murder is that gunshot wounds were found on the bodies of the men.

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- More than 2,000 Russian **cruise and ballistic missiles** have been **shot down over Ukraine** throughout the full-scale war, the Defense Ministry reports.
- Kharkiv will end the heating season ahead of schedule to reduce the load on the energy system after massive Russian shelling, the mayor of Kharkiv, Ihor Terekhov, has said. Last Friday (March 22), the **Russian military effectively destroyed the main energy facilities that powered the city**.
- Ukrainians will be able to apply to the International Register for **compensation for damages** caused by Russian aggression via the Diia app, the press service of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine reports.

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- The UN mission recorded **the execution of 32 Ukrainian prisoners by Russian troops** over the winter. The 38th UN report on the human rights situation in Ukraine covers the period from December 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024. Among other things, the experts interviewed 60 Ukrainian soldiers recently released from captivity. The Mission's report also contains information about the Russian administration's **violence against residents** of the occupied territories of Ukraine. It includes the killing of civilians, arbitrary detentions, and restrictions on freedom of expression.
- Law enforcement officers have opened criminal proceedings over the alleged **destruction** by Russian occupiers **of the 5th millennium BC historical monument Did Mound** in Mariupol, the Office of the Prosecutor General has announced. The Office points out that such actions **violate** the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property and the Provisions to the IV Convention on the Laws and Customs of War on Land.
- Russian military **attacked a bus carrying humanitarian aid** with two FPV drones in the village of Odradokamianka, Beryslav, Kherson oblast. The head of the regional military administration, Oleksandr Prokudin, reported.
- Mandatory or **compulsory evacuation** may be announced from the settlements of Kharkiv and Bohodukhiv districts due to Russian shelling, said Oleh Syniehubov, head of Kharkiv Regional Military Administration.
- DTEK reports that it may take months or more to **restore power** after the massive Russian shelling. DTEK has **lost 50% of its generating capacities**, which are currently out of service. The situation is severe in Kharkiv oblast, where the largest number of buildings are without electricity. The stabilization outage schedules are also in place in the Odesa oblast, and there are many outages in Donetsk, Sumy, and Kherson oblasts due to shelling.

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- Ukraine is developing a nationwide **map of the graves of fallen Heroes**. The developers plan that this map will contain information about each buried Hero, including the place of service, place of death, and a brief history of his or her life. The Ministry of Veterans reported that the construction of the first stage of the National Military Memorial Cemetery may begin in June.
- Schoolchildren from 24 educational institutions in Zaporizhzhia are **returning to school in a mixed format**, in compliance with all security conditions and restrictions, according to Ivan Fedorov, head of the Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration. The decision was made on the initiative of the Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration, at the request of the students' parents and after consultations with teachers and law enforcement agencies.
- The Russians are pursuing a **policy of forced passportization** of Ukrainians not only in the temporarily occupied territory but also in Russia. Those who have been deported to Russia are being blackmailed. The occupiers take away housing from people who do not have a Russian passport. The National Resistance Center reported.

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- Three more children and their families were **rescued from the occupied territories**. In schools, children were taught how to fly drones and use weapons, and every Monday, they had a lesson where they asked who saw and heard what. The **organization Save Ukraine** managed to return a total of **276 children**.
- Ukraine convenes **an emergency meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council** at the ambassadorial level. Kyiv appealed to its partners over the missile attacks on critical infrastructure. Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov informed the allies of the consequences of the Russian attacks and called on NATO member states to **provide additional air and missile defense systems** and missiles to protect Ukrainian cities and citizens.
- The estimated **environmental damage** caused by Russia's strike on the Dnipro hydroelectric power plant is **over UAH 140 million**. Employees of the State Environmental Inspectorate recorded soil contamination and a stain of oil products weighing an estimated 0.5 tons. We remind you that on the morning of March 22, Russians launched numerous missile attacks on the **Dnipro HPP** dam. As for now, there is no threat of a breach.

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- As a result of repatriation measures, the **bodies of 121 more dead soldiers** have been **returned to Ukraine**, the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War reports. The headquarters noted that representatives of law enforcement agencies and forensic experts will identify the dead.
- The IAEA report states that the agency's **experts on the site have heard explosions at different distances from the plant** every day over the past week. During the week, the IAEA team did not record any nuclear safety issues. At the same time, experts point out that the de facto Russian management of the ZNPP has not yet provided them with **proper access** to all areas of the plant that are important for nuclear safety.
- On the occasion of the second **anniversary of the liberation** of the city and the entire **Kyiv oblast** from Russian invaders, a ceremony was held in Hostomel to honor the memory of the fallen heroes-liberators. On the Alley of Heroes, representatives of the clergy held a prayer service for the fallen in the Russian-Ukrainian war.
- In the territories of the Luhansk oblast seized by Russians in 2022, **200 cultural sites have been severely damaged**, said Artem Lysohor, head of the Luhansk Regional State Administration. According to him, the telecommunications network in these territories has been destroyed, and all local television and radio companies have ceased operations.

