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- > NATO members are discussing 'red lines' that could trigger the deployment of NATO troops to Ukraine. This was reported by La Repubblica. The first 'red line' is Belarus' direct or indirect participation in the war, namely a breakthrough on the north-western border. The second is Russia's 'military provocation' against the Baltic states, Poland, or a targeted attack on Moldova.
- > Ukraine has already received some weapons from the United States as part of a recently announced military aid package. This was reported by the New York Times. First of all, it is 155 mm artillery ammunition.
- > Spanish missiles for the Patriot air defense system are already in Ukraine, as confirmed by the country's Defense Minister Margarita Robles. Spain is also preparing to ship new Leopard tanks. The first units will be ready by the end of June.
- > Despite delays in the supply and refurbishment of equipment, Ukraine has already received up to 100 Leopard 1 tanks and will receive even more by the end of this year, according to the German publication WirtschaftsWoche.
- > The Danish company MyDefence has handed over 100 Wingman 103 pocket drone detectors to the Ukrainian military. This was announced by the company's representatives. Wingman 103 is a portable early warning device for unmanned aerial vehicles.
- > The Netherlands plans to start delivering F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine this autumn, following Denmark, which intends to deliver the aircraft this summer. This was announced by Dutch Defence Minister Kajsa Ollongren during a briefing in Vilnius. Ollongren noted that this is the schedule for the delivery of fighter jets to Ukraine, as envisaged by the allies' plan.
- > EU countries will be able to purchase Ukrainian-made weapons for Ukraine with funds from the European Peace Fund. Currently, the money from this fund already compensates the EU countries for the supply of weapons of their own production.
- > The German corporation Rheinmetall will supply Ukraine with new long-range shells. The corporation's CEO, Armin Papperger, said that Rheinmetall will provide prototypes of shells with a range of 100 km. This year, the company intends to supply hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition to Ukraine.
- > The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark has announced a new humanitarian aid package of DKK 250 million (EUR 33.5 million) to help meet the basic needs of the most affected Ukrainians. This was reported on the website of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- > EU ambassadors approve granting Ukraine the excess profits from Russia's frozen assets. The money will be used for support and defense assistance. The profits will be transferred as early as July, making it possible to use approximately €3 billion a year.
- > Romania is ready to discuss the possibility of providing Ukraine with Patriot air defense systems. This was stated by Romanian President Klaus Iohannis.





- > The UK will allocate another €23 million to rebuild Ukraine's energy system. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for repairing energy infrastructure and to strengthen the physical protection of energy facilities and distributed generation. In total, the UK has donated €50 million to the **Energy Support Fund** for Ukraine.
- > The Latvian government has handed over communications equipment to Ukraine for use at the frontline, according to the official website of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. The equipment was transferred within the framework of the IT Coalition, and the value of this assistance from Latvia is estimated at 100,000 euros.
- > The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has allocated more than \$190 million for a project that will provide Ukraine with the necessary energy assistance for 5 years. This was announced by USAID Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman.
- > Sweden has pledged €28 million to support Ukraine's defense capabilities. €18 million will go to the coalitions within the Ukraine Defence Contact Group: €5 million to the Mine Action Coalition, €3 million to the Maritime Security Coalition, and €10 million to the UAV Coalition. The remaining €10 million will be allocated to the NATO Ukraine Fund.
- > The German government has handed over the first batch of off-road vehicles to the National Police's explosive ordnance disposal service. This was reported on the official website of the National Police of Ukraine. A total of 20 vehicles were handed over.
- > Germany will provide Ukraine with a €45 million grant to restore the energy sector after Russian attacks on energy infrastructure. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Energy.
- > The Czech Republic has handed over the first F-16 fighter jet simulator to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Air Force Commander Oleshchuk said that one of the tactical aviation brigades received it. Oleshchuk noted that Ukraine needs not only F-16s but also a powerful training and material base for young people, so he calls on allies to join this initiative.
- > The United States is allocating \$400 million for military assistance to Ukraine, the White House press service said. Earlier, Politico wrote that the new package would include Patriot air defense missiles, Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, Bradley infantry fighting vehicles, Javelin anti-tank systems, and more.
- > Canada will allocate \$55.7 million to strengthen Ukraine's air defense. This was announced by Canadian Defence Minister Bill Blair.
- > Canadian armored vehicle manufacturer Roshel is planning to launch the production of armored vehicles in Ukraine. This was stated by the company's CEO, Roman Shymonov.
- Belgium will allocate another €9 million in aid to restore damaged energy infrastructure in Ukraine. This was announced by Minister for Development Cooperation Caroline Gennez.
- > The US State Department has approved the urgent sale of three additional HIMARS missile systems to Ukraine. The estimated total cost is \$30 million, to be financed by the German government on behalf of Ukraine.



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- > In the Volyn and Polissia directions, the operational situation remains without significant changes.
- In the Siverskyi direction, the enemy maintains a military presence in the border areas, conducts sabotage and intelligence activities, carries out shelling of populated areas from the territory of the Russian Federation, and increases the density of explosive barriers along the state border of Ukraine.
- In the Slobozhanskyi direction, Ukrainian soldiers repelled a number of attacks in the areas of Strilecha, Krasne, Morokhovets, Oliinikove, Lukiantsi, Ohirtseve, Gatyshche, Pletenivka settlements of the Kharkiv Oblast.
- > In the Kuiansk direction, Ukrainian soldiers repelled attacks in the areas of Sinkivka and Berestove settlements of the Kharkiv Oblast, Stelmakhivka of the Luhansk Oblast.
- > In the Lyman direction, the Defense Forces repelled attacks in the areas of Makiivka, Luhansk Oblast, and Torske, Donetsk Oblast.
- In the Bakhmut direction, a number of enemy attacks were repulsed in the areas of Bilohorivka settlements of Luhansk Oblast; Verkhnokamianske, Rozdolivka, Hryhorivka, Bohdanivka, Kalynivka, Vyimka, Klishchiivka, and Andriivka of the Donetsk Oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled attacks in the areas of Kalynove, Novooleksandrivka, Sokil, and Umanske settlements in the Donetsk Oblast.
- > In the Novopavlivka direction, the Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the areas of Krasnohorivka, southwest of Novomykhailivka and Solodke settlements of the Donetsk Oblast.
- > In the Orikhiv direction, the enemy attacked the positions of Ukrainian defenders several times in the Staromaiorsk area of the Donetsk Oblast and Robotynt in the Zaporizhzhia Oblast.
- > In the Kherson direction, the enemy isn't giving up its intention to knock out Ukrainian units from the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Dnieper.

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- > The Russian Federation threatens Great Britain with strikes on its military facilities: "A response to Kyiv's attacks on Russia with the use of British weapons could possibly be strikes on British military facilities both in Ukraine and abroad." Earlier, the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom, Cameron, said that Ukraine is allowed to strike the territory of the Russian Federation with weapons transferred from Britain.
- As a result of the Main Directorate of Intelligence mission in Crimea, a Russian speed boat was destroyed by a Magura V5 attack marine drone. The successful mission was carried out in the Vuzka Bay on the territory of the temporarily occupied Crimea.

> During the past day, 97 combat clashes took place at the front.

- The Ukrainian Defense Industry (Ukroboronprom) is starting to produce NATO-caliber 60-mm mines, General Director of Ukroboronprom Herman Smetanin noted. The enterprises of Ukroboronprom were able to establish serial production of artillery shells, as well as mortar mines of Soviet caliber, and now they are gradually moving to the production of ammunition of NATO 60-mm caliber mortar mines.
- The Russian Federation no longer uses the Crimean bridge to supply weapons to the front. It is no longer an important military objective for the Armed Forces, writes The Independent. Analysis of satellite imagery shows that the volume of military freight trains passing through the bridge's rail line has decreased significantly over the past three months. Instead, Moscow switched to using land routes in eastern and southern Ukraine under its control to supply its troops at the front.
- > During the day, 84 combat clashes took place at the front.
- According to the head of Regional Military Administration Synehubov, Russia is grouping some troops north of Kharkiv. "Let's analyze: this is for a possible strike from the north or other territories. We are doing all possible to be ready and counter the challenges that may arise," Synehubov said. According to him, plans for the evacuation from Kharkiv have been developed for a long time. They get updated nearly every month.
- Assault groups of Russians broke through to Krasnohorivka, which is in the Avdiivka direction of the Donetsk Oblast. "Russian troops still remain in Krasnohorivka, but they are cut off from the supply of ammunition," the spokesman of the Khortytsia operational-strategic group said.
- The Russian Federation has modernized the Kh-101 cruise missiles they now have two warheads, according to a British intelligence report. The additional warhead is designed to increase the fragmentation damage of the target. At the same time, according to intelligence, the Russians reduced the flight range of the Kh-101 by half.
- > In 2024, Úkraine caught up with Russia in the production of kamikaze drones, similar to Shahed-131 and Shahed-136. This was stated by the general director of Ukroboronprom Herman Smetanin. According to him, a number of contracts have been signed with private manufacturers, mostly for licensed production. So, in particular, we are talking about the production of drones.
- > 121 combat clashes took place at the front during the day.
- > Russia significantly increased the number of attacks in eastern Ukraine, but achieved only minor tactical successes and suffered heavy losses. This is stated in the British intelligence report. Also, according to intelligence, the number of attacks near Chasiv Yar increased by 200% from March to April.
- The Armed Forces destroyed part of the Russian assault groups that managed to break into the refractory plant in Krasnohorivka, Donetsk Oblast. This was stated by the representative of Khortytsia operational-strategic grouping, Lt. Col. Nazar Voloshyn. According to Voloshyn, from time to time isolated groups of Russians try to enter the eastern outskirts of Krasnohorivka in armored vehicles, though most often they go on foot or on motorcycles.

> Ukrainian drones attacked the Salavatnefteorgsintez oil refinery in Bashkiria, Russian media reported. A fire broke out on the territory of the plant.

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IFVs	196
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UAVs	274
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Vehicles & fuel tanks	401
Special equipment	40

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- > 91 combat clashes took place at the front during the day.
- In the Kharkiv Oblast at approximately 5 am, an attempt by the Russians to break through the Ukrainian defense line took place under the cover of armored vehicles, the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine reports. "As of now, these attacks have been repelled, battles of varying intensity are ongoing," the message states. To strengthen the defense on this part of the front, reserve units have been sent. The Armed Forces continue to hold back the enemy's offensive.
- > A gray zone has appeared in the north of Kharkiv Oblast, Deepstate reports. Analysts report that the Russians are conducting assault operations near Pletenivka and along the Strilecha-Borysivka line.
- The President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyi, confirmed the counteroffensive of the Russian Federation in the Kharkiv Oblast. "As of 7-8 in the morning, a fierce artillery battle took place. By that time, the Russian offensive was stopped," the head of state said during a press conference with Slovak President Zuzanna Chaputova. He added that the Russian army can increase and raise additional forces in this direction. However, the Ukrainian military command was preparing for such actions.
- The situation in Kharkiv Oblast is controlled by the Defense Forces, said Andrii Kovalenko, head of the Center for Countering Disinformation at the NSDC. Currently, it looks like the enemy is simulating a large-scale offensive with the use of limited forces and means, carrying out combat reconnaissance. The Russians have losses in equipment and manpower.
- The White House believes that Ukraine will be able to withstand new attacks by the Russian army. "It is quite possible that Russia will make further advances in the coming weeks. But we do not expect any major breakthroughs, and over time, the influx of American aid will allow Ukraine to resist these attacks during 2024," said John Kirby, coordinator of strategic communications of the White House National Security Council.
- > During the past day, 104 combat clashes took place.
- In the Lyptsi and Vovchansk directions, Kharkiv Oblast, counter attacks keep going. The enemy uses infantry and equipment there. This was reported by the spokesman of Khortytsia operational-strategic group Nazar Voloshyn. "Battles are also continuing in the border areas, in the area of those settlements that were in fact in the gray zone Strilecha, Pylna and Borysivka, as well as the Oliinikove and Ohirtseve areas," he said.
- In Russia, there have been several cases where their planes accidentally dropped ammunition on their territory. This is stated in the British intelligence report.
- eadly consequences for the Russian population," the intelligence agency notes. One of the reasons why Russian planes drop aerial bombs on the territory of their country is the wear of the sides. This was announced by the spokesman of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Ilia Yevlash, on the air of the telethon. "A human factor as a mistake of a pilot or for example of service staff who directly connected this bomb could also be a reason," Yevlash added.
- > In Rovenky, Luhansk Oblast, a fire broke out at an oil tank yesterday evening, the head of Regional Military Administration, Artem Lysohor, said. According to him, the warehouse with oil refining products was destroyed, the destruction is significant, and there are no fuel reserves left.
- > In the Belgorod and Kursk Oblasts of the Russian Federation, they announced an attack by drones, and there was a strike at the plant.

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Attack on the night of May 5

- > Overnight, air defense forces destroyed 23 of 24 drones in Kharkiv, Kherson, and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts.
- The nighttime attack on Kharkiv injured 16 people, including an 8-year-old girl. At least eight residential buildings, as well as outbuildings, garages, and cars, were damaged by falling drone debris.
- Infrastructure facilities in Dnipro were damaged as a result of the falling debris and the hit. Several fires broke out, and a high-rise building was also damaged.

Attack on the night of May 8

- ➤ During the night attack, the Air Force destroyed 59 air targets: 39 missiles and 20 attack drones. Russia launched a missile and drone strike on energy infrastructure in Poltava, Kirovohrad, Zaporizhzhia, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Vinnytsia oblasts. All energy facilities were struck.
- As a result of the Russian attack on Kyiv oblast with cruise missiles and "Shaheds," 14 private houses were damaged, and another house was destroyed.
- > There were hits in the Chervonohrad district of Lviv oblast. Russians also hit a gas infrastructure facility in the Stryi district.
- ➤ An infrastructure facility was damaged in Kirovohrad oblast. An 8-year-old child was injured. 13 private houses and 38 garages were damaged.
- In Zaporizhzhia, an animal shelter was damaged by a massive rocket attack on May 8. A Russian shell hit five meters from one of the enclosures. Five dogs were injured, and two more are missing.

Dnipro and the oblast

On May 5, Russians shelled the Nikopol district with artillery and used kamikaze drones. In Nikopol, a social and two educational institutions, residential buildings, and power grids were damaged. On the night of May 6, the Russians fired a kamikaze drone at the Marhanets community and sent two more drones to the Chervonohryhorivka community. A high-voltage power line was damaged. On the night of May 7, the Marhanets community was shelled with artillery, and kamikaze drones struck Nikopol and the Myrove community. Three private houses, an outbuilding, a shop, and a gas pipeline were damaged. On May 7, Nikopol, Pokrovsk, Myrove and Marhanets communities were attacked. Six people were injured. Private houses, garages, and outbuildings were damaged. Also, in the evening, the Zelenodolsk community in Kryvyi Rih was attacked by a drone. A 56-year-old man was wounded. On the night of May 8, Russia attacked the Nikopol, Pokrovsk, Marhanets, and Chervonohryhorivka communities. A 42-year-old man was injured. On the afternoon of May 8, Nikopol district experienced more than a dozen attacks with artillery, Grad multiple rocket launchers, and kamikaze drones. On May 9, two people were killed and eight others wounded in the shelling of Nikopol. Eight high-rise buildings and 25 private houses were damaged. 16 outbuildings, greenhouses, nearly 30 solar panels, power lines, and gas pipelines were hit. On May 10, Nikopol and three communities in the Nikopol district were attacked. On May 11, the Russians shelled Nikopol with artillery. A 61-year-old woman sustained shrapnel wounds. Private houses, outbuildings, and power lines were damaged.

Kharkiv and the oblast

On May 6, at night, the Russian army dropped four bombs on Zolochiv, Kharkiv oblast. A woman and two policemen were injured. A direct hit destroyed the boiler room of a children's and youth sports school and two private houses. Administrative buildings were damaged. On May 7, three residents of the Izium district of Kharkiv oblast were injured by Russian air strikes. At night, the Russian army attacked Kolodiazne in the Kharkiv region using modified UMPB D-30 bombs. A woman was injured. On May 8, Russian troops attacked the territory of an educational institution in Kharkiv. There are reports of two wounded children. On May 9, the Russian Federation attacked the Saltivskyi district of Kharkiv and a shell hit in the middle of a football field. Seven people are wounded. On the night of May 10, a 62-year-old woman was injured in the shelling of Lyptsi. Later, a guided aerial bomb hit an infrastructure facility in Derhachi. About 25 buildings and structures and 33 trade pavilions were damaged. On May 10 in the morning, a rocket hit a private sector in the north of Kharkiv. Three private houses were burning as a result of the hit, and 12 others were damaged by debris and blast waves. An 11-year-old girl and a 72-year-old woman sought medical assistance. The town of Vovchansk was shelled. Four people were injured, and two people were killed. Later, Russia shelled Cherkaski Tyshky. A 55-year-old man died as a result of the shelling. Private households and outbuildings were damaged. On the same day, 2 people were wounded as a result of the shelling of Lyptsi. On May 11, nine settlements in the Kharkiv region came under Russian airstrikes, and about 10 were hit by artillery and mortar fire. In particular, the Russians launched more than 20 guided aerial bombs in the direction of Vovchansk. A 48-year-old and a 50-year-old civilian man were killed as a result of a hit by a guided missile in Vovchansk, and two others were injured. Vovchanski Khutory was also hit, and a private house was burning there.

Sumy and the oblast

On May 6, Sumy, Lebedyn, Bilopillia, and Okhtyrka in Sumy oblast partially lost power due to shelling. The water supply was also partially cut off in Sumy. As a result of the attack on Bilopillia on the afternoon of May 9, five apartment buildings, 8 private houses, private garages, and a boiler house were damaged. In the village of Shalyhyne in the Sumy oblast, a school, and a farm were damaged by an air strike. On the morning of May 10, the Russian military shelled the civilian infrastructure of the Seredyna-Buda community with artillery. A 66-year-old woman was injured as a result of the shelling. A 64-year-old woman was killed, and her 17-year-old granddaughter was injured in the morning shelling of the village of Sukhodil in the Esman community in Sumy region. On May 11, the Russian army launched a missile attack on the outskirts of Sumy, killing one person.

Zaporizhzhia and the oblast

On May 5, the Russian army conducted 402 strikes on the towns and villages of Zaporizhzhia oblast. In particular, 179 drones of various modifications attacked Huliaipole, Zaliznychne, Levadne, Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka, Malynivka, Novoandriivka, Piatykhatky, and Stepove. A private house was burning in Novodarivka village, Polohy district, as a result of Russian shelling on May 6. On May 8, the Russian army shelled Zaporizhzhia, hitting critical and civilian infrastructure, a garage cooperative, one of the city's parks, and city electric transport. On May 9, a 65-year-old woman was injured during a Russian shelling of the village of Mahdalynivka in Zaporizhzhia district.

Donetsk oblast

Pokrovsk district. Novohrodivka, Hrodivka, Kurakhivka, Marinka, Selydove communities are under fire. In particular, Halytsynivka, Mykhailivka, Novooleksandrivka, Kurakhove, Ukrainsk, Pokrovsk, Krasnohorivka, Heorhiivka, Hostre, Veselyi Hai, Kurakhivka are affected. Private houses, enterprises, administrative buildings were damaged.

Kramatorsk district. Terny, Zarichne and Yampolivka were shelled in the Lyman community. Tarasivka of Illinivska community, Mykolaivka and Novomarkove of Kostiantynivka community, Zakitne, Raiske, Ridkodub, Raihorodok, Sloviansk, Kalynove, Zelene Pole are also affected. The enterprise and houses were damaged.

Bakhmut district. Toretsk, Chasiv Yar, Siversk, Shcherbynivka came under fire. Private houses, multistorey buildings and an infrastructure facility were damaged.

Volnovakha district. Velyka Novosilka, Bohoiavlenka, Novoukrainka, Vuhledar community came under fire. The houses were damaged.

Other oblasts

Odesa oblast: On the afternoon of May 7, in Odesa oblast, air defense forces shot down two missiles used by the Russian army to attack the region. On the night of May 9, 17 Shahed-131/136 drones were destroyed.

Chernihiv oblast: During the week, Russians fired mortars, grenade launchers, cannon artillery and unquided aerial missiles at four border communities: Novhorod-Siversk, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnia.

Poltava oblast: On May 6, fragments of a Russian army Shahed-136/131 damaged a private house in the village of Kovalivka, Myrhorod district.

Kherson and the oblast

On May 5, the Russian military dropped four guided aerial bombs on Ivanivka and Chervonyi Maiak in Beryslav district. A 50-year-old volunteer was wounded in the shelling of Lvove village, Beryslav district. An 80-year-old woman was also injured in the town of Zmiivka. Kherson and its suburbs, Antonivka, were shelled with long-range artillery and kamikaze drones. On May 6, Russia shelled 17 localities. An administrative building, a gas pipeline, two multi-story buildings, 16 private houses, an office building, and private cars were damaged. One person was injured. On May 7, Russian troops conducted air strikes on Chervonyi Mayak, Ivanivka, and Dniprovske. In Bilozerka, a 51-year-old woman was wounded in the shelling, and about a dozen private houses were damaged. Residential areas of Kherson's central district were also shelled. Houses and a gas pipeline were damaged, and several houses were completely destroyed. On the night of May 8, Russians shelled Bilozerka again. One person was killed, and three were injured. On the morning of May 8, the railway station in Kherson was attacked. The tracks and the station building were damaged. In total, Russian troops shelled 14 settlements during the day. 12 high-rise buildings and 54 private houses were damaged. On May 9, the Russian army fired on Oleksandrivka of the Stanislav community. A 74-year-old man was wounded. Two guided aerial bombs were dropped on Beryslav. A local school was destroyed. Stanislav was also massively shelled - 20 houses were damaged. On May 10, Kozatske, Beryslav, and Vesele were shelled. Three people were wounded. During the week, Russians also fired at the following locations: Prydniprovske, Inzhenerne, Sadove, Kachkarivka, Shliakhove, Kizomys, Veletenske, Respublikanets, Novooleksandrivka, Stanislav, Tokarivka, Pryozerne, Blahovishchenske, Poniativka, Mykhailivka, Mykolaivka, Olhivka.

Mykolaiv and the oblast

On May 5, May 6, and May 8, Russians attacked Kutsurub and Ochakiv communities with Lancet kamikaze drones and launched artillery strikes. On the night of May 9, three Shahed 136/131 UAVs hit the building of a former cultural center in Pervomaiske village, Mykolaiv district. As a result of the strike, nearby buildings were damaged, about 15 apartments were destroyed, and the administrative building of the Pervomaiske village council was damaged. On May 9, Russian forces attacked Kutsurub and Kostiantynivka communities in the oblast. On the night of May 10, the Air Defense Forces shot down 8 out of 10 Shahed 131/136 attack drones over Mykolaiv oblast.



Mykolaiv oblast **Belarus** Russia Sumy Kyiv **Kharkiv oblast** The biggest shelling of the week (the mark size is related to the number of victims and damage caused) The week of shelling Shelling of critical infrastructure 05-11.05.2024 facilities has been officially confirmed Occupied **before** February 24, 2022 Occupied after February 24, 2022 **Dnipropetrovsk oblast** Kherson oblast



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- > The Ministry of Defence of Ukraine reported that during the week, demining teams cleared almost 6,000 hectares of land and 12 kilometers of motorways. Over the week, 4,830 explosive items were removed and defused. In total, the sappers of the Ministry of Defense destroyed 348.184 explosive items.
- > The IAEA is aware of information about Russian FPV drone operators training at the occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. Still, the agency's experts did not find any evidence on the ground. The report of 3 May mentions the locations of drone launches reported by the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine but does not confirm that these locations are used by Russians.
- In Kyiv, sappers **neutralized a warhead** of a new Russian X-69 missile. It was found by a man in a wooded area in the Holosiivskyi district. It took longer than usual for the sappers to safely retrieve the missile and deliver it to the detonation site.
- > In the temporarily occupied territories, Russians have intensified the recruitment of children into the Russian National Guard. According to the Center for National Resistance, the so-called selection of local school graduates for further study in Russian higher military and police educational institutions has intensified.
- > In the temporarily occupied Mariupol, starting from the new school year, Russians will train schoolchildren to become operators of combat drones. This information was reported by Petro Andriushchenko, advisor to the mayor of Mariupol. Starting September 1, a federal educational program aimed at teaching drone control will be launched in 30 regions at schools and colleges under Russian control. A total of 17,000 UAVs will be purchased.
- > Volunteers of the LINE-UP humanitarian project continue to help residents of the de-occupied and frontline cities of Ukraine. In April, they made 13 humanitarian trips to 40 settlements in Kharkiv. Donetsk, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts, delivering over 15 tons of various goods to Ukrainians.
- > Water levels in some Crimean rivers have dropped, and some rivers have begun to dry up. This observation was made by stated by Yevhen Khlobystov, an ecologist and expert at the Crimean Tatar Resource Center. Only the Malyi Salhyr River on the territory of temporarily occupied Crimea demonstrates the monthly norm. The drying up of the rivers is also affected by the militarization of Crimea and the irrational distribution of water between its regions.
- > Two orphaned girls, aged 10 and 13, were returned from the occupied territory of Kherson oblast to the territory controlled by Ukraine, along with nine children who have parents - five girls and four boys, as reported by Oleksandr Prokudin, head of the regional military administration. According to the regional military administration, since the beginning of 2024, 78 children from Kherson oblast have been returned to the government-controlled territory.
- > As of March 31, 4.2 million people who fled Ukraine as a result of Russia's full-scale invasion had temporary protection status in the EU, as reported by Eurostat.













> "Humanitarian demining exceeds last year's pace," reported the Ministry of Economy. "In April, pyrotechnic units surveyed almost 35 thousand hectares of agricultural land. In general, since the beginning of the year, they have surveyed more than 115 thousand hectares. Of these, 108 thousand hectares have been returned to farmers for economic use as of early May. The pace of surveys exceeds last year's.

> According to Vadym Filashkin, head of the Donetsk regional military administration, 679

children had been evacuated from the front line.

people continue to stay in the town of Chasiv Yar in Donetsk oblast and refuse to be

evacuated. He noted that the town was almost completely destroyed but confirmed that all

> In 2023, one in six punishments for "discrediting the Russian army" in Russia and the occupied Ukrainian territories occurred in Crimea, as reported by Tamila Tasheva, the Permanent Representative of the President of Ukraine in Crimea. More than 800 cases have been recorded.

> After the Russian attacks, two hydroelectric power plants were taken out of operation, according to Ukrhydroenergo. The whole hydroelectric generation infrastructure has suffered devastating damage. Repairing and restoring the destroyed equipment will require considerable effort and substantial financial resources.

> Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal has announced that the Cabinet of Ministers has decided to allocate UAH 7 billion (USD 177 million) to rebuild Ukraine's energy system. The situation in the energy sector is one of the most difficult today. Grids and generation facilities are undergoing round-the-clock repairs. Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal stated that last month, Ukraine had to import one-third more electricity than in March, and Ukrenergo is continually accepting assistance from its Western neighbors.

> The country's largest prosthetics and orthotics center, UNBROKEN, has opened in Lviv. providing more than 1,200 patients a year with modern prosthetics. It is most popular among war veterans who have lost limbs. This project is implemented by GIZ within the framework of the Special Support Program for Ukraine/EU4ResilientRegions and funded by the Federal Government of Germany.

> During almost 9 months of the Ukrainian Sea Corridor's operation, nearly 1600 ships have exported 45 million tons of cargo from the ports of Greater Odesa to 38 countries, as reported by the Ministry for Restoration. Another 108 vessels are en route to the ports, exporting more than 3 million tons of cargo.

> 1775 people were evacuated from Kharkiv oblast, according to the regional military administration. 30 settlements in Kharkiv oblast were under Russian artillery and mortar fire, resulting in the evacuation of 1048 local residents from Chuhuiv region, 440 from Kharkiv region, 12 from Bohodukhiv region, and 275 people evacuated by volunteers.

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