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International support

12.05

- **Canada** will finance the purchase of anti-aircraft **missiles for the IRIS-T** air defense systems of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. In this way, the country will contribute to the German-led **Air Defense Coalition** for Ukraine. This was reported by the German Ministry of Defense.
- The British Ministry of Defense has announced that it is providing Ukraine with its **largest military aid package ever**, worth £500 million (**over \$626 million**). A brief statement says that the package includes more than 1,600 missiles, more than 400 pieces of equipment, including 160 Husky armored vehicles, and more than 4 million rounds of ammunition.

13.05

- **The European Union** approves a **'trade visa-free regime'** for Ukraine, meaning that Ukraine will be able to trade with the EU for another year without quotas and duties.
- **Sweden** is preparing a new **military aid package** for Ukraine, and President Zelenskyi discusses its details with Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson. The Swedish prime minister also confirmed that he will participate in the Ukraine-Northern Europe Summit and the Peace Summit in Switzerland.
- **Estonia** is considering **sending military personnel** responsible for logistics to Ukraine to help, Madis Roll, National Security Adviser to the President of Estonia, told Breaking Defense in an interview. Such a step would allow the Ukrainian Defense Forces to free up reserves that could be used in combat operations at the front.

14.05

- US Secretary of State **Antony Blinken** arrives in Ukraine for an **unannounced visit**. *'Today I returned to Kyiv to demonstrate our unwavering support for Ukraine as it defends its freedom from Russian aggression,'* he said.
- The European Union has finally **approved the plan needed to implement the €50 billion Ukraine Facility program**. The program will now become fully operational, and Ukraine will receive €1.89 billion in pre-financing. Over the course of the year, Ukraine plans to raise a total of €16 billion.
- **Latvia** will provide **€10 million** for the Czech initiative **to purchase artillery** ammunition for Ukraine. Defense Minister Andris Spruds says the money will buy more than 3,000 155mm shells.

15.05

- The US plans to send Ukraine **another Patriot battery**, Bloomberg reports, citing sources. The money for it is likely to come from a \$61 billion aid package. At the same time, the White House is urging allies to make the supply of Patriot systems to Ukraine a priority.
- The United States is allocating **\$2 billion for a new military aid package** to Ukraine, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said at a briefing with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.
- **France** will provide Ukraine with **a new batch of Aster anti-aircraft missiles** for the SAMP/T air defense system, Defense Minister Sebastien Le Coronneu said. However, he did not specify the number of missiles to be transferred or the delivery schedule.
- So far, 50 countries out of 160 invited delegations have confirmed that they will take part in the **Global Peace Summit** to be held in June in Switzerland.

16.05

- Turkey is likely to be **supplying Russian oil** to the EU in large quantities **by changing its labeling**. Politico writes about this, citing research by think tanks. According to the publication, Moscow has received at least three billion euros over the past year thanks to a loophole in sanctions that allows 'mixed' fuel to be imported into the EU if it is labeled as non-Russian.

16.05

- The Estonian parliament has passed a law **allowing the transfer of Russian assets** frozen by international sanctions to Ukraine. The country was the first in the world to take such a step.
- **Denmark** has allocated a new **€750 million aid package** to Ukraine. The funds will be used to strengthen Ukraine's **air defense and artillery**. The package also includes funding for the future delivery of F-16 fighter jets.
- **Austria** has **set up a €500 million special loan fund** for Ukraine. The funds will be provided over the next five years to support exports and **investments** in Ukraine. Of this, €100 million a year is earmarked for new business.

17 – 18.05

- The US maintains its position that **Ukraine should use US weapons within its territory**. This was stated by Pentagon spokesperson Sabrina Singh when asked if Washington had changed its mind in the wake of the Russian offensive in the Kharkiv oblast. The other day, the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that the United States does not encourage strikes against Russia with US weapons, but 'Ukraine must decide for itself what to do'.
- The EU Council has **suspended the broadcasting of four more media outlets** in the EU that spread **Russian propaganda** and support Russia's war against Ukraine. These are Voice of Europe, RIA Novosti, Izvestia, and Rossiyskaya Gazeta. Recently, it was revealed that the Prague-based news portal Voice of Europe was overseen, among others, by former Ukrainian MP Viktor Medvedchuk, who is suspected of treason.
- Justin Trudeau wore an **embroidered shirt (vyshyvanka)** as a symbol of resistance to the aggressor. The Prime Minister of Canada expressed his support and reminded that the vyshyvanka is a symbol of the **struggle for Ukrainian independence**. *'Vyshyvanka is more than a shirt - it is a tradition, a culture and a symbol of resistance against Russia's illegal invasion. Here in Canada, we wear it with pride. Glory to Ukraine,'* he wrote.
- **Lithuania** will purchase **6 Amber-1800 radar stations** for the Ukrainian army with a range of up to 400 kilometers. This was announced by German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius.
- The Ministry of Defense of **Lithuania** has handed over **a new batch of military aid** to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. This was reported on the official website of the Lithuanian defense ministry. It includes **ammunition** for small arms, **drones, and anti-drone systems**. The aid package also includes 100 kW generators and folding beds. It is noted that this batch of military aid for the Defense Forces has already arrived in Ukraine.
- **NATO** has begun to study in detail the issue of **sending its instructors to Ukraine** due to the significant advance of the Russian army. This was reported by The New York Times. Despite discussions with European countries, the Biden administration considers this step unacceptable.
- Ukraine asks the United States to help **identify targets in Russia that Kyiv could strike with its own weapons**. The request also asks to lift restrictions on strikes with American weapons, The Wall Street Journal reports. The request was sent in recent days. Previous similar requests, as well as requests to allow strikes with US weapons, have been consistently rejected by Washington. This attempt, which is currently being considered, comes amid a new Russian army offensive in Kharkiv Oblast. If the United States agrees to such changes, it could mean a major shift in the Biden administration's policy, the WSJ writes.



- The Defense Forces of Ukraine continue to focus their main efforts on preventing the Russian occupiers from advancing deeper into the territory of Ukraine.
- Towards Kharkiv, Russian forces are not giving up their intention to break through the defense of Ukrainian troops. They are attacking Ukrainian positions in the areas of Lyptsi and Vovchansk. Their actions remain unsuccessful. Ukrainian defenders try to push the enemy back in the direction of Hlyboke.
- Towards Kupiansk, Ukrainian troops are repelling Russian attacks in the direction of Berestove. The situation is under control. The Defense Forces of Ukraine continue assault operations in the vicinity of Sinkivka and Terny and have partial success in some areas.
- Towards Kramatorsk, the Russian army tried to break through the defense during the day. Ukrainian defenders repelled the attack, and fighting continued in the area of Klishchiivka.
- Russia is not giving up its intention to capture the town of Chasiv Yar, despite losses in manpower and military equipment.
- Towards Pokrovsk, Russians carried out 2 attacks near Umanske. The situation is under control.
- Towards Kurakhove, Russian forces are not giving up their intention to break through the defense. Fighting continues in the areas of Slavne - Paraskoviivka, Slavne - Novomykhailivka, Solodke - Vodiane, and Solodke - Kostiantynivka. Ukrainian troops incurred no losses of positions so far.
- Towards Orikhiv, the enemy attempted to dislodge the units of the Ukrainian Defense Forces northwest of Verbove, Zaporizhzhia oblast. The situation is under control of Ukrainian troops.
- In the Prydniprovskiyi direction, the Defense Forces repelled Russian attacks. Fighting continues in the Oleshkivski Pisky - Krynky area. No Ukrainian positions were lost.

12.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ According to the Deep State, Russians occupied 6 villages near Liptsy and Vovchansk in Kharkiv oblast. These are Strileche, Pylyne, Krasne, Borysivka, Ohirtseve and Pletenivka. Ukrainian defense forces are trying to stop the invaders by inflicting damage. The situation is complicated by the large number of infantry, aviation, artillery and electronic warfare. ➤ In an interview with CBS News, US Secretary of State Blinken reports that the United States is convinced that Ukraine is able to effectively maintain the front line in the east. "We are not going anywhere, and neither are more than some 50 countries that are supporting Ukraine. That will continue, and if Putin thinks he can outlast Ukraine, outlast its supporters, he's wrong".
13.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As of 17:00, fighting continues in Kharkiv oblast - the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. "Our units have struck the enemy, pushed them back and are carrying out clearing operations on the northern outskirts of Vovchansk". According to the head of Kharkiv RMA Sinehubov, Russians in Kharkiv oblast are trying to stretch the defense of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. "The situation is quite difficult, but all enemy attacks are repelled. There is an increase in the gray zone, an increase in the front line, because the Russians trying to deliberately stretch them, attacking in small groups in new directions," Syniehubov said. ➤ The battle for Vovchansk is a battle on the border, as the city is 4 kilometers from the border with the enemy. This was stated by Andrii Kovalenko, head of the Center for Countering Disinformation at the NSDC of Ukraine. "It is impossible to build defensive lines on the border because the enemy would simply destroy the equipment and engineers, given the distance to the Russians."
14.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The situation at the front remains difficult. The Russian army, using its superiority in manpower and equipment, is intensively attacking Ukrainian positions with aviation support. Ukrainian defenders are holding back the invaders' offensive, inflicting maximum losses on Russians. ➤ 130 combat engagements took place over the past day. In total, Russian troops launched 2 missile and 65 air strikes, fired 74 times from MLRS at Ukrainian forces' positions and populated areas. Residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure were destroyed and damaged. ➤ According to the New York Times, Kyrylo Budanov predicts a Russian offensive in the direction of Sumy. The head of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine said that the Ukrainian Armed Forces will be able to stabilize the frontline in the next few days. Russian attacks in Kharkiv oblast will continue "for another three to four days," after which Russians are expected to "make a decisive offensive in the direction of Sumy." ➤ Kharkiv oblast was attacked by Russia's new North Military Group – British intelligence. According to British intelligence, by opening up an additional frontline, Russia is likely trying to divert Ukrainian resources from other parts of the front line and jeopardize Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city. "It is unlikely that Russia has amassed sufficient combat power to take the city without redeploying additional forces to the area," the British Ministry of Defense said. ➤ According to the Deep State service, Russians have occupied the village of Lukiantsi in Kharkiv oblast. At the same time, the village of Zelene, which was previously considered captured, remains under the control of the Armed Forces. The Russians also advanced in Hlyboke, near Yahidne, south of Pervomaiske, in Krasnohorivka, near Staromaiorske and Verbove areas. ➤ U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken declared the need for mobilization in Ukraine, calling it "a difficult but necessary decision." "The defenders who have so bravely held the lines for over two years need help. They need to rest," Blinken said.
15.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russian occupiers continue to concentrate their efforts in the Kupiansk and Pokrovsk directions. Ukrainian soldiers are repelling enemy attacks, and the Ukrainian Defense Forces' firepower and unmanned aerial systems are actively working. ➤ Defense forces repelled a Russian offensive near Vovchansk and partially drove them out of the town – General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Defensive actions continue in the northern and northwestern outskirts.

Losses of the Russian army from 12.05.2024 to 18.05.2024	
Liquidated personnel	8260
Tanks	91
IFVs	213
Artillery systems / MLRS	200/4
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	7
Aircraft / helicopters	4/1
UAVs	219
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	373
Special equipment	29

Military positions

15.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Towards Lyman, the Russian occupiers made two unsuccessful efforts to improve the tactical situation in the areas of Ivanivka and Terniv. ➤ According to Russian media, in the temporarily occupied Crimea, two MiG-31s, a S-400 and a fuel depot were destroyed in an attack. Local media noted that as a result of the attack on Crimea on the night of May 14-15, two MiG-31 fighter interceptors were destroyed at the Belbek military airfield in Sevastopol, and a fuel and lubricant depot burned down. 11 Russian soldiers were also wounded. Later in the morning, another strike destroyed an S-400 Triumph anti-aircraft missile system near the village of Vyshneve. After the attack, AAMS caught fire. 2 Russian soldiers were killed and 2 were wounded. ➤ Belarus is once again preparing to receive Russian trains with military equipment, ammunition, and personnel. This was stated by Belaruski Gayun with reference to the Union of Belarusian Railroaders. "Among other things, echelons from the occupied territories of Ukraine may be transferred to Belarus," the report says. ➤ Washington does not encourage strikes on Russia with American weapons, but Ukraine itself decides how to wage this war. This was stated by US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken. "These are decisions that Ukraine makes for its own sake. We will do everything we can to ensure that it gets everything it needs to win on the battlefield," Blinken said.
16.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Since the beginning of the offensive by Russian troops on 10.05.2024 in the Kharkiv direction, the Defense Forces of Ukraine have used decisive actions to significantly reduce the occupiers' activity. The enemy's plans to penetrate deeper into the city of Vovchansk and gain a foothold there were thwarted. In the Kupiansk direction, Russian invaders, supported by armored vehicles, are trying to attack Ukrainian positions in the Krokhmalne-Berestove area. The fighting continues, the situation is under control. Ukrainian defenders also improved their tactical position and pushed the enemy back in the area north of Kyslivka. ➤ In the Siversk direction, Russians conducted one attack in the Vesele-Zvanivka area; there were no changes in the position of the defense forces. Fighting continues in the Yakovlivka-Razdolivka area. ➤ Volodymyr Zelenskyi commented on the situation in Vovchansk in his evening speech. "Russian shelling does not stop, there are threats. Today, in particular, the head of the administration of Vovchansk was wounded. Our counterattack actions continue - they continue in other districts in Kharkiv oblast," the President said.
17.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Since the beginning of the day, 60 combat engagements took place on the frontline. On the night of May 17, 2024, Russians attacked with 20 Shahed UAVs from the areas of Primorsko-Akhtarsk and Kursk (Russia). All the enemy Shaheds were shot down within Kharkiv, Poltava, Vinnytsia, Odesa and Mykolaiv oblasts. ➤ Speaking to the media, Volodymyr Zelenskyi reported that for the first time in years, Ukraine had no shortage of artillery shells. The President also said that the Russians' target in Kharkiv oblast is Vovchansk. The deepest advance of the occupiers is 10 kilometers. "Our partners are not pushing us to negotiate with Russia. Although it seems that in the atmosphere of the world there is. Before communicating with Russia, we need to create a detailed plan agreed by the whole world," Zelenskyi added. ➤ Dmytro Lykhoviy, a representative of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, says that in the north of Vovchansk, Ukrainian forces are clearing the streets, preventing the enemy from gaining a foothold. According to him, 141 combat engagements with Russians took place on the frontline over the past day, 11 of them in Kharkiv oblast. ➤ On the first day of the recent Russian offensive in Kharkiv oblast, Ukrainian Starlink terminals went down – The Washington Post. According to the newspaper, that morning the 125th Territorial Defense Brigade "lost all video broadcasts due to Russian electronic interference." The commander of the brigade's drone unit told reporters that at one point they were "completely blind." ➤ Putin states that Russia currently has no plans to capture Kharkiv. According to him, the goal of Russian troops in Kharkiv oblast is to create a so-called "sanitary zone" to stop Russian shelling. ➤ Reuters reports that the Tuapse oil refinery has been shut down due to Ukrainian drone attacks. According to one of the sources, the drones hit the liquefied petroleum gas production unit in Tuapse, while the crude oil refining unit remained unharmed.
18.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ukrainian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Syrskyi notes that Russian forces have expanded the area of active combat operations by almost 70 kilometers. Additional brigades from the reserves have been deployed to restrain their advance. According to Syrskyi, the Russian army has focused its main efforts on capturing Vovchansk in Kharkiv oblast and aims to advance to Bilyi Kolodyazh, where it will launch an offensive to the rear of Ukrainian troops. The deepest point of advance of the Russian military is 10 kilometers. ➤ Over the past day, a total of 116 combat engagements took place along the entire frontline of the Russian-Ukrainian war. The Russians used 13 missiles, 46 Shahed and Lancet attack UAVs, fired 4,072 times at Ukrainian troops' positions and populated areas, including 143 times from multiple launch rocket systems. ➤ Ukraine has asked the United States to help identify targets in Russia that can be struck – The Wall Street Journal. It concerns strikes with Ukrainian weapons, but Ukraine is also asking the United States to lift restrictions on the use of American weapons. The US is currently considering this request.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 39 missile and 383 air strikes and fired over 146 MLRS attacks.

Attack on the night of May 14

- The Ukrainian Air Forces (UAF) shot down all 18 Russian Shahed drones in Kyiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Cherkasy, Kirovohrad, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Khmelnytskyi oblasts. Ukraine was also attacked by one Iskander-M ballistic missile.

Attack on the night of May 17

- Overnight, air defense destroyed 20 of the 20 “Shaheds” used by Russia to attack Kharkiv, Poltava, Vinnytsia, Odesa, and Mykolaiv oblasts.

Attack on the night of May 18

- The Russian army attacked Ukraine with 13 Shahed 131/136 attack drones. Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed all drones in Kharkiv, Poltava, Vinnytsia, Mykolaiv, and Dnipro oblasts. In Poltava oblast, a Russian drone damaged the energy infrastructure in one of the districts.

Sumy oblast

On May 12, the Russians launched a missile attack on the outskirts of the city of Sumy. On the same day, as a result of the Russian shelling of the Krasnopillia community, a 70-year-old resident was killed, and his son and a relative were injured. On May 14, a resident of Druzhbivka community was injured. On May 15, Russians shelled the territory of the region with multiple rocket launchers, killing one civilian woman in the Esman community and injuring a 67-year-old woman in the Druzhbivka community.

The Russians are shelling the territory of the oblast with small arms, mortars, grenade launchers, artillery, FPV drones, and MLRS. The settlements of Khotyn, Yunakivka, Myropillia, Krasnopillia, Esman, Sumy, Bilopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Shalyhyne, Seredyno-Buda, Znob-Novhorod, Putyvl, Druzhbivka, Nova Sloboda, Hlukhiv, and Richky communities were shelled. The attacks damaged apartment buildings, private houses, hangars, cars, and business buildings.

Zaporizhzhia and the oblast

On May 15, a woman and two men were injured as a result of the Russian shelling of Stepanivka, Vasylivka district. The Russians shelled the village with air bombs.

During the week, the occupiers fired over 2286 times in the Zaporizhzhia oblast. Orikhiv, Mala Tokmachka, Chervonodniprova, Hulaiipole, Levadne, Robotyne, Malynivka, Novoandriivka, Verbove, Kamianske, Stepanivka, and other towns were also under fire from attack drones, artillery, MLRS, and aircraft.

Kharkiv and the oblast

As a result of Russia's offensive in the Kharkiv oblast, the region's settlements are under intense shelling. Vovchansk, Lyptsi, and all northern border points are under enemy fire almost around the clock. Russian troops are using guided aerial bombs, MLRS, artillery, and UAVs to attack the territory.

On May 12, a series of massive shelling of Vovchansk with various types of weapons injured 7 people. On the same day, a 46-year-old woman was wounded in Dvorichna, and a 69-year-old man was injured in Izium. On May 13, as a result of the rocket attack in Kharkiv district, 4 men were wounded, and 1 man died. The building of the enterprise was damaged. In Vovchansk, 4 people were wounded, and a 70-year-old woman was also injured in Lyptss. On May 14, as a result of a series of shelling with various types of weapons (S-300 missiles, UAVs, UMBP D-30 bombs) in three districts of Kharkiv, private and apartment buildings, an educational institution, and civilian cars were damaged. Over the course of the day, 22 people were injured, including a 12-year-old boy and an 8-year-old girl. In Vovchansk, 2 people were wounded, and a 79-year-old woman was killed. On May 15, the building of a family medicine outpatient clinic in Mala Danylivka village, as well as a dormitory and private houses, were damaged by hostile shelling. Four employees of the medical institution were injured as a result of the shelling. On the same day, the Russian invaders launched a rocket attack on the central part of Kharkiv, damaging a 5-story building and injuring 2 men, 20 and 40 years old. Another 4 people were wounded in different settlements of the region, and 1 was killed in the city of Kupiansk. On May 16, the Russian military struck Chuhuiv twice, hitting the private sector, wounding three people and damaging at least 10 houses. In the morning, a woman was injured in the shelling of Bohuslavka. On the same day, the Russians fired cluster munitions at the intermediate evacuation point - the village of Buhavka in the Vovchansk community. Four employees of the medical center, a civilian man, and the head of the MVA were injured. Kharkiv districts were attacked several times with UAVs and S-300 missiles, and 3 houses were damaged. In Synelnykove, 2 men aged 35 and 33 were wounded as a result of shelling from MLRS. The 35-year-old man died. Another man was wounded in Vovchansk, and one was killed in the village of Krasne. On May 17, the Russians attacked Kharkiv with guided aerial bombs. Three people were killed and 28 injured. Also, a 74-year-old woman was injured in Kupiansk-Vuzlovyi as a result of airstrikes.

During the week, the Russians fired at the following localities in the region: Lyptsi, Vesele, Neskuchne, Starytsia, Zarichne, Zelenyi Yar, Hontarivka, Tomakhivka, Yurchenkove, Vovchansk, Mali Prokhody, Dvorichna, Izium, Korotych, Borova, Lyman, Slobzhanske, Hrafske, Kolisnykivka, Derhachi community, Kupiansk, Kurylivka, Krasne, Synelnykove.

Mykolaiv oblast

On May 15, the Russians launched missile attacks on Mykolaiv. They hit a private enterprise and a service station. Six people were injured. Also, during the day, the Russian army shelled the Kutsurub community with artillery. On May 16 and 17, Russian troops again attacked the Kutsurub community with artillery and kamikaze drones.



Donetsk oblast

On the morning of May 16, Russian troops shelled the village of Mykhailivka, Pokrovsk district, with Smerch multiple rocket launchers, wounding five people. Russian troops hit the territory of a local enterprise, damaging the administrative building and a car. On May 17, Russian troops massively shelled Krasnohorivka, three people were reported dead.

The following settlements in the region were also under fire during the week:

- In Volnovakha district: Bohoiavlenska of the Vuhledar community, Bahatyr of the Velyka Novosilka community. 1 person was wounded.
- In Pokrovsk district: Kurakhivka, Kurakhove, Veselyi Hai, Ostrovske, and Hostre in the Kurakhivka community; Novohrodivka, Karlivka, Mykhailivka in the Novohrodivka community; Selydove, Pokrovsk; Krasnohorivka, Kostiantynivka, Maksymilianivka, Antonivka, Paraskoviivka and Yelyzavetivka in the Marinka community, and Ivanivka in the Hrodivka community. 5 people died and 7 were injured.
- In Kramatorsk district: Lyman, Dibrova, Torske, Terny, Yampolivka, Zarichne, Ivanivka, Yampil of the Lyman community, Katerynivka, Stara Mykolaivka and Kleban-Byk of the Illinivka community, Mykolaivka of the Kostiantynivka community. 1 person died and 1 was injured.
- in Bakhmut district: Shcherbynivka, Toretsk, Zalizne of the Toretsk community; Siversk, Serebrianka of the Siversk community; the Chasiv Yar community. 1 person was wounded.

Industrial and private buildings, infrastructure facilities, power lines, and administrative buildings were damaged.

Chernihiv oblast

Every day for a week, Russia has been shelling the Nikopol district with artillery and kamikaze drones. In particular, Nikopol, Marhanets, Pokrovsk, Chervonohryhorivka, and Myrove communities are affected.

On May 12, Russia fired 6 times at Nikopol district with artillery and kamikaze drones. A private house, an outbuilding, and a gas pipeline were damaged in Nikopol. Air defense forces destroyed a Russian missile in Kryvyi Rih district. On May 13, Russian troops fired 17 times with kamikaze drones and artillery at Nikopol, Chervonohryhorivka, and Myrovska communities. A five-story building, 16 private houses, a car, and several greenhouses were damaged. 10 outbuildings were smashed, and another one was destroyed. An agricultural company was damaged. Power lines and gas pipelines were damaged. On May 14, the Russian army struck Nikopol three times with kamikaze drones. One man was killed and another wounded. One private house was destroyed, and nine were damaged. A five-story building, outbuildings, and a power line were also damaged. On May 15, Russia attacked Nikopol nine times. Four strikes were carried out with kamikaze drones and five times with artillery. Four private houses were damaged. A sports club, a minibus, a truck, a gas pipeline, and a power line were damaged. Also, that day, the Russians launched a missile attack on Dnipro. Two people were killed, and one was injured. Residential buildings, infrastructure facilities, and an animal shelter were damaged. On May 16, the Nikopol district was shelled with kamikaze drones and heavy artillery. A private house, an outbuilding, and an infrastructure facility were damaged in Nikopol. In Marhanets, Myrove, and Pokrovsk communities, residential buildings, and outbuildings were damaged by shelling. The shelling damaged a power facility and 4 power lines. On May 17, Nikopol district experienced 9 kamikaze drone strikes and 5 artillery attacks. Four houses and three sheds, a school, a shop, and an agricultural company were damaged. Power lines and a gas pipeline were damaged. On May 18, a 64-year-old man was wounded in the shelling of Nikopol. A house, two kiosks, and three cars were damaged in the town. Throughout the day, Myrove, Marhanets, and Pokrovsk communities in the Nikopol district were shelled.

Kherson and the oblast

On May 12, the Russian military shelled 10 settlements and launched a missile attack on the Vysokopillia community. The Russian attacks damaged four private houses, a critical infrastructure facility, and a cell tower. On the morning of May 13, the Russians shelled Inzhenerne and Tiahynka. Two people were wounded – a 74-year-old resident sustained a leg injury, and a 61-year-old woman was diagnosed with an explosive injury, concussion, and contusion. The village of Kizomys in the Bilozerka community was also shelled. Two people were killed as a result of a hit on a residential building. While extinguishing the fire, Russians dropped explosives from a drone on a firefighter's vehicle. On the evening of May 13, the center of Kherson was attacked. An educational institution came under fire. In total, 10 settlements came under fire from mortars, artillery, and UAVs. On May 14, the Russians fired at four settlements with various types of weapons. The Russian military shelled residential areas of Kherson, Antonivka, Mykhailivka, and Novooleksandrivka. A private house and warehouses were damaged. One person was killed and another wounded. On the morning of May 15, Russian troops attacked Kherson. A shell hit a high-rise building in the Korabelnyi district of the city. In the afternoon, the Russians dropped three bombs on the center of Kherson. Eight apartment buildings, five private houses, two schools, and a healthcare facility were damaged. 19 people were wounded. Also, on this day, Mykhailivka, Antonivka, and Stanislav were shelled. On May 16, the Russians shelled 15 localities, including the village of Vysoke. In total, two people were killed, and six were wounded in the shelling. Four multi-story buildings, seven private houses, a medical facility, a shop, and four private cars were damaged. On May 17, the Russian army shelled residential areas of 18 settlements with various types of weapons. A 56-year-old man was wounded in Tiahynka. In Vesele, Russians dropped explosives from a drone on people. Two men were injured. In Stanislav, the head of the Novotroitske village military administration was wounded. On May 18, Russians fired a tank at a village in Beryslav district. A 67-year-old man was killed. Explosives were also dropped from a drone on two people in Stanislav. A man was killed, and a woman was injured.

During the week, the Russians fired at the following localities in the region: Prydniprovsk, Dniprovsk, Naddniprianske, Veletenske, Lvove, Kozatske, Ivanivka, Mykhailivka, Antonivka, Stepanivka, Tiahynka, Novooleksandrivka, Tomaryne, Kizomys, Beryslav, Novoberyslav, Vesele, Stanislav, Poniativka, Chornobaivka, Inzhenerne, Kachkarivka, Zolota Balka, Vysoke, Novovorontsovka, Osokorivka, Olhyne, Sadove and Kherson.

Odesa oblast

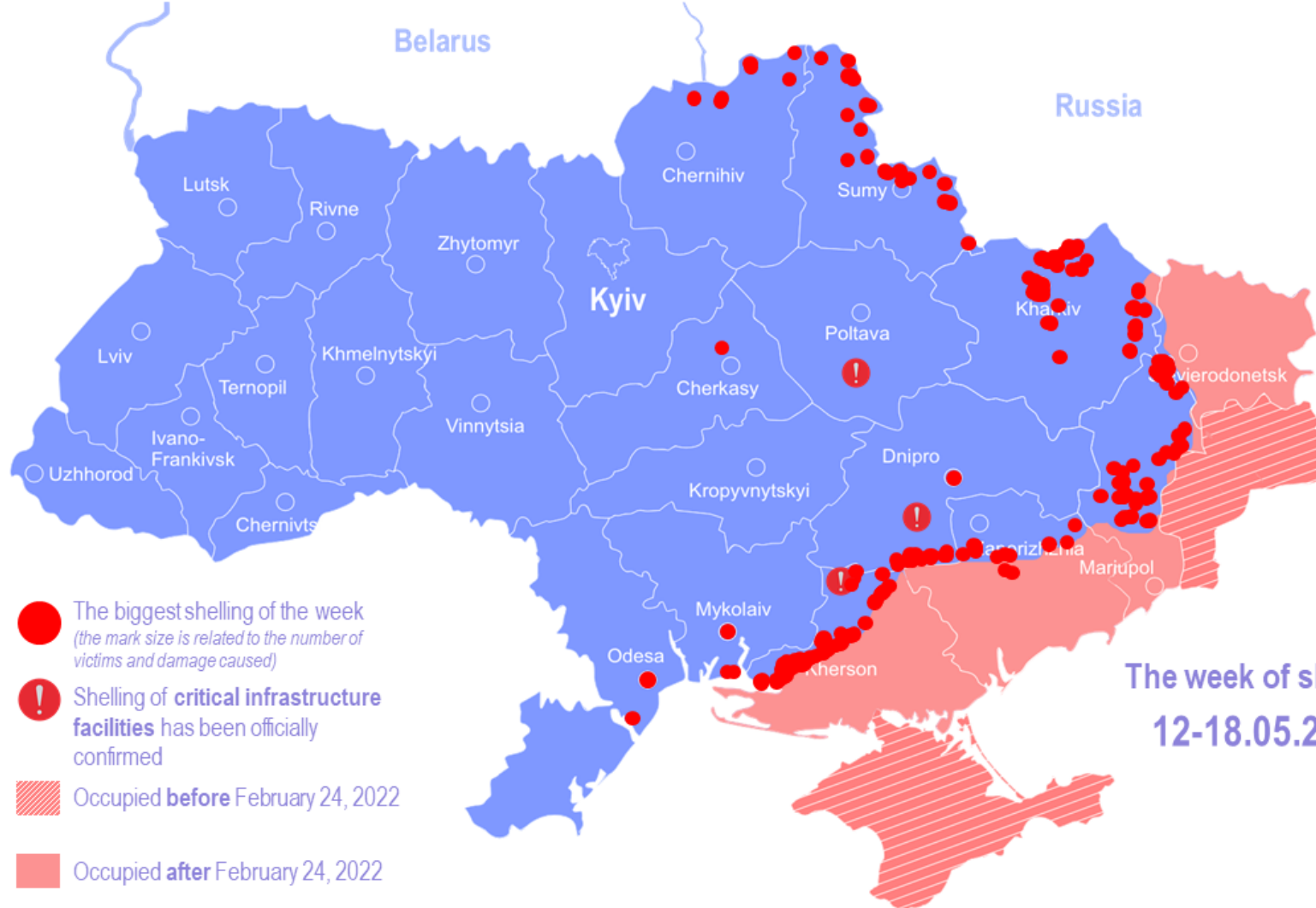
On May 17, Russia launches missile attacks on Odesa. Civilian infrastructure was damaged. One person was killed, and eight were injured. On the morning of May 18, Russians attacked the Odesa oblast with a ballistic missile, probably an Iskander-M.

Chernihiv oblast

During the week, the Russians shelled four border communities with mortars, cannon artillery, multiple launch rocket systems, and unmanned aerial vehicles: Novhorod-Siversk, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnianska. In particular, on May 13, the Russians fired cluster munitions at the town of Snovsk. Three people were wounded as a result of the shelling. Several residential buildings, cars, and civilian infrastructure were also damaged. On May 14, a man died as a result of shelling with cannon artillery and mortars in the village of Hremiach of the Novhorod-Siversk community. On May 18, a resident was injured as a result of shelling in the Semenivka community. An apartment building and a kindergarten were damaged.

The week of shelling

Kharkiv oblast



- The biggest shelling of the week
(the mark size is related to the number of victims and damage caused)
- ! Shelling of **critical infrastructure facilities** has been officially confirmed
- ▨ Occupied **before** February 24, 2022
- Occupied **after** February 24, 2022

The week of shelling
12-18.05.2024

Kherson Oblast



Donetsk oblast



Mykolaiv oblast



Chernihiv oblast



Humanitarian crisis



12.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The evacuation of the population from the towns and villages in Kharkiv oblast, where the fighting has intensified, continues. Vovchansk, Lyptsy, and all the settlements on the northern border are under enemy fire almost around the clock. In over two days, the Regional Military Administration, local administrations, the Humanitarian Coordination Center, volunteers, police, and the State Emergency Service evacuated over 4,000 residents from the settlements where there was a threat to civilian life and health.
13.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The suspension of customs duties and quotas on Ukrainian exports to the EU will be extended for another year following a decision by the EU Council and a vote in the European Parliament. ➤ In the Vovchansk community, during the Russian army's offensive, the occupiers forcibly detain and continue to detain people in the basement. Local residents were placed in the building on 11 May 2024. Some of them managed to escape on 13 May and reached Ukrainian volunteers. These people are now safe. The victims said that while they were in the basement, they heard Russian soldiers talking about the need to shoot civilians. People were also forced to provide medical assistance to the occupiers.
14.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Prosecutor's Office opened two criminal proceedings on war crimes committed by the Russian army in a border community in Kharkiv oblast. According to the investigation, on 14 May, a Russian serviceman shot and killed a 46-year-old local resident at point-blank range in the village of Starytsia in the Vovchansk community. In addition, on 14 May, a civilian went missing during an attack by Russian troops. His whereabouts are currently unknown, as the Prosecutor's Office reported. It is also known that two volunteers disappeared in Vovchansk while driving their own car to evacuate a local family. ➤ In the Sumy oblast, 30 residents, including 6 children, have been evacuated from the Bilopilnia community, according to Volodymyr Artiukh, Head of the Regional Military Administration. The regional authorities reminded that the evacuation of the population from border communities within a 5-km zone from the border with Russia, which began in July 2023, continues in the region. The evacuation concerns residents of 115 border settlements in 15 communities in 4 districts of the oblast, which are under constant Russian shelling.
15.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Russian Federation is luring migrants and its own citizens to the frontline to fight against Ukraine with the promise of fake job opportunities, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). They are promised fraudulent contracts with a one-time payment of 405,000 rubles (about \$4,400). These deceptive employment schemes target citizens of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, India, and Congo. ➤ On 15 May, emergency power cuts were introduced across Ukraine for industrial and residential electricity consumers. Ukrenergo explained that the reason for this was an increase in electricity shortages due to higher consumption resulting from the cold snap and the effects of Russian shelling.
16.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improvement in the power supply situation will depend on weather conditions. The electricity supply in Ukraine may improve significantly next week. However, periodic power outages will continue in summer and autumn, said Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, chairman of the board of the National Energy Company Ukrenergo.

16.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine said that Russian troops are preventing the evacuation of civilians from the north of Vovchansk, abducting them and holding them in basements. According to the Head of the Ministry, Ihor Klymenko, there have been the first cases of people being shot: the occupiers killed a resident of Vovchansk who was trying to escape the city on foot. As of the morning of 15 May, according to the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration, about 8,000 people have been evacuated from the border area of Kharkiv oblast. ➤ Ukrzaliznytsia handed over two more upgraded railcars to the Ukrainain Armed Forces to evacuate the wounded. The cars help to transport wounded soldiers of varying severity as safely as possible. In total, over the past two years, the railway has already converted 68 railcars for medical evacuation.
17.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Several residents managed to escape from the occupied villages of the Lipetsk community in the north of Kharkiv oblast. As of 17 May, 296 civilians remain in the community, and 148 people stay in the villages. The Russians are shelling the territory with guided aerial bombs, missiles, small arms, and artillery shells. This was reported by Oleksii Slabchenko, Head of the Local Rural Military Administration. ➤ Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal informed that the government has allocated over UAH 1.5 billion to rebuild Zmiivska Thermal Power Plant in Kharkiv oblast and Trypil'ska Thermal Power Plant in Kyiv oblast. Shmyhal noted that the government, the energy sector, and all responsible agencies are currently working continuously to improve the electricity situation in the country as much as possible. ➤ The Ministry of Culture and Information Policy reported that in 2024, 215 symbols of the totalitarian regime or Russian imperial policy were deprived of the status of cultural heritage monuments of local significance. ➤ With the help of the Save Ukraine organization, four children were returned to the territory controlled by Ukraine from the temporarily occupied part of Kherson oblast. Three brothers and a sister, aged 2 to 12, were evacuated. Thus, since the beginning of the year, 88 children have been taken out of the temporarily occupied territory of Kherson oblast. ➤ A total of 13,770 people have been evacuated from the border area of Sumy oblast, including 2,220 children. All residents of 28 settlements located in 4 districts have left. Following a joint order of the Sumy Regional State Administration, the Regional Military Administration, and the Siversk Operational and Tactical Group as of 2 April 2024, the forced evacuation of children with their parents or representatives was announced.
18.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In the spring of 2024, Russia resumed massive attacks on Ukrainian energy infrastructure. The damage caused by these attacks is estimated at more than one billion dollars. The blackouts, which began on 14 May, could last until August or September. There will be a deficit in the power system in winter, even in warm weather.

