



# Transatlantic Dialogue Center

## Weekly briefing

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# International support

19.05

- **The United Kingdom** sent Ukraine 80 **air defense missiles** in early May, and another 20 are to be delivered by June, Defense Minister Grant Shapps said. According to him, this month Britain has already sent 20 armored Viking amphibious vehicles and more than 4,000 pieces of military clothing.
- **The German government** is looking for **additional funds to increase military assistance** to Ukraine in 2024, reported news tabloid Bild. Of the 7.1 billion euros of aid allocated to Ukraine in 2024, most of it has already been distributed, and the remaining 300 million euros will be used to purchase artillery shells and weapons.

20.05

- Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas said in an interview with the Financial Times that some countries have already **sent their instructors** to Ukraine **to train the Ukrainian military**.
- **India will take part in the Summit on Peace** in Ukraine. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that his country will “resonate the voice of the Global South.”
- The main topic of the recent Ramstein meeting was **strengthening Ukraine’s air defense**. Pentagon Secretary Lloyd Austin said that Ukraine will see a steady flow of American aid “week after week.” Lloyd Austin noted that the allies also discussed **the supply of artillery shells** and ammunition to **HIMARS**.
- **Spain** will provide Ukraine with a **new military aid package**. It will include a second batch of Leopard tanks, 155-mm ammunition, a batch of Patriot missiles, anti-drone systems, and more.
- **The Netherlands** will transfer YPR-765 **armored vehicles** to Ukraine. These vehicles provide fire support in combat, evacuate wounded soldiers, and deliver ammunition to the front. The Netherlands has already delivered 207 YPR armored vehicles of various types to Ukraine.
- The French parliament is calling for the **lifting of restrictions on Ukraine’s strikes on Russian territory** with weapons supplied by France. This was reported by Le Figaro.
- In the Romanian city of Mediaș, the German company Rheinmetall has opened a **defense factory** that will support Ukraine’s military vehicles.
- The U.S. Department of State has approved **\$100 million worth of maintenance services** for various U.S. systems for Ukraine. The United States said that under the Foreign Military Sales program, the services will also include related equipment.

21.05

- German Foreign Minister **Annalena Baerbock** arrived on a visit to **Kyiv**. She emphasized that almost one billion euros had been raised for the German global initiative to strengthen Ukraine’s air defenses.
- Brussels insists that **official negotiations on Ukraine’s membership** in the European Union should begin on June 25.
- Wargaming and UNITED24 have **raised funds for 13 ambulances**. Since last October, players from 115 countries have joined the campaign, helping to raise more than \$1 million for ambulances.
- The EU **agreed to use the profits from confiscated Russian assets** for the benefit of Ukraine. After Russia’s invasion, the West froze about half of the Central Bank of Russia’s gold and currency reserves. That is about \$300 billion, most of it in Europe. The Czech foreign minister said that nearly 3 billion euros will be transferred to Ukraine this year, 90% of which will go to military support.

22.05

- The Swedish government has approved a **three-year program of additional military assistance** to Ukraine worth **\$7.01 billion** for 2024-2026. Of this amount, the country will provide \$2.3 billion annually. In addition, the Swedish government has ordered a batch of new CV90 infantry fighting vehicles from BAE Systems for Ukraine.

22.05

- More than 11 NATO countries **supported and plan to join the German initiative** to purchase air defense systems for Ukraine. This was reported on the official page of the German Ministry of Defense in X. The list of these countries includes Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Romania, and Lithuania.

23.05

- The United States **may lift restrictions** on the Ukrainian Armed Forces’ **ability to attack Russia with American weapons**. The New York Times writes that the White House is “discussing” this issue, and President Joe Biden has not yet been presented with this proposal. At the moment, the issue is one of authorizing the use of American missiles and artillery to strike targets.
- Five **rehabilitation hospitals** will be equipped in Ukraine with the financial support of NATO. This was stated by the Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Natalia Kalmykova.
- The UK is preparing 15 FV432 **tracked armored personnel carriers** and 2 FV434 armored repair vehicles **for Azov**. This was announced by the founder of the charitable foundation, Serhiy Prytula.
- **Spain** has agreed to increase the number of **Ukrainian military personnel to be trained** in the country. The Spanish Defense Ministry said that an additional 400 Ukrainian servicemen will be accepted for training.

24.05

- In the United States, the first group of Ukrainian pilots **completed training on F-16 fighter jets**. The pilots were trained at the 162nd National Guard Air Base in Tucson, Arizona.
- Germany has announced **another package of military assistance** to Ukraine. The package includes 10 Leopard 1A5 tanks, one Bergepanzer 2 ARV armored evacuation vehicle, one Biber bridge paver, one Pionierpanzer Dachs and one Wisent 1 engineering vehicle, 16 Zetros trucks, 34 RQ-35 Heidrun reconnaissance drones and 20 VECTOR UAVs, thousands of rounds of ammunition and three M142 HIMARS mobile missile systems. Separately, Germany officially confirmed the **transfer of another IRIS-T air defense system** to Ukraine.
- The **United States** announced a new \$275 million military **aid package** for Ukraine. The package includes HIMARS missiles, artillery shells, Javelin and AT-4 anti-tank systems, tactical vehicles, and more. Zelenskyi also said that the U.S. aid package includes “much-needed long-range missiles.”
- Emmanuel Levacher, CEO of the French company Arquus, confirmed that his company is currently producing 11 Bastion armored vehicles. He also noted that an additional 100 armored vehicles could be ordered for Ukraine.

25.05

- The United States has threatened to destroy all Russian positions in Ukraine if it uses nuclear weapons, Polish Foreign Minister Radosław Sikorski said. According to Sikorski, China and India have also warned Russia **against using nuclear weapons**.
- **Hungary is delaying the financing** of weapons for Ukraine **from the proceeds of frozen Russian assets**. In order to reach an agreement on the use of the funds, EU officials offered Hungary a deal under which its share of the money allocated by Brussels would not be used to purchase weapons for Ukraine. This convinced Budapest not to veto the plan, but it is still delaying the process.



# Military positions

- Defense forces of Ukraine are continuing their defensive operation, focusing their main efforts on repelling Russian attacks and restoring Ukraine's territorial integrity.
- Towards Kurakhove, Ukrainian troops repelled enemy attempts to advance in the areas of Krasnohorivka and Kostiantynivka.
- Towards Vremivka, Russians attempted to dislodge the Ukrainian Defense Forces in the area of Staromaiorske, Donetsk oblast. It failed and retreated.
- Towards Orikhiv, a Russian attack near Robotyne was repelled.
- In the Prydniprovskiyi direction, the Defense Forces repelled one enemy attack in the area of Krynky. In the course of the fighting, the Russian troops did not succeed, and no losses of positions were incurred.
- Towards Kharkiv, Russians are launching guided aerial bombs. Fighting continues in the area of Vovchansk and Lyptsi.
- Towards Kramatorsk, the occupiers are trying to conduct assault operations with the support of aviation. They are actively using unguided aerial missiles.
- Russians particularly activated in the Pokrovsk direction. Here, the intensity of enemy attacks has more than tripled.
- The situation in other directions does not have significant changes. Ukrainian forces are depleting the combat potential of the Russian occupiers, repelling the enemy and strengthening their own defense lines.

<b>19.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At night, explosions were heard at refineries and oil depots in Russia. The Russian Ministry of Defense reports an attack by more than 60 drones and 9 ATACMS missiles. The explosion occurred near a refinery in Slaviansk-on-Kuban, Krasnodar Krai. Local Telegram (X) channels write about an attack on a military airfield in the village of Kushchevska. Also, an explosion, followed by a fire, occurred at an oil depot in Vyborg, Leningrad region. Explosions were also reported in the occupied Crimea, including Sevastopol, Yevpatoriia, Saki, Perevalne, Dzhankoi and Armiansk.</li> <li>➤ The General Staff reports that the Ukrainian Navy has destroyed the Russian naval minesweeper "Kovrovets".</li> <li>➤ According to DeepState, the Russians have intensified their actions in the Kharkiv direction, with seven combat engagements taking place there. Russian troops are trying to push the units of the Defense Forces of Ukraine near Vovchansk, Starytsia, and Lyptsi. Ukrainian troops are holding the line and counterattacking in certain areas.</li> </ul>
<b>20.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past day, 140 combat engagements took place on the frontline.</li> <li>➤ On the night of May 19, the Ukrainian Defense Forces struck a Russian Cyclone missile ship of Project 22800 in temporarily occupied Sevastopol. Earlier, spokesperson for Ukrainian Navy Dmytro Pletenchuk said that the ship might have suffered in the attack on May 19, when the 266-M Kovrovets minesweeper was sunk.</li> <li>➤ A powerful explosion in Luhansk occurred in the area of the Academy of Internal Affairs, where the Russian military is based. Local channels and OSINT analysts report that the strike hit the village of Yuvileine, west of the city. It was probably an attack with France's long-range SCALP missiles.</li> <li>➤ According to the General Staff, Russians have attempted 58 times to push Ukrainian troops out of their positions, with fighting going on in 17 areas. Towards Kharkiv, fighting continues near Starytsia and Vovchansk Towards Kupiansk, the enemy is trying to advance in the areas of Synkivka, Berestove and Ivanivka. In the Siversk direction, the Defense Forces are holding back the Russians near Bilohorivka and repelling attacks near Vyimka and Rozdolivka. Towards Kramatorsk, fighting continues near Novyi. Four attacks were repelled in the Vremivka direction, near Staromaiorsk. The enemy is attacking most actively in the Pokrovsk direction, where the number of combat engagements has increased to 24, eight of which are still ongoing. Russians are trying to find weaknesses in the defense near Umanske and Sieverne.</li> </ul>
<b>21.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past day, 112 combat engagements took place on the frontline.</li> <li>➤ At the opening of the regular meeting of the allies in the Ramstein format, US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin stated that the coming weeks and months would be crucial for Ukraine. According to him, Western countries will continue to act decisively to help Ukraine fight for its freedom. "Ukraine's survival and success are critical to Ukraine's security, European security, global security, and American security," Austin said.</li> <li>➤ The Russian offensive plan in northern Kharkiv oblast included a partial encirclement of the regional center and pressure on Ukrainian troops in the area of the Pechenihy Reservoir, east of the city. The British magazine "The Economist" obtained the Russian offensive plan. Main points:</li> <li>➤ The invasion operation from the north was scheduled to begin on May 15-16 but was postponed almost a week earlier (May 10). The Russians identified two directions of attack on both sides of the Pechenihy Reservoir</li> <li>➤ In the western direction, the Russians planned to take positions near the village of Borshchova in three days to shell Kharkiv with artillery. They were stopped by the 92nd Assault Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - the occupiers were pushed back 10 kilometers from their initial goal.</li> <li>➤ In the eastern Vovchansk direction, the Russians wanted to reach the village of Pechenihy. In the early days, they quickly covered a large part of the territory. Now the Russians are being held back near the village of Buhruvatka and in Vovchansk.</li> <li>➤ The Economist estimates the formed Russian group at 48,000 military personnel, while military analysts believe that these forces are insufficient for an attack on Kharkiv itself.</li> <li>➤ The British magazine The Economist writes that the occupiers are forming a column in the town of Sudzha (Kursk region), which borders Sumy oblast. Intensified shelling of the border oblasts may indicate preparations for an offensive. Last week, Kyrylo Budanov, head of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, said that he expected a "powerful offensive" by the Russians in the direction of Sumy.</li> </ul>

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Liquidated personnel	<b>7500</b>
Tanks	<b>72</b>
IFVs	<b>138</b>
Artillery systems / MLRS	<b>216/7</b>
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	<b>7</b>
Aircraft / helicopters	<b>3/0</b>
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Vehicles & fuel tanks	<b>328</b>
Special equipment	<b>32</b>

# Military positions

<b>22.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past day, 117 combat engagements took place on the frontline.</li> <li>➤ A large-scale fire broke out in the Belgorod region after a UAV attack – Russian media. Local authorities say that warehouses and hangars with equipment were damaged. A fuel tank also caught fire.</li> <li>➤ According to the Russian Defense Ministry, its troops have officially begun the previously announced exercises with "tactical nuclear weapons strikes". The Russian Defense Ministry claims that the first stage of the exercises is taking place in the southern military district with the use of the Iskander missile system and Kinzhal hypersonic missiles.</li> <li>➤ The Security Service of Ukraine's Sea Baby maritime drones now have rocket launchers. "Army TV", citing sources, reported that the night before last, such drones effectively practiced from the sea on Russian positions on the Kinburn Spit (Mykolaiv oblast).</li> <li>➤ British Defense Secretary Grant Shepps said that China has provided or is preparing to provide Russia with "lethal assistance" for the war against Ukraine</li> <li>➤ According to DeepState, ten clashes took place near the village of Lyptsi. Russian invaders have been dropping unmanned aerial vehicles all day in the areas of Vovchansk and Vilcha village. Meanwhile, in the Kupiansk direction, fighting continues in the areas of Synkivka, Berestove, Druzheliubivka and Hrekivka.</li> </ul>
<b>23.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past day, 143 combat engagements took place in the frontline.</li> <li>➤ In Sumy oblast, the Russian military activated its subversive and reconnaissance groups. This was reported by Andrii Demchenko, spokesman for Ukraine's State Border Guard Service. According to him, it cannot be said that Russian SRG are trying to enter the territory of Ukraine every day, but their activity is quite high. The main goal of Russian subversive and reconnaissance groups is to find the locations of Ukrainian units and find out how the defense is built in order to strike them with powerful weapons.</li> <li>➤ The Russians are completely bogged down in the street battles for Vovchansk and have suffered very high losses in assault units. This was stated by the Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Oleksandr Syrskyi. "The enemy is currently moving reserves from different directions in an attempt to support active assault operations, but without success," he said. The most intense and fierce fighting is taking place in the Pokrovska and Kurakhove directions.</li> <li>➤ The 110th separate mechanized brigade named after General-Mayor Marko Bezrukhko shot down a Russian Su-25 attack aircraft.</li> </ul>
<b>24.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past day, 113 combat engagements took place on the frontline.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Armed Forces have stopped Russian troops in the Kharkiv direction and are conducting counteroffensive actions. This was stated by General Staff spokesman Ihor Prokhorenko.</li> <li>➤ Volodymyr Zelenskyi also confirmed that the Ukrainian Armed Forces managed to take combat control of the border area (Kharkiv oblast - ed.), which had been invaded by Russian occupiers.</li> <li>➤ According to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the enemy is trying to create a buffer zone in the north of Kharkiv oblast, but the situation there is already under control. In the east of Kharkiv oblast, Russians have intentions to bypass Kupiansk.</li> <li>➤ The NATO chief believes it is time to lift restrictions on the use of weapons provided to Ukraine. "This is Russia's aggressive war against Ukraine. Ukraine has the right to defend itself. And this includes strikes on targets in Russia," Jens Stoltenberg said in an interview with The Economist.</li> <li>➤ Agents of the Atesh guerrilla movement reported that the communication hub of the Russian occupiers (military unit 28735) was hit as a result of the evening attack in Alushta. This unit is an important point of communication and control for Russians in the temporarily occupied Crimea.</li> </ul>
<b>25.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A total of 103 combat engagements took place along the entire frontline of the Russian-Ukrainian war over the past day.</li> <li>➤ According to the General Staff, Russians attacked Ukrainian units three times in the Kharkiv direction since the beginning of the day. Two assaults were repelled in the area of Lyptsi without success for the enemy. Another combat engagement is taking place in the area of Vovchansk. Ukrainian defense forces continue to strengthen their positions Towards Lyman, an enemy attack was repelled near Torske. Towards Siversk, two combat engagements took place since the beginning of the day, one of them is still ongoing near Vyimka. Ukrainian troops have success in several areas.</li> <li>➤ The Russian breakthrough towards Kharkiv resulted in 1 to 8 military losses. One Ukrainian to eight Russians. This was announced by Volodymyr Zelenskyi in an interview with journalists from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.</li> <li>➤ Magura V5 naval drones will soon dominate conventional ships. This was announced by the Head of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine Kyrilo Budanov. According to him, robotic maritime platforms are being improved. In particular, they are being equipped with systems to hit small surface and air targets, as well as to strike at the coasts.</li> </ul>

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## Attack on the night of May 19

The Russian army attacked Ukraine with 37 drones. Air defense forces shot down all 37 "Shaheds" in the Kyiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Vinnytsia, Zhytomyr, Cherkasy, and Kherson regions.

## Attack on the night of May 20

Air defense forces shot down all 29 drones launched by the Russian army during the night.

## Attack on the night of May 22

Air defense forces shot down all 24 drones within six regions during the night, as attacked by the Russian army.

## Kherson and the oblast

- On May 19, the Russian military dropped explosives from a drone on Beryslav in the Kherson region, injuring five people. As a result of Russian shelling, nine settlements in the Beryslav district were temporarily left without power. The Russian army also struck Kindiika in the Kherson region, injuring a 75-year-old man. On May 20, the Russian military shelled Tiahynka in the Kherson region, injuring a woman. Additionally, in the Dnipro district of Kherson, one person was killed and another injured due to shelling. In the evening, the Russian army attacked Bilozerka in the Kherson region, injuring a 74-year-old man and a 64-year-old woman.
- On May 21, Russian forces dropped explosives from a drone in Antonivka near Kherson, injuring three women. Shelling in the Korabelnyi district of Kherson injured two more women, one of whom is in serious condition. Russian forces also shelled Ivanivka in the Darivka community of the Kherson region, injuring a man. Shelling in the Shumenskyi neighborhood of Kherson injured five people.
- On May 22, Russian forces shelled 17 settlements in the Kherson region, launched a missile at the Vysokopillia community, and conducted airstrikes in the Beryslav and Kherson districts, injuring two people.
- On May 24, the Russian military shelled Komyschany in the Kherson region during the day. Private houses were damaged, and one caught fire. Two people were diagnosed with acute stress reactions by doctors.

## Sumy and the oblast

- On May 19, the Russian army shelled the civilian infrastructure of the Khotyn community in the Sumy district using mortars. As a result of the attack, a 64-year-old man was injured. On the evening of May 20, rescuers in the Shostka district extinguished fires in two residential houses and two outbuildings caused by Russian shelling.
- On May 21, Russian forces launched a missile strike on the industrial infrastructure of Konotop, injuring a 59-year-old worker at the enterprise. On May 22, there were 139 explosions throughout the day as Russian forces shelled the Sumy region using various types of weapons. The Mykolaiv, Bilopillia, Krasnopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Putyvl, Hlukhiv, Esman, Shalyhyne, Seredyna-Buda, and Znob-Novhorod communities came under fire.
- On May 24, one person was injured in the village of Riasne in the Sumy district. The shelling damaged three private residential houses and a power line.

## Kharkiv and the oblast

- On May 19, as a result of Russian artillery shelling of the village of Novosynove in the Kupiansk district of the Kharkiv region, 5 people were killed and 10 were injured. The Russian military struck the villages with the "Uragan" MLRS. Additionally, the Russian military hit a summer recreation area in the Malodanilivka community in the Kharkiv region. The number of injured is 16 people, with 6 fatalities, including a woman who was seven months pregnant.
- The Russian Federation delivered a double strike on Cherkaska Lozova. Seven people were killed, and 28 were injured, 9 of whom are in serious condition. There were also injuries resulting from daytime strikes on Kharkiv. The Russian forces struck with two missiles: one hit a cemetery, and the other hit a recreational area.
- As a result of the Russian strike on Vovchansk in the Kharkiv region on May 20, one man was killed, and three others were injured. On the night of May 20, Russian forces struck Izium, destroying an architectural monument, the "Railway Workers" Cultural Center.
- On May 21, as a result of a Russian drone attack on Kharkiv, several private houses in the city were damaged, and 4 people were injured. The target was a transportation infrastructure facility, and one person was injured. Russian forces struck the village of Zolochiv with four guided aerial bombs, destroying a kindergarten and the local market and damaging a school, shops, a restaurant, five two-story buildings, and private houses. The Russian army hit Kharkiv with a guided munition, causing a fire at a gas station and damaging a café.
- In the morning of May 22, the Russian army struck the center of Chuhuiv, injuring one woman and damaging a kindergarten. The number of injured from the attacks on Kharkiv is 12 people. The Russian army also shelled an evacuation vehicle in Vovchansk with an FPV drone. As a result of the attack, a 41-year-old policeman was killed, and another law enforcement officer was injured.
- On May 23, a night attack on Kharkiv resulted in 13 people injured and 6 killed. Russian forces also shelled Liubotyn in the Kharkiv region, with reports of 7 injured. The Russian army targeted transportation infrastructure and a municipal enterprise unit responsible for Kharkiv's vital services. Additionally, the Russian army shelled Zolochiv in the Kharkiv region, where at least 2 people were injured. An attack on the "Factor-Druk" printing complex left 16 people injured and 7 dead. At the time of the attack, over 50 workers were present at the facility. As a result of the Russian missile strike, 50,000 books burned in the Kharkiv printing house.
- The Russian army attacked railway infrastructure in the Kharkiv region, with 6 railway workers reported injured. There were hits on railway facilities in Kharkiv and the surrounding area. Russian forces conducted two strikes with guided aerial bombs on Kharkiv and Derhachi, resulting in 5 injured in Derhachi. In the Kupiansk district of the Kharkiv region, a man was killed and a woman injured due to Russian shelling. In the Zolochiv community, a 12-year-old boy suffered a concussion from a drone crash.
- On the night of May 24, Russian forces shelled civilian railway infrastructure in the Kharkiv region, damaging tracks, buildings, out-of-service freight cars, and an electric train car. On the night of May 25, the Russian army struck the Slobidskyi district of Kharkiv with S-300 missiles, partially destroying a lyceum. On May 25, the Russian army hit a construction hypermarket in Kharkiv, resulting in 12 dead and 43 injured as of the morning of May 26. There was also a hit in the center of Kharkiv, with 25 people injured.

## Zaporizhzhia and the oblast

On May 19, a man was killed in Steпноhирsk, Zaporizhzhia, due to Russian shelling. On May 20, in the village of Novoandriivka in the Polohy district, rescuers came under repeated Russian shelling while extinguishing a fire. Russian forces dropped a munition from a drone, injuring one rescuer with shrapnel. On May 21, two residential houses, outbuildings, and cars caught fire due to shelling by the Russian army in the village of Prymorske. On May 23, a 74-year-old man was killed due to Russian artillery shelling in Mala Tokmachka. Rescuers also extinguished fires in a residential house and a car that ignited as a result of shelling by the Russian army in the village of Omelnyk. On May 24, there were 342 strikes in seven cities and villages in the Zaporizhzhia region. Specifically, artillery fired 203 times at the territories of Huliaipole, Novoprokopivka, Novoandriivka, Mala Tokmachka, Robotyne, Levadne, and Malynivka.

## Donetsk oblast

**Pokrovskiy District:** The communities of Mariinka, Kurakhivka, Pokrovske, and Hrodivka came under fire. The villages of Paraskoviivka, Katerynivka, Zoryane, Oleksandropil, Ostrivske, Hostre, Selydove, and Vesele were shelled. Residential buildings and warehouse facilities were damaged.

**Kramatorsk District:** The communities of Lyman, Illinivka, Kostiantynivka, Kramatorsk, and Sloviansk were under attack. The villages of Zarichne, Viroliubivka, Stara Mykolaivka, Kostiantynivka, Yampil, and Lyman were shelled. Administrative buildings, non-residential structures, private houses, and other local infrastructure were damaged.

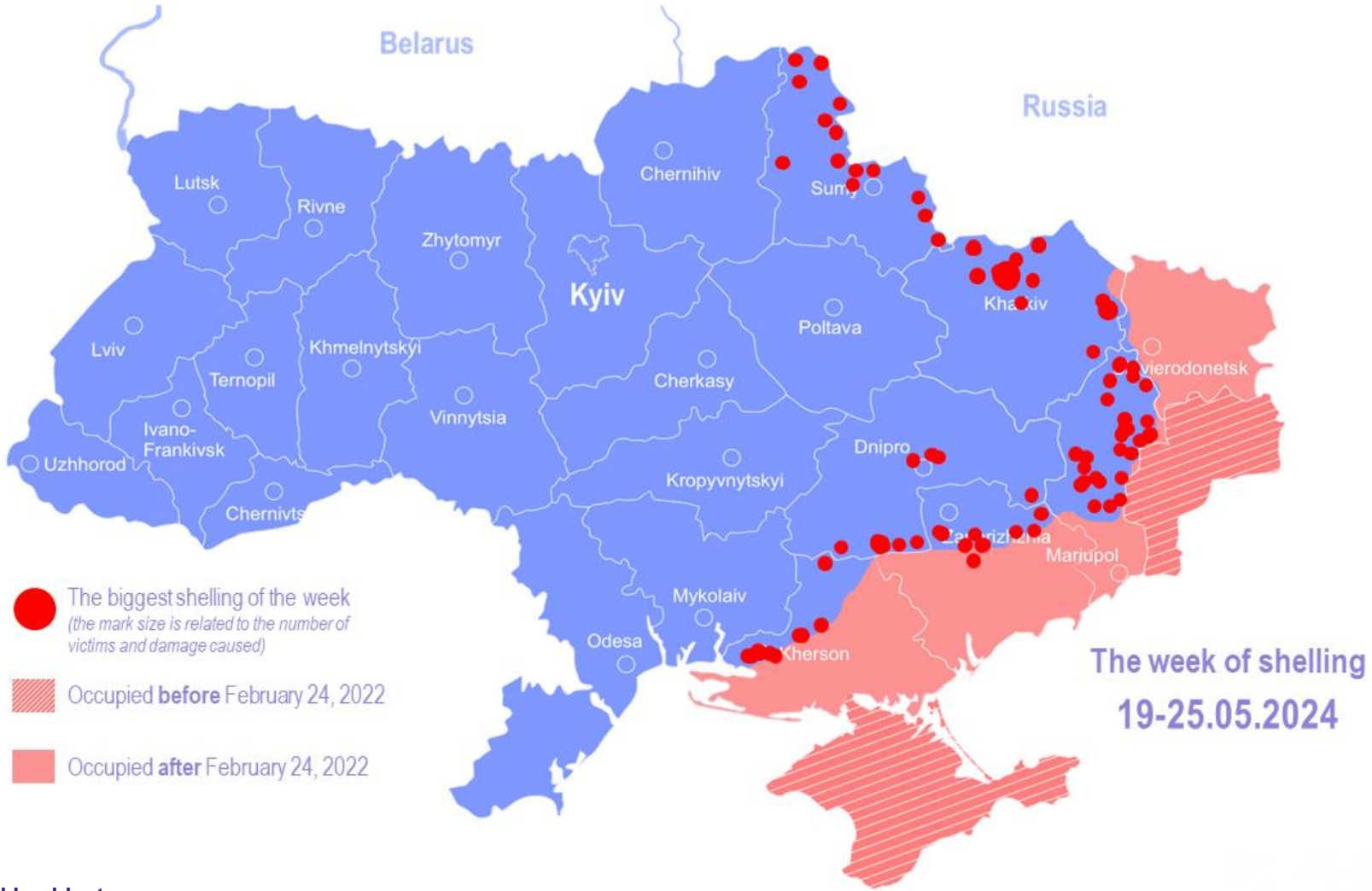
**Bakhmut District:** The communities of Chasiv Yar, Toretsk, and Siversk were shelled. There were injuries in Pivnichne and New York. Buildings and warehouse facilities were damaged. There were casualties and injuries in all directions.

## Dnipro and the oblast

On May 19, Nikopol, Marhanets, and Myrove communities came under attack. Artillery and kamikaze drones were used, injuring a 55-year-old woman. Russia also shelled the Zelenodolsk community in Kryvyi Rih and launched a missile there. In the evening, Russia fired a missile at the Novomoskovsk district. On May 20, the Russians attacked the Nikopol district, injuring a 42-year-old man with shrapnel. Residential buildings, cars, a medical facility, an infrastructure object, a grocery store, gas pipelines, and power lines were damaged. On May 21, the Russian army attacked the Nikopol district 18 times using artillery and kamikaze drones. On May 22, Russian forces again attacked Nikopol, damaging transportation, a residential building, and a gas pipeline. A store, an administrative building, and an agricultural company were also hit. There was destruction in the Novomoskovsk district, and a ballistic missile struck the Dnipro district. On May 23 and 24, the Russians shelled the Nikopol district with artillery and kamikaze drones, damaging a fire station, a dormitory, an agricultural company, a private enterprise warehouse, and a residential building. Three people were injured, all suffering from blast injuries and shrapnel wounds.



# The week of shelling



## Zaporizhzhia



## Sumy oblast



## Kherson



## Kharkiv oblast



# Humanitarian crisis



19.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the temporarily occupied territories (TOT) of Ukraine, there is a significant <b>shortage of medicines</b> for the population, and those available are of poor quality. The National Resistance Center reports this. It is noted that most of the medication delivered to the TOT goes to hospitals for the needs of the occupiers. Locals receive medicines on a surplus basis, and villagers have to travel to district centers without transport links.</li> <li>➤ The Ministry of Energy of Ukraine has approved the <b>Roadmap for the Development of Smart Grids</b>, which is expected to <b>reduce electricity losses</b> in the power grids in Ukraine as a whole by 6 billion kWh annually, the Ministry of Energy reports. It is noted that the roadmap provides for implementing automation and digital solutions at all levels of the power system. This is necessary to make it more balanced and secure, more resilient in the face of military risks.</li> </ul>	22.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ More than 57 thousand Ukrainians have <b>received funds to repair their homes</b> or buy new ones to replace those destroyed by the hostilities through the eRestoration (eVidnovlennia) program in the first year of the program's operation. The data was published by the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine. The total amount of payments is now over UAH 11 billion.</li> <li>➤ More than 70% of Ukrainian students studying full-time say that <b>school shelters</b> do not have the conditions to conduct lessons. According to a study by the State Education Quality Service of Ukraine, this opinion is shared by more than half of school principals. This year, 80% of students had constant access to the educational process. This is 11% more than last year.</li> </ul>
20.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A total of <b>10,573 people have been evacuated</b> from three districts of Kharkiv oblast. The head of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration, Oleh Syniehubov, reported. It is about evacuations from the Chuhuiv, Kharkiv, and Bohodukhiv districts. The occupants continue to terrorize the region; there are wounded and dead.</li> <li>➤ a Ukrainian MP, Kucherenko, said that due to massive Russian shelling, Ukraine had <b>lost up to 90% of the capacity of thermal power plants</b>. Kucherenko predicts blackouts both in summer and winter.</li> <li>➤ Russia "unreasonably refused" to <b>repatriate the bodies</b> of fallen Ukrainian defenders, which was to take place on May 15, the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War reported. At the same time, the Russian side is blocking prisoner exchanges.</li> </ul>	23.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The EU calls on Russia to fulfill its international obligations to <b>release detained Ukrainian civilians</b> and provide lists of names and whereabouts of all Ukrainians deprived of their liberty. This is stated in a statement following a meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna.</li> <li>➤ Ukraine has <b>managed to return 13 more children</b>, according to Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights. According to him, seven of the children were returned from the temporarily occupied territories, and six were returned as part of the approved action plan of the President of Ukraine Bring Kids Back UA.</li> </ul>
21.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The head of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration, Oleh Syniehubov, said that around <b>100 people remained in Vovchansk</b>. Threatening to shoot them, Russian soldiers do not allow them to evacuate. A total of 10,700 people have been evacuated from Lipetsk and Vovchansk.</li> <li>➤ The occupiers have banned schools in Melitopol from issuing certificates if a graduate or his or her relatives do not have a <b>Russian passport</b>, the Yellow Ribbon resistance movement reports.</li> <li>➤ The occupying Russian authorities have <b>recognized thousands of apartments and houses in the Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine as "mismanaged property" and intend to seize them</b> in favor of the state. The newspaper Novaya Gazeta Evropa reports. According to the publication's estimates, over the past three years, the administrations of the occupied territories have identified 13,300 "ownerless" real estate objects, half of which were identified in the first half of 2024. At the same time, in the first year of the full-scale war, pro-Russian officials found an average of 235 "abandoned" houses per month, and now they find 1,500. Owners of apartments and houses in the occupied regions can retain their rights to real estate if they live there, pay utility bills, and register their homes in the Russian Unified State Real Estate Register.</li> </ul>	24.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A team of charity workers from Save Ukraine <b>returned ten more Ukrainian children</b> from the Russian occupation, including seven from a large family. The youngest child is only nine months old. Also, six children were taken from the temporarily occupied territory of the Kherson Oblast together with their families. These are three families with five girls and one boy aged one to nine. During the occupation, the parents did not take Russian passports, so they could not get a job or receive medical care.</li> <li>➤ There are <b>403 Ukrainian women in Russian captivity, including civilians</b>, according to the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War. There are also women whose fate has been unknown since 2014. Russia ignores all Ukraine's requests for their return home, the General Staff added.</li> <li>➤ The police have no contact with some of the residents of Vovchansk who have submitted evacuation requests. The Russians are actively using FPV drones, which pose a danger to those evacuating people from Vovchansk, so the evacuation has been temporarily suspended. Maksym Stetsyna, head of the Vovchansk police department, stated this. According to the applications received by the police, about 76 people need to be evacuated from Vovchansk.</li> <li>➤ As of the morning of May 24, 2024, <b>at least 1,895 children have been affected</b> in Ukraine as a result of Russia's full-scale armed aggression. Most children were affected in the following oblasts: Donetsk - 532, Kharkiv - 374, Kherson - 152, Dnipro - 139, Kyiv - 130, Zaporizhzhia - 108, Mykolaiv - 105.</li> </ul>
22.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ukrainian law enforcement officers have identified <b>357 Russian servicemen</b> and representatives of the occupation authorities <b>suspected of committing war crimes</b>, 83 of whom have already been convicted. Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin said this at a meeting with UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions Morris Tidball-Bintz.</li> <li>➤ International partners are actively <b>assisting Ukraine in restoring its energy infrastructure</b>. In particular, according to the Ministry of Energy, since the resumption of Russian attacks on the energy sector, Ukraine has received 42 shipments of humanitarian aid in the form of energy equipment weighing over 600 tons.</li> </ul>	25.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the village of Petropavlivka in the Kherson oblast, which was under occupation for seven months, <b>a resilience center with a safe children's space has been rebuilt</b>. Head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration, Oleksandr Prokudin, reported on Facebook. "School, kindergarten, library, club - everything is in ruins. Russians looted and took everything away. After the liberation, the locals began to gradually improve their lives. Thanks to philanthropists, they set up an invincibility point."</li> </ul>

