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## Weekly briefing

**May 26 – June 1**

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# International support

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- The G7 finance ministers have supported the idea of extending a **loan to Ukraine secured by profits from frozen Russian assets**. This could provide funding for Ukraine after 2024, the year of the global elections. The ministers discussed the US proposal to provide Ukraine with a \$50 billion loan to be repaid with the proceeds of Russian assets. Options for the loan will be presented to G7 leaders before the summit in June.
- Russia produces artillery shells **three times faster and four times cheaper** than the US and Europe. This is reported by Sky News, citing an analysis published by the consulting firm Bain & Company.

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- NATO countries are demanding more clarity from Jens Stoltenberg on the **€100billion plan for Ukraine**. Some of Ukraine's closest allies have become more cautious about the plan, questioning where and how the Alliance will find such a significant amount of money. Politico's sources suggest that the €100billion figure may eventually be revised.
- Ukraine has signed a bilateral **security agreement with Spain**, President Zelenskyi said. This year, Spain will provide a €1 billion military aid package, and by 2027, €5 billion through the European Peace Fund. Joint defense projects are also planned, which will provide Ukraine with additional artillery ammunition and armored vehicles.
- The EU wants to organize a **conference** about the war in Ukraine **with Russia's participation** after the Peace Summit in Switzerland, Bloomberg writes. It could take place in autumn in Saudi Arabia. At the same time, EU officials say publicly that Putin has not shown any intention of seriously negotiating on any reasonable terms.
- France will **send its instructors to Ukraine** to train the Ukrainian military, says Ukrainian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskiy. He hopes that this step by France will encourage other partners to join 'this ambitious project.' The French Ministry of the Armed Forces also stated that the issue of sending French military instructors to Ukraine is indeed being studied, but **they did not confirm the completion of such an agreement**. The ministry provided this comment to AFP.
- The NATO Parliamentary Assembly called on the allies to allow Ukraine to use Western weapons against **military targets in Russia**.

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- Germany will allocate another **€60 million for humanitarian aid** to Ukraine. The money will be used to help the eastern regions.
- This year, Latvia is investing €20 million in the **Drone Coalition** for Ukraine. The money will be spent on infrastructure for drones and their purchase, in particular from Latvian companies. Latvia plans to send a thousand drones to Ukraine.
- Ukraine and **Belgium** signed a **bilateral security agreement**. The document provides for at least €977 million in military aid to Ukraine this year, as well as Belgium's commitment to support Kyiv for 10 years. The agreement also mentions 30 F-16 fighter jets to be delivered to the Ukrainian Air Force by 2028. Belgium guarantees that it will provide security assistance, modern military equipment and weapons for the Air Force, Navy, demining, and help with military training. Brussels and Kyiv will also cooperate in the defense industry and reconstruction.
- Ukraine and **Portugal** signed a **bilateral security agreement**. The President's Office website says that Portugal will provide at least €126 million in military support this year, help strengthen Ukraine's Air Force and Navy, and confirm its participation in a program to purchase artillery ammunition. The document enshrines Portugal's commitment to support Ukraine in restoring its territorial integrity within the 1991 borders.

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- Russia has set up a special unit under the Russian Ministry of Defense **to recruit mercenaries in several African countries** to take part in assaults on Ukrainian soil. The press service of Ukraine's Main Intelligence Directorate says that mercenaries are offered \$2,000 to sign a contract.

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- By the end of 2024, European allies **plan to hand over 500,000 artillery shells** purchased under the Czech initiative to Ukraine.
- **Sweden** presents its **16th military aid package** for Ukraine, worth €1.16 billion. This is its largest support package. The Ukrainian army will receive ASC 890 radar reconnaissance and control aircraft to strengthen its air defense, Pansarbandvagn 302 tracked armored personnel carriers (the country is donating the entire stock), 155 mm artillery ammunition, and AIM-120 AMRAAM missiles.
- The Lithuanian government has allocated **€13.5 million for radars** for Ukrainian air defense. The radars will be delivered to Ukraine as part of the German-led Air Defense Enhancement Coalition. Four radars are to be delivered this year.
- Lithuania is allocating €5 million to Ukraine **for the reconstruction of schools** and kindergartens affected by Russian shelling. The money will also be used to equip bomb shelters in educational institutions.

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- Estonian President Karis signed a **law to confiscate Russia's frozen assets** in favor of Ukraine, ERR reports. The law will allow the assets to be used to compensate for war damage. However, the property will be seized if it is proven to be involved in military aggression or violation of the rules of war. Mere exposure to international sanctions will not be a sufficient ground for property alienation.
- Emmanuel Macron wants to create a **coalition of states willing to send military instructors** to Ukraine to train Ukrainian defense forces. There is no final decision yet, but consultations are ongoing. Le Monde suggests that Macron wants to announce the creation of the coalition during Volodymyr Zelenskyi's visit to France on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings on 6 and 7 June.
- **Germany** will provide Ukraine with a **new €500 million military aid package**. This was announced by Defense Minister Boris Pistorius during his visit to Odesa. The package will include Leopard tanks, missiles for IRIS-T anti-aircraft missile systems, drones, artillery ammunition, small arms ammunition, and spare parts for howitzers and armored vehicles.
- The European Union Ambassador to Ukraine, Katarina Mathernova, handed over **three remote-controlled demining systems** to the SES. This is reported on the official website of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine.

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- Ukraine has signed bilateral **security agreements with Sweden, Iceland and Norway**. All of them are for a period of 10 years. The countries will help the Ukrainian state with armaments, reconstruction, compensation for damages, and on its way to the EU and NATO. Kyiv is expected to sign the agreement with Washington in Italy on the eve of the Peace Summit in Switzerland on 15 and 16 June.
- The list of states that made an official statement this week on granting **permission to use weapons** of their own production **on the territory of the RF**: Sweden, Finland, Poland, France, the Netherlands, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Norway, and the US. Against are Italy and Belgium.
- The United States has changed its policy on Ukraine's strikes against Russia, but this **does not apply to ATACMS missiles**. Michael Carpenter, senior director for Europe at the US National Security Council, said this in an interview with Ukrinform.



# Military positions

- The situation at the front remains tense but under control of the Defense Forces of Ukraine.
- Towards Kharkiv, Ukrainian troops continue to strengthen their positions and defensive lines.
- Towards Lyman, Russian invaders are trying to attack near Dibrova. The situation is tense, and the Defense Forces are taking measures to stabilize it.
- Towards Kramatorsk, attempts by Russian forces to approach Chasiv Yar were repelled. Defense Forces units are successfully restraining the attack and strengthening their positions in certain areas.
- Towards Pokrovsk, Ukrainian defenders are taking measures to prevent the enemy's advance. Fighting continues near Sokol and Nevelske. The situation is under control of the Ukrainian Defense Forces.
- Towards Bakhmut, a number of combat engagements are currently taking place near Rozdolivka and Ivano-Daryivka. No Ukrainian positions were lost. The situation is controlled by the Defense Forces.
- Towards Kramatorsk, an attempt by the Russian army to advance in the vicinity of Klishchiivka was repelled. Ukrainian Defense Forces units are holding back the attack and reinforcing their positions in certain areas.
- Towards Kurakhove, fighting continues near Heorhiivka, Kostiantynivka and Vodiane. The situation is tense but remains under control of the Ukrainian Defense Forces.
- Towards Orikhiv, the Russian aggressor launched an unsuccessful attack near Robotyne. Ukrainian troops did not suffer any losses.
- The situation in other sectors did not have significant changes. Ukraine's defense forces are taking all necessary measures to deter the enemy's offensive, deplete its combat potential and stabilize the situation.

<b>26.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the past day, 141 combat engagements took place on the frontline. According to the updated information, Russian troops launched 10 missile attacks, 40 air strikes (including 56 combat aircraft), and 1001 kamikaze drone strikes against Ukrainian troops' positions and populated areas. The occupiers also made 3604 attacks using various types of weapons.</li> <li>➤ Air defense forces shot down 12 missiles and 31 attack drones at night. In total, the Russians used 14 missiles and 31 UAVs. The air targets were destroyed in Mykolaiv, Odesa, Dnipro, Poltava, Zaporizhzhia, Khmelnytskyi, Kirovohrad, Vinnytsia and Chernihiv oblasts.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainian Defense forces are working systematically to drive Russians out of their positions in Kharkiv oblast. This was reported by Nazar Voloshyn, spokesman for the Khortytsia operational and strategic group. "Thanks to the actions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, the enemy troops are stuck on the road in Lyptsi, they are completely bogged down in Vovchansk, the Ukrainian Armed Forces are pushing them out of there," Voloshyn said. However, according to him, the Russians have had some success in the Vovchansk direction and in the direction of Strilecha - Hlyboke.</li> <li>➤ Russia produces artillery shells three times faster and four times cheaper than the US and Europe - Sky News. One of the Ukrainian Armed Forces soldiers notes that for every shell fired by Ukrainian artillery, the enemy fires five. According to Bain &amp; Company research, Russia will produce approximately 4.5 million artillery shells in 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>27.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 120 combat engagements took place on the frontline over the past day.</li> <li>➤ Joint air force and air defense exercises with Russia have begun in Belarus. This was reported by the press service of the Belarusian Defense Ministry. The exercises are intended to "cover state and military facilities, as well as ground forces from air strikes."</li> <li>➤ On the night of May 27, the DIU's drones attacked the Voronezh-M long-range target detection radar station in the city of Orsk, Orenburg region of Russia. This is 1,800 kilometers from the border with Ukraine. "Voronezh-M is part of Russia's long-range stationary over-the-horizon radars. They are designed to detect ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as space and aerodynamic objects at a distance of up to 6,000 km. Defense Express writes that the strikes on Voronezh-M and Voronezh-DM actually disabled 50% of all over-the-horizon radars that are responsible for the conditional direction "south-southeast". These are the "strategic eyes" of the Russian Federation.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyi states that Russian troops launch more than 3,000 guided bombs on Ukraine every month. Therefore, Ukraine needs to strengthen its air defense. According to Zelenskyi, Ukraine's immediate need is for at least 7 additional Patriot air defense systems, two of which are specifically for the protection of Kharkiv alone. This would prevent Russian aircraft from flying close enough to carry out attacks.</li> </ul>
<b>28.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At night, Russia carried out 3 Shahed-131/136 strike UAVs. The enemy drones were shot down by Air Force units in Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro and Cherkasy oblasts.</li> <li>➤ Russians have intensified their campaign to recruit African mercenaries for the war against Ukraine. According to the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, Russia is recruiting manpower in Central Africa, particularly in Rwanda, Burundi, Congo and Uganda, mostly to take part in meat-grinded assaults. The Russians have created a special unit of the Russian Defense Ministry that is responsible for recruiting new fighters. Mercenaries are lured with a \$2,000 start-up payment for signing a contract, a monthly allowance, health insurance, and a Russian passport.</li> <li>➤ Mercenaries are promised \$2,000 for signing a contract, monthly payments, health insurance, and a Russian passport.</li> </ul>
<b>29.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 139 combat engagements took place on the frontline over the past day. In total, the Russian army launched 3 missile attacks on Ukrainian troops' positions and populated areas, 86 air strikes using 96 combat aircraft, and fired about 3,000 rounds of fire from various types of weapons.</li> <li>➤ Air defense forces destroyed 13 out of 14 attack UAVs at night. They were shot down in Mykolaiv, Kirovohrad and Rivne oblasts.</li> </ul>

<b>Losses of the Russian army from 26.05.2024 to 01.06.2024</b>	
Liquidated personnel	<b>7520</b>
Tanks	<b>94</b>
IFVs	<b>162</b>
Artillery systems / MLRS	<b>252/5</b>
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	<b>6</b>
Aircraft / helicopters	<b>0/0</b>
UAVs	<b>232</b>
Ships/boats	<b>0</b>
Vehicles & fuel tanks	<b>398</b>
Special equipment	<b>77</b>

# Military positions

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- Over the past day, 116 combat engagements took place on the frontline.
- Last night, the Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down 7 cruise missiles and 32 Shaheds. Russians were targeting military facilities and critical infrastructure of Ukraine. In total, they launched 8 S-300/S-400 anti-aircraft guided missiles in Kharkiv oblast, 11 X-101/X-555 cruise missiles and 32 drones.
- The Ukrainian Defense Forces successfully hit a ferry crossing of the Russian occupiers in the temporarily occupied Crimea with ATACMS missiles General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. As a result of the attack, two ferries that carried out rail and road transportation received significant damage. One of them ran aground, blocking the functioning of the entire Kerch ferry.
- The Defense Intelligence of Ukraine reported that as a result of an attack by Ukrainian Magura V5 strike maritime drones in Crimea, 4 Tunets boats were hit, 2 of them were destroyed. “in order to thwart the attack, the Russians scrambled their aircraft 32 times and opened chaotic fire from cannons and machine guns. This did not help them. The occupiers used the transport boats for logistics and patrolling the waters near the temporarily occupied peninsula.
- Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Syrskyi stated that Russian troops are deploying additional forces to the Kharkiv direction. The enemy is building up a grouping of troops in the direction of the main strike of Strilecha - Lyptsi and in the area of Vovchansk. Brigades and regiments from other directions are being redeployed there.
- The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports that the tensest situation remains in the Pokrovsk direction. Russians have tried to improve their tactical position there 12 times. The hottest zone is near Novooleksandrivka village in Donetsk oblast, where three enemy assaults are being repelled. Fighting also continues near Yevhenivka and Umanske. The Russian attack in the direction of Prohres has been stopped.

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- Over the past day, 127 combat engagements took place on the frontline.
- The Ukrainian Air Force reports that at night, Russians attacked Kharkiv with five S-300/S-400 missiles and Kyiv with one Iskander-K cruise missile. Also, 4 Shahed-131/136 drones were launched in Ukraine. The air defense system shot down the Iskander-K and all four drones within Kyiv, Zaporizhzhia, and Dnipro oblasts.
- According to President Volodymyr Zelenskyi, Ukraine has returned 75 of its citizens as part of another prisoner exchange with Russia. It is the first swap since February. Today, Ukraine and Russia exchanged the bodies of 212 fallen soldiers. These are defenders who took part in the fighting in the Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, and Kharkiv directions.
- In May, the Air Defense of the Armed Forces destroyed 218 enemy aerial reconnaissance and attack vehicles. This was reported by Oleksandr Pavliuk, Commander of the Land Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported a Neptune missile attack on the oil terminal of the “Kavkaz” port (the second largest Russian port in the Black Sea) and a ferry crossing in Krasnodar Krai. It was a strike on the enemy's military logistics. The General Staff also confirms a strike on another oil terminal in Krasnodar Krai. It is likely to be an oil depot near the town of Temriuk, where three railroad tanks with fuel oil burned down. Local authorities reported a drone attack.

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- 105 combat engagements took place over the past day.
- On the night of June 1, 2024, Russian invaders launched a powerful missile and air strike against critical infrastructure facilities in various oblasts of Ukraine. In total, the enemy fired 53 missiles of various types, as well as 47 “Shahed” attack UAVs. As a result of air combat, Ukrainian defenders shot down 81 air targets, including 30 X-101/X-555 cruise missiles, 4 Kalibr cruise missiles, 1 Iskander-K cruise missile and 46 Shahed drones.
- Ukrainian defense forces control around 70% of Vovchansk in the north of Kharkiv oblast. “There are fierce battles with the occupiers in the city and its surroundings, as the Russians keep trying to advance or gain a foothold with small assault groups. But the Defense Forces are doing everything possible to prevent the enemy from gaining a foothold and keep the invaders under fire control,” said Lieutenant Colonel Nazar Voloshyn, spokesman for the Khortytsia operational and strategic group.

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## Attack on the night of May 29

On May 29, air defense forces destroyed 13 out of 14 drones in the Mykolaiv, Kirovohrad, and Rivne oblasts.

## Attack on the night of May 30

Air defense forces shot down 7 out of 11 cruise missiles and all 32 drones. Additionally, the Russian army launched eight guided S-300/S-400 missiles at the Kharkiv oblast. Four people were injured in Kharkiv as a result of the night attack. Also, Russia hit infrastructure facilities and a residential area in the Mala Danylivka community with five missiles. In the Khmelnytskyi oblast, one city was partially left without power due to the night attack.

## Attack on the night of May 31

Air defense forces shot down an Iskander-K cruise missile and all four drones. Additionally, Russia launched five guided S-300/S-400 missiles at Kharkiv overnight. In Kyiv, debris from a missile damaged power lines and completely destroyed a transformer substation in the Holosiivskyi district. Also damaged were a service station, a car wash, a warehouse, and six cars. There were no casualties.

## Attack on the night of June 1

Overnight, air defense forces shot down 35 out of 53 missiles and 46 out of 47 drones launched by the Russian army. Russian forces struck critical infrastructure facilities in five oblasts and damaged equipment at two thermal power plants (TPPs). Due to these attacks, emergency and planned power outages were implemented across Ukraine. In the Lviv oblast, six cruise missiles hit three critical infrastructure facilities, causing destruction and injuring four people. The Russians also attacked two hydroelectric power plants (HPPs), causing severe equipment damage.

## Zaporizhzhia and the oblast

During the week, the occupiers struck Zaporizhzhia region 3,914 times. Thirteen settlements were under enemy fire, including Novoandriivka, Huliaipole, Levadne, Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka, Malynivka, Verbove, Mali Shcherbaky, Stepanohirsk, Nesterianka, Prymorske, Chervonodniprovka, and Piatykhatky. The Russians used aviation weapons, UAVs, MLRS, and artillery weapons. One man was killed as a result of the shelling.

## Sumy and the oblast

On May 25, Russian forces shelled three communities in the Sumy region. On May 26, they shelled Bilopillia with rocket projectiles. On May 27, six houses were damaged in the Sumy region. On May 29, the Russian army attacked the Sumy region with drones and missiles, targeting Krasnopillia, Konotop, and Shalyhne communities, injuring five people in Krasnopillia.

The communities of Hotyn, Bilopillia, Krasnopillia, Myropillia, Velykopysarivka, Nova Sloboda, Esman, Shalyhne, Seredyna-Buda, and Znob-Novhorod were also under fire.

## Kharkiv and the oblast

On May 26, the Russians shelled the Shevchenkivskyi district of Kharkiv. Twenty-five people were injured, and apartment buildings, a medical facility, a store, and more were damaged. In Chuhuiv, one person was injured as a result of the shelling. The Russian army also shelled Kupiansk-Vuzlovnyi with artillery, injuring five people, including a paramedic. On May 27, an enemy air strike with an aerial bomb UMPC DT-30 (Unified Multi-Purpose Gliding Bombs) in Kharkiv damaged a non-residential building of a private enterprise and a car, killing one woman and injuring 13 people. On the same day, in the Izium district, shelling killed one woman and injured five people, including two children. Two houses were destroyed and eight were damaged. In Ivashky village, Bohodukhiv district, a man was injured by a dropped VOG explosive grenade. In Vovchansk, one civilian was injured and one person was killed due to artillery shelling. On May 28, the occupiers struck the Kholodnohirskyi district of Kharkiv, injuring 11 people and killing one woman.

On May 30, the village of Ruska Lozova, Kharkiv district, was shelled. Seven private houses were damaged, and a man was injured. Kupiansk district was also under fire, and a woman was injured in the village of Kolisnykivka. On May 31, a missile attack on Kharkiv struck the Novobavarskyi district with S-300 missiles, hitting a five-story building. Seven people were reported killed and 26 injured, including two 12-year-old children, a boy and a girl. A repeat attack damaged a fire truck and an ambulance. Another missile hit a three-story administrative building and a civilian enterprise, killing one man. On June 1, the occupiers struck Balakliia in the Izium district with missiles. At the time of the strike, 12 people were in two houses: four adults and eight children aged 2 to 17. They were hospitalized.

### Hypermarket Shelling:

As a result of a terrorist shelling by the Russians on a hypermarket in Kharkiv on May 25, 19 civilians were killed, and 54 were injured to varying degrees.

## Dnipropetrovsk oblast

The Nikopol district was shelled daily by the Russians throughout the week. On May 26, the Russians struck the Nikopol district 10 times with heavy artillery and kamikaze drones. A 69-year-old woman was injured in Nikopol. Residential buildings, outbuildings, a medical center, and power lines were damaged. On May 27, a 57-year-old man was injured due to the shelling of the Nikopol district. There were nearly fifteen strikes in the district that day. On May 29, two people were killed, and two more were injured in Nikopol due to an attack by the Russian army. A library, a store, and a power line were damaged. Overall, the Russians struck the Nikopol district 15 times during the day, including targeting the Marhanets and Myrove communities. On May 30, the Russians struck the Nikopol district about 20 times. Nikopol, Marhanets, Pokrovsk, Myrove, and Chervonohryhorivka communities were hit. During the night and morning of June 1, four people were injured in Nikopol due to Russian shelling, including a 7-year-old girl. A bus, a disused two-story building, a private house, and an outbuilding were damaged.

## Donetsk oblast

On May 28, the Russians dropped three guided aerial bombs on Toretsk, hitting two multi-story buildings and an administrative building. At least two people were killed, and three were injured in the attack. The same day, the Russians attacked Oleksiievo-Druzhkivka with aerial bombs, injuring seven civilians. A night strike on Selydove resulted in the deaths of a 53-year-old man and a 13-year-old boy, with a 70-year-old woman injured. On May 29, the Russians shelled Lyman five times, injuring at least eight people and damaging three two-story buildings and three administrative buildings. On May 31, at least one person was killed, and three were injured in the shelling of Drobysheve. The Russian forces shelled the village four times, destroying private houses and cars and damaging five houses and an administrative building.

Pokrovsk District: the Russians shelled the Marinka, Kostiantynivka, Hrodivka, and Illinivka communities. Settlements under fire included Hostre, Selydove, Kurakhove, Antonivka, Paraskoviivka, Maksymilianivka, Hirnyk, Novoselydivka, Yelizavetivka, Ostrivske, Stepanivka, and Kostiantynivka. There were casualties and injuries, and private buildings, shops, multi-story buildings, and administrative buildings were damaged.

Kramatorsk District: the Kostiantynivka community, Lyman, Predtechyne, Stupochky, Torske, Molocharka, Oleksiyevo-Druzhkivka, Drobysheve, and Markove came under fire. There were casualties and injuries, and private buildings and administrative buildings were damaged.

Bakhmut District: the Russians shelled the Toretsk, Chasiv Yar, and Siversk communities. Settlements under fire included Zalizne, Shcherbynivka, Serebrianka, Kalynivka, Nelipyvka, and Druzhba. There were casualties and injuries, and civilian structures, private houses, administrative buildings, and multi-story buildings were damaged.

Volnovakha District: in Bohoiavlenska, of the Vuhledar community, an agricultural enterprise was damaged.

## Odesa oblast

On May 28, the Russians launched a missile strike on Odesa's port infrastructure. On May 29, Russia attacked the coastal zone of Odesa with a ballistic missile, likely an "Iskander-M." On May 31, the Russian army attacked Odesa with a ballistic missile containing cluster munitions, injuring two people with shrapnel.

## Mykolaiv oblast

On May 27, Russian forces launched missile strikes on the city of Snihurivka, resulting in three deaths and six injuries. On May 30, the Russians launched artillery strikes on the Ochakiv and Kutsurub communities.

## Kherson and the oblast

On May 26, the Russians dropped eight guided aerial bombs in the areas of Beryslav, Vysoke, Tyahynka, and Veletenske. As a result of the shelling in Mykhailivka, two people were injured. In Chornobaivka, a woman was injured. Overall, the Russians shelled nine settlements during the day. An administrative building, a resilience point, and 12 private houses, outbuildings, warehouses, and a private car were damaged. On May 27, Russian troops shelled 10 settlements, damaging private houses, an educational institution, a cell tower, and a water tower. In Antonivka, two people were injured due to Russian shelling. On May 28, the Russians shelled 21 settlements. A 51-year-old man was killed in Havrylivka due to the shelling. On May 29, 16 settlements were shelled. In Novodmytrivka, the Russians dropped explosives from a drone on people, injuring two men. In Dniprove, a 59-year-old man was injured by a drone attack. In Antonivka, a 61-year-old man was injured. Six people were injured in total on that day. On May 30, the Russians shelled 22 settlements, dropping nine guided bombs on three settlements in the Kherson and Beryslav districts, damaging a school. In Veletenske, a man was killed due to the shelling. On May 31, 16 settlements were shelled, injuring five people. In the Korabelnyi district of Kherson, a shell hit a medical facility.

Throughout the week, the Russians shelled the following settlements in the region: Antonivka, Komyschany, Bilozerka, Sadove, Novotyahynka, Mykhailivka, Burhunka, Rakivka, Prydniprovsk, Dniprove, L'vove, Oleksandrivka, Novooleksandrivka, Novodmytrivka, Novovorontsovka, Stanislav, Ivanivka, Berehove, Yantarne, Zelenivka, Poniativka, Beryslav, Havrylivka, Monastyrsk, Zmiivka, Zolota Balka, Shyroka Balka, Ol'hivka, Biliaivka, Kachkarivka, Chervonyi Maiak, Veletenske, Virivka, Tokarivka, Inzheneme, Kizomys, Tomarine, and Kherson.

## Chernihiv oblast

Throughout the week, the Russians shelled four border communities—Novhorod-Siversk, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnia — with mortars, barrel artillery, multiple launch rocket systems, and unmanned aerial vehicles. On May 27, the Russians attacked the villages of Khotiivka and Kostobobriv in the Semenivka community with drones and artillery, injuring two people. On May 28, a man was killed by shelling in one of the villages in the Semenivka community.



# The week of shelling

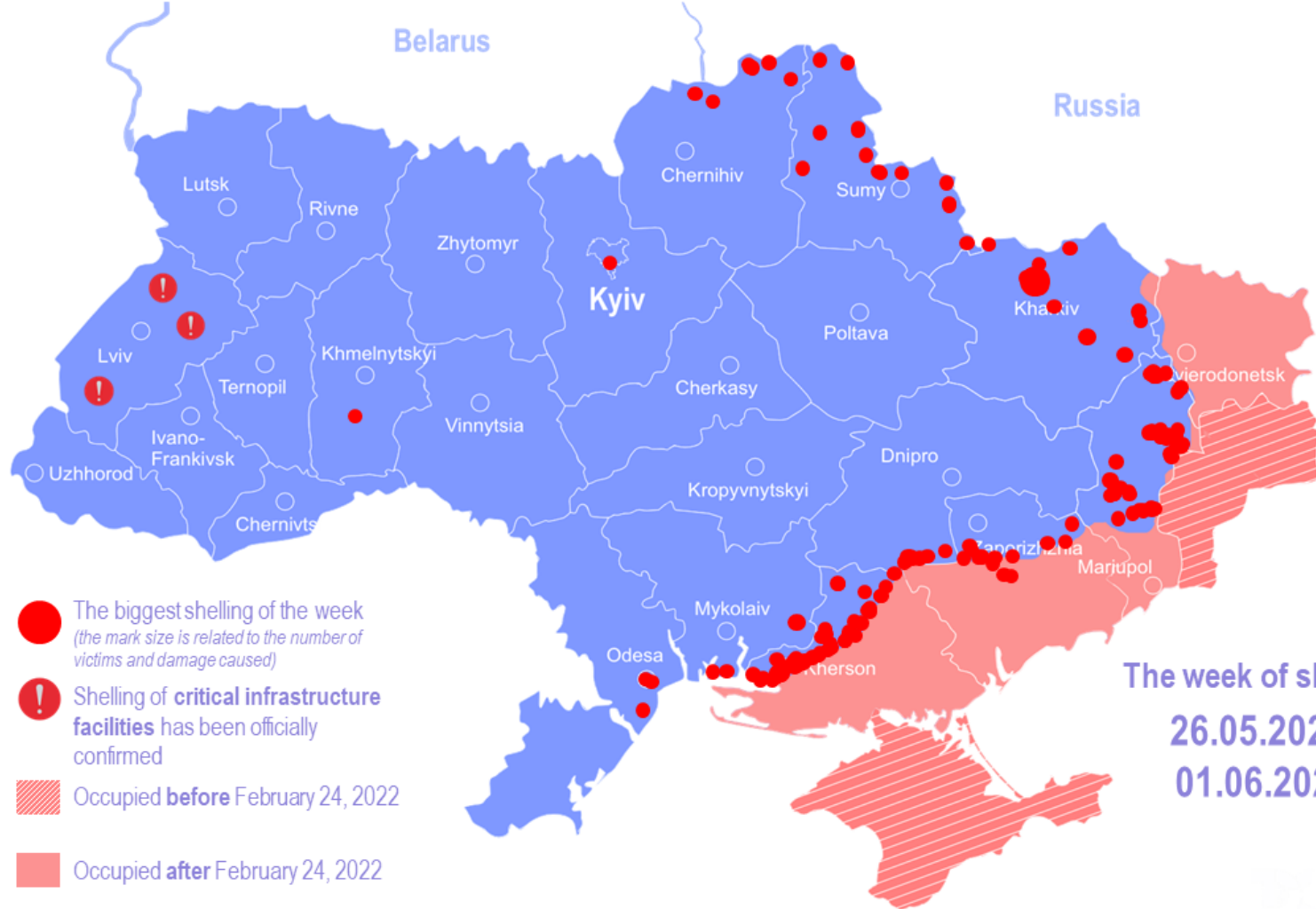
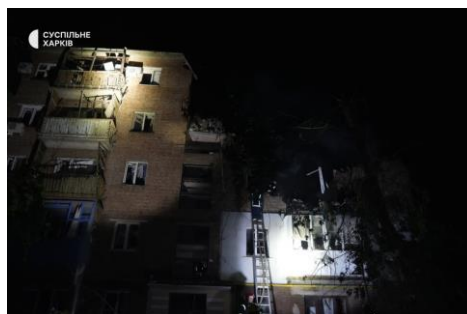
## Dnipropetrovsk oblast



## Mykolaiv oblast



## Kharkiv oblast



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- More than 80 countries have confirmed their participation in the **Peace Summit** to be held in Switzerland on 15-16 June, as President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi said. “We continue to work with leaders, inviting them to the Summit. I am grateful to everyone who really helps bring this peace closer,” he added.
- In the temporarily occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia oblast, Russians have begun the so-called **‘nationalization’ of Ukrainian property**, the National Resistance Center reports. According to the approved procedure, the Russians can declare a property ‘ownerless’ if the owner has not re-registered it according to Russian rules or has not paid for utilities for a year.
- Josep Borrell, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, condemned the massive Russian **attacks on Kharkiv** and called on European countries to urgently **strengthen Ukraine’s air defense**. The diplomat stressed that Russia’s systematic crimes against *“civilians and civilian infrastructure once again emphasize the need for Europe to step up support for air defense urgently: it saves lives and protects Ukrainian cities.”*

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- Ukraine is considering additional mechanisms to address the **housing issue of internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. In particular, they are considering the creation of an interactive map of affordable housing for preferential rent paid by charitable organizations, a 3% per annum mortgage rate reduction for IDPs, and tax benefits for owners of private housing that IDPs can rent.
- **Power cuts** associated with significant damage in the energy sector **may be applied for the next two years**, according to Energy Club Vice President Maxym Nemchynov. He stressed that the power system lost 8 GW of capacity due to massive shelling. As a result, the electricity tariff for consumers will have to be raised to provide funds for the restoration of damaged and destroyed power facilities.

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- The PACE Commission on Culture, Science, Education, and the Media has recognized **the erasure of Ukrainian cultural identity** as an **instrument of Russia’s war** against Ukraine and an element of genocidal policy. This was reported by a member of the parliamentary delegation to PACE, Yevhenia Kravchuk.
- At least 813 soldiers of the Russian army have been buried in the occupied Crimea. 622 of them were probably Ukrainian citizens. The number of burials may be higher, as many of them occur without public coverage.
- The Defense Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, in cooperation with the National Police investigators, **identified three war criminals** – officers of the Russian occupation army who tortured and killed a civilian in Mykolaiv oblast. According to the intelligence, in March 2022, in Mykolaiv oblast, Russian servicemen shot dead a 53-year-old civilian man. He had been severely tortured beforehand. The fact of the man’s murder and torture was discovered by National Police investigators who came across a relevant audio recording of a conversation between Russian servicemen.
- There may be approximately **60,000 Ukrainian civilians in Russian captivity**. At the same time, 38,000 people are listed in the Unified Register of Missing Persons. Information about civilians in Russian captivity is difficult to obtain, as the occupiers do not respond to official requests.

29.05

- Russian authorities are preparing to **step up deportations of Ukrainian children** to Russia over the summer, intensifying another component of Russia’s genocidal campaign in Ukraine. On 27 May, the head of the so-called Luhansk People’s Republic, Leonid Pasichnyk, said that Russian regions would ‘receive’ more than 12,000 children from the occupied Luhansk oblast during 2024. The Russian program ‘Useful Vacations’ will also fund a trip for 40,000 children from occupied Ukraine to ‘visit’ Russia to participate in summer camps and educational activities.
- The new Centre-3 prisoner-of-war camp received its first **Russian prisoners of war**. Due to the large number of Russians who have surrendered and the actual blocking of exchanges by the Russian side, Ukraine is forced to open new places of detention for prisoners of war. This is probably not the last such camp for Russian prisoners of war to start operating this year.
- More than 10 people were evacuated from the city of **Vovchansk** in Kharkiv oblast in a single day. Every day, the police manage to evacuate approximately the same number of people from the frontline, but due to active hostilities, the police do not have full access to the city.

31.05

- Ukraine has managed to **return the bodies of fallen defenders** from the Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, and Kharkiv sectors and the occupied territories. As a result of repatriation activities, Ukraine has returned the bodies of **212** fallen defenders, as the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War reports. On 25 February, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi said that about 31,000 defenders had been killed during Russia’s full-scale war against Ukraine. The exact number of civilian casualties is currently unknown.
- Ukraine has managed to **return 75 people from Russian captivity**, including privates, sergeants, and officers of the Armed Forces, National Guard, State Border Guard Service, and civilians. Among those released are 70 men and five women, four of whom are civilians.

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- There are **9 forest fires in the Kharkiv oblast**, with more than 3,700 hectares of forests affected. The State Emergency Service has localized 6 fires over an area of 2,300 hectares, according to the press service of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine. The fires were caused by massive strikes on the frontline settlements of the Vovchansk community.
- The Center of National Resistance reports that in the temporarily occupied territories (TOT) of Kherson oblast, collaborators are **forcing** public sector workers to **donate blood for wounded Russian soldiers**. The occupiers have set up a mobile blood donation complex that travels to the regional centers in the occupied territories. The need for donated blood arose due to the large influx of wounded occupants to local hospitals.
- The press service of the Prosecutor General’s Office reports that as of the morning of 1 June 2024, according to official information from juvenile prosecutors, **550 children were killed, and more than 1,364 were injured** to varying degrees. According to the department, on 30 May alone, a boy and a girl were injured as a result of shelling by Russian troops in Kharkiv. On 1 June, 8 children were injured as a result of the occupiers’ shelling of Balakliia, Kharkiv oblast.

