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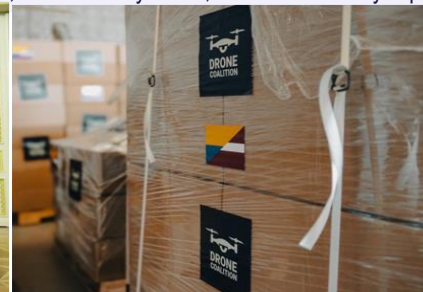
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International support

18.08	➤ Ukrainian armored vehicle Kozak-5 received a combat module from the Spanish company Escribano Mechanical & Engineering. The relevant footage was posted on the Facebook page of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi. M113 armored personnel carriers also received Spanish equipment. ➤ Ukraine received six mechanized demining vehicles from Japan. In total, Japan will provide 22 Nikken BM307-V16 mechanized demining vehicles.
19.07	➤ Denmark has announced a new aid package for Ukraine worth almost \$116 million. Most of the money will be used to purchase new military equipment from the Ukrainian defense industry and equipment from international partners. ➤ India has agreed to transmit messages between Zelenskyi and Putin, Bloomberg reports. At the same time, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not want to mediate in the settlement of the Russian-Ukrainian war. India and Ukraine, according to sources, are also discussing the production of aircraft and aircraft engines in India and the joint production of gas turbines. ➤ As part of a new military aid package, the German government has handed over a short-range anti-aircraft missile system IRIS-T SLS to Ukraine. This is stated on the official website of the Federal Government of Germany. In addition, Ukraine received artillery shells, various types of drones, and assault and sniper rifles. ➤ German Chancellor Olaf Scholz responded to previous statements about the alleged reduction of aid to Ukraine. According to him, Germany has been and remains the strongest supporter of Ukraine in Europe. 'We are continuing our support by providing a €50 billion loan together with the G7, which will allow Ukraine to buy weapons on a large scale.' ➤ The Defense Forces received Bulgarian RTB-7LDMA thermobaric ammunition for RPG-7 grenade launchers. Soldiers of the "Khoryv" battalion of the "Burevii" National Guard Brigade demonstrated this ammunition in their weapons.
20.08	➤ The Czech Republic will buy ammunition for Ukraine using the proceeds of frozen Russian assets. Czech Defense Minister Jana Černohová wrote that this would allow her country to purchase hundreds of thousands more large-caliber shells for the needs of the Ukrainian military. ➤ Germany plans to supply Ukraine with four IRIS-T air defense systems of different ranges by the end of this year. This was announced by Deputy Spokesperson for the German Government Wolfgang Büchner.
21.08	➤ The US Department of Defense is discussing with Ukraine the long-term goal of the offensive in the Kursk region. Pentagon spokesman General Patrick Ryder said that the operation demonstrated the ingenuity and combat prowess of the Ukrainians. The Pentagon stressed that it would continue to support Ukraine despite the fact that the Ukrainian leadership did not inform the US about the operation. ➤ Since February 2022, Canada has provided Ukraine with over USD 5 billion in direct budget support. This was announced by Finance Minister Serhii Marchenko. ➤ The EU's chief diplomat, Josep Borrell, urged to cancel restrictions on the use of Western weapons for Ukraine. In his opinion, lifting the restrictions would help to 'promote peaceful efforts' and strengthen Ukraine's defense.

21.08	➤ The German Development Bank (KfW) allocates €20 million to support Ukrainians returning home, internally displaced persons and businesses from Sumy, Chernihiv and Kyiv regions. ➤ The Dutch Ministry of Defense purchases 51 mobile drone detection radars for the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The systems are capable of detecting the smallest drones, as well as those which are flying very fast. ➤ Some of Ukraine's allies are delaying the delivery of air defense systems, Bloomberg writes. This refers to the promise to send at least five additional systems announced at the NATO summit in July.
23.08	➤ The United States allows Ukraine to use US weapons to strike targets in the Kursk region of Russia. This was stated by Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh. According to her, the US policy on the use of US weapons allows Ukraine to return fire to defend itself against Russian attacks from the border regions, in particular the Kursk region, from which the occupiers are shelling the Sumy region. ➤ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Ukraine for the first time since the country gained independence in 1991 and met with President Vladimir Zelenskyi. Here's what they talked about: ➤ Modi believes that the war can only be ended through diplomatic means, respecting Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. ➤ India is ready to do its part to achieve peace. Zelenskyi hopes that the country will join the joint communiqué at the next Peace Summit. ➤ The two countries agreed on cooperation agreements in the medical, agricultural, humanitarian, and cultural spheres. They also discussed trade, defense and education. ➤ India will continue to provide humanitarian support to Ukraine. According to Modi, the country plays a 'dual role' - it provides humanitarian support, but stays away from war. ➤ On the eve of Ukraine's Independence Day, the United States announced new sanctions against Russia. The package covers almost 400 people and companies associated with the financial, metallurgical, fuel and energy sectors of the Russian Federation. The new sanctions will also limit the supply of goods to Russia's military-industrial complex. ➤ Ukraine will produce 155mm shells using Norwegian technology. Norwegian ammunition manufacturer Nammo has signed an agreement with the government that will allow it to set up licensed production of shells in Ukraine. Norway will allocate funds for the company to transfer the necessary technology. ➤ Latvia has prepared the largest batch of drones manufactured by local companies for transfer to Ukraine. This was announced by Latvian Defense Minister Andris Sprūds on Twitter. According to him, this batch consists of 1,400 drones that will help the Ukrainian Defense Forces in the war.
24.08	➤ Polish President Andrzej Duda has arrived in Kyiv. He will take part in the celebrations marking the 33rd anniversary of Ukraine's independence. ➤ The leaders of Germany, Ireland, Moldova, Norway, and Iceland, as well as the NATO Deputy Secretary General and the President of the European Council, have congratulated Ukraine on its Independence Day. The presidents of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia recorded separate videos with congratulations. ➤ The United States sent Ukraine a new aid package worth \$125 million. The package includes ammunition, anti-drone systems, and other military equipment.



- Towards Kharkiv, seven combat clashes took place near Lyptsi and Vovchansk.
- Towards Kupiansk, Ukrainian defenders repelled attacks in the areas of Petropavlivka, Kurylivka, Synkivka and Stelmakhivka.
- In the Lyman direction, Ukrainian troops repelled enemy attacks in the areas of Makiivka, Druzheliubivka, Novosadove, Nevske, Torske, and Terny.
- In the Siversk direction, Ukrainian Defense Forces repelled attacks near Vyimka, Bilohorivka and Spirne.
- Towards Kramatorsk, Ukrainian troops repelled enemy attempts to advance near Chasiv Yar, Kalynivka and Ivanivske. The situation is under the control of Ukrainian defenders.
- With the support of attack aircraft, Russians attempted to advance in the Toretsk direction. They were operating in the areas of Nelipivka and Toretsk.
- Towards Pokrovsk, Russian forces are trying to advance in the direction of Vozdvyzhenka, Kalynove, Novohrodivka, Hrodivka, Ptyche, and Zelene Pole.
- Towards Kurakhove, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the enemy in the vicinity of Kostiantynivka, Heorhiiivka, Krasnohorivka, and Karlivka.
- Towards Vremivka, the Russian military attempted to seize Ukrainian positions near Vodian and Vuhledar in Donetsk oblast.
- Russians did not conduct any offensive actions in the Orikhiv and Prydniprovskiy directions, but systematically carries out air strikes and shells civilian infrastructure of Ukrainian settlements.
- The operational situation in the Volyn and Polissia directions remained unchanged. No signs of the formation of enemy offensive groups were found.
- On the border with Chernihiv oblast, Russian forces maintain a military presence and conduct reconnaissance activities.
- The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to conduct operations in the Kursk area.

18.08	➤ Drones attacked an oil depot in Rostov oblast, Russia, causing a fire. ➤ Ukrainian aviation destroyed another bridge in the Kursk direction. Russian media wrote that the Ukrainian Air Forces hit the bridge over the Seim River near the village of Zvane. Thus, it will significantly affect Russian logistics.
19.08	➤ New York in Donetsk oblast is under Russian control - the Russian Defense Ministry reports. ➤ "As of today, 1263 square kilometers and 93 settlements in Kursk oblast are under the control of the Armed Forces of Ukraine," Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi reported. According to him, during the period of the offensive actions in Kursk oblast, the Armed Forces advanced to the depth of the enemy's defense from 28 to 35 km.
21.08	➤ Over the past day, 66 combat engagements took place on the frontline. More than a third of them occurred in the Pokrovsk direction. ➤ On the night of August 21, units of the Ukrainian Navy, in cooperation with other components of the Defense Forces, struck at the position of the enemy's S-300 anti-aircraft missile system near the populated town of Novoshakhtynsk in Rostov oblast of the Russian Federation. ➤ Belarus is deploying more troops, air defense forces, and aircraft to the border with Ukraine - Associated Press.
22.08	➤ Over the past 24 hours, 134 combat clashes were recorded at the front. ➤ According to the head of the Center for Countering Disinformation at NSDC of Ukraine, part of Russian troops in Kursk oblast got practically into the cauldron. Meanwhile, Deep State reports that the village of Krasnzhovtneve has been taken under control. Communication with the southern bank of the Seim River has been cut off. The AFRF can get out of there either by pontoon crossings or by swimming across the river. ➤ The SSU, together with the Special Operations Forces of Ukraine, hit the warehouses with guided aerial bombs and fuel at the Marynivka airfield in Volgograd oblast. ➤ The Ukrainian Navy destroyed a Russian ammunition, fuel and lubricant depot on the temporarily occupied Kinburn Spit in the Black Sea. ➤ The Third Assault Brigade launched a counterattack in Kharkiv oblast. Ukrainian defenders took control of the Russian army's battalion defense area, Russian platoon and company strongholds, and advanced almost 2 km² into the front line.
23.08	➤ Over the past day, 144 combat clashes were recorded at the front. ➤ "Belarus has deployed at least 1,000 troops to the border with Ukraine," - Belarusian Hayun reports. Recently, several helicopters and attack aircraft, as well as a number of units with armored personnel carriers, tanks, and S-300PS air defense systems, were also sent to the Gomel oblast bordering Ukraine. ➤ Ukrainian Navy spokesman Pletenchuk officially confirmed the destruction of the Russian ferry in the port of Kavkaz. According to him, the Russian ferry "Conro Trader" in the port of Kavkaz in Krasnodar oblast was one of the important chains of Russian military logistics, which provided the occupation forces primarily with fuel and lubricants. The ferry also transported weapons.

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- Over the past day, 149 combat clashes took place on the frontline. Almost a third of them occurred in the Pokrovsk direction.
- “We will do everything to force Putin to end this war diplomatically so that there are fewer losses, but we are ready to use force,” President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi states. “But if we fail, if our partners “fall apart” and do not stand firm against Putin’s aggression, we will do everything to ensure that our army is ready to fairly push Putin out of our country.” He also said that the operation in Kursk oblast was done to strengthen his position in the negotiations: “It’s going according to plan, but I can’t talk about everything.”
- The Ukrainian Defense Forces have successfully destroyed a field ammunition depot of the “West” group of Russian troops near Ostrohozhk, Voronezh oblast. At least three explosions and subsequent secondary detonations were recorded.
- A completely new weapon, the Ukrainian drone missile “Palianytsia,” was used today against an enemy target. Zelenskyi said the enemy was hit.
- Ukrainian drone attacks may force Russia to move planes and air defense away from the front - WSJ. The current level of damage to air bases is something the Russians cannot simply accept in the long run, as it will eventually become a serious problem for their air force. The UAV strikes are forcing Russia to redeploy some of its fighters and attack aircraft to bases that are farther away from Ukraine. This has already reduced the number of bomb launches, as Russian planes are forced to fly further to and from bases to the front.
- According to the German outlet “Der Tagesspiegel,” Russia is moving troops from the Zaporizhzhia direction to strengthen the defense of Kursk. Russia is trying not to weaken its key offensive in Donetsk oblast near Pokrovsk and not to move forces from there to Kursk oblast. The movement of equipment and forces to the Kursk direction from the Crimean peninsula was also detected.

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This week shelling and strikes

Massive attacks per week

- Attack on the night of **August 19**: Air defense forces destroyed all 11 Shahed drones in the Mykolaiv, Cherkasy, Vinnytsia, Kyiv, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Sumy, and Donetsk oblasts.
- Attack on the night of **August 20**: Air defense forces shot down 25 drones and three missiles that targeted Ukraine. In total, Russian forces fired 26 Shahed drones, two Iskander-M/KN-23 missiles, one Iskander-K, and an unspecified number of X-59 missiles.
- Attack on the night of **August 21**: Air defense forces shot down 50 drones and one missile. In total, Russian forces fired 69 Shahed drones, two Iskander-M/KN-23 missiles, and an X-59/X-69 guided missile.
- Attack on the night of **August 22**: Russia attacks Ukraine with 10 Shahed drones, X-31P anti-aircraft missiles, and two Iskander-M ballistic missiles.
- Attack on the night of **August 23**: Air defense forces shot down 14 of the 16 drones fired at Ukraine during the night. Russian forces also launched two Iskander-M/KN-23 ballistic missiles.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

On August 20, Russians hit a children's cafe in Malokaterynivka with an artillery shell, resulting in 9 wounded and 2 dead.

On August 21, the Russian Federation struck the village of Malokaterynivka again, killing one person and injuring another.

On August 22, a 51-year-old resident of Huliaipole was injured as a result of Russian shelling.

On August 24, three employees of the State Emergency Service were injured as a result of artillery shelling in Stepanohirsk.

The following settlements of the area came under fire: Novoandriivka, Huliaipole, Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka, Levadne, Malokaterinivka, Bilenke, Orikhove, Novodarivka, Novodanylivka, Malynivka, Preobrazhenka, and Dolyinka.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

During the week, Russians shelled the Nikopol district every day.

On August 18, the Russians attacked the Nikopol district 15 times with artillery and kamikaze drones. An industrial enterprise, 11 private houses, and eight outbuildings were damaged.

On August 19, the Russian army attacked three districts of the region – Nikopol, Synelnykove, and Kryvyi Rih – with artillery and kamikaze drones.

On the morning of August 20, one person was injured as a result of shelling in the Nikopol district.

On August 22, Russians shelled the Nikopol district with artillery and kamikaze drones. An 81-year-old woman was injured, and four private houses, a five-story building, and power lines were damaged.

On the night of August 24, the Russian military shelled Kryvyi Rih and Nikopol districts. An 85-year-old woman was wounded in the Zelenodolsk community of Kryvyi Rih district.

Kharkiv and the oblast

On August 19, in Kupiansk, a 52-year-old woman sustained an explosive wound as a result of shelling.

On August 20, in the village of Kozacha Lopan, a man and a woman aged 54 were injured by shelling; in Novoosynove, a woman aged 78 was injured.

On August 21, a 61-year-old man was injured in Kozacha Lopan as a result of a drone strike on a civilian car, a 65-year-old driver was killed, and the enemy also hit the village council building with a missile, trapping people under the rubble.

On August 22, the village council building was damaged by repeated shelling of Kozacha Lopan, injuring a 56-year-old woman.

On August 23, a 78-year-old woman was injured in the village of Bohuslavka by shelling, and an elderly man was reportedly trapped under the rubble. Shelling in Bohodukhiv wounded 8 people, including a 15-year-old child, and killed a 57-year-old man. The occupiers attacked the central part of Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, killing two civilians.

On August 24, Russians attacked Novoosynove in the Kupiansk district; four women were hospitalized. Kupiansk also came under Russian shelling – a man was wounded.

Deaths and injuries were recorded in Vasylshcheve, Bilyi Kolodiaz, Ivashky, Kozacha Lopan, Novoosynove, Hetmanivka, Bohuslavka, Bohodukhiv, Kupiansk, Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, Petrivka, and Kolisnykivka. Shelling and destruction also occurred in Zolochiv, Borova, Kindrashivska, Tsyrukivka, and Derhachi communities, including Starosaltivka, Hlushkivka, Kurylivka, Derhachi and Cherkaski Tyshky.

Sumy oblast

On August 19, four people were wounded in Sumy oblast as a result of Russian shelling.

On August 20, there were injuries and deaths in the Krasnopillia and Yunakivka communities.

On August 21, a 49-year-old woman was wounded in Druzhba.

On August 22, 2 civilians were killed, and one person was injured in the Esman community as a result of shelling by an FPV drone. One person was wounded in the Svesa community.

On August 23, 5 people were injured in the area.

On the morning of August 24, in Svesa, Sumy oblast, a man was wounded by a KAB attack. A woman was killed in the Velyka Pysarivka community.

The following communities came under fire: Sumy, Svesa, Khotin, Yunakivka, Myropillia, Bilopillia, Krasnopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Putyvl, Nova Sloboda, Berezivka, Hlukhiv, Esman, Shalyhyne, Druzhba, Seredyna-Buda, Znob-Novhorod communities.

Donetsk oblast

On August 21, in total, Russians shelled settlements in Donetsk oblast 18 times with KAB-500 bombs throughout the day. In one day, Russians killed four residents of Donetsk oblast: in Siversk, Ukrainsk, Kostiantynivka, and Petrivka.

On August 22, 8 people were wounded. The occupation forces dropped a KAB-250 on Pleshchiivka, injuring four people.

On August 23, 4 people were injured as a result of cannon artillery shelling.

The following settlements in the oblast were shelled and damaged:

- **Volnovakha district: Maksymivka, Velyki Novosilki, Vuhledar communities**
- **Pokrovsk district:** Kurakhove, Kurakhivka, Pokrovsk, Novoukrainka, Myrnohrad, Vovchenka, Novoandriivka, Selidove, Kostiantynopilske, Rozlyv, Hrodivka, Marynivka, Hirnyk, Veselyi Hai, Uspenivka, Ukrainsk; Pokrovsk, Udachansk, Kurakhiv, Mariinka, Hrodivka communities were also affected.
- **Kramatorsk district:** Lyman, Yampil, Oleksandro-Kalynove, Zoria, Kostiantynivka, Pleshchiivka, Zarichne; also Illinivka, Mykolaivka communities
- **Bakhmut district:** Toretsk, Siversk, Serebrianka, Petrivtsi; Chasiv Yar, Siversk, Toretsk communities were also affected.

Chernihiv oblast

During the week, Russians targeted four border communities – Novhorod-Siversk, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnia – with mortars, cannon artillery, drones, and FPV drones.

On August 18, an FPV drone attack in Semenivka damaged a cellular tower.

Kherson and the oblast

On August 18, the Russians shelled 17 settlements. Forty-nine private houses and educational institutions were damaged, and three people were injured.

On August 19, Russian troops dropped explosives from drones in Kherson and Antonivka, injuring two women.

On August 20, Russians shelled 24 localities. A man died in Zmiivka as a result of a drone strike. During the day, 15 people were injured, including four children.

On August 21, the Russian army attacked Antonivka and Kindiika with drones, killing an 84-year-old woman and wounding two other people. There are two wounded in Komyshany. In Kherson, Russians dropped explosives from a drone, injuring two people. In total, 18 people were wounded that day, and 36 private houses and seven high-rise buildings were damaged.

On August 22, Russian troops attacked 12 settlements. In particular, Russians fired several times at the territory of the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Kindiika, destroying residential and office buildings and killing a woman. There are dead and wounded in Tomyryne and Kherson.

On August 23, Russians shelled 15 localities, injuring 10 people.

On August 24, the Russian military attacked the Dniprovskyi district of Kherson with artillery and drones. Three adults and a child were injured.

During the week, Russians shelled the following settlements in the area: Antonivka, Stepanivka, Sadove, Prydniprovske, Bilozerka, Pryozerne, Stanislav, Poniativka, Tomya Balka, Shylova Balka, Shyroka Balka, Zolota Balka, Nova Kamyanka, Dudchany, Llove, Novokairy, Mykhailivka, Kreshchenivka, Mykolaivka, Beryslav, Novoberyslav, Burhunka, Blahovishchenske, Chervonyi Maiak, Poniativka, Pervomaiske, Komyshany, Mykhaylivka, Olhivka, Zymivnyk, Zelenivka, Nadezhdivka, Fedorivka, Rozlyv, Sofiivka, Tokarivka, Odradokamianka, Zmiivka, Zamozhne, Shliakhove, Vesele, Mykilske, Novodmitrivka, Kizomys, Velytske, Novovorontsova, Vysoke, Novooleksandrivka, Tomyryne, Mylove, Novoraisk, Havrylivka, Kherson.

Mykolaiv oblast

On August 18, 20, and 21, Russians fired artillery and deployed FPV drones against the Kutsurub and Ochakiv communities.

On the night of August 21, Russian troops fired a ballistic missile, likely an Iskander-M, at the Berezhuvate community, causing a fire that engulfed a farm and two residential buildings.



The week of shelling

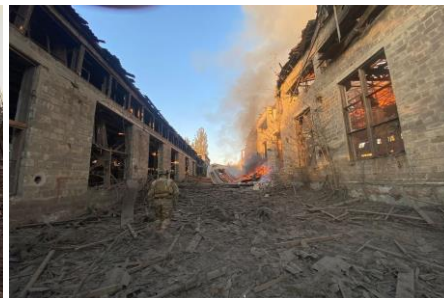
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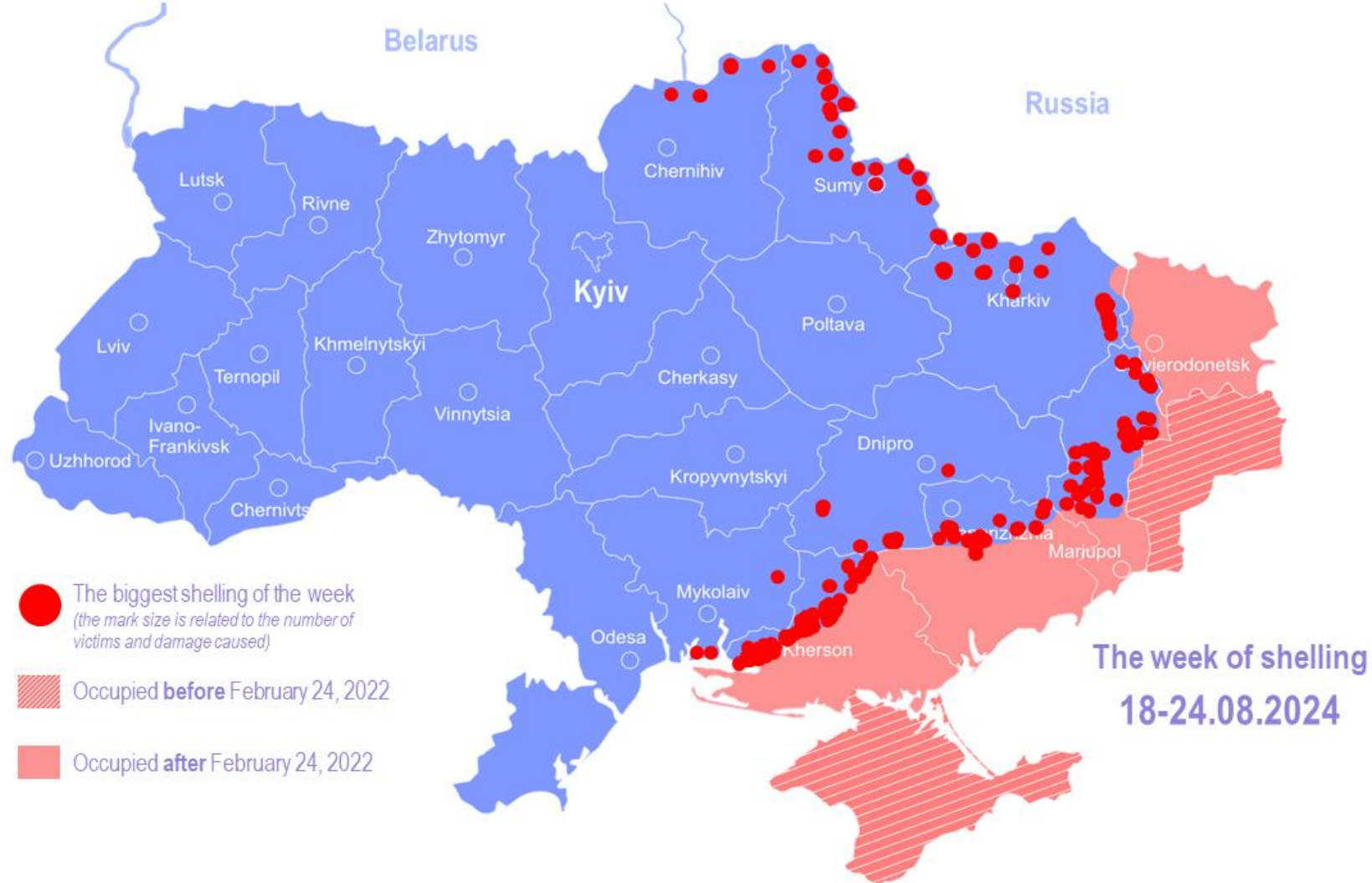
Zaporizhzhia oblast



Sumy oblast



Donetsk oblast



Humanitarian crisis



19.08	➤ A forced evacuation of families with children was announced from the Pokrovsk community in the Donetsk region. More than 53,000 people live there now, including almost 4,000 children. ➤ In Ukraine, since February 2022, when Russia launched a full-scale invasion, 25 humanitarian workers have been killed and 66 injured, the UN Office in Ukraine reported. Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Ministry reported that since February 2022, more than 150 incidents have occurred in Ukraine as a result of Russia's attacks, which "directly affected humanitarian assistance." According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, more than 60 air strikes were carried out on humanitarian warehouses during the same period.	➤ The entrance to two neighborhoods in Myrnohrad, the Donetsk region, has been closed, and people are only being moved out. The head of the Myrnohrad MVA, Tetiana Sytnyk, noted that as of August 20, 493 children remained in the city. The forced evacuation of families with children was announced on August 5. Now, the police and the State Emergency Service are actively evacuating them. ➤ Ukrzaliznytsia has announced a shortage of tickets caused by a shortage of railcars, and in 2028, the problem may become critical. Oleksandr Shevchenko, the head of passenger communications at Ukrzaliznytsia, said this in a statement. Railcars are lost due to logistical reasons: they carry people for evacuation, the wounded, priority organized groups (children from the frontline areas), and other passengers.
20.08	➤ The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU), Oleksandr Syrskyi, said that since February 24, 2022, Russian missiles and drones have hit 11,879 targets in Ukraine, most of them are civilian - 6,203, the rest are military - 5,676. ➤ Finland will finance the construction of a "green school" in the Kyiv region to replace two schools that were destroyed by the Russians. The building will have a modular prefabricated wooden frame that minimizes on-site construction work. Solar panels will also be installed for additional backup power. The new school will be able to accommodate 200 primary and secondary school students. ➤ The Ministry of Health has approved the Council for the restoration of Okhmatdyt hospital. It consists of 15 people, including representatives of the hospital, the Ministry of Health, the United Nations Development Program in Ukraine, and UNICEF. It also includes the chairman of the board of Ukrenergo, heads of several charitable foundations, and others. ➤ Russians hit a company in Ternopil, setting a fuel tank on fire. Due to the shelling, the level of chlorine in the air and water in the Ternopil region is 4 to 10 times higher than normal. ➤ About 470,000 Ukrainian pensioners have already received payments worth UAH 2.01 billion (USD 48 million) under the UN World Food Program. The assistance is intended for people from the frontline regions. ➤ Russia continues to bring priests to the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. The reason for the growth in their number is the low moral and psychological state of the personnel and the increase in desertions in the ranks of the Russian army. In particular, priests are sent as chaplains, but a large number of them also serve in the captured churches of the region, where they are engaged in propaganda. ➤ Six more families with children were returned from the temporarily occupied territory of the Kherson region. Among them are two boys and four girls aged 3 to 12. This was reported by RBC-Ukraine.	22.08 ➤ This year, more than 4,000 applicants from the temporarily occupied territories have entered Ukrainian higher education institutions, according to Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Mykhailo Vynnytskyi. This suggests that despite the conditions of occupation, Ukrainians express a desire to study at Ukrainian higher education institutions. ➤ Russian invaders are exporting grain from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine to Iran via a new logistics route. The National Resistance Center reports. ➤ Pavlo Lysyanskyi, Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies and Security and founder of the Eastern Human Rights Group, said that Russians are disguising forced mobilization in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. The number of representatives of Russian law enforcement agencies who are not investigating local crimes but are involved in forcing Ukrainians to participate in the war against Ukraine has increased significantly.
21.08	➤ All children have been evacuated from 90 settlements in the Donetsk region, said Vadym Filashkin, head of the Regional Military Administration. Another 4,912 children remain in 30 frontline settlements in the Kramatorsk and Pokrovsk districts. ➤ In the temporarily occupied territories of the Kherson region, Russians created the Council for Investment and Industrial Development. According to the National Resistance, it will help with the export of goods and equipment from seized enterprises in the region. ➤ In the Rostov region, Russians are organizing a trial of Ukrainian prisoners of war - the prosecutor's office is demanding 16 to 24 years in prison. In total, 24 Ukrainians are on trial. They all served in Azov under contract or as freelancers at different times. Some took part in the defense of Mariupol and Azovstal, while others had already left the service at the time of the Russian invasion and were detained at home or during filtration.	23.08 ➤ Ukraine has launched the first state-owned virtual environment Cyber Range UA, where cyber specialists will be able to improve their skills in defending against cyberattacks. Several dozen information security specialists can train at the cyber range concurrently. ➤ The press service of Energoatom reports that Zaporizhzhia NPP is on the verge of blackout again: Russian shelling damaged the external overhead line through which the plant received power from the Ukrainian power grid for its own needs. In addition, the lack of qualified personnel and the transformation of the plant into a military base complicate its trouble-free operation. 24.08 ➤ A total of 115 soldiers have been returned to Ukraine from Russian captivity. All of them are conscripts, including those who were captured in the first months of the full-scale Russian invasion in 2022. Among them are 82 defenders of Mariupol, six National Guardsmen from the Chornobyl nuclear power plant, and soldiers who defended the Kyiv, Donetsk, Kherson, and Luhansk regions. The returnees also include those who took part in the battles for Hostomel and the reserve command post of the General Staff in the Kyiv region, and for the Chonhar checkpoint in the Kherson region.

