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## Weekly briefing

**September 22 – 28**

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- **Ukraine's Plan for Victory** envisages an invitation for Kyiv to join NATO. According to Bloomberg, Zelenskyy will also insist on a commitment from the US to provide constant supplies of modern weapons. In addition, the plan calls for a clear path to European Union membership and other economic and security arrangements.
- Ukraine is negotiating with its allies to acquire **Gripen and Eurofighter fighters**. This was stated by Defense Minister Rustem Umerov. The Ukrainian government is also informing its partners about the weapons needed for the fighter jets.
- Ukraine has received a verbal agreement from its Western partners **to finance the missile program** developed by the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. The Ministry of Defense has now assumed full responsibility for the development of products under this program to provide the Ukrainian Armed Forces with **long-range weapons**.
- **Iran** has not handed over to Russia the **mobile launchers** required to deploy Fath-360 ballistic missiles that Tehran is said to have transferred to Moscow. Experts interviewed by Reuters provided two possible reasons for this decision. One is that Russia may plan to modify trucks to transport missiles, as Iran has done. Another is that by withholding the launchers, Iran is allowing space for new talks with Western powers on easing tensions. The Iranian president has also denied that Iran has supplied Russia with ballistic missiles since he took office.

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- Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen believes that Ukraine's allies should stop being hesitant to help the country in its fight and **let the weapons provided be used for strikes on Russia**.
- Denmark allocates **€16 million for Ukraine's energy sector**. This is one of Denmark's largest contributions to support the Ukrainian energy system. Among other things, the funds will be used to purchase equipment and spare parts.
- President Zelenskyy met with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The German leader called on EU countries to provide Ukraine with the promised **€35 billion in aid** as soon as possible. At the same time, he insisted that he would not lift the ban on strikes by German weapons deep into Russia.
- **The UK** Ministry of Defense has announced a £2 million **tender for 300 large FPV drones** as part of the international **Drone Coalition** for Ukraine.

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- **The Netherlands** will provide Ukraine with a **new aid package** for the restoration of critical infrastructure and humanitarian aid. The package is worth €209.5 million. Amsterdam will also contribute €45 million to the **Energy Support Fund** for Ukraine and finance the delivery of equipment.
- TikTok has removed Russian state-owned media accounts for **covert influence operations** ahead of the US elections. The accounts in question belong to the Rossiya Segodnya media group, which owns the RIA Novosti and Sputnik news services, as well as the RT TV channel.
- The war is closer to the end than many people think, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an interview with ABC News. Main points:
  - The Plan for Victory is not about negotiating with Russia, but rather it is "a bridge to a **diplomatic way out**, to stop the war."
  - Zelenskyy reiterated his call for the US to **lift restrictions on long-range strikes** against Russia.
  - Putin is afraid of the Ukrainian Armed Forces' operation in Kursk because Russians see that "he cannot defend his territory."
  - Russia is **photographing Ukrainian nuclear power plants** with Chinese satellites. The occupiers may be preparing strikes against them.

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- Switzerland has **recognized the Holodomor** man-made famine as a **genocide** of the Ukrainian people. The country's parliament recognized that the Soviet regime under Joseph Stalin was responsible for the act of genocide.
- **Bulgaria** has hosted the **Sea Breeze exercise**, with representatives of the Armed Forces of Ukraine taking part. For two weeks, the participants practiced diving underwater, searching for mine-like objects and destroying them with the help of modern underwater drones or divers.

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- **Serbia will reopen its embassy in Kyiv** this year, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said. However, he did not specify a specific date when the embassy will start working.
- Ukraine's President and Finnish President Alexander Stubb discuss **joint drone production** during a meeting in New York, USA.
- Saab plans to set up **production in Ukraine** to support the development of the country's defense capabilities. Swedish Defense Company sees potential for cooperation with Ukrainian companies on **drone capabilities**.
- U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken is convinced that in order to promote peace in Ukraine, **Russia's military cooperation** with Iran, North Korea, and China **must be stopped**. He named "immediate and interrelated" steps that Ukraine's allies should take.
- France will engage a private company **to train Ukrainian defenders**. The French army's cooperation with the company should compensate for the lack of instructors and interpreters.
- Northern European countries were invited to arm and train a **Ukrainian battalion** each. The Northern Brigade project was created for this purpose.
- Russia has secretly launched the **production of attack drones in China** – Reuters reports.

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- Germany will provide **€70 million** to Ukraine **to rebuild the energy sector**. The money will go to Ukrainian towns and villages to help them buy small thermal power plants, boilers, generators and solar systems. This will give them a more secure and independent energy supply.
- The United States has allocated **\$7.9 billion in new military aid** to Ukraine. This package includes an additional Patriot air defense battery, other air defense equipment and interceptors, drones, long-range missiles and air-to-ground munitions, as well as money to strengthen Ukraine's defense industry. The US will also expand programs to train Ukrainian pilots to fly F-16s. New sanctions have been imposed on Russia.
- Ukraine will also receive Joint Standoff Weapon (**JSOW**) cruise bombs from the United States – they are long-range ones. These bombs have a range of up to 130 kilometers and weigh up to 500 kilograms.
- Germany allocates **€400 million for military support** to Ukraine. The country will also provide an additional €170 million in the short term to restore Ukraine's energy sector.
- **The UK** will provide Ukraine with 12 more AS90 self-propelled artillery howitzers. The government also announced **the creation of a new joint unit** of the Ministry of Defense and the British Foreign Office in Ukraine. It is intended to combine expertise and introduce a new whole-of-government approach to Ukraine.
- The US and the EU are close to providing Ukraine with a **\$50 billion loan** to be repaid from future proceeds of frozen Russian assets – Bloomberg.
- The United States announced a **new military aid package** worth \$375 million to Ukraine. The aid package includes ammunition, air defense systems, anti-tank missiles, and other weapons and equipment.



# Military positions



- In the Kharkiv direction, several Russian attacks took place in the areas of the settlements of Vovchansk and Tykhe.
- A series of attacks by the occupiers took place in the Kupiansk direction. Defense forces repelled enemy assaults in the direction of Synkivka, Novoselivka, Hlushkivka, Kruhliakivka, Kucherivka, and Lozova.
- In the Lyman direction, Russian forces tried to advance near six different settlements: Hrekivka, Makiivka, Nevske, Zarichne, Torske, and Novosadove.
- In the Kramatorsk direction, the occupiers attacked in the districts of Hryhorivka, Predtechyne, Chasiv Yar, Bila Hora and Stupochky.
- In the Toretsk direction, Russian attacks took place near Toretsk, Shcherbanivka, and New York.
- In the Pokrovsk direction, Ukrainian defenders stopped the offensive actions of the aggressor towards the settlements of Vozdvizhenka, Novotoretsk, Mykolaivka, Hrodivka, Novohrodivka, Lysivka, Krutyi Yar, Dachinsky, Marynivka and Selydove.

- The greatest concentration of Russian attacks was near Mykhailivka and Novotoretsk.
- In the Kurakhove direction, the occupiers exerted their main efforts in the areas of Tsukuryne, Heorhiivka, Kostiantynivka, and Katerynivka.
- In the Vremivka region, the Russian army carried out assaults near Vuhledar, Bohoyavlenka, Vodiane and Katerynivka. Actively used attack and bomber aircraft for strikes in the direction.
- The Russians were repulsed on the Orikhiv and Huliaipole directions near Novodarivka, Robotyne and Mali Shcherbaki.
- No signs of the formation of enemy offensive groups were detected in the Volyn and Polissia directions.
- On the border with the Chernihiv and Sumy regions, the enemy from the territory of the Russian Federation is actively using artillery and aviation in the areas of Ukrainian settlements.
- The operation is ongoing in the Kursk region.

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- During the past day, 162 combat clashes were recorded.
- The paratroopers made another breakthrough on the border with Russia. "This is already the second successful operation to break through the Russian border since the beginning of the operation in the territory of the Kursk region of the Russian Federation," the communications department of the command of the Airborne Assault Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported. Defenders of the 95th Separate Polissia Air Assault Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine published a video showing the construction of passages in engineering barriers, the entry of airborne assault units into enemy territory, and the first battles in the border strip, where the Airborne Forces tankers "destroy" the enemy's stronghold. The fighters did not say exactly where they managed to break through the border section with the Russian Federation.
- The situation in Vuhledar is under control; the city is under the control of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. However, Russian troops attack the city round the clock. Sources in the 72nd Brigade, which defends the city, informed Suspilne about this. According to the military, Russian soldiers are trying to enter Vuhledar using small-group tactics. They are currently trying to bypass the city to take control of the road, which is an important artery. Despite the fact that the troops of the Russian Federation suffer heavy losses every day, the attempts of assaults do not stop. The commander of the motorized infantry "Zalizna Rota" 72 OMBR by the pseudonym "Oscar" also confirmed that there are constant assaults by the Russian troops. According to him, as soon as the Russians find an opportunity to advance, "shock units begin to withdraw, try to bypass the positions and throw out the landing party. Our fighters oppose this." According to the DeepState project, the Russian military is trying to surround the settlement, and at the same time, they are "razing Vuhledar to the ground" with artillery and anti-aircraft guns.
- Moscow photographed nuclear facilities in Ukraine and may be preparing strikes against them. For this, Russia used Chinese satellites, Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an interview with ABC News: "And from our experience, if Russia photographs certain objects, there is a threat of strikes on nuclear objects." The head of state said he would share the available information with leaders at the UN General Assembly this week.
- The UN found new evidence of torture of Ukrainians by the Russian military. The report of the Independent International Commission states that torture is a "common and acceptable practice" for Russian soldiers. In particular, violence is "widespread" in prisons in Russia, where prisoners from Ukraine are held. The commission notes that "employees of specific services of the Russian Federation are involved in this." The orders are issued by the highest officials of the Russian authorities, who "either approve or do not take measures to stop such behavior." The commission also continues to document the shelling of civilian objects and the energy infrastructure of Ukraine.

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- During the past day, 143 combat clashes took place.
- The Russians want to attack three Ukrainian nuclear power plants, Volodymyr Zelenskyi said. "We are now entering the third winter in this war. Russia is again trying to destroy our energy industry - and this time they are even more cynical, they want to attack our three nuclear power plants," the head of state said at the UN Security Council meeting. He noted that Ukraine has information and evidence of this.
- Units of the Main Directorate of Intelligence of Ukraine liberated the Vovchansk Aggregate Plant from the occupiers. The fighters of the Main Directorate of Intelligence liberated the plant and cleared the buildings, constantly engaging in contact battles with the enemy in densely built-up conditions. In some cases, Ukrainian special forces engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy, the intelligence report says. The Russians turned the aggregate plant into their propaganda "fortress", deploying the most motivated and professional units in its defense. In addition, a significant amount of artillery, attack drones, anti-aircraft missiles and heavy flamethrower systems "Solntsepok" were continuously used against the Ukrainian intelligence officers. Also, during the operation, it was possible to take prisoners and replenish the exchange fund. The territory of the plant was transferred to the control of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

## Losses of the Russian army from 22.09.2024 to 28.09.2024

Liquidated personnel	8 060
Tanks	85
IFVs	224
Artillery systems / MLRS	381/7
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	13
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	487
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	393
Special equipment	152

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- The situation at the front remains difficult. The enemy, using their advantage in manpower and equipment, is relentlessly attacking our positions. Ukrainian defenders steadfastly hold back the onslaught of the occupiers and inflict maximum losses on the enemy. In total, 154 combat clashes were recorded during the past 24 hours.
- In Donetsk region, enemy sabotage and reconnaissance groups are trying to break through to Vuhledar. This was reported by the head of the regional state administration, Vadym Filashkin: "On the approaches to Vuhledar, our defenders burned a huge amount of enemy equipment. Separate Russian sabotage and reconnaissance groups are trying to break into the city, but the soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine are destroying these groups." He added that about 100 people remain in the city and "outright" refuse to leave. The enemy is shooting all the ways, so it is impossible to deliver rubber aid to them.
- The occupying forces have reached the outskirts of Vuhledar in Donetsk region, but this is unlikely to give them any special operational advantage for further offensive in the western part of the region, ISW. According to the Institute for the Study of War, Vuhledar is not a particularly important logistical hub and the enemy already controls most of the main roads leading to the city. However, the simultaneous offensive of the Russian Federation near Vuhledar and Pokrovsk reinforce each other and are aimed at exhausting and stretching Ukrainian troops on the wider front of Donetsk region, - writes ISW
- During the liberation of the aggregate plant in Vovchansk, the fighters of the Main Directorate of Intelligence captured 20 Russian soldiers. The fighting for the object lasted for more than a week, reported the officer of the special unit of the Main Directorate of Intelligence. Timur with the call sign Viking: "At the Vovchansk Aggregate Plant, up to two dozen of the enemy were captured, several dozen were destroyed. Also, four occupiers tried to leave the plant and were neutralized already outside the perimeter of the plant." The liberation of the plant took place under intense enemy fire, Viking added.
- Russia has a secret project to develop long-range drones in China for use in the war against Ukraine, Reuters writes. "Kupol" IEMZ, a subsidiary of the Russian state arms company "Almaz-Antey", has developed and conducted flight tests of a new drone model called "Harpy-3" (G3) in China with the help of local specialists, the publication says.

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- Over the last day, 189 combat engagements were registered in the frontline
- Russians are preparing to intensify assault operations in the Zaporizhzhia direction, - Southern Defense Forces. "There is a tendency over the past few days that the situation in Zaporizhzhia region, this particular section of the contact line, will escalate. Yesterday there were already 5 attacks over the past day and there is a tendency that they will increase, because according to our intelligence, the enemy is gathering personnel of assault groups in the area of Pryutne," said Vladyslav Voloshyn, spokesman for the Southern Defense Forces. He added that the occupants received 25 light buggy vehicles from the reserve storage base of the Southern District of the Russian Federation, which "indicates that they are preparing assault operations."

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- Over the last day, 187 combat engagements were registered. The situation was the most tense in the Pokrovsk sector, and the enemy was also active in the Kurakhove sector.
- The occupants are trying to storm more than 10 localities in the Pokrovsk sector, the National Guard said. "Pokrovsk sector remains a difficult one. Here, the enemy is trying to attack our positions in the vicinity of more than 10 settlements and, as our fighters note, is primarily engaging infantry groups that are trying to storm areas near settlements, conducting frontal attacks, occasionally using armored vehicles," said National Guard spokesman Ruslan Muzychuk. Muzychuk said that the Russians are trying to use artillery and aviation in the areas where they concentrate their main efforts during their assaults.

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## Massive attacks per week

- **Attack on the night of September 22:** Air defense forces shot down 71 Shahed drones and six more drones were lost. Russian forces struck Ukraine with two Kh-59/69 missiles and launched a total of 80 drones.
- **Attack on the night of September 24:** Air defense forces shot down 66 drones, and 13 more were lost. In total, the Russian army launched 81 drones and four missiles at Ukraine, including an Iskander ballistic missile.
- **Attack on the night of September 28:** Air defense forces shot down two Kh-59/69 guided air missiles and 69 out of 73 drones. One drone flew towards Russia, and three more were lost on Ukrainian territory. The Russian army also attacked with two Iskander-M ballistic missiles.

## Sumy oblast

- September 23: Russian forces shelled the Krasnopillia community with artillery. A woman was injured as a result of the strikes. In Myropillia, an enemy FPV drone hit a passenger bus, injuring the driver and one passenger.
- September 24: The Russian army attacked a private house in the Nova Sloboda community with a drone. A man was killed as a result of the strike.
- September 26: A woman was killed in the Yunakivka community, and a man was also injured. Russian troops struck a railway station in the city of Khutir-Mykhailivskiy with drones, injuring three railway workers.
- September 28: The Russian army struck a healthcare facility in Sumy using a Shahed-type UAV. At the time of the explosions, there were 86 patients in the medical facility, 15 of whom had limited mobility, and 38 employees. When rescuers and police were providing assistance and evacuating patients at the scene, the Russian army launched another strike. As a result, the emergency room, trauma center, and the fourth floor of the medical facility were destroyed. There were nine fatalities and 12 injured.

Throughout the week, the following communities came under fire: Sumy, Shostka, Konotop, Mykolaivka, Khotyn, Myropilli, Bilopillia, Richkivka, Krasnopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Nova Sloboda, Hlukhiv, Esman, Shalyhyne, Svesa, Seredyna-Buda, Verkhnia Sirovatka, Yankivka, Putyvl, and Popivka.

## Dnipro and the oblast

- Throughout the week, Russians shelled the Nikopol district daily.
- September 22: Russians shelled the Nikopol district and Pavlohrad.
- September 23: Russian forces launched 20 kamikaze drone attacks on the Nikopol district, resulting in one person being injured in Nikopol.
- September 25: Russians struck the Dnipro district.
- Night of September 27: The Russian army launched a missile strike on Dnipro. As a result of the strike, about 60 windows in 14 houses and two dormitories were damaged.
- September 27: Russians launched a missile strike on the police administration building in Kryvyi Rih. Four people were killed and six were injured. 23 private houses, 3 high-rise buildings, an educational institution, and over 80 cars were damaged. Also on that day, Russian forces shelled Marhanets with heavy artillery, injuring 2 people.

## Kharkiv and the oblast

- On September 22, as a result of a FAB-250 bomb strike near a residential high-rise building in Kharkiv, 21 people were injured, most of them minors and elderly people. During the shelling of Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, two women were injured. In Shyikivka, a man and a woman were injured as a result of shelling from MLRS. In the Izium district, a man was killed as a result of strikes from the Grad MLRS.
- On September 23, a woman was killed during the shelling of Kupiansk. In Staryi Saltiv, four police officers were injured as a result of strikes with cluster munitions. In Osynove, a 59-year-old woman was injured.
- On September 24, as a result of a strike on a nine-story building in Kharkiv, two women aged 70 and 72 were killed, and 24 people were injured. As a result of a Russian strike on a bakery workshop in Kharkiv, one woman was killed, and eight more employees of the enterprise were injured. Also, in Kharkiv, an aerial bomb hit near houses and a children's playground. One woman was killed, and two more people were injured. The second hit in this area was in an open area, where a man was injured. The Russians shelled Kupiansk. One woman was killed, and another woman was injured. In Varvarivka, as a result of an enemy attack by an FPV drone, a man was killed. There, an enemy drone injured a 77-year-old woman and a 56-year-old man. In Velyka Komyshevukha, a tractor blew up on an explosive device in an open area. The 19-year-old driver was injured.
- On September 26, one person was injured as a result of the shelling of Ivashky. As a result of an air bomb strike in Kharkiv, five people were injured. A 78-year-old man was injured as a result of the shelling of Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi.
- On September 27, a civilian man received a blast injury as a result of a hit on Kharkiv. Due to an airstrike on Kivsharivka, a woman received a blast injury.
- On September 28, Russia shelled Novoosynove. A 68-year-old man and woman were injured.

Shelling and destruction also affected the Malodanylyvka community, Verbivka, Kupiansk, Chuhuiv, Buhaivka, Ivashky, Tsyrukun, Riznykove, Radkivka, Bohuslavka, Kurylivka, Vasysheve, Bilashi, Duvantsi, Novoosynove, Shyikivka, Prykolotne, Kindrashivka, Duvanka, Prudianka, Slatyne, Bezruky, Kivsharivka, Velyka Danylivka, Shypuvate, and Kurylivka.

## Zaporizhzhia oblast

- September 22: The Russian army launched seven airstrikes on Zaporizhzhia. Twenty-two people were injured, including a 15-year-old boy.
- September 23: As a result of strikes on critical infrastructure and residential areas in Zaporizhzhia, one person was killed, and nine were injured, including a 13-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy. Over 100 houses were damaged.
- September 24: A man was killed in Mala Tokmachka as a result of an attack by an FPV drone. Seven people were injured in another Russian shelling of Zaporizhzhia.
- September 26: The Russians hit residential areas and the territory of one of Zaporizhzhia's industrial enterprises. Ten people were injured, including a 14-year-old boy.

The following settlements were shelled during the week: Natalivka, Orikhove, Novodarivka, Temyrivka, Komyshevukha, Zarichne, Kamianske, Piatykatky, Rostushche, Kushuhum, Levadne, Bilohiria, Novoandriivka, Novodanylivka, Malynivka, Prymorske, Hulaiapole, and Robotyne.

## Donetsk oblast

- September 22nd: A 78-year-old man was killed in Myrnohrad due to Russian shelling with barrel artillery. Three elderly women were injured in a Russian shelling of Sloviansk. Russian forces struck Kramatorsk with a Tornado-S MLRS, injuring six people, including a 16-year-old girl. Shakhtarske and Kostiantynivka were shelled with MLRS and KABs, injuring two people. Mykolaivka was also hit, with one woman injured.
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>: One person was killed and three injured in a shelling of Kramatorsk. The Russian army struck the village of Shakhove, injuring five adults and two children aged 7 and 9. One person was injured as a result of the shelling of Kurakhove.
- September 24<sup>th</sup>: One person was killed, and two were injured as a result of a strike on Kostiantynivka. Two men were killed in Pokrovsk as a result of artillery strikes on residential buildings, and a police officer was injured.
- September 25<sup>th</sup>: The Russian army shelled a fire station in Kostiantynivka, injuring a rescuer and a civilian man. As a result of the shelling of Kramatorsk, two people were killed (an 87-year-old woman and a 50-year-old man), and 21 people were injured, including three children. Three Red Cross workers were also among the injured.
- September 26<sup>th</sup>: A man was killed as a result of strikes on Chasiv Yar, and three people were injured. Two people were killed as a result of the shelling of Toretsk.
- September 27<sup>th</sup>: The Russian army shelled the Sloviansk community, injuring two residents. Russian troops shelled Kostiantynivka several times a day, with four people suffering minor injuries. One person was killed in Nove. Seven residents were injured in Dobropillia.
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: Two people were killed and one injured as a result of the shelling of Yasenove in the Pokrovsk community.

The following settlements in the oblast were shelled and damaged:

- **In the Volnovakha district:** Shakhtarske, Novoukrainka, Nove, Tarasivka, Bohoyavlenka.
- **In the Pokrovsk district:** Pokrovsk, Kurakhove, Dorozhne, Hirnyk, Novopavlivka, Zvirove, Bilytske, Selydove, Kurakhivka, Virolubivka, Novoekonomichne, Vodiane, Sviatohirivka.
- **In the Kramatorsk district:** Sloviansk, Oleksiievo-Druzhkivka, Mykolaivka, Raihorodok, Ozerne.
- **In the Bakhmut district:** Dronivka, Siversk.
- **In the Kostiantynivka district:** Kostiantynivka.

## Odesa and the oblast

- Night of September 26: Russians attacked the oblast with missiles and drones. A woman was killed in the Odesa district, and administrative buildings were damaged.
- September 27: Russian forces attacked Izmail with drones. Three people were killed. Fourteen people were injured, including three children. Four high-rise buildings and over 50 private houses were damaged.
- Night of September 28: Russians launched a missile strike on Bilhorod-Dnistrovskiy. A recreation center was destroyed as a result of the attack.

## Kherson and the oblast

- Russian forces carried out daily attacks on 16 settlements throughout the week.
- September 22: One person was killed, and seven were injured in Russian shelling. Twenty private houses, administrative buildings, and a bank were damaged.
- September 23: Russian forces dropped an explosive device from a drone onto an ambulance near Romashkove in the Bilozerka community, injuring the driver and paramedic. A volunteer was injured in Naddniprianske due to a drone attack. A total of 13 people were injured throughout the day.
- September 24: One person was killed, and 18 were injured due to Russian attacks. There were casualties in Poniativka, Stanislav, Kindiika, Kherson, and Beryslav.
- September 25: The Russians launched an airstrike on Khreshchenivka, injuring a woman. Russian forces dropped two guided bombs on a school in the Mylove community. The Russians also struck the Dnipro district of Kherson with two guided bombs, damaging a cultural institution. Russian forces shelled Mykhailivka with a tank, killing a man. In total, 2 people were killed and 14 were injured that day.
- Night of September 26: Russian aviation shelled Bilozerka and other settlements with guided aerial bombs, injuring 3 people. In the evening, the Russians launched at least six strikes from multiple launch rocket systems at Tomyna Balka, killing one woman and injuring a man. A total of 19 people were injured throughout the day.
- September 27: Russian aviation attacked Inhulets with guided aerial bombs. Seven people were injured, including two children. There were also injuries in Veletenske and Kherson.
- September 28: The Russians launched an airstrike on the village of Dudchany, injuring a woman. Three people were killed in Novodmytrivka and Zmiivka due to artillery shelling. Six people were injured in Antonivka due to drone attacks.

Throughout the week, the following settlements were shelled: Antonivka, Vesele, Tiahynka, Ponyativka, Odradokamyanka, Beryslav, Novovorontsovka, Bilozerka, Novoberyslav, Sadove, Prydniprovsk, Komyshtani, Tomyna Balka, Zolota Balka, Shyroka Balka, Bobrovy Kut, Zmiivka, Nadnyprianske, Romashkove, Veletenske, Kizomys, Stanislav, Honcharne, Novodmytrivka, Mylove, Kachkarivka, Mykhailivka, Zamozhne, Kozatske, Burhunka, Novoraisk, Nova Kamianka, Sukhanove, Khreshchenivka, Monastyrsk, Muzykivka, Zymivnyk, Inzherne, Tokarivka, Shliakhove, Velyka Oleksandrivka, Havrylivka, Tomaryne, Kostyrka, Novooleksandrivka, Sofivka, Novatiyahynka, Arkhangelske, Inhulets, Fedorivka, Ulianiivka, Mykilske, Yasna Poliana, Chervony Maiak, Dudchany, Sablukivka, Kherson.

## Chernihiv oblast

Throughout the week, Russian forces shelled four border communities — Novhorod-Siverskyi, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnianska — using mortars, artillery, drones, and FPV drones. On September 22, mortar shelling in the village of Zarichchia (Semenivka community) injured two men.

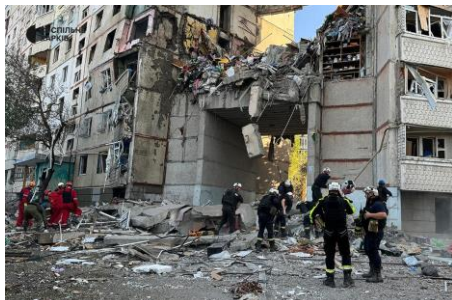
## Mykolaiv oblast

- September 23: Russian forces attacked the Kutsurub community with FPV drones and artillery, damaging two private houses and a car.
- September 24: Two people were injured in the Kutsurub community due to an FPV drone attack.
- September 27: The Kutsurub community was shelled with FPV drones 15 times by the Russians.
- September 28: Two people were injured in the Kutsurub community due to shelling.



# The week of shelling

## Kharkiv oblast



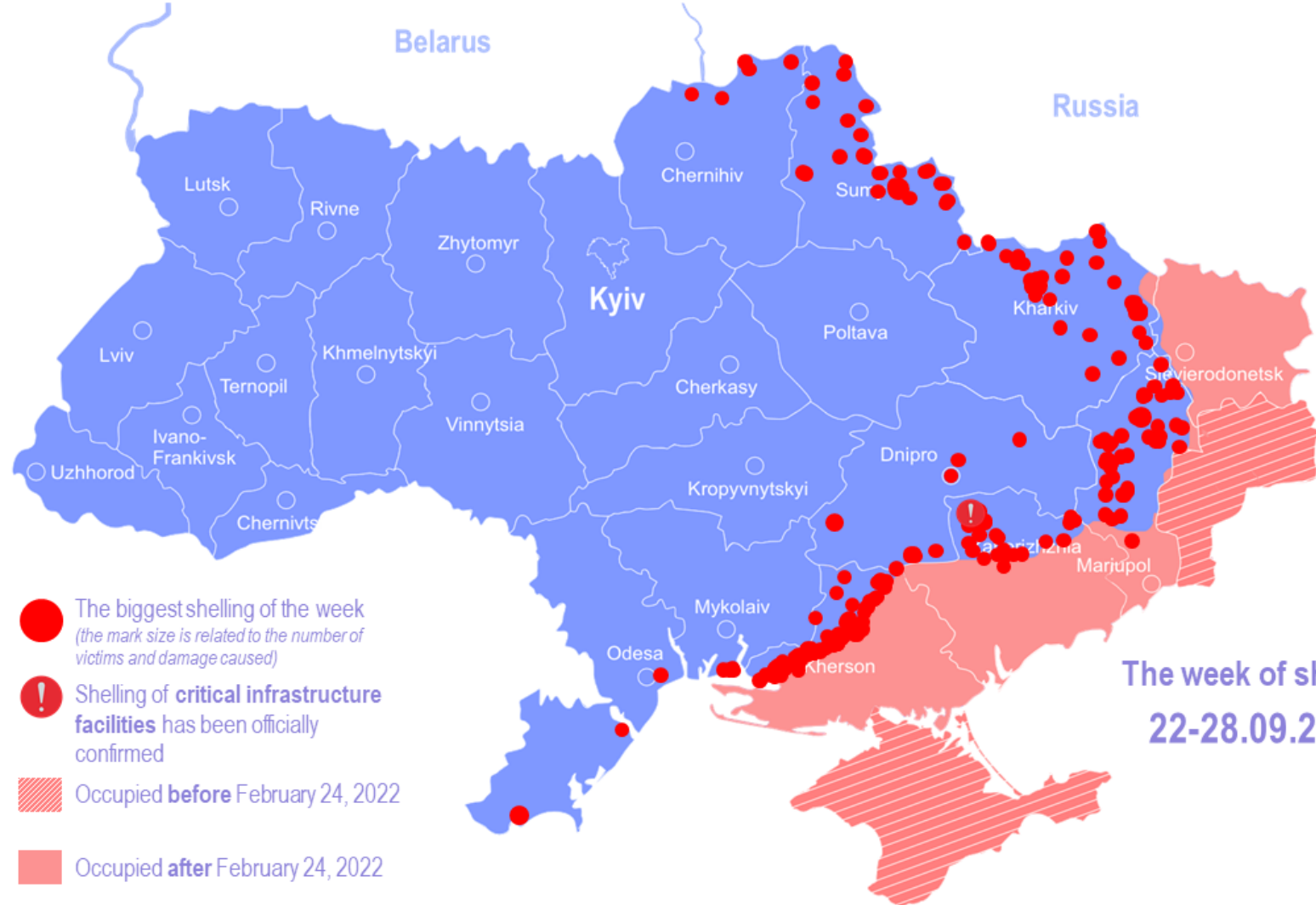
## Sumy oblast



## Donetsk oblast



## Zaporizhzhia oblast



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

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**22-28.09.2024**



# Humanitarian crisis



<b>22.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In Nikopol, the enemy <b>targeted a car</b> carrying civilians with a kamikaze drone. A 12-year-old girl and a 25-year-old woman were killed. Two other people were injured: a 4-year-old child and a 25-year-old man.</li> <li>➤ The frequency of <b>shelling in Kharkiv and Sumy Oblast has increased significantly</b>. Since the beginning of the year, the enemy has attacked Sumy Oblast more than 12,500 times, compared to 8,000 attacks in 2023. According to the regional military administration, Russian strikes on residential areas and critical infrastructure, including energy facilities in Sumy Oblast, have increased.</li> <li>➤ The city of <b>Hlukhiv</b> in the Shostka district of Sumy Oblast has already <b>evacuated 10,000 residents</b>, or nearly a third of its population. Particular attention is being given to children, with nearly 70% already evacuated.</li> <li>➤ On the evening of Saturday, September 21, Russian troops <b>shelled a residential high-rise building</b> in Kharkiv, injuring at least 21 people. Three children were among the injured.</li> <li>➤ Due to a shortage of personnel in the so-called higher education institutions in the temporarily occupied territories (TOT), Russian invaders decided to <b>recruit “war veterans”</b> as lecturers, even those without teaching experience. The National Resistance Center of Ukraine emphasizes that Moscow aims to solve three problems at once: addressing the staff shortage, providing employment for militants, and increasing the presence of Russians in the region.</li> </ul>
<b>23.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Defense Council of Sumy Oblast has decided to <b>evacuate the children from the Sumy Orphanage</b> due to the security situation in the area. According to Olena Boiko, deputy head of the orphanage, there are currently 20 children in the facility, including infants under one-year-old. In addition, three children in the institution need constant medical care.</li> <li>➤ Military ecologists examined <b>soil contamination</b> in three demined areas of <b>Mykolaiv Oblast</b> and detected the presence of hazardous heavy metals, as reported by the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.</li> <li>➤ In the temporarily occupied Luhansk Oblast, Russian invaders plan to add <b>Ukrainians</b> who refuse to obtain Russian passports to <b>the register of foreigners</b>. According to Artem Lysohor, head of the Luhansk Regional Military Administration, starting from January 1, 2025, being included in the list of foreigners will lead to restrictions on receiving nearly all payments, social and administrative services. Specifically, Ukrainians will face limitations in conducting banking transactions, registering property rights, and enrolling children in educational institutions.</li> </ul>
<b>24.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Three regions – Ternopil, Rivne, and Kyiv Oblasts – <b>will help Sumy Oblast recover from Russian shelling</b>, according to the Ternopil Regional Military Administration. The assistance will include material, financial, and organizational support for the reconstruction of facilities damaged by Russian aggression.</li> <li>➤ Since the beginning of the school year, at least <b>8 Ukrainian children</b> have been killed and 39 injured due to continuous Russian shelling, UNICEF reported. It was also noted that the war in Ukraine has triggered a <b>severe child protection crisis</b>, putting 1.5 million children at risk of developing depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, or other mental health issues.</li> </ul>
<b>25.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ According to UN estimates, at least 15 million people in Ukraine <b>require humanitarian aid</b> due to Russia's full-scale invasion. This was announced by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who specified that the full-scale war had displaced almost 10 million people in Ukraine from their homes. He also noted that over 11,000 civilians had been killed during the Russian invasion of Ukraine.</li> </ul>

<b>25.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ An <b>“underground hospital”</b> has been <b>set up in a medical facility in Kherson Oblast</b>, according to the Ministry of Health. Funds for the shelter were allocated by the Kherson regional branch of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society, with support from the Swiss Red Cross.</li> <li>➤ Approximately <b>100 civilian Ukrainians remain in Vuhledar</b>, Donetsk Oblast, refusing to leave. At the same time, it is impossible to bring humanitarian aid to the city, as Russia attacks all roads, as reported by Vadym Filashkin, head of the Donetsk Regional Military Administration.</li> <li>➤ Due to the security situation, families with children have been <b>forcibly evacuated</b> from some settlements in <b>Kharkiv and Donetsk Oblasts</b>. The Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine reported that, in the Kharkiv Oblast, the mandatory evacuation of 269 children with their families from 29 settlements of the Kupiansk region was approved. In Donetsk Oblast, forced evacuation was announced for three settlements in the <b>Volnovakha district</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>26.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ “There are still about <b>460 residents in Chasiv Yar</b>,” said Serhii Chaus, head of the Chasiv Yar City Military Administration. He emphasized that the entire territory of the community is <b>under enemy control</b> and is being shelled with mortars, and volunteers hardly ever visit the city.</li> <li>➤ The EU, Poland, and Estonia have joined the <b>Skills4Recovery program</b>, which provides for the training of 4,700 qualified specialists to restore Ukraine. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Economy.</li> <li>➤ In Kyiv, children affected by the Russian invasion will be able to <b>receive free treatment for burns and scars</b> of varying severity. The ANREAL Kyiv Center actively cooperates with the Kyiv Burn Center and helps people affected by Russian military aggression in Ukraine, especially children.</li> </ul>
<b>27.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The UN The Independent International Commission of Inquiry in Ukraine has found <b>new evidence of the torture of Ukrainian civilians and prisoners</b> of war by Russia. The report noted that torture was widespread and systematic, particularly in the regions occupied by Russia. Various types of physical and psychological violence were inflicted on Ukrainians, affecting their condition.</li> <li>➤ In the Left Bank district of Russian-occupied Mariupol, five children aged 10 to 14 were injured by an unexploded ordnance. This was reported by the Mariupol City Council. Explosive devices have been found in the occupied city on several occasions – on playgrounds, in yards, on beaches, and even in damaged apartments.</li> <li>➤ Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, <b>noted that the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)</b>, in its report, <b>justified or ignored the crimes of the Russian Red Cross (RRC)</b> in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. In particular, the report failed to mention that the Russian Red Cross stole property from the Ukrainian Red Cross in the temporarily occupied Crimea and cooperated with the Artek occupation camp, whose director was sanctioned for involvement in the deportation of Ukrainian children.</li> <li>➤ Residents of Zaporizhzhia who were damaged by Russian attacks will receive <b>financial assistance from the city council</b>, said Regina Kharchenko, acting mayor of Zaporizhzhia. Since September 22, the city has been under <b>systematic nightly attacks from multiple rocket launchers</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>28.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Russian occupiers, under the pretext of “evacuation,” took more than 23,000 Ukrainian citizens to temporary accommodation centers in various regions of the Russian Federation, including 6,127 children. This was reported by the National Resistance Center, which emphasized that the forced displacement of civilians without a valid reason could be considered a war crime, as international law prohibits the relocation of people from the occupied territories, regardless of their age or health status.</li> </ul>

