



# Transatlantic Dialogue Center

## Weekly briefing

**August 25 – 31**

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# International support

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- The EU is discussing **sending its military instructors to Ukraine**, Die Welt reports. The final decision should be made no later than November 2024. Until now, the Ukrainian military has been trained only in the EU, primarily in Germany and Poland. France, Poland, Denmark, Sweden, and the Baltic states support sending instructors to Ukraine. Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, and Malta are against it, fearing an escalation.
- The fourth **training of the Ukrainian military to work with the Patriot air defense system** has begun in Germany, according to the press service of the German Luftwaffe.
- **Lithuania** has announced a **new aid package** for Ukraine. By September, Vilnius will transfer short-range air defense systems, missiles, anti-drone and other equipment, as well as ammunition. And by the end of autumn, Lithuania is to **hand over almost 5,000 drones** of its own production to Ukraine. The country is also allocating €35 million for Ukraine to purchase radars and demining equipment.

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- In 2025, **Latvia** will allocate **20 million euros** for an international **coalition of drones** working in the interests of the Ukrainian Defense Forces. Latvia has also started training Ukrainian drone operators. This was announced by Latvian Defense Minister Andris Sprūds during his working visit to Ukraine.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of **Ukraine has called on Belarus to withdraw its troops** from the Ukrainian border to a distance that exceeds the range of the neighboring country's existing combat systems. The Belarusian Haiun monitoring project details that the number of personnel is about 1,100.
- The ability to **strike targets in Russia's rear** is crucial for Ukraine – ISW reports. ISW estimates that there are at least 250 military and paramilitary targets in Russia within range of ATACMS missiles. However, the United States currently prohibits the use of these missiles to target military targets in Russia. Only 17 of these 250 sites are airfields, and it is unlikely that the Russian military has relocated assets from all of the other 233 sites.
- Lithuania purchases **drones** from local manufacturers for its own army and the Ukrainian Defense Forces. This was announced by Lithuanian Defense Minister Laurynas Kasciunas. The Lithuanian Defense Resources Agency has already signed **contracts** with five Lithuanian companies **worth €8 million**.
- The General Staff of Ukraine plans to form **several new mechanized brigades** from Ukrainians living in Europe. This was reported by Ukrainian Military Pages, citing its own sources. The publication received information that at least two new mechanized brigades will be formed from them. The basis of the new units and officers will be formed in Ukraine, and most of the personnel will be recruited through diplomatic missions. Later, these military units will be sent abroad for further training at Western training grounds.

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- Following the massive Russian attack on Ukraine on 26 August, the EU's chief of diplomacy called for the **lifting of restrictions on the use of Western weapons** by the Ukrainian Armed Forces for military purposes in Russia. Borrell wrote about this on the social network X (formerly Twitter). The EU High Representative stressed that lifting restrictions on the use of munitions against the Russian military involved in the aggression against Ukraine, in accordance with international law, would **strengthen Ukrainian self-defense, protect lives, and reduce destruction** in Ukraine. He also noted that Ukraine urgently needs to strengthen its air defense.
- Ukraine will hand over to the US **a list of targets** in Russia **that it wants to hit** with long-range weapons. This is the latest attempt to convince Washington to lift the restrictions, Politico writes.

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- NATO responded to the drone that flew into Poland. They said that NATO has no information indicating that this is a **direct Russian attack on the Alliance**, but it is still 'irresponsible and potentially dangerous.' The Polish military suggests that it was a Russian Shahed drone.

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- Ukraine has **agreed on a debt restructuring** with almost all Eurobond holders. This includes more than 97% of Ukrainian Eurobond holders. The agreement will allow Ukraine to save \$11.4 billion on debt service over the next three years and \$22.75 billion by 2033.
- The Lithuanian Ministry of Defense has **handed over a new military aid package** to Ukraine to improve its logistics and infantry manning. This was reported on the official website of the Lithuanian Ministry of Defense. First of all, anti-drone systems were transferred to protect personnel from Russian drones.

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- **Hungary and Slovakia** continue to **export oil from Russia**, Bloomberg reports. The countries now use the services of the Russian oil company Tatneft instead of Lukoil, which has been sanctioned by Ukraine. Ukraine imposed sanctions that prohibit Russian Lukoil from using its territory for oil transit. As a result, Hungary and Slovakia lost a third of their imports. Both countries tried to involve the EU in the dispute with Ukraine, but the European Commission rejected their request to force Kyiv to allow oil transit from Russia.
- German drone manufacturer Quantum-Systems has **launched a factory** for the production of "Vector" unmanned systems **in Ukraine**. Representatives of the company's Ukrainian subsidiary told "Militarnyi" media outlet. The Ukrainian plant of Quantum-Systems began operations in the spring of this year and is already producing Vector reconnaissance drones for the Defense Forces.

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- **Italy does not allow Ukraine to use its weapons on Russian territory**. 'We are not at war with Russia, NATO is not at war with Russia. Therefore, Italy's position remains the same - to use our weapons on Ukrainian territory. And other countries decide as they see it,' Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said. Italy has provided Ukraine with mostly defensive weapons.
- The US Army has signed **the largest one-year contract** for the **production of Javelins**, worth \$1.3 billion. Of these, 4,000 Javelins will be sent to Ukraine.
- **Putin goes to Mongolia**, which is a member of the International Criminal Court. Ukraine is asking for his arrest. Putin's trip to Mongolia on 3 September will be the first visit by a Russian leader to an ICC member state since the issuance of an arrest warrant. Bloomberg journalists write that this aspect of the trip was previously agreed upon, so it is likely that neither Putin nor any of his delegation will be detained. At the same time, the Russian president has previously been hesitant to make such visits, including skipping the BRICS summit in South Africa. **Ukraine's Foreign Ministry called on Mongolia to execute the mandatory international arrest warrant** and transfer Putin to the ICC in The Hague.
- The EU has agreed to **increase the number of Ukrainian troops to be trained in Europe**. The training mission will be increased by 15,000 people by the end of the year.
- The Romanian Ministry of Defense has submitted a bill to the country's parliament on **the transfer of the Patriot system** to Ukraine. Bucharest plans to deliver one of the seven Patriot systems purchased from the US



# Military positions

- In the Kharkiv direction, there were several skirmishes near Pletenivka, Lyptsi, and Vovchansk.
- In the Kupiansk direction, battles took place. The Defense Forces repelled the assault actions of the Russian army near Synkivka, Kolisnykivka, Novosynove, Lozova, Andriivka, Stelmakhivka, and Hlushkivka.
- In the Lyman direction, Russian forces attacked near Tverdokhlibove, Novoserhiivka, Druzhiubivka, Hrekivka, Cherneshchyna, Makiivka, Nevske, and Novosadove.
- In the Siversk direction, the Russians advanced near Verkhniokamianske, Ivano-Darivka, and Vyiimka. In the Kramatorsk direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled the assault actions of the Russian invaders near Kalynivka, Chasiv Yar, Stupochky, Ivanivske, Andriivka, and Predtechyne.
- In the Toretsk direction, battles were ongoing, particularly near Toretsk and Nelypivka. In the Pokrovsk direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled assaults in the areas of Zelenyi Hai, Vozdvyzhenka, Hrodivka, Karlivka, Novohrodivka, Marynivka, Myroliubivka, Mykhailivka, and Selydove. The highest concentration of attacks was near Novohrodivka.
- In the Kurakhove direction, the Defense Forces halted Russian attacks near Ukrainsk, Halytsynivka, Krasnohorivka, Heorhiivka, and Kostiantynivka. In the Vremivka direction, Russian invaders advanced near Vuhledar and Vodiane. They were unsuccessful.
- In the Orikhiv direction, there was a skirmish near Robotyne. In the Prydniprovskiyi direction, Ukrainian defenders repelled two enemy attacks.
- In the Hulyaipole direction, the situation remains without significant changes.
- In the Volyn and Polissia directions, there are no signs of enemy offensive group formations.
- On the border with the Chernihiv and Sumy regions, Russian forces maintain a military presence and conduct mortar and artillery shelling of settlements from Russian territory.

<b>25.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the past day, 160 combat clashes were recorded. The most intense situation was in the Pokrovsk direction.</li> <li>➤ President Zelenskyi stated that the invasion of the Armed Forces of Ukraine into the Kursk region was necessary to prevent the Russian occupation of the North. At that time, the city of Sumy was particularly at risk. The President also noted that "the Kursk operation is part of a larger military-political, military-diplomatic operation. Everything we are doing is to make Russia ready for a just peace."</li> <li>➤ "Yesterday, the first successful combat use of our new weapon, the Ukrainian long-range missile drone 'Palianytsia,' took place," announced Volodymyr Zelenskyi.</li> <li>➤ Belarus has deployed its army to the border with Ukraine under the guise of exercises. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs called on Belarusian officials not to make tragic mistakes for their own country under Moscow's pressure and urged the Belarusian armed forces to cease unfriendly actions and withdraw their troops from the state border of Ukraine to a distance beyond the range of the fire systems available in Belarus.</li> </ul>
<b>26.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In total, 146 combat clashes were recorded over the past day. The situation on the front remains difficult. The Russian army, using its advantage in manpower and equipment, continues to attack Ukrainian positions relentlessly. The Defense Forces are holding back the onslaught of the occupiers, inflicting significant losses on them.</li> <li>➤ Russian military forces are redeploying troops from less prioritized areas of the front in Ukraine to the frontline in the Kursk region. Specifically, military units that were previously in the Kharkiv and Siversk directions, as well as in the Chasiv Yar area, were observed in the Kursk region, according to ISW.</li> <li>➤ Shaheds (drones) can circle in the sky for 6.5 to 12.5 hours to distract Ukrainian air defenses, reports Defense Express.</li> <li>➤ Russia spent between \$1.2 and \$1.3 billion on the missile attack on Ukraine on August 26. This is a record for the entire time of the full-scale war, writes Forbes Ukraine. Another comparable attack occurred on December 29, 2023, when Russia launched 122 missiles and 36 drones at Ukraine, costing at least \$700–750 million. In total, Russia used 236 aerial targets today.</li> <li>➤ Russia launched 570 Shaheds in Ukraine in August, and currently, 15 kamikaze drones are in the air. The largest attacks were on August 26 (109 drones), August 21 (69 drones), and August 11 (57 drones).</li> </ul>
<b>27.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the past day, 170 combat clashes were recorded.</li> <li>➤ "We lack air defense systems and resources to shoot down reconnaissance UAVs over airfields," President Zelenskyi responded to a journalist's question during a conference on the protection of airfields and other objects from reconnaissance drones.</li> <li>➤ "Ukraine will present its 'victory plan' to the United States in September. It will be shared with Kamala Harris and Donald Trump," Zelenskyi stated during a briefing. "The Kursk operation is one of the points in Ukraine's victory plan. It is connected to the Second Peace Summit."</li> <li>➤ Russia has redeployed 30,000 troops to the Kursk direction from Ukraine, and this number is growing.</li> <li>➤ Ukraine now controls 1,294 km<sup>2</sup> in the Kursk region. Additionally, 594 Russian servicemen have been taken prisoner in the Kursk region.</li> <li>➤ Throughout the full-scale invasion, there have been five massive attacks on Ukraine, one of which occurred yesterday: on August 26, 2024, Russia launched 127 missiles and 109 Shahed drones. Five people were killed, and 20 were injured.</li> </ul>

## Losses of the Russian army from 25.08.2024 to 31.08.2024

Liquidated personnel	<b>7 480</b>
Tanks	<b>41</b>
IFVs	<b>112</b>
Artillery systems / MLRS	<b>193/4</b>
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	<b>3</b>
Aircraft / helicopters	<b>1/0</b>
UAVs	<b>373</b>
Ships/boats	<b>0</b>
Vehicles & fuel tanks	<b>326</b>
Special equipment	<b>50</b>



# Military positions

<b>28.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the past day, 184 combat clashes were recorded. The most intense situation was in the Pokrovske direction, with Russian forces also active in the Kupiansk, Toretsk, and Kurakhove directions.</li> <li>➤ The Kursk-Rylsk highway has been closed to civilian traffic due to the large number of FPV drones. This highway is known to be the main supply route for Russian units fighting in the Kursk direction.</li> </ul>
<b>29.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the past day, 195 combat clashes were recorded, with nearly a third occurring in the Pokrovske direction.</li> <li>➤ "The Armed Forces of Ukraine have completely closed the eastern border of the 'cauldron' in the Kursk region," reports BILD. South of Korenevo, the Ukrainian Armed Forces recently took control of the village of Krasnooktyabrskoye on the banks of the Seym River. Thus, even without taking Korenevo, they have completely closed the eastern border of the cauldron, where about 3,000 Russian soldiers are trapped. The cauldron is blocked by the state border from the south and west, and by the Seym River from the north.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Defense Forces struck the "Atlas" oil depot in Russia's Rostov region, as confirmed by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The strike resulted in a fire on the territory of the facility's vertical storage tanks, and fire trains were reportedly involved in extinguishing the blaze. In addition, strikes were carried out on the "Zenit" oil depot in the Kirov region and on a field artillery depot of the Russian "Zapad" military group in the Voronezh region.</li> <li>➤ Belarus is deploying Giatsint-S artillery to the border with Ukraine. In response to Lukashenko's military "games," Ukrainian State Border Guard Service spokesperson Andriy Demchenko stated that Ukraine has been forced to strengthen border fortifications with Belarus.</li> </ul>
<b>30.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the past day, 215 combat clashes were recorded. The enemy captured the village of Korenevo (Kursk region) and also advanced in Mykhailivka, near Panteleimonivka, Pishchane, and Andriivka, according to analysts from DeepState.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Air Force responded to the loss of the first F-16. "The horrific aviation disaster involving an F-16 piloted by one of Ukraine's best fighter pilots, Oleksiy Mes, has shocked the world." The United States has joined the investigation into the causes of the F-16 crash.</li> </ul>
<b>31.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During the past day, 183 combat clashes were recorded. The most intense situation was in the Pokrovsk direction, with the enemy also active in the Kupiansk, Lyman, and Kurakhove directions.</li> <li>➤ According to updated information, the enemy launched three strikes on Ukrainian positions and settlements yesterday, using five missiles and 75 airstrikes, dropping 98 guided aerial bombs. In addition, more than 4,000 shelling incidents were recorded, 140 of which were from multiple rocket launch systems.</li> <li>➤ An American Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker, an aerial refueling aircraft, arrived in the Black Sea region. It is likely that NATO aviation is planning a long-term presence in the air over the Black Sea.</li> </ul>

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## Massive attacks per week

- Attack on the night of **August 25**: Air defense systems shot down 8 of 9 Shahed attack drones, and Russia launched an Iskander-K cruise missile, an Iskander-M ballistic missile, and 6 X-59/X-69 guided missiles in Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, and Donetsk regions. Most of the missiles did not reach their targets.
- Attack on the night of **August 27**: Ukrainian air defense shot down 5 X-101 cruise missiles and 60 Shahed drones. The Russian Federation launched 3 Kinzhal missiles, an Iskander-M ballistic missile, an Iskander-K cruise missile, 5 X-101 cruise missiles, and 81 Shahed.
  - The Russians were firing drones at the city and Zaporizhzhia district. Two people were killed and 4 people were injured.
  - A hotel in Kryvyi Rih was damaged, four people were killed and five wounded.
- Attack on the night of **August 29**: Air defense shot down 2 of 3 X-59/69 missiles and 60 of 74 Shahed drones in nine regions. Drone debris fell in the Dniprovskiyi, Holosiivskiyi, and Desnianskyyi districts of Kyiv.
- Attack on the night of **August 30**: Air defense shot down 12 of 18 Shahed drones in Vinnytsia, Mykolaiv, Dnipro, Kherson, and Sumy oblasts.
  - Russians attacked a business in Dnipropetrovsk oblast and an industrial facility in Poltava oblast. There were no casualties.
  - In Sumy, 9 people were wounded in a Russian attack on a factory.
- Attack on the night of **August 31**: Air defense shot down 24 Shahed attack drones in eight regions. Another 25 were lost in the area. In total, Russia launched an Iskander-M ballistic missile, 4 S-300 anti-aircraft guided missiles, and 52 drones.

## Attack on the night of August 26

Air defense forces shot down 102 missiles and 99 drones launched at Ukraine today. This was the most massive air attack on record. The following were launched at Ukraine: 3 Kinzhals, 6 Iskander-M/KN-23, 77 X-101 cruise missiles, 28 Kalibr cruise missiles, 10 X-59/X-69 guided missiles, and 109 Shahed strike drones. Russia killed seven people in the attack and injured 47 people, including four children.

- The Russians hit an industrial facility in Poltava oblast, injuring five people, three of whom were killed.
- In Lutsk, a Russian attack damaged an apartment building and an infrastructure facility, killing one person.
- Russians attacked energy facilities in the Lviv oblast.
- A 69-year-old man was killed in the morning shelling in Dnipropetrovsk oblast. One person was also killed in the Zaporizhzhia oblast.
- Kharkiv was also shelled, with no casualties.
- In Kyiv oblast, 3 people were wounded, including a 5-month-old baby. Two energy facilities were damaged, and one house was destroyed.
- Three more people were injured in Mykolaiv oblast.
- In Sumy oblast, a railroad infrastructure facility was hit. A person, a contact network, and buildings were damaged.
- In the Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, Russians hit an infrastructure facility, 3 people were injured. In the Zhytomyr oblast, a person was killed in a Russian attack, and three others were injured. Residential buildings and critical infrastructure facilities were damaged in the region.

## Kharkiv and the oblast

On August 25, two private houses burned down in Chuhuiv as a result of shelling, injuring 5 civilians. Also, 8 people were injured in the Slobidskyi district of Kharkiv as a result of shelling. On the same day, 4 people were injured in the village of Novoosynove.

On August 27, an Iskander missile attack took place in Andriivka, injuring 4 people. Also, the Russian army struck the town of Bohodukhiv, injuring 5 people. The occupiers attacked Izium using Tornado MLRS. 12 people were injured.

On August 28, a 52-year-old woman was injured in the village of Piatyhirsk as a result of shelling. On the same day, in Bohodukhiv, 8 people were injured in the shelling, and a 72-year-old man died. As a result of the Russian attack on Kupiansk with FAB-500 bombs, 14 people were injured, including three police officers. One of them died.

On August 30, 4 people were injured in the village of Novoosynove as a result of shelling from MLRS. On the same day, Kharkiv was shelled on a large scale. Russians carried out five aerial attacks with UMPB D-30 munitions, including one that hit a 12-story building. Residential buildings and warehouses in the Slobidskyi district of the city were also damaged. As of August 31, the number of injured amounted to 97 people, including 22 minors.

On August 31, the occupants attacked the village of Cherkaska Lozova, two people were killed and 6 people were injured.

Deaths and injuries as a result of shelling were recorded in Chuhuiv, Kharkiv, Andriivka, Bilyi Kolodyaz, Balakliia, Ivashky, Kozacha Lopan, Izium, Novoosynove, Kopanka, Bohuslavets, Bohodukhiv, Kupiansk, Kupiansk-Vuzlovyi, Ustynivka, Petrivka, and Svitlychne.

Shelling and destruction also occurred in Derhachi, Balakliia, Kindrashivka, Tsyrukunivka and Kurylivka communities, including in the settlements of Hlushkivka, Kurylivka and Derhachi.

## Sumy oblast

On August 25, 10 people were injured in the Verkhnia Syrovatka community as a result of a rocket attack. Also, in the Sumy community, six people were injured, and 1 died after a rocket attack. In addition, three civilians were injured in a Russian air strike with guided aerial bombs. On the same day, an air strike with a guided aerial bomb was recorded in the Svesa community: 2 people died, and two were injured. On August 28, Russians attacked the Krasnopillia community with an FPV drone, injuring a civilian. In the Mykolaivka community, three people were injured as a result of a rocket attack. On August 29, the Russians conducted an air strike on the Mykolaivka community, injuring two civilians.

The following communities came under fire: Sumy, Khotyn, Yunakivka, Miropillia, Bilopillia, Krasnopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Putyvl, Nova Sloboda, Berezhivka, Hlukhiv, Esman, Shalyhyne, Druzhbivka, Seredyna-Buda, Znob-Novhorod communities.

## Donetsk oblast

On August 25, the Russian Federation fired an Iskander-M missile at Kramatorsk. It hit a hotel, killing one person and injuring six, including foreign journalists from Reuters. Russia also shelled Ukraink, killing one person. On August 28, the Russians shelled Donetsk region's settlements 17 times with KAB-500 bombs. Russians also killed 5 people in Izmailivka of the Kurakhove community and Lysivka. On August 29, 1 person died and 6 were wounded as a result of shelling from cannon artillery on Kostiantynivka, two were wounded in Chasiv Yar and two in Ukraink. On August 30, Kurakhove came under fire from Uragan systems, resulting in 5 people being wounded.

The following settlements in the oblast were shelled and damaged:

- **Volnovakha district:** Novoukrainka of Vuhledar community
- **Pokrovsk district:** Kurakhove, Kurakhivka, Pokrovsk, Novoukrainka, Myrnohrad, Illinka, Kostiantynopolske, Rozlyv, Vovchenka, Hrodivka, Marynivka, Hirnyk, Izmailivka, Kotlyne, Ukraink, Pokrovsk, Ocheretyne, Kurakhivka, Marynivka, Myrnohrad, and Hrodivka communities were also damaged.
- **Kramatorsk district:** Kramatorsk, Lyman, Yampil, Sloviansk, Nikanorivka, Rai Oleksandrivka, Hnativka, Kostiantynivka, Torske, Lozove, Pleshchiivka, Zarichne; also Illinivsa and Mykolaivsa communities.
- **Bakhmut district:** Toretsk, Siversk, Serebrianka, Dronivka, Petrivka; Chasiv Yar, Siversk, Toretsk communities were also affected.

## Zaporizhzhia oblast

On August 26, Russian army shelling in Zaporizhzhia district killed one person and injured another. On August 27, Russia attacked Zaporizhzhia with seven unmanned aerial vehicles, killing three people and injuring four others.

The following settlements of the region were under fire: Huliaipole, Novoandriivka, Novodanylivka, Robotyne, Mala Tokmachka, Prymorske, Mali Shcherbaky, Malynivka and Poltavka, Levadne and Malokaterinivka, Stepanohirsk, Olhivske, Verkhnia Tersa, Preobrazhenka and Dolyna, Zelenyi Hai and Pryluky.

## Dnipropetrovsk oblast

During the week, Russians shelled Nikopol district daily. On August 26, Russians attacked Dniprovskiy and Kryvyi Rih districts, killing a 69-year-old man. In Nikopol, artillery shelling killed a 57-year-old man and injured 8 people. On the night of August 27, Russian troops launched a rocket attack on a hotel in Kryvyi Rih. Four people were killed and 5 wounded. A man was killed in Marhanets as a result of shelling from a Grad multiple rocket launcher system. On August 28, the Russians again launched a missile attack on Kryvyi Rih on the day of mourning. Nine people were injured. On August 29, Russian troops shelled Nikopol with artillery. A woman was killed and six people were injured. On August 30, four people were injured in the artillery shelling of the Chervonohryhorivka community in Nikopol district. On the night of August 31, Russians shelled Nikopol and Marhanets with artillery, injuring a 58-year-old woman.

## Kherson and the oblast

On August 25, Russians shelled 17 settlements, killing one person and injuring 7. On August 26, the Russian military shelled 21 settlements. In particular, they attacked Kherson several times, killing one person and injuring at least 7 others, as well as damaging an ambulance. On August 27, three medics and two civilians were injured in Kherson as a result of a drone attack. A 65-year-old man was killed in Sadove. There are also wounded in Novooleksandrivka, Poniativka, Zmiivka, and Kindiika. On August 28, Russians shelled 16 settlements. In Kherson, Russians dropped explosives from a drone, injuring three people. A 56-year-old woman was injured in Shyroka Balka as a result of a drone attack. On August 29, the Russian army shelled 23 localities. There are wounded in Kherson and Orlovo. On August 30, Russians attacked Novoraisk and Blahovishchenske, injuring two men. On August 31, the Russian military dropped explosives from a drone in Beryslav, killing a 60-year-old man.

During the week, Russians shelled the following settlements in the region: Antonivka, Mykhailivka, Sadove, Stanislav, Beryslav, Bilozerka, Blahovishchenske, Vesele, Dudchany, Tomyna Balka, Shyroka Balka, Zolota Balka, Komyshany, Tokarivka, Tiahynka, Novotiahynka, Dniprovske, Prydniprovske, Chervonyi Maiak, Kizomys, Inzhenerne, Havrylivka, Osokorivka, Potiomkino, Novoraisk, Topolyne, Novooleksandrivka, Novodmitrivka, Mylove, Zmiivka, Mykilske, Shliakhove, Shostakove, Pryozerne, Novovorontsovka, Orlove, Arkhanhelske, Burhunka, Tomaryne, Kachkarivka, Kozatske, Daryivka, Odradokamianka, Novoberyslav, Kherson.

## Mykolaiv oblast

On August 26, Mykolaiv and Pervomaik districts came under Russian shelling, resulting in three people being injured.

## Odesa oblast

On August 26, Russians launched a missile attack on the region. The attack damaged at least 10 private houses and injured 10 people, including three children. On August 29, the Russian army attacked the region with a ballistic missile, probably an Iskander-M.

## Chernihiv oblast

During the week, Russians shelled four border communities with mortars, cannon and rocket artillery, unmanned aerial vehicles, and FPV drones: Novhorod-Siverskyi, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnia. In particular, on August 27, Russians shelled five houses in one of the villages of the Semenivka community with multiple rocket launchers. Also, on that day, 25 residential buildings burned down as a result of artillery shelling in the village of Orlykivka in the Semenivka community. On August 29, the Russians launched a missile attack on the village of Bilka in the Korop community.

# The week of shelling

## Kharkiv oblast



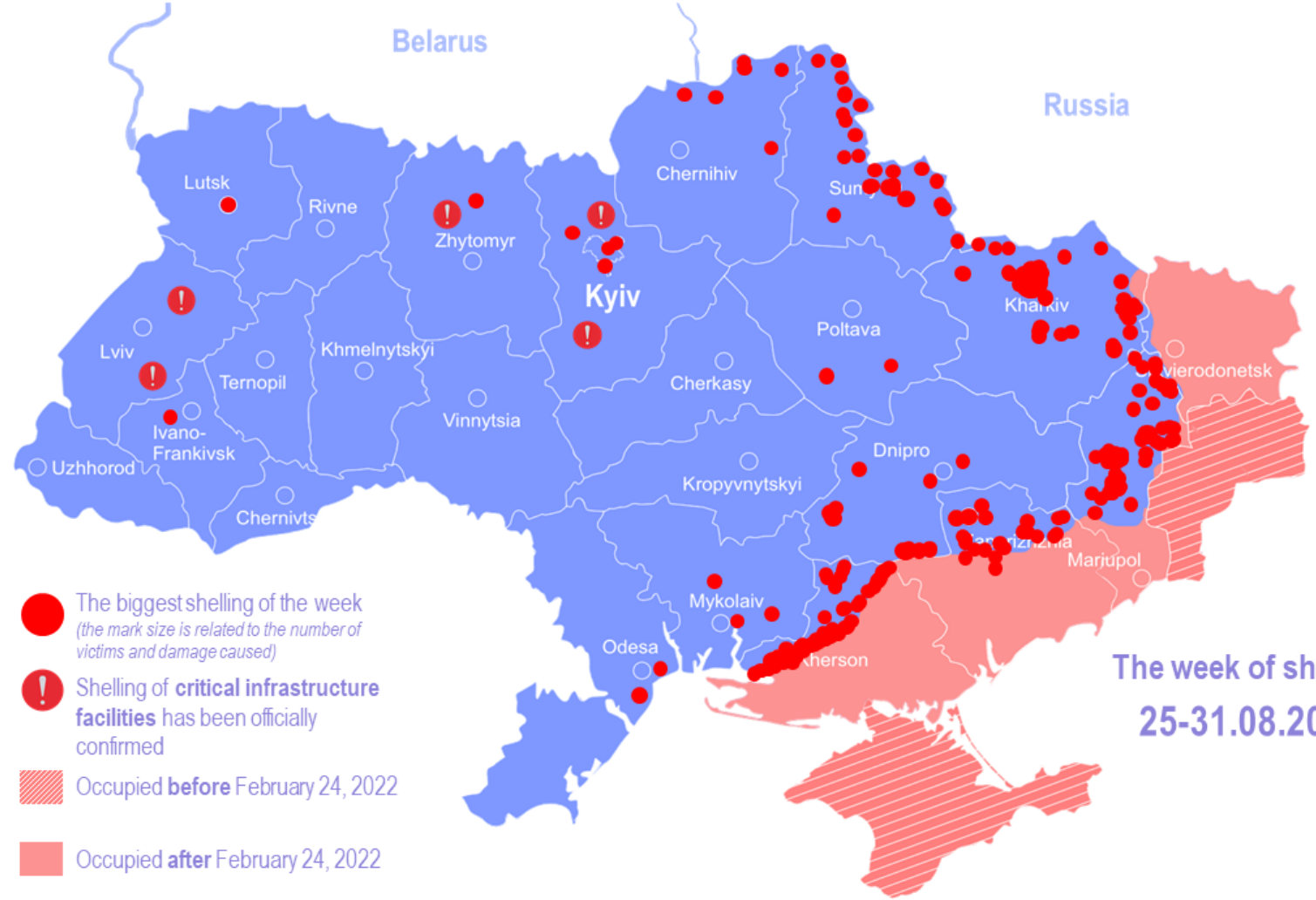
## Zaporizhzhia oblast



## Sumy oblast



## Dnipropetrovsk oblast



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

The week of shelling  
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# Humanitarian crisis

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- In the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, Russians have been trying to **fill universities with Russian soldiers**. This was reported by the National Resistance Centre (NRC). It is noted that most soldiers in the Russian army do not have a university degree. Therefore, the Russians are forcibly enrolling their soldiers in universities in the occupied territories of Ukraine.
- In the temporarily occupied Luhansk region, Russian occupiers have organized a **new school movement to control Ukrainian children**. This was reported by the National Resistance Centre (NRC). According to the source, starting from 1 September, a 'detachment of the first' will be formed in all classes, which is subordinate to the Russian 'movement of the first.' Joining the detachment is voluntary as well as compulsory. The NRC noted that this is how the Russians plan to integrate children into the Russian ideological space.
- In the Donetsk region, during evacuation operations from Ukrainsk, Russians **attacked the Phoenix evacuation group** with an FPV drone. At the time of the strike, there were two rescuers, a police officer and four evacuees, including a child, in the vehicle. Fortunately, no one was injured.

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- The area of **forced evacuation of families** with children has been **expanded** in the Donetsk region. Families will now be forcibly removed from Kostyantynivka and Selydove communities. The head of the regional military administration, Vadym Filashkin, calls for the evacuation of all civilians.
- The World Bank estimates that the war has **caused \$10.3 billion in losses** to Ukraine's **agricultural sector**. Thus, 19% of arable land remains under occupation, and 2.2 million hectares available for survey are considered potentially mined. Denys Bashlyk reported this.
- Since the first days of the full-scale war, Russians have **destroyed 215 medical facilities** in Ukraine and **damaged another 1646**. The press service of the Ministry of Health reported this. Among the damaged and destroyed facilities are hospitals, outpatient clinics, maternity hospitals, etc. In addition, for more than two years of war, the Russians have damaged 198 ambulances, destroyed 261, and seized 125.

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- As part of the humanitarian program Grain from Ukraine, two African countries, **Mozambique and Malawi, will receive 23 thousand tons of Ukrainian corn**. The Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food reported this. According to the report, Ukraine has sent a ship that will deliver 3,847.9 tons of corn to Mozambique and 19,179.6 tons to Malawi.
- Over **136,000 war crimes** committed by the Russian Federation have been **registered in Ukraine** during the full-scale war, Prosecutor General Andrii Kostin said. It is also noted that this number of war crimes is not accurate because Ukraine does not receive data from the temporarily occupied territories. So far, 660 suspects have been identified, and another 126 war criminals have been convicted.
- **Russians attacked an ambulance in Kherson**. This was reported by the head of the Kherson military administration, Roman Mrochko. According to him, the ambulance team, which was rushing to help a wounded man in the Dniprovskiy district of the city, came under enemy fire. The shelling injured three medical workers: a 59-year-old woman and men aged 46 and 64. The doctors sustained blast and closed head injuries, as well as contusion.
- Energoatom is preparing to implement a **project to build the Chyhyryn Nuclear Power Plant** in the Cherkasy region. This is reported by RBC-Ukraine with reference to the company's press service. It is noted that Ukraine's energy strategy for the period up to **2050** provides for an increase in the capacity of domestic nuclear generation.

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- **Five more families** with children have been **returned from the temporarily occupied territory** of the Kherson region. This was reported by the head of the Kherson Regional State Administration, Oleksandr Prokudin. The families are raising eight children. These are five boys and three girls, aged 6 to 14. The head of the Regional State Administration noted that since the beginning of 2024, 181 children from the occupied Kherson region have been returned to the territory controlled by Ukraine.

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- During the talks with Poland, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba raised the issue of the need to open a full-fledged **Ukrainian school in Warsaw**. "Radek and I agreed to continue working on this issue. We also count on the support of Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski in this matter," Kuleba said.
- "There is not a single hydroelectric power plant in Ukraine that has not been attacked by the enemy," reports Ihor Syrota, CEO of Ukrhydroenergo. In total, **more than 130 missile strikes were launched against Ukrainian energy generation**. He also noted that Ukrainian hydroelectric power plants have lost about 40% of their power generation and thermal power plants - more than 80%. As a result of the shelling, the Kakhovka Hydropower Plant was completely destroyed, and the Dnipro Hydropower Plant was significantly damaged. All other hydroelectric power plants are in the process of being restored.
- Chernihiv, Kharkiv, and Sumy regions have **received 22 ambulances** purchased with funds from **United24** partners Uber and the U2 band. The Ministry of Health reported this.
- In 2023, the number of **Ukrainians who managed to leave the territory** of the temporarily occupied **Crimea** reached **20 thousand**. This was reported to Krym.Realii by the Crimean branch of the international movement for the de-occupation of Crimea #LiberateCrimea. They also added that the mass migration of the indigenous population - Crimean Tatars - from Crimea continues. According to their data, over the past two and a half years, the diaspora of Crimean Tatars in some European countries has grown significantly.
- Starting September 2, Russian invaders decided to **introduce several new propaganda subjects** in schools in the temporarily occupied Luhansk region, which are supposed to form a "commitment to Russian moral values." This was reported by the head of the Luhansk Regional State Administration Artem Lysohor.

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- Recent shelling by Russia has **disrupted the operation of several Ukrainian nuclear power plants**. This was stated by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the IAEA. It is known that power units 1, 3, and 4 at the Rivne NPP and power unit 3 at the South Ukrainian NPP were damaged. The statement says that the Russian attacks pose a serious risk to the safety of nuclear facilities and millions of people in Ukraine.

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- Ukraine and Belgium have signed **memorandums that provide for cooperation in the reconstruction, renovation and construction of educational, healthcare and energy facilities**. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Reconstruction. Thus, Belgium plans to allocate 150 million euros to rebuild shelters and introduce backup power supply and heating systems.
- In schools in the temporarily occupied territories, Russians held a seminar for teachers on **how to identify children who potentially support Ukraine**. This is reported by the Center for National Resistance (CNR). It is noted that in a cynical style, the occupiers called this "deviant behavior." Thus, teachers were taught where to go if they found "disloyal children" and how to use them to reach their parents' positions.

