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International support

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- In Paris, President of Ukraine Volodymyr **Zelenskiy** held a **trilateral meeting** with President of France Emmanuel **Macron** and President-elect Donald **Trump**. 'We talked about our people, the situation on the battlefield, and a just peace for Ukraine. We all want to end this war as soon as possible and fairly. We agreed to continue working. Peace through strength is possible,' Zelenskiy wrote.
- Donald Trump told Zelenskiy and Macron that in the event of a ceasefire in Ukraine, the European military should monitor it. The Wall Street Journal reports.

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- German Christian Democrat leader Friedrich **Merz arrives in Kyiv** to 'learn about the current state of defense' in Ukraine. He assured that the CDU/CSU parliamentary faction in the Bundestag 'stands firmly' on the side of Ukraine. 'We want this terrible war to end as soon as possible and peace to return to Europe,' Merz said.
- The EU Council has **approved a €4.2 billion disbursement** to Ukraine under the Ukraine Facility. This was announced by Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal.
- President Volodymyr Zelenskiy **met with Estonian Prime Minister** Kristen Michal. This is his first visit to Ukraine. The leaders discussed how to strengthen Ukraine's position to guarantee a just and lasting peace.

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- China is **restricting the supply of drone parts** to the US and Europe, which will affect Ukraine, Bloomberg reports. Chinese manufacturers of engines, batteries, and flight controllers for drones have limited or stopped deliveries altogether.
- The US Treasury Department announced a **\$20 billion loan** to Ukraine as part of the G7 Extraordinary Revenue Acceleration initiative, which provides for a total of \$50 billion in aid. The loan will be repaid with frozen assets of the Russian Federation. The funds will be transferred through 'various channels' to replenish the Ukrainian budget, as well as for military assistance and the restoration of Ukraine's infrastructure.

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- EU ambassadors agree on **the 15th package of sanctions** against Russia. The sanctions target Russia's 'shadow fleet' - that is, vessels that help Russia circumvent Western sanctions. They also restrict the activities of companies in Russia and in third countries that contribute to its military and technological strengthening.
- The U.S. House of Representatives did not support **the 2025 Ukraine Lend-Lease**. The US defense budget bill for 2025 contained provisions to extend the Lend-Lease Act. However, the document approved by the House no longer contained such a provision. The Senate still has to approve the bill.

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- The newly elected EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing, Dan Jorgensen, considers it a priority to develop a plan that will finally **sever all energy ties** between the European Union and **Russia**. He said this in an interview with Politico.
- A Ukrainian-German program under the auspices of the newly created Ministry of Unity **to return Ukrainians to their homeland**, where they can be employed, in particular, at defense industry facilities, will start working in the first months of next year. This was announced by presidential adviser Oleksandr Kamyshyn.
- Russia's state-owned Rosneft and Indian private oil refiner Reliance have signed the largest energy **deal for oil supplies for 10 years**. Deliveries will begin in January 2025 - Russia will supply the Indian company with almost 500,000 barrels of crude oil per day. This deal accounts for 0.5% of global supplies and is worth approximately \$13 billion a year.
- In an interview with Time, Donald Trump said he **opposes** the Joe Biden administration's decision to allow Ukraine to use Western **long-range weapons** to strike Russia. In his opinion, this 'escalates the conflict and makes it worse.'
- The foreign ministers of the United Kingdom, Italy, France, Germany, Poland, and Spain, along with top EU diplomat Kaja Kallas, have promised **to increase aid to Ukraine**. This is stated in their joint statement following a meeting with Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha in Berlin. In the statement, the ministers stressed that the goals of a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace for Ukraine and strong security for Europe are inseparable, so 'Ukraine must win.' The ministers also pledged to increase military, economic, and financial assistance to Ukraine, including 'by mobilizing additional European funding.'

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- French President Emmanuel Macron will raise the issue of **deploying a peacekeeping mission** to Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire and peace between Ukraine and Russia at the EU leaders' summit on 18-19 December. This was stated by a European diplomat.
- The Dutch court upheld the decision to compensate Ukrainian company Naftogaz for **the assets seized by Russia** in Crimea. The court dismissed Russia's appeal to overturn the decision of the Hague arbitration, which ordered Russia to pay \$5 billion in compensation.

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- Italy is **ready to send peacekeeping troops** to Ukraine as part of the conflict settlement. This was announced by Italian Defense Minister Guido Crosetto.



Military positions

- In the Kharkiv direction, Russians launched an assault near the settlement of Vovchansk.
- In the Kupiansk direction, defense forces repelled enemy assault actions near Kolisnykivka, Bohuslavka, Zahryzove, and Lozova.
- In the Lyman direction, the enemy attempted to breach Ukrainian defenses near the settlements of Hrekivka, Nadiya, Zelenyi Hai, Shyikivka, Makiivka, Terny, Zarichne, Torske, Dibrova, Hryhorivka, and in the direction of Cherneshchyna.
- In the Siversk direction, Ukrainian forces repelled an enemy assault near Bilohorivka.
- In the Kramatorsk direction, the occupiers attacked the areas of Chasiv Yar and Stupochky.
- In the Toretsk direction, the enemy attacked near the settlements of Toretsk, Krymske, and Diliivka.

- In the Pokrovsk direction, Ukrainian defenders halted enemy advances toward the settlements of Myroliubivka, Lysivka, Pomin, Dachenske, Shevchenko, Novyi Trud, Zelene, Pishchane, and Pushkine.
- In the Kurakhove direction, the occupiers made their most active attempts to advance in the areas of Stari Terny, Sontsivka, Zoria, Kurakhove, Dalnie, Dachne, Hannivka, and Uspenivka.
- In the Vremivka direction, the enemy conducted multiple attacks on Ukrainian positions near the settlements of Trudove, Veselyi Hai, Kostiantynopilske, Sukhi Yaly, Blahodatne, Storozheve, Neskuchne.
- In the Huliaipole and Orikhiv directions, the enemy did not conduct active operations.
- In the Volyn and Polissia directions, there are no indications of enemy offensive group formations.

09.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In total, 191 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. ➤ The Russians are intensifying assaults in the Zaporizhzhia direction and attempting to advance toward the Dnipropetrovsk region, according to Vladyslav Voloshyn, spokesperson for the Southern Defense Forces. He stated that over the past two weeks, the enemy has been conducting intensive assault operations in small groups in the Vremivka sector. Up to 30 attacks involving tanks and armored vehicles are reported daily. "The enemy seeks to increase pressure and shift the situation in their favor," Voloshyn emphasized. ➤ Nearly 800,000 Russian military personnel are currently in Ukraine, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyi reported. ➤ Russia's losses during the first year of its full-scale war in Ukraine exceeded its losses in all conflicts it has engaged in since World War II, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin stated, as reported by Voice of America. According to Austin, Russia has suffered at least 700,000 casualties, including killed and wounded, since February 2022 and has "wasted" over \$200 billion on the war. He stressed the importance of resisting the Kremlin supporting Ukraine and urged his successors to uphold this policy.
10.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, 175 combat engagements took place. ➤ Russian forces advanced in 10 settlements, according to DeepState. On December 9, the enemy achieved successes near Novoolenivka, Voznesenka, Plekhovo, Oleksandriia, Hrodivka, Vidrozhennia, Petrivka, Sontsivka, Novotroitske, and Shevchenko, with the greatest progress occurring in the Pokrovsk direction. ➤ Russia is capable of producing 25 Oreshnik missiles per month, amounting to 300 missiles annually, according to Military Watch Magazine. The missiles have an estimated range of 4,000 km and can carry multiple independently targetable warheads. ➤ Russia has signed an agreement to transfer Soviet-era fighter jets in exchange for North Korean military support in the war against Ukraine, stated U.S. Navy Admiral Samuel J. Paparo, Commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet. He reported that North Korea offered the deployment of soldiers on its own initiative. North Korean troops are now in the combat zone in Ukraine, though they are not directly participating in battles.
11.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 208 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. ➤ The hottest directions currently are the Pokrovsk and Kurakhove sectors, where fierce battles continue, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyi stated after a briefing by Commander Oleksandr Syrskyi. According to Zelenskyi, the Russian army is experiencing record losses in battles and assaults during November and December. ➤ In the battles near Pokrovsk, Russian losses have approached the total strength of the Western Military District of the Russian Armed Forces as of 2022. This is about 60% of the forces Russia initially planned to use to capture Ukraine in three days in 2022, military expert Volodymyr Datsenko reported, citing OSINT researchers. Mykola Koval, head of the press service of the 14th National Guard Brigade "Chervona Kalyna," noted on a telethon that Russia has lost more tanks in the battle for Pokrovsk than any European country has in its entire military inventory. On this front, for every kilometer of territory occupied, Russia expends 10 to 15 times more resources than on all other fronts combined. ➤ In the Kursk direction, a convoy of transporters carrying Chinese-made Desertcross 1000-3 all-terrain vehicles was observed. The partisan movement "Atesh" released a video showing the movement of the Russian convoy. The Chinese all-terrain vehicles are reportedly being used by Russian forces for logistics, transportation, and occasionally for assault operations.
12.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 203 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. ➤ Unmanned systems, in coordination with the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR), struck an oil depot in the Bryansk region. The Bryansk Oil Terminal is part of the Druzhba pipeline, primarily used for receiving, storing, distributing, and loading diesel fuel onto trucks and rail transport. It is actively utilized to supply the Russian military.

Losses of the Russian army from 08.12.2024 to 14.12.2024

Liquidated personnel	7850
Tanks	32
IFVs	118
Artillery systems / MLRS	67/3
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	2
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	263
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	409
Special equipment	12

Military positions

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- Active combat continues in Toretsk, reports DeepState. "The city is witnessing intense close-quarters battles where Defense Forces are fighting for every house, sometimes even for individual rooms. Enemy special units are operating in our rear, and our special units are in theirs. This creates such fluidity that even the Operational-Tactical Group cannot maintain a full understanding of the frontline situation, as no one truly can," the report states. Russian forces are conducting assaults along Druzhba Street and Vasyl Stus Street in the city center, achieving some gains. Additionally, the enemy is attempting to fortify positions at the Toretsk Coal Mine (DP "Toretskvuhillia"), with their presence noted several times on the mine's spoil heaps.
- Commander Oleksandr Syrskyi commented on the situation in the Pokrovsk sector: "Currently, the battles here involve an enemy with significant numerical superiority, especially in manpower. We are forced to make unconventional decisions to strengthen our defenses and maximize the destruction of the occupiers." He emphasized the extraordinary resilience of Ukrainian soldiers, who continue to inflict substantial losses on Russian forces.
- Ukraine is open to discussing the stationing of foreign troops on its territory, stated Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Olha Stefanishyna.
- NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte reported that casualties resulting from the full-scale Russian-Ukrainian war since February 2022 have surpassed one million killed and wounded. He clarified that Russian losses account for approximately 700,000 of that total.

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- A total of 210 combat engagements were recorded over the past day.
- The Russian army is now only three kilometers from Pokrovsk. According to Nazar Voloshyn, spokesperson for the Operational-Strategic Group of Forces "Khortytsia," the enemy attacked Ukrainian fortifications west of the village of Vidrozhennia and south of Novotroitske. "After prolonged battles, two of our positions were destroyed, and one was lost," he stated.
- Although Pokrovsk is not a major city—with a pre-war population of around 60,000—it is strategically critical, as it lies on a key road connecting the town to military hubs. Pokrovsk serves as a cornerstone of Ukraine's defense in the Donetsk region. CNN reported that "the fall of Pokrovsk would represent Ukraine's biggest setback in recent months, occurring at a time when the country is struggling to 'break the stalemate' as Russian forces exert heavy pressure on the eastern frontline."
- North Korean soldiers stationed in Russia are reportedly being prepared for imminent involvement in the war against Ukraine, as per Ukraine's Defense Intelligence (HUR). Commanders of North Korean units have been ordered to "coordinate with" neighboring Russian units operating in the Kursk region. It is believed that these soldiers may soon be deployed directly into combat. Recently, additional food supplies were delivered to the North Korean troops, and on December 13, they were placed on high alert.
- According to reports, some North Korean soldiers are being covertly transported to the front lines using civilian trucks that outwardly resemble water delivery vehicles.

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- A total of 205 combat engagements were recorded over the past day.
- During the night of December 14, 2024, Ukrainian Special Operations Forces, in coordination with other components of the Defense Forces, targeted the "Stalnoy Kon" Line-Production Dispatch Station (LPDS) in Russia's Oryol region. This facility is one of the largest oil product terminals on the outskirts of Oryol.
- Ukraine's Defense Intelligence (HUR) reported the destruction of a Su-30 fighter jet in Krymsk, Krasnodar Krai, as well as three locomotives in the city of Krasnodar.
- These strikes further underscore Ukraine's ongoing efforts to degrade Russian military and logistical capabilities.

Military Support

- The **IT Coalition**, created to help Ukraine under the leadership of Estonia and Luxembourg, has accumulated almost €500 million in its first year. The coalition supported Ukraine's **needs in tactical communications**, data center expansion, and cybersecurity.
- Denmark is increasing its assistance to Ukraine until the end of 2024 and accelerating the **delivery of Caesar** self-propelled artillery systems ordered for Ukraine. This was reported by the Ministry of Defense of Denmark.
- America will **train a new brigade** of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in Germany. This was announced by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi. In addition, he said that **negotiations with France** are currently underway to train the second brigade in France, following the example of the 155th Mechanized Brigade named after Anna Kyivska.
- The US Department of State approved the **sale of F-16** fighter jet maintenance services to Ukraine for a total of \$266.4 million.
- The House of Commons of the Canadian Parliament approved the allocation of **\$587 million in military aid** to Ukraine.
- The Czech company AKM Group-CZ delivered a **batch of ammunition** of various types to the Ukrainian Defense Forces. The company said that the list includes ammunition, mortar shells, aircraft missiles, and grenades.
- Norway will **train Ukrainian F-16 pilots** in Portugal. Starting in early 2025, Portugal will take over from Denmark, where Ukrainian pilots are currently being trained.
- The United States has allocated a **new military aid package** for Ukraine worth **\$500 million**. This is the 72nd military aid package. This tranche includes ammunition for HIMARS rocket systems, as well as 105-mm and 155-mm cannon artillery. In addition, the package includes HMMWV military off-road vehicles; Javelin and AT-4 anti-tank systems; TOW missiles, grenades and training equipment and support equipment.
- **Lithuania** has sent a new **batch of military aid** to support the Ukrainian Defense Forces. The tranche includes ammunition and cartridges for small arms, as well as trailers for transporting tracked vehicles.
- Ukraine has started the licensed assembly of Czech BREN 2 **assault rifles**. This is a practical continuation of cooperation with Česká zbrojovka, a subsidiary of Colt CZ of the Czech Republic.

Massive attacks per week

- **Attack on the night of December 8:** Air defense forces destroyed 28 out of 74 Russian drones, while 46 were untraceable.
- **Attack on the night of December 9:** Air defense shot down 18 out of 37 drones and two X-59/69 missiles. Another 18 UAVs were untraceable.
 - The fall of downed drones in the Vinnytsia oblast damaged the infrastructure of several private enterprises.
- **Attack on the night of December 13:** Air defense intercepted 81 missiles and 80 drones. In total, Russia launched 193 UAVs and 94 missiles, marking one of the largest attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure.
 - Critical infrastructure was damaged in the Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Lviv oblasts.
 - In the village of Myrne, Kharkiv oblast, four workers at civilian enterprises were injured.
- **Attack on the night of December 14:** Air defense destroyed 58 out of 132 Russian drones. Another 72 UAVs were untraceable, while two returned to Russia.
 - In the Kyiv oblast, a car, an administrative building, and two warehouses were damaged

Zaporizhzhia oblast

- Artillery and airstrikes on Lobkove, Huliaipole, Shcherbaky, Novoandriivka, Novodanilivka, Novodarivka, Mala Tokmachka, Bilohirya, Malynivka, Olhivske, Kamianske, Bilenke, and Stepanohirsk remain constant.

On December 10th, Russia launched an Iskander-M missile at a private clinic in Zaporizhzhia, killing 11 people and injuring 22 more. On the same day, Russia attacked an IAEA vehicle en route to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant with a drone. The drone severely damaged the vehicle.

Odesa oblast

- Odesa Oblast experienced two massive shelling attacks this week.

On December 13th, Russians launched attack drones, followed by a missile attack on the Odesa district. As a result of the impact of fragments, there was damage to civilian infrastructure, including an office building of a private transport company and eight trucks. There were no casualties. On December 14th, Odesa was also attacked with a ballistic missile.

Kharkiv and the oblast

- Throughout the week, the enemy used strike UAVs, FPV drones, and guided aerial bombs to attack Kharkiv Oblast.

On December 10th, Russia launched three ballistic missile strikes on Zolochiv. The missiles hit near a banking institution, injuring 11 people, destroying an administrative building, and damaging 16 residential buildings, four utility buildings, and two cars.

The Malodanilivska community, Kupyansk-Vuzlovyi, Kupiansk, Kutkivka, Zapadne, Ivashky, Pristin, Kruhliakivka, Lozova, Rizdviane, Udy, Zolochiv, and Stara Pokrovka suffered from shelling.

Sumy oblast

- In Sumy Oblast, the enemy predominantly uses strike UAVs, FPV drones, KABs, mortars, and artillery, causing significant damage to civilian infrastructure.

On December 11th, the Russian army shelled the village of Bilovody in the Khotyn community. An elderly couple was killed when their house was completely burned down as a result of a Russian airstrike.

Numerous Russian attacks using various types of weapons targeted the Sumy, Krasnopillia, Esman, Yunakivka, Myropillia, Bilopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Buryn, Seredyna-Buda, Nova Sloboda, Shalyhyne, Druzhbivka, Konotop, Hlukhiv, Svesa, Znob-Novhorod, and Putyvl communities.

Dnipro and the oblast

- The Dnipropetrovsk Oblast has been under constant attack by the enemy throughout the week. Nikopol, Marhanets, Pokrovsk, Myrove, and Chervonohryhorivka communities, as well as Dnipro, Kamianske, Nikopol, Synelnykove, and Samar districts have been under enemy fire. On December 14th, there were reports of explosions in the suburbs of Dnipro. As a result of the shelling over the week, several people were injured, but fortunately, there were no fatalities.

Residential buildings and infrastructure have suffered significant damage. In particular, more than 35 private houses, apartment buildings, outbuildings, gas pipelines, power lines, as well as a college, a lyceum, a hotel, and others were damaged.

Nikopol district suffered the most: on December 9th, the enemy launched almost two dozen attacks on the settlements of the district. And on December 11th, the number of attacks on the Nikopol district increased to 30.

This week shelling and strikes

Donetsk oblast

- Throughout the week, Russia actively attacked Donetsk Oblast using FPV drones and artillery.

On December 10th, while evacuating injured civilians from Kurakhove, Russian forces launched a drone strike, destroying the evacuation vehicle. Police officers and civilians were forced to take shelter in a ruined building, which the enemy continued to target with munitions.

Casualties, injuries, and infrastructure damage were recorded in:

- **In the Volnovakha district:** Novotroitske, Komar.
- **In the Pokrovsk district:** Pokrovsk, Myrnohrad, Zvirove, Novoekonomichne.
- **In the Kramatorsk district:** Mykolaivka, Kostiantynivka, Druzhkivka, Kolodiaz, Stara Mykolaivka.
- **In the Bakhmut district:** Toretsk, Shcherbynivka.

Chernihiv oblast

- Chernihiv Oblast has been subjected to massive attacks by Russian forces, who have actively shelled the border communities of the region, using mortars, barrel artillery, FPV drones, and Shahed and Lancet UAVs. Novhorod-Siverskyi, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnia communities, as well as Chernihiv, Pryluky, and Nizhyn districts, came under fire this week.

In Chernihiv and Pryluky districts, private houses, outbuildings, and a gymnasium building were damaged. In Nizhyn, a critical infrastructure facility and a farm were damaged.

Kherson and the oblast

- Kherson Oblast has suffered numerous attacks from the enemy this week. Every day, the Russians launched attacks on the regional center - the city of Kherson.

In total, more than 49 settlements came under enemy fire, including Antonivka, Sadove, Prydniprovsk, Komyshany, Havrylivka, the city of Kherson, Ivanivka, Veletenske, Dniprovsk, Stanislav, Shyroka Balka, Beryslav, Olhivka, Llove, Zolota Balka, Novooleksandrivka, Dudchany, Tokarivka, Chervony Maiak, Mykhailivka, Kachkarivka, Vesele, Tiahynka, Tomyna Balka, Osokorivka, Bilozerka, Mykolaivka, Kozatske, Poniativka, and others.

As a result of the shelling, 6 people were killed, and 44 more were injured. Russian troops deliberately targeted residential areas, critical infrastructure, and social facilities. 55 private houses and 10 high-rise buildings were damaged.

On December 8th, Kindiika was hit by drones twice, injuring 4 people. Another 4 people were injured in Kherson. The next day, 3 more people were injured in Kherson. As a result of the shelling on December 13th, two people were killed, and six were injured in the region.

Other oblasts

- On December 14th, explosions were heard in the Kyiv and Cherkasy regions due to a drone attack. Fortunately, there were no casualties.
- The enemy also attacked the Mykolaiv oblast throughout the week: the Kutsurub community was attacked by FPV drones, while the city of Ochakiv and the waters of the Ochakiv community were attacked using artillery and drones. There were no reported casualties.



The week of shelling

Kharkiv oblast



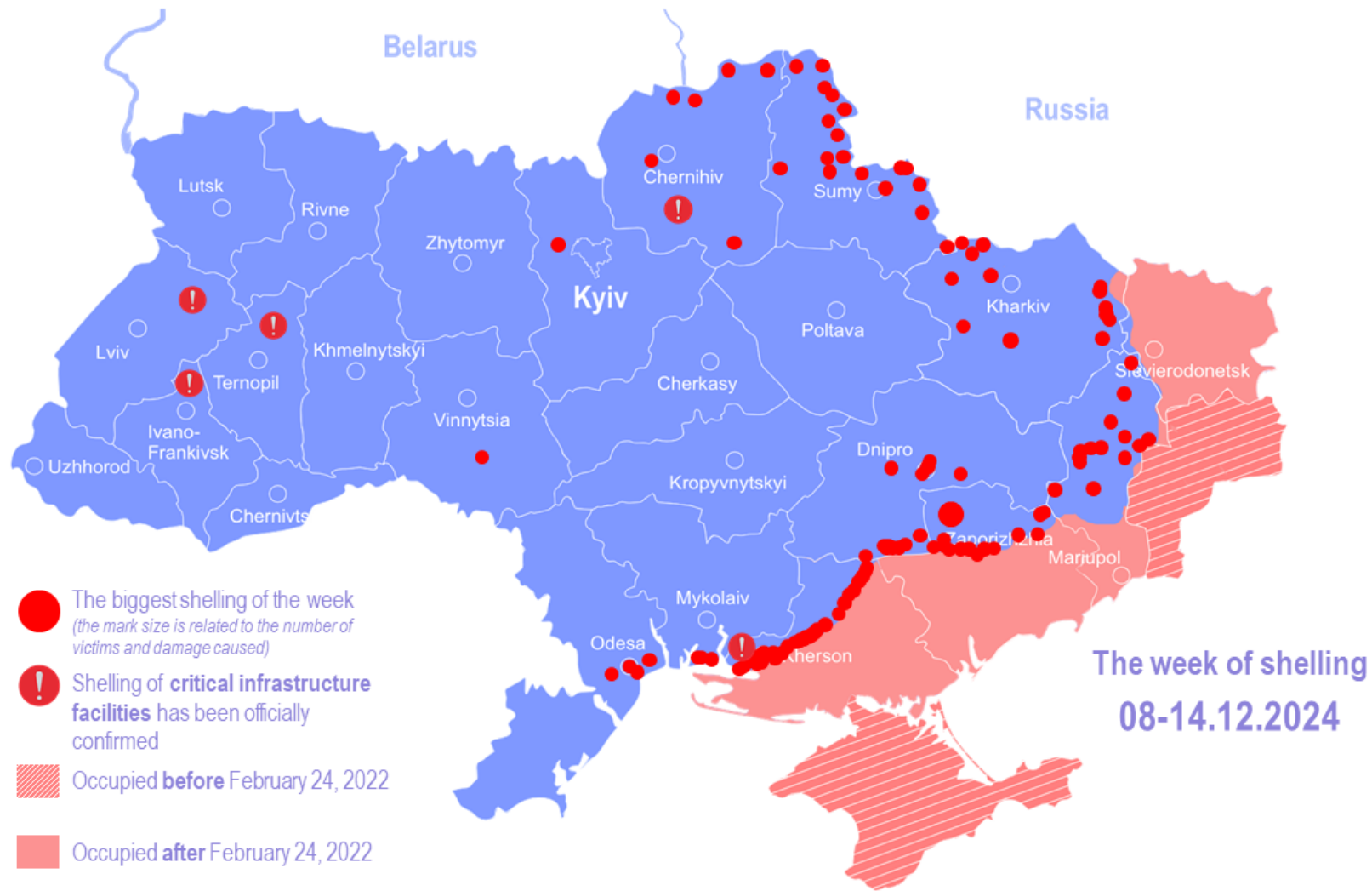
Donetsk oblast



Zaporizhzhia oblast



Dnipropetrovsk oblast



Infrastructure and Energy

- During the three months of autumn, Russia fired more than six thousand drones and missiles at Ukraine, The Wall Street Journal estimates. This is three times more than in the summer and four times more than in the fall of 2023. The conclusions are based on data from the Ukrainian Air Force.
- Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the Russian occupiers have attacked Ukraine's energy infrastructure with more than 1,000 attack drones and about 1,300 missiles. Ukrenergo reports this. The energy company adds that some critical infrastructure facilities are attacked regularly, "with pauses just before the repair is completed after the previous 'hit.' And the work has to be started again."
- Ukraine has recorded more than 120 cases of Russian missiles and drones flying near nuclear power plants, the Energy Ministry reports. Previously, drones were the main threat, but now Russia is using much more expensive missiles.

The consequences of war for civilians

- The Ukrainian government is launching a free training program for women in traditionally male-dominated fields. The government initiative is aimed at overcoming gender stereotypes and providing women with in-demand professions. The government covers the cost of training up to UAH 30,280 as part of the program.
- According to the Institute of Mass Information (IMI), 329 Ukrainian media outlets have ceased operations since the start of the full-scale war. In total, in the more than two years since the start of the full-scale invasion, Russia has committed 664 crimes against journalists and media in Ukraine. In particular, 91 media professionals have been killed.
- Eurostat has updated data on the number of Ukrainians who have requested temporary asylum due to Russia's full-scale invasion. Thus, as of 31 October 2024, almost 4.2 million Ukrainian citizens had temporary protection status in the EU.

International support

- On 12 December, the IAEA Board of Governors adopted a resolution at an extraordinary meeting initiated by Ukraine on the threats posed by attacks on energy infrastructure critical to the safety of Ukrainian nuclear power plants. The document was supported by 22 out of 35 countries. Russia and China voted against it. The Agency notes that in the document, the IAEA condemned the attacks on Ukraine's energy sector but did not specify that Russia had committed these actions.
- Estonia will allocate an additional €200,000 to Ukraine to help the vulnerable population and economy. The Humanitarian Fund for Ukraine under the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs will receive €100,000. This fund, in particular, helps to reach hard-to-reach areas. Another €68,000 will be allocated to the United Nations Population Fund. In Ukraine, this fund has set up 26 mobile clinics and maternity units, as well as centers to help victims of gender-based and military-related sexual violence. An additional €10,000 will also be allocated to support the activities of the International Organisation for Migration in 2025. The remaining €20,000 will be allocated to the Energy Support Fund for Ukraine to restore energy infrastructure.

Human rights violations

- The Russian Federation's attack on Zaporizhzhia using glider bombs demonstrates the danger of these weapons to civilians in densely populated areas, which is a matter of concern from the point of view of international humanitarian law, the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) said in a statement.
- Ukrainians who suffered sexual violence during the war have written a collective letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. They ask that Russia be included in the 'list of shame' - countries that commit crimes. The inclusion of Russia on the UN's list of shame is one of the mechanisms for bringing it to justice for conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV).
- Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, about 4,800 cases of the use of hazardous chemicals against the Ukrainian Defense Forces have been recorded on the contact line. These substances are classified as riot control agents, not chemical weapons, but they are prohibited for use as weapons of war,' said Colonel Artem Vlasjuk, one of the heads of the Chemical Weapons Command of the Support Forces. In November, 166 such incidents were recorded.

Temporarily occupied territories (TOT) and evacuation

- While the Russian occupiers are talking about the alleged 'arrival of investors' in the TOT of the Luhansk region, local industrial enterprises have been mined for more than two years. This was reported by the head of the Luhansk Regional Military Administration, Artem Lysohor.
- Five more Ukrainian children and their families were returned to the government-controlled territory of Ukraine. The return took place as part of President Volodymyr Zelenskyi's Bring Kids Back UA initiative.
- Most schools in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine have closed their canteens. The reason for this was a lack of staff, according to the National Resistance Centre (NRC). This applies to urban educational institutions. As for schools in rural areas, the canteens have not been open since the arrival of the Russian occupiers.
- In 77% of the settlements of the occupied Luhansk region, it is impossible to buy medicines. This was reported by the head of the Luhansk RMA, Artem Lysohor. Residents of 714 towns out of 920 have to travel several dozen kilometers to buy medicines. He noted that in 88 villages in the occupied Luhansk region, medicines are dispensed only at paramedic and obstetric stations and only on the days they are open. At the same time, the list of medicines there is extremely limited.
- More than 400 fir trees were illegally cut down on the temporarily occupied left bank of the Kherson region. The Yellow Ribbon movement reported this on Telegram on 12 December. The post says that the occupation administration sent the trees to Henichesk. There are no forestry seals on the trees.

Prisoners of war

- In the temporarily occupied Donetsk, the so-called 'DPR court' sentenced nine Ukrainian defenders of Mariupol, who were captured by Azovstal, to 24 years to life in prison. The occupiers claim that in March 2022, Ukrainian defenders allegedly shelled the village of Staryi Krym. It is noted that the defenders will serve their sentences in a strict regime penal colony.

