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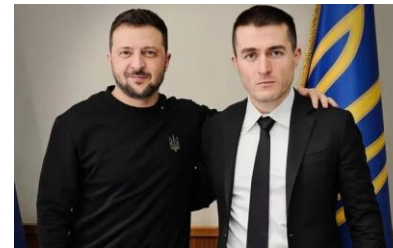
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International support

05.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the course of the year, 40 Czech citizens, including three women, were granted permission to fight in Ukraine alongside the Ukrainian Armed Forces. In 2024, Czech President Petr Pavel reviewed 114 requests for military service in Ukraine, of which 40 were approved.
06.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Important points from Volodymyr Zelenskyi's interview with Lex Fridman. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Zelenskyi believes Trump is able to stop the war and offer peace guarantees due to his international credibility. ➤ If Ukraine is invited to join NATO, the Alliance's guarantees may temporarily apply only to the territories under Ukrainian control, a condition the President is confident 'can be agreed upon.' ➤ North Korea may deploy an additional 30-40,000 soldiers to fight in Ukraine, or even 500,000. According to Zelenskyi, North Korean military losses have already reached 3,800. ➤ Zelenskyi noted that U.S. oil and gas will be cheaper than Russian energy. If the world supports the transition to American energy resources, Putin will have less money for war. ➤ U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken believes that Ukraine's position in Russia's Kursk region is critical to any future negotiations. The Kursk operation began in August 2024, during which the Russians lost 38,000 soldiers, either killed or wounded, and more than a thousand pieces of military equipment.
07.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For the first time in the history of the Fighting Falcon, an F-16 fighter jet destroyed six cruise missiles in a single combat mission. This occurred in the Ukrainian sky on the morning of 13 December 2024, when Russian forces launched a massive attack with missiles and drones. ➤ Ukraine's international reserves increased by 8% in 2024, reaching \$43.8 billion as of 1 January 2025, according to the NBU press service. Last year, Ukraine received significant global financial support totaling around \$42 billion. Additionally, the country secured over \$3.5 billion through the placement of foreign currency government bonds.
08.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ China's largest ports have closed their entrances to tankers from Russia's shadow fleet, Reuters reports. Specifically, the Shandong Port Group, which controls ports in the eastern province of Shandong, has banned tankers under U.S. sanctions. ➤ Norway has helped to establish a center for training mine-sniffing dogs in Ukraine, according to the Norwegian government's website. Additionally, the Norwegian government will allocate NOK 164 million (approximately EUR 14 million) in 2025 for demining efforts in Ukraine, which will include the use of mine-sniffing dogs. ➤ Trump's special envoy, Keith Kellogg, aims to resolve the issue of Russia's war against Ukraine within 100 days following the inauguration of the newly elected U.S. president on January 20. Kellogg believes that Trump will be able to offer an 'acceptable solution' to both Putin and Ukrainian President Zelenskyi 'in the short term.'
09.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Europe purchased a record amount of Russian liquefied natural gas in 2024, The Guardian reports. A total of 17.8 million tons of LNG were bought, two million tons more than in 2023. This increase is attributed to Russia lowering its prices due to sanctions, making its LNG cheaper than that of other suppliers.

09.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During the meeting in the Ramstein format, Volodymyr Zelenskyi called on all participants to sign security agreements with Ukraine. So far, 27 documents have been signed. The President of Ukraine also emphasized that drones have transformed the war – they keep the enemy at bay. UAV production in Ukraine is more cost-effective than elsewhere, which is why Kyiv aims to make this a record-breaking year and is increasing contracts with partners. ➤ Russia's victory in the war will not only prevent the United States from saving money on assistance to Ukraine but will also require a sharp increase in Pentagon spending by more than \$800 billion by 2029, according to the report by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). Bloomberg reports that the rise in U.S. spending will be needed to help deter and, if necessary, defeat a non-nuclear Russian attack outside of Ukraine. Such a development would increase the amount of the current five-year plan of the U.S. Department of Defense from \$4.4 trillion to \$5.2 trillion, or about \$165 billion more annually than planned for these years.
10.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ukraine has received €3 billion from the EU, funded by Russia's frozen assets. This is the first such tranche from the EU. ➤ Japan extends sanctions against Russia, freezing the assets of 33 organizations and 12 individuals. ➤ The USA has imposed sanctions on Russia's largest oil companies and their executives. These include Surgutneftegaz, Gazprom Neft, Ingosstrakh, AlfaStrakhovanie, and Sovcomflot. These energy companies produce more than one million barrels of oil per day and generate approximately \$23 billion a year for the Russian Federation. ➤ Bloomberg reports that British Prime Minister Keir Starmer will visit Ukraine to discuss the deployment of peacekeepers. EU leaders are discussing the deployment of an international peacekeeping force in Ukraine amid Trump's promises to end the war. This could be a reliable guarantee of security. ➤ In Slovakia, protests against the pro-Russian policies of Prime Minister Robert Fico resumed on the evening of January 10. This time, people are protesting not only in the capital, Bratislava but also in other cities. ➤ The Russian ship Sparta, which is used to transport military equipment, has been unable to enter the Syrian port of Tartus for more than five days, according to the MarineTraffic website and reports from OSINT analysts. Russia's only foreign naval base is located in Tartus, which may indicate that the ship did not receive permission to enter the port from the new Syrian authorities. ➤ Scholz's office is slowing down the new aid package for Ukraine, claiming it is not urgent, according to Spiegel. German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock and Minister of Defence Boris Pistorius want to allocate about €3 billion to supply weapons to Ukraine before the Bundestag elections. This package includes three additional IRIS-T air defense batteries with ammunition, guided missiles for Patriot systems, ten-wheeled howitzers, and artillery ammunition.
11.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The USA has extended the temporary protection status for Ukrainians until September 2026. ➤ Joe Biden stated that there is a 'real chance' that Ukraine could win the war if it continues to receive support from Western countries.



Military positions

- In the Kharkiv direction, the enemy stormed Ukrainian military positions near the settlements of Vovchansk and Starytsia.
- In the Kupiansk direction, the Defense Forces repelled enemy assaults near Kucherivka, Petropavlivka, Pishchane, Zahryzove, and Lozova.
- In the Lyman direction, the enemy attempted to advance near the settlements of Tverdokhibove, Hrekivka, Zelanyi Hai, Pershotravneve, Makiivka, Terny, and Zarichne.
- In the Siversk direction, in the area of Bilohorivka, the enemy attacked Ukrainian positions twice.

- In the Kramatorsk direction, clashes were recorded near Bila Hora, Predtechyne, Chasiv Yar, and Stupochky.
- In the Toretsk direction, the enemy launched a series of attacks near Toretsk and Shcherbynivka.
- On the Pokrovsk direction, Ukrainian defenders stopped enemy actions near the settlements of Novopoltavka, Tarasivka, Baranivka, Myrolyubivka, Yelyzavetivka, Promin, Lysivka, Myrnohrad, Novyi Trud, Zvirove, Udachne, Kotlyne, Novooleksandrivka, Novovasyliivka, Novoandriivka, Novoielyzavetivka, Andriivka, Kurakhove, Dachne, Petropavlivka, Yasyneve, and Yantarne.
- In the Novopavlivsk direction, the enemy attacked Ukrainian positions near Kostiantynopil, Zeleniivka, Rozlyv, Rozdilne, Velyka Novosilka, and Neskun.

05.01

- The Defense Forces attacked more than 54,000 enemy targets with drones in December 2024, according to the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. "Almost half of this result—49%—was achieved by kamikaze drones," said Oleksandr Syrskyi, noting that the effectiveness and survivability of Ukrainian UAV systems are increasing. He also mentioned that the Ukrainian military has begun using FPV drones with fiber optics, which expands the capabilities for hitting and destroying Russian military equipment and personnel. However, the Russian Armed Forces have increased the use of strike UAVs with fiber-optic control channels, which creates a threat to combat equipment during its movement.
- Over the week, air defense forces shot down 419 enemy aerial attack devices. Specifically, 9 missiles of various types; 370 Shahed-type strike UAVs; and 40 UAVs of other types, according to the Air Forces. During the week, Ukrainian pilots destroyed 49 aerial targets, carried out 30 airstrikes on the enemy with bombs and missiles of various types. Command posts, field ammunition depots, logistics, and enemy concentrations of equipment and personnel were hit.
- Ukraine is open to a ceasefire if it receives weapons to defend against future attacks, said President Zelenskyi. "If a ceasefire works, no one intends to use these weapons," emphasized Volodymyr Zelenskyi in an interview with podcaster Lex Fridman. Kyiv has repeatedly insisted that it cannot agree to territorial concessions or a frozen conflict, as this would only give Russia time to launch a new attack.

06.01

- On the front line, 184 combat clashes were recorded over the past day.
- The Ukrainian Armed Forces broke through in three areas of the Kursk region, specifically in the direction of Lyubimovka, Bolshoye Soldatskoye, and Martynovka, according to ISW. It is reported that Ukrainian forces carried out mechanized attacks using armored vehicles. They advanced south and southwest of Bardiysk, and also entered the southern part of the settlement. The offensive was activated in the Leonidovo area, and an attack was carried out near Pushkarnoe, east of Sudzha. Ukrainian units took control of the settlements of Martynovka, Mikhailovka, and Cherkasskoe Porechnoe.
- In the five months since the start of the Kursk operation, the total enemy losses have exceeded 38,000, with approximately 15,000 killed. During the operation, Ukrainian forces captured 860 Russian soldiers, significantly replenishing the exchange fund, reports the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- Last night, the enemy attempted to destroy civilian transport infrastructure, the crossing from the left bank [of the Oskol River] to the right, complicating the delivery of humanitarian supplies and evacuation efforts, said Oleh Syniehubov, the head of the regional military administration. At the same time, shelling is being recorded along the entire line of contact, from Dvorichna to Kruhliakivka. In the morning, Kindrashyivka came under artillery fire, damaging houses, but no casualties were reported.

07.01

- The Ukrainian Armed Forces struck the command post of the Russian 810th Marine Brigade in the Kursk region. "Such fire strikes are an integral part of combat operations conducted by Ukrainian Defense Forces units operating on the territory of the Russian Federation," stated the General Staff.
- The Russian Armed Forces are making attempts to advance in small groups around Pokrovsk, but the city is not currently threatened, reports the Joint Forces Operations Command "Khortytsia." The Russians are trying to "squeeze into" settlements around Pokrovsk, but they have not been able to "encircle the city."
- Russia has breached Ukrainian defenses in the Lyman direction. The situation is difficult, and the enemy is moving toward the settlement of Kolodiazi, reports Stanislav Bunatov, commander of the 24th Separate Assault Battalion "Aidar."
- Belarus is moving troops to the Ukrainian border, according to "Belarusian Hayun." Units of the Belarusian Ground Forces are stationed in the Stolin, Lelchitsy, Mozyr, and Gomel regions.
- As of today, the situation in the area of the settlements Kruhliakivka and Kolisnykivka remains relatively calm. Even after a large-scale mechanized assault on Zahryzove, the Russians have not been able to establish a foothold. The situation is more critical near Lozova, where the enemy has continuously exerted pressure, occupied the area, and is trying to continue developing its success. The situation is also tough near Pershotravneve, where the enemy has not stopped applying pressure toward Kopanky.

08.01

- The Ukrainian Armed Forces struck the command post of the Russian Armed Forces in the Donetsk region. The target was the command post of the 8th Guards Combined Arms Army of Russia, located in the city of Khartsyzk. The building was used for coordinating attacks against Ukrainian Defense Forces and civilians, including the residents of Kurakhove.

Losses of the Russian army from 05.01.2025 to 11.01.2025

Liquidated personnel	10 210
Tanks	56
IFVs	125
Artillery systems / MLRS	174/1
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	8
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	396
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	542
Special equipment	13

Military positions

08.01

- An emergency situation regime has been declared in the Russian city of Engels due to a fire at a local oil refinery. According to the governor of the Saratov region, two Ministry of Emergency Situations employees died while extinguishing a fire at the oil depot in Engels, which ignited as a result of a drone attack. Another employee was injured. The area of the fire at the industrial facility in Engels has increased, confirmed the regional head. Earlier, the General Staff confirmed that the oil depot at the "Kristall" plant was hit. This is a federal facility responsible for storing fuel for the "Engels-2" airbase.
- The damage to the fuel storage in Engels may limit the use of Russian Tu-160 bombers, writes Defense Express. According to the publication, the "Engels" airbase is home to the strategic bombers Tu-95MS and Tu-160 of the 22nd Heavy Bomber Aviation Division. The Tu-160 requires a special high-density fuel—T-8V—which is produced in limited quantities at only a few oil refineries. It is noted that hitting the T-8V fuel tanks could limit the use of the Tu-160 bombers, although Russia rarely employs them to strike Ukraine.

09.01

- Over the past day, 192 combat clashes were recorded on the front lines.
- Putin had been preparing for an offensive on Zaporizhzhia but abandoned his plans, said the head of the Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration, Ivan Fedorov. "I believe... he gave up on the offensive because we were very well prepared, and I thank the military for that." According to him, no major threat is currently being recorded for the Zaporizhzhia front line.
- According to intelligence information, the Russian occupying authorities conducted their first forced conscription of residents of the temporarily occupied Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions for compulsory military service. From October 1 to December 31, 2024, about 300 people were conscripted for compulsory service. International humanitarian law strictly prohibits the conscription of residents of occupied territories into the armed forces of the occupying state. Such actions by Russia constitute a gross violation of human rights, reports the Military Intelligence Directorate (HUR).
- The deployment of foreign contingents in Ukraine is one of the best tools to force Russia to peace, said Ukrainian President Zelenskiy. "Let's be more practical to make this possible. And we have heard signals from the United Kingdom in support of this. We must be bold, and we must offer truly strong tools." President Zelenskiy addressed the allies during the "Ramstein" meeting. During the session, Zelenskiy also mentioned that North Korea has lost 4,000 of its soldiers fighting on Russia's side.
- Russia has advantages but does not dominate in the war against Ukraine, according to U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin. He stated that the Russian military faces problems—they have been asking North Korea and Iran for weapons and ammunition, and now they have deployed North Korean forces to the battlefield. Meanwhile, Ukraine continues to build its potential. Russia's weaknesses should be taken into account in any potential ceasefire agreement. To maintain control over large occupied territories of Ukraine, Russia will also need significant forces.

10.01

- The Russian army is pressing on Pokrovsk. Heavy fighting is taking place south of the city—near Novyi Trud, Dachen, Zelene, and Pishchane. This is reported by the General Staff. Overall, the front line is currently more than two kilometers away from the outskirts of the city. The security situation is worsening daily—the intensity and the number of shellings are increasing. About seven thousand people remain in the city. Additionally, Russian troops are advancing in the area of the Kurakhiv reservoir and are pressing on Kupiansk. Ukrainian defense forces are also repelling attacks in Chasiv Yar, Toretsk, and in the direction of Lyman.
- The settlement of Dvorichna in the Kharkiv region is partially occupied by Russia, reports Deep.State. According to analysts, yesterday the occupiers managed to advance in the Kupiansk direction. The gray zone in the settlement covers almost 10 square kilometers. At the same time, the enemy is exerting pressure on Zapadne with the aim of capturing it.
- In Russia, fires broke out at enterprises in the Rostov and Leningrad regions. At least 16 drones attacked the Rostov region. A fire broke out at the "PlastFaktor" factory in Krym village, according to Russian media. In the Leningrad region, a fire of 1,900 square meters occurred in the industrial zone of the town of Gatchina, where factories producing acetone, varnishes, and paints are located. Locals reported hearing explosions. Andriy Kovalenko, Head of the Center for Public Defense at the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, writes that disguised military facilities were targeted: Russia is passing off military factories as civilian ones, attempting to hide their true products.
- The Ukrainian Armed Forces struck the command post of the 3rd Army Corps of the Russian Armed Forces in the temporarily occupied Svitlodarsk in Donetsk region. This was reported by the General Staff. They also mentioned that over the course of this week, the Ukrainian Armed Forces carried out a series of strikes on facilities in Donetsk region occupied by Russian forces.

11.01

- A total of 213 combat clashes were recorded over the past day.
- The Russians reported a massive drone attack last night: several regions, including occupied Crimea, were hit. The Russians claim to have shot down 85 drones. Explosions were heard in Crimea, Novorossiysk, Anapa, Voronezh, and Kursk. Residents of Saratov and Lipetsk regions also reported drone activity.
- Ukrainian forces are holding positions in Kurakhove, according to the spokesperson for the Southern Defense Forces "Khortytsia." "According to my information, fighting is ongoing in the Kurakhove area. Ukrainian positions are also holding on the TPP, which is located in the city of Kurakhove," said Viktor Trehubov, the spokesperson. He also mentioned that much of the city is simply "reduced to rubble, and this needs to be acknowledged." After Kurakhove, the key position is the village of Shevchenko. If the enemy secures this area, the situation will become critical: the terrain between the two rivers will make defense and counterattacks much more difficult. Meanwhile, the already difficult situation for Ukrainian forces in the Dachne area risks worsening further.
- Ukrainian soldiers captured North Korean soldiers in the Kursk region. Two soldiers, who were injured but survived, were transported to Kyiv and are now communicating with the SBU investigators.

Military Support

- In January, the Air Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine are set to receive the first three French Mirage 2000-5F fighters, according to Avions Legendaires.
- Ukraine will receive additional 180,000 shells for the Gepard air defense system. The German company Rheinmetall will produce the extra 35-mm ammunition, which will be funded by Germany.
- Ukraine has received its first KF41 Lynx infantry fighting vehicle from the German defense company Rheinmetall, according to its CEO Armin Papperger.
- The Icelandic government has recently allocated more than two million euros to support the production of Ukrainian weapons. In this way, the country joined the Danish model of supporting Ukraine's defense capabilities.
- Thanks to the Danish model, which supports the Ukrainian defense industry, the Ukrainian Defense Forces received weapons worth nearly EUR 538 million in 2024.
- The United Kingdom government has announced the development of a universal stealth maritime drone for Ukraine, according to the UK Defense Journal.
- The United States has announced a new \$500 million aid package for Ukraine. It will include missiles, air defense and air-to-ground missiles, and equipment for Ukrainian F-16 fighters. This is the latest package from the administration of current President Joe Biden.
- Norway has allocated \$61.6 million for drones for Ukraine, contributing the funds to the International Drone Coalition.
- The German-French defense association KNDS (KMW+Nexter Defense Systems) will deliver the first 6 of the newest 155-mm wheeled self-propelled artillery systems, RCH 155, to Ukraine this year.
- Germany will provide Ukraine with 50 additional missiles for the IRIS-T air defense systems, originally intended for the Bundeswehr. Additionally, the head of the German defense ministry confirmed that 30 M-84A4 tanks and 30 M-80 infantry fighting vehicles, which Germany purchased from Croatia for Ukraine, were delivered at the end of last year.
- The UK and its allies, including Denmark, the Netherlands, Latvia, and Sweden, will provide Ukraine with 30,000 drones. The drones will be transferred after the drone coalition concludes a £45 million deal.
- Canada is providing more than \$300 million in military aid to Ukraine. The funds will be used for a Czech initiative to purchase ammunition, shells from Canadian industry, support for drone production in Ukraine, and winter gear for the military.
- In 2025, Norway will provide Ukraine with the largest military aid package in its history – more than €2 billion.

This week shelling and strikes

Massive attacks per week

- **Attack on the night of January 5:** Russian forces launched 103 Shahed UAVs and decoy drones. Ukrainian air defense forces shot down 61 of the drones.
 - In Kharkiv oblast, private houses were damaged by a downed attack drone. The victims are receiving assistance.
- **Attack on the night of January 6:** Air defense forces shot down 2 X-59 guided missiles and 79 Russian drones. Another 49 drones were locally lost. In total, the Russians launched 2 missiles and 128 UAVs, including decoy drones.
- **Attack on the night of January 7:** Ukrainian air defense forces shot down 28 enemy drones out of 38 launched at Ukraine. The remaining 10 fake drones were locally lost.
- **Attack on the night of January 8:** Ukrainian air defense forces shot down 41 of the 64 drones used by Russia to attack Ukraine at night. Another 22 decoy drones were locally lost.
- **Attack on the night of January 9:** Air defense forces shot down 46 of 70 Russian drones, and another 24 were lost to EW interference.
 - Private buildings in Kharkiv, Sumy, and Cherkasy oblasts were damaged by falling debris.
- **Attack on the night of January 10:** Air defense forces shot down 33 of the 72 drones used by Russians to attack Ukraine overnight. Another 34 enemy decoy drones were locally lost.
 - 5 hits were recorded (at enterprises and outbuildings) in the frontline area in the north of Chernihiv oblast, a civilian was injured.
 - In Kyiv oblast, a downed UAV crashed into a multi-story building, causing damage to two dozen cars as well. According to preliminary estimates, there were no casualties.
- **Attack on the night of January 11:** Air defense systems shot down 47 of the 74 drones that Russia launched at Ukraine.
 - Commercial buildings, institutions, private homes, and vehicles were damaged in seven oblasts of Ukraine by the downed drones. Preliminary, there are no casualties.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

- During the week, Russia repeatedly fired artillery at the oblast's settlements. The occupiers also used guided aerial bombs, Grad multiple rocket launchers, X-59 guided missiles, and UAVs.

The strike by Russian troops on Zaporizhzhia on January 8 was the largest tragedy since 2022 in terms of the number of victims. The Russian army launched two strikes with guided aerial bombs. The attack killed 13 people and injured 127. On January 10, the Russian military massively shelled fifteen settlements in Zaporizhzhia oblast using drones. Two people were injured.

Over the past week, the shelling continued in Zaporizhzhia, Lobkove, Shcherbaky, Gulyaypole, Mala Tokmachka, Novoandriivka, Novodanylivka, Bilohiria, Novodarivka, Malynivka and Olhivske, Stepnohirska, and Temyrivka.

Kharkiv and the oblast

- Over the past week, Kharkiv oblast was shelled with various types of weapons, including artillery, air strikes, UAVs, and multiple launch rocket systems.

On January 5, Russians attacked civilians with a drone in the village of Krasnokutsk. Three people were injured, and houses were damaged as a result of the UAV crash. On January 6, Russians shelled Kupiansk with Molniya UAVs; two police officers were injured in one of the attacks. On January 10, a 30-year-old man was injured in the village of Losivka in the Vovchansk community as a result of shelling.

Main areas affected: Kharkiv, the Vovchansk community, the Kupiansk region, the Zolochiv community, the Chuhuiv region, the Bohodukhiv region, Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, Hlushkivka, Kivsharivka, Kopanky, Vidrodzhenivske, Krasnokutsk, Turovske, Vovchanski Khutory, Sadovod, Hryhorivka, Khatnie, Pishchane, Kurylivka, Borivska Andriivka, Zelenyi Hai and Oleksandrivka.

Sumy oblast

- Over the past week, the oblast was shelled with artillery, mortars, multiple launch rocket systems, unmanned aerial vehicles, FPV drones, and other types of weapons.

During the day on January 8, the Russian military fired twice at the civilian infrastructure of the Seredyna-Buda community in Sumy oblast, injuring five people. The Russians attacked with mortars and drones.

The Yunakivka, Myropillia, Bilopillia, Krasnopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Nova Sloboda, Putivl, Hlukhiv, Esman, Shalyhin and Seredyna-Buda communities were under hostile fire.

Dnipro and the oblast

- During this week, Russian troops attacked the Nikopol district of Dnipropetrovsk oblast on a daily basis. The Russians used heavy artillery, Grad multiple rocket launchers, kamikaze drones, and drones to drop explosives.

The attacks killed several people and wounded more than 5. At least 40 private houses, outbuildings, businesses, gas pipelines, and power lines were damaged. An educational institution and an administrative building were destroyed as well.

On January 5, hostile attacks on the Nikopol district continued throughout the day and night. A man died in the region center, and one person was wounded.

In total, Nikopol, the Marhanets, Pokrovske, Myrove, Chervonohryhorivka communities, as well as the Zelenodolsk community of Kryvyi Rih region and the Synelnykove district came under fire.

Donetsk oblast

- Over the past week, numerous attacks by Russian troops were recorded in Donetsk oblast. The enemy used large-caliber artillery, MLRS, mortars, Shahed drones, and other weapons.

On January 5, the Russians launched six S-300 missiles at Myrnohrad. There were no injuries as a result of the shelling, but 17 miners in one of the mines were trapped underground due to a power outage. On January 8, 3,244 strikes were carried out in Donetsk oblast, damaging residential buildings. Twenty-eight civilian objects were destroyed, including 21 residential buildings. On January 9, Russian troops shelled three localities: Pokrovsk, Siversk, and Hryshyne. The shelling damaged 5 civilian objects.

The following settlements in the oblast also suffered damage:

- Pokrovsk district: Bilytske, Pokrovsk.
- Kramatorsk district: Lyman, Kostiantynivka, Mykolaiivka.
- Bakhmut district: Siversk, Chasiv Yar.

Other oblasts

- On January 6, a drone attack damaged residential buildings and a grain warehouse in **Cherkasy oblast**.
- Buildings in **Poltava and Kyiv oblasts** were also damaged by downed drones.
- Explosions were heard in **Kyiv** on January 8, 10, and 11, including due to drone attacks. On January 10, debris from a Russian UAV hit a multi-story building in one of the capital's districts.

Mykolaiv oblast

- Russia continued shelling the Mykolaiv oblast on a daily basis. The main targets of attacks were the Kutsurub and Ochakiv communities. FPV drones, artillery, and unidentified drones were used.
- Private houses and power lines were damaged. Also, on January 9, Russian forces shelled Mykolaiv from a UAV, injuring one civilian.

Kherson and the oblast

- During the week, Russian troops mercilessly attacked residential areas of Kherson and the region. The attacks were carried out using UAVs, guided aerial bombs, artillery, and multiple-launch rocket systems.

The shelling killed 11 people and injured more than 60 civilians. More than 10 multi-story buildings, over fifty private houses, and industrial infrastructure were damaged.

In particular, on January 6, Russians attacked a bus in the Shumenskyi district of Kherson with a UAV. As a result, one person was killed, and 6 others were injured. On January 9, a Russian air attack in Kherson damaged 39 houses, as well as a higher education institution, a kindergarten, and other social infrastructure. By the way, on January 5, another educational institution, the building of Kherson State University, was damaged.

In total, more than 40 settlements in the Kherson region came under fire: Kherson, Antonivka, Stanislav, Bilozerka, Beryslav, Shyroka Balka, Komyshany, Naddniprianske, Zelenivka, Tiahynka, Krasnyi Mayak, Olhivka, Kizomys, Zolota Balka, Vesele, Llove, Monastyrsk, Novotiahynka and others.

Chernihiv oblast

- The Russian aggressor used cannon artillery, MLRS, FPV drones, and attack UAVs, including Shaheds.

On January 4, in the evening, the Russian army attacked the border town of Semenivka in Chernihiv oblast with four guided aerial bombs. As a result, 9 civilians were wounded, including two children. The Semenivka Primary Health Care Center was also damaged.

On the morning of January 7, the Russian army shelled the town of Semenivka for two hours. This was the longest shelling during the full-scale invasion. There were reports of destruction and three wounded people.

As before, the Novhorod-Siverskyi, Semenivka, Snovske, and Horodnia communities were shelled.



The week of shelling

Kherson oblast



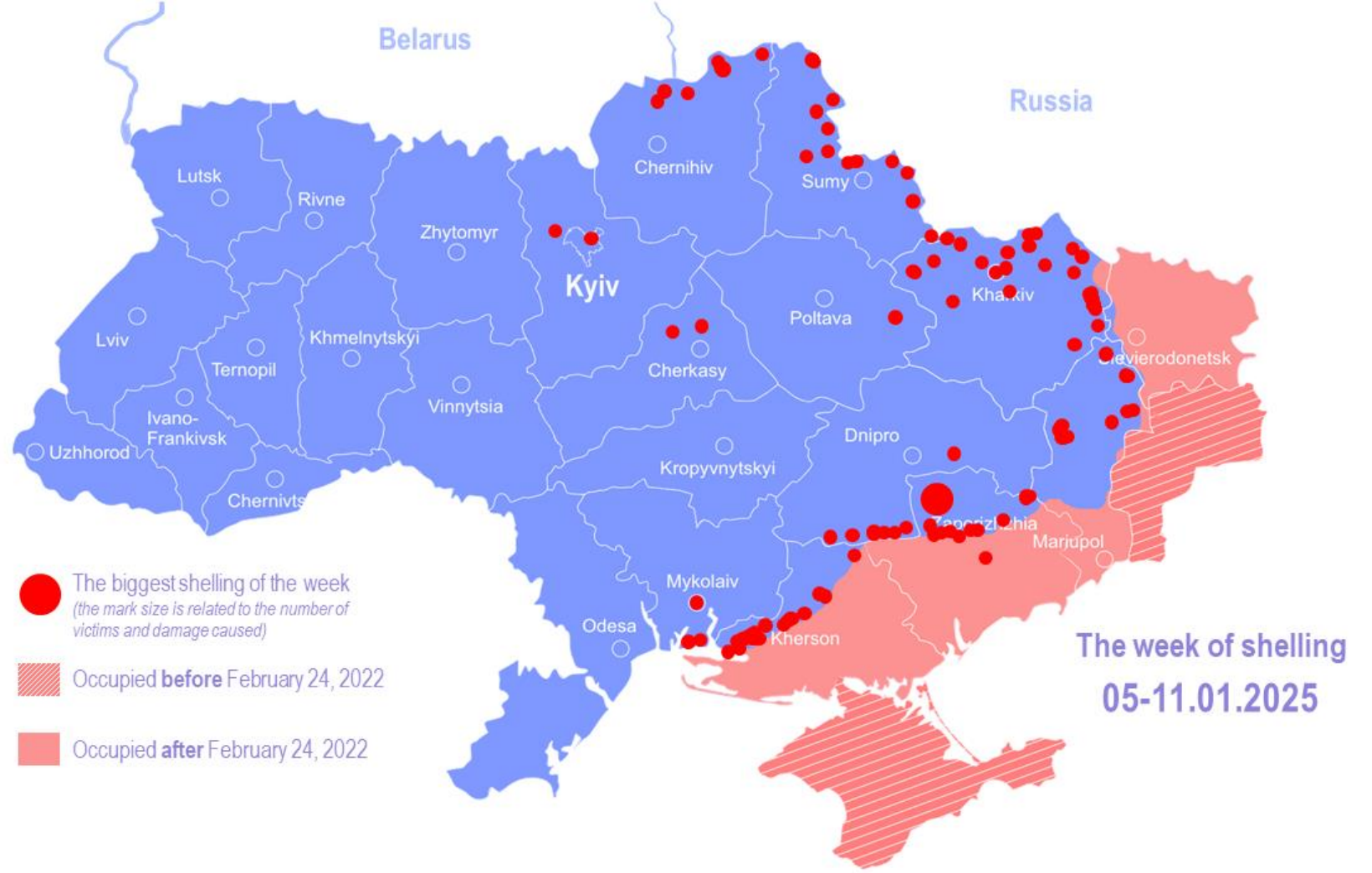
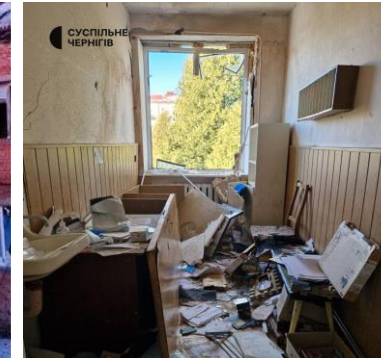
Donetsk oblast



Zaporizhzhia



Chernihiv oblast



Infrastructure and Energy

- In Ukraine, as a result of full-scale Russian aggression, as of December 25, 2024, 2156 objects of cultural infrastructure were damaged or destroyed. According to the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications, 382 of them were destroyed (17.7%).
- In 2024, the number of cyber attacks on Ukraine increased by almost 70%, reaching 4315 incidents, compared with 2541 a year earlier. This was reported by the State Service for Special Communications and Information Protection. Hackers most often attack critical infrastructure: the energy sector, government agencies, security agencies and telecommunications. Their goal is to steal sensitive information and destroy data.
- In the city of Pokrovsk, Donetsk region, almost all critical infrastructure is destroyed to the ground. In some places, water distribution points and several heat points work. This was stated by the head of the Pokrovsk city military administration, Serhii Dobriak.
- Last year, Ukrainian seaports processed a record 97.2 million tons of cargo — this is 57% more than in 2023. This was reported by the Ministry of Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine. 88.1 million tons of cargo were exported by sea. And about 60 million tons of the total volume was agricultural products — ports played a key role in this.

Human Rights Violations

- In one of the industrial areas of Lysychansk, Luhansk region, the invaders set up a military training ground. This was announced by the head of the Luhansk Regional Military Administration, Artem Lysohor on Facebook. "Proximity to the housing estate does not bother them. On the contrary, in the event of a hit on the territory of the object, Russian propagandists will try to shoot a provocative plot. They don't care about the lives of their own fighters, let alone local civilians."
- In December 2024, at least 12 cases of violation of the right to the highest achievable level of physical and mental health were recorded, 10 - against the Crimean Tatars. This is stated in the analysis of human rights violations in the temporarily occupied Crimea published by the Crimean Tatar Resource Center. In December 2024, according to human rights activists, there were 9 recorded incidents of arrests, 7 cases of prisoner transfer, 5 cases of Crimean Tatars, 14 cases of violation of the right to a fair trial, 5 cases of Crimean Tatars, and 4 cases of interrogations.

Consequences of the War for Civilians

- Russia used more than 51 thousand guided bombs against Ukraine during a full-scale invasion, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported. Truth Hounds investigators found that Russia attacked civilians and infrastructure with bombs in Ukraine 951 times from March to the end of September 2024. Because of this, more than 250 people died, 1,300 were injured.
- In the register of persons missing in special circumstances, more than 71 thousand records. It is about both the military and civilians. Since the beginning of 2024 alone, almost 30 thousand people have received this status. As of January 1, 2025, the search for 9255 people was discontinued. Among them, 3923 in connection with the establishment of the location, that is, they are alive. 5332 bodies were also identified.

Temporarily occupied territories (TOT) and evacuation

- In Pokrovsk, Donetsk Oblast, 7,300 people still remain, and the evacuation of civilians continues, albeit at a slower pace. This was stated by Serhii Dobriak, head of the Pokrovsk City Military Administration.
- Residents of temporarily occupied Mariupol have expressed outrage in chats over Russia's plan to build a memorial to fallen invaders in a park in the Prymorskyi district. This was reported on Telegram by Petro Andriushchenko, a former adviser to the mayor of Mariupol.
- The occupiers are attempting to lure teachers from Russia to the temporarily occupied Luhansk region with financial incentives, offering a one-time payment twice as high as in Russia's hinterlands. To receive the funds, teachers must commit to working for five years in a village or small-town school.
- The occupiers have a plan to send Ukrainian children from the temporarily occupied territories (TOT) to military camps, according to the National Resistance Center. This includes sending them to the "Avangard" camp in the Volgograd region, where children are subjected to propaganda promoting military careers in Russian academies.
- In the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, Russian occupiers have created a registry of Ukrainians who have not obtained Russian passports. The registry will take effect on February 5. Ukrainians included in the registry will either have to leave the region or obtain legal grounds for residence.
- Through the Bring Kids Back UA initiative by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyi, three children were returned from the temporarily occupied territories: a 17-year-old boy and two young boys.

Prisoners of war

- The Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine has released an intercepted conversation of Russian servicemen, in which the commander of a unit from the 60th Separate Motorized Rifle Brigade of the 5th Army of the Russian Armed Forces orders the execution of a Ukrainian Armed Forces prisoner of war.
- The Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, Dmytro Lubinets, stated that a preliminary agreement had been reached with the Russian side to ensure systematic exchanges of prisoners of war in 2025. He emphasized that the return of severely ill and critically injured individuals will be prioritized. Lubinets shared this in an interview with the "Rada" TV channel. Additionally, the Ukrainian Ombudsman reported that a preliminary agreement has been made with Russia to ensure that each Ukrainian prisoner of war and civilian hostage will receive a package of essentials from Ukraine through the International Committee of the Red Cross. "We will see if the Russian side keeps its word," Lubinets added.

Consequences of the War for Civilians

- The UN has stated that at least 12,300 Ukrainian civilians have been killed since the start of the full-scale Russian invasion. In recent months, the number of civilian casualties in Ukraine has increased as a result of Russia's use of drones, long-range missiles and cruise bombs. "Russian armed forces have intensified their operations to seize new territory in eastern Ukraine, which is causing serious damage to civilians in frontline areas, particularly in Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions," said Nada Al-Nashif, the UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- On the night of December 28, drone debris hit a vegetable oil tank of an agricultural enterprise in the Mykolaiv region, damaging it and causing oil to leak into the surrounding area and the Pivdennyi Buh River. An area of over 9,000 square meters was contaminated. The estimated amount of damage is UAH 45 billion.

