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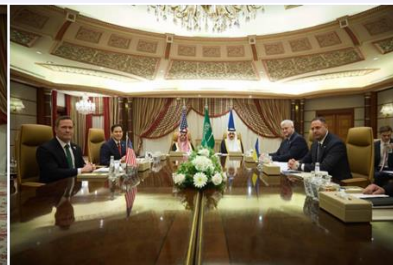
Negotiations between Ukraine and the United States

- Ukraine and the United States **reached key agreements** at talks in Saudi Arabia. The US announced the immediate lifting of the pause in intelligence sharing and **the resumption of military assistance**. The Ukrainian side agreed to a temporary 30-day **ceasefire**, which could be extended if Russia complies with it. As part of these talks, they also agreed to conclude a comprehensive agreement on the development of Ukraine's **critical mineral resources** as soon as possible.
- US President Donald Trump expressed hope for a full ceasefire in the coming days and announced his intention to invite Volodymyr Zelenskyi to the White House. At the same time, Trump's adviser, Mike Waltz, said that the Ukrainian delegation shared the US president's vision of peace, and Secretary of State Marco Rubio emphasized that **Russia's** response to the ceasefire would determine its **readiness for real negotiations**.
- The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry assured that the 30-day **ceasefire is not a freeze on the conflict** but only a step toward a just end to the war. At the same time, Zelenskyi emphasized that Ukraine does not recognize the occupied territories as Russian, and this is Ukraine's main red line in negotiations.
- Russia has not yet given an unequivocal response to the proposal for a temporary ceasefire. Vladimir Putin said that the idea of a ceasefire is "correct" but that **Russia requires additional guarantees**. He expressed concern about controlling ceasefire violations and Ukraine's ability to continue mobilizing and receiving weapons.
- Following talks in Saudi Arabia, the US unfreezed military aid to Ukraine through the Polish hub in Jasionka. In addition, Maxar Technologies is restoring **access to GEGD satellite data** for Ukrainian users.
- The Ukrainian side confirmed that during the talks with the United States, they discussed the issue of territories, in particular, the city of Enerhodar. Zelenskyi also commented on the situation at the front, noting that the Kursk operation had fulfilled its purpose and eased Russian pressure on the Kharkiv direction.
- Trump's special envoy Keith Kellogg was excluded from high-level talks on ending the war because Russia considered him too pro-Ukrainian. This was reported by NBC News, citing sources. Instead, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, National Security Adviser Mike Waltz, and Middle East Envoy Steve Witkoff are playing key roles in the talks.

International support

- **Saudi Arabia** has been actively contributing to the peace process over the war in Ukraine by providing a platform for negotiations between the parties. Meanwhile, Ursula von der Leyen stated that **the EU** is ready to play its role in the upcoming negotiations to achieve a comprehensive peace. The European Commission also **extended sanctions against Russia** for 6 months, covering 2,400 individuals and companies, blocking their assets and imposing a travel ban, although some individuals were removed from the sanctions list at Hungary's request.

- The United States did not extend the license **to pay for Russian oil** through sanctioned banks, which is part of the strategy of negotiations to end the war.
- Finland has provided **€16 million in humanitarian aid** to Ukraine through the UN and the Red Cross, emphasizing its support since the beginning of the war. In turn, the country also sentenced Russian neo-Nazi Yan Petrovskyi to life in prison for war crimes in Ukraine, becoming **the first country to indict a Russian for crimes committed in Ukraine**.
- At the same time, international negotiations on Ukraine's security are gaining momentum: France and the United Kingdom initiated the **creation of a 37-nation "coalition of the willing"** to guarantee security and provide Ukraine with the necessary military assistance. Macron and Starmer are also in talks with other countries, including Australia, Japan, and New Zealand, about the possibility of creating a peacekeeping force.
- Ukraine is actively working to conclude **an agreement** with the United States **on minerals**. Bloomberg wrote that the US President wants to link the mining agreement to the Ukrainian side's commitment to a ceasefire as soon as possible.
- The defense ministers of France, Germany, Italy, Poland, and the United Kingdom meet in Paris to discuss **strengthening Europe's defense capabilities** and security guarantees for Ukraine. This meeting also emphasizes the European ability to coordinate its security policy after US President Trump's statements about reducing European security commitments, making a united front from European states important.
- In terms of **economic aid**, Canada has allocated **\$1.7 billion** to Ukraine, backed by proceeds from frozen Russian assets. Sweden has allocated a record \$137.7 million for **humanitarian needs**, including infrastructure restoration and training of healthcare workers. Canada has also allocated €33.4 million to rebuild Ukraine's energy infrastructure.
- In the defense sector, Ukraine has successfully **renewed its Navy**, increasing the number of ships and boats to 90 with the help of foreign partners. Also, the Ukrainian company Skiftech received a contract from the US Army to develop **laser simulators**, which adds new prospects for the development of military technologies. **US defense startups** have teamed up with Ukrainian manufacturers to develop **drones for the US military**. Ukrainians, despite limited resources, have successfully established mass production of drones. This cooperation has attracted the attention of the US Department of Defense, as American startups have spent billions on less efficient drones.
- In addition, China has begun to reduce its purchases of Russian oil due to new US sanctions, with some Chinese oil companies suspending supplies, signaling new economic complications for Russia.
- European countries are intensifying their search for an **alternative to Starlink** for Ukraine, negotiating with leading satellite operators, including SES, Hisdesat, Viasat, Inmarsat, and Eutelsat/OneWeb. This is happening against the backdrop of Ukraine's strategic **dependence on satellite Internet**. At the same time, Elon Musk confirmed that Starlink will remain available to Ukraine and will not be used as a political tool. Previously, Poland has announced its intention to purchase another 5,000 Starlink terminals, in addition to the 30,000 already delivered, to ensure stable Internet connection in times of war.



- Denmark is **ready to send its military** to Ukraine if there is a need for a European peacekeeping force. This decision has been supported by the government and members of parliament, although no concrete measures have been taken yet, and everything depends on the development of events. **Portugal** also does not rule out the **possibility of sending its military** to Ukraine as part of a peacekeeping mission, as stated by Defense Minister Nuno Melo in an interview with Renascença radio station. European peacekeepers who may be sent after the war ends will be given **the right to strike at Russia if it violates the terms of the ceasefire**. This information was reported by the Associated Press agency from Paris, where representatives of more than 30 countries held talks on the creation of an international force to deter Russian aggression after the truce in the Russian-Ukrainian war.

Other

- The US vetoed Canada's initiative in the G7 to create a group **to combat Russia's shadow fleet**, Bloomberg reports. In negotiations on the wording of a joint statement on maritime issues, U.S. officials also want to soften the wording in the context of Russia. In particular, they want to remove the word "sanctions," as well as the phrase "Russia's ability to wage war" in Ukraine, replacing it with "generate revenue." The text of the joint statement is not yet final - it may still be changed.
- The naval forces of Russia, Iran, and China have practiced **joint tactics to repel attacks** by maritime attack drones, as well as to search for and board a ship. The Russian Ministry of Defense released the relevant footage. The International **Maritime Security Belt 2025 exercise**, organized by the Iranian side, was the seventh annual operation of the Chinese, Russian, and Iranian navies, during which about 15 ships, supply vessels, and combat boats, as well as naval helicopters, were deployed in the Gulf of Oman.
- Kyiv Independent journalists posed as a Russian arms manufacturer and found that **chips from Europe** and the United States are still available to Russian intermediary companies and, through them, to **Russian arms manufacturers**. This is stated in the relevant investigation. Thus, despite the bans imposed by the United States and Europe on the supply of electronic components to Russia, dozens of Russian microelectronics suppliers continue to receive and resell imported chips to Russian arms manufacturers.
- Imports of **Russian oil to India** have resumed after a three-month decline, Reuters reports. In March, imports of Russian oil, mainly Urals, returned to 1.54 million barrels per day after falling to 1.1-1.2 million barrels per day over the previous three months.
- The U.S. Department of Government Effectiveness (DOGE), headed by businessman Elon Musk, has **stopped funding** a group of Yale University researchers who have been **searching for and returning home Ukrainian children** deported to Russia. This was reported by the Telegraph with reference to a representative of Yale University. Earlier, thanks to the group's efforts, hundreds of Ukrainian children were found, among whom about **1240 were repatriated** to Ukraine in cooperation with the Bring Kids Back UA campaign of the Ukrainian president.



Military Support

- The Armed Forces of Ukraine have received a Romanian short-range anti-aircraft missile system (SAM) CA-95. The relevant photos were published by the National Information Portal "Tisch".
- Ukraine will receive €195 million worth of weapons from France, according to Armed Forces Minister Sebastien Lecornu. The deal will be paid for with interest from frozen Russian assets. The money will be spent on 155-mm artillery shells, AASM bombs used by Mirage 2000 fighters, as well as AMX-10RC light tanks and VAB armored personnel carriers.
- The Baltic and Scandinavian countries have begun joint training of a Ukrainian brigade as part of the Nordic-Baltic Brigade project. This was announced by the Minister of Defense of Ukraine, Rustem Umerov, following the NB8 meeting, which brought together the defense ministers of Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.
- The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine has signed a memorandum of understanding with Diehl Defense, a manufacturer of IRIS missiles. According to Rustem Umerov, the signed agreement paves the way for large industrial projects that will strengthen the capabilities of Ukrainian air defense. The memorandum also provides for a threefold increase in the supply of missiles and air defense systems.
- The Ministry of Defense of Portugal handed over eight SA-330 Puma helicopters to Ukraine as part of a military assistance package at the end of 2024.
- The Government of Portugal will continue to provide assistance to Ukraine in 2025 within its own commitments. This was announced by Portuguese Defense Minister Nuno Melo. According to him, Portugal will provide assistance to Ukraine in the amount of 226 million euros in 2025. These funds will be used to transfer weapons directly and to purchase other equipment for the military.
- Canadian armored vehicle manufacturer Roshel has delivered the 1700th Senator to Ukraine. This was announced by the founder of Roshel, Roman Shymonov, for the CP24 TV channel.
- The Swedish company Saab and the Ukrainian company Radionics have signed a memorandum of intent to establish a strategic partnership in the field of military electronics. This was reported in a Saab press release. The cooperation involves the joint development and maintenance of sensor systems and electronics, combining the strengths of both companies. "Radionics will provide its developments in the fields of radar and optical equipment, and Saab will contribute its experience in defense technology and high-precision electronics.
- Finland will provide Ukraine with a €200 million aid package. The full content of the aid is traditionally not disclosed, but the package will include, among other things, artillery ammunition.
- Sweden has signed a contract for the production and supply of 18 Archer self-propelled artillery systems and 5 ARTHUR counter-battery radars to Ukraine. This was announced by Swedish Defense Minister Paul Johnson. The deal is worth about \$300 million and is part of the 18th package of military assistance to Ukraine.
- The Swedish government will finance the production of Ukrainian weapons based on the Danish model. This is stated in a statement by the government. The amount and timing of the funding is not disclosed, as well as the list of types of weapons to be financed. The report says that, for example, the production of Bohdana self-propelled artillery systems or 155-mm ammunition could be financed.

Key Events of the Week:

- A record number of combat engagements was recorded over the past week (up to 259 per day). Russian forces have intensified attacks in the Sumy and Kursk regions, attempting to breach the border and encircle Ukrainian troops.
- Increased UAV strikes: Ukrainian air defense forces shoot down dozens of drones each night. Ukraine also carried out a large-scale strike on Moscow, Ryazan, Kursk, and strategic Russian targets.
- Ukrainian forces regained positions near Synkivka (Kharkiv region) and Burlatske (Donetsk region).
- The Ukrainian Armed Forces attacked the Novokuybyshevsk oil refinery, the Moscow oil refinery, and the "Stalnoy Kon" station, which services the Druzhba oil pipeline.
- Escalation of Russian attacks on border regions: The General Staff confirmed active fighting in the Kursk direction. Russian forces conduct dozens of assault operations, using aviation (up to 28 guided bombs per day).
- Putin visited the Kursk region for the first time, stating that captured Ukrainian soldiers would be treated as "terrorists."
- The Ministry of Defense signed an agreement to triple the supply of IRIS-T missiles.

09.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 167 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. Ukrainian air defense forces shot down 73 enemy drones overnight. ➤ Throughout the week, Russia carried out hundreds of attacks using various types of weapons: approximately 1,200 guided aerial bombs, nearly 870 attack drones, and over 80 missiles of different types were used. ➤ The Ministry of Defense signed an agreement with the manufacturer of the IRIS-T air defense system, which provides for a threefold increase in missile supplies. "Protecting Ukraine's skies and cities is our priority. The signed agreement paves the way for major industrial projects that will strengthen Ukraine's air defense capabilities," the Ministry of Defense stated.
10.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 151 combat engagements were recorded on the front line over the past day. Overnight, Ukrainian air defense forces shot down 130 drones. ➤ The Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) regained positions near Synkivka in the Kharkiv region and Burlatske in the Donetsk region, according to the DeepState resource. Meanwhile, the enemy advanced near Ulakly in the Donetsk region. ➤ Ukrainian drones attacked the Novokuybyshevsk oil refinery in Russia. "With a capacity of 8.8 million tons of oil per year, it is one of the ten largest refineries in Russia. The plant produces a wide range of petroleum products, including gasoline, diesel fuel, and fuel oil, which are critical for transport and military equipment," stated the head of the Center for Countering Disinformation at the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. He emphasized that this refinery is of strategic importance to the Russian army, as it ensures stable fuel supplies for military operations. ➤ The U.S. Secretary of State stated that Ukraine will have to make territorial concessions regarding the land Russia has occupied since 2014. Before leaving for Saudi Arabia for negotiations with the Ukrainian delegation, Marco Rubio emphasized that both sides of the conflict must understand that a military solution is impossible. He also noted that a key aspect of future negotiations with Moscow will be determining what Russia is willing to concede in order to achieve peace. ➤ The situation on the border of the Sumy region with Russia's Kursk region remains under the control of Ukraine's Defense Forces, according to the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Oleksandr Syrskiy. Several settlements along the border, mentioned in Russian propaganda reports, no longer exist—they have been destroyed by enemy fire. ➤ At present, there is no threat of encirclement of Ukrainian units in the Kursk region. Ukrainian forces are maneuvering in a timely manner to advantageous defensive positions. ➤ Despite Russia deploying a significant number of troops reinforced by North Korean infantry for offensive operations, the enemy is suffering heavy personnel and equipment losses. In the Plekhove area alone, Russia has effectively lost a battalion of infantry in four days of fighting. Small enemy sabotage and reconnaissance groups attempting to infiltrate Ukrainian territory are being eliminated by Ukrainian firepower, thanks to a well-established defense system.
11.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In total, 140 combat engagements were recorded yesterday. Overnight, Ukrainian air defenses shot down one ballistic missile and 79 enemy drones. ➤ Hundreds of drones attacked Russia overnight. The Russian Ministry of Defense claims to have shot down 337 of them. Moscow Mayor Sobyanin stated that this was the most massive strike on the capital, allegedly destroying 74 UAVs. Moscow region Governor Vorobyov reported that one person was supposedly killed and three others injured. Apartment buildings and private houses were damaged. Flight restrictions were imposed at local airports. The head of the Center for Countering Disinformation at Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, Kovalenko, reported that a military airfield in "Dyagilevo" near Ryazan was also attacked, and strikes were carried out in the Kursk region. ➤ Ukraine's General Staff reported that overnight, Defense Forces struck strategic targets in Russia. The Moscow oil refinery, which processes 11 million tons of oil annually and supplies 40-50% of the city's diesel and gasoline needs, was targeted. ➤ Explosions were also reported in the area of the "Stalnoy Kon" line-production dispatching station in Russia's Oryol region. This facility manages technological processes for the Druzhba oil pipeline and plays a crucial role in supplying oil to the Ust-Luga seaport terminal in the Leningrad region. Officials also stated that Russian air defense actions resulted in damage to several civilian infrastructure facilities.

Losses of the Russian army from 09.03.2025 to 15.03.2025

Liquidated personnel	7 920
Tanks	33
IFVs	78
Artillery systems / MLRS	290/6
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	2
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	810
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	613
Special equipment	4





12.03

- A total of 259 combat engagements took place over the past day. Ukrainian air defenses shot down 98 out of 133 Russian drones launched overnight.
- Maps published by Ukraine's General Staff indicate Russian advances in the Kursk region. The map dated March 11 shows that Russian forces are already near Sudzha. RBC-Ukraine, citing sources, reports that the enemy likely aims to cut off the Sudzha-Yunakivka-Sumy road (a key logistical route for Ukraine's Defense Forces), quickly encircling Ukrainian troops. The public broadcaster Suspilne, quoting a soldier stationed in the region, also reported Russian fire control over the road. Ukraine's General Staff has not commented on this yet. In its morning update at 08:00 on March 12, it stated that 33 battles took place in the Kursk direction over the past day. Russian forces conducted 22 airstrikes using 28 guided bombs (KABs) and carried out 280 artillery attacks in the same period.
- The enemy is attempting to break through the border in the Sumy region but is being repelled by Ukraine's Defense Forces, according to the State Border Guard Service spokesperson. "Trying to push Ukraine's Defense Forces out of the Kursk region, Russian troops are conducting dozens of assault operations against Ukrainian positions. Their goal is to encircle our forces in the Kursk region or cut off supply routes. Currently, we are seeing attempts to cross the border in small assault groups of 2-3 soldiers, sometimes up to 5, aiming to penetrate deeper into Ukrainian territory, consolidate positions, and expand the combat zone. However, they have not succeeded—just yesterday, around 20 Russian soldiers were eliminated," said Andrii Demchenko.
- Fierce fighting continues in the outskirts of Sudzha and surrounding areas, reported Commander-in-Chief Syrskyi. The enemy is deploying assault units to break through and push Ukrainian forces out of Russia's Kursk region, attempting to shift the battles into Sumy and Kharkiv regions. "My top priority in this difficult situation remains the preservation of Ukrainian soldiers' lives. To achieve this, Defense Forces units maneuver to more advantageous positions when necessary," he emphasized. Syrskyi also added, "Despite intensified pressure from the Russian-North Korean army, we will defend the Kursk region as long as it remains feasible and necessary."
- For the first time since the Ukrainian operation began, Vladimir Putin visited the Kursk region. The Russian General Staff claims their armed forces have allegedly regained control over 86% of the territory previously seized by Ukraine. They also state that Russian troops have supposedly entered the Sumy region in some areas. Putin declared that captured Ukrainian soldiers in the Kursk region "will be treated as terrorists."
- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyi held a press conference summarizing talks between the U.S. and Ukrainian delegations in Saudi Arabia. He reiterated that Ukraine will not recognize occupied territories as Russian and that martial law will remain in place until the war ends. Elections will be held according to Ukrainian law. He emphasized that Ukraine's strikes on Russia were not a show of force but a justified response.
- Over the past three years, 4,131 people have been freed from Russian captivity. A total of 61 prisoner exchanges have taken place. Additionally, 447 Ukrainians were returned outside of the exchange process, according to the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War, which was established three years ago.

13.03

- Over the past day, 138 combat engagements were recorded on the front line. During the night, air defense forces shot down 74 UAVs, while another 38 drones were lost from radar tracking.
- Long-range strike drones of Ukraine's Defence Intelligence (HUR) hit a concealed UAV production facility in Russia, located in the settlement of Obukhovo, Kaluga region, according to Ukrinform, citing an intelligence source. According to the agency's interlocutor, production lines for assembling drones were placed in the workshops of the Kaluga Aerated Concrete Plant.
- Russian troops have crossed the Oskil River and are attempting to transfer additional forces across the frozen waterbody, reported Major Viktor Trehubov, spokesperson for the operational-strategic troop grouping "Khortytsia." The Russians are using small watercraft to transport troops, but the conditions are different from before. Trehubov noted that "the Russians took advantage of the opportunity to move part of their boats across the ice; now, it is the task of the Ukrainians to push them out of there." Additionally, the enemy continues attempts to move troops using small watercraft, but these actions are significantly restricted.

14.03

- Over the past day, 146 combat engagements took place. On the night of March 14, 2025 (from 8:00 PM on March 13), the enemy launched 27 Shahed-type attack drones and various decoy UAVs from Millerovo and Primorsko-Akhtarsk (Russia).
- Ukraine's General Staff dismissed Russian claims about the alleged encirclement of Ukrainian troops in Kursk Oblast. "These reports do not correspond to reality and are created by the Russians for political purposes and to exert pressure on Ukraine and its partners," the General Staff's statement reads. The situation has not significantly changed over the past 24 hours, and fighting in the "Kursk" troop grouping's operational zone continues.
- Putin set a new condition for a ceasefire—Ukrainian troops in Kursk Oblast must surrender. He made this statement during an operational meeting with the permanent members of Russia's Security Council. Additionally, Putin outlined his demands for a 30-day ceasefire, which include halting mobilization and military training in Ukraine, and stopping the supply of Western weapons to Ukraine.
- In Sumy Oblast, Defense Forces repelled an enemy sabotage and reconnaissance group (DRG). A group of ten Russian saboteurs crossed the border and attempted to advance deeper into Ukrainian territory. The enemy was forced to retreat, according to Ukraine's State Border Guard Service.
- The Ukrainian Armed Forces have officially approved the domestic WINFLY drone systems for operational use. "These copters are based on frames of various sizes. Certain engineering solutions were applied during their design to enhance crew safety during combat operations and increase their resistance to enemy electronic warfare (EW) systems," the Ministry of Defense stated. These UAVs can strike field fortifications and moving ground targets, as well as track and destroy enemy reconnaissance drones.

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This week shelling and strikes



Massive attacks per week

- **Attack on the night of March 9:** Air defense shot down 73 enemy drones out of 119. Another 37 UAVs were lost locationally. Due to the Russian attack that night, the Donetsk region, Kharkiv region, Poltava region, Cherkasy region, Sumy region, and Zaporizhzhia region were affected.
- **Attack on the night of March 10:** Air defense shot down 130 Russian drones, another 42 were lost locationally. In total, Russia launched 176 drones. They were shot down in 15 regions. The Kharkiv region, Poltava region and Kyiv region were affected by the attack.
- **Attack on the night of March 11:** Air defense shot down one Iskander-M ballistic missile and 79 Shahed-type attack drones. Another 35 imitation drones did not reach their targets. Air defense worked in 11 regions.
- **Attack on the night of March 12:** Air defense shot down 98 Russian drones out of 133. Another 20 drones were lost locationally. The Russians also launched three Iskander-M ballistic missiles. Targets were shot down in 15 regions.
- **Attack on the night of March 13:** Air defense shot down 74 Russian drones, another 38 were lost locationally. In total, the Russians launched one Iskander-M ballistic missile and 117 drones at Ukraine. Targets were shot down in 11 regions.
- **Attack on the night of March 14:** Air defense shot down 16 Russian drones out of 27, another 9 were lost locationally. Targets were shot down in 4 regions. There is damage in the Kharkiv region and Donetsk region.
- **Attack on the night of March 15:** Air defense destroyed 130 Russian drones, another 38 did not reach their targets. A total of 178 UAVs were launched. Air defense worked in 14 regions.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

- Throughout the week, the Zaporizhzhia oblast suffered from attacks by UAVs of various modifications and artillery shelling.

On March 9, Russian forces struck the village of Bilenke with a drone. One person was injured in the attack, and a house was damaged. On March 12, Russian forces shelled the settlement of Stepanohirsk with barrel artillery. One person was injured, and a summer kitchen was destroyed.

Additionally, throughout the week, the following settlements were affected by attacks: Huliaipole, Charivne, Zaporizhzhia, Bilenke, Liutserna, Andriivka, Kamianske, Piatyhatky, Shcherbaky, Novodanylivka, Mala Tokmachka, Novodarivka, Preobrazhenka, Blakytne, Novoandriivka, Pavlivka, Veselianska, Orikhiv, Kushuhum, Malokaterynivka, Stepove, Mykilske, Prymorske.

Kharkiv and the oblast

- Throughout the week, the Kharkiv oblast suffered from artillery shelling and UAV attacks.

On March 11, Russian forces attacked the city of Balakliia using a Geran-2 UAV. One person was injured in the attack. A warehouse building, three tractors, a seeder, a combine harvester, one truck, and two passenger cars were also damaged. On March 14, Russian forces carried out two UAV strikes on a hospital in the settlement of Zolochiv. A member of the emergency medical team was injured in the attack, and the hospital's roof caught fire.

Other settlements affected by attacks included: Kochetok, Kupiansk, Kivsharivka, Tsykuny, Stetskiivka, Ruski Tyshky, Pokrovske, Verkhniiozoryanske, Ivashky, Borova, Kozacha Lopan, Osynove, Radkivka, Buhaivka, Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, Kurylivka, Kharkiv, Siryi Yar, Chuhuiv, Horokhovatka, Slatyne, Bohodukhiv.

Sumy oblast

- Throughout the week, the Sumy region suffered from artillery and mortar shelling. Additionally, there were attacks using FPV drones, guided aerial bombs (KABs), and UAV-dropped grenades (VOGs).

On March 11, Russian forces shelled Myropillia using mortars, KABs, and UAV-dropped explosive devices. One person was injured, and a private house was destroyed. Additionally, in Sumy, an enemy drone struck a warehouse facility.

Other settlements attacked throughout the week included: Sumy, Yunakivka, Bilopillia, Krasnopillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Esman, Verkhnia Syrovatka, Mykolaivka (rural community), Khotin, Myropillia, Khutir-Mykhailivka, Seredyna-Buda, Svesa, Hlukhiv, Bezdryk, Boromlia, Znob-Novhorodske, Shalyhyne, Okhtyrka.

Dnipro and the oblast

- From March 9 to 15, the Dnipropetrovsk region endured relentless and continuous shelling by Russian forces. The Nikopol, Kryvyi Rih, and Synelnykove districts, as well as the city of Dnipro, were under attack. The occupiers used artillery, kamikaze drones, guided aerial bombs, missile weaponry, and munitions dropped from UAVs. Over this period, one person was killed, and more than 30 were injured in the region.
- Nikopol suffered the most, with strikes targeting Nikopol, Pokrovsk, Marhanets, Myrove, and Chervonohryhorivka communities. The attacks destroyed and damaged residential buildings, administrative structures, businesses, shops, a church, a hospital, greenhouses, vehicles, power lines, and gas pipelines. Numerous fires were recorded.

In Dnipro, a massive drone attack on March 11 caused fires and infrastructure destruction, destroying private houses and vehicles. On March 13, infrastructure facilities were again damaged, injuring four people.

Kryvyi Rih was attacked on March 12 and 14, with residential areas, an entertainment venue, shops, pharmacies, cafés, sports, and educational institutions suffering destruction. These attacks injured 29 people, including two children, and resulted in one fatality.

This week shelling and strikes

Donetsk oblast

- Throughout the week, the Donetsk oblast suffered from attacks by aerial bombs, artillery, and FPV drones.

On March 11, Russian forces shelled Rivne in the Myrnohrad community with artillery. The attack resulted in the deaths of two people and injured one other. Additionally, FPV drones targeted two civilian vehicles between Pokrovsk and Rodynske, killing one person and injuring two others. On March 12, Russian forces dropped 11 aerial bombs on Kostiantynivka. This attack killed two people and wounded eight more. Numerous apartment buildings and private houses were also damaged.

- Throughout the week, the following settlements were also targeted:
 - Volnovakha district: Voskresenka, Andriivka-Klevtsove.
 - Pokrovsk district: Myrnohrad, Bilytske, Malynivka, Novoekonomichne.
 - Kramatorsk district: Zarichne, Druzhkivka, Raihorodok, Podilske, Lyman, Mykolaivka, Poltavka, Sloviansk, Novodmytrivka, Molocharka, Torske, Oleksiievo-Druzhkivka, Zakytna, Dovha Balka.
 - Bakhmut district: Siversk.

Odesa oblast

- The Russian army carried out drone attacks on Odesa and the region from March 10 to 12, as well as on March 14, targeting port and civilian infrastructure.

During the attack on March 10, a warehouse, a fuel tank, and a residential building were damaged. On March 11, port infrastructure and a civilian vessel were severely damaged, resulting in the deaths of four Syrian citizens and injuries to two others. On March 14, the attack damaged critical infrastructure, a private house, a store, and several vehicles. The city of Chornomorsk was left without electricity, and one person was injured.

Chernihiv oblast

- From March 9 to 15, the Russian army carried out intense shelling of the Chernihiv region, targeting border communities and other districts. Attacks were recorded in the Novhorod-Siverskyi, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnia communities, as well as in the Koriukivka and Pryluky districts. At least 11 villages came under fire. Various types of weapons were used, including artillery, mortars, FPV drones, and strike UAVs.

On March 9, a Russian drone attack in the Pryluky district damaged five residential buildings. Shelling also destroyed and damaged homes and agricultural structures in border communities of the Novhorod-Siverskyi and Koriukivka districts.

On March 15, a drone attack in Chernihiv damaged a nine-story residential building.

Kherson and the oblast

- The situation in the Kherson region remains critical due to ongoing Russian shelling. Between March 9 and 15, dozens of settlements came under attack, including Antonivka, Beryslav, Bilozerka, Dniprovske, Inzhenerne, Kizomys, Llove, Mykilske, Novooleksandrivka, Novoraisk, Olhivka, Stanislav, Tiahynka, Chervonyi Maiak, and the city of Kherson.
- The occupiers used artillery, kamikaze drones, guided aerial bombs (KABs), and missiles. At least 20 apartment buildings and 50 private homes were damaged, along with administrative and social facilities, hospitals, warehouses, gas pipelines, power grids, shops, vehicles, and agricultural structures.

Throughout the week, Russian forces actively used UAVs to attack residential areas and civilians on the streets of towns and villages. There were also multiple strikes with guided aerial bombs on civilian infrastructure. On March 11, the Russian army launched six KAB strikes on the Tiahynka community, dropped four guided bombs on the Novoraisk community, and two on the Kherson community. That same day, an attack hit the Dnipro market in Kherson, causing injuries. On March 14, Russian forces dropped eight guided bombs on the Kherson and Beryslav districts. As a result of these attacks, five civilians were injured, and one was killed.

Over the week, Russian attacks in the Kherson region claimed the lives of nine people and injured more than 60, including three children.

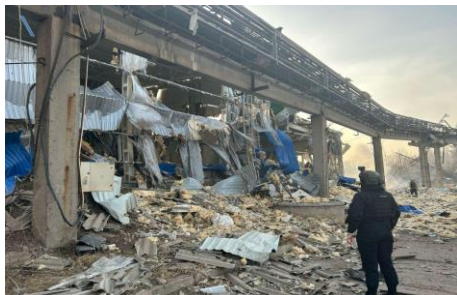
Other oblasts

- The past week was also tense in other regions of Ukraine. On March 9, explosions were heard in Cherkasy, and on March 9, 11, and 12, in Kyiv. Fortunately, there were no casualties.
- Additionally, from March 9 to 14, the Mykolaiv region suffered multiple attacks by Russian forces, including FPV drone strikes, artillery, and mortar shelling. The Ochakiv, Kutsurub, Shevchenkove, and Halytsynove communities came under fire. The attacks damaged residential buildings, agricultural structures, power lines, and warehouses.
- Notably, in the Kutsurub community, a repair crew's vehicle was hit in a repeated drone strike.



The week of shelling

Donetsk oblast



Zaporizhzhia oblast



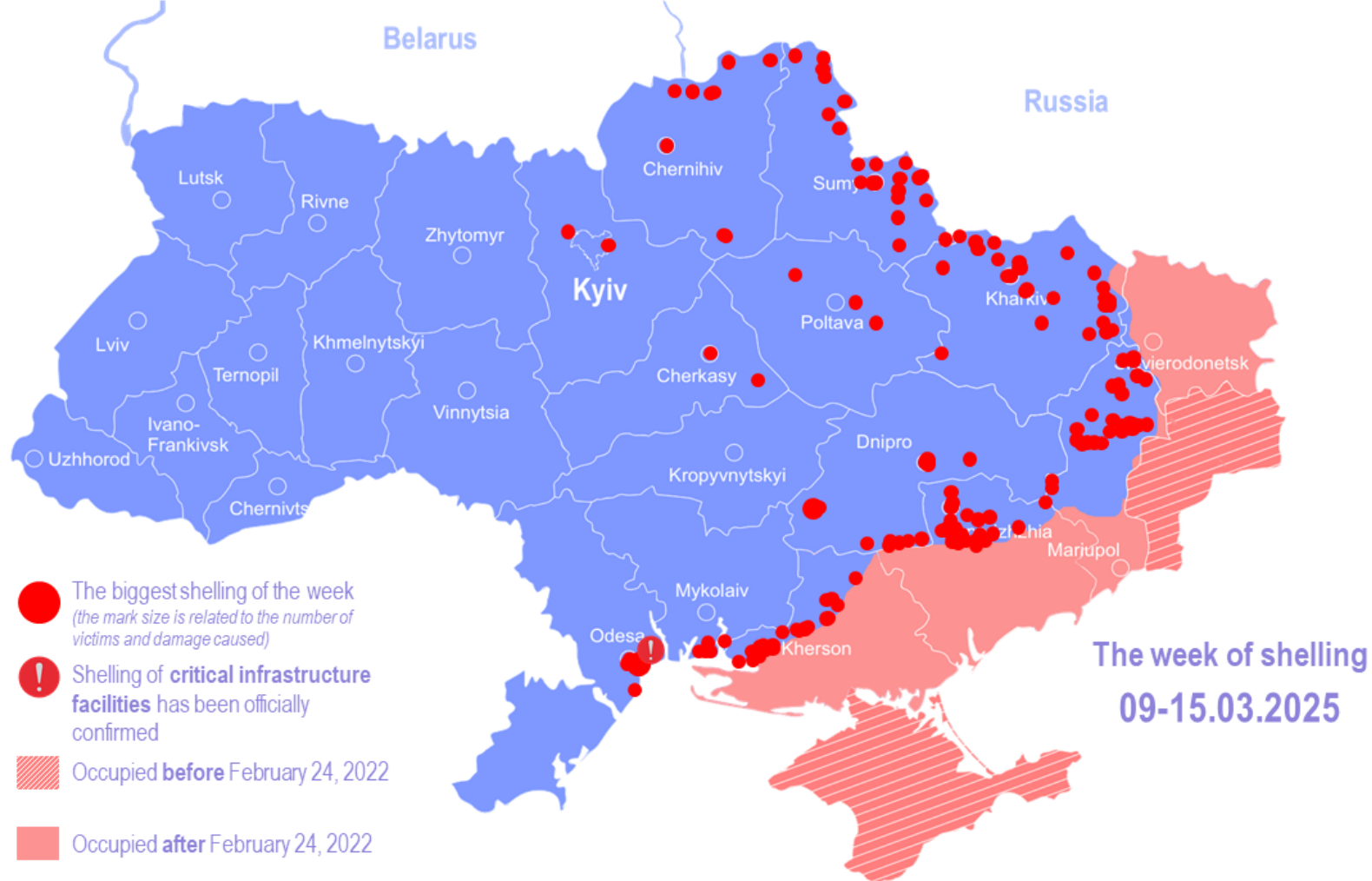
Kharkiv oblast



Odesa oblast



Dnipropetrovsk oblast



Temporarily Occupied Territories (TOT) and Evacuation

- In the temporarily occupied territories, Russians are depriving pensioners who were forcibly passported of their rights – in particular, in Kakhovka, the Russian Federation is massively taking away pensions by inventing formal reasons, such as “suspicious entries in the employment record book,” as reported by the National Resistance Center. As a result, the elderly are left without means of subsistence, as they are considered a burden by the occupiers.
- Currently, 2,900 civilians remain in the Kupiansk community in the Kharkiv Oblast despite constant shelling and calls for evacuation. This was reported by Andrii Besedin, head of the Kupiansk City Military Administration. However, as the weather conditions improve, the situation may become more complicated, and it will become more difficult for residents to leave the community.
- Ancient stone women monuments from the X-XI centuries, located on the temporarily occupied territory of the Sokolohirsk in Luhansk Oblast, are under threat of complete destruction. The National Resistance Center noted that the Russian occupiers moved the millennia-old monuments, and during transportation, they were essentially broken.

International Support

- The Ministry of Energy's press service reported that the Icelandic government transferred more than EUR 2 million to the Energy Support Fund of Ukraine. Thus, Iceland's total contribution to the Fund has increased to more than EUR 5.6 million. These funds were used to purchase the necessary equipment for fuel and energy sector enterprises in Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson Oblasts.
- Secretary of State Marco Rubio officially announced the closure of 83% of USAID programs, claiming that their funding is unprofitable for the United States. He wrote about this on his page on the social networking site X. At the same time, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is terminating a \$75 million grant agreement with the Energy Support Fund of Ukraine.
- Ukraine has received the first tranche from Canada in the amount of 2.5 billion Canadian dollars (about 1.7 billion US dollars) under the G7 Extraordinary Revenue Acceleration for Ukraine (ERA) initiative. The funds will be used for the priority needs of the state budget. In addition, the Government of Canada has contributed another EUR 33.4 million to the Energy Support Fund for Ukraine. Canada also declared a future contribution of EUR 6.7 million (CAD 10 million). The agency noted that part of the funds from this contribution will be used to support the energy supply of critical social infrastructure in the healthcare sector through the development of solar generation systems.
- Austrian Foreign Minister Beate Meinel-Reisinger will visit Kyiv on March 14 and allocate €5 million to Ukraine for demining agricultural land and €2 million to support the Grain from Ukraine program.
- On March 13, Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Benjamin Dousa stated that his country would provide \$137.7 million to Ukraine to support reconstruction, development, and urgent humanitarian needs. Dousa also added that this civilian aid program is the largest in Sweden's history. It includes support for the reconstruction of destroyed infrastructure, demining, and the training of medical workers.

Consequences of the War for Civilians

- The International Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine expects at least 6-8 million applications from Ukrainians. This was announced by Dmytro Lubinets, the Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights. “The Register of Damage is an official mechanism for recording evidence of damage, loss, or harm caused by the war after February 24, 2022. Its main purpose is to document claims from individuals and legal entities, as well as the state of Ukraine, for further compensation for a wide range of damages,” he reminded.
- As of the end of January 2025, nearly 4.3 million Ukrainians have been granted temporary protection in the EU. Compared to December 2024, their number has increased by more than 25,000, according to Eurostat. Germany (1,170,250 people; 27.3% of the total EU population), Poland (993,015; 23.2%), and the Czech Republic (394,985; 9.2%) remain the leaders in terms of the number of Ukrainian refugees. Adult women accounted for almost half (44.8%) of the beneficiaries of temporary protection in January, children accounted for 31.8%, and adult men – 23.4% of the total.
- According to data from the Office of the Prosecutor General, after the de-occupation of Borodianka in Kyiv Oblast in the spring of 2022, more than 60 civilians are still reported missing. Law enforcement has not yet been able to determine whether they are alive or dead. Law enforcement officials also stated that at least 171 civilians were killed during the fighting and occupation of Borodianka.
- As of now, 139,000 square kilometers (or 23%) of Ukraine's territory remain potentially mined. The government is committed to conducting humanitarian demining as soon as possible. On March 11, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal stated that 84 certified operators are currently working on demining. 225 demining machines are involved, some of which are made in Ukraine. The Prime Minister also noted that farmers have already received more than UAH 529 million in compensation for the demining of agricultural land.

Recovery of Ukraine

- Since the beginning of the year, more than 26,000 unemployed and internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been referred to the Army of Restoration. According to the report, the program provides an opportunity not only to find a temporary job but also to improve professional skills to secure a permanent job. Thus, about 30% of participants have already received permanent employment offers from employers.
- On Friday, March 14, the Cabinet of Ministers allocated UAH 207 million in a grant from the World Bank for a project to transform Ukraine's healthcare system. Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal announced that these funds will be used to improve the capacity of the Ukrainian healthcare system, implement digitalization tools, and enhance management effectiveness. Shmyhal also noted that this year, the government is allocating tens of billions of hryvnias for reconstruction. In particular, this week UAH 2 billion was allocated for the IDP housing program, which will help more than 1,300 Ukrainian families purchase new homes.

Prisoners of War

- The Russian occupation army killed five captured servicemen of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the Kursk Region of the Russian Federation. This was reported by the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, Dmytro Lubinets. The Russian war crime took place in the village of Kozacha Loknia in the Kursk Region of the Russian Federation. Ukrainian units had been blocked and cut off from the main forces in this settlement for about a week.

