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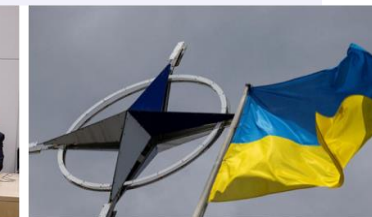
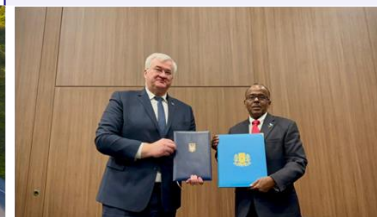
The U.S. negotiations with Ukraine and Russia

- **The situation in the Black Sea continues to escalate:** Russia launched eight Kalibr sea-launched cruise missiles, six of which were shot down by Ukrainian air defense. This happened despite the agreements reached during the US-Russia talks in Riyadh on March 24. Ukraine's Air Force emphasizes that this indicates **the absence of any ceasefire**, as well as a violation of the agreements already reached. U.S. President Donald Trump also commented on the situation, expressing **his dissatisfaction** with the active shelling: "They are bombing like crazy." He confirmed that the United States was consulting with both sides but did not specify whether this was bringing the ceasefire closer.
- A month ago, on March 11, the US proposed a temporary ceasefire, which was supported by Ukraine. However, Russia refused, making new demands, and has since fired nearly 70 missiles, over 2,220 drones, and 6,000 guided bombs at Ukraine. According to Ukraine's foreign minister, **Russia is "the only obstacle to peace and the only source of war,"** and the West should not hesitate to increase pressure.
- Amid the escalation, Ukraine continues to work to strengthen international cooperation. Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said that Ukraine has developed a clear **position on the subsoil agreement** with the United States and is finalizing the composition of the negotiating team that will travel to Washington to discuss the terms. At the same time, he emphasized that the agreement should be in line with Ukraine's European integration course.
- Trump, for his part, **called on Russia to "act,"** calling the war "horrible and senseless" and saying it would not have happened if he had been president. According to Reuters, Trump's representative Vitkoff said after meeting with Russian negotiator Kirill Dmitriev that the fastest way to a ceasefire is to hand over control of four Ukrainian regions to Russia. However, US Special Representative to Ukraine Keith Kellogg opposed this idea, emphasizing that **Ukraine would not agree to a unilateral loss of territory.**
- Russian media reported that a four-hour closed-door meeting between Vitkoff and Putin took place on April 11. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov does not rule out the possibility that the meeting could be followed by a telephone conversation between Trump and Putin.

International support

- Ukraine intensified its diplomatic efforts in response to another **massive shelling of Kryvyi Rih, which killed nine children.** Kyiv convened urgent meetings of the UN Security Council and the OSCE Permanent Council (both held on April 8). According to Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, Ukraine expects not only condemnation but also concrete steps to stop Russia's terror against civilians, including children. France has already responded publicly, with President Emmanuel Macron emphasizing the need to reach a truce as soon as possible and **stressing that decisive action must be taken if Moscow continues to sabotage peace.** On the same day, the Belgian Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, and Defense Minister arrived in Ukraine, with Bucha as their first destination.
- Amid the escalation of the situation, the United States redeployed its troops and equipment from Jasionka, Poland, a key logistical point of support for Ukraine since 2022. The U.S. Army Europe and Africa Command stated that this decision was the result of months of assessment and was agreed with NATO and the Polish side. According to General Christopher Donaghy, this will optimize costs and make the military presence more effective. The **coordination of assistance** to Ukraine will continue, but **under the leadership of NATO**, Poland, and with a smaller U.S. contingent.

- **Financial and economic support** for Ukraine from its partners is growing. Ukraine has received the third tranche of €1 billion under the G7 ERA initiative, which provides for 50 billion USD in aid, of which €18.1 billion is provided by the European Union. According to the Ministry of Finance, a total of €8.5 billion has already been transferred to the state budget under the ERA and the Ukraine Facility. The European Investment Bank has also allocated €300 million to Ukraine **to modernize its infrastructure**, including centralized heating, water supply, and social services. In addition, Ukraine and the EU **extended the "transport visa-free regime"** until the end of 2025, which allows Ukrainian carriers to operate without special permits, resulting in a 42% increase in exports to the EU and a 37% increase in imports.
- On the diplomatic front, Ukraine officially established relations with Somalia, which expressed support for Ukraine's territorial integrity and interest in strengthening cooperation.
- In Brussels, an agreement was signed on Ukraine's participation in the EU's Copernicus space program, as well as in the segments of "space situational awareness," in particular in the field of monitoring space weather and near-Earth objects. This step expands Ukraine's integration into European technology projects.
- **Japan** has expressed interest in joining NATO's **military support mission to Ukraine** - the NSATU mission is based in Wiesbaden, Germany. According to the Associated Press, the parties are currently discussing the possibility of Japanese forces' participation.
- Meanwhile, a meeting in the Ramstein format was held in Brussels, following which Ukraine's partners **announced new military assistance** worth more than €21 billion. This includes large-scale support from Germany, the UK, Norway, Belgium, Denmark, Lithuania, Estonia, and the Netherlands. In particular, Germany will provide Ukraine with four IRIS-T air defense systems, Patriot missiles, Marder combat vehicles, and Leopard 1 tanks in 2025, and its total additional assistance will reach €11 billion by 2029. The UK is providing £450 million worth of assistance, including drones, radars, and equipment repairs. In addition, a new **electronic warfare coalition** led by Germany and ten partners **has been created**, and the localization of missile production for Western air defense in Ukraine is being discussed, as German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said in a commentary to The Guardian.
- **The economic crisis in Russia is deepening.** According to Reuters, GDP growth in February 2025 fell sharply to 0.8% (compared to 3% in January), inflation exceeded 10%, and labor shortages and high interest rates are hampering economic dynamics. According to The Moscow Times, Urals oil has fallen to \$50-52 per barrel, \$20 below the figure set in the Russian budget and one of the lowest levels since the start of the full-scale invasion. Experts predict further economic decline. The Russian shadow fleet has also come under pressure from sanctions measures - Estonia has detained a vessel that is part of this scheme for the first time. The tanker Kiwala, which was heading to the Russian port of Ust-Luga without cargo, was stopped in the Gulf of Tallinn for violating the sanctions regime.
- In Washington, the US calls on **NATO to take the lead in supporting Ukraine.** According to Katherine Thompson, Assistant Secretary of Defense, the Alliance should return to a proactive strategic approach, as it was during the Cold War, and continue to invest in security. In her opinion, the UK and France are already setting an example by organizing defense initiatives to ensure sustainable peace in Ukraine.
- At the same time, Ukraine's defense and technology sector is expanding its cooperation with partners in the **satellite communications sector.** Stetman has signed an agreement with Sweden's Requtech to license the production of terminals for the OneWeb and Intelsat platforms. Although OneWeb terminals have a lower connection speed (5/50 Mbps versus 20/200 Mbps for Starlink), they provide a more stable connection. The main purpose is for the needs of the army and government agencies that require continuous access to communication in war conditions.



Peacekeepers

- During the first meeting of defense ministers in the format of a “**Coalition of the Willing**” held on April 10 at NATO headquarters in Brussels, the key topic was to **agree on approaches to ensuring long-term peace** in Ukraine. The meeting was attended by representatives of 30 countries, including those from Europe, as well as New Zealand, Australia and Japan.
- UK Defense Secretary John Healey emphasized that the future contingent would **not serve as a peacekeeping force**. Mr. Healey emphasized that the best way to enforce the ceasefire is through the power of the Ukrainian Armed Forces themselves.
- When journalists asked about the different **interpretations of the future mission** by individual ministers - from monitoring to deterrence - he replied that it was about strengthening Ukraine's defense capabilities. Regarding **the role of the United States**, Healey explained that Washington is responsible for mediating peace talks and will have a corresponding long-term responsibility for ensuring peace.
- The British minister also said that 200 military personnel from 30 countries are already involved in military planning, and the ministers themselves aim to speed up preparations in key areas - on the ground, in the air, at sea - as well as in the restoration of Ukrainian forces.

Chinese mercenaries in the Russian army

- In the Donetsk region, the Ukrainian military captured two Chinese citizens who fought in the Russian army. Ukraine's Foreign Ministry summoned China's Charge d'Affaires, emphasizing that the presence of the Chinese military in the Russian army **calls into question China's official peacekeeping position** and undermines its credibility in the international arena.
- Reuters reports that U.S. officials are aware of Beijing's authorization for **Chinese officers to be stationed behind the lines** of Russian troops. According to them, these officers are studying tactics and analyzing the course of hostilities to gain experience. China has officially stated that it has not sent its military to Ukraine.

Other

- The Defense Intelligence of Ukraine (the DIU) has found a significant **increase in the number of Chinese electronics** in the electronic warfare systems of the Shahed/Geran drones. Also, for the first time, Indian parts were found in Russian weapons, the DIU reports. Intelligence officers found that the electronic warfare protection system of Russian Shahed drones has almost completely lost its dependence on American components.
- The United States is considering a proposal **to withdraw up to 10,000 troops from Eastern Europe**, including Romania and Poland, NBC News reports, citing sources. These units are part of a total of 20,000 troops that the Joe Biden administration sent in 2022, after Russia's full-scale invasion, to strengthen the defense of countries bordering Ukraine. The number of troops to be withdrawn is still being discussed.
- The European Union **will not introduce new trade preferences for Ukraine** immediately after the current liberalization mechanism expires after June 5, 2025. At the same time, the EU, together with the Ukrainian side, will then propose some changes favorable to Ukraine. He added that the idea of leaving trade preferences for some Ukrainian exports to the EU, such as steel, is being discussed.
- Prince Harry made an unannounced visit to Ukraine. He visited the Superhumans Center in Lviv, where wounded soldiers are treated. He also met with the Minister of Veterans Affairs of Ukraine, Nataliia Kalmykova.

Military Support

- Norway will allocate another €400 million for artillery ammunition for Ukraine. In particular, the country is providing 4 billion kroner (€334 million) for a Czech initiative to buy artillery shells for Ukraine around the world. Another 1 billion kroons (about €83 million) is being provided for the European Peace Fund, through which the EU also finances military aid for Ukraine - this money will also be used for artillery ammunition.
- The Portuguese defense company TEKEVER will open a representative office in Ukraine. This will make it possible to improve and speed up the maintenance of UAVs for the Ukrainian Defense Forces.
- Canada has transferred 40,000 engines for 70-mm unguided aircraft missiles CRV7 (Canadian Rocket Vehicle 7) to Ukraine.
- The Czech Republic has completed the transfer of the last serviceable T-72M1 tanks to Ukraine. The last tanks of this type were sent to Ukraine in late March - early April 2025, thus ending their use in the Czech Army.
- Since the beginning of 2025, units of the National Police and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine have received 150 Roshel Senator MRAP armored vehicles. This was announced by US Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink. She also noted that another 40 such armored vehicles are currently being delivered.
- Sweden will purchase Polish drones for the Ukrainian Defense Forces as part of military assistance.
- The Estonian Ministry of Defense will allocate 5 million euros to the IT coalition as part of its support for Ukraine. In addition, the country will also direct the efforts of its defense industry to the production of defense products, which will be subsequently transferred to Ukraine.
- Ukraine has received technical documentation for the FrankenSAM air defense system and is now able to independently implement these systems.
- Norway will allocate €830 million to equip and train a Ukrainian brigade. Norway, together with the Baltic states, will train soldiers for one of the brigades of the Ukrainian Defense Forces. It will not be completely new, but will be formed from existing smaller units.



Key Events of the Week:

- The Russian Federation **continues massive attacks** using UAVs and missiles – up to 145 strike drones and up to 23 missiles of various types (including Iskanders and Kalibrs) were recorded in the past 24 hours.
- The Armed Forces of Ukraine are **operating on Russian territory**: attacks on depots and air defense systems in the Kursk region, as well as combat operations in the Belgorod region.
- Russia has **concentrated over 67,000 troops** in the Kursk direction **for an offensive**.
- The Ukrainian Armed Forces **destroyed a Russian Tu-22M3 strategic bomber**. Russian losses are estimated at \$100 million.
- Several **Chinese citizens fighting for Russia** were captured by Ukrainian forces. China denies any involvement.
- Russia continues to exert **pressure in the Lyman direction** and has a significant advantage in manpower.
- Ukraine has, for the first time, used the **“Ramzai” drone helicopter** with a range of 300 km and low visibility.
- The Ukrainian Armed Forces have officially adopted a **remotely controlled machine gun robot** into service.
- The Ukrainian project “I Want to Find” is recording a **record number of missing Russians**.
- Russia continues to commit war crimes – four unarmed **Ukrainian prisoners of war were executed** near Piatykhatky in the Zaporizhzhia region.

06.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overall, 178 combat engagements were recorded in the past day. ➤ At night, Ukrainian air defenses shot down 13 Russian missiles and 40 UAVs. In total, Russian forces launched 132 aerial attack assets on Ukraine – 23 missiles of various types and 109 strike drones. 53 enemy UAVs lost signal and crashed. ➤ Over the week, air defense forces destroyed 481 aerial targets, including: 6 Kh-101/Kh-55SM cruise missiles, 6 Kalibr cruise missiles, 1 Iskander-M ballistic missile, 2 guided air-launched missiles (Kh-59/69), 257 Shahed drones, 106 reconnaissance UAVs, 103 other types of UAVs. Ukrainian pilots struck command posts, logistics facilities, and areas where Russian personnel and military equipment were concentrated.
07.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 165 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. ➤ On April 7, 2025, the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine struck a warehouse complex actively used by the Russian Armed Forces in the village of Ozerky, Kursk region. The strike destroyed hangars, several military buildings, and technical equipment. Over 30 occupiers were eliminated, including UAV crews and repair personnel. The destruction of this facility significantly reduces Russia's capabilities to conduct combat operations against Ukrainian Defense Forces units in Sumy region and along the Kursk axis. ➤ Operators of the Ukrainian Armed Forces' Unmanned Systems Forces struck three Russian “Buk” surface-to-air missile systems in the Kursk region. The radar systems used for target illumination and missile guidance were damaged. Their destruction undermines the combat effectiveness of the systems, the Ukrainian military noted. ➤ Ukrainian forces have adopted a combat robot. The Ukrainian Ministry of Defense has officially commissioned the new D-21-12R ground robot, developed domestically. This robot is a real assistant on the battlefield. It is equipped with a powerful machine gun and can perform many important tasks. The robot is controlled remotely by an operator located safely far from the front line, helping to preserve the lives of Ukrainian soldiers. ➤ Ukraine will support weapons component manufacturers with grants of up to 8 million UAH. Currently, over 100 manufacturers of armament and military equipment components are operating in Ukraine, including producers of the first domestically made UAV engines and drones with 100% Ukrainian parts. The government has launched a new program titled “Made for Victory” to support these manufacturers. Each may receive up to 8 million UAH in grants for new equipment and software, according to Herman Smetanin, Minister for Strategic Industries of Ukraine. ➤ Russian offensive pace in Ukraine continues to decline – ISW. In March 2025, Russian forces advanced only 143 square kilometers – the lowest monthly figure in the past five months, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). The slowdown is partly attributed to successful Ukrainian operations. In March, Ukrainian troops conducted local counterattacks in the Pokrovsk and Toretsk directions, regaining lost positions in those areas and thereby contributing to the slowdown of the Russian advance in Ukraine.
08.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 159 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. ➤ Last night, the enemy attacked Ukraine with one ballistic missile and 46 strike UAVs. ➤ Volodymyr Zelenskyi, for the first time, commented on the presence of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in Russia's Belgorod region. “Today, Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi reported about the front, our presence in the Kursk region, and in the Belgorod region. We continue to conduct active operations in the border areas on the enemy's territory, and this is absolutely fair – the war must return to where it came from,” the President said in his evening address on April 7. Zelenskyi emphasized that the main goal of these actions – to maximally protect Ukrainian land and communities in Sumy and Kharkiv regions. He added that the Kursk operation has helped reduce pressure on other fronts, particularly in the Donetsk region.

Losses of the Russian army from 06.04.2025 to 12.04.2025

Liquidated personnel	7 650
Tanks	36
IFVs	91
Artillery systems / MLRS	346/6
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	4
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	551
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	830
Special equipment	9



Situation at the Front



08.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the Lyman axis, the situation is extremely difficult. In some areas, there are 10 Russian occupiers for every Ukrainian soldier, said the spokesperson of the 66th Brigade. "We can confirm that the situation has significantly worsened over the past month. The Russians are pushing with an incredible number of infantry – they simply have a lot of manpower. These can be large or small infantry groups that take advantage of weather conditions. They are doing everything to break into our battle formations, get behind our lines as quickly as possible, and cause chaos," reported Anastasia Blyshchuk.
09.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 161 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. ➤ Defense Forces operations in the Belgorod and Kursk directions have prevented Russian forces from forming a "strike fist" for an offensive on Kharkiv and Sumy regions, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskyi. He stated that Russian forces will continue attempting offensives in these areas and that Ukrainian troops are currently working to prevent the occupiers from assembling sufficient forces for attacks. "As of today, over 67,000 Russian troops are positioned in the Kursk direction. They had completed their redeployment to launch an offensive toward Sumy. It was necessary to slightly change their plans. The steps taken in the Belgorod direction are correct — to prevent the Russians from forming a concentrated strike force in either the Kharkiv or Sumy direction. That's what's happening now. There are many attempts every day. They are suffering losses," Zelenskyi said during a meeting with journalists. ➤ A few days ago, a Russian Tu-22M3 long-range bomber was destroyed by a successful Ukrainian strike, Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi confirmed. "It had just landed — and our drone hit it. The cost is around \$100 million," Syrskyi said in an interview. ➤ During fighting near Bilohorivka, paratroopers of the 81st Separate Airmobile Slobzhanska Brigade captured three Russian soldiers. Among them was a citizen of the People's Republic of China. He is currently cooperating with investigators, and his identity and citizenship have been confirmed. The Chinese national told Ukrainian troops that he had joined the Russian army through an intermediary in China, paying 300,000 rubles for the arrangement. ➤ In March, the Ukrainian project "I Want to Find" received a record 10,000 reports of missing Russian soldiers, averaging over 320 new inquiries per day. The highest numbers were recorded in the Pokrovsk district of the Donetsk region (2,144 cases) and the Bakhmut district (933 cases). Additionally, 141 servicemen from Russia's 810th Naval Infantry Brigade went missing in the Kursk region. Since the project was launched in January 2024, nearly 80,000 inquiries about missing Russians have been submitted. This number excludes the killed and is 2-3 times lower than the real figure, as many families never report cases, according to the Coordination Staff. The purpose of "I Want to Find" is to establish the fate of Russian servicemen and facilitate prisoner exchange efforts. ➤ Ukraine's defense industry has unveiled a new drone designed to destroy Iranian-made Shahed drones. According to developers, the drone has shot down over 20 enemy targets in the past two months, as reported by Miliarnyi. The drone can also intercept reconnaissance UAVs, with a top speed of 200 km/h and a maximum flight altitude of 5 km. Designers describe it as the most successful interceptor drone currently in service with the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Ukrainian experts stress that developing affordable and effective drones is a way to replace expensive surface-to-air missiles for targeting aerial threats.
10.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Since the beginning of the day, 111 combat engagements have been recorded. ➤ In Russia, authorities reported an attack on the Moscow region using a previously unknown drone resembling a helicopter. Propaganda Telegram channels claim it was a Ukrainian Ramzai RZ-500 helicopter-type drone, allegedly used by the Armed Forces of Ukraine for the first time. The drone is reportedly capable of flying up to 300 km and remaining undetected for longer periods. The General Staff of Ukraine has not commented on this information yet. ➤ The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated it has no information regarding more than 155 Chinese citizens who may be fighting on the side of Russia in its war against Ukraine. This was announced during a briefing by Lin Jian, a spokesperson for the Chinese diplomatic service.
11.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 148 combat engagements were recorded yesterday. ➤ Today marks exactly one month since Russia refused to accept the full and unconditional ceasefire proposed by the United States during negotiations. Since then, from March 11 to April 11, Russian occupiers have carried out 5,124 attacks during their unprovoked armed aggression against Ukraine. ➤ The Ukrainian Armed Forces are redeploying additional units to the Sumy direction to hold off Russian occupiers, according to BBC News Ukraine, citing sources in the General Staff. Currently, combat operations are taking place in the area of the villages of Basiivka, Novenke, Zhuravka, and Veselivka. The maximum depth of enemy penetration along the front line reaches up to 7 km, with a width of 25 km. According to a military source, the Kremlin's plan is to create a buffer zone in Sumy region and pose a threat to the regional capital. To prevent this, Ukrainian Defense Forces are continuing to hold the remaining bridgehead in the Kursk region and have launched a limited operation at the junction of Belgorod and Kursk regions. On April 4, State Border Guard Service spokesperson Andrii Demchenko reported that Russian assault units are still trying to cross into Ukraine through the Sumy region and gain a foothold, but Ukrainian forces are destroying them both on the approaches and after crossing the border. ➤ Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Oleksandr Syrskyi, in an interview published on April 9, stated that the Russian army had effectively launched an offensive on Sumy and Kharkiv regions. ➤ However, on April 11, the head of the Sumy Regional State Administration, Volodymyr Artiukh, stated that there are no Russian troops present in Sumy region at this time.
12.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 149 combat engagements were recorded over the past day.

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This week shelling and strikes

Massive attacks per week

- **Attack on the night of April 6:** Ukrainian air defense shot down 13 missiles and 40 drones. Among them, there is 1 Iskander-M ballistic missile, 6 Kalibr cruise missiles, 6 X-101/X-55SM cruise missiles. Fifty-three fake drones were locally lost. In total, Russia launched 23 missiles of various types and 109 UAVs at Ukraine.
- **Attack on the night of April 8:** Air defense shot down 9 of 46 drones launched. Another 31 fake drones did not reach their targets. In total, Russia launched 46 strike UAVs and imitators, as well as an Iskander-M ballistic missile.
- **Attack on the night of April 9:** Air defense destroyed 32 Russian drones. Another 8 fake drones failed to reach their targets. In total, Russia launched 55 UAVs in Ukraine. The air defense system was operating in the north and east of the country.
- **Attack on the night of April 10:** Air defense shot down 85 drones out of 145. Another 49 enemy fake drones were locally lost. The attack affected Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Khmelnytskyi, Poltava, and Mykolaiv oblasts.
- **Attack on the night of April 11:** Air defense shot down 24 Shahed attack drones. Another 13 fake drones failed to reach their targets. In total, Russia launched 39 UAVs.
- **Attack on the night of April 12:** Air defense destroyed 56 Russian drones. Another 24 fake drones did not reach their targets. A total of 88 UAVs were launched. The air defense system operated in the north, south, east, and center of the country.

Donetsk oblast

- During the week, Donetsk oblast suffered from attacks by UAVs, FAB-250s, and artillery.

On April 7, Russia shelled the town of Kostiantynivka with bombs. The attack killed one person and wounded two others. Eight private houses, three administrative buildings, a shop, and a power line were also damaged. On April 8, the Russians attacked the village of Myrne with D-30SN UMPB bombs. One person was wounded in the attack. Three houses and a car were also damaged.

- Deaths, injuries, and damage to infrastructure were also reported in the following settlements:
 - Volnovakha district: Zirka, Piddubne, Myrne, Bahatyr.
 - Pokrovsk district: Pokrovsk, Malynivka, Rodynske, Hryshyne, Dopropillia, Novoeconoimichne.
 - Kramatorsk district: Zarichne, Ivanopillia, Stara Mykolaivka, Zoria, Tykhonivka, Novodmytrivka, Lyman, Kramatorsk, Serhiivka, Sloviansk and Yampil.
 - Bakhmut district: Siversk.

Kharkiv and the oblast

- During the week, Kharkiv oblast suffered from attacks by UAVs and FPV drones, artillery and MLRS attacks.

On April 7, the Russians attacked the village of Tokarivka Druha with a UAV. The attack killed one person and injured two others. On April 8, Russia launched five attacks with a guided aerial bomb on the territory of the Zolochiv community. A 72-year-old woman was injured in the attack. A private house and a barn were destroyed. In addition, 7 private houses, outbuildings, and power grids were damaged.

The following settlements were also affected by the attack: Borova, Ivashky, Kupiansk, Kozacha Lopan, Slatyne, Stryi Saltiv, Berezivka, Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, Zolochiv, Klynova-Novoselivka, Kalynove, Sosnivka, Udy, Kharkiv, Prosianka, Tsykuny, Vovchansk, Bilyi Kolodiaz, Shyikivka, Slobozhanske, Blahodativka, Izium, Khotimlia.

Sumy oblast

- During the week, Sumy oblast suffered from attacks by FPV drones. There were also mortar and artillery attacks and the dropping of explosive devices from UAVs.

On April 9, Russians attacked the Velyka Pysarivka community with FPV drones and dropped explosive devices from a UAV. One person was injured in the attack. On April 10, Russia attacked the Shalyhyne community with artillery and an FPV drone. One person was injured in the attack.

The following communities also came under enemy fire during the week: the Sumy, Yunakivka, Krasnopillia, Yampil, Bilopillia, Nova Sloboda, Svesa, Esman, Khutir-Mykhailivskyi, Seredyna-Buda, Mykolaivka, Khotyn, Bezdryk, Putyvl, Znob-Novhorod and Shostka communities.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

- During the week, Zaporizhzhia oblast suffered from air and artillery strikes. There were also attacks using UAVs of various modifications.

On April 8, Russians fired mortars at the village of Malynivka. One person was injured in the attack. A house was also destroyed. On April 10, a Russian FPV drone hit a civilian car in Preobrazhenka. The vehicle burned to the ground with no casualties.

During the week, the following settlements came under attack: Stepove, Huliaipole, Kamianske, Lobkove, Shcherbaky, Novodanylivka, Mala Tokmachka, Charivne, Novodarivka, Orikhiv, Novoandriivka, Novopavlivka, Bilenke, Novoyakovlivka, Malokaterynivka, Prymorske, Preobrazhenka and Zaliznychne.

This week shelling and strikes

Dnipro and the oblast

- During the week, the Russian forces shelled Dnipropetrovsk oblast every day. The cities of Dnipro, Nikopol, Pavlohrad, and Kryvyi Rih districts, as well as the Marhanets, Pokrovsk, Chervonohryhorivka, Myrove, Velyka Mykhailivka, Novopavlivka, and Mezhoa communities came under fire. The occupiers used kamikaze drones, attack UAVs, artillery, aerial bombs and missiles.
- Targeted attacks damaged at least 15 multi-story buildings and more than 30 private houses. Critical and civilian infrastructure facilities, businesses, a church, administrative buildings, etc., were destroyed. The shelling killed at least 1 person and wounded 42 civilians.

In particular, on April 8, Dnipro came under a massive attack. The Russians used attack drones, which resulted in 15 people being injured. More than 15 private and apartment buildings, dozens of cars, businesses and infrastructure facilities, and an administrative building were damaged. On April 10, the Russians fired a missile at Dnipro. As a result, one person was killed, and nine others were injured.

Merciless attacks continue in the Nikopol district. On April 10, more than 30 attacks with drones and artillery were recorded. Residential buildings, shops, outbuildings, businesses, and administrative buildings were damaged.

Odesa oblast

- The situation in Odesa oblast was relatively calm during the week. However, on the night of April 12, explosions were heard in Odesa, the administrative center of the oblast.

Chernihiv oblast

- Russians continue to shell the border of Chernihiv oblast: the Novhorod-Siverskyi, Semenivka, Snovsk, and Horodnia communities.
- On April 9, 12 villages on the border came under fire, and a strike on one of the settlements in the Novhorod-Siverskyi district damaged the building of an agricultural enterprise and a playground.

Kherson and the oblast

- During April 6-12, Kherson oblast came under heavy fire from Russian troops every day. Dozens of settlements came under attack: Antonivka, Beryslav, Bilozerk, Stanislav, Shyroka Balka, Tiahynka, Poniativka, Prydniprovsk, Mykilske, Osokorivka, Havrylivka, Novooleksandrivka, Kizomys, Zelenivka, Dniprovsk, Kostyrka, Vesele, Komyshany, Sadove, Chervonyi Mayak, Dudchany, Vysoke, Novoberslav, Kachkarivka, Mylove, Monastyrsk, Zmiivka, Tokarivka, Ukrainka, Shlyakhove, Llove, Molodizhne, and the city of Kherson. The Russian occupiers struck residential areas and critical and social infrastructure using artillery, drones, and air bombs.
- The shelling damaged at least 15 multi-story buildings, more than 60 private houses, farm and household buildings, cars, and gas pipelines. Three people were killed, and at least 32 civilians were injured during the week of shelling.

In particular, on April 7, Russian troops massively shelled more than 30 villages and towns in the oblast. Residential areas, an agricultural enterprise, and gas infrastructure were hit. Eight people were injured, including a child. On April 10, the shelling of Mylove in Kherson oblast was particularly merciless. At that time, 10 hits were recorded in the village, and houses and outbuildings were damaged.

Other oblasts

- During the week, the capital of Ukraine suffered from Russian shelling. Thus, on April 6, as a result of a missile attack on Kyiv, fires were recorded in two districts of the city, 1 person was killed, and 2 were injured. Explosions in Kyiv were also heard on the night of April 10. Then, as a result of a nighttime drone attack in one of the capital's districts, two women were injured, houses and cars were damaged, and an outbuilding was destroyed. The city was also restless on the night of April 12. Then, due to the Russian attack, fires broke out in two districts of Kyiv, and 3 people were injured.
- On April 10, Mykolaiv was attacked by drones. Ten people were injured, and nine apartment buildings, three cars, 30 garages, and an administrative building were damaged.
- Also, on April 10, the Russians attacked Zhytomyr oblast. A drone hit a multi-story building in Ozerne, killing one person and injuring five others, including a child. On the same day, explosions were heard in Kropyvnytskyi.



The week of shelling

Kyiv



Dnipropetrovsk oblast



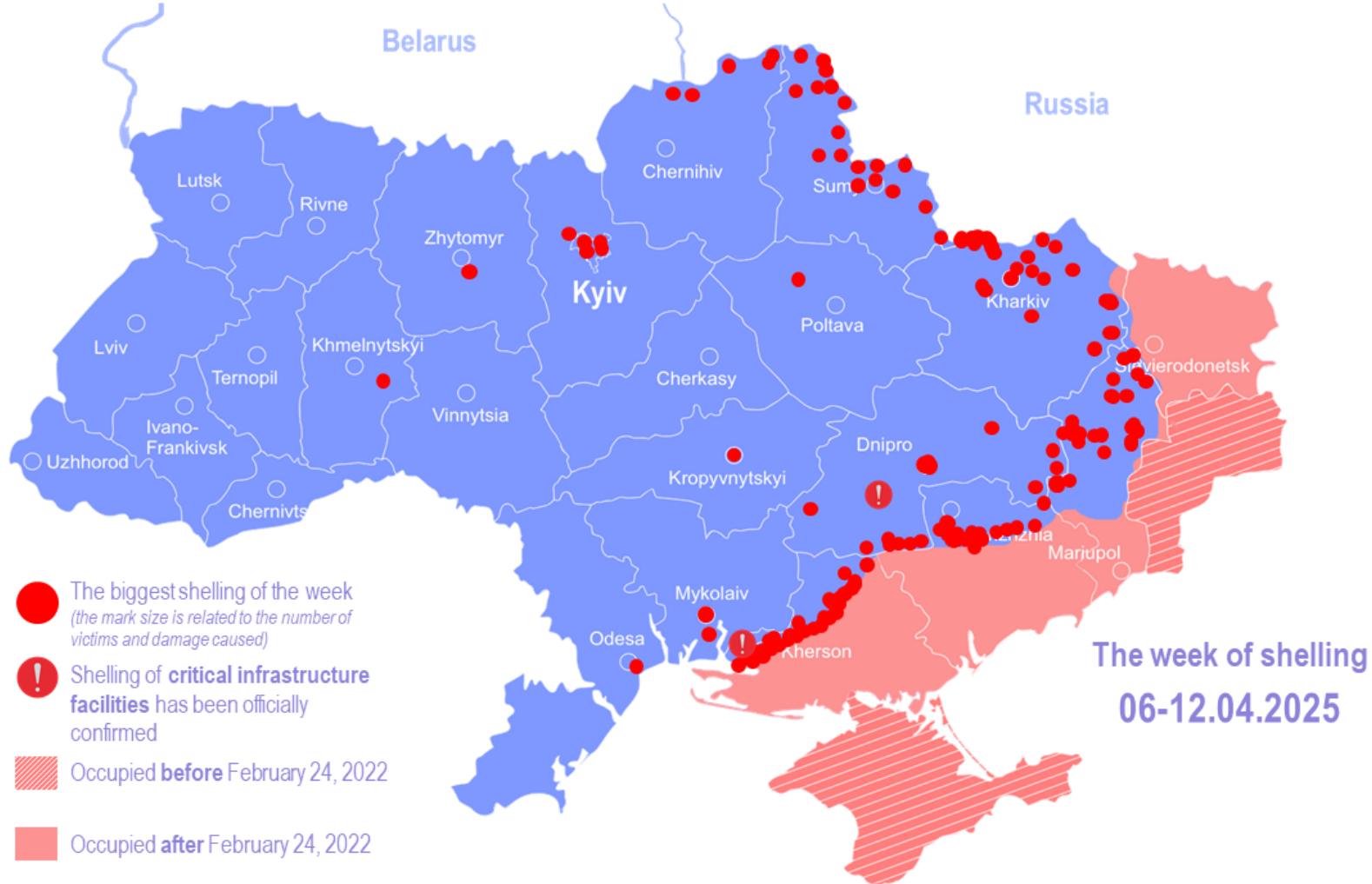
Sumy oblast



Kharkiv oblast



Donetsk oblast



Temporarily Occupied Territories (TOT) and Evacuation

- Russia **is planning massive resettlement** in the occupied territories of Ukraine: Petro Andriushchenko, head of the Center for Occupation Studies, reported that Russia is discussing plans to resettle at least 5 million Russian citizens in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine (excluding Crimea) by 2030. He mentioned this figure while analyzing statements from a recent forum in Rostov-on-Don, where it was announced that the population of these territories should reach 10 million by 2030. Given that there are currently about 5 million Ukrainians in the occupied territories, it can be assumed that the remaining population is intended to. Although no specific implementation plan has been made public, Russia is likely to try to achieve this goal, despite the failures of similar policies in other regions, including Crimea.
- The total number of people under temporary protection in the EU **increased by 21,015** by the end of February. The largest number of **Ukrainian refugees** go to Germany, the Czech Republic, and Spain. As of February 28, 2025, there were just over 4.3 million people in the EU with temporary protection status after fleeing Ukraine due to the war. The EU countries that accepted the largest number of temporary protection beneficiaries from Ukraine were Germany (27.3% of the total), Poland (23.1%) and the Czech Republic (9.2%).
- Ukraine continues to bring back deported and displaced children: six children have been returned from the temporarily occupied territories and Russia. Among them are a 17-year-old girl, an 18-year-old boy who faced the threat of forced mobilization, three children from Kherson Oblast, and a 4-year-old girl who has lived under occupation since the beginning of the war.
- The Russian Federation **is conducting forced mobilization of Ukrainian citizens** in the occupied territories of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, parts of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson Oblasts – as part of the so-called “Spring Conscription 2025”. According to a statement by the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this forced conscription in the occupied territories grossly violates international law, specifically the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, which prohibits an occupying power from compelling individuals to serve in its armed or auxiliary forces, or from exerting pressure or propaganda to encourage voluntary enlistment.
- In the temporarily occupied Crimea, Russians have turned the Artek children's camp into a recreational facility for their military personnel, according to the National Resistance Center.
- 135 people, including 25 children, **were evacuated** from the front line in Donetsk Oblast.

Prisoners of War

- Russians executed four Ukrainian prisoners of war near Piatykhatty, Zaporizhzhia Oblast, according to the video published by The Associated Press. The Ukrainian Ombudsman emphasized that such executions are not an isolated incident but a systemic policy of the Russian Federation, which is encouraged at the highest levels of government.

Civilian Casualties and Damage to Infrastructure

- The UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Tom Fletcher, called the ballistic missile strike on Kryvyi Rih on April 4 the deadliest attack on children. He emphasized that in recent weeks, the Russian Federation continued to use drones, which caused civilian casualties and damage to residential buildings, schools, and playgrounds. He also added that, according to the Ukrainian authorities, more than 90 civilians were killed in the frontline regions in just the past week. Meanwhile, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has officially confirmed the killing of at least 12,910 civilians, including 682 children, and the injuries of nearly 30,700 people across Ukraine from February 24, 2022, to March 31, 2025.
- In three months, the Russian army dropped 10,577 guided aerial bombs on Ukraine, according to the Ministry of Defense. In March, the Russian army's aviation increased the use of guided aerial bombs – approximately 4,800, and in February – 3,370. Over the past 2024, the occupiers used nearly 40,000 guided aerial bombs.
- Over the three years of war, Russians have **damaged more than 63,000 energy infrastructure facilities** in Ukraine. In 2024 alone, Russia's massive strikes and daily targeted shelling of Ukrainian energy facilities led to the loss of about 10 GW of capacity. The Minister of Energy of Ukraine described the 2024-2025 heating season as the most difficult. At the same time, he noted that blackouts were avoided, and electricity consumption restrictions were insignificant.

International Support

- Ukraine and Switzerland have signed an agreement that will double funding for **reconstruction projects** to nearly \$117 million. This agreement is part of a broader \$1.75 billion program of assistance to Ukraine from Switzerland, covering the period from 2025 to 2028. In total, Switzerland plans to invest about \$5.85 billion in a 12-year support program.
- 30 units of fire and **rescue vehicles** and more than 15,000 units of **specialized equipment** are **on their way to Ukraine**. This is the largest humanitarian convoy in 3 years. The equipment was purchased with the support of the British government.
- The European Investment Bank is providing Ukraine with **€300 million to restore energy and critical infrastructure**.

Cultural Heritage

- Russians have stolen 1.7 million objects of Ukrainian cultural heritage from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine to sell them on the black market abroad. However, more than half a million cultural artifacts from 59 cultural sites have been evacuated from the frontline territories. At the same time, Ukraine is asking Europe to help **evacuate valuables abroad**. According to the Minister of Culture, the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU has proposed a clear plan for the development of a platform launched in February this year in Uzhhorod to protect cultural heritage at risk of fire or destruction during military conflicts.

