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Negotiations between the United States, Ukraine, and the Russian Federation

- **The repatriation of the bodies** of the deceased Ukrainian citizens has been completed under the Istanbul agreements. According to the Coordination Headquarters, Ukraine has repatriated 6057 bodies of deceased military personnel and civilians as part of the implementation of the Istanbul agreements. The latest stage of repatriation took place on June 16, when an additional 1245 bodies of the deceased were returned. All the bodies will undergo the necessary forensic examinations for identification.
- Ukraine's Minister of Internal Affairs, Ihor Klymenko, reported that Russia returned the bodies in a severely mutilated condition. In many cases, body parts were placed in separate bags, and the remains of one individual were sometimes repatriated during different stages of the process. During the latest repatriation efforts, **Ukraine also received bodies of Russian military personnel** intermingled with those of Ukrainian soldiers. This may have been intentionally done **to create additional challenges and workload for Ukrainian forensic experts** tasked with identification and examination. On June 19–20, two stages of prisoner exchanges involving severely wounded and seriously ill individuals were conducted under the Istanbul Agreements. Medical examinations confirmed that **all released persons suffer from severe conditions** resulting from injuries and captivity, including significant weight loss, dystrophy, ulcers, visual impairments, musculoskeletal disorders, and cardiovascular diseases.
- **Negotiations between the United States and Ukraine:** according to the news publication Axios, Presidents **Trump and Zelenskyi** were scheduled **to meet at the G7 Summit in Canada**; however, the American leader departed the event early due to escalating tensions in the Middle East. The Office of the President of Ukraine stated that President Zelenskyi intended to discuss a new defense aid package with former U.S. President Trump, which Ukraine is prepared to purchase. According to Zelenskyi, the United States requested that Ukraine avoid strikes on Russian energy infrastructure—an appeal made prior to Russia's June 15 attack on energy facilities in the Poltava region. Zelensky described the attack as a **"Russian affront" to international efforts aimed at ending the war**.
- Furthermore, as reported by The New York Times, the Ukrainian government has agreed to begin preparing recommendations for launching a tender to develop **the lithium mining site** at the "Dobra" site in Kirovohrad Oblast. This move is viewed as the implementation of the first phase of the agreement with the United States on mineral resources.
- **Diplomatic initiatives and official statements from Russian leadership:** Reuters sources confirm plans for U.S. Special Envoy Keith Kellogg to meet Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, potentially marking a move toward initiating peace talks. Meanwhile, the spokesperson for the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the United States has canceled the next round of consultations regarding the normalization of diplomatic missions between the two countries.
- At the St. Petersburg Economic Forum, the President of Russia stated that **"all of Ukraine is ours"** and did not rule out the occupation of the city of Sumy to establish a buffer zone. In response, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha described these remarks as **"a complete disregard for the United States' peace efforts"** and called for the strengthening of sanctions against the Russian economy.

International Support

- **The European Union is intensifying energy sanctions against Russia.** The European Commission has announced that the EU has proposed a complete ban on Russian gas and oil imports by the end of 2027. The new schedule sets the ban on signing new gas contracts to take effect from January 1, 2026, with imports under short-term agreements ending by June 2026. Landlocked countries dependent on long-term contracts are permitted to continue imports until the end of 2027.
- The European Commission has found **a way to bypass potential vetoes from Hungary and Slovakia** regarding new gas sanctions. According to the Financial Times, the ban on new contracts will be implemented through trade law mechanisms, which require the support of a majority of member states rather than a unanimous decision.
- The EU has extended **sanctions related to Russia's annexation of Crimea** for one year, until June 23, 2026. Under the Union's decision, the restrictions include a ban on importing goods from the occupied territories of Crimea and Sevastopol, a prohibition on infrastructure investments and the provision of tourism services, as well as limitations on the export of certain goods and technologies to Crimean companies.
- Meanwhile, the **EU rejected the proposal to lower the price cap on Russian oil** from \$60 to \$45 per barrel. The information provided by Politico indicates that the decision is linked to the escalation of the conflict in the Middle East and concerns over rising energy prices.
- In May 2025, Russia's export revenues from hydrocarbon sales fell to their lowest level since the start of the full-scale war, according to CREA's monthly report.
- **Expansion of Sanctions Pressure:** President Volodymyr Zelenskyi stated that **Ukraine will synchronize its sanctions against Russia with those of its international partners**. The Office of the President announced plans to expand restrictions on captains of the Russian tanker fleet and Russian oil terminals, as well as to impose sanctions against liquefied natural gas carriers. Further work will focus on new sanctions targeting Russia's financial sector, crypto-assets, and the supply chain for military components.
- Ukraine's new round of sanctions against Russia includes **entities and individuals linked to the manufacturing and delivery of drones and associated components**. The sanctions also extend to additional Russian defense companies, some of which are operating in Ukraine's temporarily occupied territories.
- **Canada has announced sanctions** on more than 200 vessels that are part of Russia's shadow fleet. Prime Minister Mark Carney stated that the sanctions will also target a number of individuals and more than 40 entities involved in facilitating sanctions evasion. Australia has also imposed targeted sanctions on 60 vessels belonging to Russia's shadow fleet. According to the Australian government, the total number of sanctions against Russia since the start of the full-scale invasion has surpassed 1,400 measures.
- **The United Kingdom has introduced new sanctions** against four individuals, six organizations, and 20 vessels, including oil tankers and maritime companies. Official figures indicate that since 2022, London has imposed sanctions on 2300 Russian individuals and legal entities.



- **Diplomatic Initiatives and International Support.** The Baltic States, Northern European countries, and Poland held discussions with EU representatives regarding the ban on entry to the Schengen Area for Russian citizens involved in the war against Ukraine.
- The Dutch House of Representatives has officially recognized the 1944 deportation of the Crimean Tatars as genocide. According to Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this decision represents a strong gesture of solidarity with the Crimean Tatar people.
- **Technical cooperation and humanitarian aid.** The European Commission has proposed integrating Ukraine into the EU roaming zone starting January 2026, enabling Ukrainians to use mobile services free of charge across all 27 member states.
- Italy has allocated 1.5 million euros for humanitarian demining efforts in Ukraine.
- Ukraine and NATO will establish a joint Lessons Learned platform for the systematic analysis of combat experience. According to the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, the project will serve as a tool for collecting and processing data on combat operations.

Other

- Russia **damaged the offices** of the American aerospace company **Boeing** in Kyiv during an attack this week. According to the Financial Times, citing six sources, the building was hit during one of the most intense shellings on the night of June 8-9.
- The European Union has **delayed plans to phase out Russian nuclear fuel**, citing the complexity of the uranium supply chain, the Financial Times reports. Russia currently accounts for around 20–25% of the bloc's imports of natural, converted, and enriched uranium. In addition, 19 Soviet-designed reactors remain operational within the EU, requiring Russian spare parts. In the long term, the European Commission aims to make the bloc's nuclear sector fully independent of Russian supplies by the 2030s — a goal that would demand multi-billion-euro investments.
- Austria's Ministry of Energy has stated that the European Union should maintain the option of **resuming imports of Russian gas** in the event of a peace agreement aimed at ending the war in Ukraine, Financial Times reports.
- The Trump administration **has disbanded a task force** established to coordinate efforts aimed at increasing **diplomatic pressure on Russia** to end its war against Ukraine, Reuters reports, citing sources familiar with the matter. The group, launched in early spring 2025, had been tasked with aligning transatlantic measures and sanctions policy. The task force had been coordinated by senior officials from the U.S. National Security Council, with participation from the State Department, the Treasury, the Pentagon, and the intelligence community. Among its core discussions was the possibility of exerting pressure on former Soviet republics and other countries in Eastern Europe and Asia to curb the flow of goods into Russia and limit energy exports from it. However, by May, it had become evident that former President Trump was not committed to pursuing a hardline stance against Moscow. The group suffered a final blow roughly three weeks ago, when most of the National Security Council staff — including the entire team focused on the war in Ukraine — were dismissed as part of a broader personnel purge.
- G7 leaders **failed to persuade former President Trump to tighten sanctions against Russia**, Bloomberg reports. Publicly at the summit in Canada, Trump stated that the sanctions were costing the U.S. a significant amount of money and reiterated these arguments during a dinner with other leaders.
- North Korea has decided to deploy at least 6000 troops to Russia, who are expected to arrive in the Kursk region. The troops are reportedly being sent to Russia to assist in the reconstruction of the Kursk region. Additionally, North Korea will **deploy 25000 workers to a Russian drone manufacturing plant** in Alabuga, according to the Japanese broadcaster NHK.
- Russia launches extensive **disinformation campaigns in Africa and Latin America**. According to the Foreign Intelligence Service, the primary tools of Russia's information pressure remain the state-controlled media outlets RT (formerly Russia Today) and Sputnik. Both media platforms not only disseminate Kremlin-friendly narratives but also maintain offices, training centers, and partnerships with local media across multiple continents. Their close cooperation with regional mass media enables them to promote a unified anti-Western agenda simultaneously in several languages. In Mali's capital, Bamako, a project to train local journalists has been launched under the guise of an independent news agency called African Initiative. The program included both online and in-person journalism courses, with a promise of subsequent employment. The project's coordinators are Russian intelligence agencies.

Military Support

- **Thirty thousand** Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel have completed training under the EUMAM Ukraine mission in Poland. The training program is continuously updated based on the latest combat experience.
- Ukrainian troops have been equipped with the new French loitering munition MV-25 OSKAR from the MATARIS series. The manufacturer, KNDS France, reported that the drone has already received positive feedback from the Ukrainian Armed Forces.
- Canada has announced a new military aid package for Ukraine worth 2 billion Canadian dollars (approximately 1.5 billion USD). Part of these funds will be allocated to support domestic defense production in Ukraine.
- The Czech government has confirmed the continuation of artillery ammunition deliveries to Ukraine under its own initiative in 2026. The Czech Republic has extended funding for this initiative and allocated significant resources to ensure the shells are delivered. The implementation of this program largely depends on the support and financial contributions of other countries. The exact number of shells to be delivered in 2026 has not been officially disclosed.
- France and NATO conducted tests of systems designed to counter guided aerial bombs that Russia drops on Ukraine. NATO stated that the recent tests marked a decisive step in the development of advanced air defense systems to support Ukraine.
- The Slovak company Deftech has released footage of drones being intercepted by its **latest Wolf 25 AD anti-aircraft artillery system**. This system was developed at Ukraine's request and underwent live-fire testing at the Zaporizhzhia training ground in Slovakia in the spring, where it confirmed its designed performance characteristics against UAVs.



Key Events of the Week:

- Every day, 150–186 combat engagements are recorded on the front lines. The hottest directions remain Donetsk, Slobozhanshchyna, and Zaporizhzhia.
- Ukrainian drones struck targets in Yelabuga (Tatarstan), Buturlinovka (Voronezh region), Kaliningrad, Orel, and Volgograd.
- In Königsberg, agents of Ukraine's military intelligence (HUR) carried out sabotage at power substations, cutting electricity to Russian military-industrial complex facilities.
- The General Staff has created a new Northern Slobozhanshchyna Direction due to intensified fighting in the Sumy region, and the Kharkiv Direction has been renamed to Southern Slobozhanshchyna Direction.
- Russia has advanced near Siversk, Toretsk, Bilohorivka, Pokrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Yunakivka, Myrne, Odradne, and Oleksandro-Kalynove.
- Ukrainian Defense Forces struck a fuel train near Tokmak, destroying 11 burning tank cars.
- In the Donetsk direction, Ukrainian kamikaze drones destroyed two modern "Yastreb-AV" radars used for counter-battery warfare.
- The Armed Forces of Ukraine established a separate Unmanned Systems Forces Grouping, and officially codified the new FPV drone "Svitlovod" for use.
- Hennadii Shapovalov has been appointed the new Commander of the Ukrainian Ground Forces.
- According to Estonian military intelligence, Russia's summer offensive has stalled, and its forces are incapable of operational breakthroughs despite constant assaults with heavy losses.

Main Directions of Combat Engagements:

- Pokrovsk Direction: The highest intensity of fighting across the entire front line. Daily, 43 to 57 attacks were recorded, totaling over 350 combat engagements during the week. Main hotspots include: Poltavka, Malynivka, Myrne, Promin, Lysivka, Orikhove, Koptyeve, Udachne, Oleksiivka, Novopavlivka. Active airstrikes were carried out on Sukhyi Yar, Razine, and Novoeconomichne. This direction remains the primary axis of Russian offensive operations.
- Novopavlivka Direction: High and growing activity, with over 140 attacks per week, including up to 32 daily. Key battle areas: Bahatyr, Komar, Novosilka, Vesele, Vilne Pole, Zaporizhzhia, Shevchenko, Odradne. Notable increase in Russian air force usage.
- Toretsk Direction: Consistently high intensity with 10 to 20 assaults daily and over 110 attacks during the week. Main combat zones: Dylivka, Toretsk, Yablunivka, Shcherbynivka, Rusyni Yar, Novospaske, Oleksandro-Kalynove. The enemy seeks to reach the Avdiivka–Kostiantynivka line.
- Lyman Direction: Daily, 12–29 attacks with over 120 total engagements. Key hotspots: Hrekivka, Ridkodub, Zelena Dolyna, Torske, Novyi Myr, Karpivka, Hlushchenkove. Russia attempts to breach defenses toward Sloviansk and Kreminna.
- Kursk (and Northern Slobozhanshchyna) Direction: Daily, 25–38 combat engagements, up to 14 airstrikes, and over 200 artillery shellings. Active use of guided aerial bombs, kamikaze drones, and reconnaissance. The enemy is attempting to exhaust Ukrainian air defenses and pressure border regions.

15.06

- 178 combat engagements were recorded on the frontline over the past day.
- The Ukrainian Defense Forces struck a Russian drone production facility in Yelabuga, Tatarstan, according to the General Staff. Ukrainian forces confirm that the strike weapons reached the target area, though final results are still being clarified.
- Ukrainian drones also hit the Buturlinovka airbase in the Voronezh region, from which Russian forces operate Su-34 fighter-bombers.
- Ukrainian military intelligence agents (HUR) conducted a sabotage operation in Kaliningrad (Königsberg), targeting an industrial power substation. The strike cut electricity supply entirely, including to Russian military and defense industry facilities located in the area.
- DeepState reports Russian advances near Bilohorivka, Odradne, and Zaporizhzhia.
- Russian forces also made gains in northern Sumy region, as well as near Kupiansk, Siversk, Chasiv Yar, and Toretsk.

16.06

- Since the beginning of the day, 99 combat engagements have been recorded.
- Explosions were heard overnight in Oryol, Russia. Locals reported a drone attack near an oil refinery. Some Russian monitoring channels hinted at possible infrastructure damage.
- Russia has changed its tactics in aerial attacks. According to CNN, Shahed drones are now launched from higher altitudes, making them inaccessible to small arms and standard machine guns, which significantly complicates Ukrainian air defense efforts.
- Additionally, instead of isolated strikes, Russia increasingly concentrates drone attacks on multiple directions simultaneously, aiming to pressure both critical infrastructure and the psychological state of civilians.
- Due to Russia's intensification of actions near the Sumy border, a new military direction — Northern Slobozhanshchyna — has been introduced, as reported by the General Staff. The Kharkiv Direction has been renamed to Southern Slobozhanshchyna.
- Russia's use of old Soviet tank reserves appears to be slowing, possibly due to a shift toward deploying motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the battlefield, reports ISW (Institute for the Study of War).
- Ukrainian forces reportedly made advances near Borova and in Zaporizhzhia, while Russian troops gained ground near Siversk, Toretsk, and Novopavlivka.
- Russian troops are attempting to encircle Kostiantynivka from three directions, according to the "Khortytisia" operational command.
- Spokesman Viktor Trehubov explained: "The Russians have been trying to encircle Kostiantynivka from three sides for a long time. Previously, they attempted approaches from Toretsk, Kramatorsk, or Chasiv Yar — whichever direction they could break through first. But in a year and a half, they have not succeeded in any of them."

Losses of the Russian army from 15.06.2025 to 21.06.2025

Liquidated personnel	6 430
Tanks	25
IFVs	56
Artillery systems / MLRS	224/3
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	1
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	775
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	638
Special equipment	4

Situation at the Front

17.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, a total of 186 combat engagements were recorded on the front. ➤ During the night of June 17, Russia launched a massive drone and missile attack on several regions of Ukraine. The civilian infrastructure in Kyiv, Odesa, and eight other regions came under heavy fire. ➤ Russian forces recently advanced in the areas of Siversk, Toretsk, and Pokrovsk.
18.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ According to DeepState, Russian forces advanced near Yunakivka, Myrne, and Zoria, and intense fighting continues involving Ukraine's 36th Marine Brigade near Yablunivka (Donetsk region). ➤ Russian troops are increasingly relying on civilian transport vehicles, ATVs, and motorcycles for offensive operations. According to ISW, the Russian Ministry of Defense began officially integrating motorcycles into offensive tactics as of April 2025. ➤ The "Khortytisia" Operational Strategic Grouping (OSUV) reports increased Russian activity in the Novopavlivka direction, partially due to reduced pressure on neighboring sectors of the front. Russian forces have shifted their efforts away from the western flank of the Pokrovsk direction, said OSUV "Khortytisia" spokesman Major Viktor Trehubov.
19.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, a total of 163 combat engagements were recorded. ➤ Ukrainian drones struck targets in Volgograd, Russia. The Russian Ministry of Defense claimed to have intercepted or shot down 81 drones across several regions: Bryansk, Kursk, Smolensk, Volgograd, Oryol, Rostov, Moscow. ➤ DeepState reports Russian advances in Yunakivka, near Oleksandro-Kalynove and Odradne. ➤ President Volodymyr Zelenskyi has appointed a new Commander of the Ground Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. According to the official decree, the position is now held by Brigadier General Hennadii Shapovalov.
20.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over the past day, a total of 176 combat engagements were recorded on the front. ➤ The Ukrainian FPV drone complex "Svitlovod" has been officially codified and approved for use by the Armed Forces of Ukraine. These drones are built on a durable frame, equipped with high-performance motors and lightweight, high-capacity batteries, operate via fiber-optic control channels, capable of delivering a combat payload across dozens of kilometers. They are also outfitted with automated target detection and recognition systems, and customizable with day or night vision cameras, depending on configuration. ➤ On the Donetsk front, Ukrainian kamikaze drones destroyed two rare Russian counter-battery radar stations "Yastreb-AV". This system is considered Russia's most advanced radar complex for tracking the trajectory of enemy projectiles and calculating the exact coordinates of artillery positions. ➤ A separate grouping of Ukraine's Unmanned Systems Forces has been established within the Armed Forces, according to the SBS (Unmanned Systems Forces) press service. This move aims to improve command efficiency, support force transformation, and adapt to the demands of modern warfare. The grouping will incorporate all SBS military units and the "Drone Line" brigades.
21.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Russia is currently incapable of achieving an operational breakthrough on any section of the front, according to Colonel Ants Kiviselg, commander of the Intelligence Center of the Estonian Defense Forces. He stated that Russia's summer offensive, ongoing for two months primarily in eastern Ukraine, has essentially stalled against Ukraine's persistent defense and has devolved into tactical-level operations, where Russian forces continue trying to advance despite heavy losses. ➤ Kiviselg also noted that the intensity of Russian attacks this week remained stable, with 150–160 attacks per day. ➤ Near occupied Tokmak in Zaporizhzhia Oblast, a Russian fuel train was hit, with 11 tank cars reportedly burning, according to Petro Andriushchenko, head of the Center for the Study of Occupation. The Ukrainian Defense Forces struck the train on a railway section between the village of Levadne and the town of Molochansk in the Zaporizhzhia region.

Losses of the Russian army from 15.06.2025 to 21.06.2025

Liquidated personnel	
Tanks	22
IFVs	45
Artillery systems / MLRS	256/7
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	3
Aircraft / helicopters	2/0
UAVs	891
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	669
Special equipment	4



This week shelling and strikes



Massive attacks per week

- **Attack on the night of June 15:** Air defense neutralized 167 out of 194 aerial targets. The main direction of the airstrike was the city of Kremenchuk in the Poltava oblast. Strikes were recorded in Kremenchuk, and debris fell in 6 locations.
- **Attack on the night of June 16:** Air defense neutralized 125 out of 138 aerial targets. The main direction of the airstrike was the Donetsk oblast. Of the 125 targets, 84 drones were shot down, while 41 were either lost by location or jammed by electronic warfare. Strikes were recorded in 10 locations.
- **Attack on the night of June 17:** Air defense neutralized 428 aerial targets. A total of 239 Shahed drones, 2 Kh 47 M2 Kinzhal aeroballistic missiles, 15 Kh 101 cruise missiles, and 8 guided air-launched missiles Kh 59/69 were shot down. Strikes were recorded in 10 locations. The main direction of the strike was Kyiv.
- **Attack on the night of June 18:** Air defense neutralized 30 aerial targets. Russia launched 58 drones in total. The main directions of the strike were Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts. Strikes were recorded in 9 locations.
- **Attack on the night of June 19:** Air defense neutralized 88 out of 104 drones. Of the 88 targets, 40 were destroyed by firepower, and the other 48 were either lost by location or suppressed by EW. Strikes were recorded in 6 locations.
- **Attack on the night of June 20:** Air defense neutralized 70 drones. Of the 70 targets, 34 UAVs were shot down by firepower, while 36 were either lost or jammed by EW. Strikes were recorded in 8 locations, and debris fell in 11 locations.
- **Attack on the night of June 21:** Air defense neutralized 260 aerial targets. The main direction of the strike was Kremenchuk.

Donetsk oblast

- Throughout the week, the Donetsk oblast suffered from attacks involving guided aerial bombs (KABs) and UAVs.

On June 17, Russians struck a car with a UAV in the city of Kostiantynivka. As a result of the attack, two people were injured. On June 18, Russian forces shelled the city of Sviatohirsk using the S-300 missiles. As a result, 5 people were wounded. 19 apartment buildings and private houses, 7 cars, a garage and shopping facilities were damaged.

- Other areas affected during the week include:
 - Volnovakha district: Bahatyr.
 - Pokrovsk district: Myrnohrad, Pokrovsk, Rodynske, Bilytske, Volodymyrivka, Dobropillia, Novyi Donbas, Zoloty Kolodiaz, Novotroitske, Hruzke, Stepy, Novotoretske, Maiak, Boikivka, Toretske.
 - Kramatorsk district: Zarichne, Drobysheve, Kramatorsk, Dmytro-Darivka, Starovarivka, Illinivka, Lyman, Malynivka, Yablunivka, Bilokuzmynivka, Andriivka, Ocheretyne, Novostepanivka, Dovha Balka, Shchurove, Sloviansk, Zoloti Prudy, Ozerne, Virolubivka, Markove.
 - Bakhmut district: Siversk.

Kharkiv and the oblast

- Throughout the week, the Kharkiv oblast suffered from the attacks involving UAVs, guided aerial bombs (KABs), FAB-500 bombs, and FPV drones.

On June 17, a Russian drone struck a truck near the rural settlement of Ripky. One person was injured. On June 20, Russian forces attacked Kharkiv with drones. As a result of the attack, 3 people were injured, and 6 apartment buildings, 2 private houses, 51 cars, a garage, and a household facility were damaged.

The following areas suffered from attacks: Kupiansk, Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi, Izium, Ivashky, Lozova, Korotych, Vovchansk, Vysokyi, Tsupivka, Osadkivka, and Mykolaivka.

Sumy oblast

- Throughout the week, the Sumy oblast came under attack using UAVs and guided aerial bombs (KABs). In addition, this region endured MLRS shelling and VOG grenade drops from drones.

On June 17, a Russian FPV drone struck the Bilopillia community. One person was killed, and another was injured. On June 20, Russian forces attacked Sumy with Lancet UAVs. One person was injured. The roof and 20 windows were damaged in two five-story apartment buildings.

Injuries and infrastructure damage were also recorded in the following localities during the week: Sumy, Velyka Pysarivka, Mykolaiv, Bilopillia, Yunakivka, Konotop, Seredyna-Buda, Richky and Krolevets communities.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

- Throughout the week, the Zaporizhzhia oblast endured attacks involving UAVs and MLRS shelling.

On June 18, Russian troops attacked the Huliaipole community. One person was injured.

Other affected settlements throughout the week included: Lezhynne, Kamianske, Huliaipole, Olhivske, Shcherbaky, Poltavka, Zaporizhzhia, Stepnohorsk, Lobkove, Novodanylivka, Mala Tokmachka, Novodarivka, Novoivanivka, Novoandriivka, Charivne, Zaliznychne, Bilohiria, Mahdalynivka, Prymorske, Stepove, Uspenivka, Pavlivka, Temyrivka, Staroukrainka, Novoiaikovlivka, Novohryhorivka, Matviivka, and Kanivske.

Mykolaiv Oblast

- Throughout the week, Russian troops regularly attacked the Mykolaiv oblast, targeting Kutsurub, Ochakiv, and Inhulka communities. Russian forces mainly used FPV drones, artillery, and Shahed 131/136 attack drones. At least 4 private houses, household facilities, Ochakiv coastal infrastructure, and an agricultural enterprise in the Bashtanka district were damaged. Fires broke out but were promptly eliminated. One 70-year-old woman was injured in the village of Dmytrivka.

This week shelling and strikes

Dnipro and the oblast

- Throughout the week, Russian troops regularly attacked the Dnipropetrovsk region using artillery, Grad multiple launch rocket systems, FPV drones, ammunition dropped from UAVs, and guided aerial bombs (KABs). Private houses, household facilities, cars, infrastructural facilities, power transmission lines, education facilities, plants and critical infrastructure facilities were reported damaged or destroyed.
- On June 17, Russians shelled the city of Nikopol using artillery and FPV drones. A 63-year-old man was killed, and 2 others were injured. A college, a private enterprise, private houses, and several vehicles were destroyed.
- On June 19, Russian troops carried out a massive attack on the Nikopol district, which resulted in the injury of 5 people, including an 11-year-old boy and a 59-year-old man who died later in the hospital.
- The following settlements came under attack: the cities of Nikopol and Marhanets, Myrove, Pokrov, Chervonohryhorivka, Novopavlivka, Vasylykivka, and Malomykhailivka communities.

Odesa oblast

- Throughout the week, Russian forces carried out massive attacks on the Odesa oblast, particularly on its administrative centre, Odesa. Russians mainly used attack drones (Shahed and others) and guided air-launched missiles Kh 59/69. 11 fires were recorded as a result of the attack. A total of 3 people died (including a 60-year-old woman) and 31 were injured, among them emergency workers, a 17-year-old girl, and a pregnant woman.

On June 17, Russian troops launched attack drones on Odesa. A direct hit from the drone caused the destruction of private houses, a kindergarten, and an inclusive center. A total of 2 people died under the debris.

On June 20, a series of strikes caused damage to a 23-storey apartment building. A total of 600 people were evacuated. Several private houses, the Law Academy, education facilities, and shops were either destroyed or damaged. 1 person died and 14 were injured.

Poltava Oblast

- Throughout the week, the Poltava oblast endured several strikes using Shahed drones, and combined attacks involving drones, missiles, and cluster munitions. The main targets were energy infrastructure facilities, residential buildings, cars, gas pipelines, and power transmission lines. The fall of debris caused power outages in some areas. At least 7 buildings were damaged, and a total of 43 households and 5 enterprises were heavily damaged.

On June 15, Poltava suffered from a massive missile attack. The main targets were Poltava and Kremenchuk. On the night of June 21, Russia launched a massive combined attack on the Kremenchuk district. As a result of a direct hit and falling debris, energy facilities, residential buildings, and cars were damaged, and one person was injured. Several settlements came under fire, such as Chutove (Poltava district), Poltava, and Kremenchuk districts.

Kherson and the oblast

- Throughout the week, the Kherson oblast endured massive attacks involving kamikaze drones, artillery, guided aerial bombs (KABs), and air raids. Russian troops launched regular shelling targeting residential, social, and critical infrastructure.

On June 17, Russian occupiers used a new tactic, namely a massive morning drone attack on the heavily populated areas of Kherson. At least 11 people were wounded in just one hour in the area of Dnipro Market, Myr Street, and Kulyk Street. On June 20, Russian shelling led to the damage of 2 apartment buildings and 14 private houses. At least 7 people were injured. In total, no fewer than two people died and 72 were injured throughout the week.

The following settlements came under shelling: Antonivka, Bilozerka, Beryslav, Stanislav, Komyschany, Prydniprovsk, Sadove, Sofivka, Kizomys, Tiahynka, Novooleksandrivka, Darivka, Osokorkivka, Kachkarivka, Oleksandrivka, Zmiivka, Dudchany, Respublikanets, Vesele, Shyroka Balka, Lvove, Olhivka, Romashkove, Berehove, Yantarne, Zorivka, Novoberyslav, Novokairy, Mykolaivka, Poniativka, Chervonyi Mayak, Chervonyi Yar and the city of Kherson.

Chernihiv oblast

- Throughout the week, Russian forces regularly shelled border communities in the Chernihiv oblast, including Novhorod-Siverskyi, Semenivka, Snovsk, Horodnia, Varva settlements, as well as the administrative center, the city of Chernihiv. Strikes were recorded in 16 villages and in the city of Semenivka. Russian occupiers used a wide range of weaponry: FPV drones, mortars, cannon artillery, grenade launchers, unguided aviation missiles, ammunition dropped from UAVs (including first fire mixtures), and gas grenades. The attack resulted in the destruction of residential buildings, critical infrastructure facilities, cars, household facilities, and power transmission lines. At least 2 people were injured.

On June 17, Russian forces attacked the Varva community and a residential micro district of Chernihiv. The attack led to damage to buildings and cars and to the injury of one person. Also, Russian occupiers dropped ammunition from drones on the villages of the Novhorod-Siverskyi district. In the village of Buchky, a private house caught fire after the explosion of the FPV drone. In the village of Zhuklia, power transmission lines were damaged. In the Snovsk community, a 68-year-old woman was wounded.

Kyiv Oblast

- Throughout the week, the Kyiv oblast, namely Dniprovskiy, Darnytskyi, and Solomianskyi Districts, came under attack involving attack drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles. The attack caused damage to residential buildings, education facilities (a student residence of the aviation institute and a kindergarten), and infrastructure. A total of 28 people died, including one USA citizen, and 143 others were injured, including 6 children.

On June 17, Russians launched a combined attack on Kyiv, using drones, cruise, and ballistic missiles. In the Solomianskyi district, one section of the apartment block was destroyed, and 23 people died under the debris. The student dormitory, education facilities, and residential buildings were damaged. On June 16, a Russian attack drone fell in the private sector of the Rusaniv Gardens in the Dnipro district. A young man born in 2004 was severely injured, so he was hospitalized.



The week of shelling

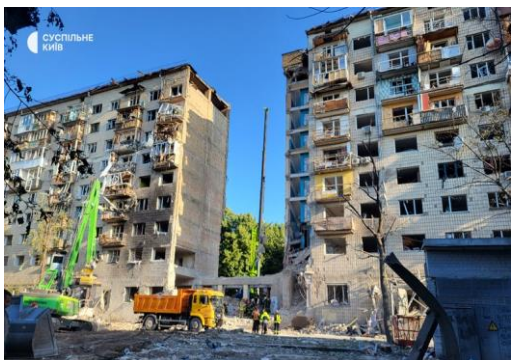
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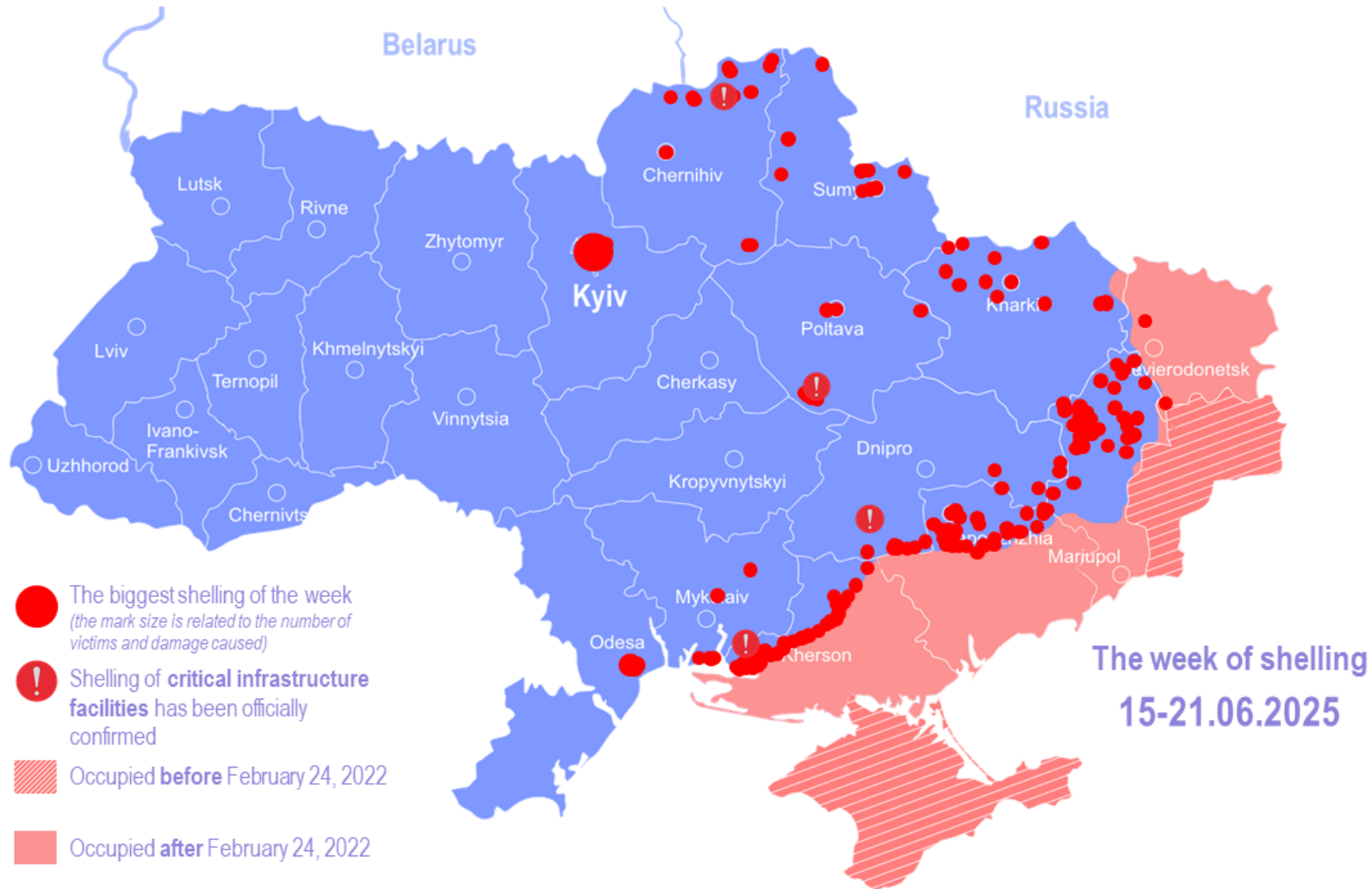
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Odesa oblast



Kharkiv oblast



Violations of International Humanitarian Law by Russia

- Russian occupiers are holding Ukrainian journalist Dmytro Khyliuk, who was captured in March 2022, in a colony in the Vladimir region of Russia, according to a Ukrainian soldier recently released from captivity. According to media reports, 29 Ukrainian journalists are currently being held in Russia, making it the world's largest prison for foreign journalists.
- More than **1,500 people tortured** by the occupiers have been identified in the Kherson Oblast. The existence of at least 13 torture chambers set up by the Russians in the area has also been confirmed. Law enforcement agencies are currently investigating approximately 50 cases of civilian killings resulting from torture. Currently, 108 people involved in torture have been identified, 105 have been charged, and 10 have already been convicted.
- Since the start of Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Russian forces have **killed 208 artists and 107 Ukrainian and foreign media workers**. "Russia's systematic crimes against journalists and the media pose a serious threat to freedom of speech and information security, undermining democratic values and human rights," the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications added.
- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated that Russia had **offered to exchange its prisoners of war for kidnapped Ukrainian children**. He made this statement at a press conference with Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen. "We cannot exchange children. They are not prisoners of war. Therefore, it is impossible; we will not exchange them for anything. It is completely unfair," Zelenskyy said.
- The Russian army has been **using chemical weapons against Ukrainian defenders** in the Siversk direction for three weeks, according to the Rubizh operational brigade of the National Guard of Ukraine. "These munitions are characterized by the extremely rapid spread of a toxic substance, which instantly spreads through dugouts and low-lying areas," the brigade reported.

International support

- On June 16, Ukraine and Austria signed a series of memoranda. **Austria's support for Ukraine** is expanding in the areas of humanitarian demining, the return of Ukrainian children abducted by Russia, energy and cybersecurity, a unified European sanctions policy, and post-war reconstruction of Ukraine.
- Italy and the UNDP will provide Ukraine with **€1.5 million for demining**. Currently, approximately 138,500 square kilometers of territory may be contaminated with explosive objects.

Other

- Starting July 1, 2025, Ukraine will **launch a pilot project to provide basic social assistance** to low-income families. Low-income families, single mothers, large families, or those receiving temporary child support will be eligible for payments. The base amount for calculation is 4,500 UAH (~\$107.2) per person.

Temporarily Occupied Territories (TOT) and Evacuation

- In the temporarily occupied Crimea, Russians are holding a "children's peace summit" at the sanctioned Artek camp, according to the Center for National Resistance. Russian propagandists claim that 300 children from 30 countries are involved in the "peace summit". The Center emphasizes that the purpose of such an event is an attempt by the occupiers to legitimize the Russian Federation and **raise a new generation loyal to Moscow**.
- As part of the Bring Kids Back UA initiative, a **15-year-old boy and his mother were rescued** from the temporarily occupied territory.
- Russia is updating its State National Policy Strategy, which will now focus on "Russian culture" and language as "the foundations of national unity", according to the Foreign Intelligence Service. "The key focus of the document is on **Russian culture and language as 'the foundations of national unity'**. Moscow openly admits that through Russification, propaganda, and cultural cleansing, it aims to create **95% of the so-called "all-Russian identity" by 2036, the report says**.
- Maria Lvova-Belova, the Russian Federation's Commissioner for Children's Rights, announced Russia's intention to return five Ukrainian children from the list handed over to the Russian side during negotiations in Istanbul. She stressed that the children will be reunited with their relatives in Ukraine by the end of June. At the same time, she said **Russia is also preparing its own list of Russian children who are allegedly in Ukraine**.

Prisoners of War

- On Monday, June 16, **the final stage of the exchange of bodies between Ukraine and Russia** took place, in accordance with the agreements reached in Istanbul. As part of the exchange, another 1,245 bodies, including those of military personnel, were returned to Ukraine. The total number of bodies returned to Ukraine under the Istanbul agreements has reached 6,057.
- During the latest repatriations, **Russia returned to Ukraine at least 20 bodies of occupiers in Ukrainian uniforms**, alongside the fallen Ukrainian defenders. This was likely done deliberately to complicate the identification process. The bodies are returned in an extremely mutilated condition, with body parts placed in separate bags. There are also cases when the remains of one person are returned in multiple stages of repatriation.
- More than **800 servicemen from the Azov Brigade** of the National Guard of Ukraine remain in Russian captivity. It is reported that Azov, together with the Association of Defenders' Families, has also launched the project moscowconvention.com, which clearly demonstrates Russia's violation of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war. Recently, the website ruddian-inferno.com was launched, a platform that documents testimonies about the conditions of Ukrainian prisoners in Russian prisons.

