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

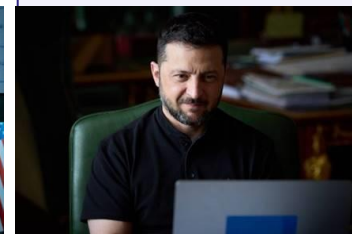
- **The negotiation process is gaining momentum under the American initiative.** US Special Representative Steve Witkoff held a three-hour meeting with Vladimir Putin on August 6, discussing the war in Ukraine and strategic partnership. According to Putin's adviser Yuri Ushakov, the parties **exchanged "signals,"** but no details were disclosed. Donald Trump spoke of "significant progress" and announced a personal meeting with the Russian leader on August 15 in Alaska.
- US Secretary of State Marco Rubio noted that, for the first time, the United States **had received concrete examples of Russia's conditions** for ending the war. According to The Wall Street Journal, Putin proposed a two-stage plan: the withdrawal of Ukrainian troops from the Donetsk Oblast and a freeze of the front line, after which Trump and Putin would agree on a final peace plan. No guarantees in the form of Ukraine's accession to NATO are being offered; instead, Moscow pledges to enshrine in law a commitment not to attack Ukraine.
- Volodymyr Zelenskyi held a **telephone conversation** with Trump, with the participation of European leaders, and coordinated positions on possible formats for meetings. The President of Ukraine noted that **"Russia is now more inclined to a ceasefire"** and that "pressure on them is working," while warning against possible Russian deceit. Zelenskyi firmly declared: "Ukrainians will not give their land to the occupier," emphasizing readiness only for real peace solutions.
- Ukraine and its European partners developed a **counterproposal to Russia's terms** and presented it to the USA at a meeting in London on August 9. The meeting was attended by US Vice President JD Vance, British Foreign Secretary David Lammy, and national security advisers from Ukraine and Europe. According to The Wall Street Journal, the European plan calls for a ceasefire as a first step, a mutual exchange of territories, and unwavering security guarantees for Ukraine, including potential NATO membership.
- **Economic pressure on Russia's partners is mounting.** Trump has imposed an additional 25% tariff on India for purchasing Russian oil and is threatening China with similar measures. The US president expressed outrage that India is not only buying "huge amounts" of Russian oil, but also reselling it at a profit. In response, the Indian Foreign Ministry called the US actions "unfair" and said that India had "become a target" of the West, pointing to the EU and US trade with Russia worth tens of billions of dollars.
- India's largest state-owned oil refiners purchased 22 million barrels of non-Russian oil following US pressure, but private companies continue to import from Russia. China has rejected US demands to stop buying oil from Russia and Iran, despite the threat of a 100% tariff. China is estimated to import more than a million barrels of Iranian oil daily, accounting for 80-90% of Iran's exports.
- **Military component and prisoner exchange.** Ukraine and Russia have agreed to exchange 1,200 prisoners of war, and the lists are currently being finalized. The USA has deployed nuclear submarines near Russia's borders in response to nuclear threats from Dmitri Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of the Russian Security Council.
- Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko discussed with the US Treasury Secretary the launch of an American-Ukrainian investment fund with the possibility of investments in the defense sector.

International support

- **Increased sanctions pressure on Russia.** The European Union is finalizing preparations for the implementation of the 18th package of sanctions against Russia, which will take effect by the end of the week. According to European Commission spokeswoman Arianna Podesta, the main focus is on ensuring compliance with the restrictions already adopted and preventing attempts to circumvent them. The **new package**, approved on July 18, covers 14 individuals and 41 organizations, and also provides for a reduction in the price cap on Russian oil from \$60 to \$47.60 per barrel.
- **Canada announced** that it would **join the price cap on Russian oil** in the coming weeks, expanding the coalition of countries applying this mechanism of economic pressure. Meanwhile, an Austrian district court has authorized Naftogaz to recover more than €120 million from Russia in arbitration proceedings over the illegal seizure of property following the annexation of Crimea. The court also approved the freezing of more than 20 Russian real estate assets in Austria for subsequent sale at auction.
- **EU financial support and review of international aid programs.** The EU Council has approved more than €3 billion for Ukraine under the Ukraine Facility — €50 billion in macro-financial assistance over four years. Payments will depend on the continuation of democratic reforms, the establishment of a multi-party parliamentary system, the rule of law, and respect for human rights.
- The Ukrainian government has updated the reform plan required to receive EU funding. Economy Minister Oleksii Sobolev noted the adjustment of the deadlines for fulfilling commitments — some will be extended, others shortened. The changes will apply to steps starting in the third quarter of 2025, and the new version of the plan is to be approved by the EU Council by the end of September.
- The National Bank of Ukraine stated that the format of the **current program with the IMF no longer fully meets the country's needs**, as a significant part of it focused on post-war reconstruction, while the war continues. NBU Chairman Andrii Pyshnyi stressed the need to design a new program to replace the current one after its completion in 2027. President Volodymyr Zelenskyi held talks with IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on a new financial assistance program and additional funding for Ukrainian troops.
- **Development of regional cooperation.** Ukraine and Moldova have extended their agreement on a "transport visa-free" regime until 2027, expanding opportunities for businesses in both countries. Moldova remains an important transit route for Ukrainian goods to European markets. Trade turnover between the countries grew by 12% last year and reached \$1.1 billion, confirming the effectiveness of cooperation in the transport sector.

Other

- A Russian explosives factory has successfully purchased equipment from the German company Siemens despite existing Western sanctions, using a network of intermediaries.



- **Cooperation between Russia and China is deepening in the military sphere.** The countries are conducting joint exercises in the Sea of Japan involving destroyers, submarines, and anti-submarine ships, and have also begun joint patrols in the Asia-Pacific region. According to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a new “CRINK axis” (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea) is emerging to coordinate actions against Ukraine and Western countries. In addition, a Chinese-Russian company has developed new Kevlar-reinforced fiber optic cables for military use.
- **Belarus is stepping up military training on its border with Ukraine,** forming a new airborne assault unit. The first echelon of Russian troops and equipment has arrived in the country to participate in the Zapad-2025 (West-2025) strategic exercises, the main stage of joint training between the two countries' armed forces. In September, Belarus will host a series of drills under the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO).
- A Swiss officer from the OSCE delegation is **suspected of passing information to the Russian side.** A colonel with over 20 years of experience in the Federal Department of Defense allegedly handed over a document to the Russian delegation in Vienna in the summer of 2024. The officer was recalled to Switzerland under pressure from other countries concerned about the leak of information, and the case is being investigated by the military prosecutor's office and intelligence agencies.
- **UEFA has paid Russian football clubs nearly €11 million in “solidarity” aid since 2022,** despite their suspension from European competitions. At the same time, Ukrainian clubs did not receive similar payments due to “unclear requirements” from a Swiss bank regarding their location in a “war zone.”
- **OPEC+ has agreed for the sixth consecutive time to increase oil production by 547,000 barrels per day** in September, in response to former US President Trump's threats regarding Russian oil. Despite steady growth in production over several months, prices remain high due to a seasonal increase in demand, although after the announcement of the OPEC+ decision, Brent futures fell to \$69.27 per barrel.
- President **Zelenskiy has introduced a series of new sanctions.** The measures sanction 94 captains of the Russian “shadow fleet” transporting sanctioned oil, including citizens of India, China, Pakistan, and other countries. Additional restrictions have been imposed on 288 companies, including subsidiaries of Gazpromneft, defense industry equipment manufacturers in China, Turkey, and the UAE, as well as logistics intermediaries. Separate sanctions packages target 62 individuals and companies involved in exporting grain stolen from occupied territories, 15 directors of Russian museums for misappropriating Ukrainian cultural property, and 35 individuals linked to attempts to integrate the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant into the Russian power grid.
- **Volunteers from 72 countries serve in the Armed Forces of Ukraine,** approximately 40% of whom are from South America.
- The Moldovan authorities have barred three parties from the pro-Russian “Victory” bloc, close to convicted oligarch Ilan Shor, from participating in the parliamentary elections. The Central Election Commission excluded them from the list due to ongoing legal disputes over restrictions on their activities. At the same time, the Moldovan government revoked the gas supply license of Moldovagaz, a subsidiary of Gazprom.
- Russian gas exports to Europe via Gazprom in January–July 2025 **fell by almost half compared to the same period last year,** to 9.93 billion cubic meters from 18.3 billion. This demonstrates the effectiveness of sanctions pressure on the Russian energy sector.



Military Support

- **The Netherlands and Nordic countries are stepping up funding for American weapons for Ukraine.** The Netherlands will allocate €500 million for the purchase of American air defense systems, including Patriot systems and accompanying missiles. President Zelenskiy and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte welcomed the initiative, with Rutte expecting further announcements from other allies in the near future.
- **Nordic countries have joined funding for American weapons under a new NATO initiative.** Denmark will allocate 580 million kroner (\$90 million), Sweden \$275 million, and Norway \$142 million as an initial contribution. The total cost of the package is worth approximately \$500 million, and the funds will be used to purchase American air defense and artillery systems.
- **The US launches new support mechanisms and approves arms sales.** The United States, together with NATO, has launched a new mechanism to support Ukraine as part of the Prioritized Ukraine Requirements List (PURL) initiative, which aims to optimize military aid. The purpose of the new instrument is to promptly provide Ukraine with weapon systems that the United States can provide in sufficient quantities, strengthening its defense capabilities and creating conditions for a just and lasting peace. At the same time, the US State Department approved the potential sale to Ukraine of equipment and services for the repair of M777 howitzers, with a total value of over \$200 million. The deal includes two contracts: the first, worth \$104 million, covers military equipment, repairs, and training; the second, worth \$99.5 million, covers transport and logistics services.
- **European countries are expanding bilateral cooperation with Ukraine.** France is stepping up defense cooperation through two initiatives. Texelis has signed a memorandum with a Ukrainian partner to jointly develop a line of armored vehicles, and Arquus Defense has already delivered the first ACMAT Bastion armored vehicles to Ukraine after three years of testing.
- **Ukraine is discussing with Poland the possibility of obtaining a €120 million loan to purchase Polish weapons,** including Piorun man-portable air-defense systems and Krab self-propelled artillery systems. The Polish Unimot Group is investing \$110,000 in joint drone production with a Ukrainian partner through the newly established company PZL Śędziszów.
- **Technical support and restoration of weapons.** German Air Force specialists have successfully restored the damaged radar of Ukraine's Patriot air-defense system, which was severely damaged by Russian forces several months ago. Initially assessed as a “total loss,” the radar was restored after German technicians worked 16-hour days. Last week, it successfully intercepted its first Russian target.

Key Events of the Week:

- Russia continues to carry out intensive assaults. Active combat is ongoing along almost the entire front line, including in the north of Ukraine's Kharkiv region, Donetsk region, and in the Zaporizhzhia direction. The highest intensity is observed in the Pokrovsk and Lyman sectors, with up to 40–50 attacks recorded daily, indicating the main operational focus of Russian forces in these areas.
- Ukrainian drones regularly strike deep rear targets in the Russian Federation, including oil depots, oil refineries, airfields, and military warehouses.
- The Security Service of Ukraine carried out a record-long-range strike, destroying a Shahed drone storage facility in Russia's Tatarstan, 1,300 km from Ukraine.
- Russian forces are attempting to cut off the logistics of the Ukrainian Armed Forces near Pokrovsk, but have not succeeded.
- Foreign mercenaries from China, Pakistan, African countries, and Central Asia have been reported participating on the side of Russian forces at the front.
- Ukraine is successfully destroying Russian air defense and radar systems in Crimea, forcing Russian forces to hide their equipment under protective domes.
- Russian forces are using UAVs to remotely mine agricultural lands and roads with PTM-3 anti-tank mines.
- British intelligence reports that in July, Russia captured up to 550 square kilometers of Ukrainian territory, but its advance in the Sumy region has been halted.
- Ukraine is intensifying mobilization in response to Russia's plans to form 10 new divisions by the end of the year.
- Romania, Italy, and the Czech Republic suspect Russia of chemical sabotage targeting oil supplies as part of its hybrid warfare tactics.

03.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 138 clashes were recorded over the past day. On the night of August 3, Russian forces attacked Ukraine with 83 aerial strike assets. ➤ During the night, Ukrainian drones attacked an oil depot in the Adler district of the Russian city of Sochi. According to local authorities, a fuel tank caught fire, and firefighters are currently extinguishing the blaze. Additionally, the Russian city of Voronezh was also targeted. The attack caused fires in private homes and outbuildings in the city. Authorities report four people injured. ➤ Russian military forces are attempting to destroy the bridge in the Ukrainian city of Kherson: they have once again launched an airstrike, according to the Regional Military Administration. Preliminary reports confirm a hit in the vicinity of the bridge. Information regarding casualties and damage is being verified.
04.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 183 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. On the night of August 4, Russian forces attacked with 162 strike UAVs, as well as an aeroballistic Kh-47M2 "Kinzhal" missile. ➤ The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) carried out a drone strike on the Saky airfield in the Russian-occupied Crimea. As a result of the strike on the airfield territory, an aviation weapons storage facility was hit. A Su-30SM aircraft was completely destroyed, and another was damaged. Additionally, three Su-24 aircraft were also hit, the SBU reported. ➤ The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine has confirmed a successful strike on the logistics base at Sochi Airport, a Russian facility located in Krasnodar Krai. Yesterday, the Unmanned Systems Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, in coordination with other components of the Defense Forces, struck the fuel and refueling complex at Sochi Airport. A significant fire broke out at the facility. It is known that the airport also hosted Russian army aviation units. ➤ During the night, UAVs attacked the Archeda railway station in Russia's Volgograd region. Local Telegram channels report a series of explosions and a large-scale fire at the site. As a result of the attack, the Russian airports in Tambov and Volgograd were temporarily closed. Meanwhile, the Russian Ministry of Defense claims that its air defenses allegedly shot down 61 drones overnight. ➤ Russian forces stormed the Hoptivka checkpoint, a Ukrainian-controlled border crossing in Ukraine's Kharkiv region. Russian sources disseminated information claiming the capture of this checkpoint. However, Vyacheslav Zadorenko, head of the Derhachi Regional Military Administration of Ukraine, refuted the Russian statement. He stated that Hoptivka remains under full control of the Ukrainian Defense Forces. "As this news is beginning to gain public attention, I consider it necessary to inform you that the occupiers indeed launched an assault on this checkpoint. As a result, soldiers of the 58th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade eliminated over ten Russian invaders, while dozens of others fled back to Russia," he wrote. ➤ Near Pokrovsk, the heaviest fighting is currently underway, said Viktor Trehubov, spokesperson for the operational-strategic grouping of troops "Khortytsia." Pokrovsk, a Ukrainian city in the Donetsk region, is one of the key objectives of the Russian campaign. "Of course, it's difficult. We would like the Russians to be stopped there as soon as possible, but we all understand that halting them is a major challenge with an asterisk," Trehubov said. He assured that every effort is being made to hold back Russian forces in this area. ➤ Near Vovchansk, foreign mercenaries from China, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and African countries are fighting on Russia's side, President Zelenskyi stated. The President visited Ukrainian soldiers defending the country in the Vovchansk direction. "Ukrainian troops have reported the involvement of mercenaries from China, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, and African countries in the fighting in this direction. We will respond accordingly," the President wrote. ➤ On August 2, the Defense Forces of Ukraine destroyed a Russian S-300 surface-to-air missile system in the temporarily Russian-occupied territory of the Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia, the General Staff reported. The elimination of this target significantly reduces the long-range fire capabilities of the Russian forces and decreases their ability to shell the positions of the Defense Forces of Ukraine and civilian infrastructure in the region, the military noted.

Losses of the Russian army from 03.08.2025 to 09.08.2025

Liquidated personnel	6 100
Tanks	20
IFVs	28
Artillery systems / MLRS	1290/8
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	1
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	1 004
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	738
Special equipment	1



Situation at the Front

05.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 151 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. Last night, Russian forces attacked Ukraine with 46 UAVs. Ukrainian defenders shot down or suppressed 29 of the Russian UAVs. ➤ In the Sumy region, the Defense Forces of Ukraine shot down a Russian strike drone equipped with cassettes containing PTM-3 anti-tank mines under its wings. This method allows the Russian forces to remotely mine roads, agricultural lands, and other areas. The PTM-3 mine, small in size and housed in a plastic casing, has a magnetic detonator that responds to nearby or passing vehicles, the report states. ➤ The Defense Forces of Ukraine continue to hold back Russian occupiers around the Pokrovsk-Myrnohrad agglomeration, located in the Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk in the Donetsk region. Russian forces have been unsuccessfully trying to push our troops out of this area for over a year. At the same time, some sources have been spreading false information about the alleged encirclement of our units in Pokrovsk. This is completely untrue. Currently, Russian forces are conducting offensive operations northeast of Pokrovsk, attempting to cut off the logistics of Ukrainian troops. However, despite significant efforts and continuous assaults, the Russians have not succeeded. Russian soldiers are finding only their deaths around Pokrovsk. ➤ "We have no choice but to continue mobilization measures," said Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Oleksandr Syrskiy. "The Russian enemy is increasing its forces by 9,000 personnel every month. The Russian leadership aims to form 10 new divisions by the end of the year, with two already established. Therefore, we have no choice but to continue mobilization efforts, improve combat training, and strengthen the drone component of our forces," Syrskiy stated.
06.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 143 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. During the night over Ukraine, air defense forces shot down 36 drones of the Russian army. In total, the Russian army launched 45 strike UAV attacks across the south, north, and east of the country. ➤ The situation in the Sumy and Kursk regions has partially stabilized. Commander of the Ukrainian Air Assault Forces, Oleh Apostol, reported that the settlements of Andriivka and Kindrativka have already been liberated, and another one will be freed soon. The commander also announced two technological and engineering surprises for the Russian occupiers: one is already fully prepared, while the other still requires additional resources. "If everything succeeds, it will be very difficult for the Russians," he added.
07.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 147 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. Last night, the Russian occupiers launched 112 UAVs against Ukraine. ➤ The General Staff confirmed a strike on the Afipsky oil refinery in the Krasnodar region of the Russian Federation. The refinery's annual processing capacity is 6.25 million tons, accounting for 2.1% of Russia's total oil refining capacity. As a result of the UAV strike, a fire broke out at the gas and gas condensate processing unit. Ukrainian forces also attacked several other important facilities — the results of these operations are being clarified. ➤ Combat drones of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry's Main Intelligence Directorate (HUR) special unit "Phantoms" successfully struck a Russian Project 02510 assault boat "BK-16" and destroyed the following Russian targets: the Nebo-SVU radar station, the Podlyot K-1 radar station, and the 96L6E radar station. Following significant losses of air defense assets on the peninsula, Russian occupiers in Crimea have begun concealing their expensive military facilities inside dome structures. One such dome was targeted by the special forces of military intelligence on Ai-Petri, where the Moscow forces had established an air defense base of the 3rd Radio-Technical Regiment.
08.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 147 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. During the night over Ukraine, 82 UAVs were shot down. In total, the Russian forces launched 108 air attack assets, including Shahed-type strike drones.
09.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 163 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. On the night of August 9, Russian forces launched 47 strike UAVs and two Iskander-K cruise missiles in attacks ➤ Ukrainian SBU drones struck a storage terminal for Shahed drones in Kzyl-Yul, a settlement in the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation. This morning, long-range drones from the SBU's Special Operations Center "A" hit the logistics hub where ready-to-use Shaheds and foreign components for them were stored. The distance from Ukraine to the strike site is approximately 1,300 kilometers, according to the SBU. ➤ British intelligence reports that in July, Russia likely captured up to 550 square kilometers of Ukrainian territory. According to intelligence data, Russian forces captured a similar amount of Ukrainian territory in June as well. The main fighting took place in Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine, northeast and southwest of the Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk, where Russian occupiers are attempting to encircle the city and press on other logistical routes. In Sumy Oblast, Ukraine, over the past two weeks, Russian forces have made no significant advances. Constant losses and Ukrainian counteroffensives have likely disrupted Russia's plans to establish a buffer zone there, British intelligence noted. ➤ The Romanian authorities suspect Russia of contaminating a large batch of Azerbaijani oil with chlorides as part of a hybrid warfare campaign. The contaminated oil was delivered to the OMV Petrom refinery in Ploiești, Romania, potentially causing serious equipment damage and a fuel crisis. The oil was transported via the route Azerbaijan — Georgia — Turkey, and then by sea to Romania. According to G4Media, the contamination may have occurred along the Baku–Tbilisi–Ceyhan pipeline section due to chlorine injection. The authorities declared an energy emergency and authorized the use of strategic fuel reserves. Contaminated oil was also detected in Italy (ENI) and the Czech Republic (Orlen Unipetrol), which managed to halt its usage.

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This week shelling and strikes

Massive attacks per week

- **Attack on the night of August 3:** Russia launched 83 drones and missiles at Ukraine. A total of 60 Shahed drones and various types of drone simulators were either suppressed or shot down by air defense, as well as one Iskander-M ballistic missile. Six missiles and 16 UAV strikes were recorded in eight locations.
- **Attack on the night of August 4:** Air defense forces neutralized 161 out of 162 drones. Russian forces also launched a Kh-47M2 "Kinzhal" aeroballistic missile, which was not shot down. One UAV strike was recorded, as well as the debris falling in nine locations in the Odesa and Kyiv regions.
- **Attack on the night of August 5:** Russian troops launched an Iskander-M ballistic missile and 46 UAVs. Air defense forces neutralized 29 drones. There were 17 UAV strikes in the eastern direction and 1 ballistic missile hit.
- **Attack on the night of August 6:** Ukrainian air defense forces neutralized 36 out of 45 enemy drones. There were 9 drone strikes in three locations. The debris falling was recorded in one location.
- **Attack on the night of August 7:** Air defense forces neutralized 89 drones out of 112. There were 23 drone strikes recorded in 11 locations; the debris falling was recorded in the other three locations.
- **Attack on the night of August 8:** Russia launched eight jet-powered UAVs and 104 Shaheds. Air defense forces shot down 82 aerial targets, including three jet-powered drones. A total of 26 drone strikes were recorded in 10 locations; the debris fell in eight locations.
- **Attack on the night of August 9:** Air defense forces neutralized one out of two Iskander-K missiles and 16 out of 47 drones. Drones were launched at the frontline areas in the Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, and Donetsk regions, and missiles targeted the city of Dnipro. A total of 31 UAV strikes were recorded in 15 locations.

Donetsk oblast

- The Donetsk region endured attacks involving guided missiles, UAVs, and FPV drones throughout this week.
- On August 5, Russian troops shelled the city of Pokrovsk. One person was killed in the attack. On August 7, the Russian forces shelled the city of Druzhkivka with a Smerch multiple launch rocket system. Five people were injured in the attack.
- A number of settlements were affected by the attacks, namely:
 - Pokrovsk district: Dobropillia, Rubizhne, Rodynske, Toretsk, Svitle, Shakhove, Volodymyrivka, Bilytske.
 - Kramatorsk district: Lyman, Yarova, Oleksandrivka, Mykolaivka, Raihorodok, Malynivka, Sloviansk, Petrivka Druha, Raiske, Kostyantynivka, Drobysheve, Illinivka, Ivanopillia, Bilokuzmynivka, Zarichne, Znamenivka, Shandryholove, Samarske, Mykilske, Korovii Yar, Yampil.
 - Bakhmut district: Siversk.

Zaporizhzhia oblast

- Throughout the week, Russian troops carried out attacks using UAVs, air strikes, and MLRS shelling.
- On August 4, the Russians dropped aerial bombs on the Huliaipole community. Two people were killed in the attack. Houses were also destroyed and damaged. On August 5, the Russian FPV drone attacked the village of Bilenke, injuring two people.
- Casualties, injuries, and infrastructure damage were also reported in the following settlements: Veselianska, Richne, Malynivka, Novoivanivka, Novoandriivka, Bilohiria, Stepanohirsk, Kamianske, Shcherbak, Novodanylivka, Preobrazhenka, Mala Tokmachka, Charivne, Huliaipole, Kushuhum, Natalivka, Orikhiv, Malokaterynivka, Zarichne, Uspenivka, Olhivske, Yurkivka, Chervona Krynytsia, Kanivske, Novooleksandrivka, Poltavka, Yulivka, and Novotavrycheske.

Kharkiv oblast

- Russian guided aerial bombs (KABs) and drones attacked the Kharkiv region multiple times during this week.
- On August 5, Russian drones struck the city of Kharkiv, injuring one person and damaging an apartment building and a gas station. On the morning of the same day, the Russians launched 33 UAVs at the city of Lozova. As a result, one person was killed in the attack and ten people were injured. In addition, railway infrastructure facilities were damaged.
- The following settlements came under attack during this week: Lyman, Prudianka, Rohan, Tsyркun, Losivka, Borshchova, Kupiansk, Prykolotne, Pisky-Radkivski, Pechenihiy, Perovske, Borova, Khotimlia, Odnorobivka, Balakliia, Kivsharivka, Ploske, Buhaivka, Kolomak, Hrakove, Doslidne, Kluhyno-Bashkyrivka, Malyi Burluk, Spodobivka, Voloska Balakliia, Zolochiv, Shevchenkove, Bezmiatzezhne, Odradne, Kalynove.

Sumy oblast

- The Sumy region endured UAV attacks, KAB strikes, VOG drops from drones, and MLRS shelling throughout the week.
- On August 5, Russians launched a missile strike on the Pishchane community. Two people were killed and three were wounded in the attack. In addition, the facilities of an agricultural enterprise were damaged. On August 6, Russian UAVs attacked the Vorozhba community. One person was wounded in the attack.
- The following communities also suffered from the attacks: Mykolaiv, Sumy, Druzhba, Buryin, Putivl, Nova Sloboda, Bilopillia, Esman, Nedryhailiv, Seredyna-Buda, Velyka Pysarivka, Shostka and Znob-Novgorodske communities.

This week shelling and strikes



Dnipro and the oblast

- The Dnipropetrovsk region came under massive attacks using UAVs (in particular FPV drones), artillery, Grad multiple-launch rocket systems, KAB aerial bombs, and missiles. This caused damage to private and apartment buildings, farm buildings, a kindergarten, a school, enterprises, a market, transport infrastructure, administrative buildings, solar panels, a gas pipeline, and power lines. At least 11 people were killed and more than 40 were injured during the week.
- On August 6, the Russian forces attacked the Nikopol district mainly with FPV drones and artillery, killing three people, including a 65-year-old woman, and injuring two people, aged 78 and 76. Ten private houses and three household buildings were damaged, and several fires broke out. On the night of August 7, the Russian troops launched a massive drone attack on Dnipro, killing four people and injuring eight. Thirteen high-rise buildings, a school, and a transport company were damaged, 12 cars were destroyed, and 17 more were damaged.
- The communities of Nikopol, Marghanets, Myrove, Pokrovsk, Chervonohryhorivka, Malomykhailivka, Velykomykhailivka, Sloviansk, Novopavlivka, Mezhoa, Zelenodolsk, and Hrushivka, as well as the cities of Dnipro, Kryvyi Rih, and Pavlohrad, were under attack.

Odesa Oblast

- The Russian drones (including Shahed-136/131 models) attacked the Odesa region (in both the city of Odesa and its suburbs), causing damage to a dormitory, dozens of shopping pavilions at the radio market, a private house, a sewage pumping station building, and a gas station. In total, one person was injured during this period, but no fatalities.
- On the night of August 4, Russian drones, which were attacking the Odesa region, caused a large-scale fire in the radio market area, where dozens of shopping pavilions with electronics and home appliances burned down. In addition, an unoccupied dormitory was damaged. On the night of August 8, as a result of a UAV attack on the Odesa region, a gas station security guard was injured, a sewage pumping station building was damaged, and dry grass caught fire in the suburbs due to falling debris.

Mykolaiv Oblast

- Russian troops shelled a number of settlements and communities in the Mykolaiv region, including the city of Mykolaiv, the communities of Kutsurub, Ochakiv, Dmytrivka, and Halytsynivka, and the villages of Dniprovsk, Dmytrivka, Ivanivka, Yaselka, and Lupareve. The Russians used missiles, Shahed 131/136 strike drones, jet-powered and FPV drones, as well as artillery. During this period, seven people were injured, but there were no fatalities.
- On August 2, the Russians launched a missile strike on a residential neighborhood in Mykolaiv. Three private houses were destroyed, another 35 buildings were damaged, as well as six cars, a store, and a post office. Seven people were injured, two of whom were hospitalized in moderate condition.

Kherson and the oblast

- The Russian forces shelled intensely the Kherson region using strike drones, artillery, and aircraft. Residential areas, critical infrastructure, transport, and social infrastructure were repeatedly targeted. At least 24 high-rise buildings, more than 89 private houses, gas pipelines, a grain warehouse, farm facilities, vehicles, a trolleybus, and garden community facilities were damaged this week. A total of seven people were killed and 48 were wounded, including two children.
- On August 8, a 78-year-old woman was killed during shelling in the central part of Kherson. The Russian occupiers continue to target civilians during drone attacks: a Russian drone struck a 13-year-old child, who sustained blast injury and shrapnel wounds to his legs and arms. On August 9, a civilian bus came under attack in the suburbs of Kherson. As a result, two men were killed and 16 passengers were injured. The age of victims varied from 23 to 83. A total of 4 people are in intensive care.
- Dozens of settlements came under attack during the week, including Kherson, Antonivka, Beryslav, Bilozerka, Kizomys, Stanislav, Shyroka Balka, Novoraisk, Dudchany, Zolota Balka, Mylove, Odradokamianka, and other communities. The population of Korabel, a district of Kherson, is being evacuated. The only bridge, connecting Korabel to the mainland of Kherson, was damaged last week.

Chernihiv oblast

- Throughout the week, Russian troops shelled the border communities of the Chernihiv region (namely, Semenivka, Novhorod-Siverskyi, and Snovsk) on a daily basis. Russian forces used a wide range of weaponry, such as FPV drones, Molniya and Lancet strike UAVs, explosive devices dropped from drones, cannon artillery, 120 mm mortars, and unguided aerial rockets. There have been reports of strikes on residential buildings, administrative buildings, agricultural enterprises, private farms, damage to vehicles and civilian infrastructure, and multiple fires. During this period, at least two people were injured, but there were no fatalities.
- On August 8, a local resident was wounded during the drone attack in the village of Mamekyne, Novhorod-Siverskyi community. On the same day, the Lancet UAV struck an agricultural enterprise in the village of Ivanivka, Semenivska community, causing fire in several premises.
- The attack affected more than 20 settlements, including Semenivka, Liskivshchyna, Bleshnia, Leonivka, Tymonovychi, Arkhypivka, Karpovychi, Mkyh, Zarichchia, Mykolaivka, Bohdanove, Buchky, Kamin, Hremiach, Yanzhulivka, Khrinivka, Huta-Studenetska, Medvedivka, Ivanivka, Khotiivka, and others.

Kyiv oblast

- The Kyiv region was attacked by the Russian strike drones multiple times during the week. The Boryspil and Bucha districts, as well as the city of Bucha, came under fire. As a result, more than 100 private houses, two unfinished high-rise buildings, a church, a kindergarten, farm buildings, garages, and at least 11 cars were damaged. There were no casualties during this period, except for one man, who died on August 6 from injuries he had previously sustained during the strike on Kyiv on July 31.
- On the night of August 4, the Kyiv region endured a drone attack. A total of 25 drones were shot down. Six private houses and a car were damaged in the Boryspil district. On August 8, a massive drone attack on the Bucha district caused damage to more than 70 facilities, including 21 private houses, household facilities, garages, 10 cars, a church, and a kindergarten.

The week of shelling

Mykolaiv oblast



Odesa oblast



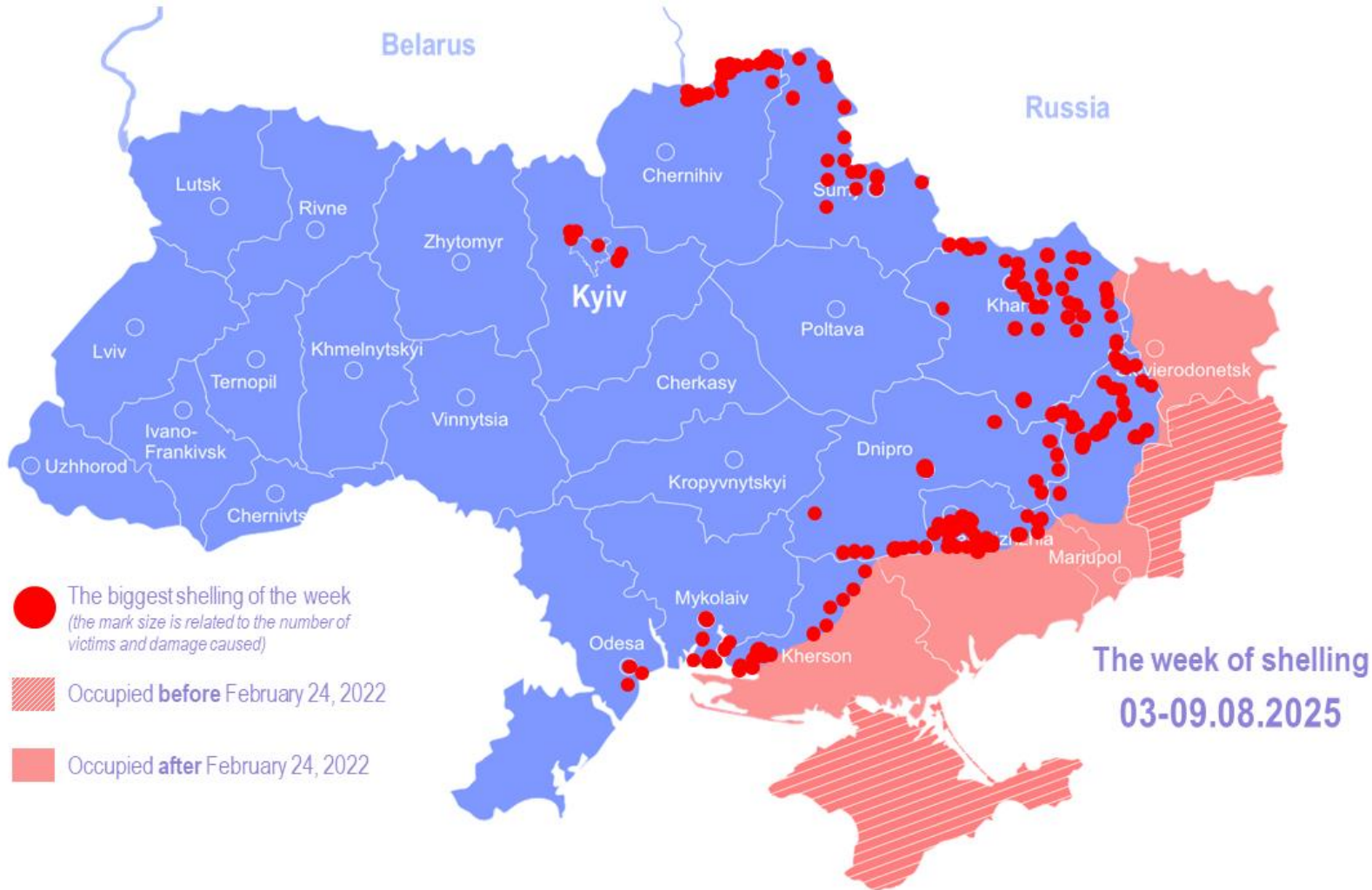
Sumy oblast



Kharkiv oblast



Kyiv



Economy and Trade

- The resource 'Bosphorusobserver' reports that the ship 'Fedor', which has been under Russian control, transited through the Bosphorus Strait to Alexandria, Egypt. It was loaded with the grain stolen from Feodosia. Russia **continues to illegally export Ukrainian grain** from occupied Crimea through the Black Sea — under foreign flags, with disabled navigation systems, and fake ship's logs.

International Support

- Around **2000 children** in Kyiv and Chernihiv regions of Ukraine will **be able to return to full-time education** in safe and comfortable conditions this fall. This was made possible thanks to the efforts of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) with financial support from the European Union. According to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, 3524 educational institutions have been damaged since the start of the full-scale invasion, 360 of which have been completely destroyed. Areas of Kyiv and Chernihiv regions that were under occupation or subjected to intensive shelling have particularly suffered.
- The international coalition for the return of Ukrainian children (Bring Kids Back UA), created as part of President Volodymyr Zelenskyi's Bring Kids Back UA initiative, has called on Russia **to return the abducted Ukrainian children** 'without delay and without any conditions.' The corresponding statement was **signed by 38 countries**, along with the Council of Europe and the European Union, according to the website of the Office of the President of Ukraine.
- The first Ukrainian-Japanese forum of promoting the economic reconstruction of Ukraine was held in Tokyo, during which the parties signed **29 agreements on cooperation**, the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture reports.

Violation of International Humanitarian Law by Russia

- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported on Friday that as a result of hostilities across Ukraine, dozens of civilians have been killed, more than 200 wounded, and over 6,000 residents have left the frontline areas of the Donetsk region over the past week.
- The Russian military **is deliberately attacking civilians, rescuers, and medical workers** who come to help after shelling with FPV drones, President Volodymyr Zelenskyi reported. Zelenskyi stressed that Russia is hunting civilians along the entire frontline.
- The Southern District Military Court in Rostov-on-Don **sentenced Azov fighter Vladyslav Shpak from Melitopol to 21 years in prison** in a maximum-security colony for alleged participation in a terrorist group and training for the purpose of carrying out terrorist activities, reports Mediazona. It's noted that Russian investigators qualified Shpak's signing of a contract with the National Guard of Ukraine in June 2020 and joining the Azov special forces unit as 'participation in a terrorist group'. The military training that the fighter underwent in April-June 2021 was defined by Russian security forces as 'training for terrorist activities'.

Temporarily Occupied Territories (TOT) and Evacuation

- 1,009 people were **evacuated from the Korabel district in Kherson**. Among them are 56 children and 110 residents with limited mobility. All children were evacuated from the danger zone. However, not all Kherson residents are ready to abandon their homes. The humanitarian situation in the Korabel district is worsening every day. Currently, after the latest Russian shelling, there's no gas or electricity supply there, and water is supplied hourly using generators.
- In the temporarily occupied territory of the Donetsk region, the water supply situation is becoming critical - residents have been **without technical and drinking water for more than 12 days**, and the occupation authorities are spreading fake supply schedules and controlling prices instead of solving the problem.
- In temporarily occupied Crimea, the number of **prosecutions for manifestations of Ukrainian identity** is three times higher than the number of cases against supporters of German Nazism, according to the results of a comparative analysis of court cases conducted by experts from the public organization 'Crimean Process'.
- In the temporarily occupied territories, 75% of **people with disabilities** are **at risk of losing their pension** or social benefits due to the inability to undergo a medical examination. Among the main reasons is the lack of medical personnel to quickly cover such a large number of people. In addition, people receive a large number of refusals due to errors in the registers. Because of this, people with disabilities are forced to undergo a second examination after clarifying their data.
- The occupiers plan to force residents of the occupied territories to install the spy messenger Max on their computers, the Center for National Resistance reported. It's noted that the messenger provides access to the camera, microphone, geolocation and contacts. Since the program code is closed, there is a risk of hidden backdoors - special mechanisms that allow unauthorized persons to gain unauthorized access to the system. The messenger is also integrated with the "Gosuslugi" service and other state systems.

War Crimes

- In the Sumy region, Ukrainian defenders shot down a Russian drone that had **cassettes with PTM-3 anti-tank mines attached** under its wings, the National Police of the Sumy region reported.
- Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Russian army has committed more than 170,000 war crimes, announced Deputy Prosecutor General Andrii Leshchenko. According to Leshchenko, as of July 31, 2025, 15,258 civilians, including 640 children, passed away as a result of the full-scale invasion war. Another 34,052 people, including 2,075 children, were injured. Also, more than 235,000 civilian infrastructure facilities were destroyed or damaged as a result of Russian strikes. **Among the war crimes:** extrajudicial executions of Ukrainian prisoners of war; massive use of torture in the occupied territories; a repressive judicial system operating in the occupied territories and in Russia itself; sexual violence, including against children; forced displacement and deportation of Ukrainian citizens; systemic crimes against property in the occupied territories; use of chemical weapons at the front.

