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SUMMARY – DAY 474

It has been 3,394 days since Russia occupied the Crimea Peninsula on January 27, 2014, and one year and 109 days since Russia expanded its war against Ukraine. Today's report is combat only.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

We assess the following:

1. We maintain that the infighting between Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu and Private Military Company leader Yevgeny Prigozhin is creating instability within the Russian Federation, with factions threatening criminal charges and violence and aligning themselves to different spheres of influence.
2. A public meeting that Russian President Vladimir Putin held with Russian milblogger and unaffiliated journalists has been met with a harsh reaction by the Russian "turbo patriots" because of how disconnected he is from the reality in Ukraine, reopening the discussion on his abilities as a wartime leader.
3. A compelling body of evidence indicates that on June 6, 2023, between 02:25 and 02:50 hours local time, Russian occupiers blew up the Kakhovka

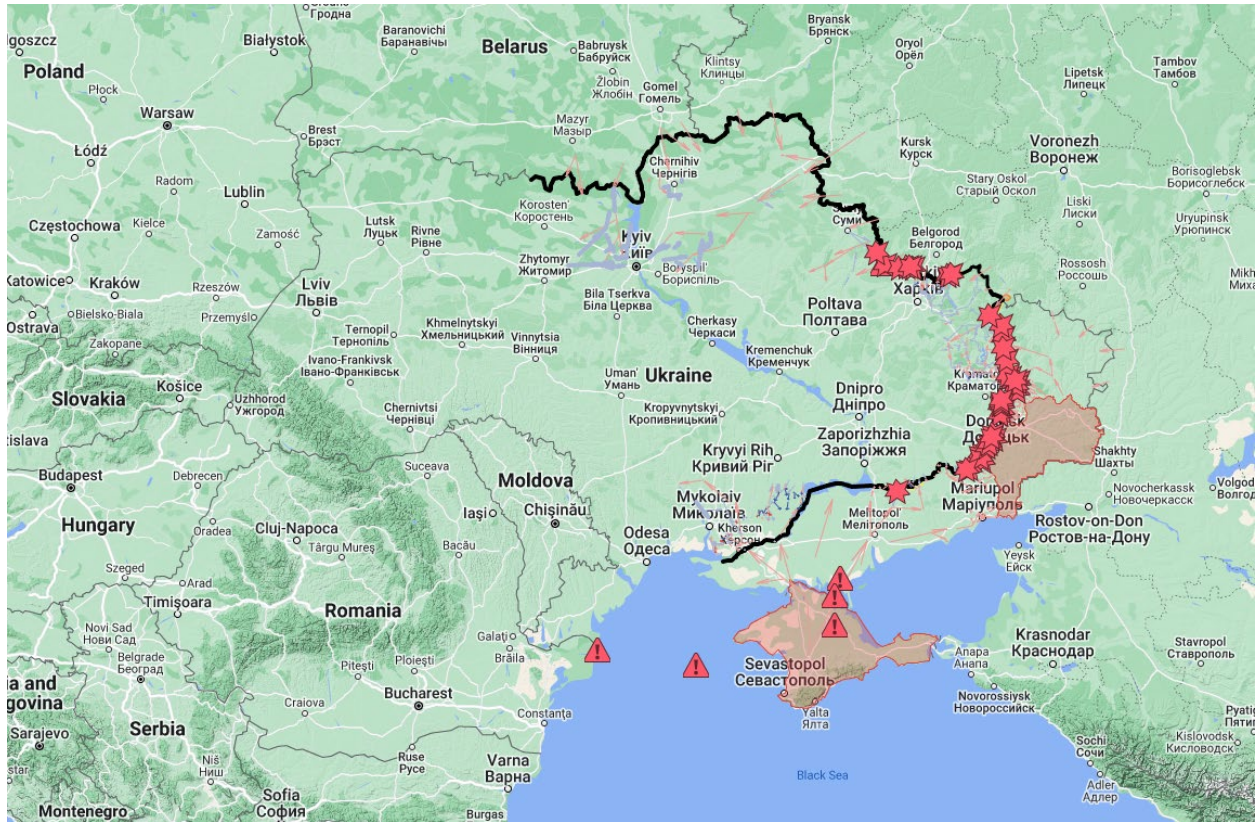
- Hydroelectric Power Plant, dam structure, or both, causing its catastrophic failure.
4. Ukrainian forces have completed shaping operations and have started the next phase of the counteroffensive, launching three subordinate offensives, with the Institute for the Study of War aligning with our assessment. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, Commander-in-Chief of Ukraine's Armed Forces, told United States Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley, "We are implementing our plans; we are moving forward." This is the last day of this entry.
 5. We maintain the current activity is subordinate offensives, and the main operation has not started.
 6. Poor weather has slowed the operational tempo for both combatants, which should reintensify in the next 24 to 72 hours.
 7. We maintain the Russian Ministry of Defense is in a chaotic state, incapable of creating mission cohesion between penal units, mobiks, conscripts, elite forces, PMCs, and proxy forces.
 8. Russian Chief of Staff Gerasimov and Defense Minister Shoigu are some of the best allies available for the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense due to their acceptance of systemic corruption, political infighting, waste of military resources, and refusal to adapt to the realities within the theater of war.



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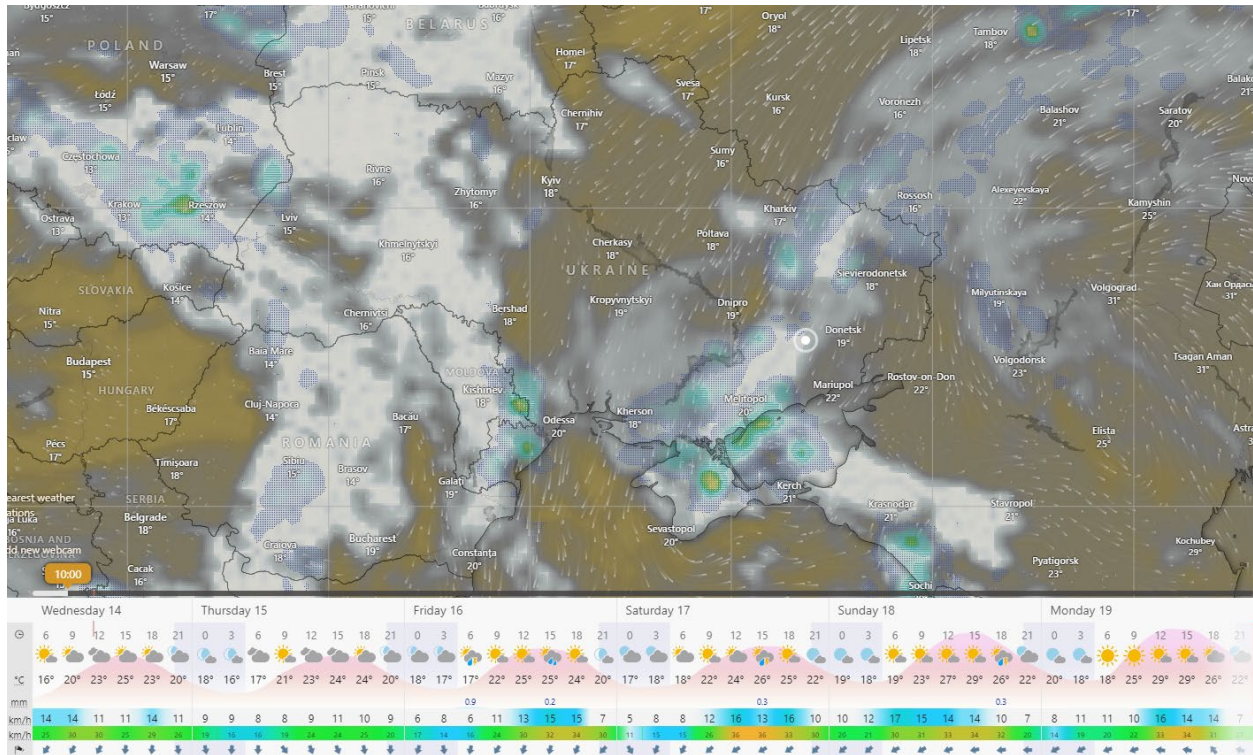
TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



About the maps: Red triangles are sites of significant events unrelated to missile attacks, insurgencies, or ground combat, such as the sinking of the Moskva and the explosion at the Saky Naval airbase. Gray circles indicate an area where fighting has ended with no change in the line of conflict. The archived offensive layer is turned off by default, but you can toggle it on/off in the Map Legend. If you see a settlement name highlighted [like this](#), it is a link to our war map that will take you to the location explained in the Situation Report.

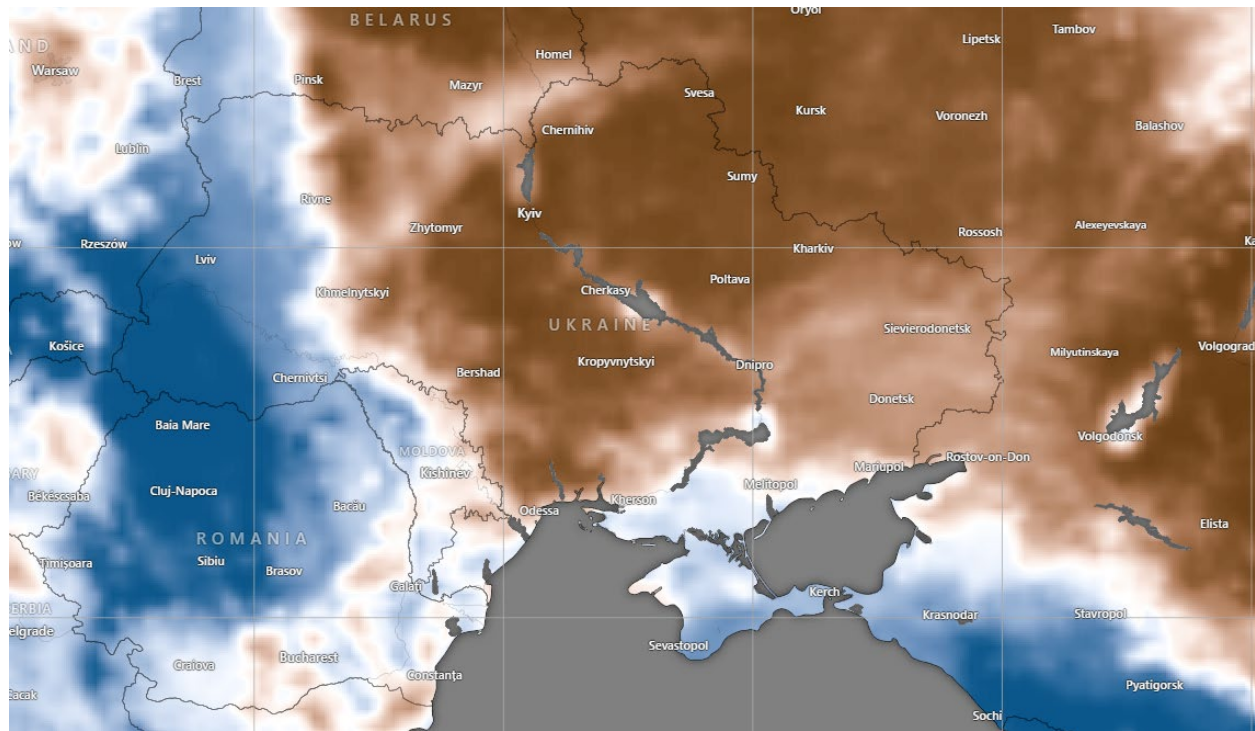
[Russia-Ukraine War Report Map](#)

UKRAINE WEATHER



The ECMWF Euro ensemble weather forecast model indicates that unsettled weather will end in most of southern Ukraine and the Donbas, while occupied Crimea will continue to receive heavy rain. High temperatures will be from 23° to 32° Celsius and lows from 13° to 21°. Pop-up afternoon thunderstorms are possible through June 19. The new moon is on June 18, and the summer solstice is on June 21. Tractability along the line of conflict should continue to improve throughout the period.

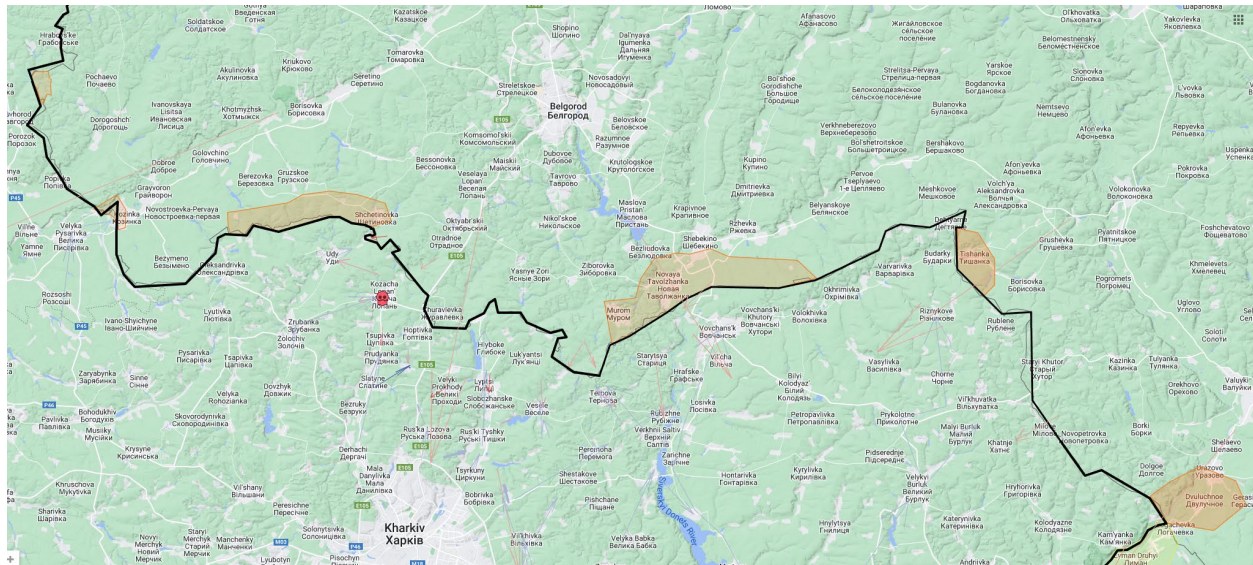
SOIL SATURATION AND HYDROLOGY



June 20, 2023, GFS forecast indicates that dry conditions will be across all of Ukraine, with soil saturation from 15% to 45% to 40 centimeters deep.

The soil saturation model does not consider flooding in the Dnipro River basin. Soil saturation is between 70% to 95% in eastern Kherson and Zaporizhia, while in the Donbas, it is between 30% and 55%. Soil conditions remain worse in Russian-occupied regions, especially the Kherson and Zaporizhia coast and most of Crimea.


RUSSIAN FRONT



Russian Objective: Repel Russian partisan attacks, stabilize the border, and maintain civil order

Ukrainian-Backed Russian Partisan Objective: Motivate other Russians to fight against the Putin regime, accelerate the downfall of the Russian government, foment civil unrest


Belgorod Region

Colonel General and aspiring dentist Ramzan don don Kadyrov announced that the  [Zapad-Akhmat battalion had arrived in Belgorod](#), and its first missions were to

secure the border and defend Belgorod residents from “LGBT people and Satanists.” After completing these tasks, the battalion will “liberate Ukrainians from the Zelenskyy regime.”¹ Interestingly, there was no mention of solving the emergent problem, which would be fighting Russian partisans in Russia. We expect lots of TikTok videos and Belgorod citizen complaints.

Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) officers claim they stopped Russian partisan activity from destroying railroad tracks in the Belgorod and Kursk regions. They turned out to be Russian citizens who previously worked in the organization of the military-industrial complex. They alleged that Ukraine provided over 4 kilograms of C4 plastic explosives, four fuses, documentation, other military products, and \$150,000 cash.²

Krasnodar Krai

The Black Sea resort city of Sochi is  [experiencing severe flooding due to torrential rain](#). In the Khostinsky district, homes are flooded to the roofs, and cars are floating in the streets. The Matsesta River broke its banks and at the time of publication, there is no information on victims.³ Sochi is

¹ https://t.me/belgorod_informant/4884

² <https://t.me/belgorod01/37501>

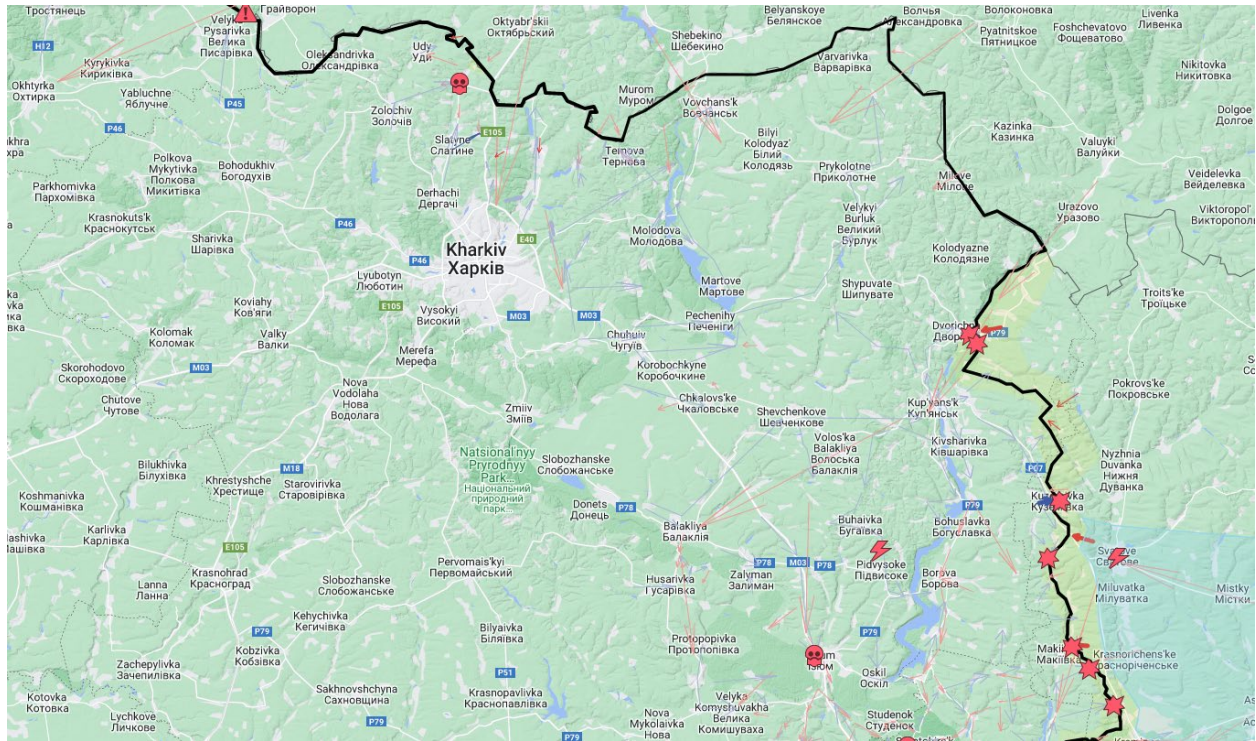
³ https://t.me/shot_shot/52739



where President Putin has a palace and is a preferred summer home.

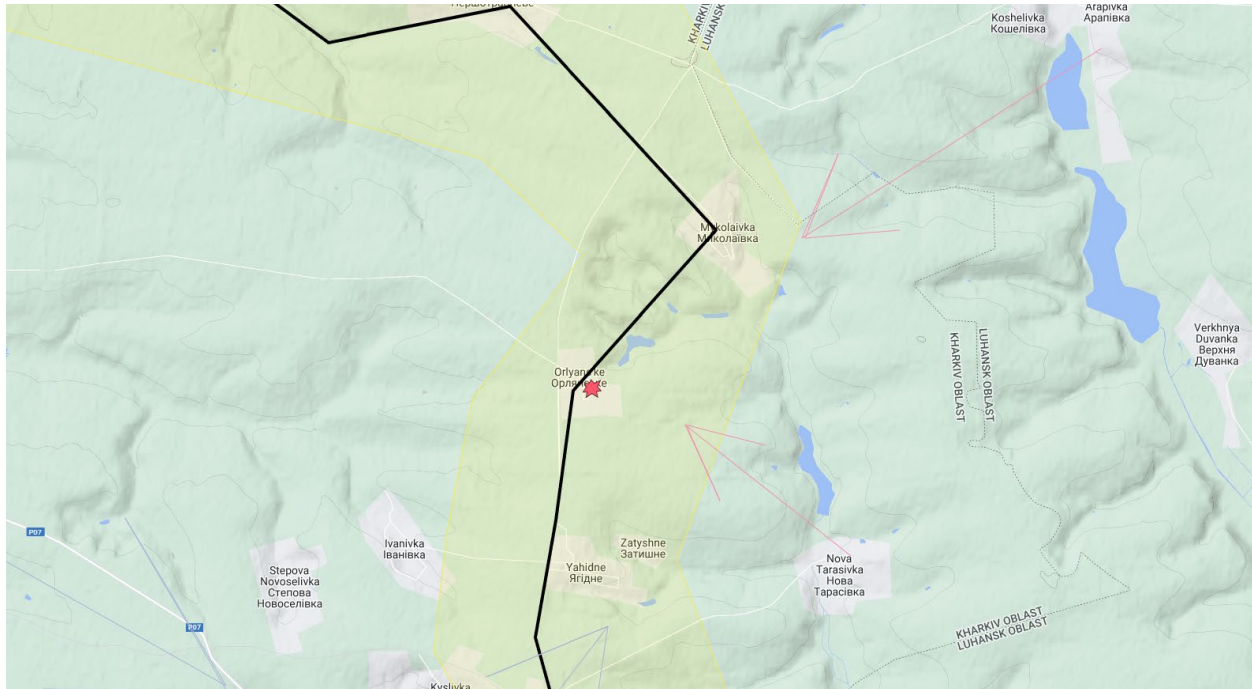
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KHARKIV



Russian Objective: Prepare for the Ukrainian offensive, hold current defensive lines, and terrorize Ukrainian civilians near the line of conflict

Ukrainian Objective: Liberate the northeastern corner of the oblast, hold defensive lines in the Dvorychna and Kupyansk Operational Areas, protect civilians and civilian infrastructure



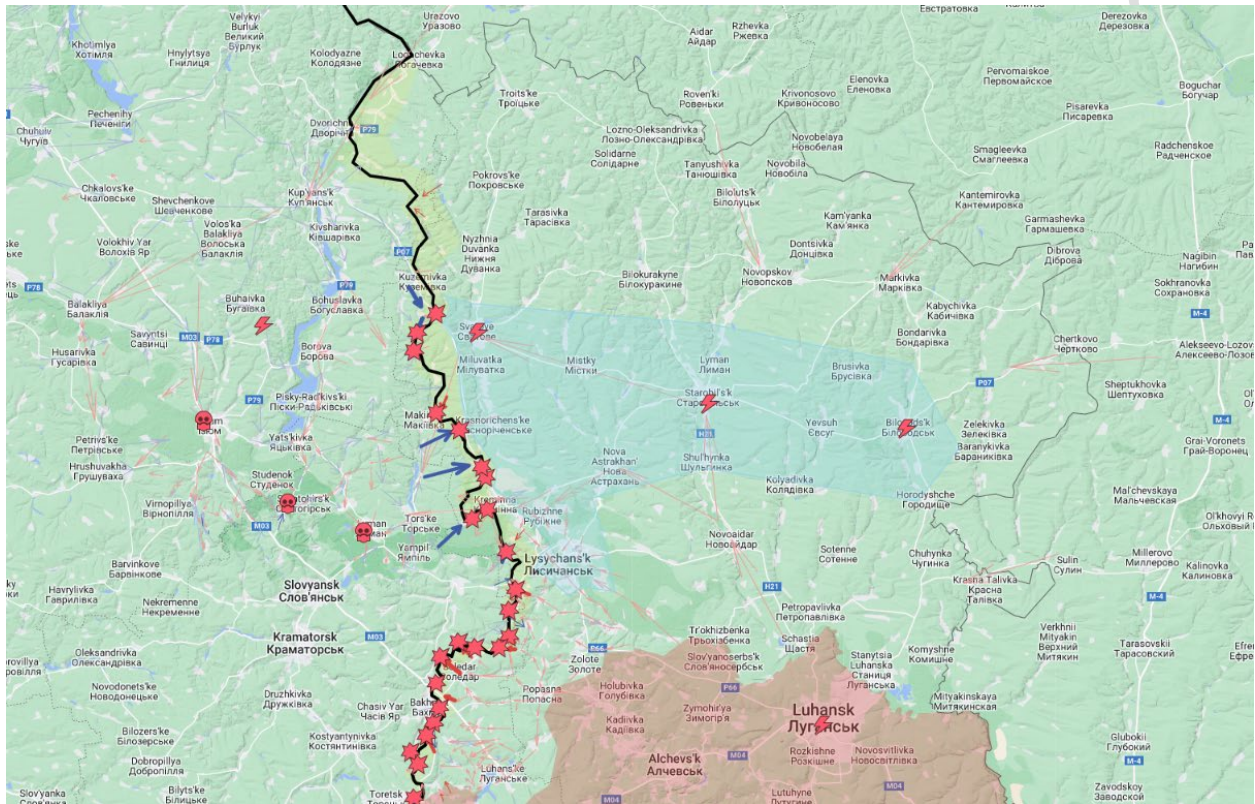
Kupyanask Operational Area

The Russian Ministry of Defense (RMOD) alleged that a Ukrainian sabotage and reconnaissance (DRG) unit was operating in the area of [Orlyanske](#).⁴

⁴ https://t.me/mod_russia/27385 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

DONBAS REGION

LUHANSK

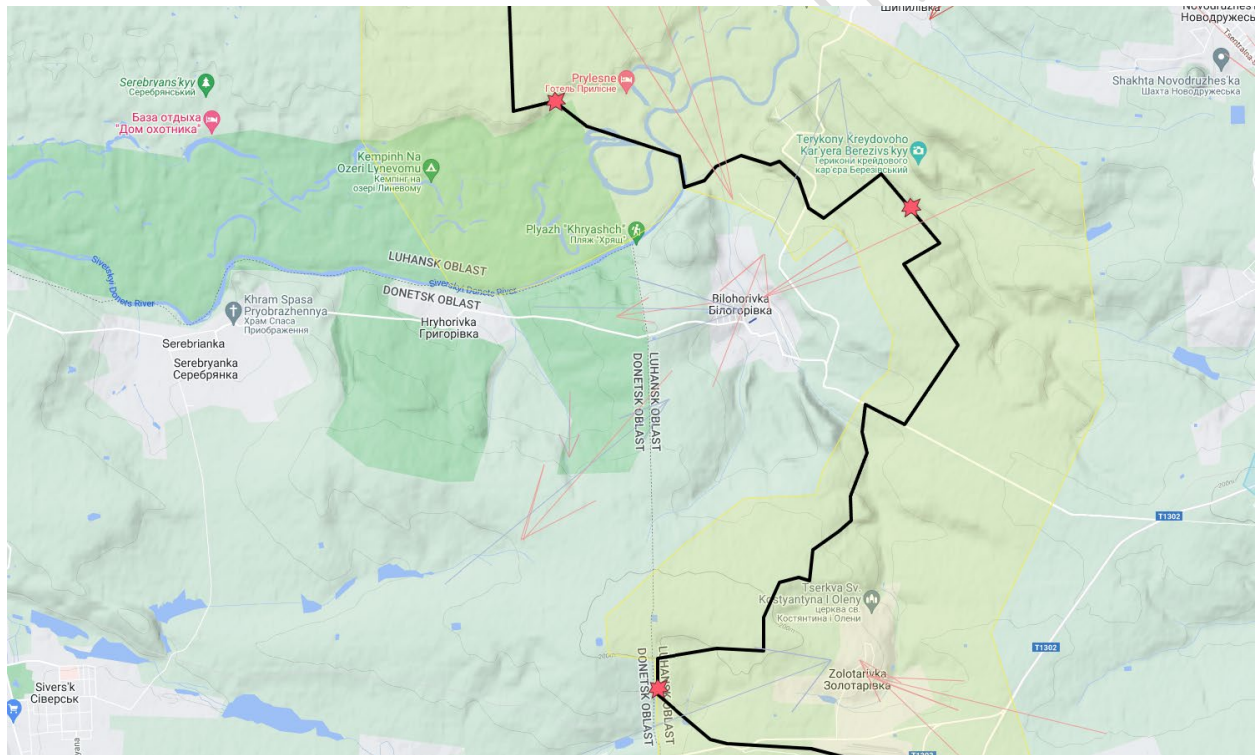


Russian Objective: Prepare for the Ukrainian offensive, prevent further Ukrainian advances, control insurgent activity

Ukrainian Objective: Break Russian defensive lines, advance on Svatove, Kreminna, and Lysychansk, and support insurgents

Free Luhansk

Colonel Serhiy Cherevaty, spokesman for Operational Command East (OKE) reported that Russian units fired 505 artillery rounds, mortars, Grad and Smerch Rockets, indirect tank fire, drone-delivered IEDs, and bombs from Dvorichna in Kharkiv to Bilohorivka in Luhansk.⁵



⁵ <https://t.me/luhanskaVTSA/11321>

Lysychansk Operational Area

The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (GSAFU) and Russian mercenary milblogger WarGonzo reported that Russian forces continued attempts to advance on [Bilohorivka](#) [Luhansk] without success.^{6 7}

Occupied Luhansk

Russian mercenary milblogger Rybar and Russian collaborator Rodion Miroshnik reported that  [Storm Shadow cruise missiles struck Luhansk](#). Rybar claimed that only one missile reached its target, with the others shot down, while other Russian sources reported two to four missile strikes. A missile strike was reported  [near the auto market](#) and at the asphalt plant, where Russian forces maintained barracks.^{8 9}

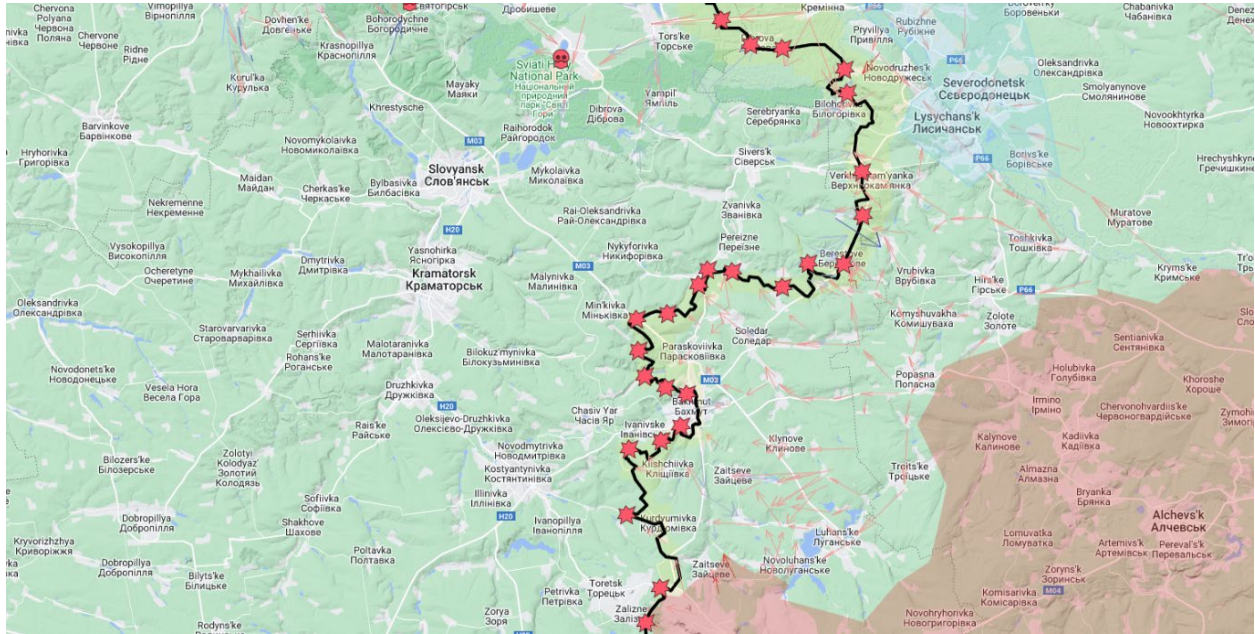
⁶ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

⁷ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13214>

⁸ https://t.me/zinkevich_igor/6433

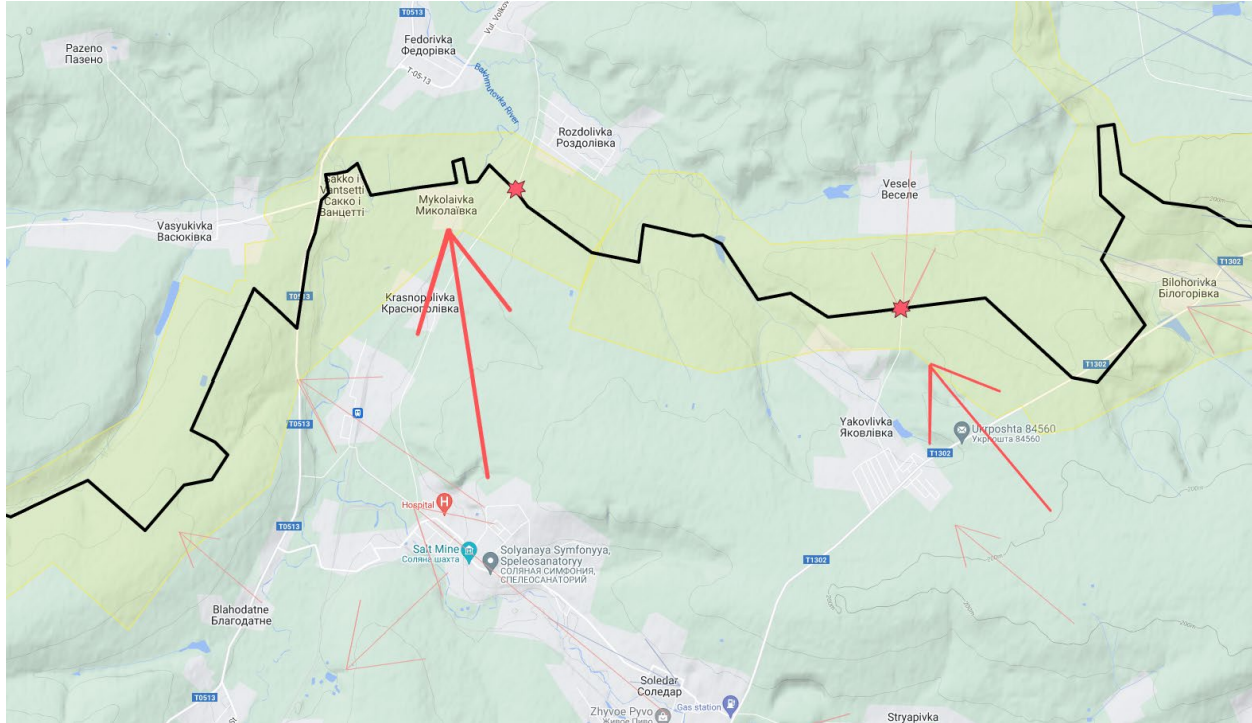
⁹ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/80763>

NORTHEAST DONETSK



Russian Objective: Capture Bakhmut, set conditions to attack Kramatorsk, Slovyansk, and Siversk, and capture the entire region

Ukrainian Objective: Defend Siversk and Bakhmut, push into the Luhansk oblast, and minimize civilian casualties



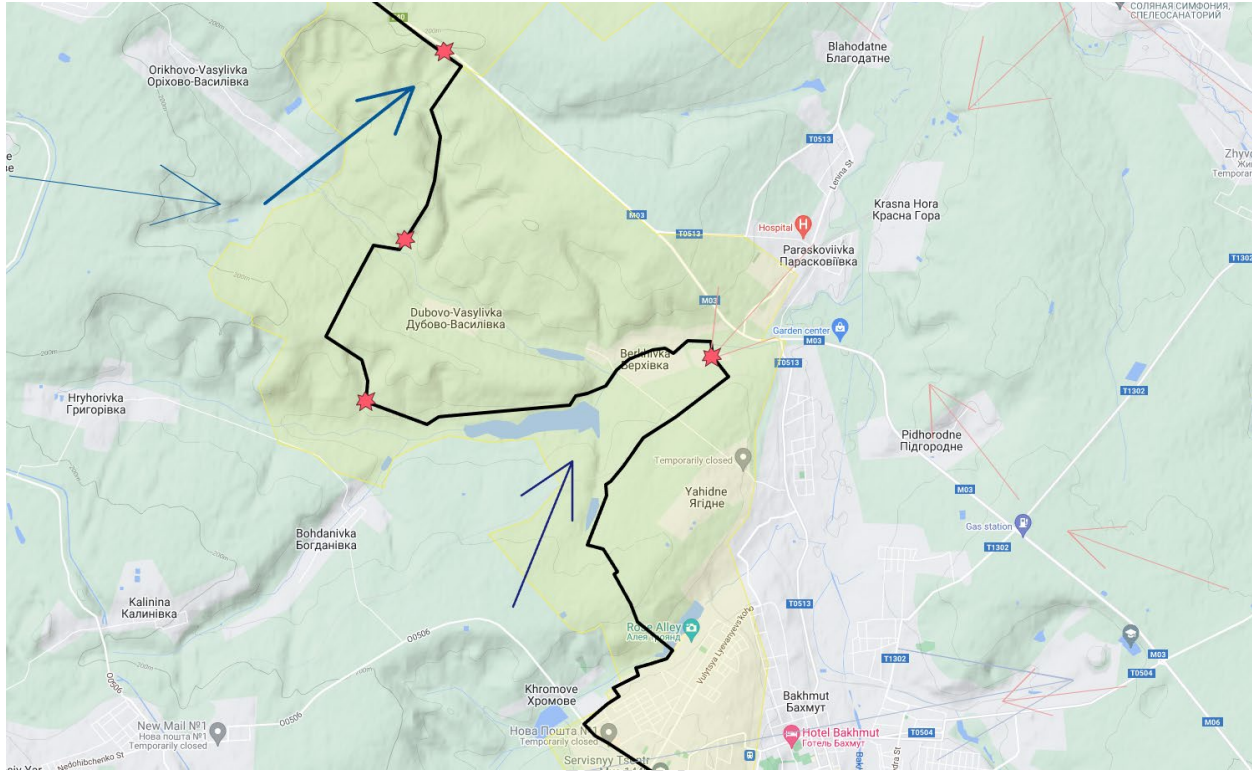
Soledar Operational Area

GSAFU reported that Russian forces, supported by the Russian Airforce (VKS), continued their attempts to regain lost positions south of [Vesele](#) and launched an attack in the direction of [Rozdolivka](#). Neither offensive was successful.¹⁰

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¹⁰ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

¹¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)



Northwest Bakhmut

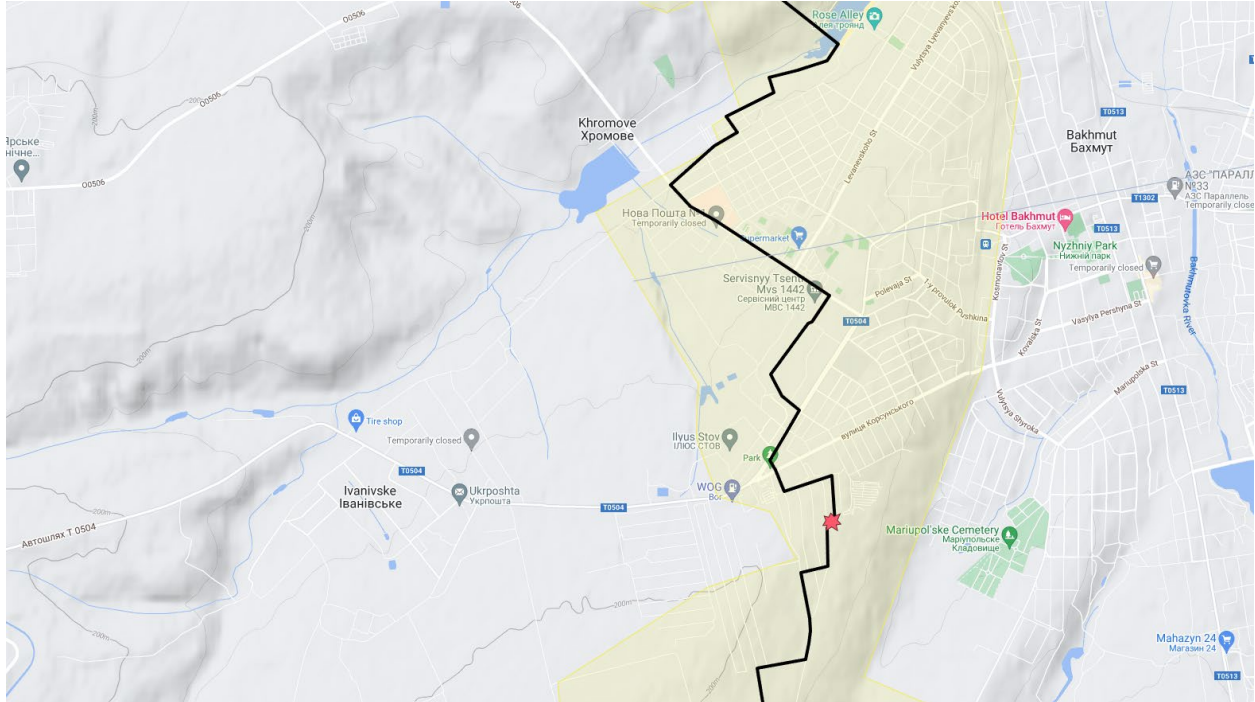
GSAFU reported that Russian forces attempted to advance [Orikhovo-Vasylivka](#) without success, and Russian and Ukrainian sources reported that fighting continued in and near [Berkhivka](#).^{12 13 14} Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense Hanna Maliar reported a 250-meter advance.¹⁵

¹² [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

¹³ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16845>

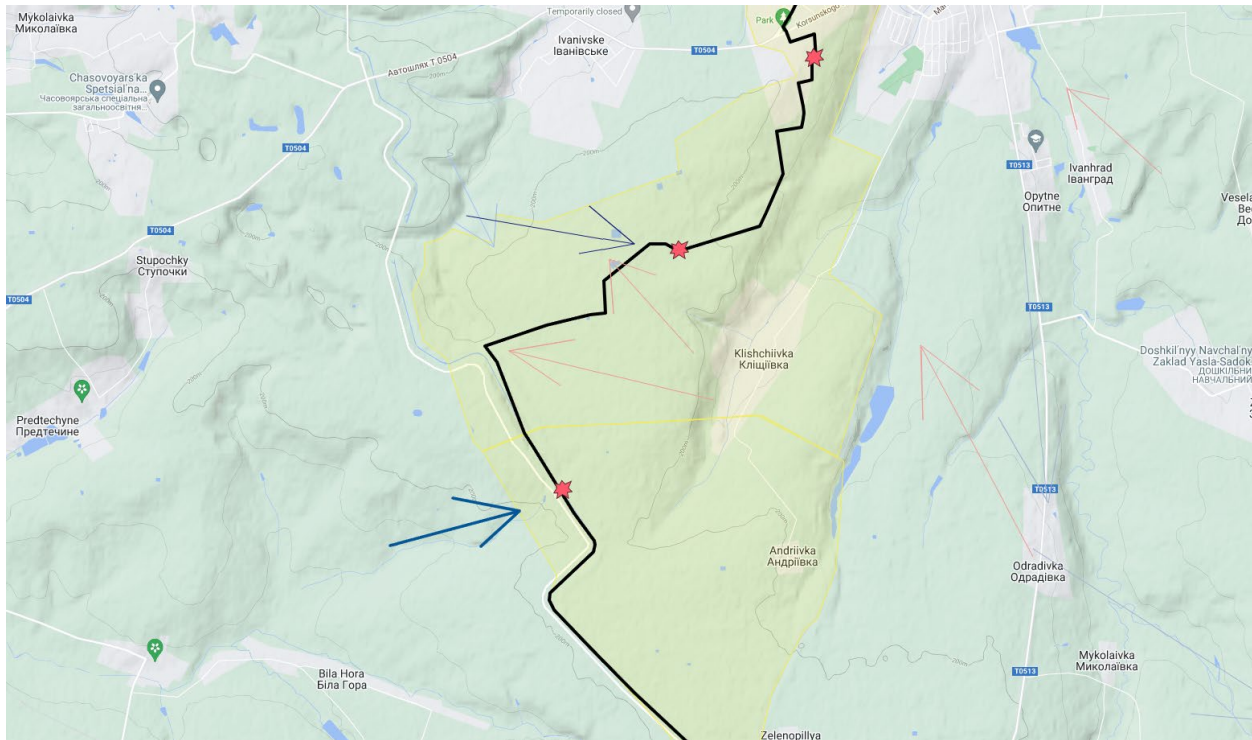
¹⁴ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13214>

¹⁵ <https://t.me/annamaliar/844>



Bakhmut

There was no significant change within Bakhmut, and we maintain that Ukrainian forces hold 3.0% of the city in three pockets, including southeast of Khromove, the [Litak region](#), and in the [community gardens](#) south of School Number 2.



Klishchiivka Operational Area

Ukrainian source DeepState that fighting continued west of [Klishchiivka](#).¹⁶ GSAFU and WarGonzo reported continued fighting east of [Bila Hora](#) by the Siverskyi Donets-Donbas Canal.^{17 18}


Free Donetsk

Kramatorsk was hit by up to two Kh-22 cruise missiles, with one striking the industrial district and a second  [landing](#)

¹⁶ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16845>

¹⁷ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

¹⁸ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13214>

[near civilian housing](#), killing two and wounding two more. At least five private houses were completely destroyed, and  [two dozen more were damaged](#).¹⁹ ²⁰ Another Russian Kh-22 cruise missile struck Kostiantynivka, wounding two.²¹ ²² Only the Patriot Air Defense system can shoot down the Kh-22, which travels near hypersonic speed despite its 1960s roots. Both cities are out of range of the two Patriot batteries deployed in Ukraine.

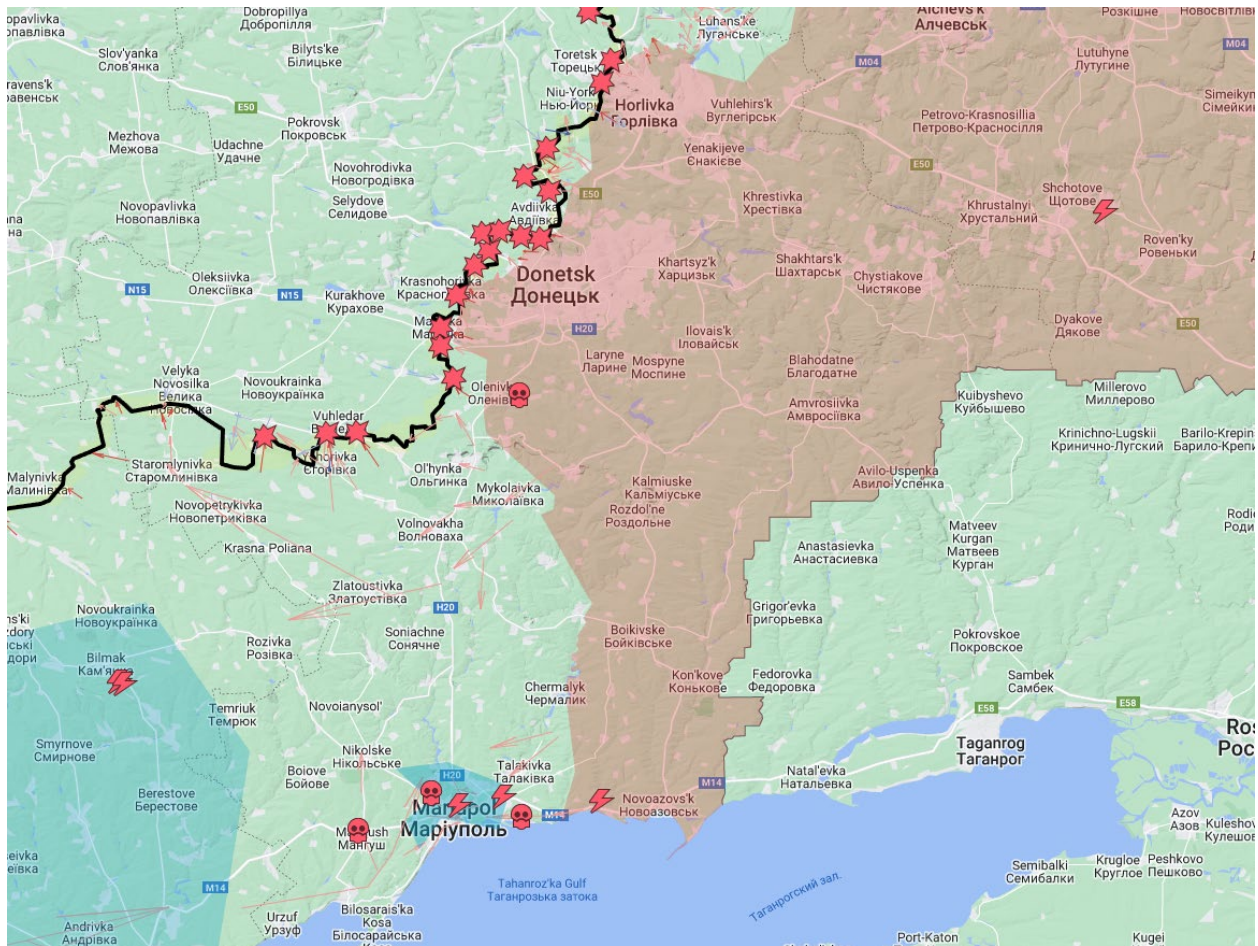
¹⁹ https://t.me/kramatorsk_rada/12508

²⁰ https://t.me/pavlokyrylenko_donoda/8388

²¹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/14/7406762/>

²² <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/101016>

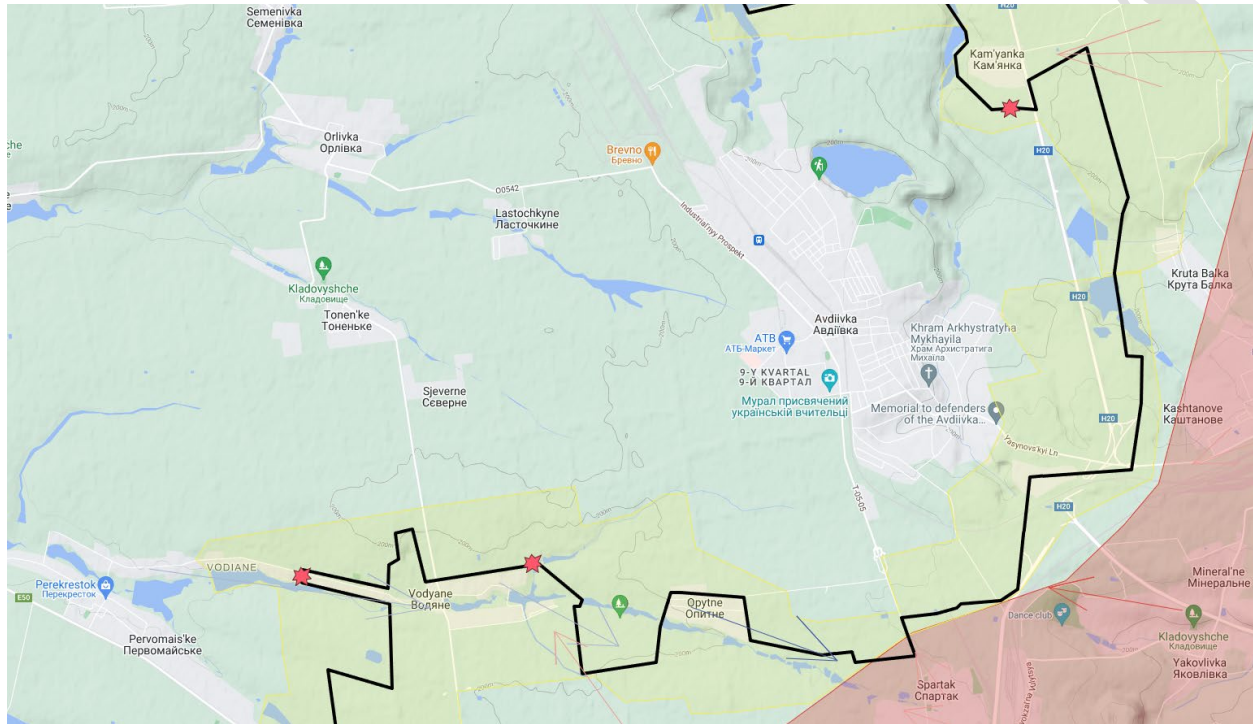
SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK



Russian Objective: Prepare for the Ukrainian offensive, consolidate gains made during the winter offensive, and set conditions for September 2023 elections

Ukrainian Objective: Lock Russian military assets in place, defend the existing line of conflict while finding and exploiting weaknesses, destroy troop concentrations and

command and control sites, interdict supplies, and disrupt logistics



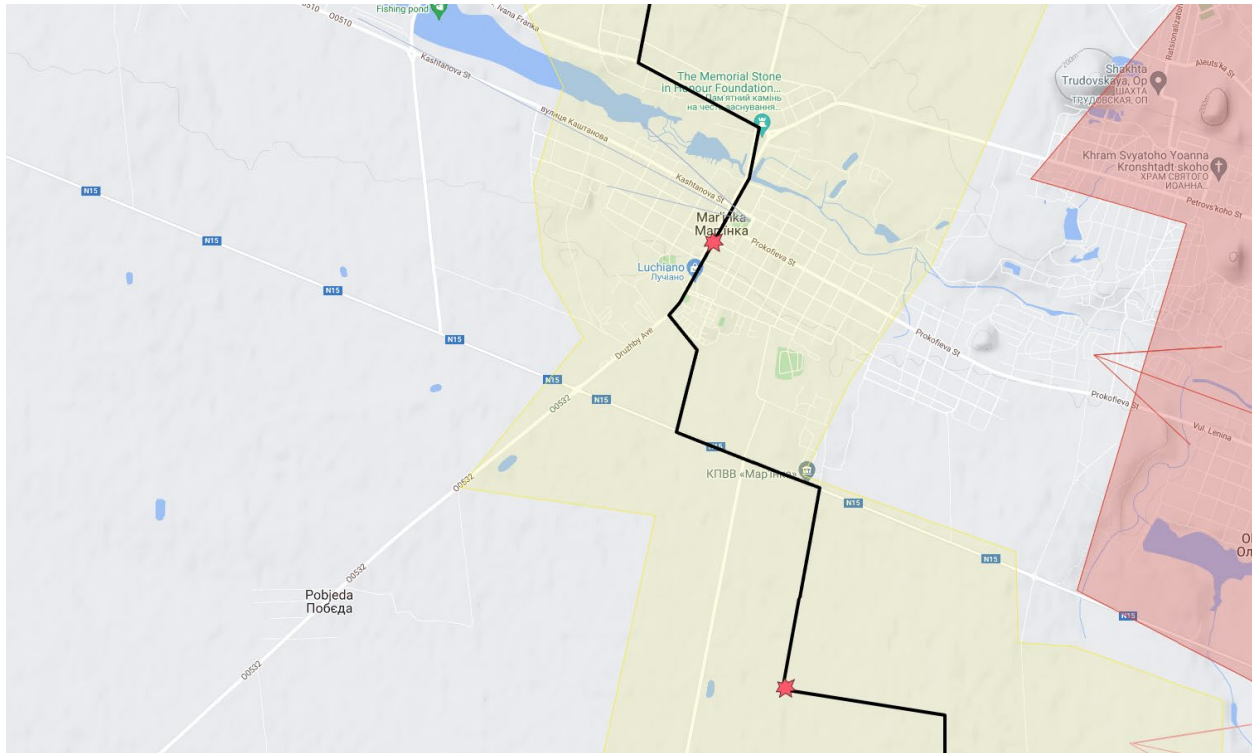
Avdiivka Operational Area

The 1st Army Corps, supported by the VKS, attempted to advance on [Avdiivka](#) from Vesele (south of the Krasnohorivka Plateau). GSAFU, DeepState, and WarGonzo all reported the attack was unsuccessful.^{23 24 25}

²³ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

²⁴ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16845>

²⁵ <https://t.me/rybar/48478>



Marinka Operational Area


Colonel General Kadyrov's prediction of epic victory in [Marinka](#) has aged like room-temperature milk. Checking the calendar to confirm it is a day that ends in "Y," Chechen forces of the Akhmat 54th Motor Rifle Brigade and the Russian 5th Motor Rifle Brigade of the 1st Army Corps launched 14 limited attacks on Ukrainian defense positions, engaging in positional fighting, with significant combat losses reducing combat power.^{26 27 28}

²⁶ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

²⁷ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

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Occupied Donetsk

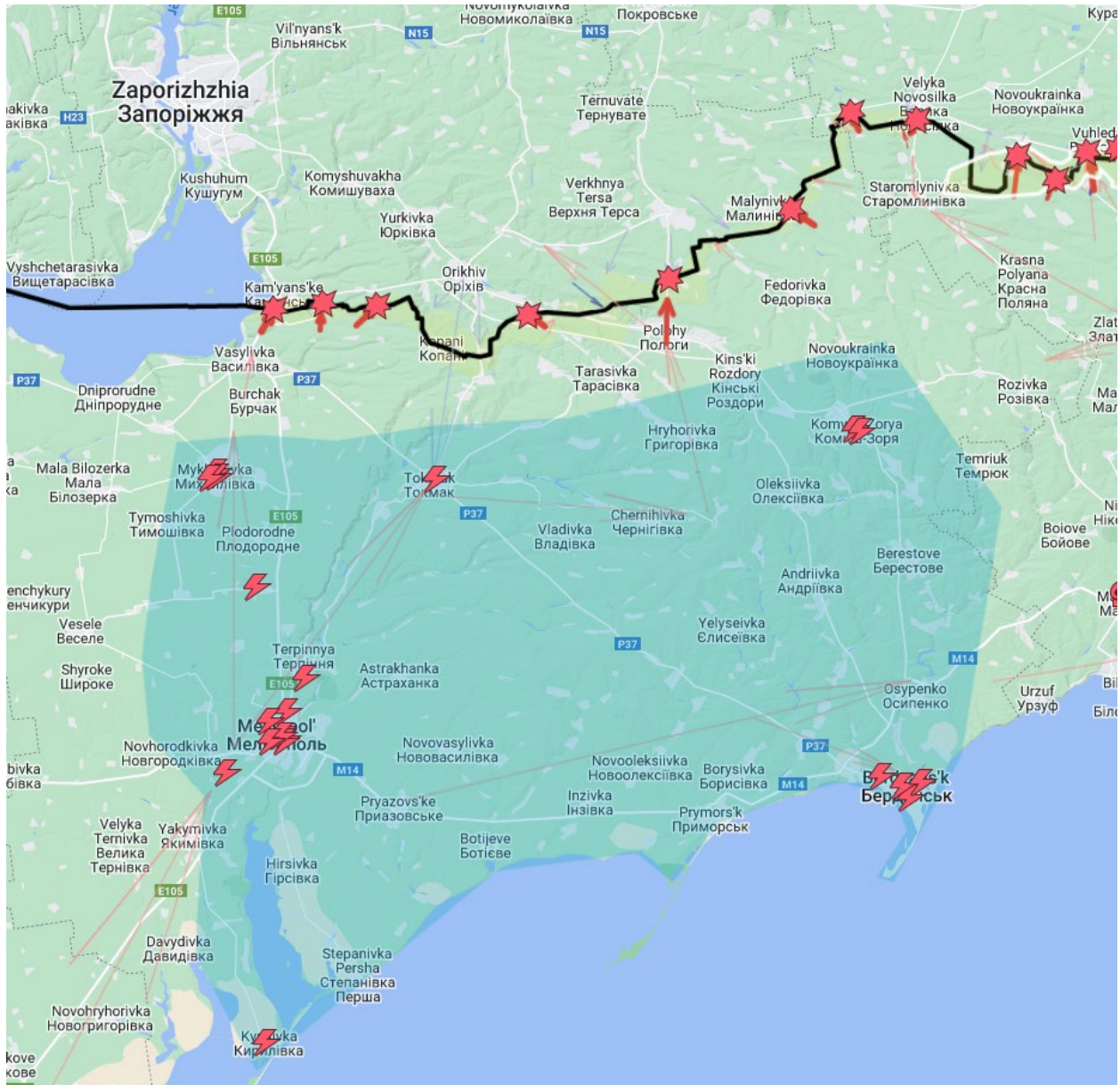
Insurgents in Mariupol  [recorded ten damaged Russian main battle tanks](#) moving from the direction of Berdyansk toward the Russian border through the city. Wonder what happened?³⁴ Insurgents also reported approximately 20 truckloads of ammunition are passing through the city every day in the direction of Berdyansk. The increased logistical activity is causing traffic jams that sometimes last for hours.

Long-time subscribers and listeners might remember we reported in March 2023 that pay increases for doctors and nurses in occupied Donetsk were being withheld. A scandal had been uncovered where the funds had been sent to the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DNR), but somehow the money vanished. Today, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that this time, he means it and that pay for doctors in occupied Donetsk will be brought up to the same level as in the Russian Federation. There has been no update from DNR news sources on the investigation into what happened to the funds disbursed by the Kremlin in January 2023.³⁵ The average doctor in the DNR is paid 30,000 roubles a month, about US\$355.

³⁴ <https://t.me/andriyshTime/10734>

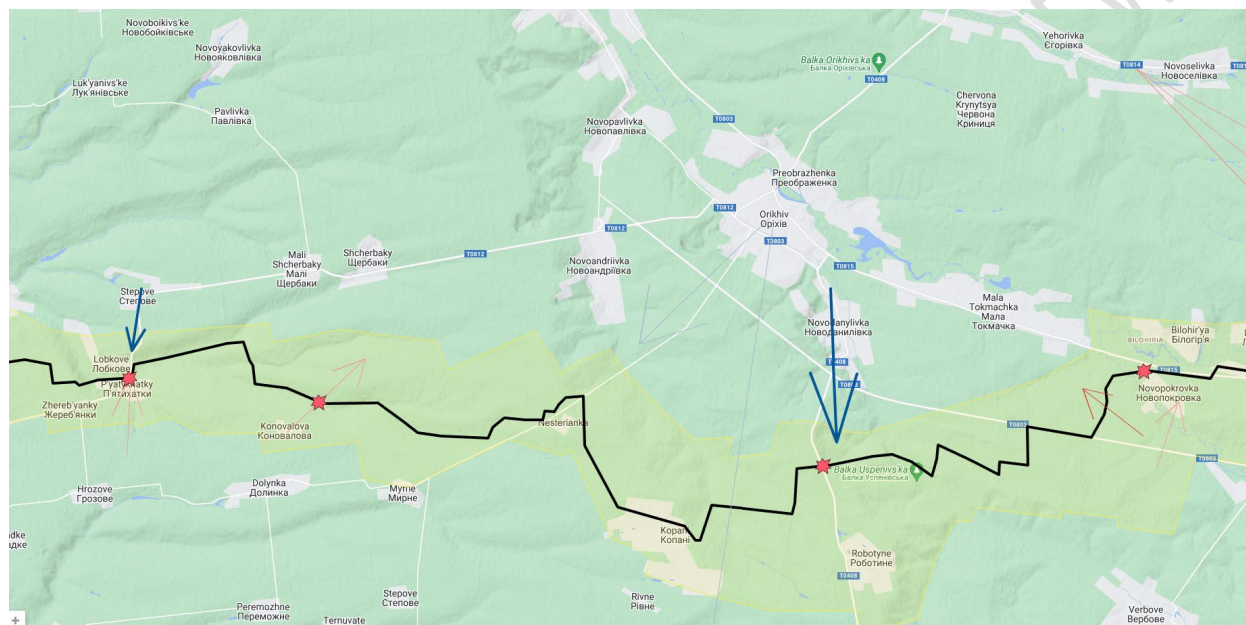
³⁵ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/80790>

ZAPORIZHIA



Russian Objective: Prepare for a Ukrainian offensive, and terrorize Ukrainian civilians with continued attacks

Ukrainian Objective: Liberate Russian-occupied areas, prevent further Russian advances, exploit weaknesses on the line of conflict, and protect civilians



Orikhiv Operational Area

Both combatants report that operational tempo has slowed, with fighting continuing near [Robotyne](#), [Pyatykhatky](#), and [Zherebyanky](#).^{36 37 38 39} In the last 24 hours, our team has reviewed over half a dozen videos showing up to full squads of Russian soldiers being taken as POWs. As an editorial policy, we only share POW videos




³⁶ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

³⁷ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

³⁸ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16845>

³⁹ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13214>

when they don't show faces or are part of a large group, such as at a POW exchange, during the execution of a war crime, or when we believe a POW is at imminent risk. None of the reviewed videos fall into these categories, so we will not share them. We have additional information in this area but are withholding it to support operational security.

In Zaporizhia, somewhere along the front line, Russian state media released a report showing a destroyed T-80 main battle tank claiming it was Ukrainian. RMOD shared the report, and they would have gotten away with a declaration of glorious victory had they not decided to end the report by showing a glimpse of the burned remains of a soldier and    [a patch on their uniform – which was Russian](#).⁴⁰

Occupied Zaporizhia

Russian forces intentionally destroyed another dam near Novodarivka in the Polohy Raion, flooding the left and right banks of the Mokri Yala River.⁴¹ This is the fourth dam destroyed in Zaporizhia and Donetsk in the last seven days.

⁴⁰ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/100979>

⁴¹ <https://t.me/militarymediacenter/2201>

Insurgents reported a HIMARS strike in Mykhailivka, with no other available information at the time of publication.⁴²

In occupied Berdynask, Russia has expanded the helicopter base, moving 27 Storm Shadow targets, sorry, rotorcraft to the airbase, including five Ka-52, nine Mi-8s or Mi-24s, and 13 Ka-29s.⁴³

A seaside resort in Prymorsk, commandeered by Chechen Akhmat, was hit by at least one Storm Shadow cruise missile, [destroying the building](#).⁴⁴

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and key staff members met with International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Rafael Grossi in Kyiv before he travels to Enerhodar later this week. Zelenskyy reiterated that due to Russia's purposeful undermining of the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant (HPP) and dam, the safety risks at Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) have significantly increased. Grossi and members of the

⁴² https://t.me/ivan_fedorov_melitopol/2254

⁴³ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33281>

⁴⁴ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33178>



Ukrainian government discussed stabilization and security steps.⁴⁵

BLACK SEA, CRIMEA, MYKOLAIV, AND ODESA REGION

Black Sea

At the time of publication, there were nine vessels of the Black Sea fleet on patrol, including one Kilo-class submarine and two frigates capable of launching up to 20 Kalibr cruise missiles.⁴⁶

Occupied Crimea

Torrential rain  [fell across parts of Crimea](#), with more expected on Wednesday.⁴⁷ Flooding was reported in Sevastopol,  [with seven people requiring rescue](#).⁴⁸

Odesa




Four Kalibr cruise missiles were launched at Odesa, with three shot down and one striking a Pepsi Co. warehouse.

⁴⁵ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/100962>

⁴⁶ https://t.me/Nazars_look/14723

⁴⁷ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33249>

⁴⁸ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33216?single>

Over  [1,000 square meters were destroyed](#), including pallets of bottled water meant for Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk, and Mykolaiv.⁴⁹ Another missile warhead struck  [the upper floors of an office building tower](#), causing major damage, as well as a school, residential buildings, and  [a Mcdonald's](#).⁵⁰ ⁵¹ Six people were wounded by flying debris.

⁴⁹ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4348

⁵⁰ https://t.me/Nazars_look/14738

⁵¹ https://t.me/our_odessa/48553


WESTERN AND CENTRAL UKRAINE

Russian Objective: Launch terror attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure to break morale

Ukrainian Objective: Deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

Free Kherson

Russian forces have restarted widescale shelling along the west bank of the Dnipro River, despite continued rescue operations.⁵² Russian forces conducted 57 fire missions firing 307 artillery rounds, mortars, Grad rockets, indirect tank fire, drone-delivered IEDs, and bombs, striking Kherson 17 times.

In Bilozerka, Russian forces  [shelled a church courtyard](#), killing a 72-year-old priest of the Moscow Patriarchate and wounding a pensioner.^{53 54 55}

⁵² <https://t.me/olexandrprokudin/654>

⁵³ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/8234


⁵⁴ <https://t.me/khersonskaODA/6845>

⁵⁵ https://t.me/Nazars_look/14723

Ukrainian officials reported water has fully receded from four settlements, with 28 still experiencing flooding.⁵⁶

While the rumors of active cholera in Kherson are untrue, the Ministry of Environment has detected cholera and e-coli in flood waters. Local officials are advising that water, even from private wells, must be treated before it can be consumed. If you or people you know live in Kherson, they can visit the Telegram channel Kakhovska HPP Headquarters at shtab_kakhovska_hes for more up-to-date information and locations where water purification tablets are being distributed.

Dnipropetrovsk

Ukrainian officials have updated the number of victims from the  [Russian missile strike on Kryvyi Rih](#) on the night of June 12 – 13. Twelve people have died, with a 67-year-old man dying in hospital.⁵⁷ Thirty-six more were wounded, with 12 hospitalized. Many victims have severe burns, with reports that some jumped naked from burning upper-floor apartments to escape the flames.⁵⁸

⁵⁶ https://t.me/shtab_kakhovska_hes/714

⁵⁷ https://t.me/mykola_lukashuk/5059

⁵⁸ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/100917>

In the same attack, a Russian missile struck a bottled water warehouse in what may be a pattern of targeted attacks. Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Ihor Klymenko, said, "About 25 people worked here around the clock. Water was delivered to different parts of Ukraine. Recently trucks of water were sent from here to Kherson. Seven dead citizens were found here. The youngest of them was 17 years old. Three people from here are now in hospitals."^{59 60 61}

Khmelnyski

Ukrainian air defenses downed a Russian missile over Khmelnytski, causing debris to fall on the city and damaging six residential buildings.^{62 63}

Kirovohrad

An Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 kamikaze drone hit an infrastructure facility in Svitlodarsk, Kirovohrad Oblast Administrative and Military Governor (OVA) Serhii Raykovych, reported. The impact caused a fire but no injuries.⁶⁴

⁵⁹ https://t.me/tokmak_ukraine/3732

⁶⁰ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/100835>

⁶¹ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4299

⁶² <https://t.me/khmelnyskaODA/1729>

⁶³ <https://t.me/vilkul/3571>

⁶⁴ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/14/7406764/>

NORTHERN AND NORTHEASTERN UKRAINE

Russian Objective: Lock Ukrainian military resources into place and launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to break morale

Ukrainian Objective: Complete the liberation of the Kharkiv oblast, maintain the integrity of the international border, deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

Sumy

Russian forces launched 101 artillery shells, mortars, rockets, and drone-deliver IEDs on eight border hromadas. Seredyna-Buda was hit by 29 artillery shells. Seven employees of the State Forestry Service were killed when an artillery shell hit the truck they were riding in.⁶⁵

Sumy Oblast OVA Volodymyr Artyukh reported an orphanage and boarding school in In Bilopillya, with 135 residents who have psycho-neurological disorders, was hit by four artillery shells.⁶⁶ ⁶⁷ The assembly hall was destroyed, the roof set on fire, and another shell hit a

⁶⁵ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/100973>

⁶⁶ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4288

⁶⁷ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33237>

hallway that leads to bedrooms. The fire was brought under control, and the 135 residents and patients have been relocated.⁶⁸

THEATERWIDE

Errors and Omissions: Yesterday, a typographical error listed a Russian Kh-104 cruise missile was used to attack Ukraine. It should have been a Kh-101, and we promise Russia has not developed a new weapon. We thank you for your understanding.

On the morning of June 13, the Russian VKS launched a single Kh-101/Kh-555 cruise missile from a flight of four Tu-95 strategic bombers. The missile was intercepted near the Ukrainian border without incident.⁶⁹

Russian launched nine Shahed-136 kamikaze drones during the evening of June 13-14, with nine shot down. Our team was able to account for all ten drones.

⁶⁸ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4288

⁶⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/13/7406600/>

Up to six Kh-22 air-launched cruise missiles were fired at the Donetsk region, with none intercepted. We were able to account for three of the six missiles in today's report.⁷⁰

The dark potato prince and self-declared leader of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, continues to be as excited as a kid on Christmas day at the prospect of shiny new-used tactical nuclear weapons soon to be stored in Belarus. "God forbid I have to make a decision on the use of [*nuclear – Ed.*] weapons in modern times. But, there will be no hesitation, only if there is aggression against us," Lukashenko boasted. Someone needs to explain that those tactical nuclear weapons are fancy and expensive paperweights without the firing codes, and Moscow controls the codes. Talking to reporters, he added, "Everything is ready. I think it will take a few days, and we will have what we asked for. And even a little more."^{71 72}

Coordinator for Strategic Communications at the National Security Council in the White House, John Kirby, said that illegitimate president Lukashenko was talking recklessly and in an "irresponsible way" about nuclear weapons, adding, "...we haven't seen any indication that movement of

⁷⁰ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/101014>

⁷¹ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/80685>

⁷² <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/80711>

nuclear weapons is imminent or happening. And we certainly haven't seen anything that would cause us to change our own posture."⁷³

The United States Department of Defense (DoD) announced Ukraine's 40th military aid package. The latest package, \$325 million in Presidential drawdown authority, includes,⁷⁴

- Additional munitions for National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems (NASAMS)
- Stinger anti-aircraft systems
- Additional unspecified ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS)
- 155mm and 105mm artillery rounds
- 15 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles
- 10 Stryker Armored Personnel Carriers
- Javelin antiarmor man-portable systems
- Tube-Launched, Optically-Tracked, Wire-Guided (TOW) antitank missiles
- AT-4 antitank guided missile systems ATGM
- Over 22 million rounds of small arms ammunition and grenades
- Demolition munitions for obstacle clearing

⁷³ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/13/7406594/>

⁷⁴ [United States Department of Defense](#) [United States Government Website]

- Tactical secure communications support equipment
- Spare parts and other field equipment

Germany and Poland are close to an agreement on creating a repair center for Leopard tanks and other Western military equipment used by Ukraine, German Ambassador to Poland Thomas Bugger told Bloomberg. Creating a service center in Poland should be completed "in the coming days" and before the North Atlantic Alliance Summit in Vilnius on July 11. Similar service centers have already been established in Slovakia and Romania.⁷⁵

The United Kingdom announced a new military aid package of \$116 million to bolster Ukrainian air defenses.⁷⁶

Ukraine has formally requested information on the status of 41 decommissioned F-18 fighter jets, according to the Ukrainian Ambassador to Australia, Vasyl Myroshnychenko, in an interview with AFP. Some military experts believe the F-18 is better suited for Ukraine over the F-16. Australia recently decommissioned 41 F-18s as part of an airforce modernization program. Canberra

⁷⁵ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/13/7406728/>

⁷⁶ <https://t.me/mortisaeterna/4240>

confirmed that Ukraine had submitted a request for the possible transfer of the warplanes.⁷⁷

German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said that Berlin could not replace every destroyed Leopard 2 tank but would increase the supply of repaired units and accelerate the program to transfer Leopard 1A5s to Ukraine. Ukraine has lost at least four Leopard 2 tanks in the opening week of the broader offensive.⁷⁸

The table for Russian and Ukrainian heavy equipment losses has been updated using information from the Oryx Database.

⁷⁷ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/80744>

⁷⁸ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/80665>

RUSSIA VS. UKRAINE HEAVY EQUIPMENT LOSSES

Russian and Ukrainian visually confirmed heavy equipment losses sourced from the [Oryx Database](#) from February 24, 2022, to June 10, 2023. 10,609 Russian vs. 3,585 Ukrainian

Equipment	Russian Losses	Ukrainian Losses	Ratio	Change
Main Battle Tanks	1893	204	9.38:1	↓
Medium Duty Tanks	132	323	0.41:1	—
Armored fighting Vehicles	879	284	3.10:1	↓
Infantry Fighting Vehicles	2393	562	4.25:1	↓
Armored Personnel Carriers	312	273	1.14:1	↓
MRAPs	43	71	0.61:1	↓
Infantry Mobility Vehicles	190	320	0.59:1	—
Command and Communications Vehicles	243	13	18.69:1	—
Engineering Vehicles	310	60	5.16:1	↓
Towed Artillery	232	126	1.84:1	↑
Self-Propelled Howitzers/Mortars	414	166	2.49:1	↓
MLRS	206	45	4.58:1	↑
SAMs	118	114	1.03:1	↑
Mobile Radars	32	62	0.52:1	—
EW/ECW	40	2	20.00:1	↑
Winged Aircraft	82	68	1.21:1	↓
Helicopters	90	30	3.00:1	—
Naval Vessels	12	26	0.46:1	—

Notes on Sourcing Information


Malcontent News uses a wide range of sources to create our daily Situation Report, the foundation for the Russian-Ukraine War Report Podcast. There are some notable sources that we frequently use and others that we don't. The most common sources currently, or in the past, we have used for the Theater of War section of the Situation Report include the following.


⚠️ **Russian Ministry of Defense Morning Report:** We use the RMOD Morning Report to identify combat reports, shelling locations, and territorial control change claims. We do not consider claims of Ukrainian troops killed, equipment destroyed, or military resources destroyed valid without videos and pictures that can be confirmed by date, time, weather, and geolocation, or third-party confirmation from recognized Western news outlets or trusted Ukrainian sources.


⚠️ **Rybar:** We consider Rybar a mercenary organization because they are staffed by former Russian Ministry of Defense public relations officers who actively provide target information to the Russian military. Their operational budget is \$20,000 a month, while they claim they receive no government funding. We use their reports and maps to identify combat reports, territorial control change claims, and troop movement reports. We do not use claims of Ukrainian troops killed, equipment destroyed, or military resources destroyed because of a documented and historical pattern of producing fabrications. They frequently engage in blatant misinformation and disinformation and consistently deny all Russian war crimes.


⚠️ **War Gonzo:** We consider War Gonzo a mercenary organization because their employees have recorded themselves actively engaging in direct combat, specifically in Marinka. Recently, War Gonzo admitted in their daily report to leveraging the information from the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. They intermix combat reports with their own on a 24-hour delay. We use their reports for **unique claims** about combat, territorial

control change claims, and troop movement reports. Although the War Gonzo daily reports are moderately accurate, they occasionally engage in blatant disinformation and misinformation.

 **Readovka:** We consider Readovka to be a Kremlin-aligned propagandist organization. Their daily reports are a word-for-word repeat of the RMOD Morning Report and provide no value to our analysis. They occasionally provide credible information through videos and pictures that can be confirmed by date, time, weather, and geolocation.

 **Igor "Girkin" Strelkov:** We consider Strelkov to be a convicted war criminal who is highly informed, specifically about the situation in the Donbas. We use his combat reports, territorial control change claims, and troop movement information. In the Donbas, we consider his reports to be highly accurate. The fidelity of information he provides in Zaporizhia, Kherson, and Kharkiv appears to come from other social media channels with a history of spreading misinformation and is of lower quality. Reports he shares outside of the Donbas provided by Russian Federation 1st Army Corps units have greater fidelity.

 **Andrei Morozov:** Morozov is a pro-Russian milblogger and a radio communications and logistics specialist with the Russian 2nd Army Corps. We consider him a provider of high-quality information, especially within his fields of specialty. In the fall of 2022, Morozov was detained by OMON for up to three weeks due to his content and has had his online material censored by the Kremlin several times over the last 11 months.

 **Private Military Company Wagner Group Social Media:** We consider reports from PMC Wagner of Russian victories as overstating gains and reports of Russian failures, particularly among the Russian Ministry of Defense and the 1st and 2nd Army Corps of the Russian Army, as overstating problems. We do not consider claims of territorial control changes from Wagner as authentic without pictures, videos, or **unique** Russian State Media reports that include a video that can be geolocated.

 **Luhansk People's Republic Joint Center for Control and Coordination:** We only use their reports about large-scale artillery and HIMARS strikes in the occupied territories.

⊖ **Leonid Pasechnik:** We do not use any combat, territorial control changes, troop movements, casualty claims, or equipment destroyed claims from the self-declared leader of the so-called Luhansk People's Republic.

⚠ **Donetsk People's Republic People's Militia:** We only use their reports for videos and pictures that can be confirmed by date, time, weather, and geolocation.

⊖ **Donetsk People's Republic Territorial Defense:** We do not use combat, territorial control changes, troop movements, casualty claims, or equipment destroyed claims from their public relations and social media channels. They have repeatedly engaged in misinformation and disinformation.

⊖ **Denis Pushilin:** We do not use any combat, territorial control changes, troop movements, casualty claims, or equipment destroyed claims from the self-declared leader of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic.

⚠ **Ramzan Kadyrov:** The contribution and impact of Chechen forces in Ukraine have become minimal, and Akhmat no longer produces large volumes of video content that can be geolocated. We continue to monitor his channels.

✅ **General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine:** We consider the morning and evening reports, specifically combat reports, territorial control changes, and troop movements, from GSAFU to be high quality. The Ukrainian General Staff uses clever wording to create plausible deniability of battlefield failures. Combat reports start with "repelled attacks of the occupant forces in the vicinities of," which negates reporting fighting in areas where territory was lost. Instead of misinformation or disinformation, GSAFU engages in omission. Reports about problems within the Russian military are given more weight if the SBU or GUR reinforces them or if there is added confirmation in the Russian milblogger information space.

✅ **DeepState:** We use the Daily Report from DeepState for combat reports and territorial control changes. They frequently support their claims with geolocated, time, date, and weather-confirmed pictures and videos, making them a high-quality Ukrainian-based source. They occasionally overstate Russian territorial control claims but never present disinformation or

misinformation. Combined with the reports from GSAFU, gaps in combat reports are filled. We support DeepState through their Patreon at \$10 a month.

✔ **Institute for the Study of War:** We occasionally leverage the map and territorial control change information produced by the ISW when there is conflicting data. Their presentation of Russian-assessed, Ukrainian-assessed, and Russian-claimed information is helpful when our analysts have to make a judgment call due to the absence of verifiable information. We do not copy from their map but take their territorial control information as an additional data point when assessing our own changes.

⚠ **Ivan Fedorov:** We use information about insurgent activity and HIMARS strikes in Zaporizhia provided by Fedorov, the exiled mayor of Melitiopol.

✔ **Vitaly Kim:** When there are reports of potential air raids in Ukraine, we monitor Kim, the Mykolaiv Oblast Administrative and Military Governor, for realtime reports. Kim is consistently one of the first, if not the first, Ukrainian government official to confirm kamikaze drones or missiles have been launched toward Ukraine.

⊖ **Oleksiy Arestovych:** We no longer use the information provided by Arestovych after being fired from his role as the Chief Advisor to the President of Ukraine. Before being terminated, Arestovych had developed a reputation for providing exaggerated, unverified, and false claims for Ukrainian successes and failures.