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SUMMARY – DAY 228

It has been 3,134 days since Russia occupied Crimea on February 27, 2014.

Russia launched at least 83 cruise missiles and 17 Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 kamikaze drones across Ukraine, causing massive damage to energy infrastructure and killing and injuring dozens. Russian President Vladimir Putin stated the attacks were a reprisal for the weekend explosion that damaged the Kersch Bridge connecting Russia to Russian-occupied Crimea.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

We assess the following:

1. Our assessment on October 7 that there was a heightened risk of terror attacks on cities in central and western Ukraine through the weekend was accurate, with over 80 cruise missiles and almost 20 drones hitting cities across Ukraine.
2. Russian terror attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure will likely continue as Russia wastes its

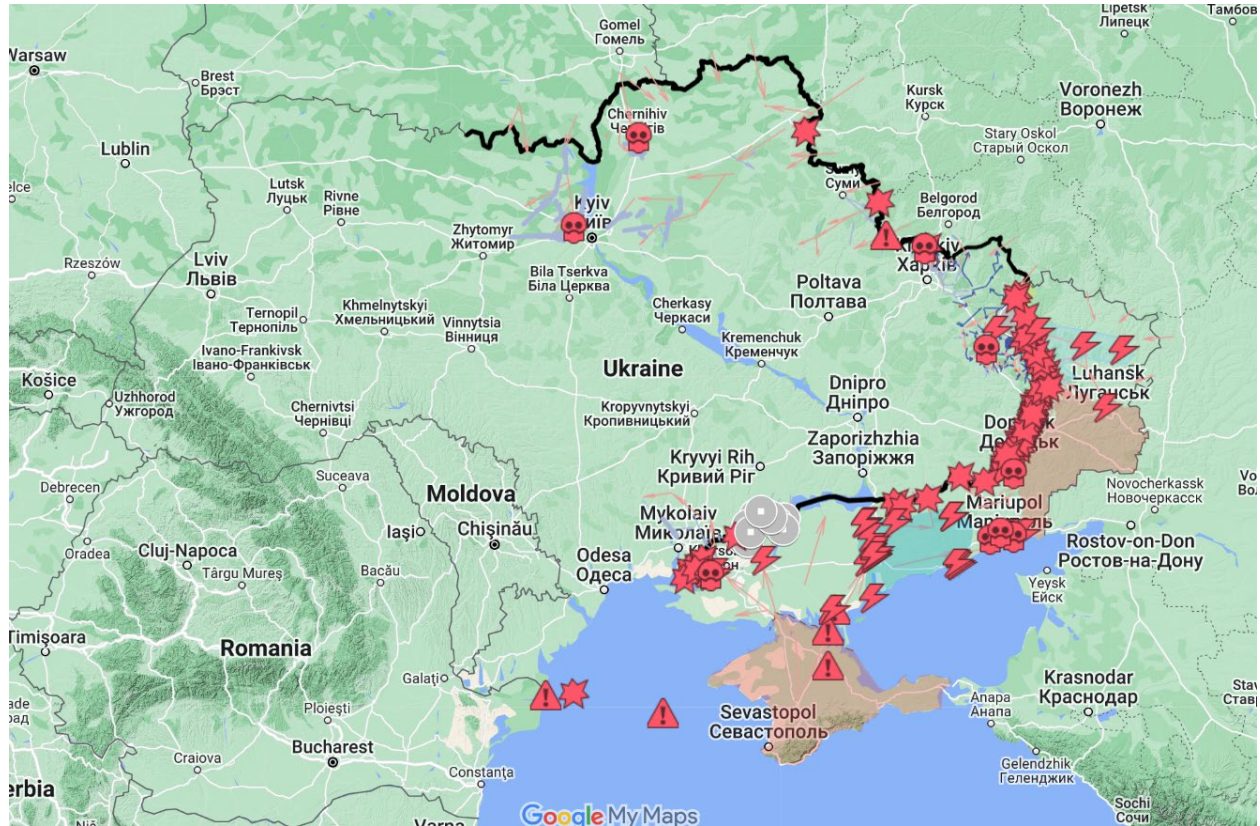
limited military cruise missile assets on non-essential targets that won't change the war's outcome.

3. President Putin likely authorized the strikes to reinforce his declining stature with the Russian people, government, state media, and milbloggers as he faces direct attacks for his handling of the "special military operation."
4. Today's attacks have the fingerprints of the newly appointed "commander of the Joint Grouping of Forces in the areas of the special military operation," General Sergey Surovikin. He is considered a ruthless commander and is supportive of using widespread bombing of civilians within cities to break the will of the people, using the tactic in Syria.
5. We maintain our assessment that Russia is incapable of responding simultaneously to three counteroffensives in Luhansk, Kharkiv, and Kherson.
6. We maintain that if a Russian force of company size or larger surrenders in northern Kherson, it will create a cascade of surrendering Russian troops.
7. We maintain that mass surrenders could become a logistical problem for Ukraine, which could overwhelm the ongoing counteroffensive.
8. We maintain that using tactical nuclear weapons on the battlefield is highly unlikely as it would require striking what the Kremlin believes is Russian soil and

Russian forces are incapable of fighting in a conventional environment, let alone a CBRN setting.

9. We maintain Russia's mobilization efforts are ineffective due to corruption, a lack of preparation, violation of the social contract with the Russian people, and conscripts being sent en masse to Ukraine without vital equipment or training.
10. We maintain we are in the Mutually Assured Destruction Instability Paradox due to irresponsible language from the Kremlin, looming decisions from Moscow leadership, and the deteriorating kinetic warfare situation for Russian troops in Ukraine.
11. We maintain our assessment that the Russian military in Ukraine is combat destroyed is accurate, and the Russian military has no meaningful way to respond to the ongoing and accelerating collapse on multiple fronts. Conscripts that were rushed to the Donbas in the past week have not slowed the deterioration and are not contributing to improving combat power.

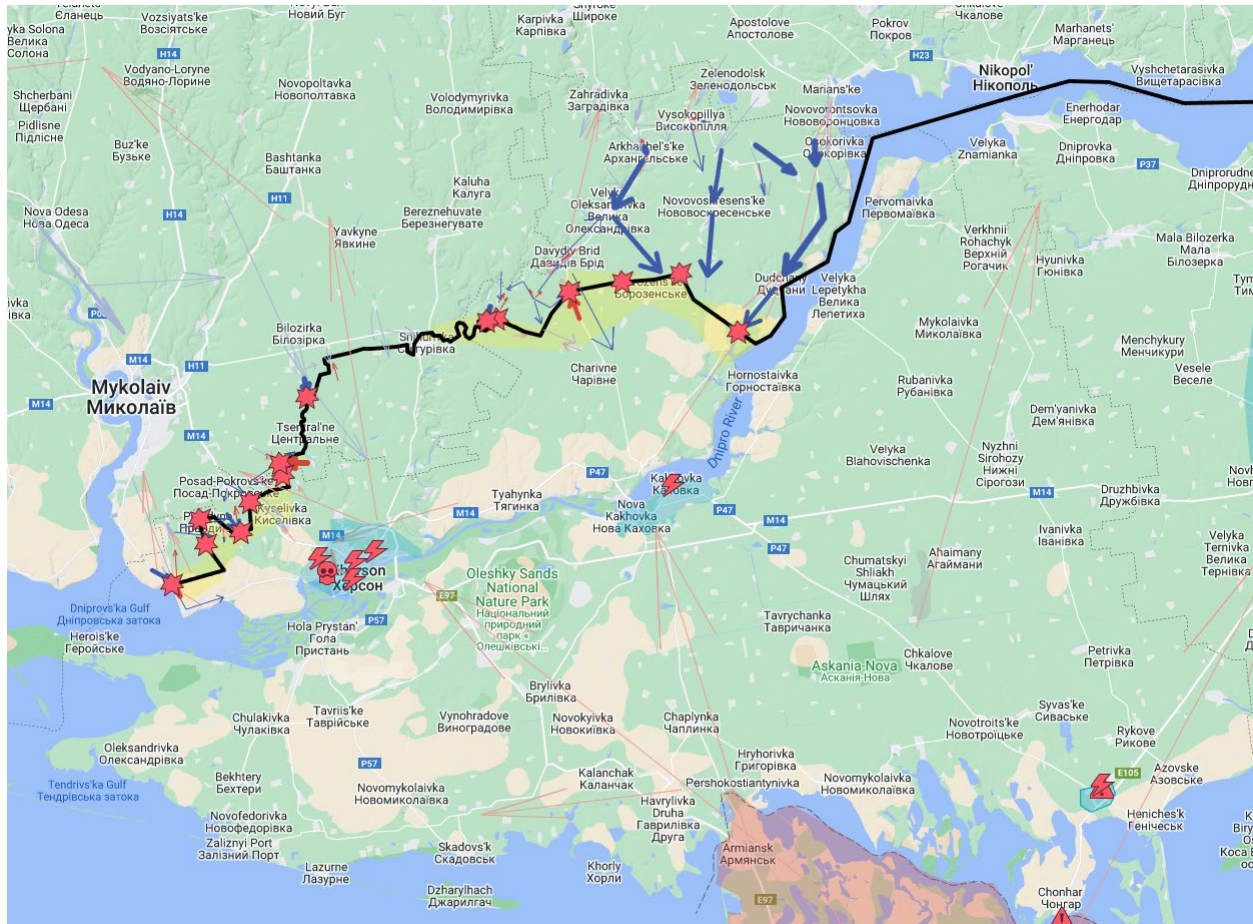
TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



Information about changes made to the map: Red triangles are sites of significant events unrelated to missile attacks, insurgency, or ground combat, such as the sinking of the Moskva and the explosion at Saky Naval airbase. Based on your feedback, we changed the archived offensive flags to "gray circles." The 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 [Kherson](#), the link will take you to the exact location explained in the Situation Report.

You can visit our war map at <http://www.rusvukrmap.com>

KHERSON COUNTEROFFENSIVE & MYKOLAIV

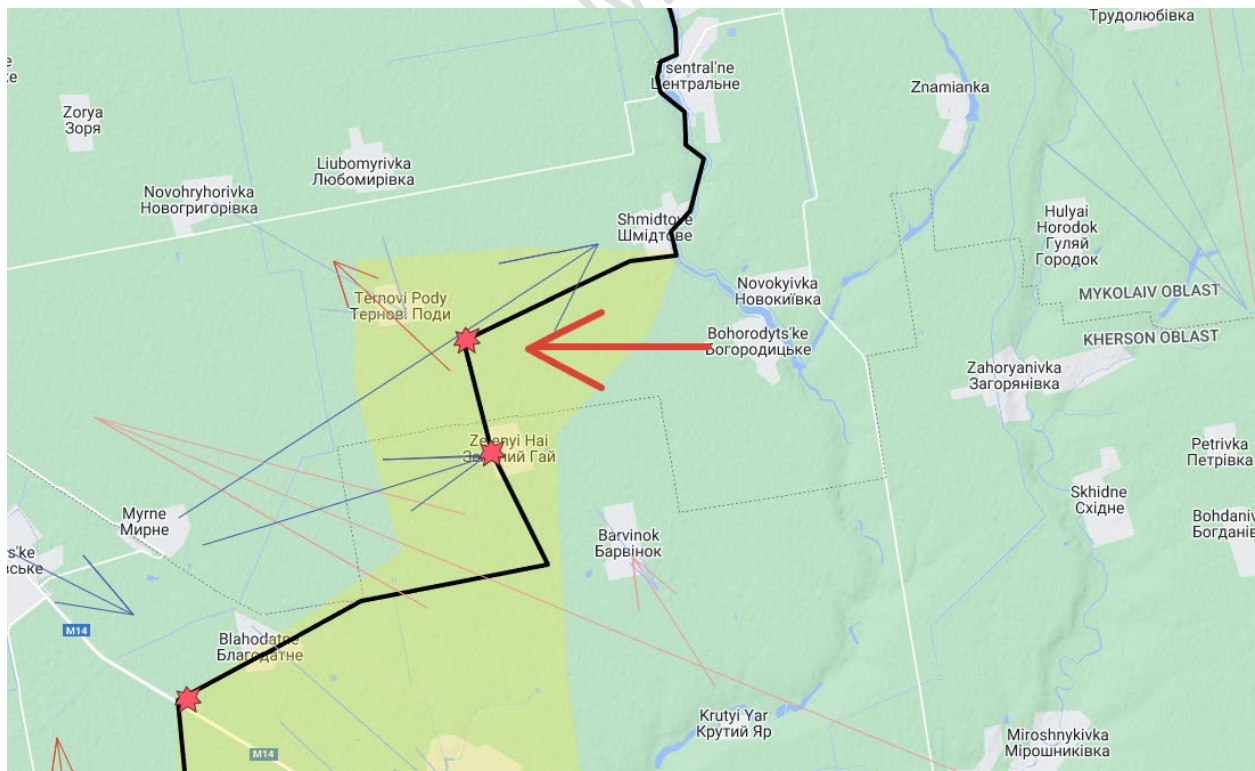


Russian Objective: Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, hold existing defensive lines, protect remaining Lines of Communication (LOC – supply lines), defend Kherson, prevent envelopment on the western side of the Dnipro River, restrict insurgent activity

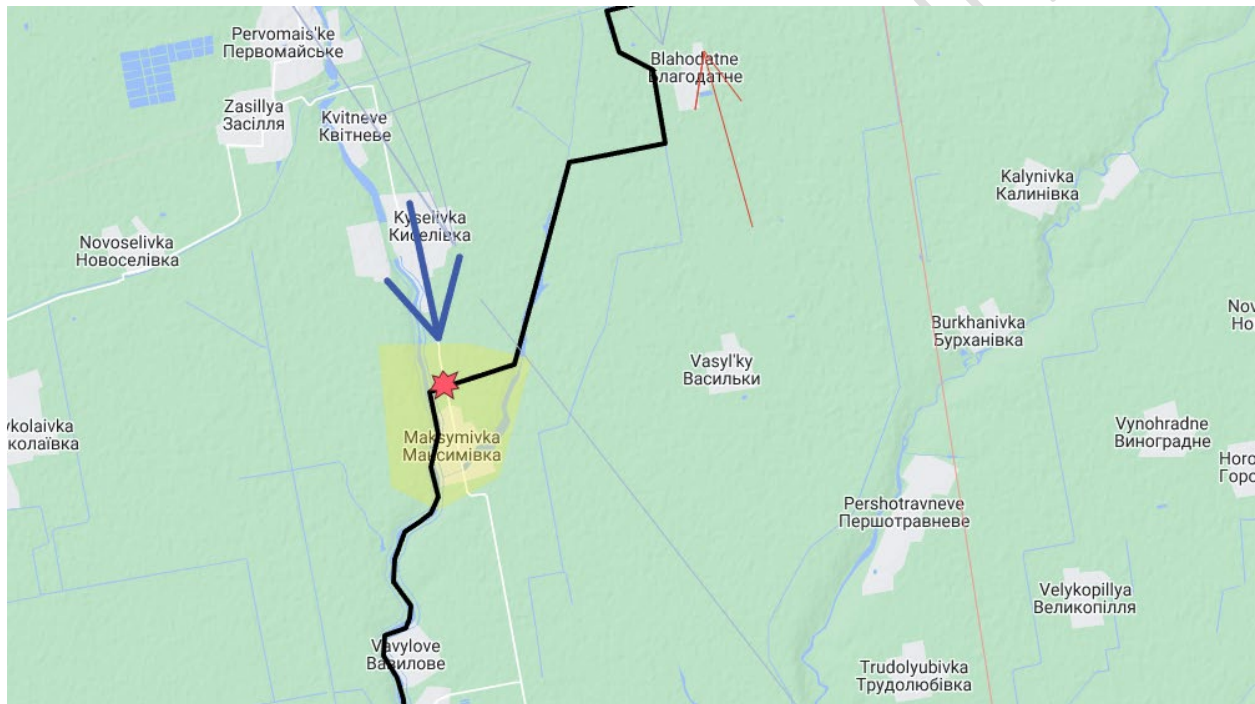
Ukrainian Objective: Liberate the Kherson oblast west of the Dnipro River, push Russian forces back far enough to

end multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) attacks on Mykolaiv and Kryvvi Rih

Ukrainian leadership is maintaining tight operational security in Kherson, where it is starting to appear that Russian troops are creating a new defensive line that is somewhat stable. There was good intelligence today on the ongoing fighting, which appears to be positional, probing for weakness, and spoiling attacks versus large-scale offensive operations. There was also excellent intelligence on territorial control, which has created a clearer picture of where the line of conflict is.



Pro-Russian sources reported that Russian troops launched an offensive to recapture [Ternovi Pody](#), which was unsuccessful.¹ The report provided additional confirmation that Ukraine controls the settlement.

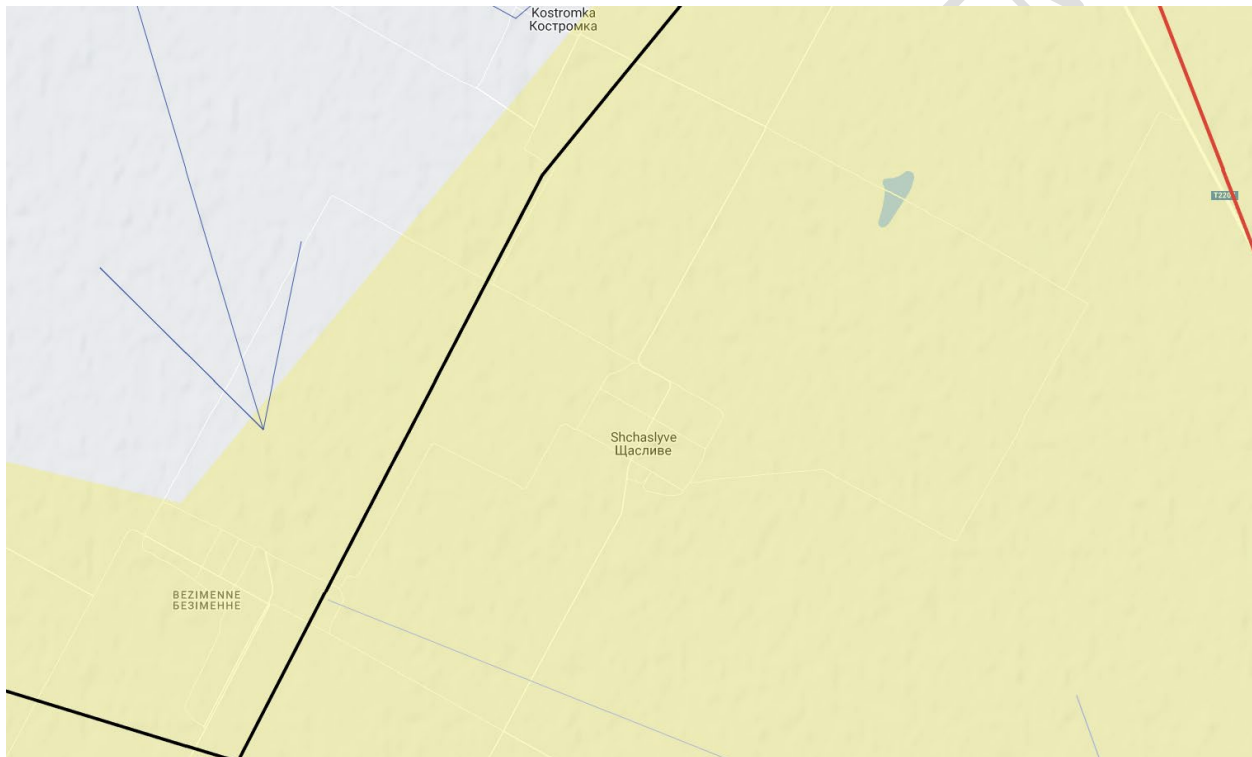


Russian sources claimed a Ukrainian reconnaissance unit attempted to advance on [Maksymivka](#).² There have been reports of fighting in this area over the last five days.

¹ <https://t.me/wargonzo/8651>

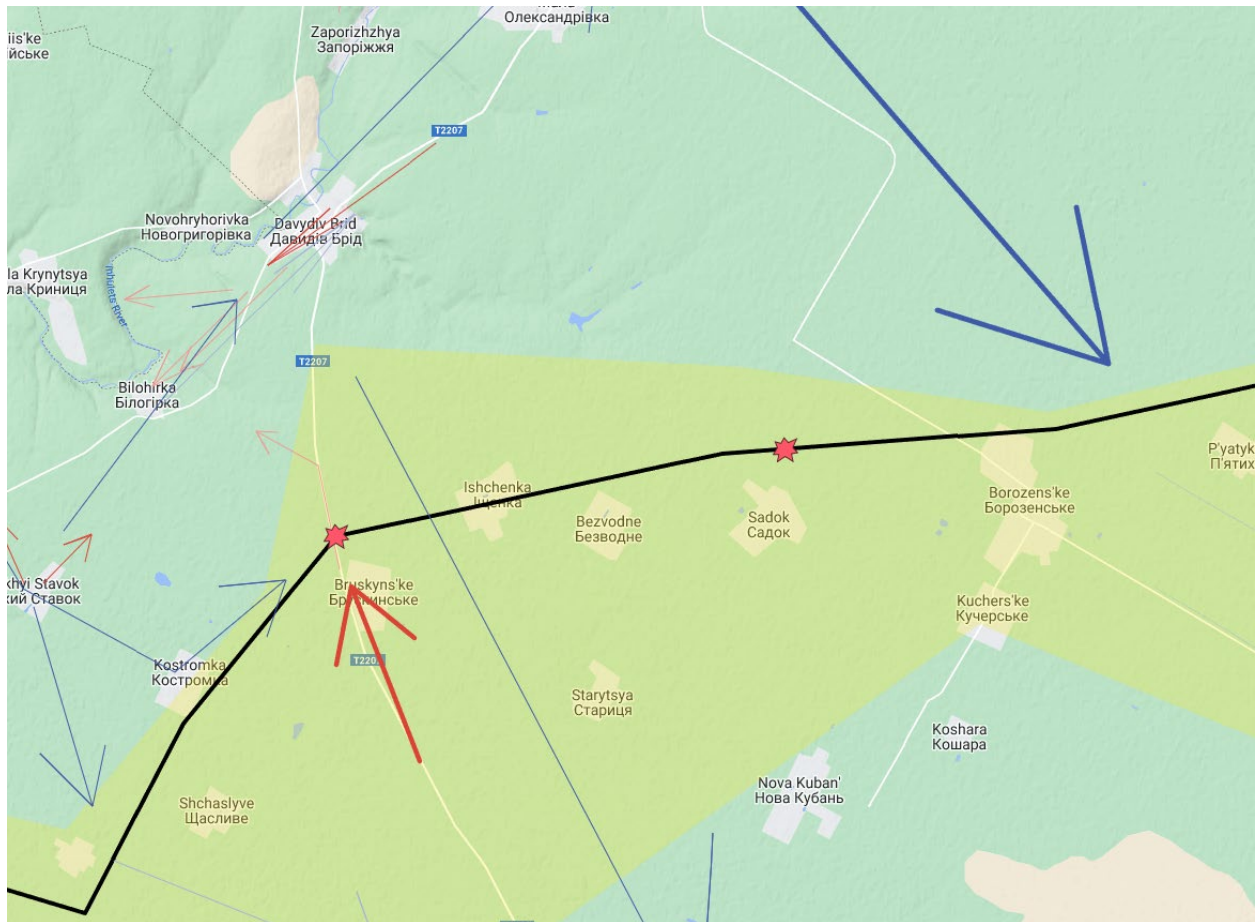
² <https://t.me/rybar/39975>

Our assessment on October 7 that the claims of a Russian withdrawal from Snihurivka were likely false was accurate. There is no indication that Russian troops withdrew from the town, which is critical to Russian defenses and Ground Lines of Communication (GLOC, aka supply lines).



Ukrainian sources reported that [Bezimmenne](#) is a no man's land but on the Ukrainian side of the line of conflict. This aligns with our previous assessment and mapping.³

³ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14352>



Operational Command South (OCS) reported that a Russian motor infantry platoon attempted to advance on [Davydiv Brid](#) from Bruskyne and suffered heavy losses.⁴ After the failed advance, Ukrainian positions were shelled by artillery and hit by Russian air strikes.

⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1178144152770370>

Russian sources reported that Ukrainian troops attempted to advance on [Sadok](#) and were unsuccessful at moving the line of conflict.^{5 6}

Additional pictures showed Ukrainian forces in [Nova Kamyanka](#), and Russian sources claimed that Ukrainian troops advanced from Tryfonivka toward [Pyatykhatky](#).^{7 8} Some Ukrainian sources reported Pyatykhatky had been liberated, but there wasn't any visual confirmation.^{9 10}

⁵ <https://t.me/rybar/39975>

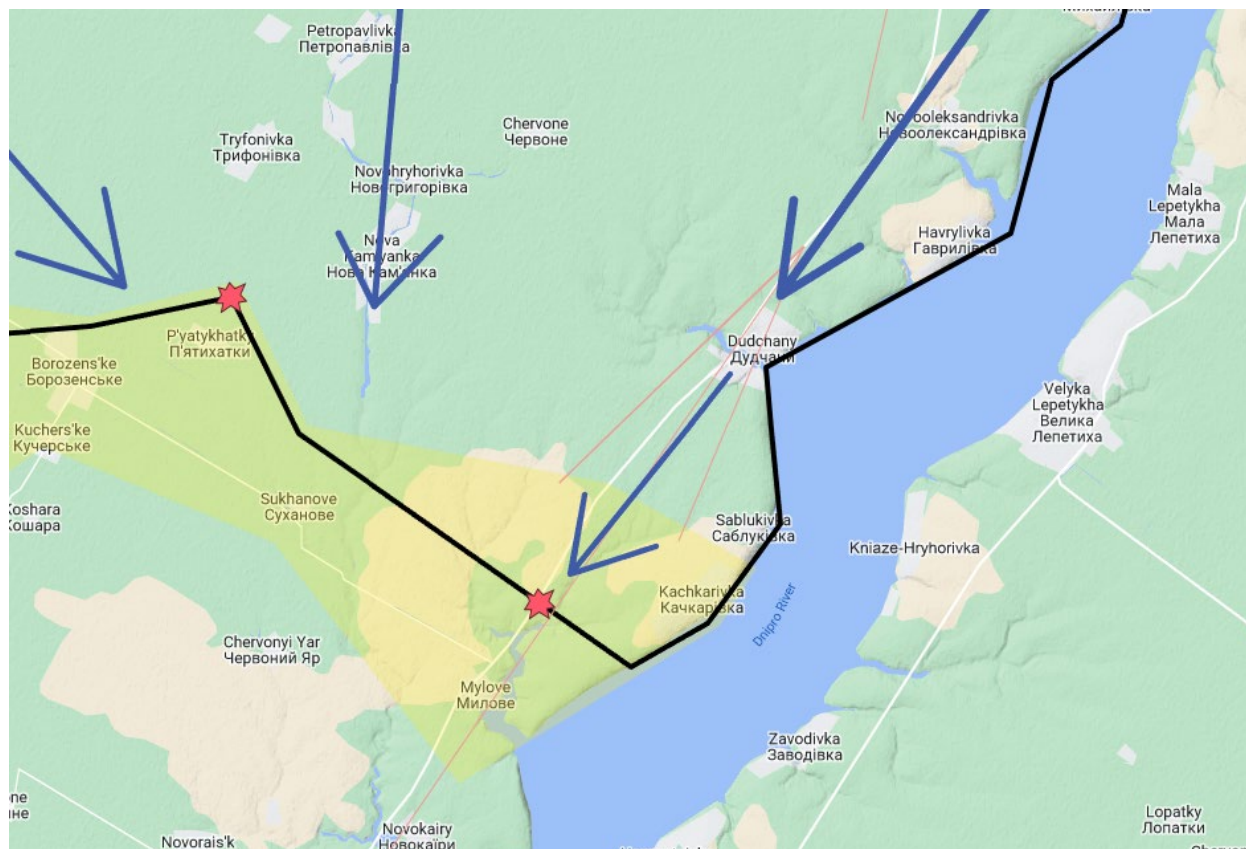
⁶ <https://t.me/rybar/39970>

⁷ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14349>

⁸ <https://t.me/wargonzo/8651>

⁹ <https://twitter.com/mhmck/status/1579249139334148096>

¹⁰ <https://twitter.com/Tendar/status/1579187214159790080>



The only area where there remains significant fog of war is south of [Dudchany](#). OCS reported a kamikaze drone, likely an Iranian-sourced Shahed-136, struck Dudchany but did not cause significant damage.¹¹

Some reports indicated that [Sablukivka](#) and [Kachkarivka](#) were under Ukrainian control, while others reported the two settlements were contested.¹² Ihor Yosypenko, a member of the Kherson Regional Council, reported that

¹¹ <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1178144152770370>

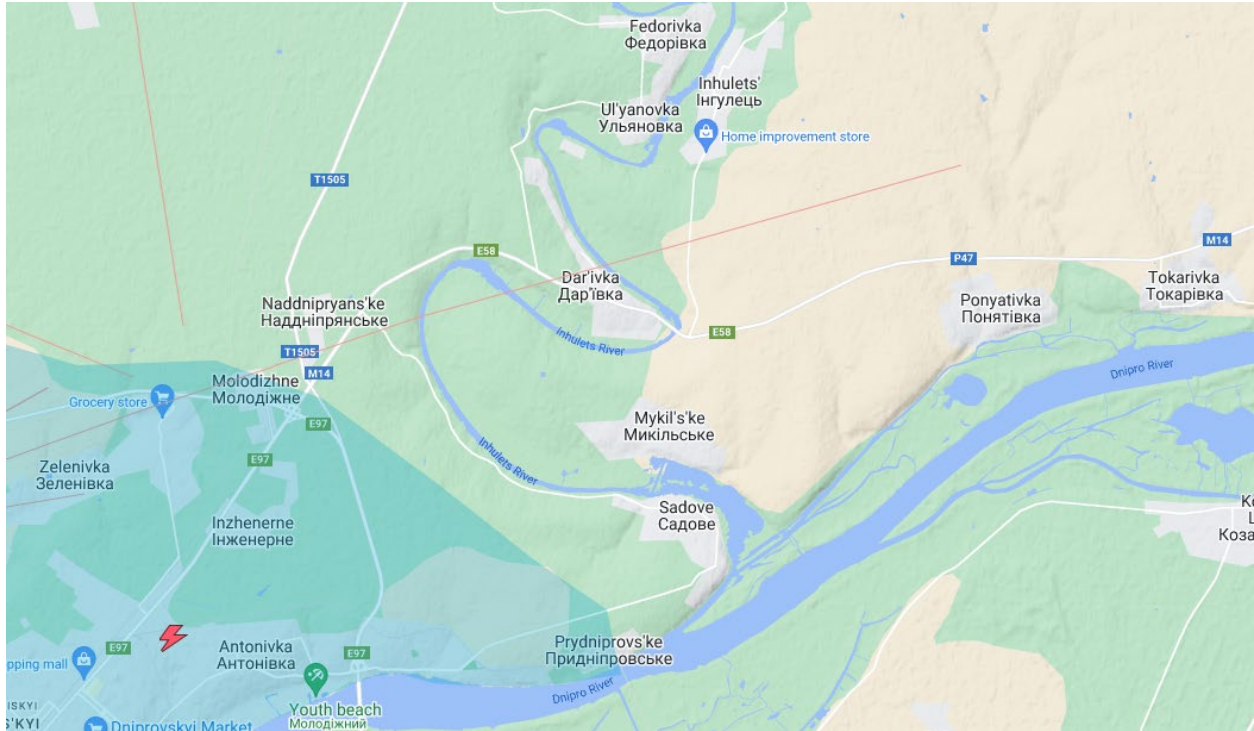
¹² <https://twitter.com/WarMonitor3/status/1579179550285918208>

Russian forces destroyed the T-403 Highway bridge over the [Sofiyivska Balka estuary](#) just north of [Mylove](#).

ASSESSMENT: Throughout the entire war, Russian forces in retreat have blown bridges when they have no intention of returning in that direction.¹³ This action does not trap any Russian forces north of the estuary, which can still maneuver to the west, but it does indicate that Russian troops plan to hold Mylove or at least delay the advance of Ukrainian forces as new defenses are built further south. OCS reported that Russian troops were mining the new defensive line, indicating their positions stabilizing.¹⁴ Based on the available social intelligence, we still consider Sablukivka and Kachkarivka contested, with Ukrainian troops likely in parts of Sablukivka.

¹³ https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1579205448133410816

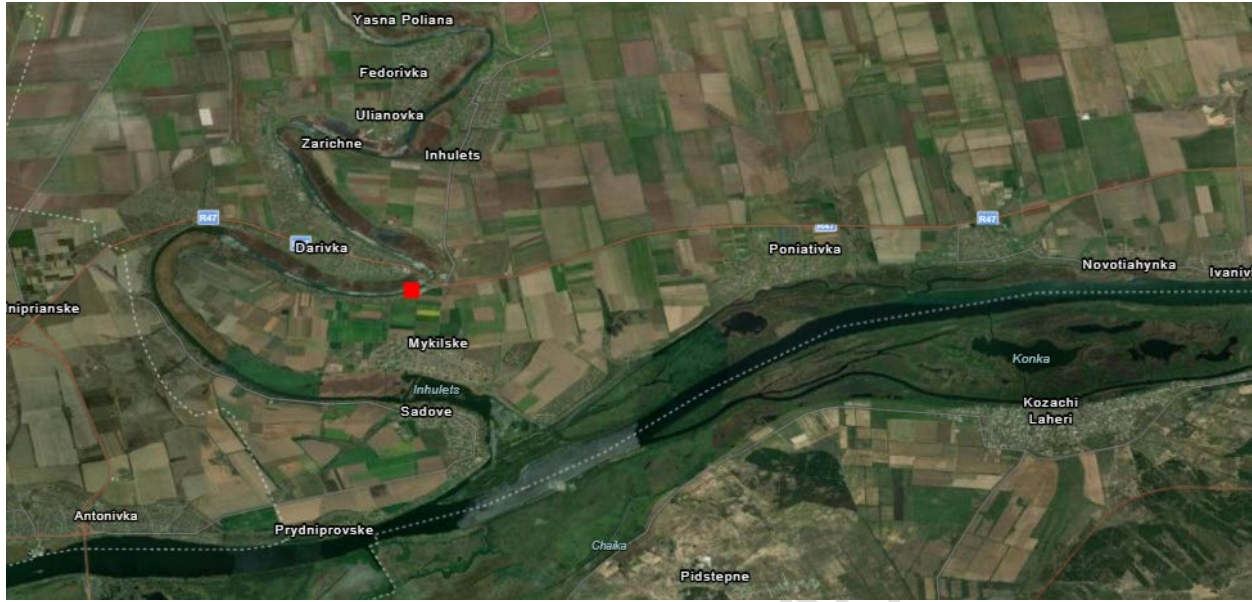
¹⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1178144152770370>



NASA Fire Information for Resource Management Systems (FIRMS) showed a heat anomaly at Dariivka, where Russian troops have attempted to maintain a pontoon bridge. Rockets fired by HIMARS likely hit the area.

North of Kherson on October 8, Russian-occupied Kyselivka was hit with up to five rockets, setting Russian fuel storage on fire.¹⁵

¹⁵ https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1578735547237158912



The Ukrainian air force performed nine air strikes, and ground forces carried out 246 fire missions. OCS didn't indicate targets, and there wasn't chatter on social media.

Andrey Vladimirovich, the Russia-appointed deputy head of the Bilozerka Military-Civilian Administration of the same town, was badly injured in a bombing by insurgents on October 7.¹⁶ He uses the code name of Vampire, how charming, and reportedly suffered severe injuries to his legs and groin in the blast.

Vitalii Kim, Mykolaiv Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported the city of Mykolaiv was hit by seven S-

¹⁶ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/3737

300 anti-aircraft missiles used for a ground attack – air defenses shot down three more.¹⁷ A university, warehouses by the port, and apartment buildings were hit in the overnight attack, but there were no reports of casualties.

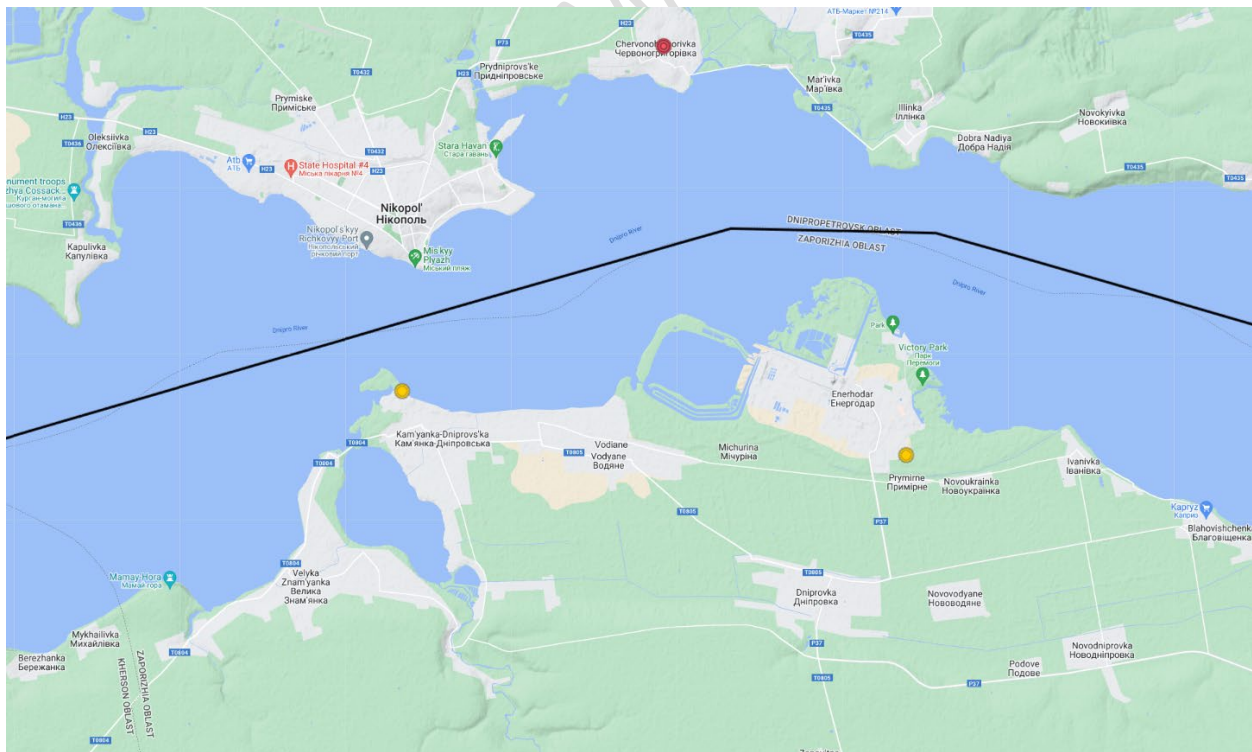
ASSESSMENT: We maintain that Russian troops will find it challenging to establish defensive lines with the Ukrainian military pressing on the line of conflict. There was a lot of information today that clarified the line of conflict from Posad-Pokrovske to Dudchany.

¹⁷ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371062/>

DNIPROPETROVSK & NORTHERN ZAPORIZHIA

Russian Objective: Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, break civilian will with continued terror attacks, and turn popular opinion against Ukraine by terrorizing the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

Ukrainian Objective: Prevent further Russian advances, exploit weaknesses on the line of conflict, and prepare the area's civilian population for a nuclear accident



The situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant was mixed, with shelling continuing for the fourth day in a row.¹⁸ Despite the ongoing attacks, engineers were able to reconnect the 750 kilovolt (kV) power line to the plant. The plant had been running on diesel backup generators since October 8, when another round of shelling knocked out the only electrical connection to the plant. Although all six reactors are in a cold shutdown state, water circulation has to be maintained to keep the cores cool. All six reactors were operating normally, and there was no change in cooling or radiation levels.

An industrial area between Enerhodar and ZNPP was shelled again, and another landmine spontaneously exploded near the plant. Director General Rafael Grossi condemned the missile attacks on the cities of Zaporizhzhia and the shelling of Enerhodar.

“These military attacks in Zaporizhzhia and its vicinity increase the risk of a nuclear accident if they hit the plant’s external power lines or make it more difficult to deliver vital supplies of fuel and equipment,” Director General Grossi said.

¹⁸ [International Atomic Energy Agency](#)

The IAEA reported that a supply convoy carrying spare parts and diesel fuel was staged in Zaporizhzhia on Sunday. The convoy was not damaged, and no IAEA employees were harmed in a series of missile attacks on the city.

Director Grossi is supposed to travel to the Russian Federation this week to discuss demilitarizing the plant.

Valentyn Reznichenko, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported Nikopol and Marhanets were hit by more than 70 Grad rockets fired by multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS).¹⁹ The attack damaged a solar power plant and destroyed civilian housing and infrastructure. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

Russia continued missile attacks on Zaporizhzhia despite the alleged annexation and claims that the city is now part of Russia. Attacks on October 8 intentionally targeted residential areas, causing widespread destruction.²⁰ A follow-up attack on October 9 also targeted civilian housing, destroying and damaging homes, and a third

¹⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/9/7370967/>

²⁰ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/9/7371014/>

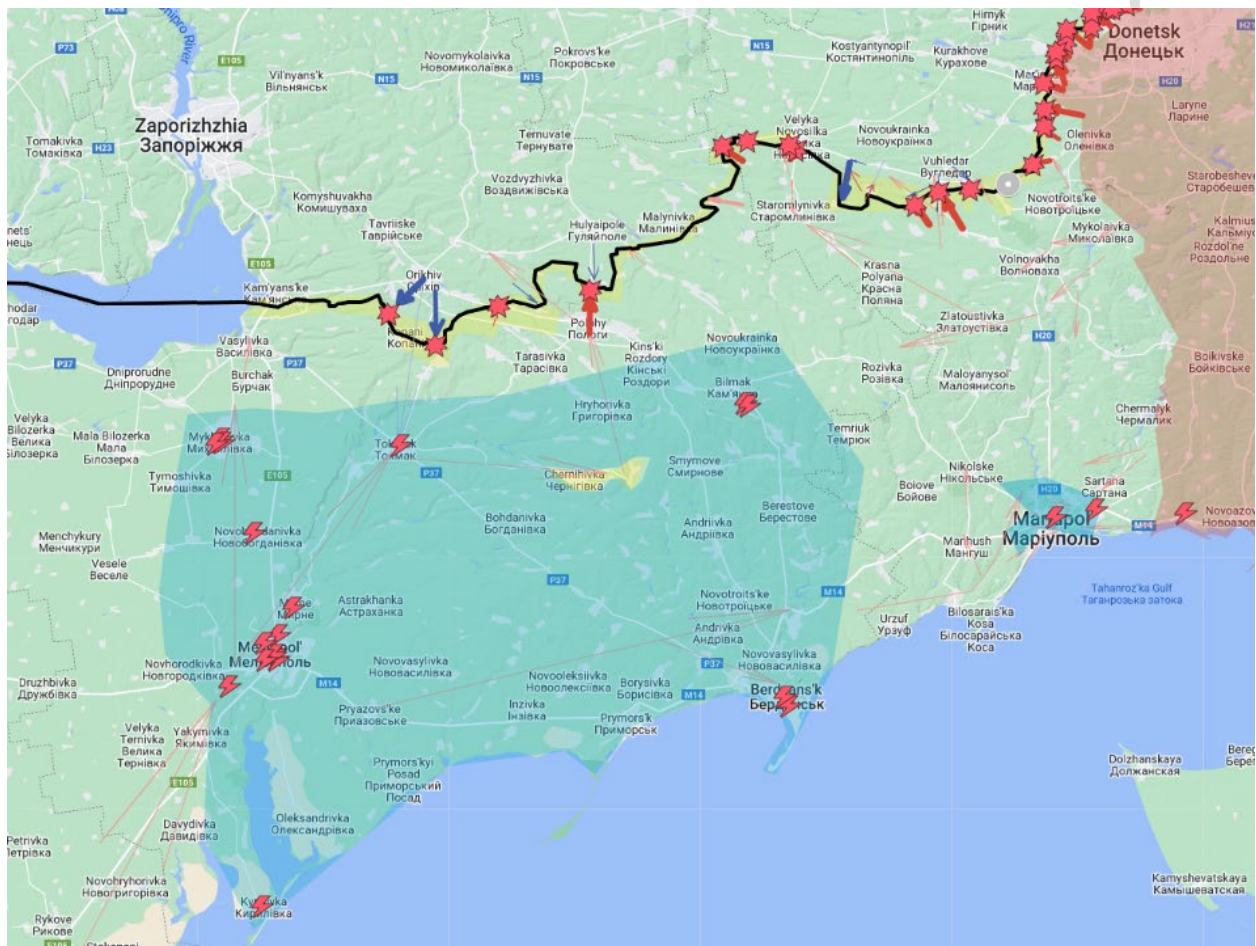


attack during the overnight hours hit more civilian housing. There is additional information in the **War Crimes and Human Rights** section.

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DONBAS REGION

SOUTHERN ZAPORIZHZHIA



Russian Objective: Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, defend the existing line of conflict, and end the insurrection that is throughout the Russian-controlled territory

Ukrainian Objective: Fix Russian assets in place to prevent redeployment, defend the existing line of conflict while finding and exploiting weaknesses, destroy troop concentrations and command and control sites, interdict supplies and disrupt logistics, support and expand the insurrection in occupied territories

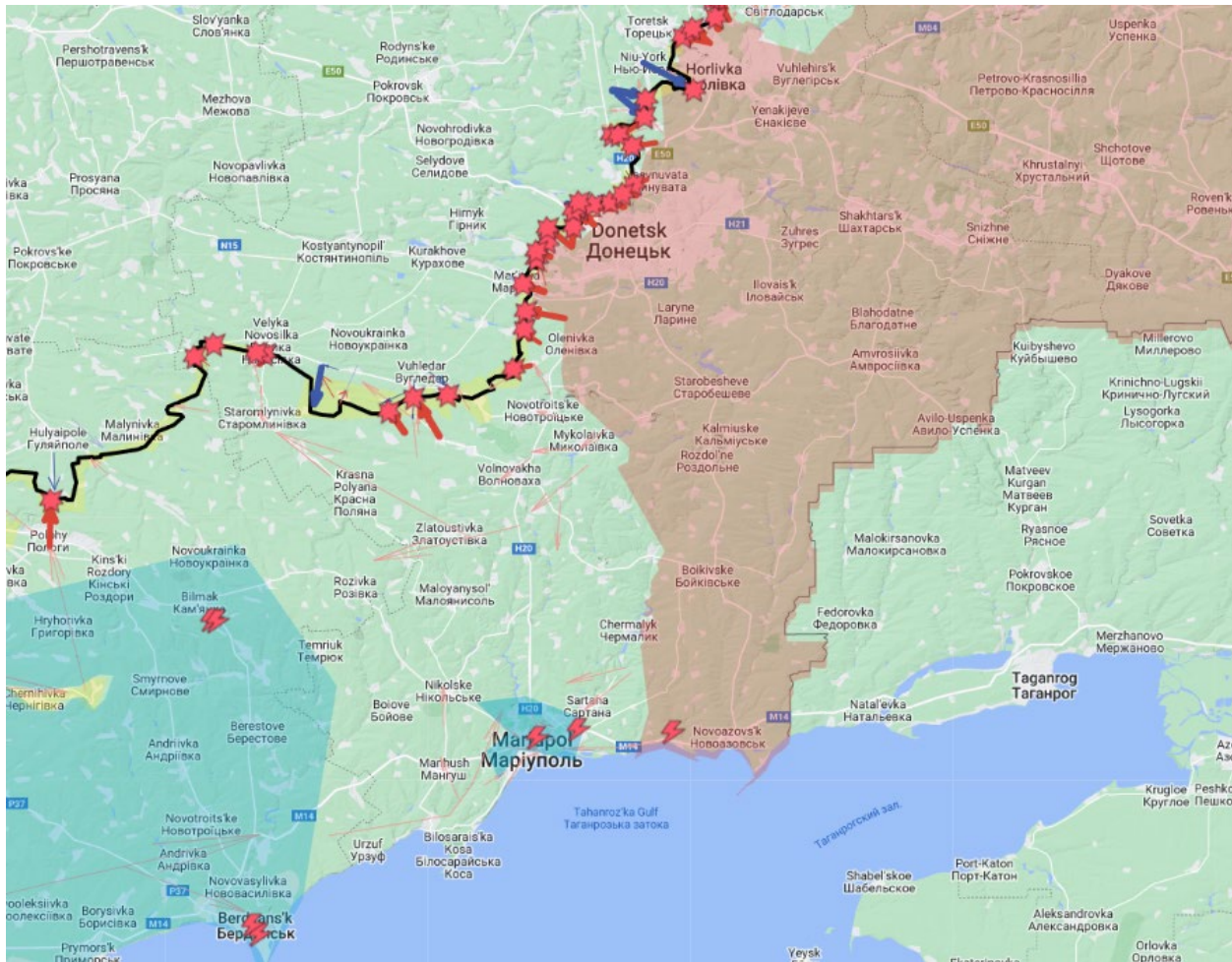
We can only report sporadic artillery fire from the Donetsk-Zaporizhia administrative border to Hulyaipole, Orikhiv, and Mali Shcherbaky.^{21 22}

There are significant rumors in the Russian information space that Ukrainian forces are preparing to launch a third counteroffensive from Hulyaipole toward Melitopol or Berdyansk, but we can't verify the veracity of the report.

²¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM](#)

²² [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM](#)

SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK

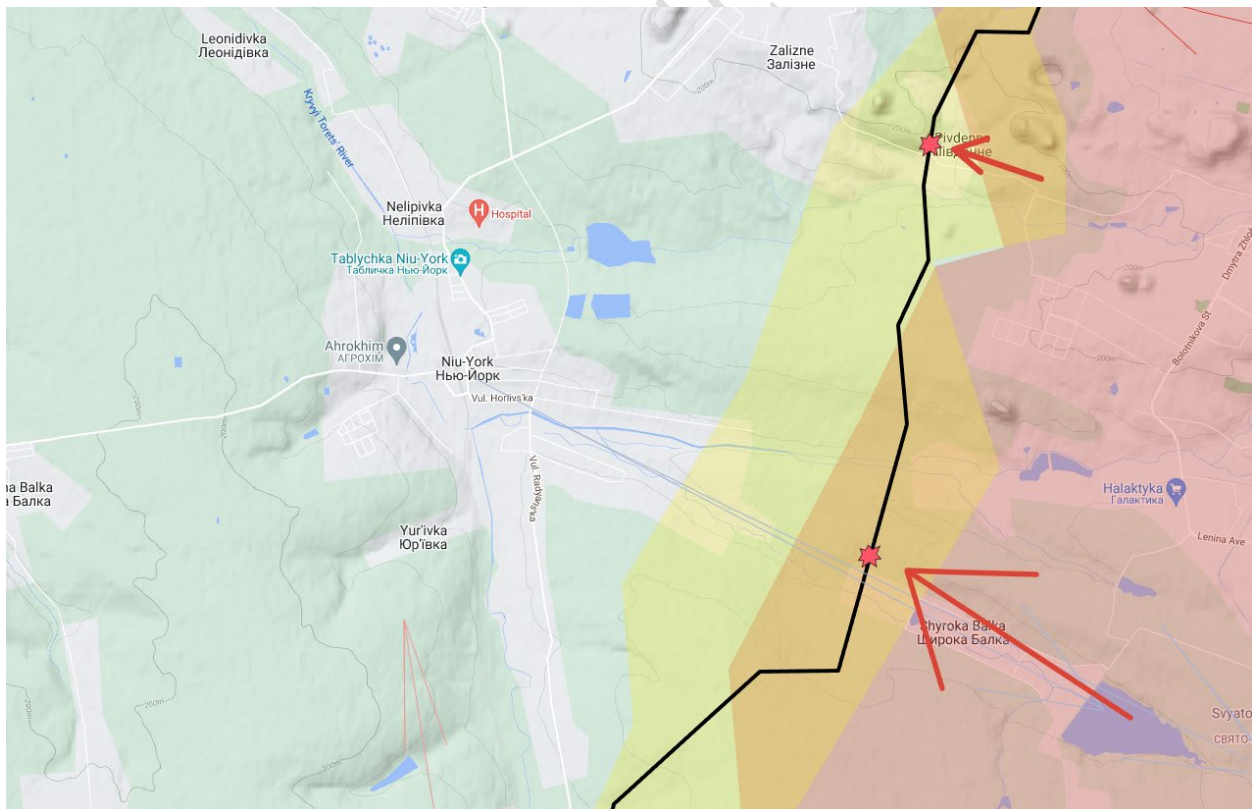


Russian Objective: Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, maintain existing defensive lines, and bring the insurrection across southwestern Donetsk under control

Ukrainian Objective: Lock Russian military assets in place, defend the existing line of conflict while finding and

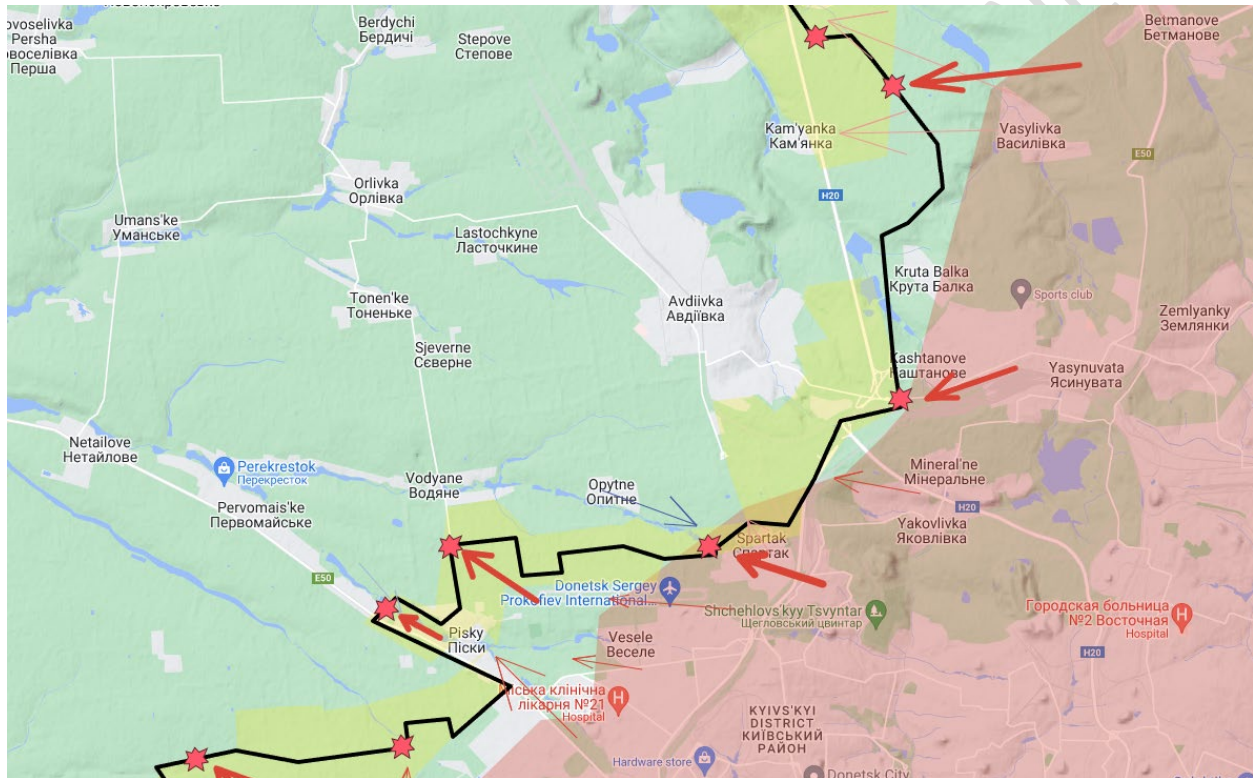
exploiting weaknesses, destroy troop concentrations and command and control sites, interdict supplies and disrupt logistics

The Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) militia public relations channel reported fighting west of the city. They claimed to have destroyed a multiple-launch rocket system (MLRS) and three armored vehicles and that Ukraine executed over 250 fire missions on the occupied territory.²³



²³ https://t.me/nm_dnr/9186

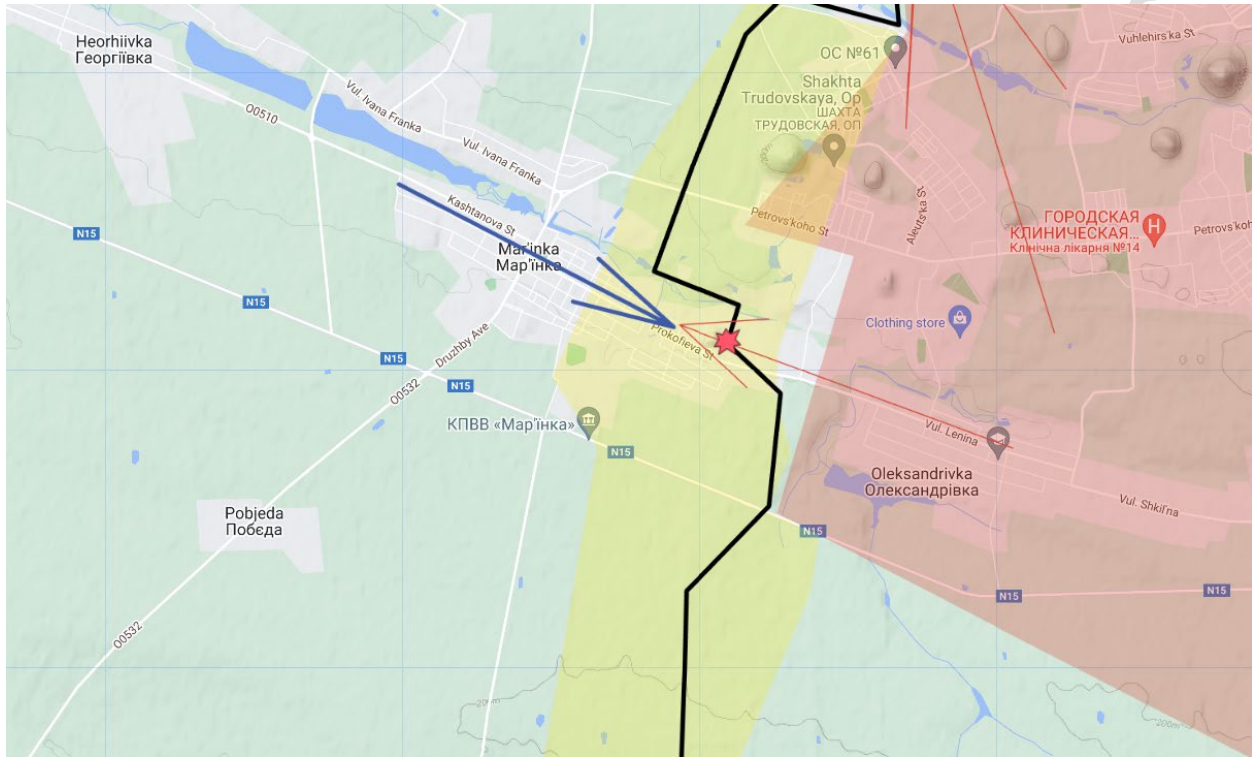
Elements of the 1st Army Corps of the DNR renewed attempts to advance on [Niu York](#) but were unable to make any progress.



North of Avdiivka, DNR militia forces continued attacks on [Kamyanka](#), while to the south, they attempted to advance on [Nevelske](#) and fought around the edges of Pisky and [Pervomaiske](#).²⁴ A [video from the DNR militia](#) showed

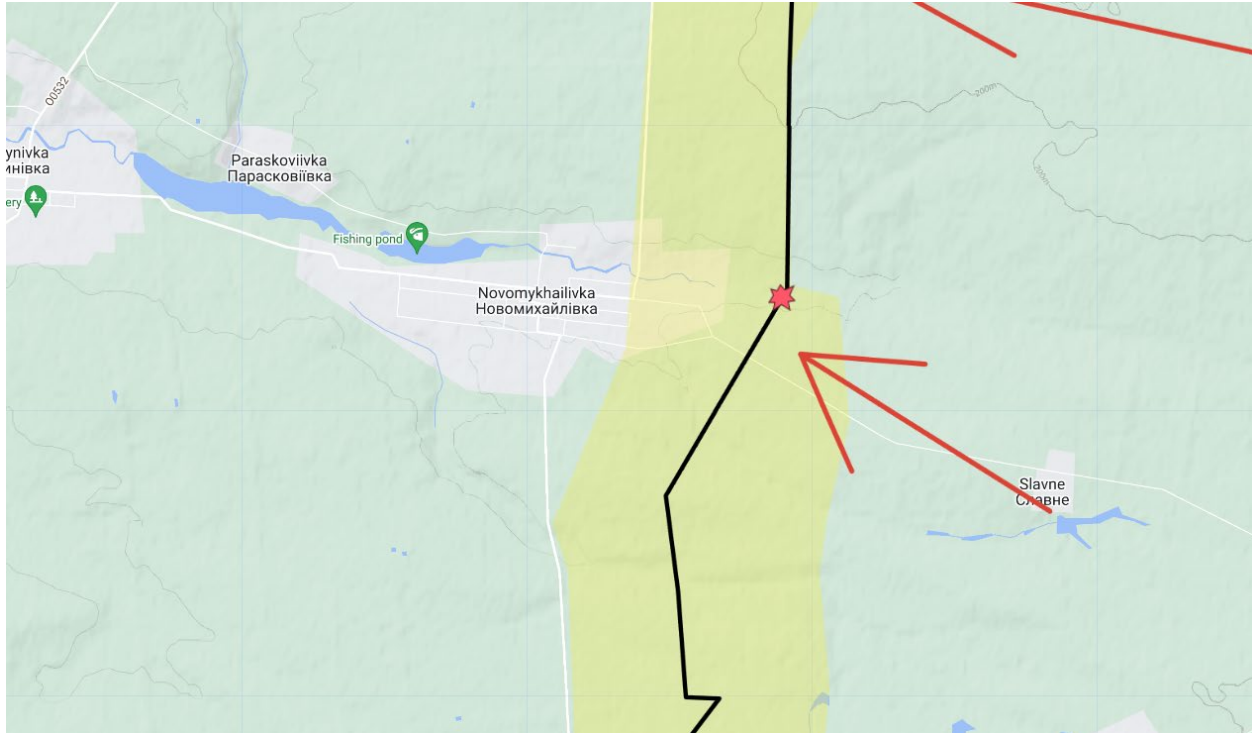
²⁴ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM](#)

Ukrainian positions about 200 meters southwest of the E-50 Ring Road south of Pervomaiske under a mortar attack.²⁵



In Marinka, Ukrainian forces have almost returned to the line of conflict established in May. The DNR continued the military tradition of attempting to flank the city by attacking [Pobjeda](#) without moving the line of conflict.

²⁵ https://t.me/nm_dnr/9185



A single Russian source claimed there was fighting in the eastern part of [Novomykhailivka](#) and that DNR forces had made gains into the town.²⁶ We cannot verify the veracity of the report and did not adjust the map.

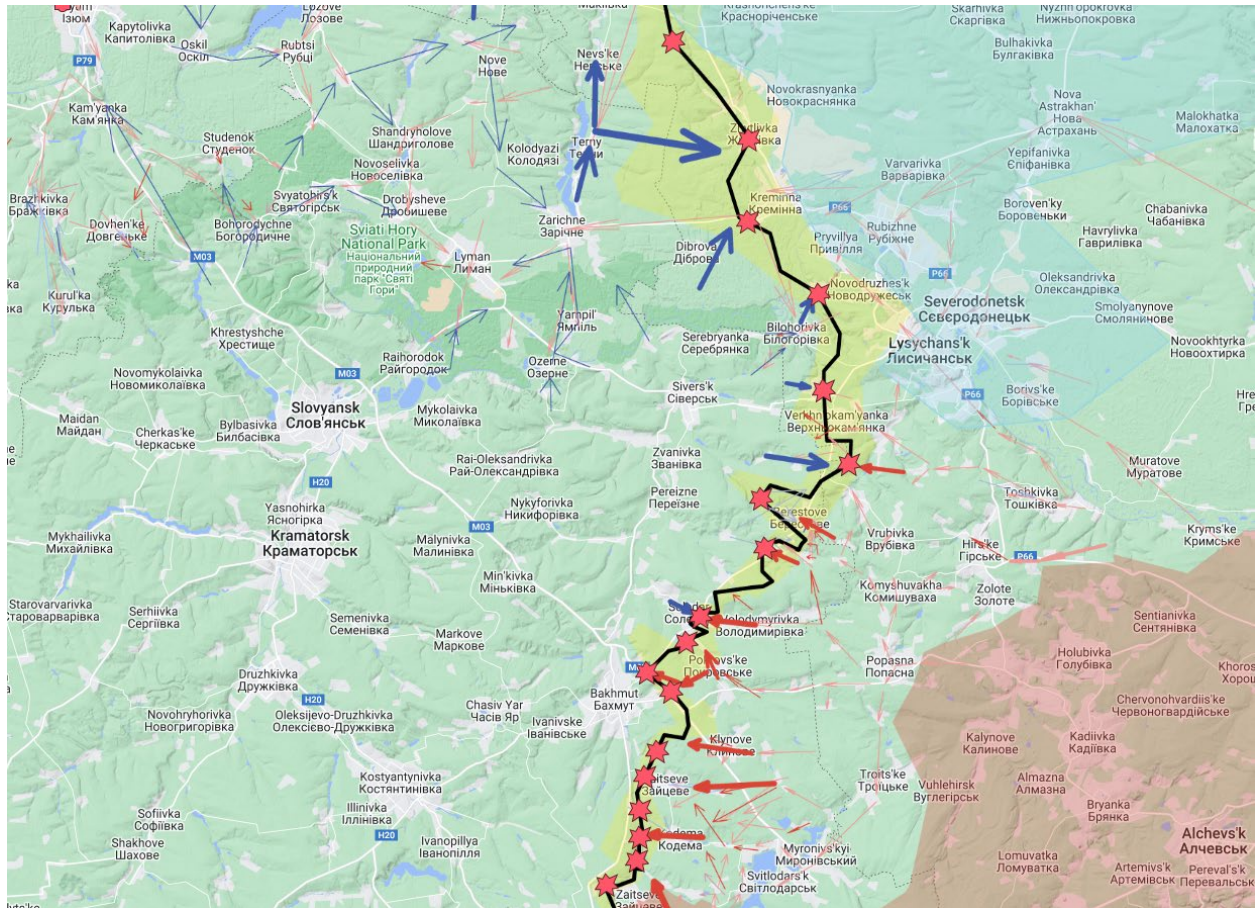
In Andriivka [47.461862, 37.648098], a Russian ammunition depot and ammo hauling train were attacked by rockets fired by HIMARS, creating a large explosion with several secondary blasts.²⁷

²⁶ <https://t.me/wargonzo/8651>

²⁷ https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1578762815271497728



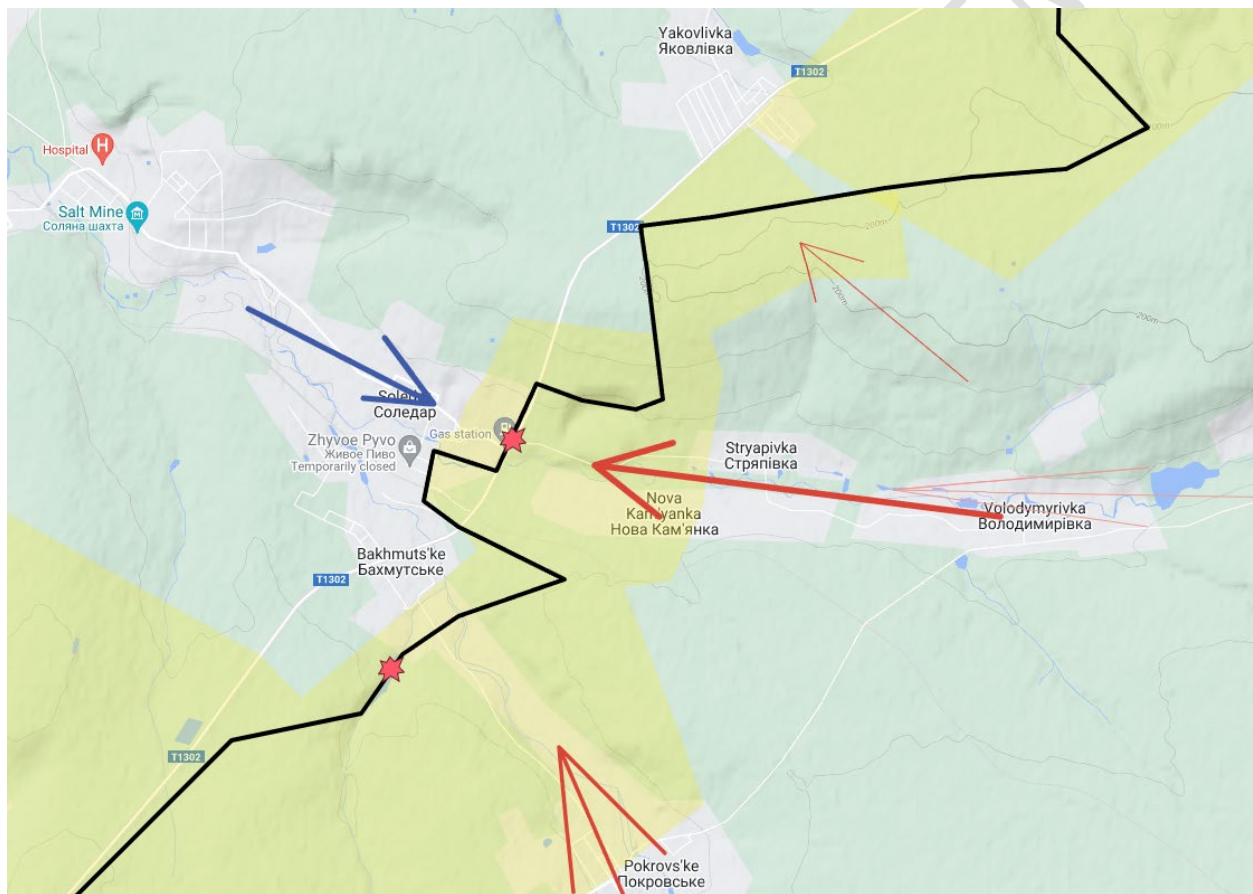
NORTHEAST DONETSK



Russian Objective: Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, defend against Ukrainian advances toward Luhansk, capture Bakhmut/Soledar

Ukrainian Objective: Defend Bakhmut-Soldar while managing equipment and personnel losses, minimize civilian casualties, and defend GLOCs

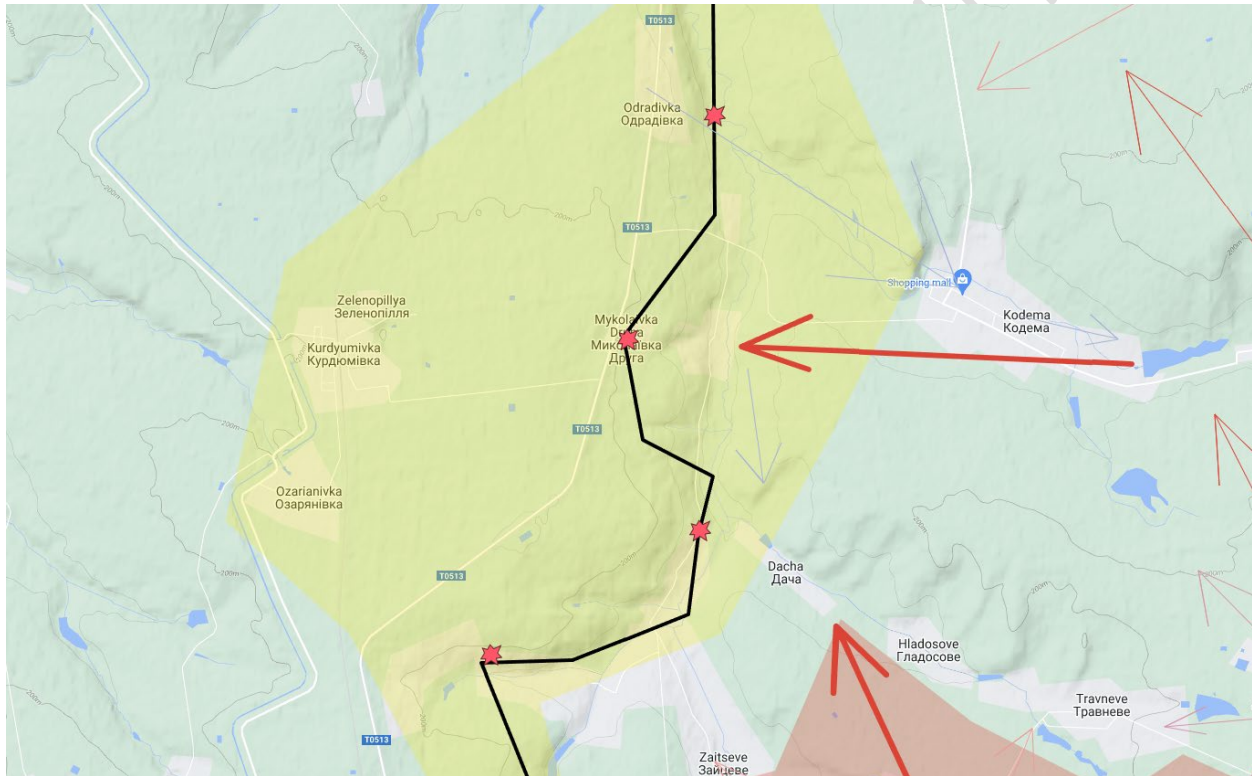
Fresh reinforcements of penal units from the Private Military Company (PMC) Wagner Group and Chechen fighters have reinforced the battle-weary forces attacking Soldar and Bakhmut and the towns to the south.²⁸ There was intense fighting throughout the area.



The “orchestra” of PMC Wagner attempted to advance on [Soledar](#) but was only met with the beautiful music of

²⁸ https://twitter.com/TCG_CrisisRisks/status/1579344899564277760

Ukrainian light arms, artillery, and air strikes.²⁹ They did not enjoy the tune and retreated to their defensive positions. Despite artillery strikes and repeated ground attacks, Ukrainian forces maintained their defensive lines in southern [Bakhmutske](#).³⁰



Although neither belligerent has recently claimed to hold control of [Mykolaivka Druha](#) after repeated Russian attacks on Kurdyumivka and Ozarianivka, it seems unlikely the line of conflict is still east of the town.³¹ Fighting for control of

²⁹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM](#)

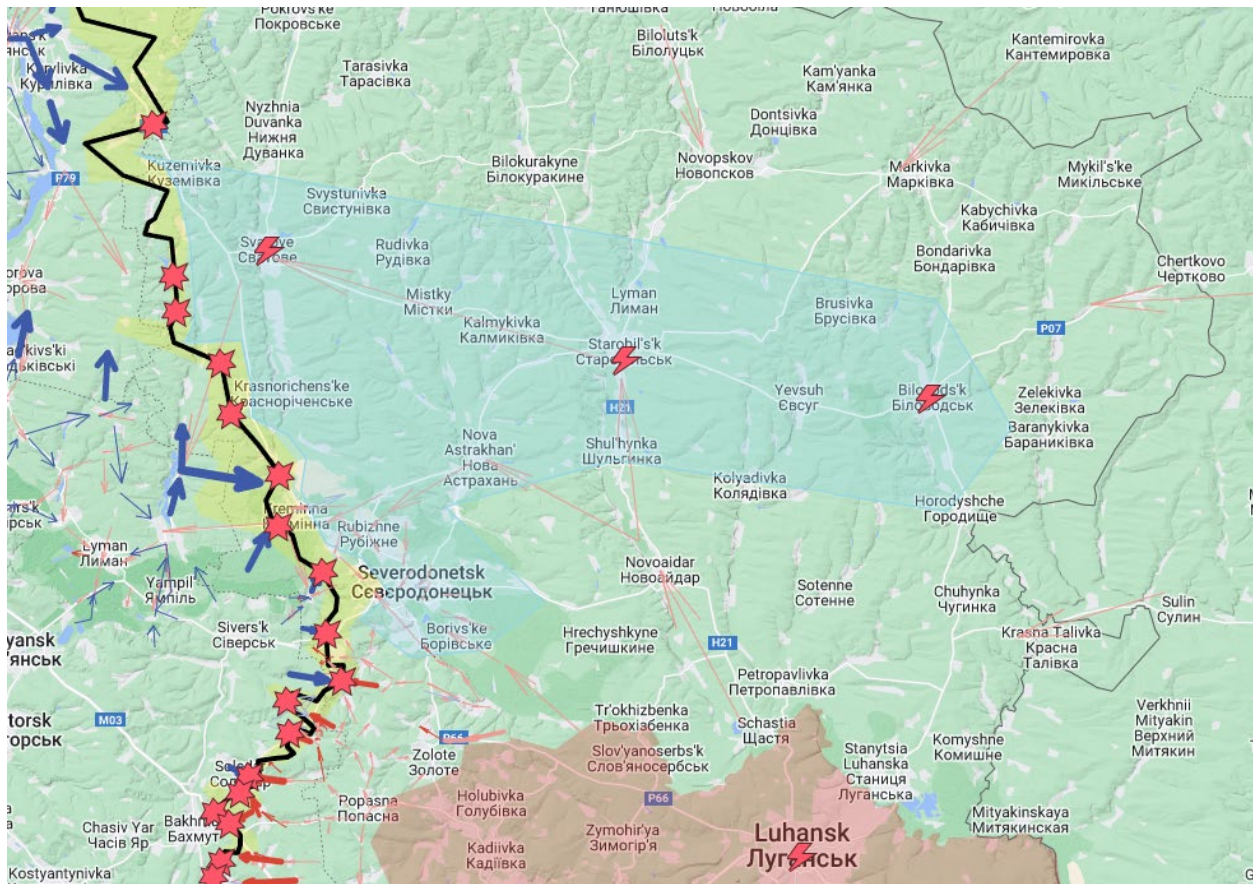
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³¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM](#)

[Ozarianivka](#) continued but was positional.³² It was unclear if the 1st Army Corps of the DNR, 3rd Brigade, was involved in the attack or not.

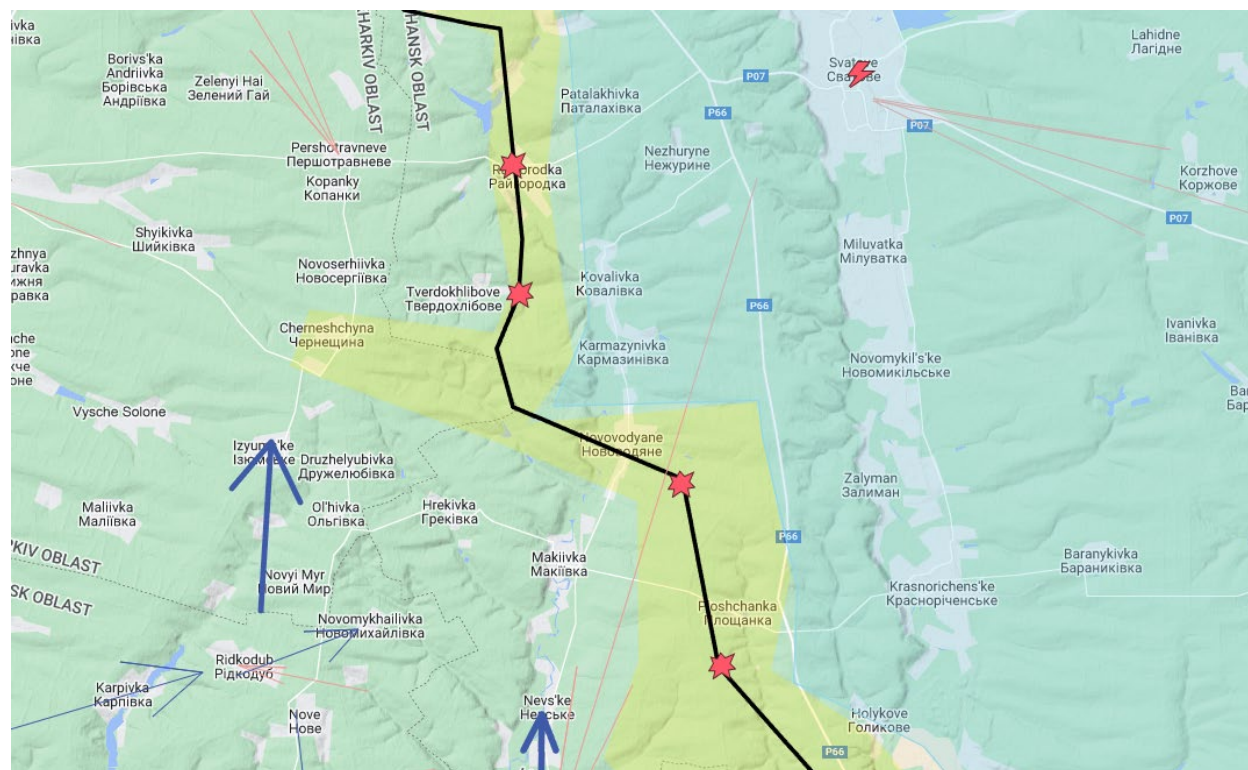
³² [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM](#)

LUHANSK



Russian Objective: Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, hold current defensive lines, and control insurgency

Ukrainian Objective: Break Russian defensive lines, prevent the retreat of Russian soldiers from Lyman, make opportunistic territorial gains, support insurgents, interdict supplies

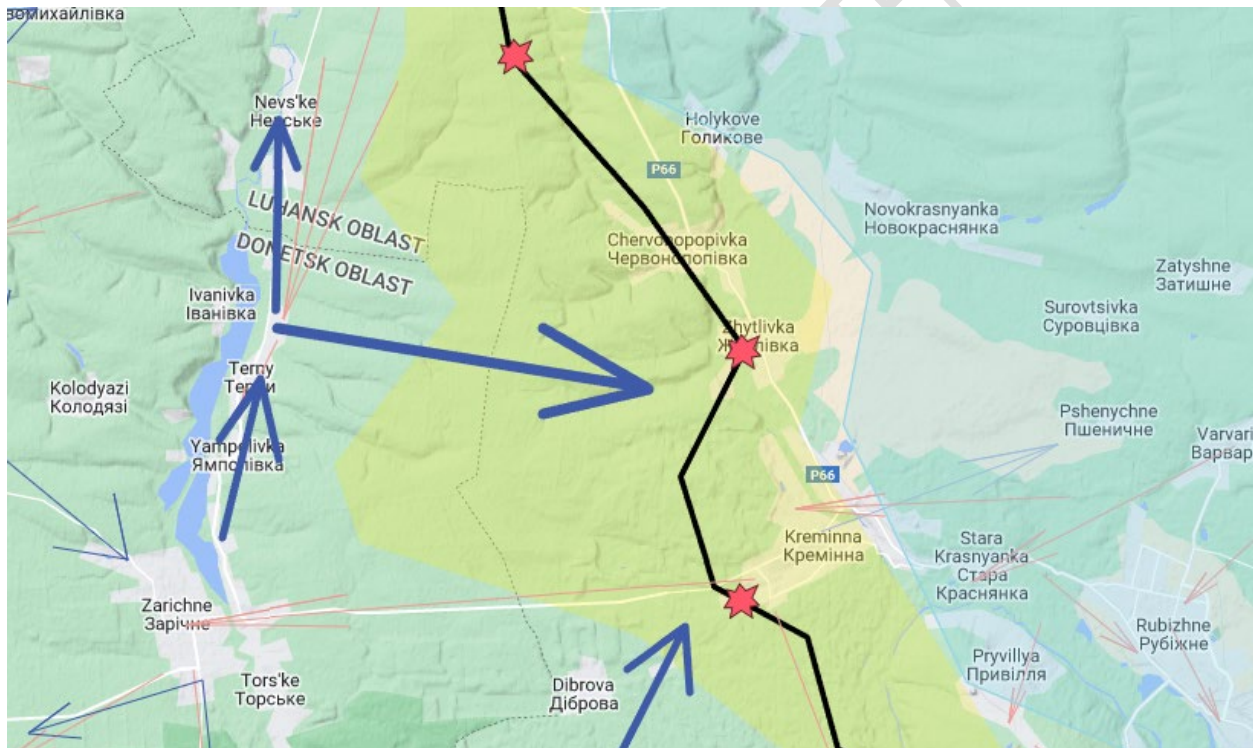


Serhei Haidai, Luhansk Oblast Administrative, and Military Governor reported that seven settlements in Luhansk had been liberated. All were south and southeast of Borova. [Stel'makhivka](#), [Andriivka](#) [Luhansk], [Nadiya](#), [Novejehorivka](#), [Hrekivka](#), [Novolyubivka](#), and [Nevs'ke](#) are part of free Ukraine.³³

ASSESSMENT: It is highly likely Proletarske and Cherneshchyna are liberated but there has been no report

³³ <https://twitter.com/mhmck/status/1579103921788055552>

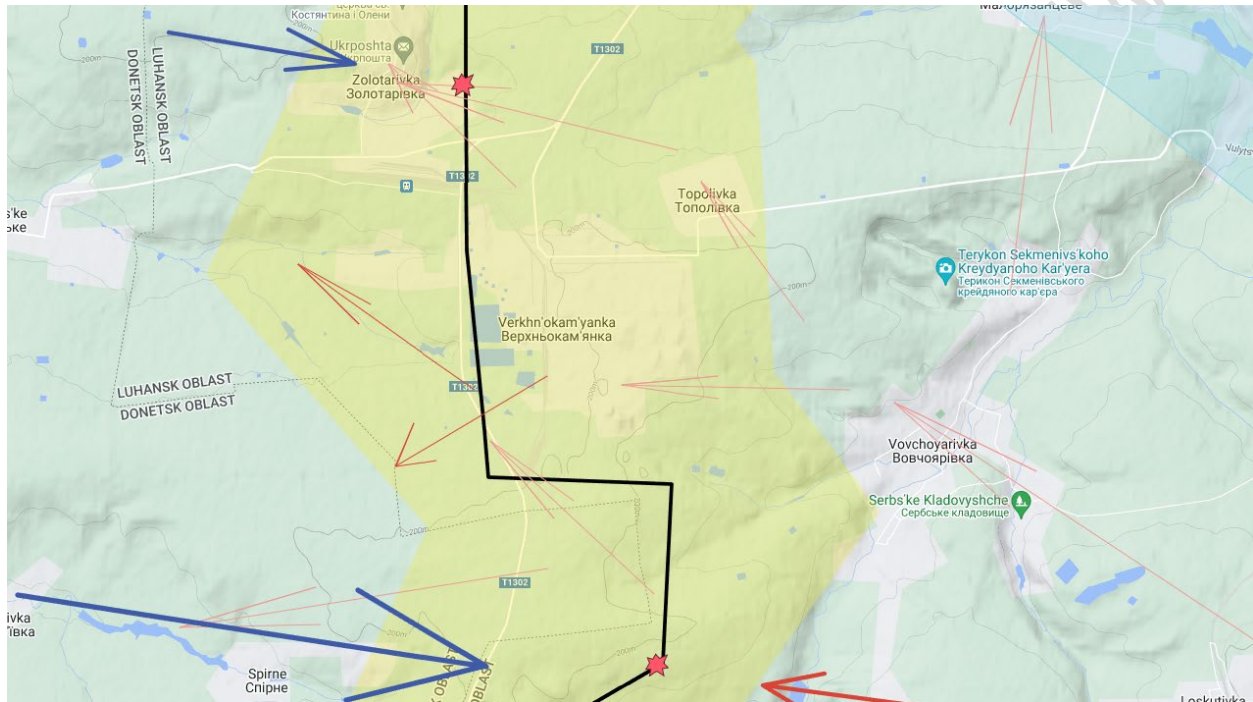
from either belligerent. If Russian forces remain in either settlement, they are encircled or at extreme risk of encirclement. It is also unlikely that Russian troops still remain in Miasozharivka. The Russian-controlled city of Svatove is within range of Ukrainian artillery, and Russian forces appear to have focused their resources on defending Kreminna.



Russian forces attacked Ukrainian positions in [Terny](#) but were unsuccessful in their attempt to push the advancing Ukrainians back.³⁴

³⁴ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM](#)

There isn't fighting within the immediate area of Kreminna, but artillery duels are happening along the line of conflict.



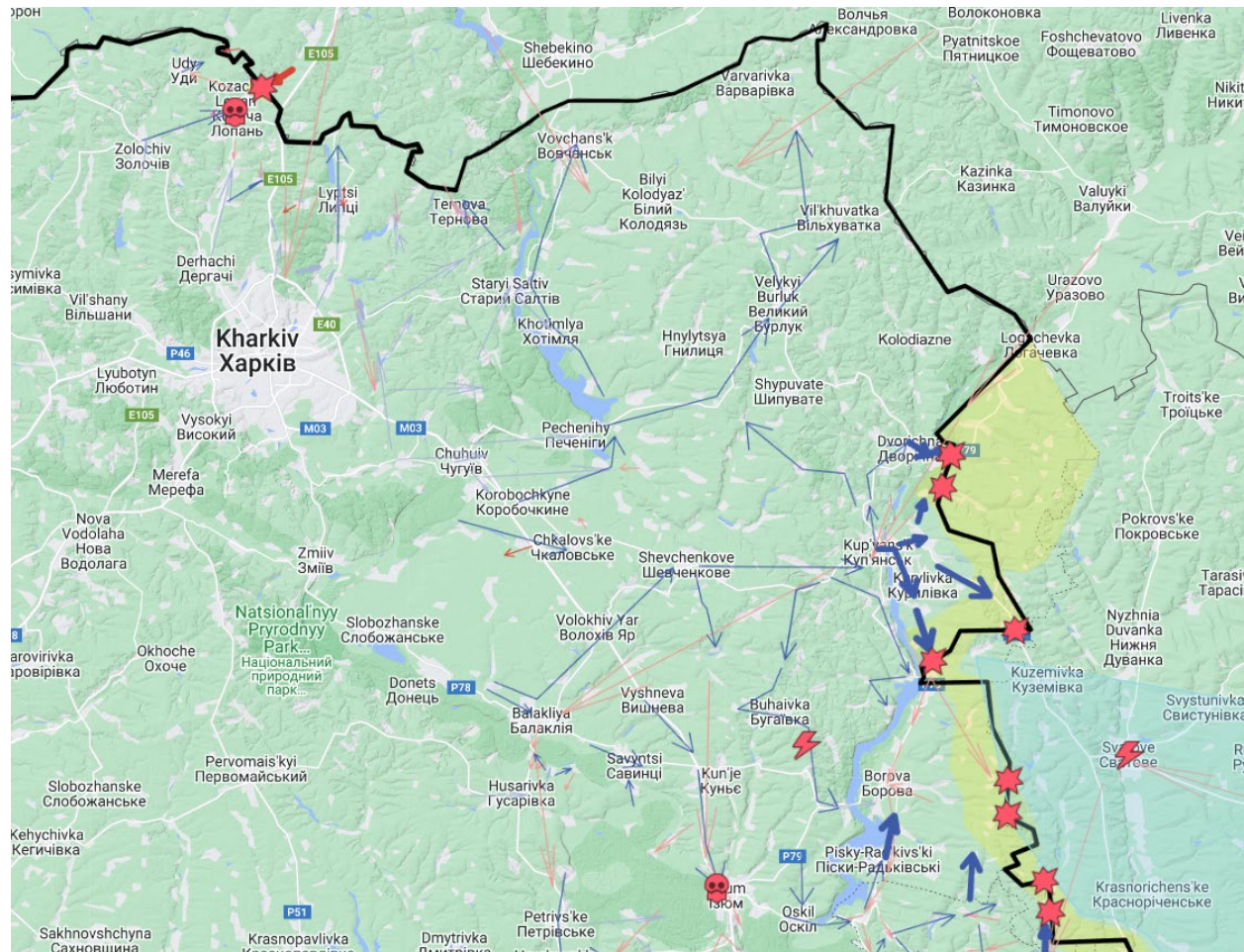
After more than a week of rumors and whispers, the Russian Ministry of Defense claimed that Ukrainian forces were attempting to advance into the [Verkhnyokamyanka](#) oil refinery.³⁵ The facility is a strategic location for future advances deeper into Luhansk and moving north toward Lysychansk.

³⁵ https://t.me/mod_russia/20692

Russian sources claim that Starobilsk was hit by rockets fired by HIMARS but didn't provide additional details beyond claiming several civilians were wounded.³⁶

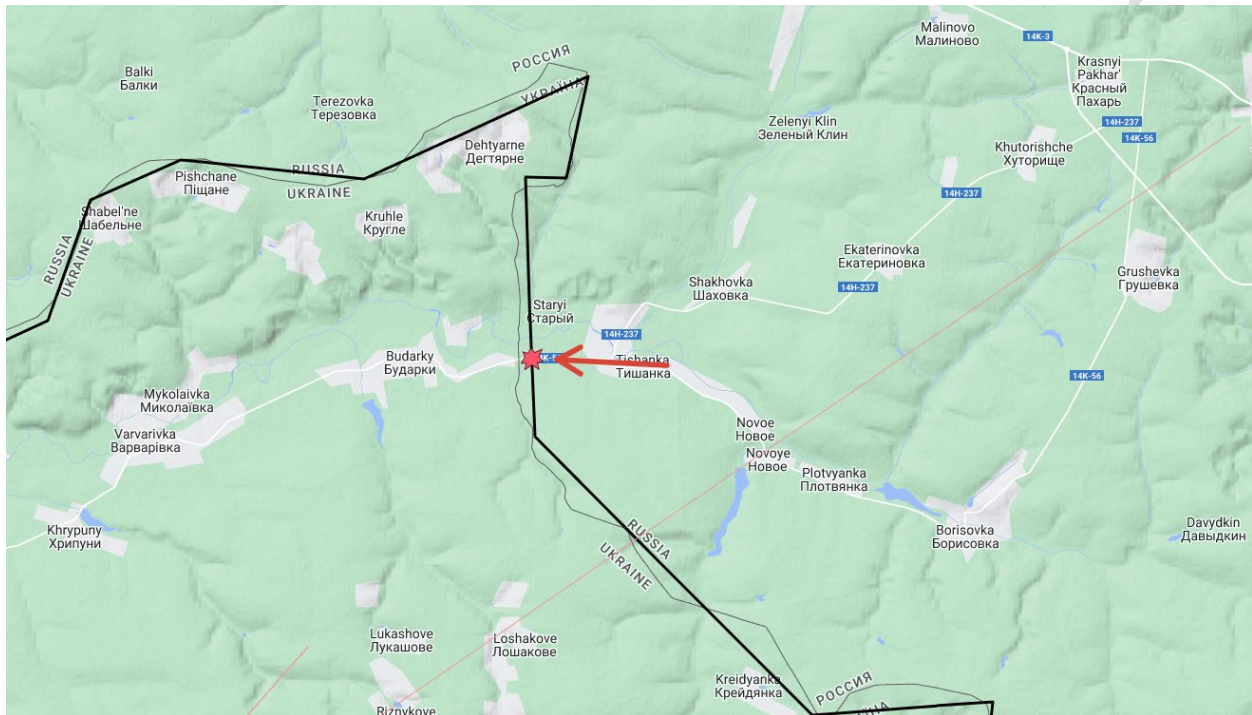
³⁶ <https://t.me/rybar/39975>

KHARKIV



Russian Objective: Retreat and minimize casualties, prevent Ukrainian forces from advancing from their bridgeheads on the east bank of the Oskil River, and launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to break morale

Ukrainian Objective: Liberate all of Kharkiv oblast, sever GLOCs into Luhansk, protect civilian lives, and defend the Ukrainian border



Ukraine controls over 98% of the Kharkiv oblast, and neither belligerent reported significant fighting east of the Oskil River. Russian forces launched a spoiling attack on the border town of [Budarky](#), in the northeast corner of Kharkiv.

As part of a massive reprisal attack on civilians and civilian infrastructure, the city of Kharkiv was hit by three missiles or Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 drones. The attack targeted

electrical infrastructure, knocking out power and water to parts of the city.³⁷ Residents were urged to go to bomb shelters and await the all-clear signal.

Follow on attacks across Kharkiv, including the city, disabled power, water, communications, subway, and rail service.³⁸ At the time of publication, widespread attacks were still ongoing in recently liberated areas.

³⁷ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371083/>

³⁸ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371083/>

CHERNIHIV & SUMY REGION

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

Ukrainian Objective: Maintain the integrity of the international border, deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

Dmytro Zhyvytskyi, Sumy Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported the hromadas of Velyka Pysarivka, Seredyna-Buda, Krasnopillia, Esman, and Myropillia were attacked by mine scattering munitions, Grad rockets fired by MLRS, artillery, and kamikaze drones.³⁹ There was minor damage to civilian buildings, and more information is in the **War Crimes and Human Rights** section.

Russian reprisal attacks for the strike on the Kersch Bridge in occupied Crimea hit Konotop in Sumy, knocking out electrical power and water service to large parts of the

³⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371051/>

oblast.⁴⁰ Governor Zhyvytskyi reported there were casualties and additional explosions. However, additional information was not available at the time of publication.

KYIV REGION

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

Ukrainian Objective: Maintain the integrity of the international border, deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

In a series of reprisal attacks, Kyiv was rocked by 12 blasts from cruise missiles and Shahed-136 loitering munitions. Surveillance video showed a [Russian cruise missile missing the Glass Bridge](#), a pedestrian bridge connecting two parks.⁴¹ A second video showed [at least one pedestrian](#) near where the missile struck and appeared uninjured from the

⁴⁰ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371091/>

⁴¹ <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1579367987618148354>

nearby blast.⁴² Debris collected from the site verified the attack was made by a Kh-101 cruise missile.⁴³

The officer tower for Samsung's Ukraine headquarters was [hit by at least two cruise missiles](#), causing the building to catch fire.⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ Another cruise missile landed near an intersection as commuters started their day. At least seven vehicles were badly damaged or destroyed, with reports of casualties from all of them.⁴⁶

At least one cruise missile hit the [Taras Shevchenko University](#), with the attack caught on video by a student who was live streaming at the time.⁴⁷ Nearby Shevchenko Park was also hit by at least one cruise missile. [Video after the attack](#) showed the target was a vital and strategic military target comprised of a children's playground.⁴⁸

A missile struck nearby the central railroad station shattering windows, but operations continued on all but the commuter train red line as more missiles and drones

⁴² <https://twitter.com/EuroMaydan/status/1579375753292288000>

⁴³ <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1579375040201887745>

⁴⁴ <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1579364423948701696>

⁴⁵ <https://twitter.com/IAPonomarenko/status/1579372628846186497>

⁴⁶ <https://twitter.com/JimmySecUK/status/1579362153806843905>

⁴⁷ <https://twitter.com/yewleea/status/1579364982839730176>

⁴⁸ <https://twitter.com/mjluxmoore/status/1579357969577545729>

struck the city.⁴⁹ Another missile damaged a thermal plant, which delivers steam heat to homes and offices in parts of Kyiv.

None of the missiles or drones targeted military infrastructure, decision-making centers, or government buildings. [The attacks were random](#) and concentrated in the downtown area.⁵⁰ Geoconfirmation of the strikes showed that the main targets were the Ministry of Education building, a playground, the Glass Bridge, and likely a power plant by the Samsung Building, resulting in the officer tower being directly hit by at least two missiles.⁵¹

Residents [evacuated to the metro system](#), which has the deepest subway tunnels in the world.⁵²

BLACK SEA, CRIMEA & ODESA REGION

The Ukrainian Air Force reported they shot down three cruise missiles and five Iranian-sourced Shahed-136

⁴⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371097/>

⁵⁰ <https://twitter.com/igorlachenkov/status/1579366943110631425>

⁵¹ <https://twitter.com/GeoConfirmed/status/1579411622522949632>

⁵² <https://twitter.com/dkaleniuk/status/1579373251242774530>

kamikaze drones near and over Odesa.⁵³ Explosions rang out across the city, but there were no reports of significant damage, power loss, or casualties.

WESTERN & CENTRAL UKRAINE

Reprisal attacks continued across central and western Ukraine with power plants and communication facilities. Missiles struck Lviv, Rivne, Vinnytsia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Zhytomyr, and Kirovohrad.^{54 55 56} Some oblasts had no power, water, or communications after the attacks. At least 15 missiles were fired at Lviv, with several striking the city.⁵⁷ Large parts of the city had power, water, and communications services knocked out.⁵⁸

Three missiles or drones struck energy infrastructure in Kremenchuk, knocking out power to at least part of the Poltava oblast.⁵⁹

⁵³ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371088/>

⁵⁴ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371120/>

⁵⁵ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371109/>

⁵⁶ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371106/>

⁵⁷ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371107/>

⁵⁸ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371086/>

⁵⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371163/>

RUSSIAN FRONT

Russian claims that rail service had already been restored to the Kersch Bridge were almost certainly false. The damaged rail cars remain on the bridge while cranes using the other set of the track are working to remove the debris so an analysis can be made. A test group of 15 vehicles used part of the partially damaged roadway, which was reduced to a single one-way lane.⁶⁰ Weight restrictions have been set to 3.5 tons, equivalent to an American 1/2 ton crew cab pickup truck loaded with five occupants and their luggage.

Russia accused Ukraine of being behind the attack. It labeled the bridge as "civilian infrastructure," despite widespread evidence it has been not just a vital Line of Communication (LOC, supply line) but the only LOC to Russian-occupied Crimea.⁶¹

⁶⁰ <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1578816608369197056>

⁶¹ <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1578834056594485250>



In Yaroslavl, a warehouse of the Russian Defense Ministry holding munitions for the Russian navy caught fire.⁶² The area was being evacuated. This did not appear to be related to any attack or sabotage at the time of publication and was likely another Russian smoking accident. We want to remind you that cigarettes combined with large quantities of poorly stored, outdated, and unstable explosives can be hazardous to your health.

⁶² <https://twitter.com/GirkinGirkin/status/1579411143290150912>

THEATERWIDE & EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

Hours before reprisal attacks hit over a dozen Ukrainian cities, Russian President Vladimir Putin convened the Security Council to discuss possible actions against Ukraine for the attack on the Kersch Bridge over the weekend.⁶³ Kremlin spokesperson Dimitry Peskov tried to cool nuclear tensions, clarifying that the attack on the bridge did not meet the threshold for a nuclear reprisal. "No. It is a totally incorrect formulation of the question," he said in response to an I only do what I'm told to serve the state member of the Russian press corps.

Shortly after almost 90 missiles were fired at targets across Ukraine, President Putin made a speech on TV claiming the precision attacks targeted military, energy, and communication targets in response to the Crimea bridge attack, adding, "If attempts to carry out terrorist attacks continue, Russia's response will be severe and at the level of the threats facing it. Nobody should be in any doubt."⁶⁴

⁶³ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/9/7371041/>

⁶⁴ <https://twitter.com/maxseddon/status/1579415590825230336>

The European Union's Commissioner for Justice, Didier Reynders of Belgian, had to take shelter during the Russian missile attacks on Kyiv.

"A series of explosions [occurred] in downtown Kyiv this morning. Thanks to the security personnel's prompt reaction, my team and I were quickly moved to the basement of the hotel. We are safe and waiting for the development of the situation," the EU wrote on Twitter.⁶⁵



⁶⁵ <https://twitter.com/dreynders/status/1579361653488898049>

The Russian ambassador to Moldova was summoned to Chişinău after three Russian cruise missiles violated the nation's airspace.⁶⁶

Valerii Zaluzhnyi, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, reported 83 missiles were fired over three hours, with 45 shot down.⁶⁷ At least 17 Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 drones were used to attack Ukrainian cities.⁶⁸

At the time of publication, there was no electricity in the Lviv, Poltava, Sumy, Kharkiv, and Ternopil oblasts, and almost every other region was experiencing at least a partial outage. There was no information on the status of Ukraine's four nuclear power plants and if they successfully rolled over to generator power.

RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION & MILITARY STATUS

⁶⁶ <https://twitter.com/nicupopescu/status/1579392919785857026>

⁶⁷ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371095/>

⁶⁸ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371095/>

Self-declared Belarusian President Alexandr Lukashenko announced that Russian troops would return to his nation to create a joint task force.⁶⁹ Russia has upgraded several areas of military infrastructure in Belarus while simultaneously drawing down military equipment and munitions from the isolated Baltic state. Lukashenko tried to calm a nervous nation by stating that general mobilization was not in the cards and that the nation was not interested in war.

The illegitimate President threatened Ukraine and the Kyiv government as smoke rose over at least a dozen cities from the Russian missile attacks. "Prove to the president of Ukraine and other crazy people that the Crimean Bridge will seem like an opening act to them if they touch even one meter of our territory with their dirty hands."⁷⁰

WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Over 10 Russian missiles struck Zaporizhzhia on October 8, killing 14 and wounding 88, including children. At least one missile struck a nine-story apartment building, collapsing six floors. Two more floors collapsed as rescuers

⁶⁹ <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7148407/>

⁷⁰ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371105/>

attempted to find victims in the rubble.⁷¹ The blast smashed almost all the apartments and set cars in the parking lot on fire. A follow-on attack killed another civilian and wounded five more, including a child who was severely injured by flying glass.⁷²

A reliable source alleged that the Russian air force attacked a group of six civilian vehicles waiting to cross the Inhulets River into free Ukraine. The attack killed six and wounded many.⁷³

A civilian was killed in the Myropillia hromada in the Sumy oblast after a kamikaze drone struck her.⁷⁴

A [graphic video](#) shot moments after Russian cruise missiles and kamikaze drones started striking Kyiv showed at least one dead civilian lying in the street.⁷⁵ Officials report "several" people were killed and at least 20 wounded during the morning attacks.⁷⁶ Other graphic pictures are starting to emerge from the attack, showing the dead lying

⁷¹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/9/7371014/>

⁷² <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371064/>

⁷³ https://twitter.com/TCG_CrisisRisks/status/1579344921664061442

⁷⁴ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371051/>

⁷⁵ <https://twitter.com/SarahAshtonLV/status/1579364568757047299>

⁷⁶ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371096/>

in the street and bloodied pensioners seeking medical attention from emergency services.⁷⁷

Officials have exhumed 20 bodies from two mass graves near Lyman and have requested war crimes investigators to join the investigation.⁷⁸ One site holds over 200 bodies of civilians, including children, in a combination of marked graves, lot number, and unmarked. The other mass grave is filled with an undisclosed number of Ukrainian soldiers. Sky News war reporter Alex Crawford wrote that distrust and anger were present in Lyman as humanitarian aid started to arrive.⁷⁹ As in other liberated territories, accusations of being collaborators and taking more than a fair share of aid flew among exhausted, hungry, and cold residents.

In Mykolaiv, the building of the Admiral Kaharov National Shipbuilding University was heavily damaged.⁸⁰ There was no evidence the military was using the building, and the intentional targeting of educational facilities is considered a war crime.

⁷⁷ <https://twitter.com/markito0171/status/1579423811405242368>

⁷⁸ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/9/7371024/>

⁷⁹ [Sky News via MSN](#)

⁸⁰ https://twitter.com/Flash_news_ua/status/1579423780350619648

GEOPOLITICAL

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has asked German Chancellor Olaf Scholtz to hold an emergency meeting of the G7 due to the ongoing "terrorist attacks" against Ukrainians.⁸¹ The German leader has agreed to arrange the emergency meeting where Zelenskyy plans to speak. No other details were available at the time of publication.

ECONOMIC

The rouble will open lower in United States exchange markets, with an exchange rate of 62 for one US dollar.

Oil prices increased after OPEC plus announced a production cut of two million barrels daily, and the United States stopped its drawdown of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. WTI crude was trading at \$92 a barrel, and Brent had reached \$97. United States RBOB wholesale gasoline on the spot market jumped to \$2.74 a gallon (72 cents a liter).

⁸¹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/10/7371127/>



Chicago SRW Wheat Futures were trading at \$9.23 a bushel for December 2022 delivery.

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