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SUMMARY – DAY 472

It has been 3,392 days since Russia occupied the Crimea Peninsula on January 27, 2014, and one year and 107 days since Russia expanded its war against Ukraine. Today's report is combat only and a bullet report.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

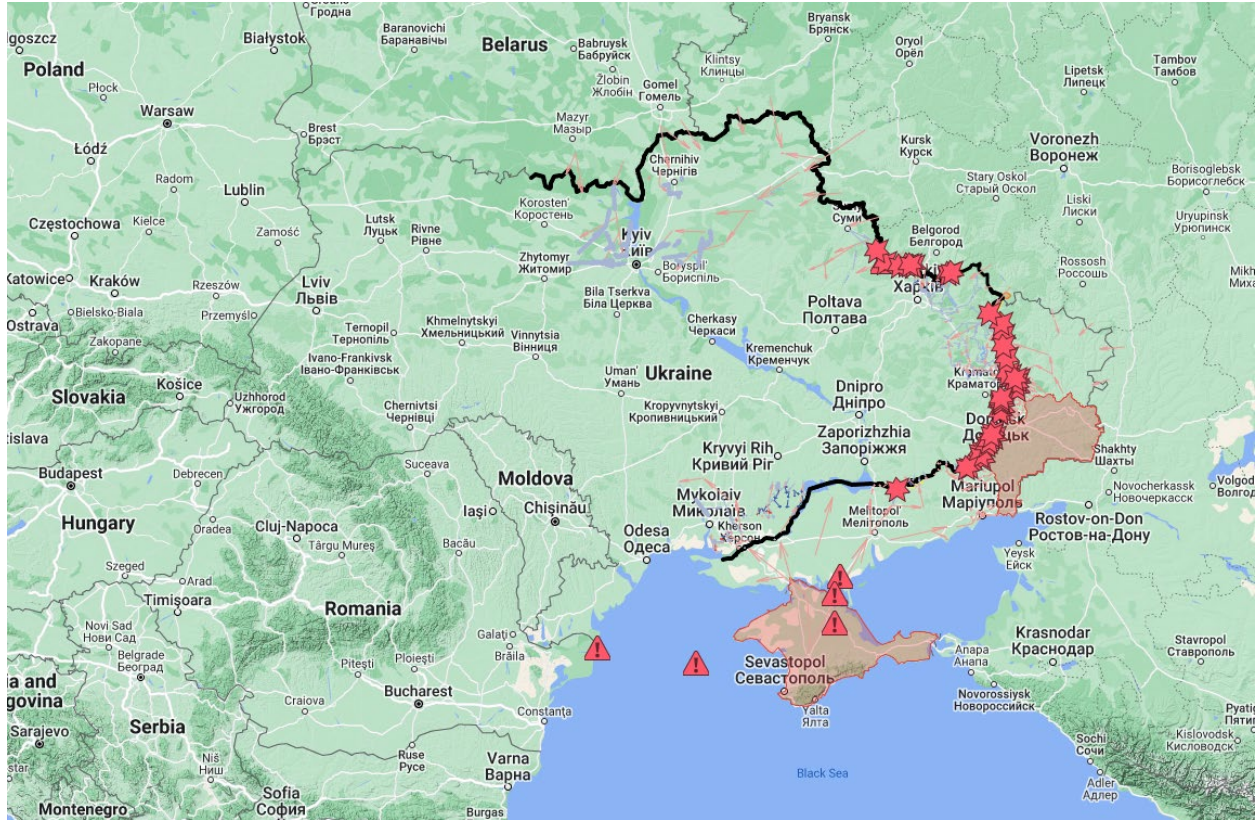
We assess the following:

1. In our assessment, 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.
2. We assess that Ukrainian forces have completed shaping operations and have started the next phase of the planned counteroffensive.
3. Ukrainian forces have started to make tactical gains in two operational areas of up to 10 kilometers through a combination of adjusting tactics and wearing down Russian defenses.
4. The destruction of the Kakhovka Dam and the launch of the next phase of the Ukrainian offensive has distracted the Russian information space from the

- Kremlin's inability to defend the border in Belgorod and secure Russia's airspace, creating a political win for Russian President Vladimir Putin.
5. In our assessment, the Kremlin's move to eliminate the command structure of Private Military Company (PMC) Wagner Group and integrate all "volunteer" fighters into the Russian Ministry of Defense will be met with significant resistance by Yevgeny Prigozhin and his allies.
 6. 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.
 7. 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.

[Jump to the Action Report.](#)

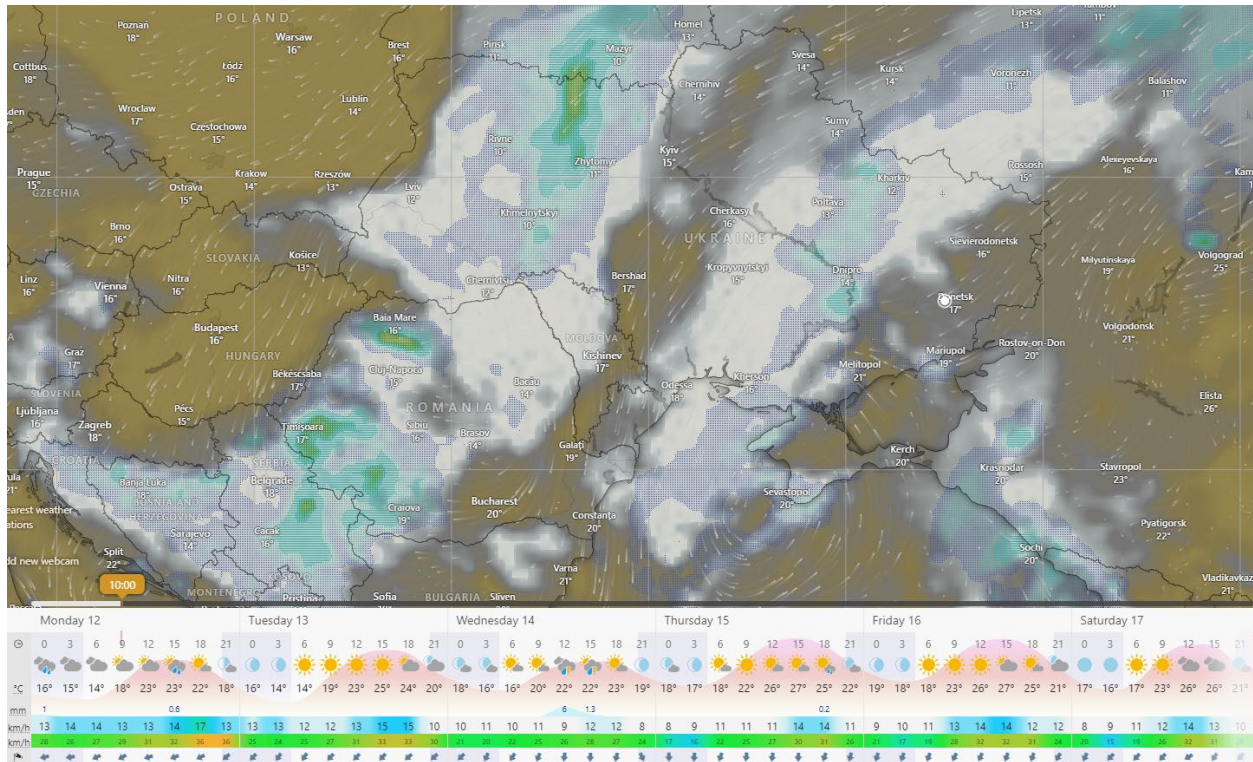
TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



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.

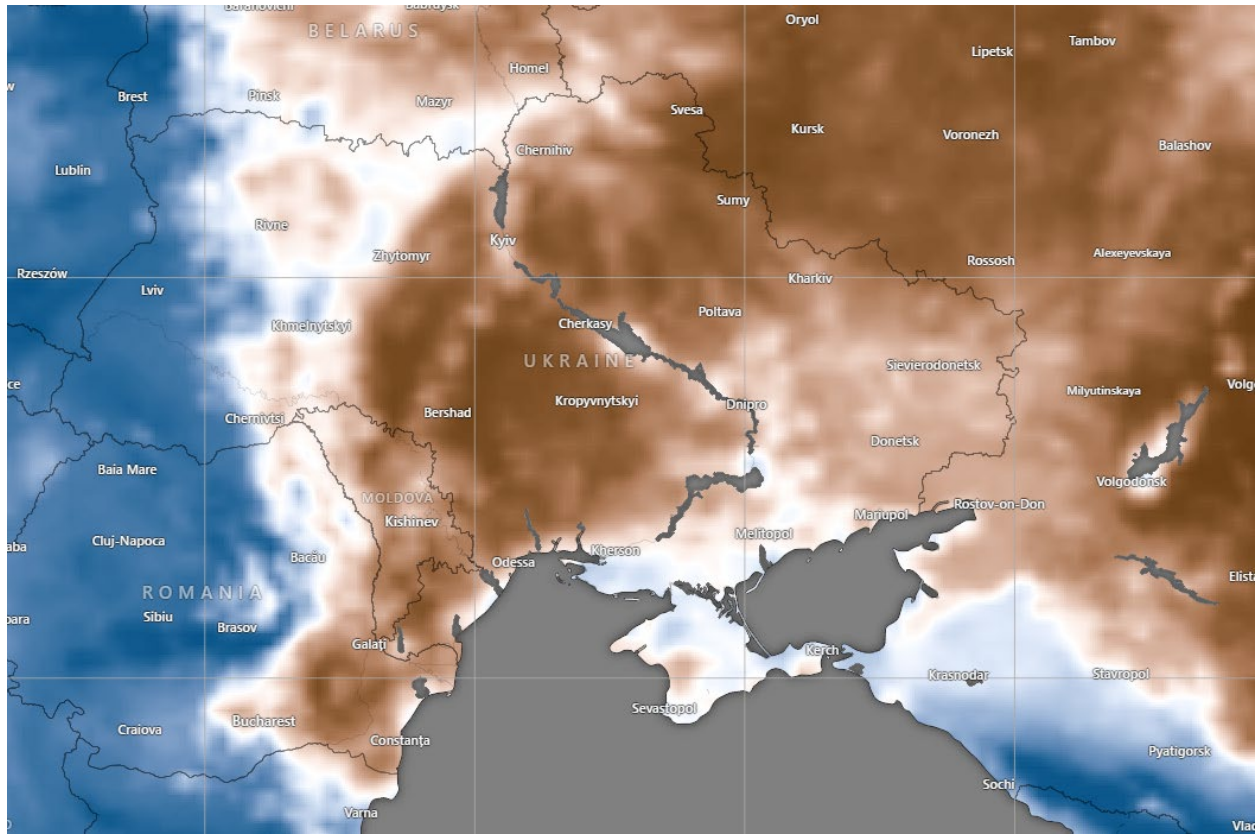
[Russia-Ukraine War Report Map](#)

UKRAINE WEATHER



The ECMWF Euro ensemble weather forecast model indicates unsettled weather with thunderstorms, some potentially severe, will continue through Wednesday. High temperatures will be from 20° to 30° Celcius, and lows from 11° to 21°, with Monday forecasted to be the coolest day. The new moon is on June 18, and the summer solstice is on June 21. Poor weather could add to flooding in the Dnipro River basin and has impacted tractability in occupied Zaporizhia and southwest Donetsk.

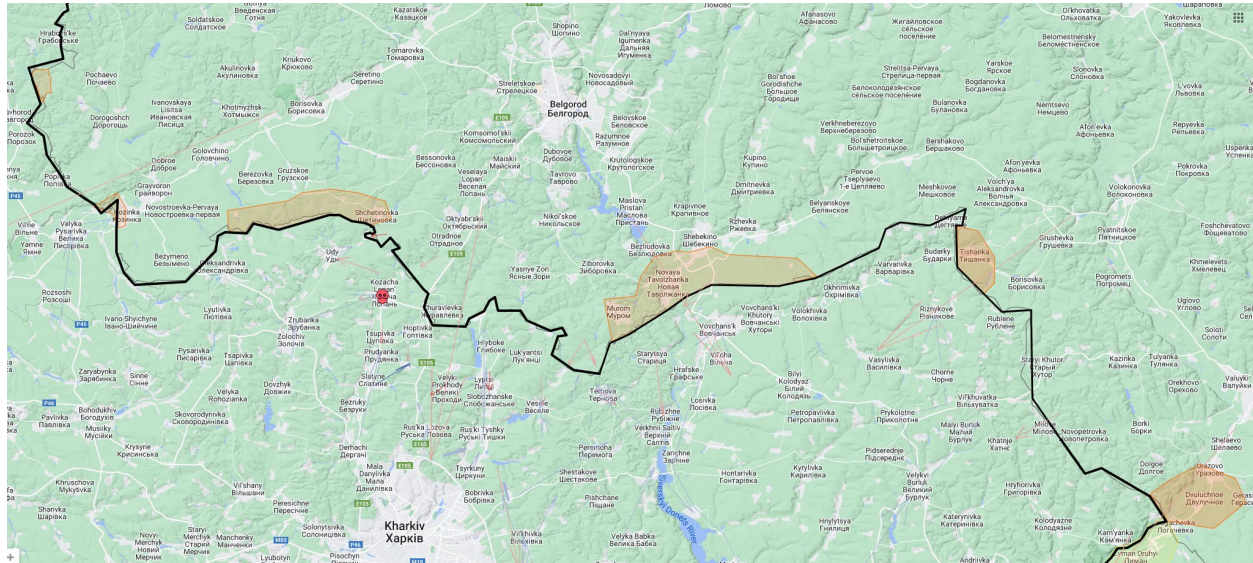
SOIL SATURATION AND HYDROLOGY



June 19, 2023, GFS forecast indicates that dry conditions will be across all of Ukraine, with soil saturation from 15% to 55% to 40 centimeters deep.

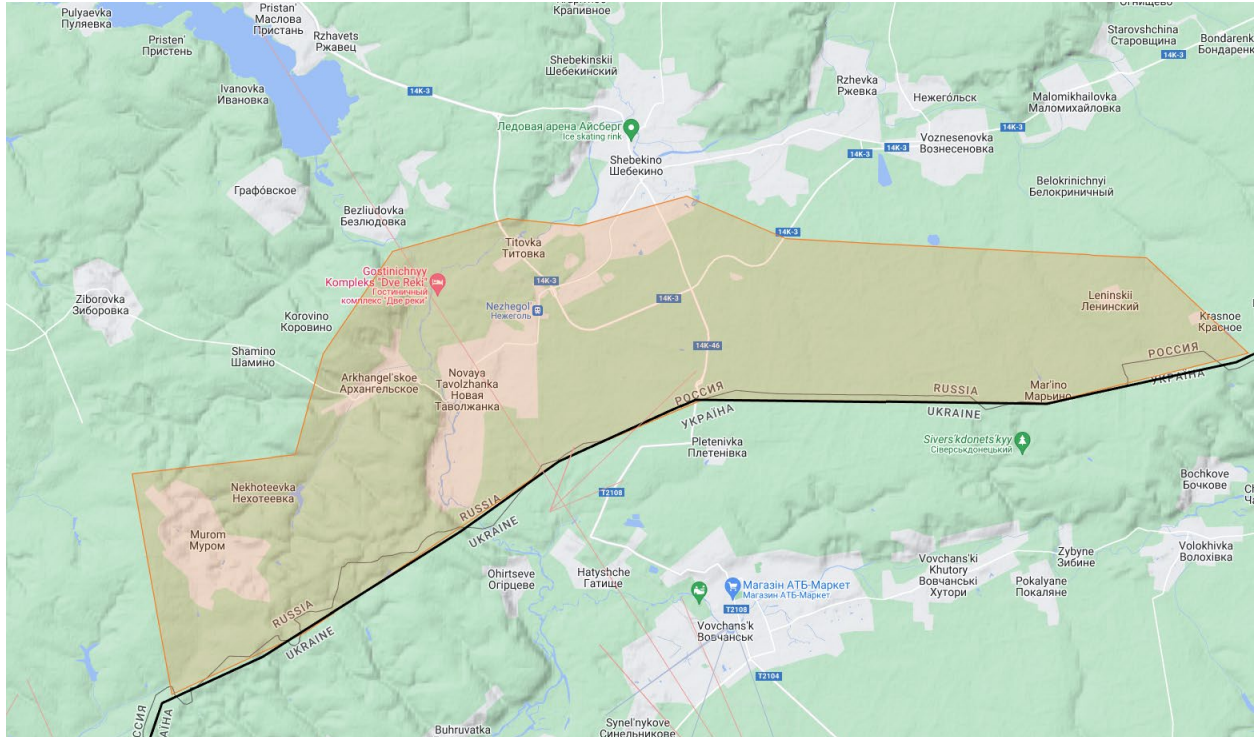
The soil saturation model does not consider flooding in the Dnipro River basin. In free Ukraine, soil saturation is between 35% to 75%, while in occupied Ukraine, some areas are 80% to 100% in the coastal regions. Soil conditions are worse in Russian-occupied regions.

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 Operational Direction

Severe thunderstorms moved through the region, which may have reduced operational tempo. Belgorod region governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said [Shebekino](#) had been hit by 53 artillery rounds, mortars, and drone-delivered IEDs.¹

The border settlement of Zhuravlevka was shelled with 31 munitions.²

¹ <https://t.me/vvgladkov/2584>

² <https://t.me/vvgladkov/2584>

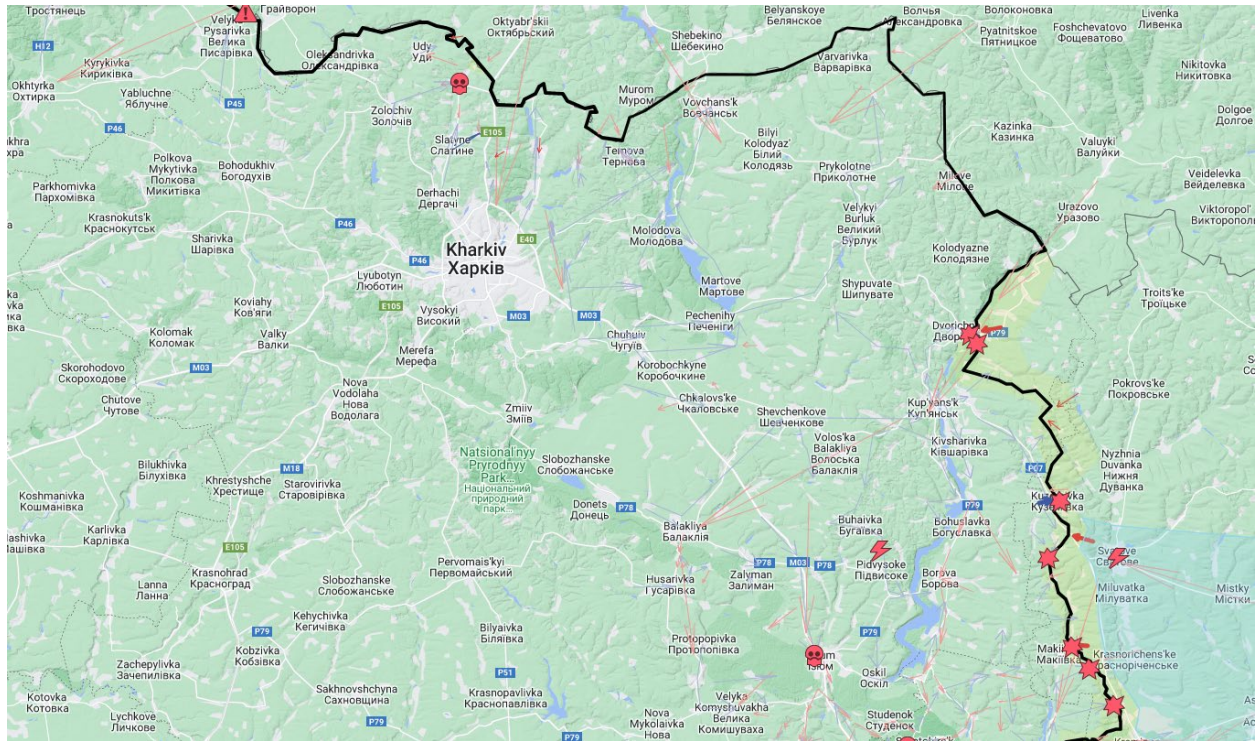
Near Belgorod, two drones were shot down over the suburb of Razymoye, with debris damaging cars and roofs of homes.³ No, this isn't an editing artifact. This is the third day in a row this was reported by Governor Gladkov.

Near Alexeyevka, 15 railroad cars derailed for an unknown reason. Local officials claimed the cars were empty, but the tracks were damaged. At the time of publication, the line was still under repair.⁴

³ <https://t.me/vvgladkov/2584>

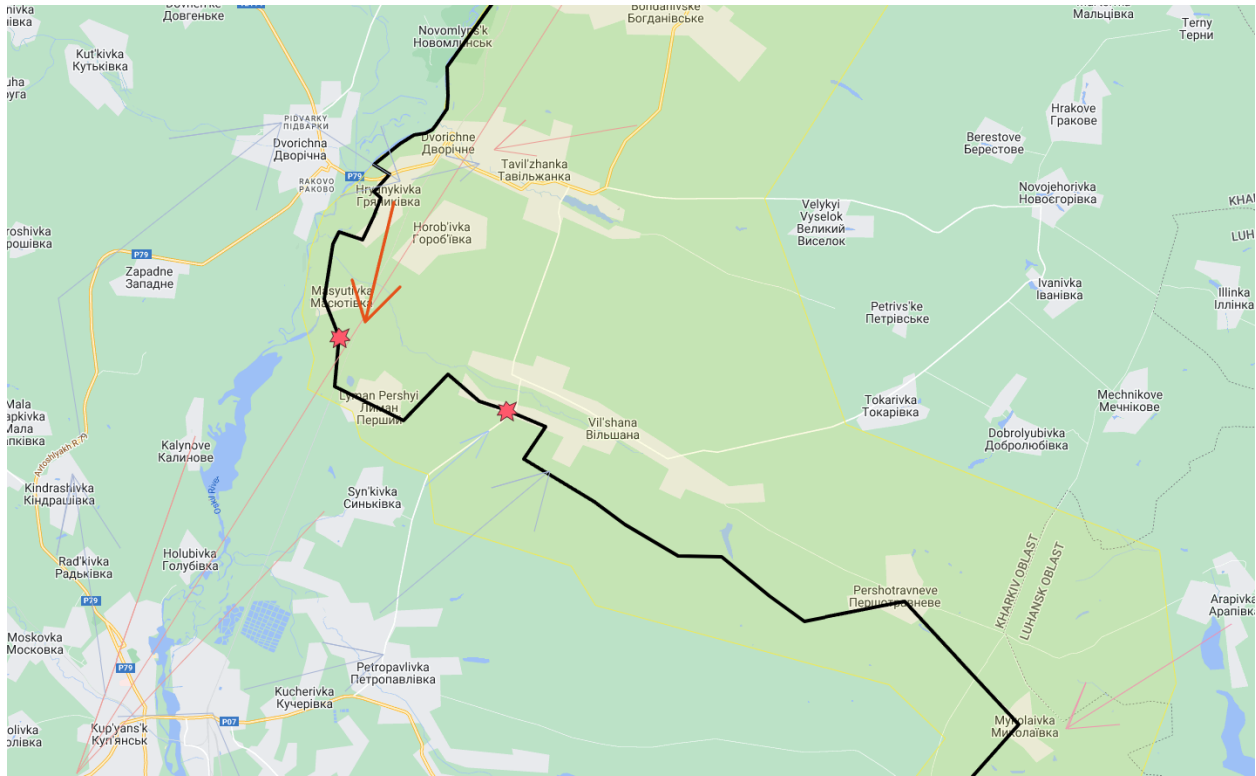
⁴ <https://t.me/vvgladkov/2584>

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



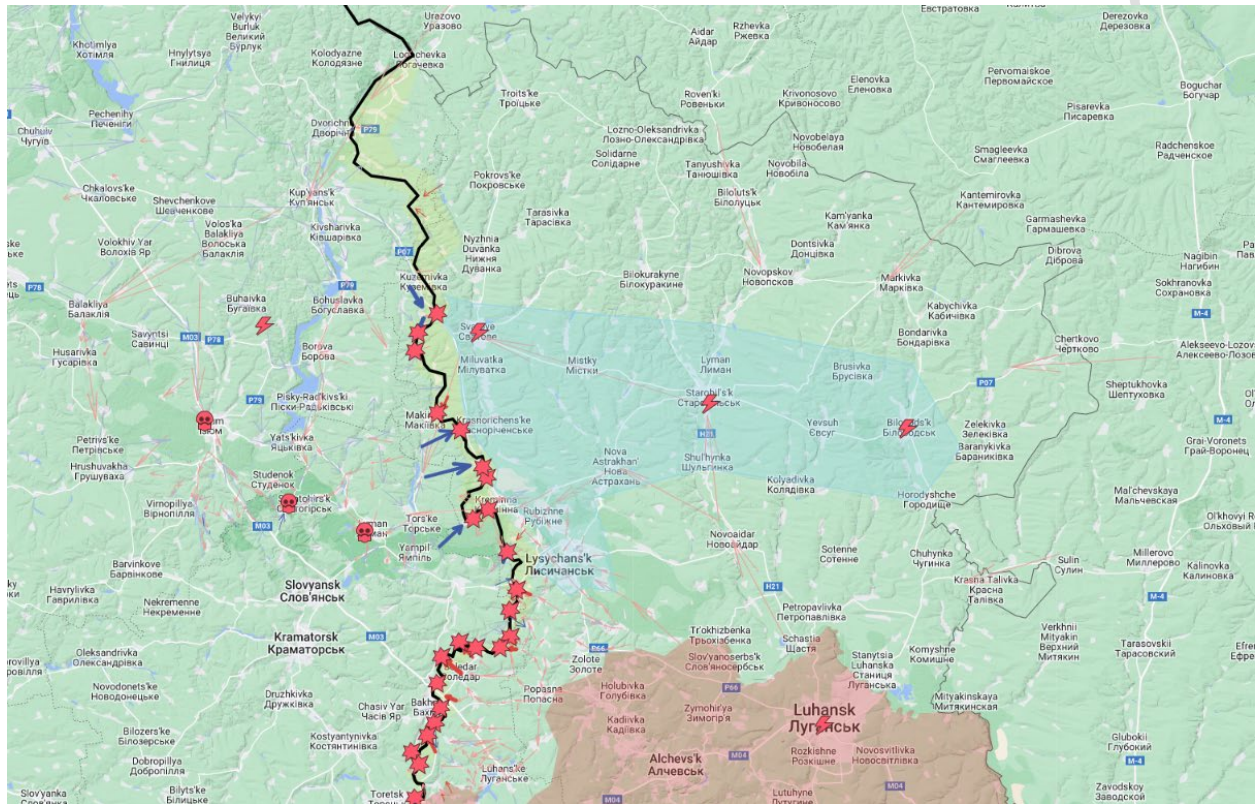
Dvorichna Operational Area

The Russian Ministry of Defense (RMOD) alleged that Ukrainian sabotage and reconnaissance units were operating in the area of [Lyman Pershyi](#).⁵

⁵ https://t.me/mod_russia/27313 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

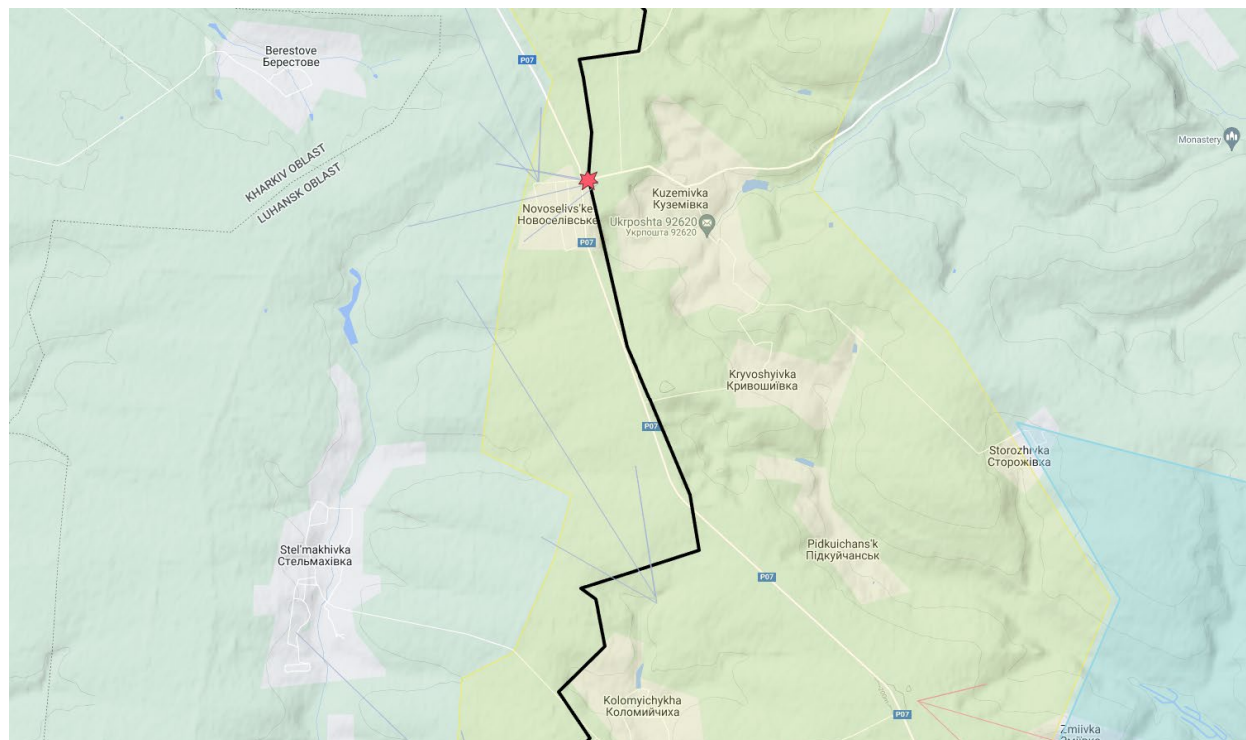
DONBAS REGION

LUHANSK



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

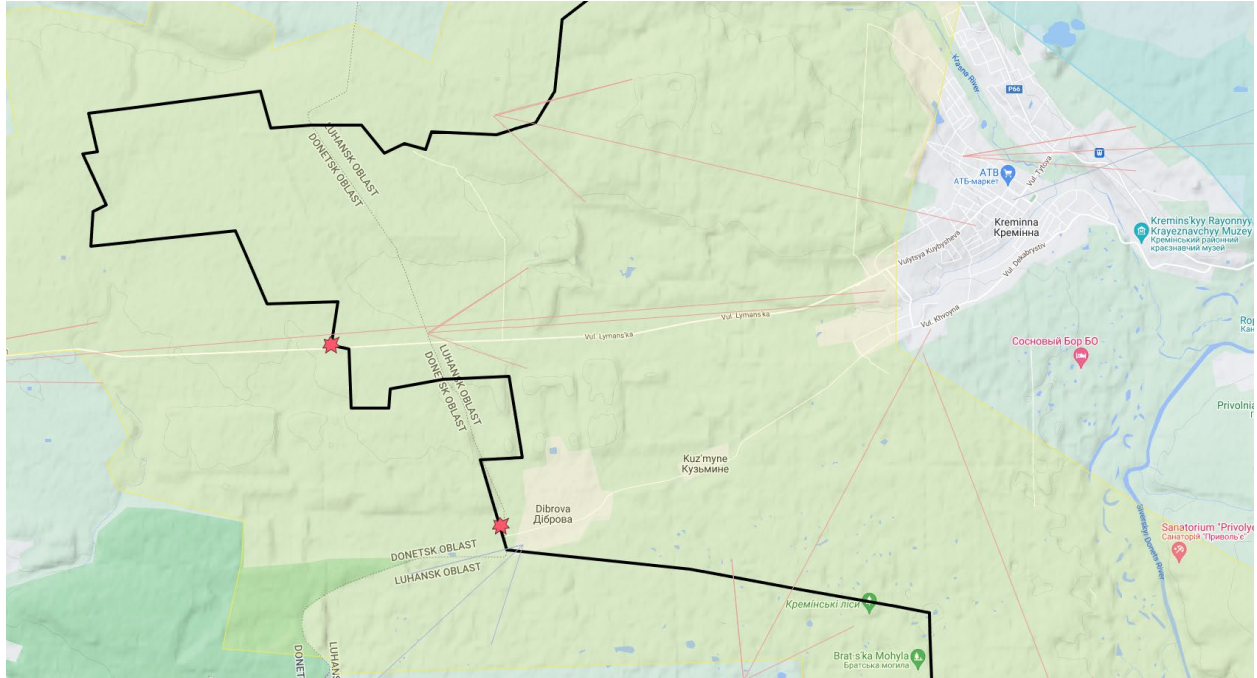
Ukrainian Objective: Break Russian defensive lines, advance on Svatove, Kremynna, and Lysychansk, and support insurgents



Svatove Operational Area

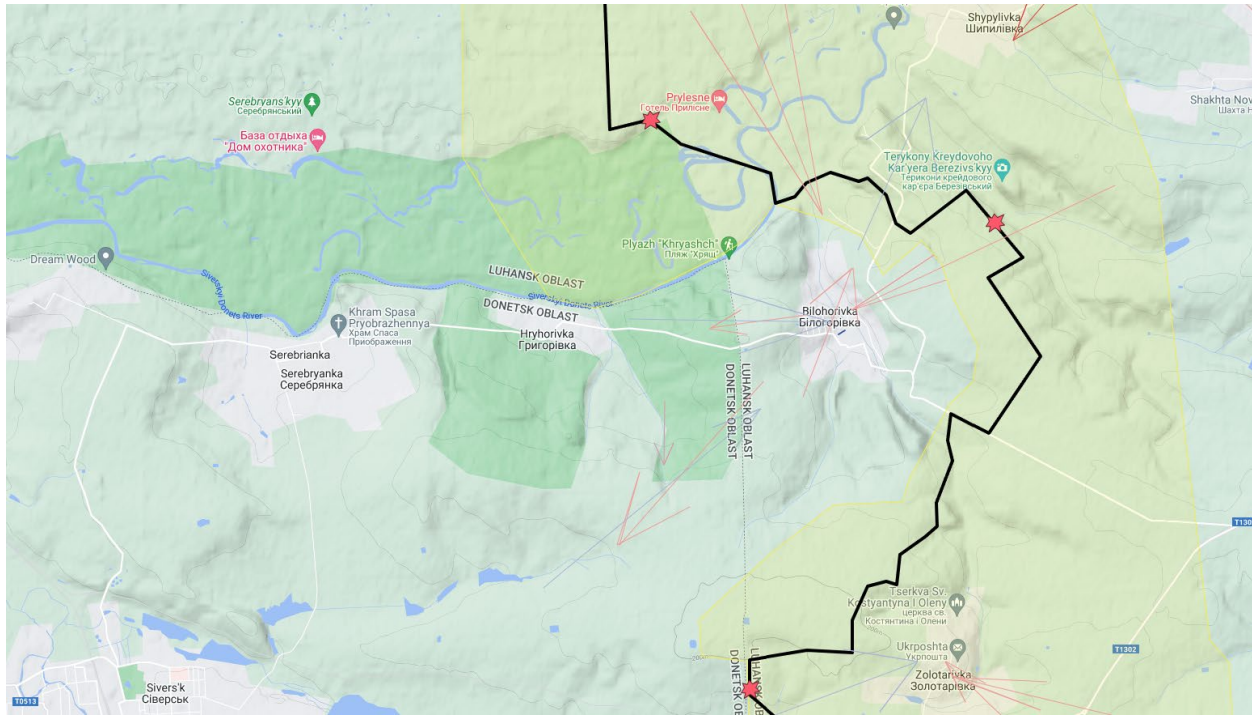
RMOD made its obligatory claim of Ukrainian DRG units operating in the area of [Novoselivske](#).⁶

⁶ https://t.me/mod_russia/27313 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]



Kreminna Operational Area

Fighting continued in the [Serebryansky Woods](#), with Russian and Ukrainian forces continuing to trade defensive positions in a wide gray area south of Kreminna to the Siverskyi Donets River.



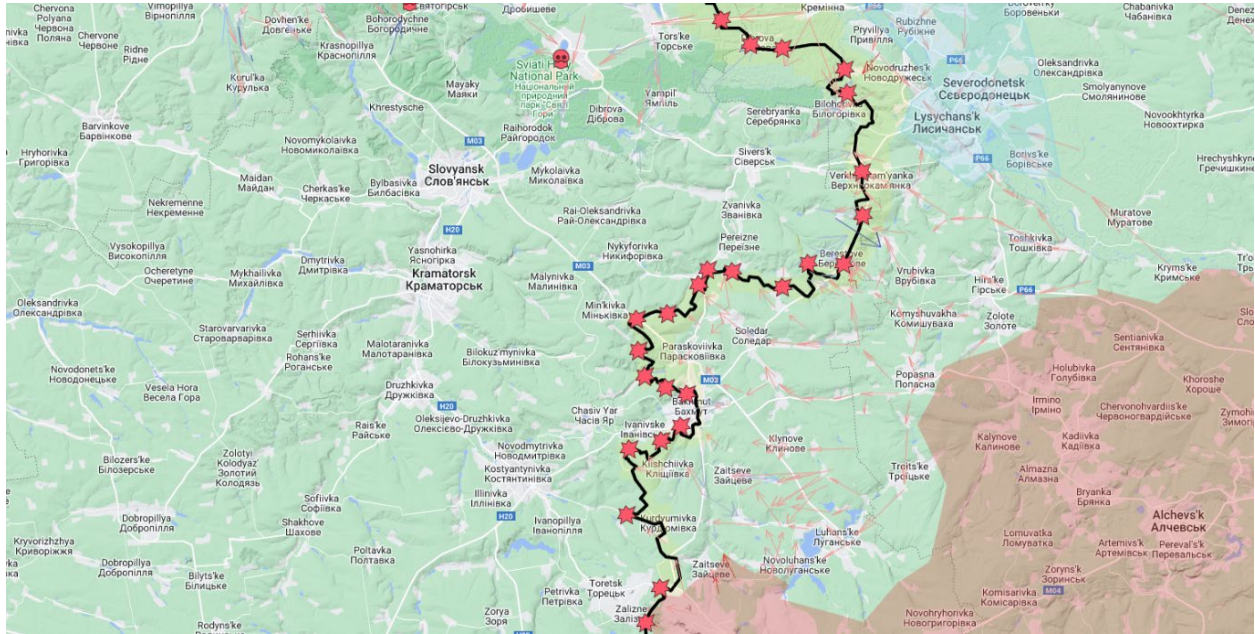
Lysychansk Operational Area

The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (GSAFU) reported that Russian forces continued attempts to advance on [Bilohorivka](#) [Luhansk] without success.^{7 8}

⁷ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

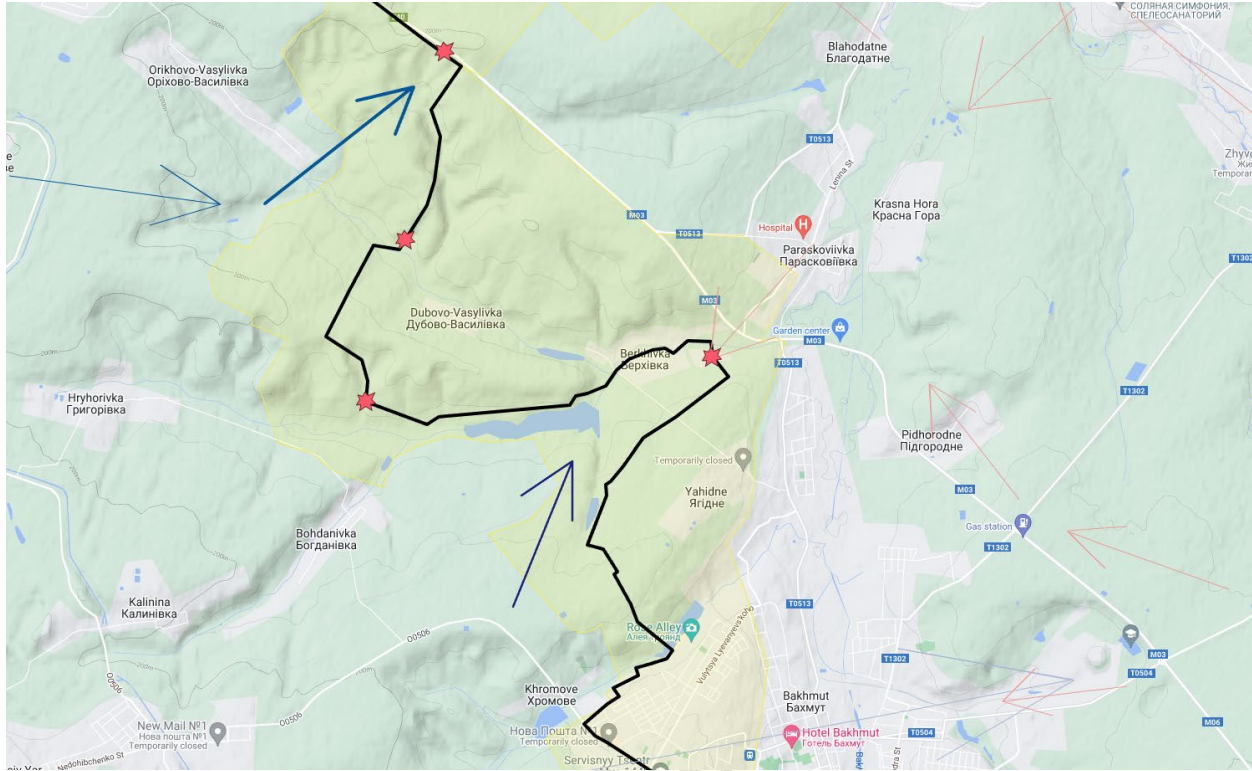
⁸ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

NORTHEAST DONETSK



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

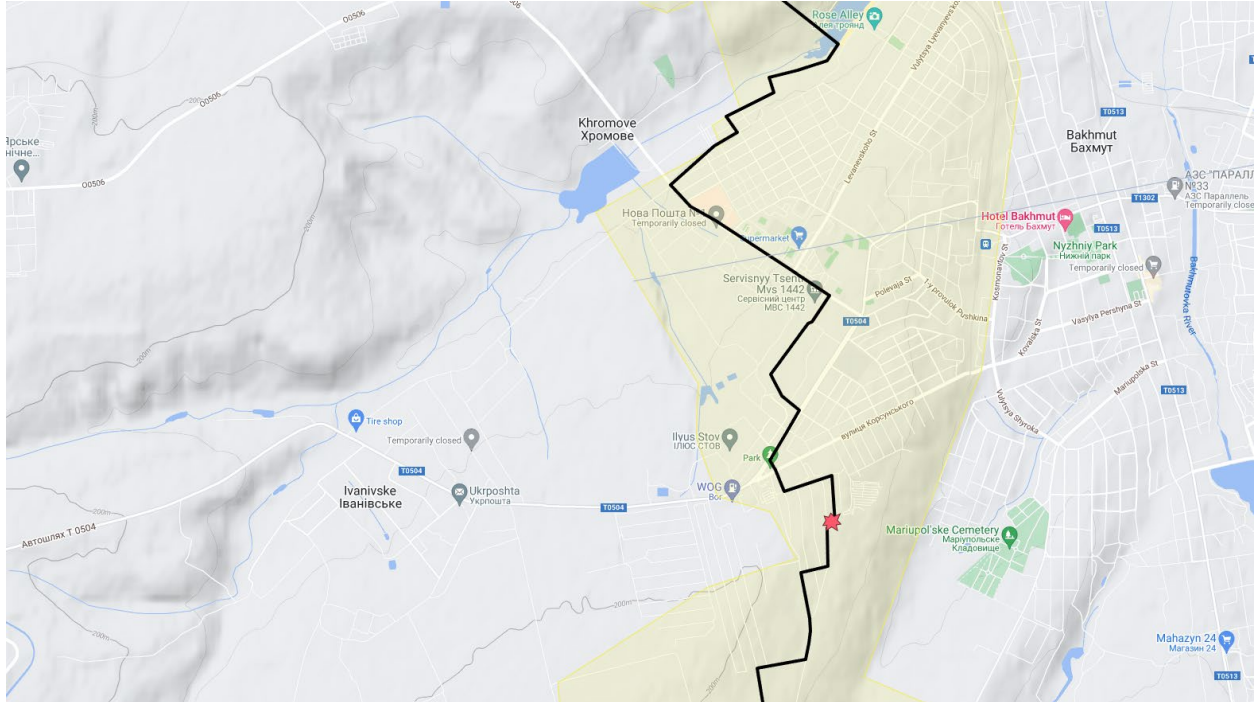
Ukrainian Objective: Defend Siversk and Bakhmut, push into the Luhansk oblast, and minimize civilian casualties



Northwest Bakhmut

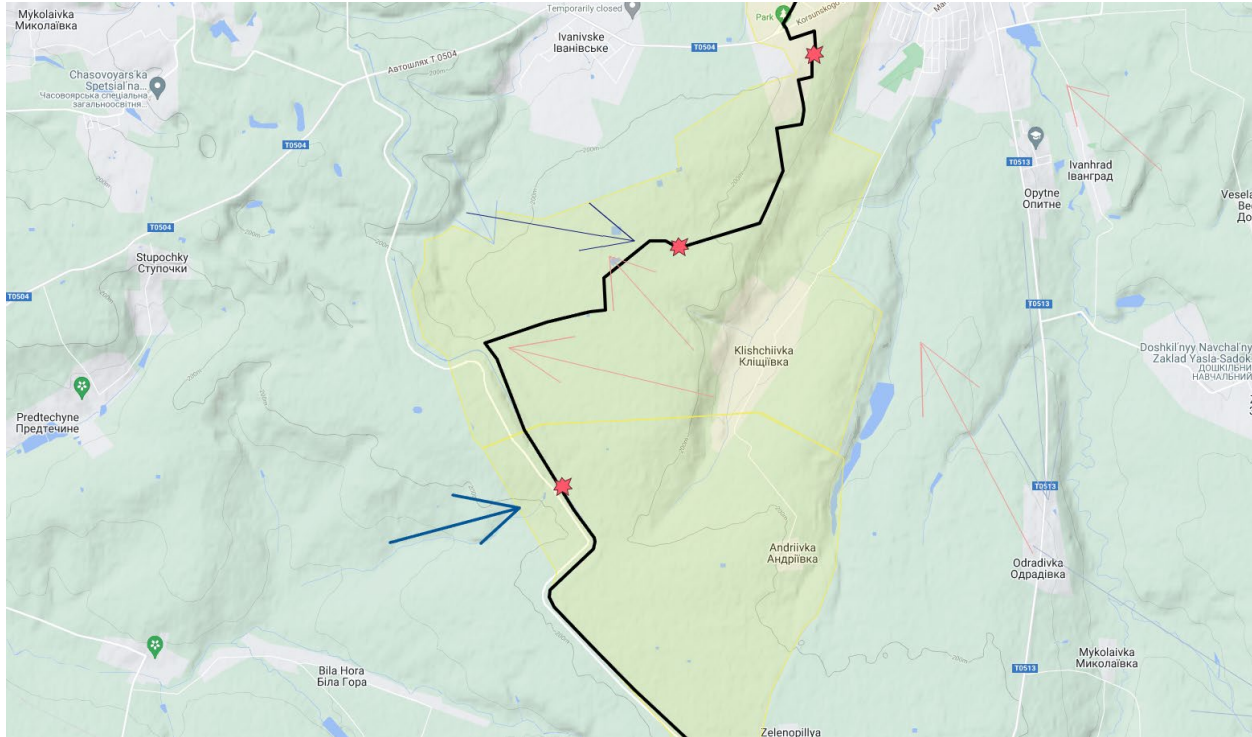
Fighting in the area of [Berkhivka](#) and [Yahidne](#) continued, with Ukrainian forces advancing up to 250 meters.⁹

⁹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16820>



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.



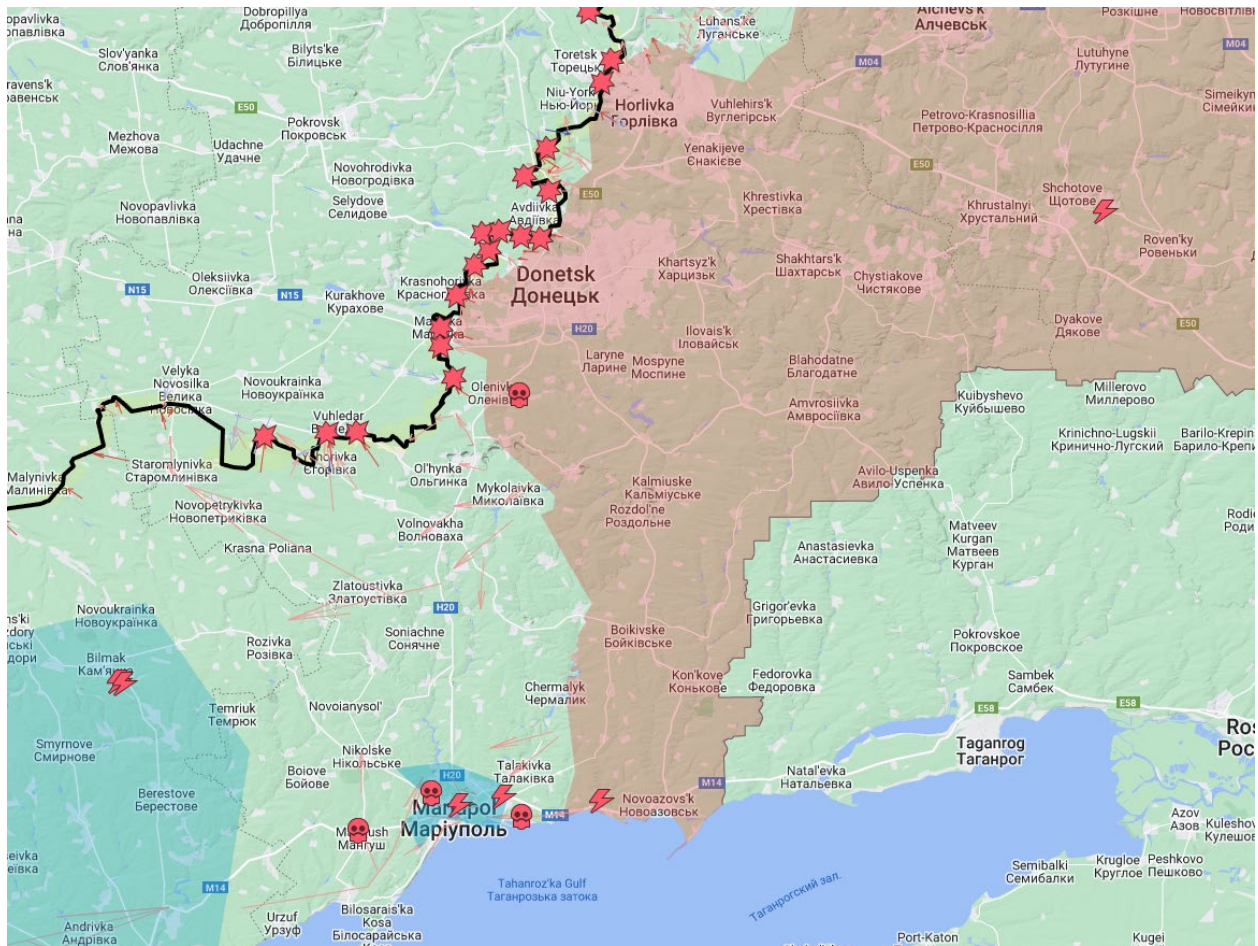
Klishchiivka Operational Area

Ukrainian source DeepState reported continued fighting near [Klishchiivka](#), and GSAFU reported a Russian attempt toward [Bila Hora](#) failed.^{10 11}

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

¹¹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16820>

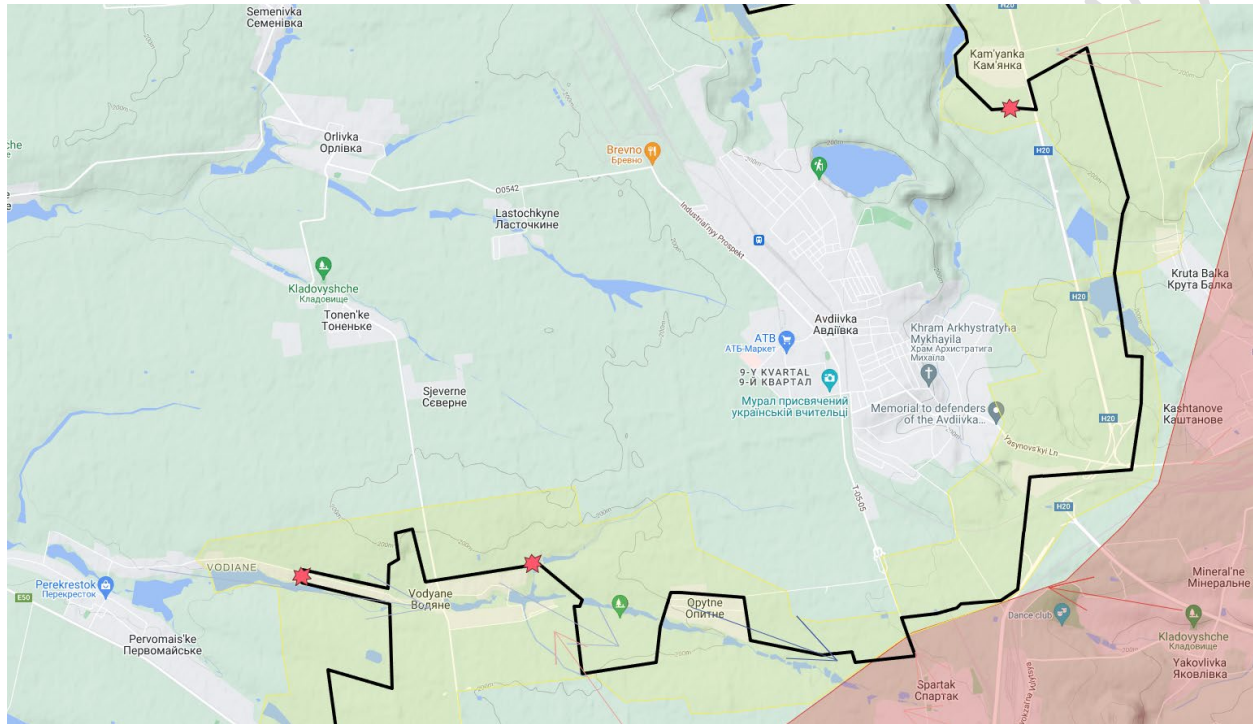
SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK



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

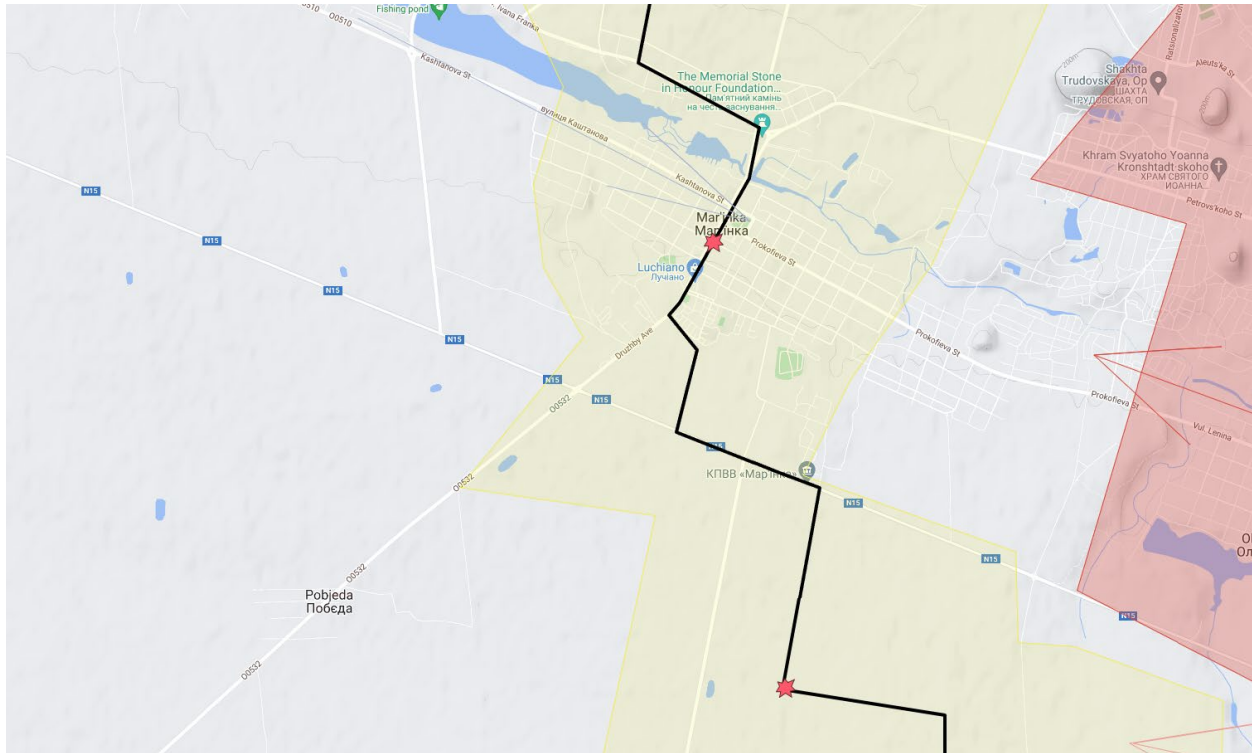
The 1st Army Corps, supported by the Russian Airforce (VKS), attempted to advance on [Avdiivka](#) without success.¹² ¹³ Russian forces launched another failed attack from Vodyane toward [Sjeverne](#).¹⁴ RMOD claimed that Ukrainian forces had gone on the offensive in [Pervomaiske](#).¹⁵

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

¹³ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13161>

¹⁴ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13161>

¹⁵ https://t.me/mod_russia/27313 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]



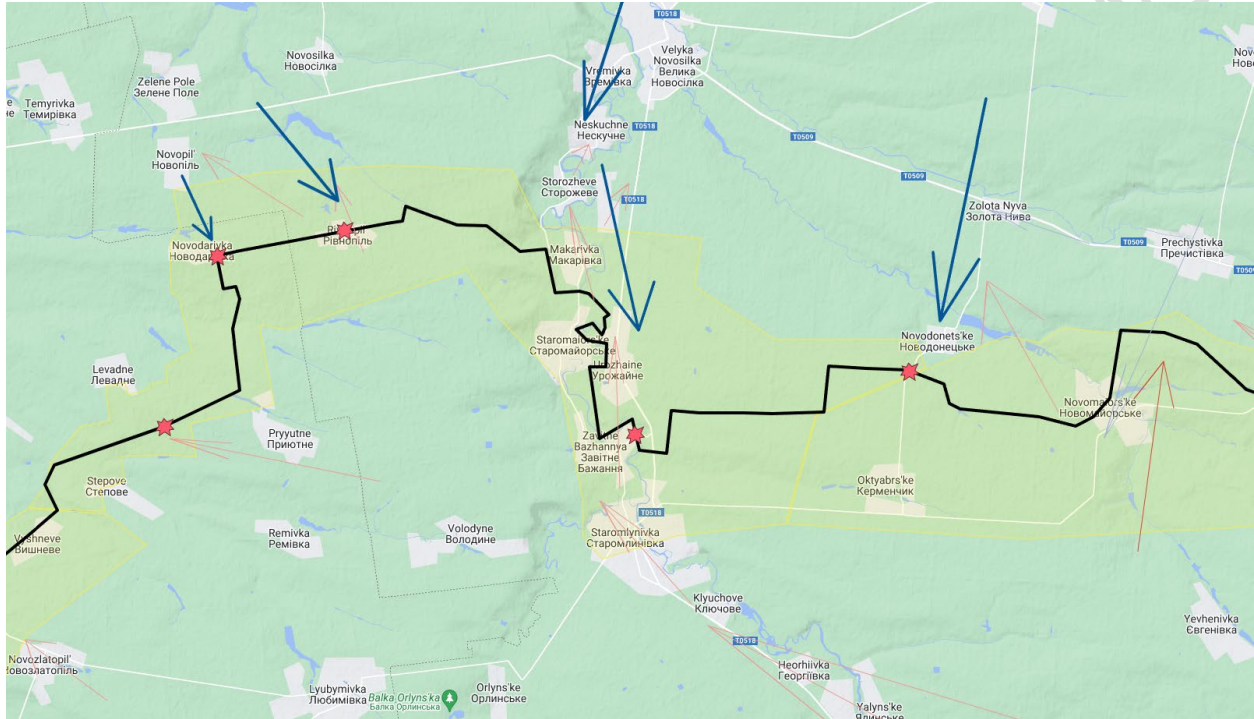
Marinka Operational Area

RMOD reported that Ukrainian forces went on the offensive in the [Krasnohorivka](#) area.¹⁶

Chechen forces of the Akhmat 54th Motor Rifle Brigade and the Russian 5th Motor Rifle Brigade of the 1st Army Corps

¹⁶ https://t.me/mod_russia/27313 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

continued to fight Ukrainian forces in [Marinka](#), with both combatants claiming they launched attacks.^{17 18 19 20}



Lyubymivka-Staromlynivka Operational Direction

Ukrainian forces have liberated three settlements in the last 24 hours with visual confirmation, including [Neskuchne](#), [Storozheve](#), and [Blagodatne](#).²¹ Geolocated videos showed [Ukrainian troops](#) raising the [Ukrainian flag](#)

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

¹⁸ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

¹⁹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16820>

²⁰ https://t.me/mod_russia/27313 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel 6/09/23]

²¹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16831>

in all [three settlements](#).^{22 23 24 25 26} Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense Hanna Maliar reported that [Makarivka](#) was under Ukrainian military control.²⁷ Russian troops retreated from [Urozhaine](#), leaving elements of the 1st Army Corps of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) to cover their retreat.²⁸ Sladkov also said that due to poor weather, Russian army aviation and VKS could not provide close air support (CAS). Russian sources were reporting fighting as far south as Zavitne Bazhannya. Ukrainian forces have advanced as far as 10 kilometers since June 5. For this reason we have renamed this section the Lyubymivka-Staromlynivka Operational Direction.

To the east, RMOD reported their forces shelled Ukrainian troops in [Novodonetske](#).²⁹ To the west, Russian military milblogger Rybar wrote that [Levadne](#) and [Novodarivka](#) are "in the gray zone at best."

²² flag raising https://t.me/ivan_fedorov_melitopol/2225?single

²³ <https://twitter.com/i/status/1668136725523120128>

²⁴ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/80296>

²⁵ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16819>


²⁶ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16831>

²⁷ <https://t.me/annamaliar/838>

²⁸ https://t.me/Sladkov_plus/7929

²⁹ https://t.me/mod_russia/27313 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

Occupied Donetsk

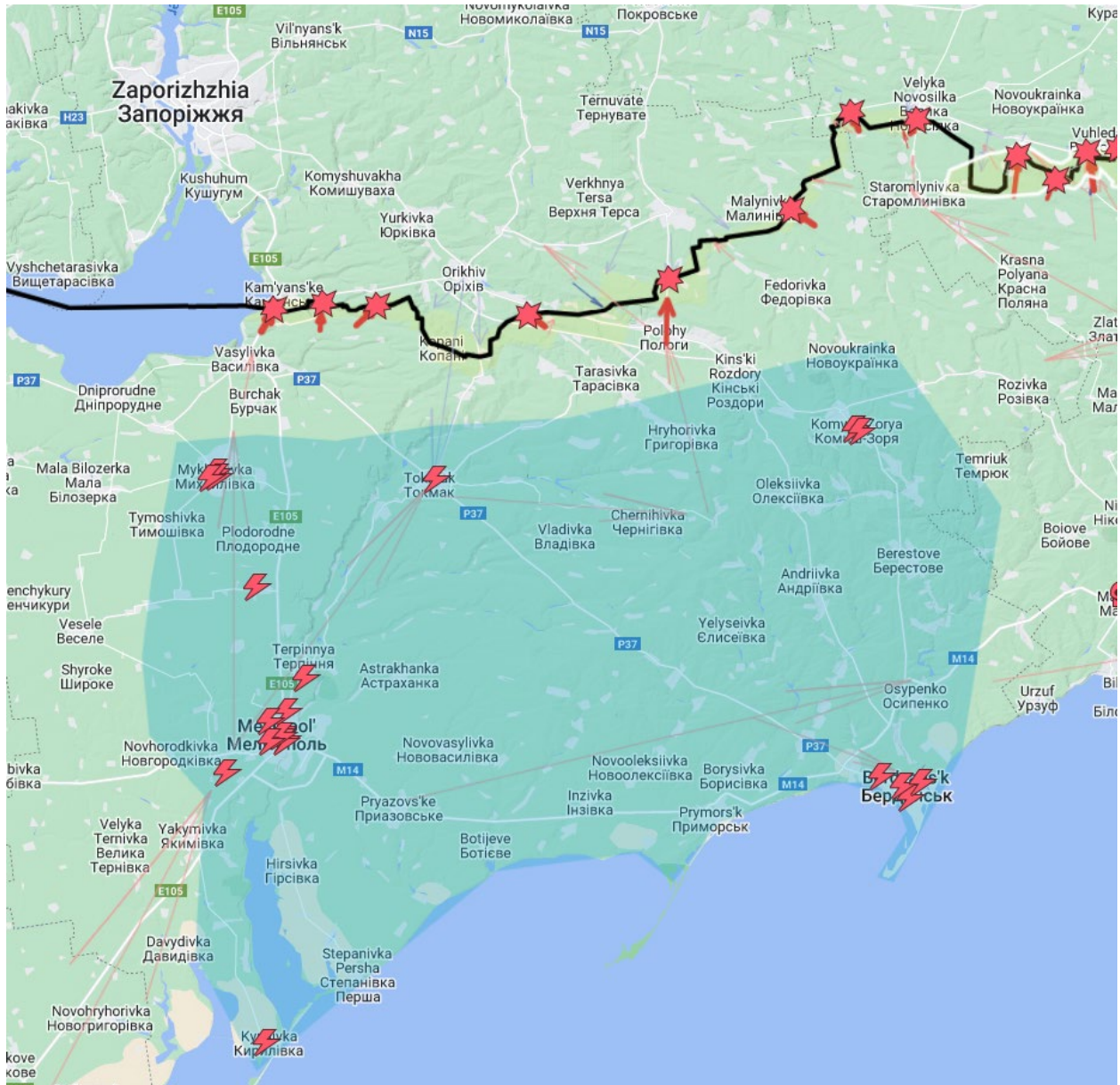
A geolocated video showed a Russian forward operating base (FOB) and ammunition depot  [struck by rockets fired by HIMARS](#), destroying the location and knocking out power in Olhinka.³⁰

Adding to the body of evidence that Russia had the intent to destroy the Kakhovka Dam, the Staromlynivske Reservoir Dam in Klychove was blown up.³¹ The dam impounds the Mokri Yaly River and flows north toward Staromlynvka, where Ukrainian forces are advancing.

³⁰ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16822>

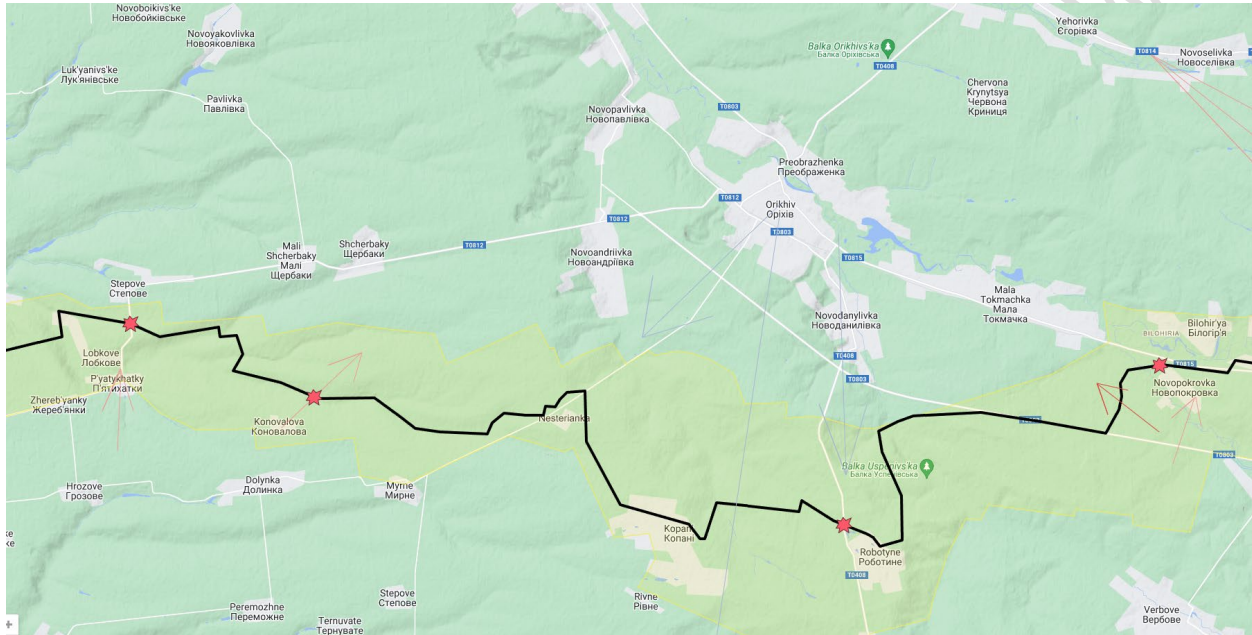
³¹ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33077>

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

Heavy fighting continued along a wide axis. Russian sources report that Ukrainian troops are embracing their technological advantages, attacking more at night due to the wide availability of high-quality military-grade night vision equipment. Fighting continued near [Novopokrovka](#) and [Robotyne](#) with no change in the situation.^{32 33}


³² https://t.me/mod_russia/27313 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

³³ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13161>


Ukrainian forces have made marginal gains south of Lobkove, attempting to advance toward [Pyatykhatky](#) and [Zherebyanky](#). Fighting has been more difficult for Ukraine due to deeper Russian defenses and a higher troop concentration.

Kakhovka Reservoir

On June 11 at 18:00 hours local time, the water level had dropped to 9.35 meters, with outflow slowing down.³⁴

Ukrainian officials estimate 70% of the reservoir's volume has drained out to the Black Sea.³⁵ The fall in water level had  [exposed structures](#) that hadn't been seen since the early years of the Cold War, including older bridges that crossed streams before the reservoir was created.³⁶

Occupied Zaporizhia

In Tokmak, an audio recording  [captured a HIMARS attack](#).³⁷ A Russian drone operations and intelligence base in Luhove was destroyed. Electronic warfare was used to


³⁴ <https://t.me/investigatorua/5875>

³⁵ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/11/7406383/>

³⁶ <https://t.me/zaborzp/46395>

³⁷ <https://t.me/zaborzp/46410>

isolate the signals between drones and the operators, jam the signals, and then target the origination point.³⁸

In Yakymivka, insurgents destroyed  [the railroad bridge over the Taschenak River](#), severing the only railroad line that connects occupied Crimea with Melitopol.³⁹ This will hinder Russian logistics due to the loss of the Ground Line of Communication (GLOC – supply line).

Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense Maliar said that Russian airborne (VDV) and Naval Infantry were being redeployed from western Kherson to Zaporizhia, and reserve units in Zaporizhia were being redeployed to Bakhmut.⁴⁰

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported that Reactor 5 at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) remained in hot shutdown, and a mitigation plan for providing steam for plant operations was being considered.⁴¹ Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi said

³⁸ https://t.me/defender_skadovsk/6634

³⁹ <https://t.me/brdprotiv/891>

⁴⁰ https://t.me/zinkevich_igor/6387

⁴¹ [International Atomic Energy Agency](#)


that experts with the IAEA need access to the water gauge for the Kakhovka Reservoir due to a significant discrepancy in the data it is reporting. The data feed indicated the water level was 11.27 meters, almost 2 meters higher than other gauges. "It is possible that this discrepancy in the measured levels is caused by an isolated body of water separated from the larger body of the reservoir. But we will only be able to know when we gain access to the thermal power plant," Grossi said.

"The thermal power plant plays a key role for the safety and security of the nuclear power plant a few kilometers away. I fully expect that our experts will be able to go there very soon to independently assess the situation. I will also personally raise this important matter with the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant," adding that access to the ZTPP switchyard to inspect 330 kV (kilovolt) transformers was critical.


BLACK SEA, CRIMEA, MYKOLAIV, AND ODESA REGION

Occupied Crimea

Insurgents blew up train tracks near Kirovskoye on the Vladislavovka-Kirovsk Line, almost derailing a train.⁴² Russian sources claim the tracks have already been repaired.

In Mayak, the radar dome, which has provided Russian forces with a broad view of aerial and naval activity on the Black Sea, has been damaged, with  [a large hole visible](#) in a satellite image.^{43 44}

Mykolaiv

With flood waters retreating in Kherson, attention has shifted to Mykolaiv, where  [evacuations accelerated along the Inhulets River](#).⁴⁵ Local officials confirmed only one person has died from flooding and that the pollution and salinity in the Inhulets River have been flushed out at multiple sampling sites. If you listen to our podcast in an

⁴² <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33047>

⁴³ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33040>

⁴⁴ https://t.me/shot_shot/52669

⁴⁵ https://t.me/Nazars_look/14681

impacted area, we remind you to check with local officials for the most up-to-date information before using river water.^{46 47}

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 attacked three boats filled with 21 evacuees as they left the left (east) bank of occupied Kherson, killing three civilians and wounding ten more, including two police officers overseeing the rescue operation. A 74-year-old man was killed when he threw himself onto a woman to shield her from the gunfire and was shot in the back.^{48 49} So far, 112 people have been rescued from the left (east) bank, including 54 women and seven children.


⁴⁶ <https://t.me/mykolaivskaODA/5301>

⁴⁷ <https://t.me/zaborzp/46364>

⁴⁸ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/8189

⁴⁹ <https://t.me/khersonskaODA/6744>

Kozatske, on the west bank of the Dnipro and impacted by flooding, was hit by two FAB-500S-E UPMK glide bombs, striking a kindergarten and a five-story apartment building. Because the town is mostly evacuated, there were no injuries reported.⁵⁰

The limited watermelon planting that farmers could do in Kherson has been  [wiped out by flooding](#). Only 10% of the available farmland was planted due to Russian landmines left behind after the occupation.⁵¹

Pictures showed the state of the locks and ship channel at the Kakhovka Dam.⁵²

Dnipropetrovsk

162,000 people in 34 settlements have no access to water and are reliant on the distribution of potable and "technical" (not drinkable) water.⁵³

⁵⁰ <https://t.me/khersonskaODA/6720>

⁵¹ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/33070>

⁵² <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/11/7406397/>

⁵³ <https://t.me/zaborzp/46364>

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

There wasn't any significant activity in this region.

THEATERWIDE

About 700,000 people in Ukraine are deprived of access to clean drinking water due to the collapse of the Kahkova Dam. United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths clarified that the figure includes occupants of free and occupied Ukraine.

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

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.