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## **SUMMARY – DAY 255**

It has been 3,161 days since the occupation of Crimea on February 27, 2014.

Due to severe weather in Washington and Indiana in the United States, power and the Internet were knocked out concurrently. Additionally, cellular service in parts of Washington was severely degraded because of the windstorm, eliminating a built-in redundancy. Because of force majeure, we were unable to produce the Situation Report for November 4 or record a podcast for November 5. Having two of our United States locations knocked offline simultaneously by weather was highly unusual. Realistically, there aren't additional redundancies that we can economically add to our infrastructure. We thank you for your understanding.

Today's report consolidates information from November 4 and 5. Events that happened on November 4 will be noted.

Russian forces launched multiple offensive operations across the entire front east of the Dnipro River.

## **DAILY ASSESSMENT**

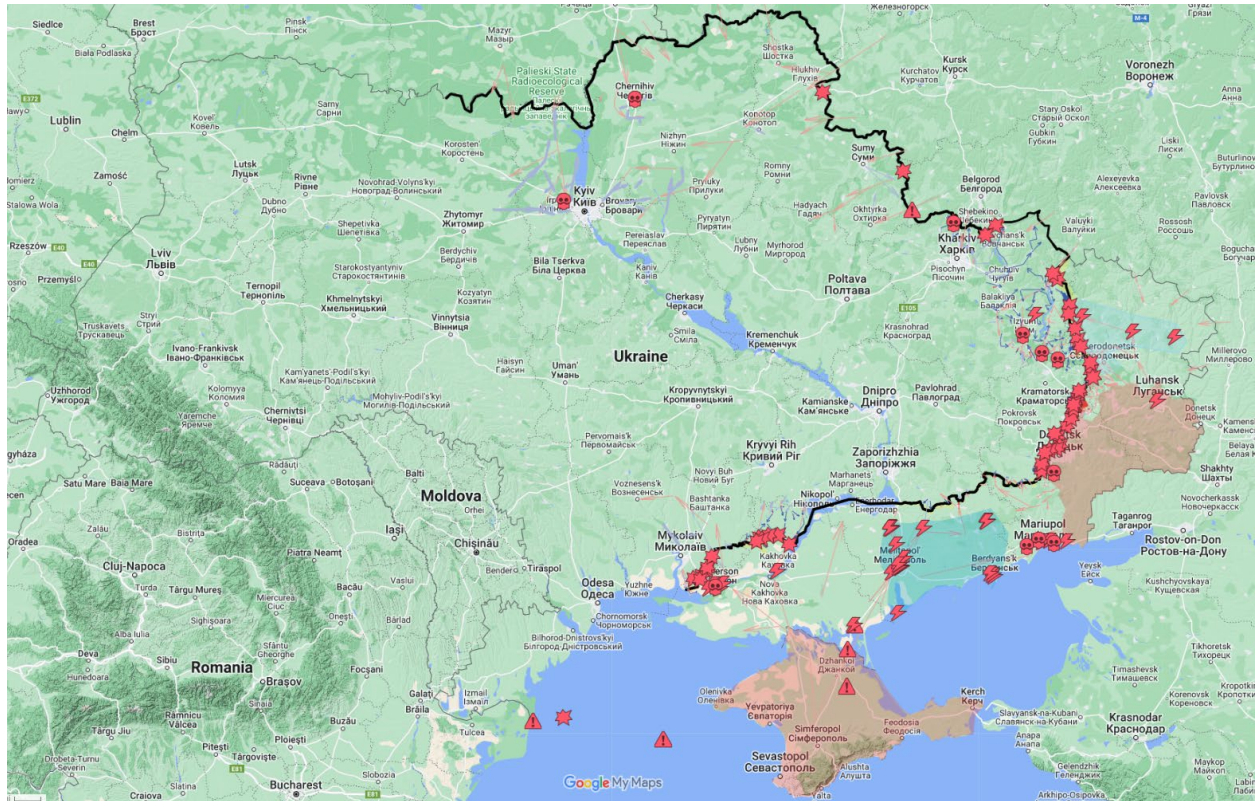
We assess the following:

1. We assess that continued attacks on the Black Sea Fleet and Ukraine's recapture of Snake Island have rendered the Russian navy's presence irrelevant, with missile carriers appearing reluctant to go on patrol beyond the immediate coast of Sevastopol.
2. We assess terror attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure will continue across Ukraine.
3. We assess that the Russian military within Ukraine is combat ineffective and is only capable of mounting effective defensive operations.
4. We maintain that the Russian Ministry of Defense is using recently mobilized troops for disorganized ad hoc attacks, wasting military resources on pointless offensive operations, and further assess this has been validated by evidence of catastrophic Russian losses and the deployment of blocking troops.
5. We maintain that the so-called "evacuations" in Kherson have taken a dark turn and appear to be an organized genocide against the Ukrainian people.
6. We maintain that Russian forces will retreat from the west bank of the Dnipro over the next three to seven weeks.

7. We maintain that the Private Military Company Wagner Group is spread too thin due to its expanding role in the Donetsk oblast and the revelation of crippling battlefield losses.
8. We maintain that although the weather has improved in central and western Ukraine, rasputitsa will continue to slow down combat operations for both belligerents.
9. We maintain that Ukraine holds the battlefield initiative, forcing Russian troops to remain in a defensive posture.
10. We assess that the mobilization of 300,000 troops has not significantly improved Russian combat strength and exposed the training, logistical, and supply problems within the Russian Federation.
11. We maintain that Russian forces in Belarus remain a credible threat for an invasion of western Ukraine, but we now assess the possibility has pushed further out to the next 60 to 90 days.



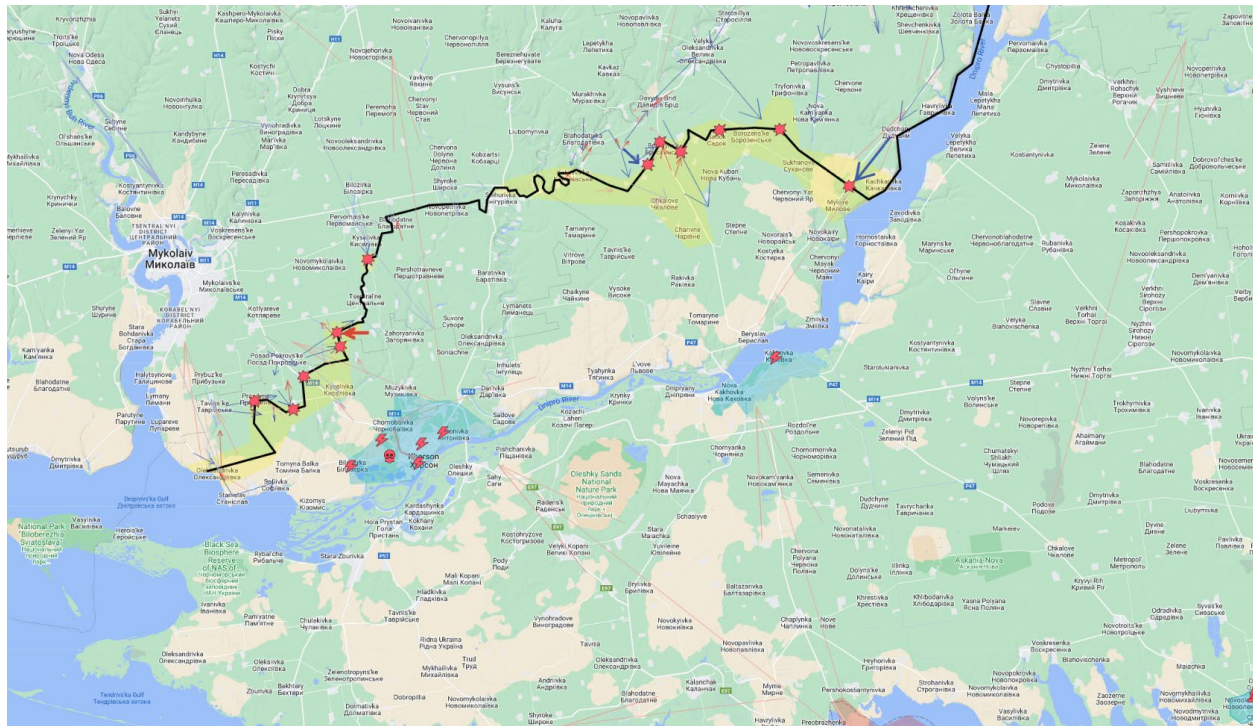
# TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



**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>

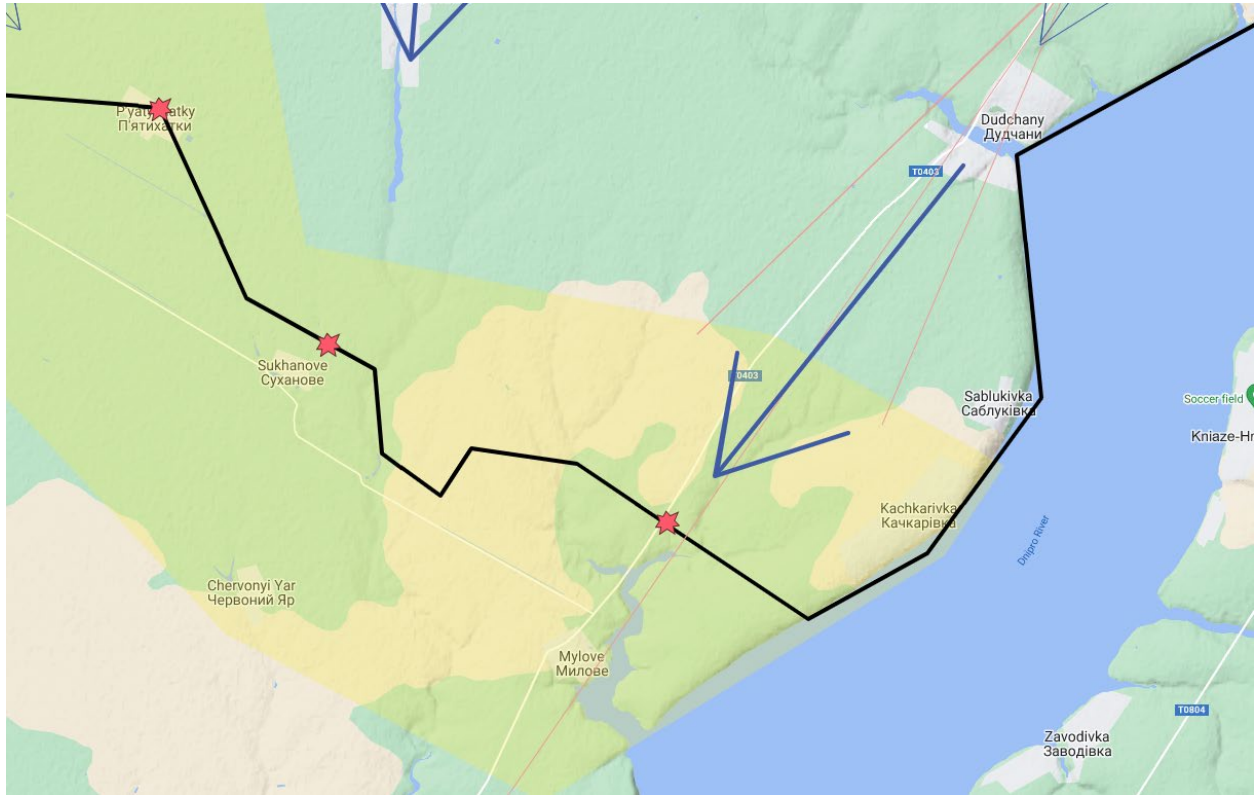
# KHERSON COUNTEROFFENSIVE & MYKOLOAIV



**Russian Objective:** Execute a controlled withdrawal of collaborators, government officials, military leaders, and experienced troops while rotating mobiks to the front, hold existing defensive lines, protect Nova Kakhovka Ground Line of Communication (GLOC – supply lines), 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





The Russian Ministry of Defense made an unsupported claim that Ukrainian troops attacked Russian positions near [Sukhanove](#) and [Sablukivka](#), while reliable Russian milbloggers did not echo the claims.<sup>1 2 3</sup> Russian milblogger Rybar provided their first detailed analysis of

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<sup>1</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21519](https://t.me/mod_russia/21519)

<sup>2</sup> <https://t.me/rybar/40915>

<sup>3</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/9050>

the situation in Kherson in weeks and did not mention any Ukrainian offensives.<sup>4</sup>



NASA Fire Information for Resource Systems Management (FIRMS) showed thermal anomalies in the Russian-occupied river basin northwest of [MyLove](#). This region is somewhat forested and has been targeted by artillery in the past.

Reporters with TRT World Now were in Dudchany, [interviewing Ukrainian soldiers](#), and reported that fighting

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<sup>4</sup> <https://t.me/rybar/40915>

was “nearby.”<sup>5</sup> The GSAFU has a general policy of not allowing reporters within 15 kilometers of the front line but has made exceptions, typically for larger news organizations. We aren’t reading too much into the report, but it does indicate the news blackout from Kherson is officially over. Also, if the 15-kilometer rule is applied, it implies that Ukrainian forces have moved the line of conflict to Mylove. We have not made changes to the map.



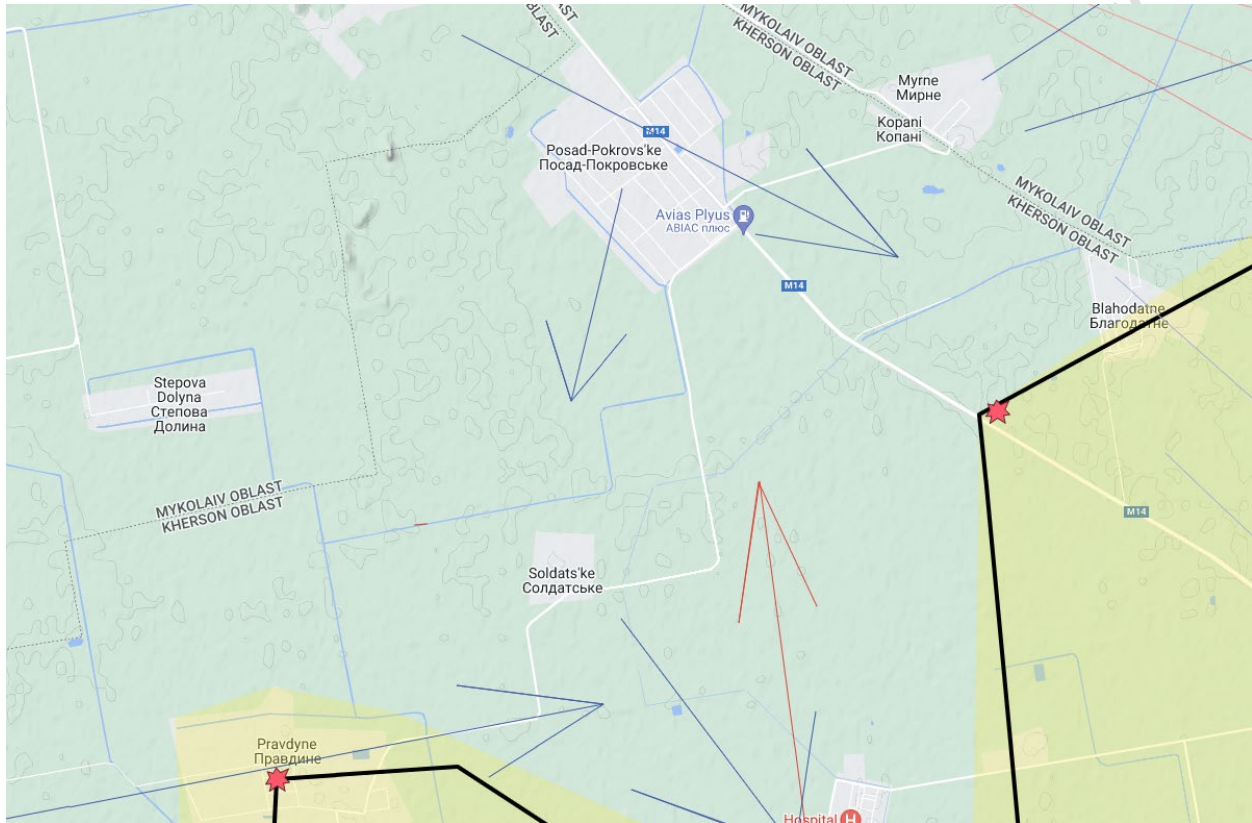
NASA FIRMS also indicated that the free Ukraine settlements of [Petropavlivka](#) and [Vysokopillya](#) were

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<sup>5</sup> <https://twitter.com/TRTWorldNow/status/1588988815703695361>



recently shelled. Russian sources claim a Ukrainian 152mm self-propelled howitzer was destroyed in Maiske.<sup>6</sup>

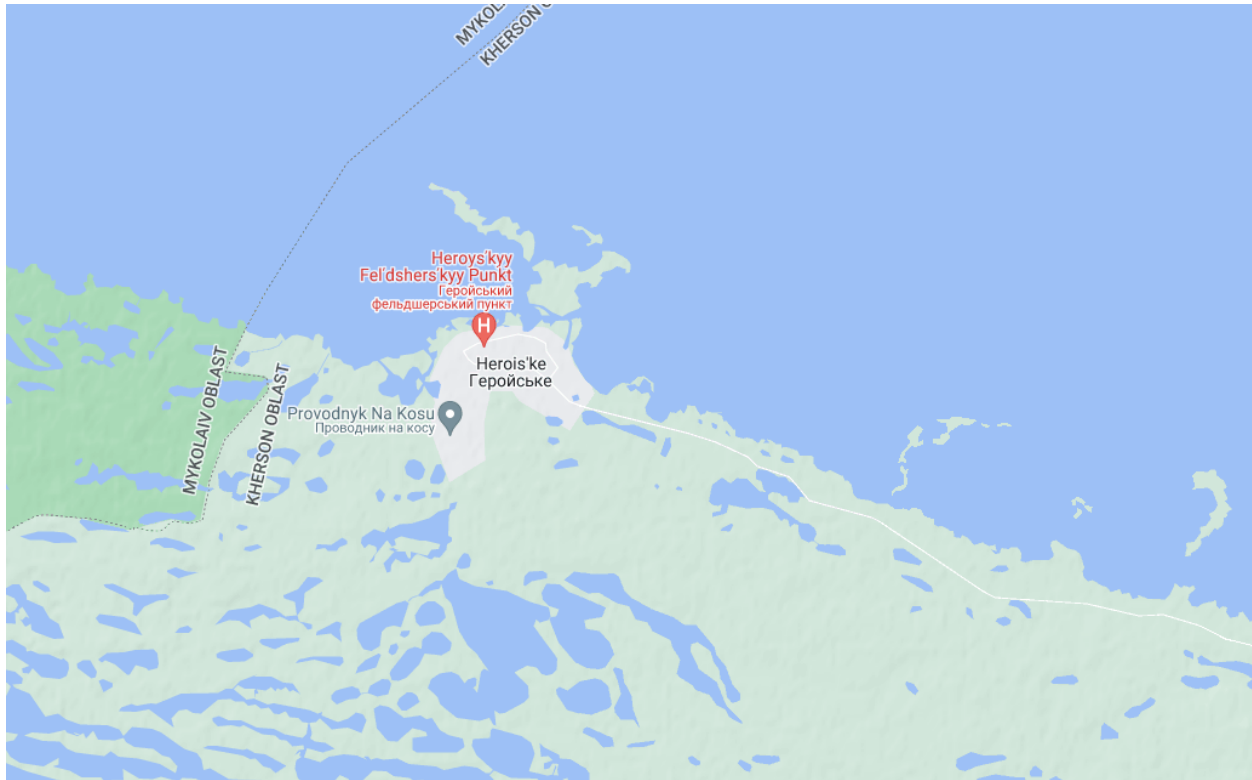


The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (GSAFU) reported that Russian forces shelled [Pravdyne](#) and Myrne [Mykolaiv].<sup>7</sup> This provides insight that Pravdyne remains a no man's land and Ukraine maintains control of [Myrne](#).

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<sup>6</sup> <https://t.me/rybar/40915>

<sup>7</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, AM PDT](#)



Operational Command South reported that Ukrainian ground forces executed 170 fire missions on November 4 and 140 on November 5.<sup>8 9</sup> On November 5, the Ukrainian air force carried out suppress and destroy enemy air defense (SEAD/DEAD) activity near [Kherson](#), Russian positions in [Snigurivka](#) in Mykolaiv, and [Heroiske](#) on the Kinburn Spit.<sup>10</sup> Photos from Heroiske indicate a Russian ammunition depot was destroyed in the attack.<sup>11</sup> Convoys of Russian vehicles carrying ammunition were destroyed in the Beryslav and Kherson raions, and Russian troop

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3325765391045386>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=536190354954226>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=536190354954226>

<sup>11</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28395>

positions were attacked in the Bashtanka raion. Ukrainian forces have increased the targeting of Russian fuel depots, destroying reserves in Novovasylivka.<sup>12</sup>

***Editor's Note:*** A raion is an administrative area similar to a county or parish.

The Ukrainian Air Force claimed air defenses shot down two Russian Ka-52 helicopters on November 4 in northern Kherson.<sup>13</sup> We cannot verify the veracity of the report.

Russian forces have significantly increased the use of Lancet-3 kamikaze drones, which can carry a 3-kilogram warhead. Ukrainian troop positions and equipment have been attacked in the Beryslav raion.<sup>14</sup>

On November 4, Russian positions near Chornobaivka were hit by rockets fired by HIMARS. Russian troops waiting to cross the Dnipro from Olhivka to the east bank were also attacked on November 4.<sup>15</sup> The Russian MOD continues to write fan fiction, claiming they can intercept a vast majority

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<sup>12</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 4, 2002 PM PDT](#)

<sup>13</sup> <https://t.me/mykolaivskaODA/3281>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3325765391045386>

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of M30 and M31 rockets fired by HIMARs.<sup>16 17</sup> These repeated false claims have been derided by Russian troops, milbloggers, and the Private Military Company (PMC) Wagner Group.

Pictures emerged of the aftermath of HIMARS strikes on School Number 6 and the Christi Prudi Hotel, used as barracks by Russian forces in Kakhovka.<sup>18 19</sup> A video recorded after the attack [showed dead mobiks outside](#) the hotel compound and extensive damage to multiple buildings.<sup>20</sup> ***[Editor's note – graphic content has been blurred]*** Residents in Kherson continue to report the sound of explosions outside of the city, with Ukrainian increasing the number of HIMARS strikes along the Dnipro.<sup>21 22</sup>

In Kakhovka, Russian troops continue to build defenses with the city, including building trenches. Russian soldiers removed the remains of a World War II soldier during the work. It was unclear if they were building defense positions

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<sup>16</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21490](https://t.me/mod_russia/21490)

<sup>17</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21520](https://t.me/mod_russia/21520)

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<sup>20</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28386>

<sup>21</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28382>

<sup>22</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28381>

in or near marked gravesites or if they had found a forgotten body.<sup>23</sup>

There remains significant confusion about the situation in Kherson. Russian occupation forces have severed all Internet and cellular service, significantly reducing social intelligence. On November 4, Kherson deputy mayor, conspiracy theory enthusiast, and collaborator Kirill Stremousov announced a 24-hour curfew was being implemented in Kherson.<sup>24</sup> Just moments later, Stremousov reversed the decree.<sup>25</sup> <sup>26</sup> Cellular subscribers that use Russian services received a final text urging them to evacuate, claiming Ukraine would start widespread shelling of Kherson on November 6. Occupation officials have repeatedly stated without evidence that Ukraine would attack the city between November 4 and 6.<sup>27</sup> Ukrainian forces have no economical way to launch artillery attacks on Kherson, with NATO 155mm and Soviet-era based 152mm artillery systems both out of range of the city.

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<sup>23</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28378>

<sup>24</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28342>

<sup>25</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28348>

<sup>26</sup> <https://twitter.com/KyivIndependent/status/1588730002996359168>

<sup>27</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

Russian forces continue to sink watercraft and pleasure boats in the riverport. There is more information in the **War Crimes and Human Rights** section.<sup>28</sup>

Satellite images show Russian forces building extensive defenses along the east bank of the Dnipro River and setting conditions for withdrawing from Kherson.<sup>29</sup> It is important to note that GSAFU maintains that they do not believe that Russian troops will evacuate Kherson.

Rockets fired by HIMARS also hit Russian troop concentrations in Chulakivka, Radensk, and Rubanivka.<sup>30 31</sup>

Force removals of Ukrainians, as part of ongoing genocide continued, with the residents of Zavodivka taken to Russian-occupied Crimea, for filtration before being sent to the Russian Federation.<sup>32</sup>

**ASSESSMENT:** There continue to be no indications that Russian VDV forces in Snihurivka, Bruskynske, Mylove, and Russian naval infantry forces west of Kherson have started

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<sup>28</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3325765391045386>

<sup>29</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28396>

<sup>30</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28391>

<sup>31</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28359>

<sup>32</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)



to retreat or are being replaced by undertrained mobiks. We continue to believe that Russian forces will leave the west bank of the Dnipro River within the next three to seven weeks in a controlled retreat. Logistics and supply are slowly choking off the ability of Russian ground forces to conduct counterbattery and artillery strikes, and despite the reports of an increasing number of conscripts arriving on the west side of the Dnipro, feeding them and keeping them warm in winter conditions will become increasingly difficult.

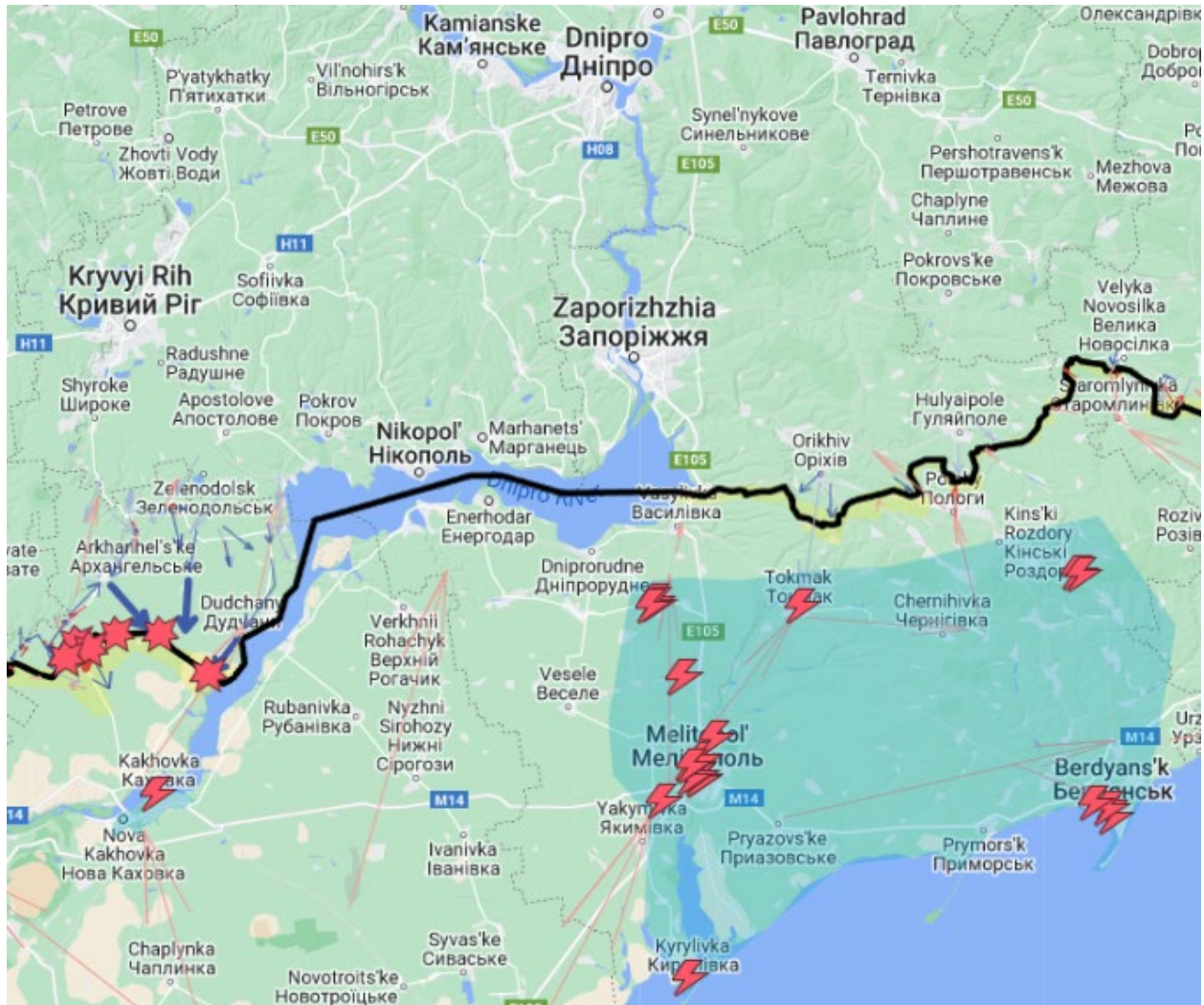
On November 4, a Russian frigate left its dock in Sevastopol, exited the harbor, launched two Kalibr cruise missiles in the direction of Mykolaiv, and immediately returned to port. Both missiles were shot down along with 6 Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 kamikaze drones.<sup>33 34</sup>

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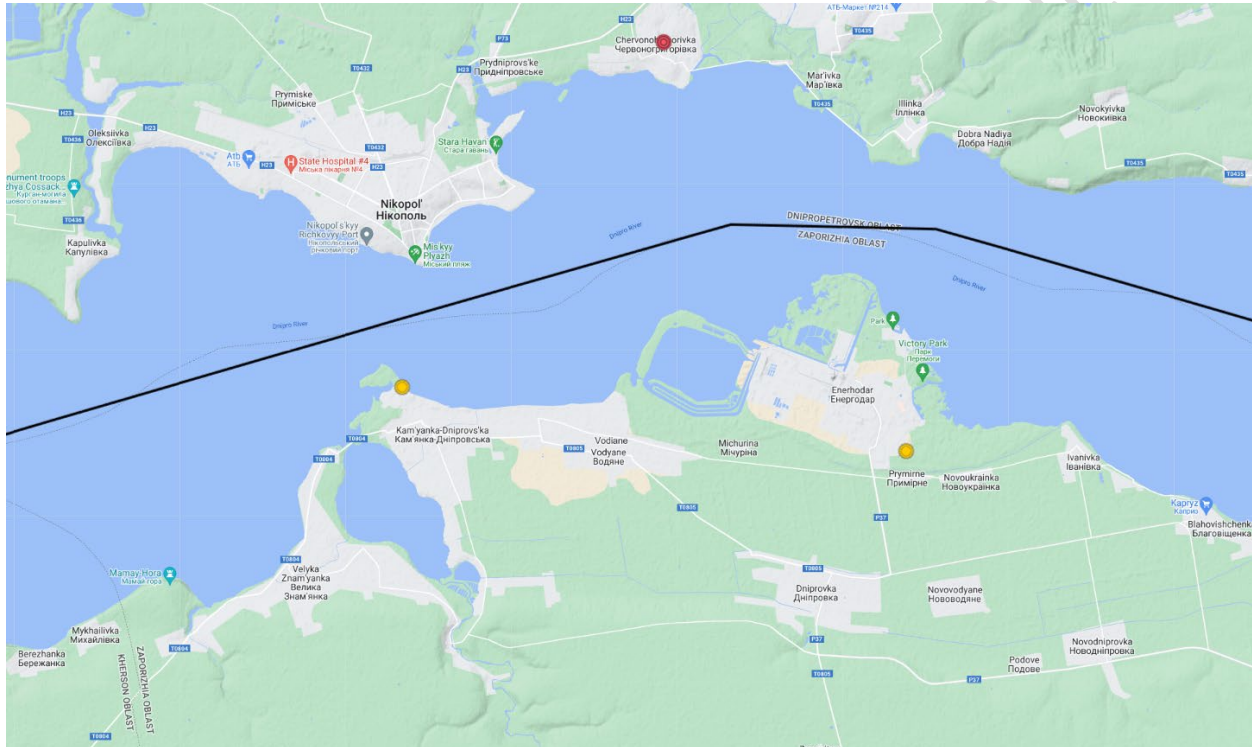
<sup>34</sup> <https://t.me/mykolaivskaODA/3282>

## DNIPROPETROVSK & ZAPORIZHZHIA



**Russian Objective:** Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, break civilian will with continued terror attacks and the destruction of electrical, natural gas, and water infrastructure, 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 protect civilians



The International Atomic Energy Agency reported the situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant has been stabilized.<sup>35</sup> The 750 and 330 kilovolt (kV) lines were repaired, enabling engineers with Energoatom to stop using emergency diesel generators to maintain plant operations and cool the reactors. The 750 kV line is powering reactors

<sup>35</sup> [International Atomic Energy Agency](#)



4 through 6, while the 330 kV line is held in reserve. IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi repeating the 750 kV line was disconnected by Russian forces attacking Ukrainian infrastructure 50 to 60 kilometers from Enerhodar. It was a rare repudiation of false Russian claims that the November 3 disconnect was caused by Ukrainian shelling near the plant.

Reactors 5 and 6 are in a semi-hot shutdown and continue to provide steam to the site. Energoatom engineers are working to bring both reactors up to hot shutdown. If all goes to plan, Reactor 5 will start supplying electricity to Ukraine using the 750 kV lines.

Grossi expressed frustration at stalled talks on creating a demilitarized zone and the continued risk of an accident at ZNPP while praising Ukrainian operators. "The repeated power outages all too clearly demonstrate the extremely serious nuclear safety and security situation this major nuclear power plant is facing. So far, the brave staff of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant have always managed to maintain the safe operation of the six units. But it can't go on like this. I have repeatedly called for the urgent establishment of a nuclear safety and security protection zone."

We may owe a small apology to the Russian MOD, but you become very skeptical after they cry “wolf” too many times and release numerous staged videos. Ukrainian forces released a video showing the Special Forces of the National Police of Ukraine conducting numerous amphibious and at least one air assault operation. At the 51-second mark in the video, [Ukrainian patrol boats were operating in the Dnipro](#) within sight of ZNPP.<sup>36</sup> None of the videos showed large-scale operations like the Russian MOD has claimed.

Two [Russian missiles struck the city of Dnipro](#), one hitting electrical infrastructure and the second landing in the middle of a roadway.<sup>37</sup> Video after the attack showed numerous transformer flashes.<sup>38</sup> At the time of publication, there was no information on the extent of damage to electrical infrastructure.

Nikopol, Marhanets, and Chervonohryhorivka were attacked again, with Ukrainian officials alleging the attacks came from Enerhodar.<sup>39</sup> Nikopol was hit by more than 40 Grad rockets fired by multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS). The rockets hit 18 apartment buildings and a

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<sup>36</sup> <https://twitter.com/GeoConfirmed/status/1589028286147203072>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/video/news/dnipro-missile-hit-caught-on-camera/vi-AA12NirV?category=foryou>

<sup>38</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38462>

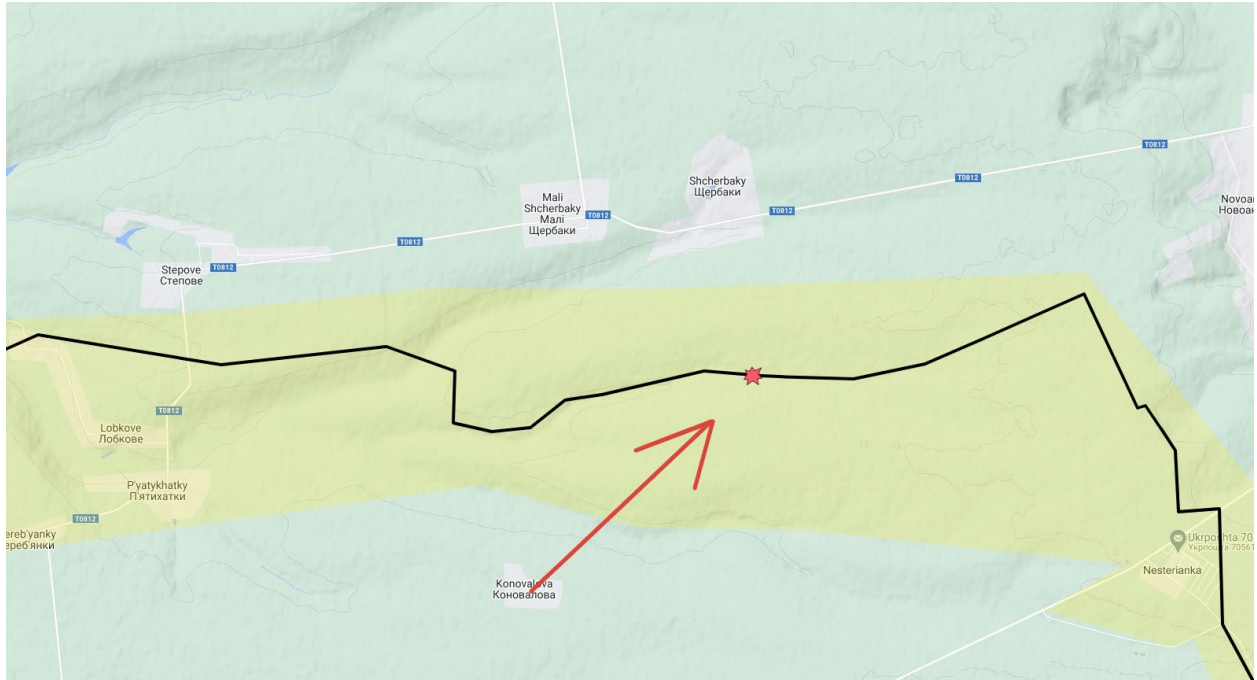
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lyceum and damaged electrical and natural gas infrastructure. There were no casualties reported.



***Editor's Note: A lyceum is a secondary school typically specializing in art, music, or athletics.***

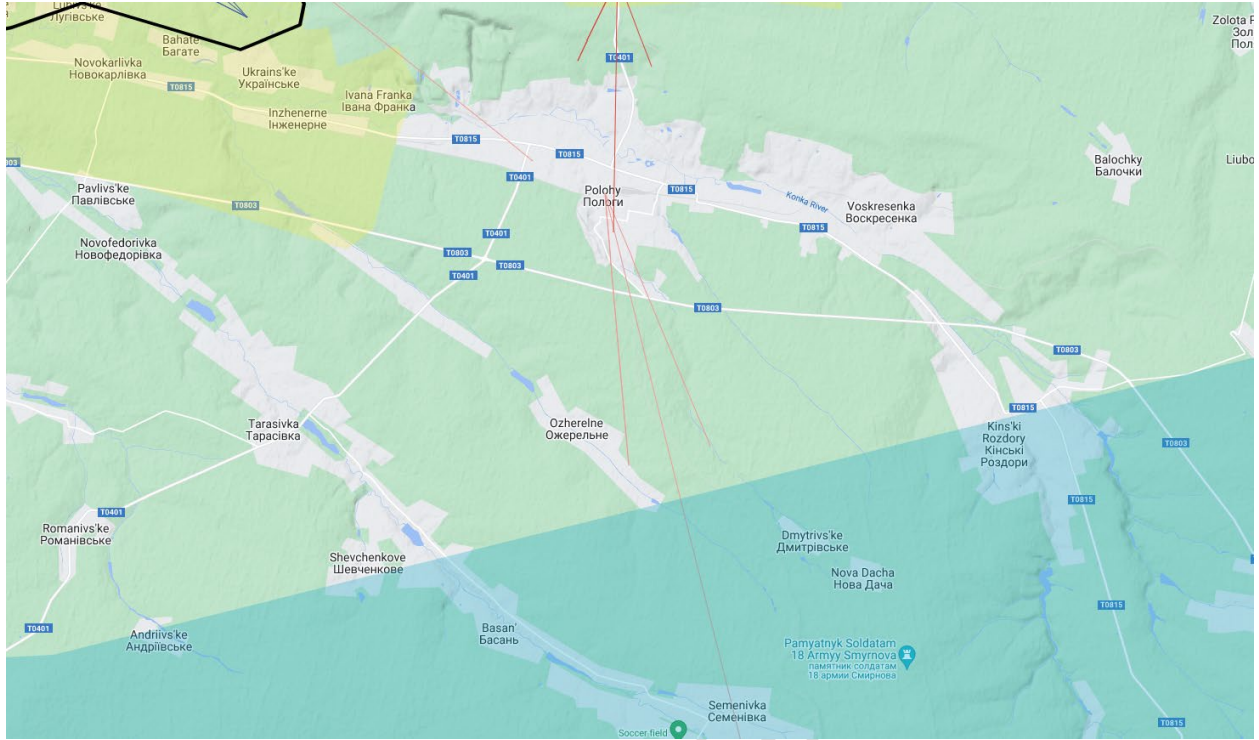




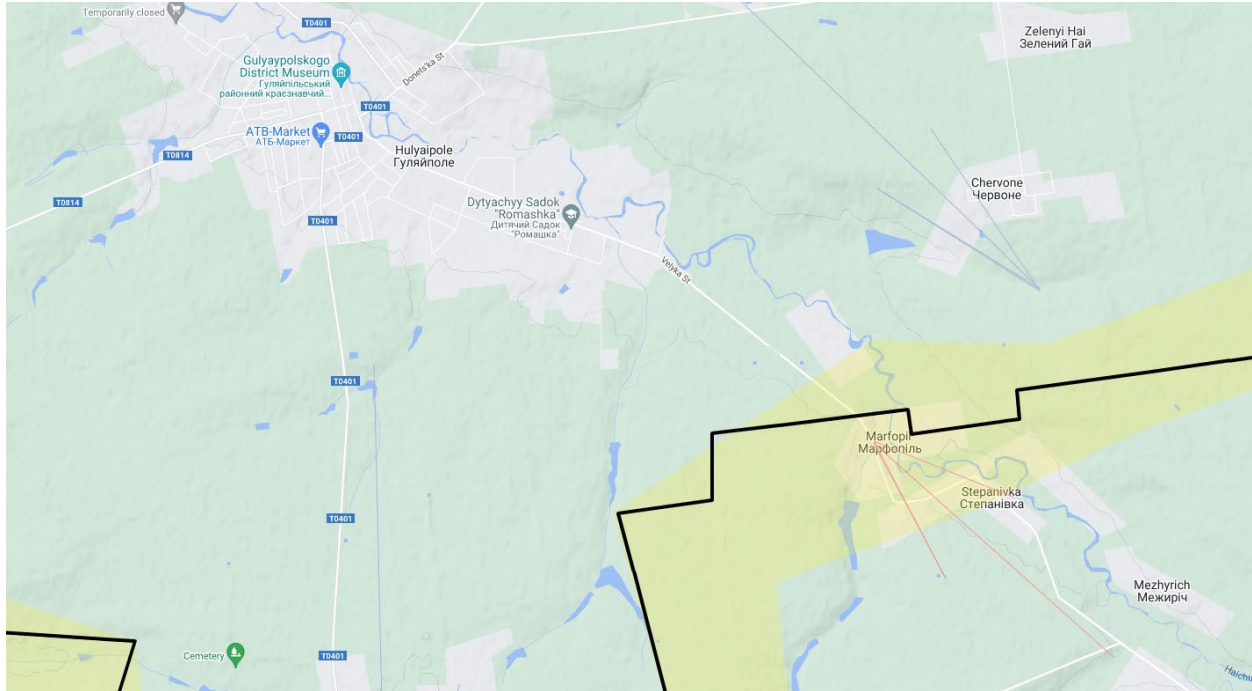
Russian forces launched an offense on [Scherbaky](#), which Ukrainian forces successfully repulsed. It was the first Russian offensive on the Zaporizhia line of contact since July.<sup>40</sup> We cannot assess if this indicates that Russian mobs are starting offensive operations in this region or if this was an isolated incident of probing Ukrainian defenses.

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<sup>40</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)



Ukrainian forces have increased the targeting of Russian positions and troop concentrations near Polohy. In [Basan](#), ten pieces of military equipment and up to 50 Russian troops were killed.



Near Hulyaipole, up to 20 pieces of Russian military equipment were destroyed, and 80 Russian soldiers were killed or wounded in [Marfopil](#).<sup>41</sup>

On November 4, a Russian milblogger reported that Ukraine struck Russian troop positions in [Svitlodolynske](#), north of Melitopol, and on the Ground Line of Communication (GLOC – supply line) to Tokmak.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

<sup>42</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/9034>

Otherwise, there was only sporadic artillery fire from the Zaporizhia-Donetsk administrative border to Hulyaipole to Orikhiv to Shcherbaky.<sup>43</sup>

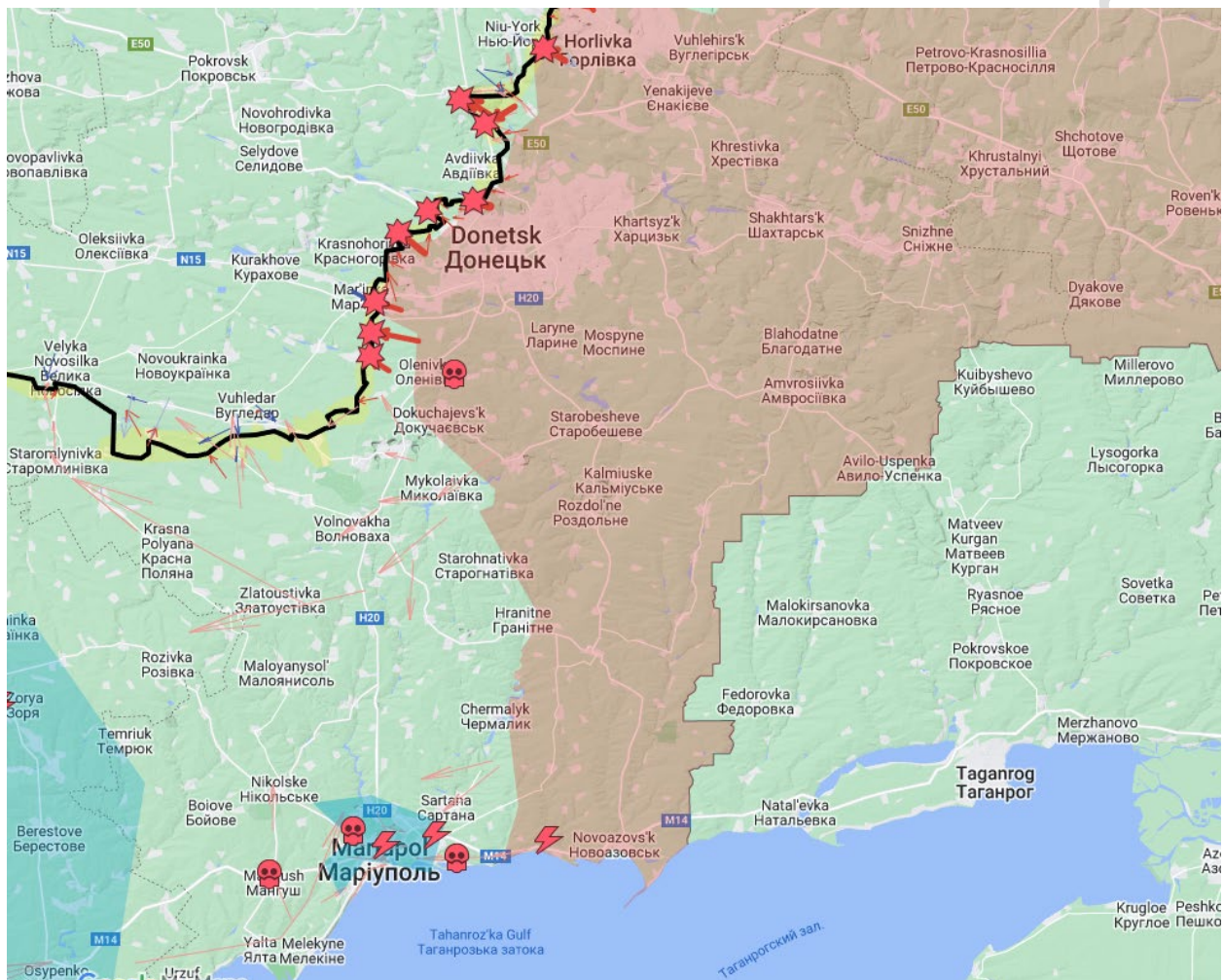
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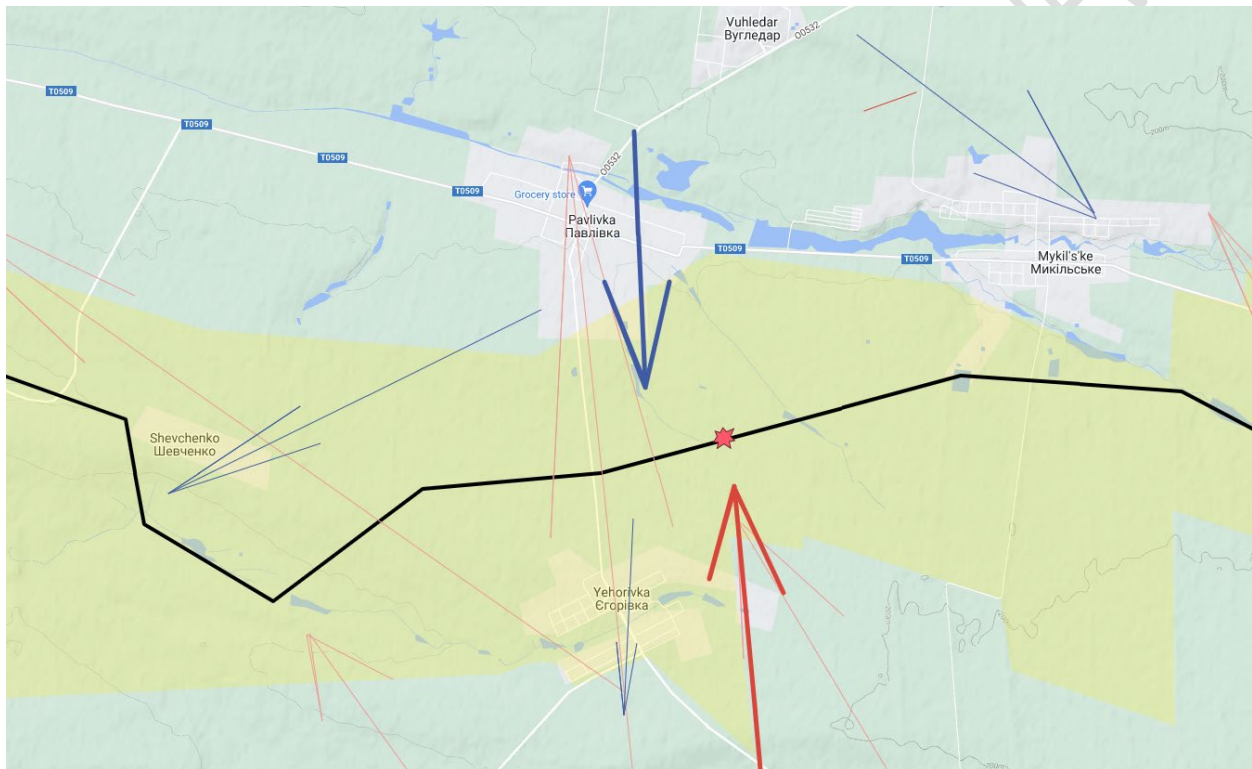
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## SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK



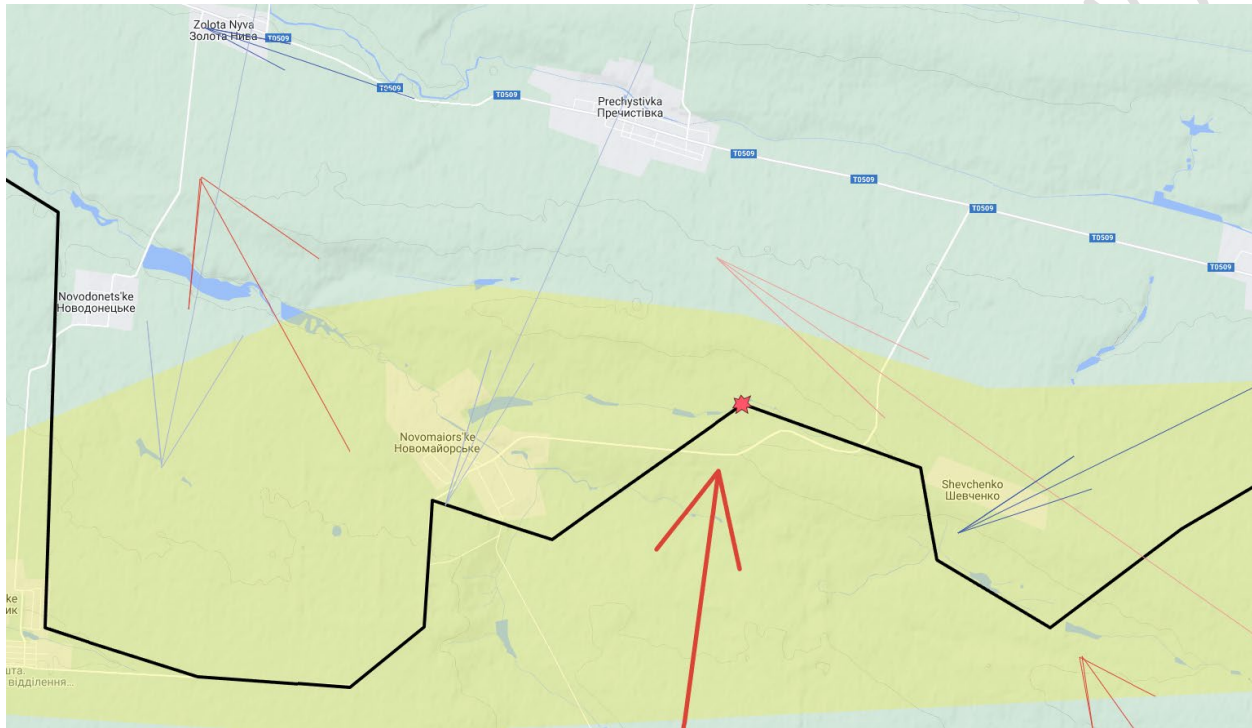
**Russian Objective:** Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, and bring the insurrection across southwestern Donetsk under control

**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



After a lull in fighting due, Russian forces continued their attacks on [Pavlivka](#). Earlier in the attack, Russian armor was able to advance into the center of the town, with

Russian troops abandoning their T-80BVM tanks.<sup>44</sup> A week of intense fighting has destroyed most of the settlement.<sup>45</sup>



Ukrainian forces continued to repel Russian advances on Prechystivka.<sup>46</sup> Russian losses have been catastrophic, with Ukrainian troops continuing to defend the bridgeheads leading to Vuhledar. The Russian MOD and milblogger Rybar did not mention fighting in the area in their reports, while War Gonzo noted that attacks continued without any gains by Russian troops.<sup>47</sup> Ukrainian sources reported that

<sup>44</sup> <https://twitter.com/Militarylandnet/status/1588652644922699777>

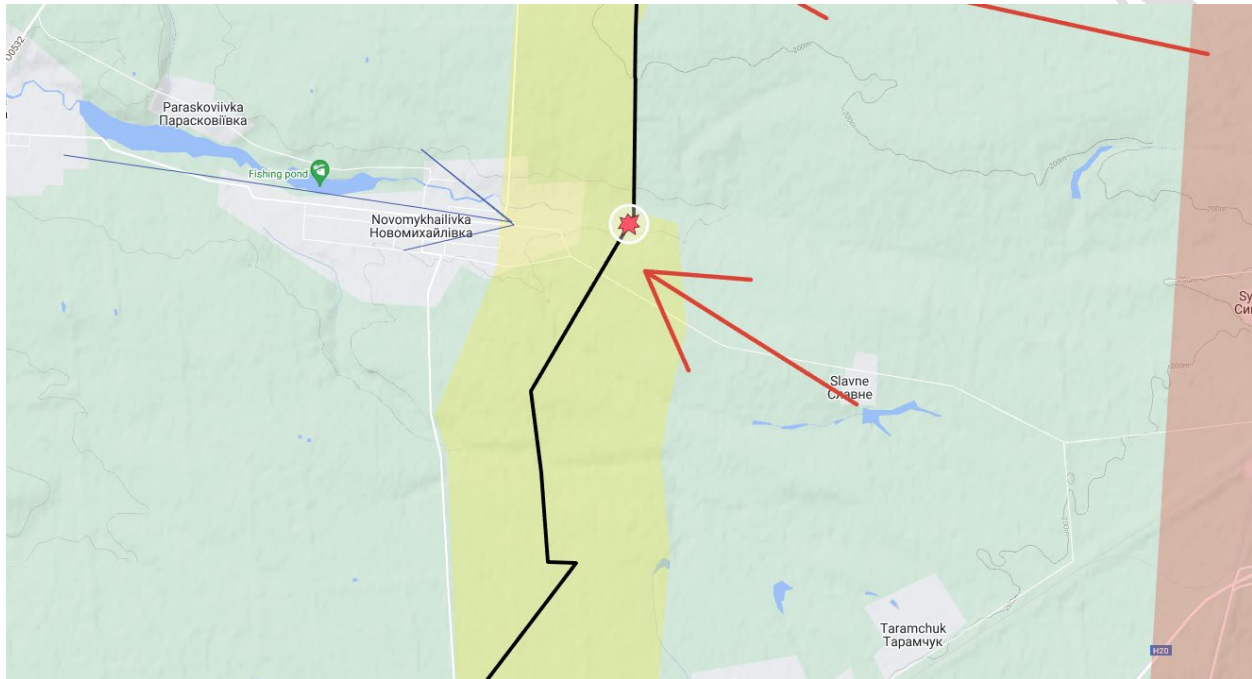
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<sup>46</sup> <https://t.me/rybar/40860>

<sup>47</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/9050>



Russian troops had made incremental gains, retaking some areas they lost on November 4.<sup>48</sup>



Fighting on the eastern edge of [Novobakhmutivka](#) continued with no change in the situation.<sup>49</sup> <sup>50</sup> The mercenaries at War Gonzo channeled our writers, stating, "The Russian army again tried to break through to Kostyantynivka from Novobakhmutivka. It has already become a tradition."

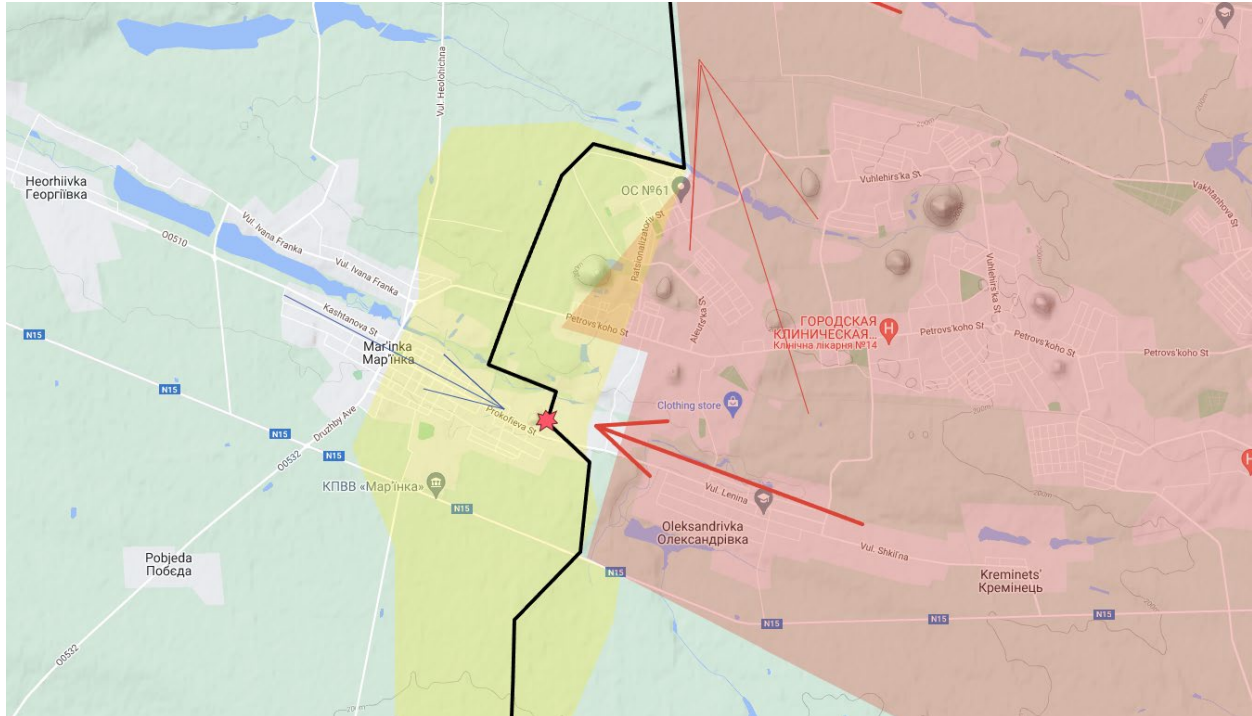
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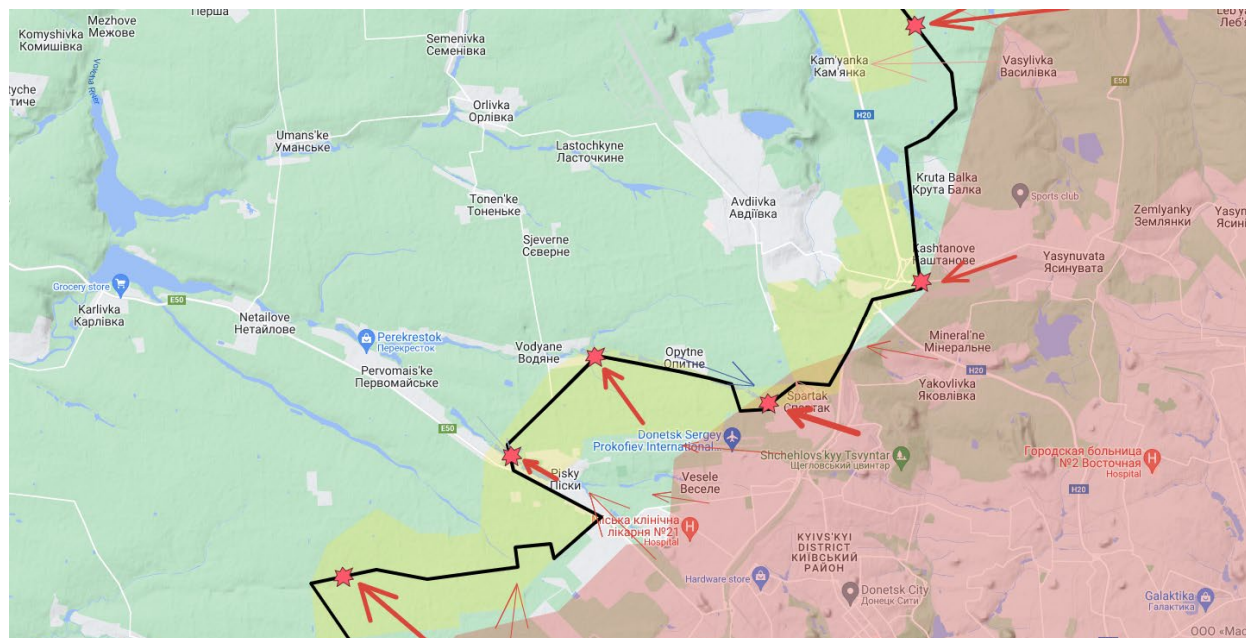




Ukrainian and Russian sources reported continued fighting in [Marinka](#), with the 1st Army Corps of the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) finding no success.<sup>51 52</sup>

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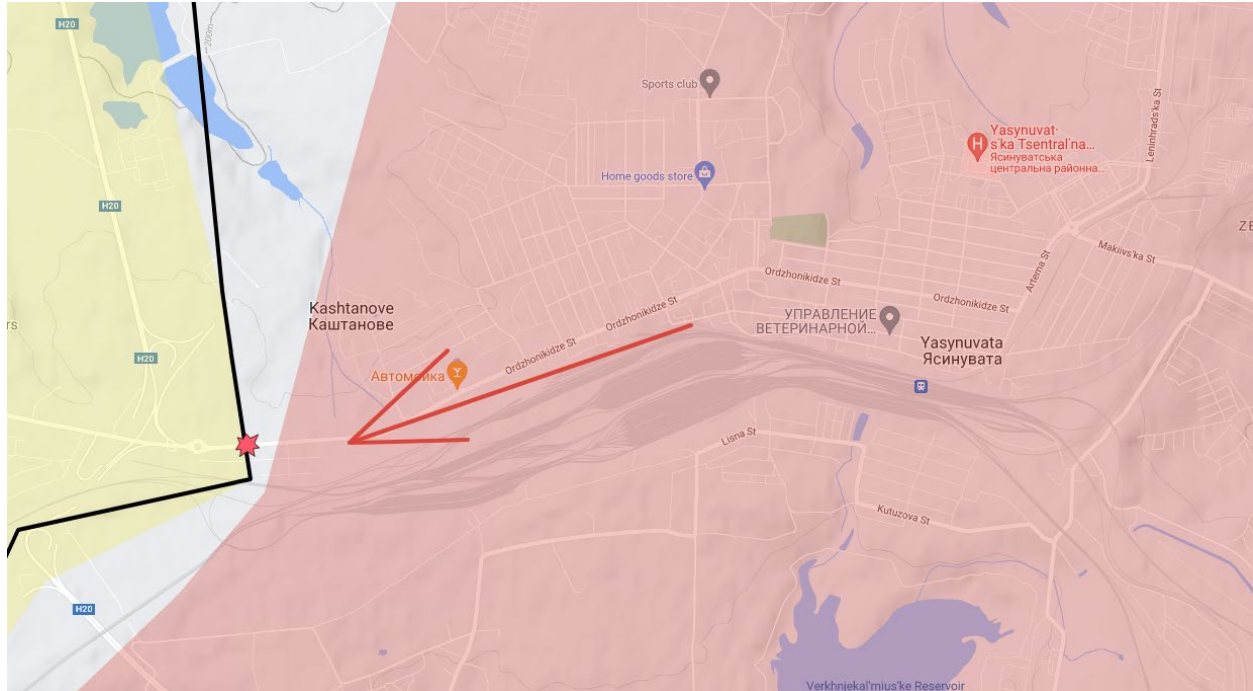
<sup>52</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)



The DNR militia launched multiple attacks along a broad front around Avdiivka, attempting to advance on the Ukrainian firebase at [Nevelske](#), into [Pervomaiske](#), toward [Optyne](#), on Ukrainian positions in [Avdiivka](#), and an attempt to advance into [Kamyanka](#). None of the offensives were successful.<sup>53</sup> A police station in central Donetsk was also struck by a rocket, causing significant damage.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>53</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

<sup>54</sup> <https://twitter.com/GeoConfirmed/status/1589026524874698752>



Russian-occupied Yasynuvata, 3 kilometers from the line of conflict, was shelled by Ukrainian forces.<sup>55</sup>

A block of apartments in the Leninskyi District of Russian-occupied Donetsk was struck in an apartment rocket attack.<sup>56</sup> It was unclear if there were any casualties at the time of publication. Social media videos showed there were [additional strikes within the city](#).<sup>57</sup>

<sup>55</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38429>

<sup>56</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38491>

<sup>57</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38481>

The shuttered Stinol chemical plant in Horlivka, used to house Russian equipment and troops, was attacked, with at least one building suffering significant damage.<sup>58</sup>

On November 4, the People's Militia of the DNR public relations channel claimed their forces destroyed two Polish KRABS 155mm self-propelled howitzers (SPG), two M777 artillery pieces, One S-21 Grad MLRS, three tanks, and seven "armored and automotive vehicles" without evidence.<sup>59</sup> But wait, there is more fan-fiction. On November 5, the DNR claimed to have destroyed one 2S1 152mm SPGs, one NATO M-109 155mm SPG, one Polish KRABS SPG, one S-21 Grad MLRS, four tanks, and ten units of "armored and automotive vehicles." On the same day, the Russian MOD reported five Ukrainian tanks destroyed theaterwide and no SPGs.<sup>60</sup>

Before we dismiss the claims, the DNR released a video showing laser-guided 152mm Krasnopol shells destroying a Ukrainian SPG.<sup>61</sup> The Russian MOD also released a [compilation of Lancet-3 drone strikes](#), including destroying at least two M-109 SPGs. One video was in Zaporizhia, and

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<sup>58</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38320>

<sup>59</sup> [https://t.me/nm\\_dnr/9343](https://t.me/nm_dnr/9343)

<sup>60</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21519](https://t.me/mod_russia/21519)

<sup>61</sup> [https://t.me/nm\\_dnr/9352](https://t.me/nm_dnr/9352)



the other was earlier in the year based on weather conditions.<sup>62</sup>

**ASSESSMENT:** Krasnopol laser-guided shells require support from Orlan-30 drones to provide guidance and “paint” a target. The reintroduction of Krasnopol 152mm shells with demonstrated accuracy indicates that Russian military contractors have been able to produce a new group of Orlan-30 drones. We find it highly unlikely that the DNR militia destroyed five SPGs in 48 hours, in addition to two S-21 Grad MLRS platforms and 2 M-777 artillery pieces.

Over the previous two days, Ukrainian forces completed 489 fire missions, with 298 conducted on November 4.<sup>63 64</sup>

Russian forces struck a large Ukrainian ammunition depot in Pokrovsk using S-300 anti-aircraft missiles for a ground attack, creating a large fire with [multiple secondary explosions](#).<sup>65 66</sup> Ukrainian officials did not acknowledge that an ammunition depot was destroyed, reporting a school

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<sup>62</sup> <https://twitter.com/JulianRoepcke/status/1588505182148886533>

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<sup>65</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38353>

<sup>66</sup> <https://twitter.com/ZabbyYT/status/1588590241270538242>

and 22 homes were damaged in a rocket attack, killing one and injuring six.<sup>67</sup> The truth matters and the video evidence is conclusive. It remains possible a school was also destroyed in the attack that used six missiles. The S-300 isn't very accurate when used for ground attacks.

Under the presence of intense security, the self-declared leader of the DNR, Denis Pushilin, [visited newly constructed apartments](#) in Mariupol as part of a public relations tour.<sup>68</sup> The Russian Federation has built several blocks of apartments in the city, with units assigned to collaborators, gauleiter family members, and occupation forces. The truth matters. As part of his tour, Pushilin talked to city residents, with some looking terrified as they answered questions while surrounded by his equally nervous-looking security detail.<sup>69</sup>

Insurgents report that the city is being flooded with troops and military equipment, with large quantities of hardware, munitions, and weapons being [shipped in unmarked civilian trucks](#).<sup>70</sup> A similar convoy was [spotted in Ilovaisk](#).<sup>71</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> [https://t.me/pavlokyrylenko\\_donoda/5466](https://t.me/pavlokyrylenko_donoda/5466)

<sup>68</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38344>

<sup>69</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38342>

<sup>70</sup> <https://t.me/andriyshTime/4159>

<sup>71</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38400>

The traffic at the Russia border [checkpoint in Uspenka has cleared](#) after days of backups stretching for kilometers.<sup>72</sup>

DNR officials report that Oleksandr Nikulin, Justice of the Supreme Court of the self-declared DNR, barely survived an assassination attempt.<sup>73</sup> Nikulin, who presided over the kangaroo court that sentenced two Ukrainian marines, and one Ukrainian soldier to death on false charges of being foreign mercenaries and terrorists, was shot in Russian-occupied Vuhlehirsk. He is reportedly in critical condition and "fighting for his life."

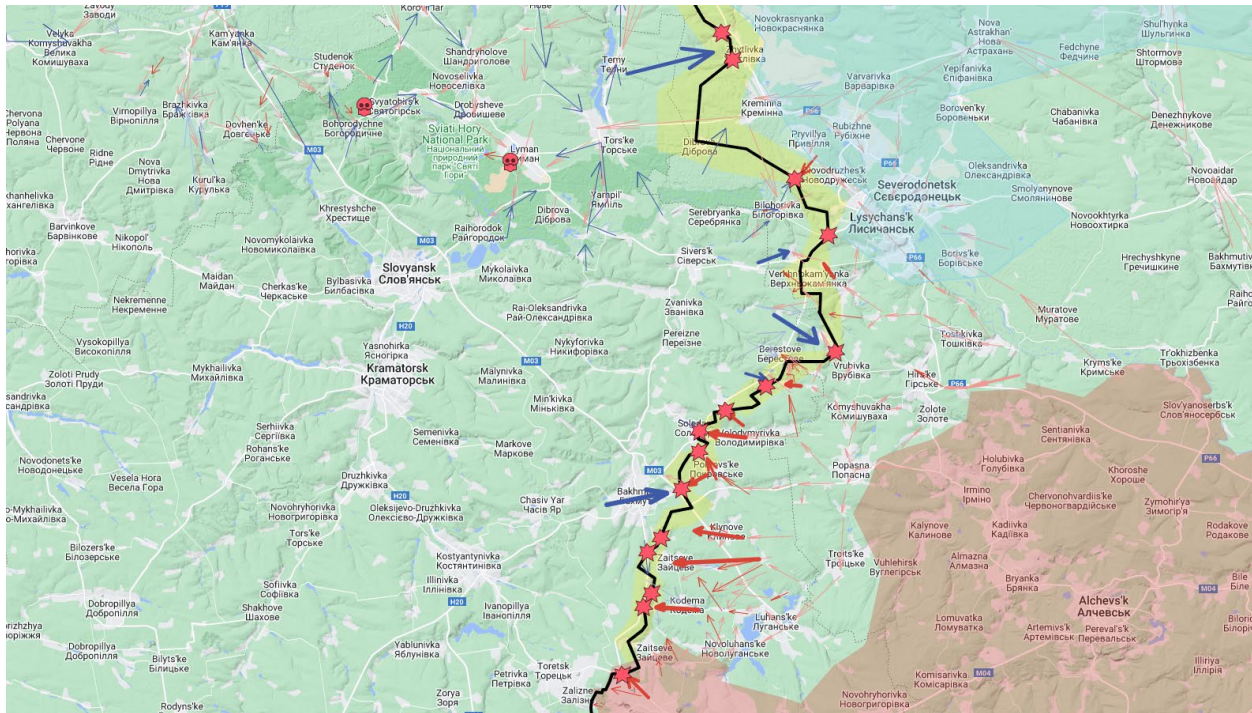
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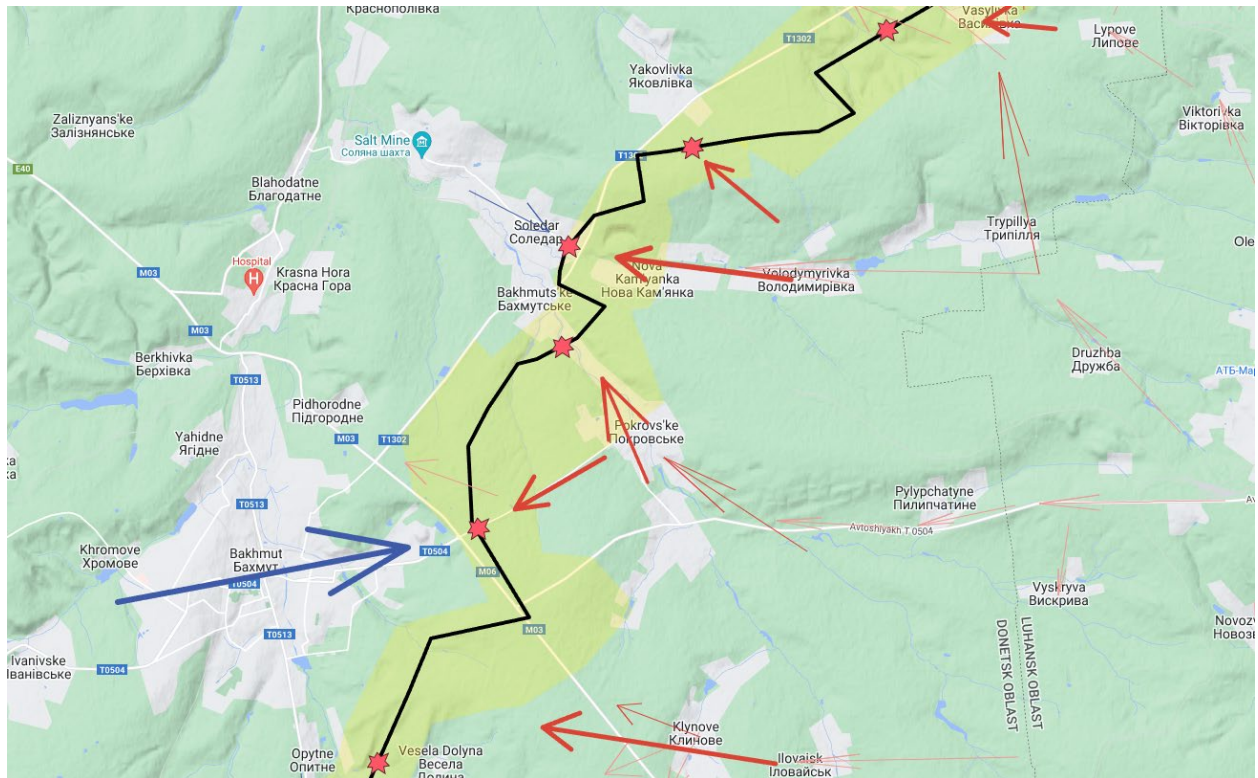
# NORTHEAST DONETSK



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

**Ukrainian Objective:** Defend Bakhmut-Soldar, push into the Luhansk oblast, and minimize civilian casualties





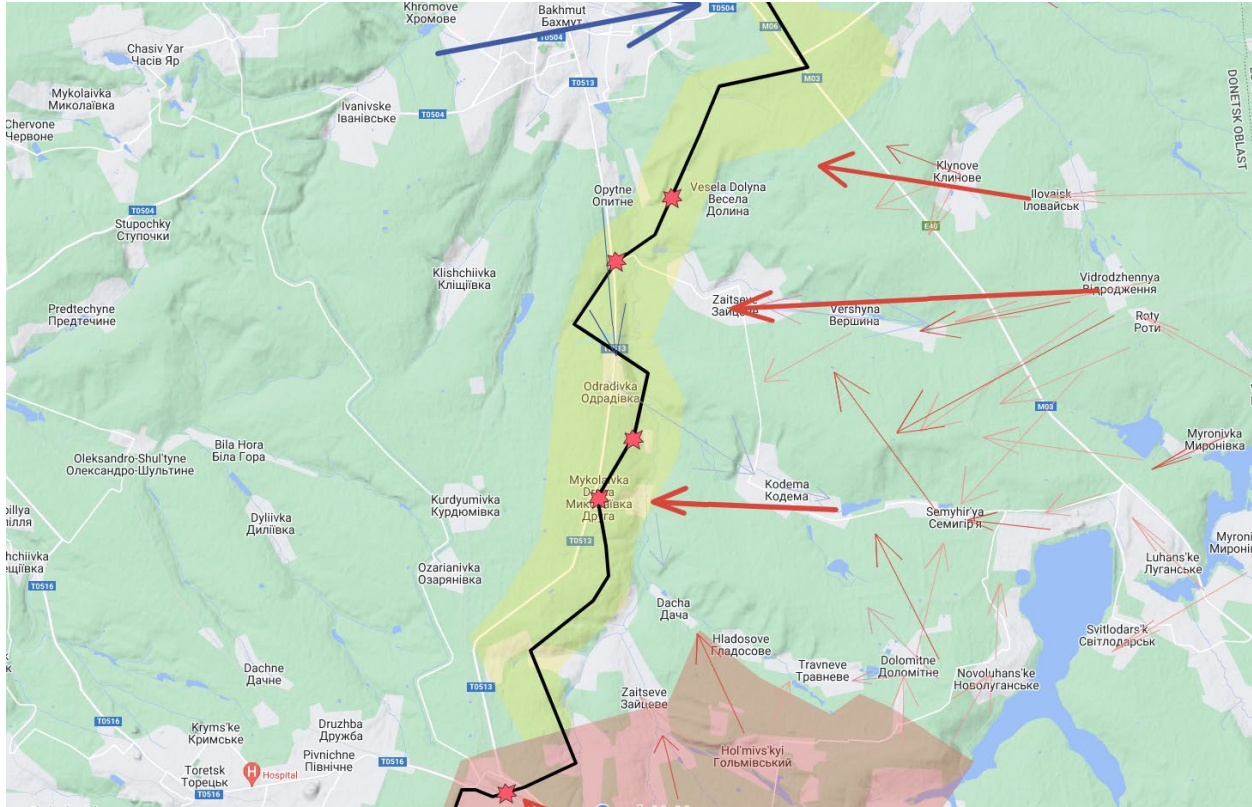
Russian and Ukrainian sources reported continued fighting on the eastern outskirts of [Bakhmut](#), with no change in the situation.<sup>74</sup> <sup>75</sup> Fighting east of the city is brutal, with both belligerents holding defensive lines that look more like the [early 20th century](#) than the early 21st.<sup>76</sup> A video of a Russian airplane being [shot down east of Bakhmut](#) provided a reminder that this is still 2022.<sup>77</sup>

<sup>74</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

<sup>75</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/9050>

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PMC Wagner Group must have sent a fresh group of convict units to the front, with attempted advances on [Ivanhrad](#), [Klishchiivka](#), and [Ozaryanivka](#) without success. One Russian milblogger claimed Russian forces had marginal success, while a Ukrainian source reported that PMC Wagner suffered significant losses while making no gains.

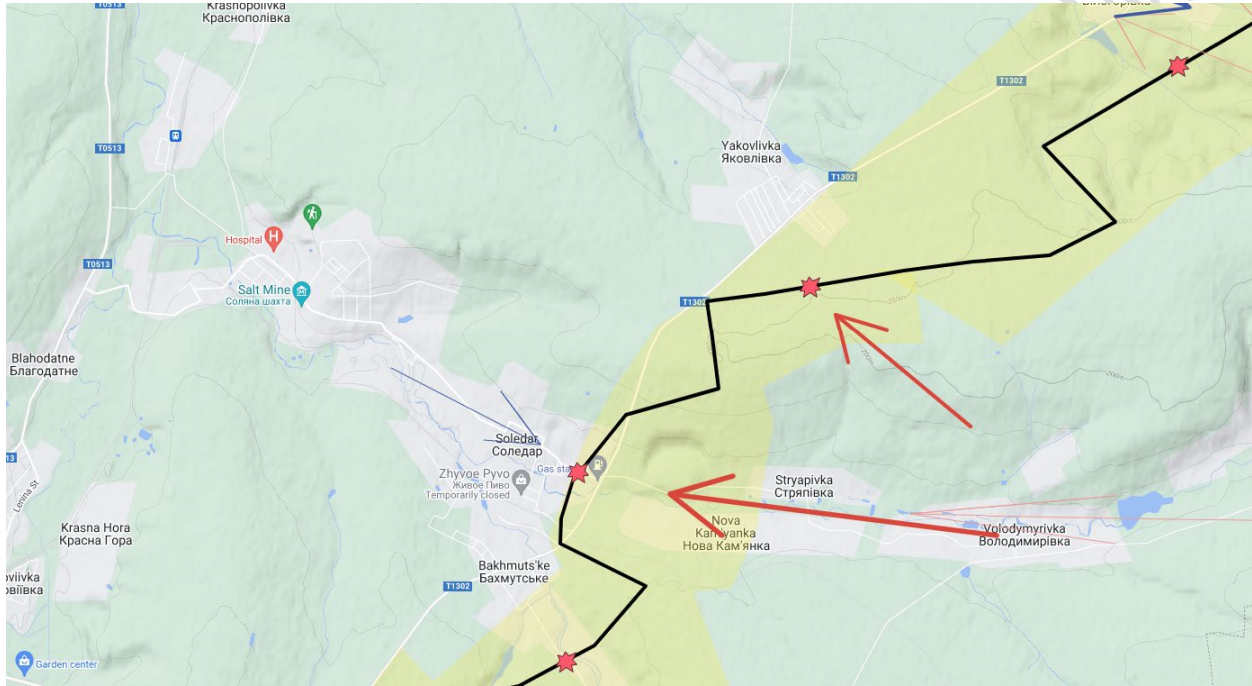
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Further south, the DNR militia continued fighting near the train station in [Mayorsk](#) while making no territorial gains.<sup>80</sup>

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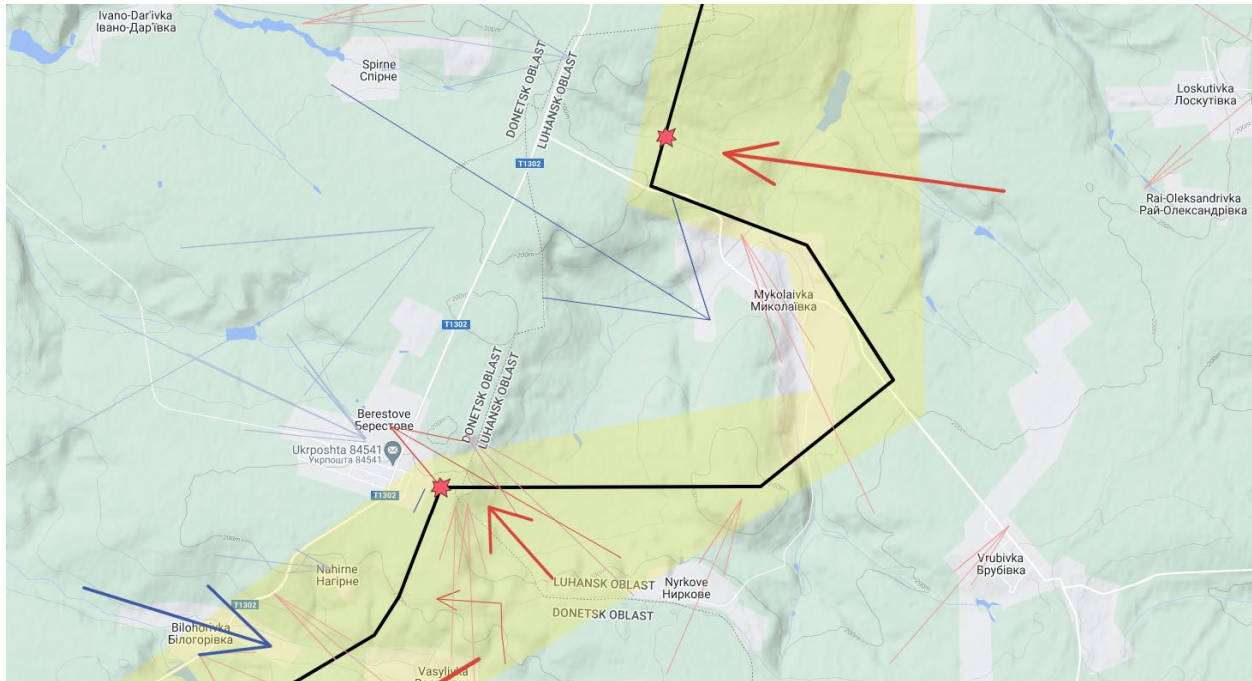
North of Bakhmut, PMC Wagner continued to attempt to bypass the Ukrainian defense in Soledar by attacking [Bakhmutske](#) and [Yakovlivka](#). The situation remains unchanged despite the massive amounts of manpower that has been pushed toward Soledar since July.

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<sup>80</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

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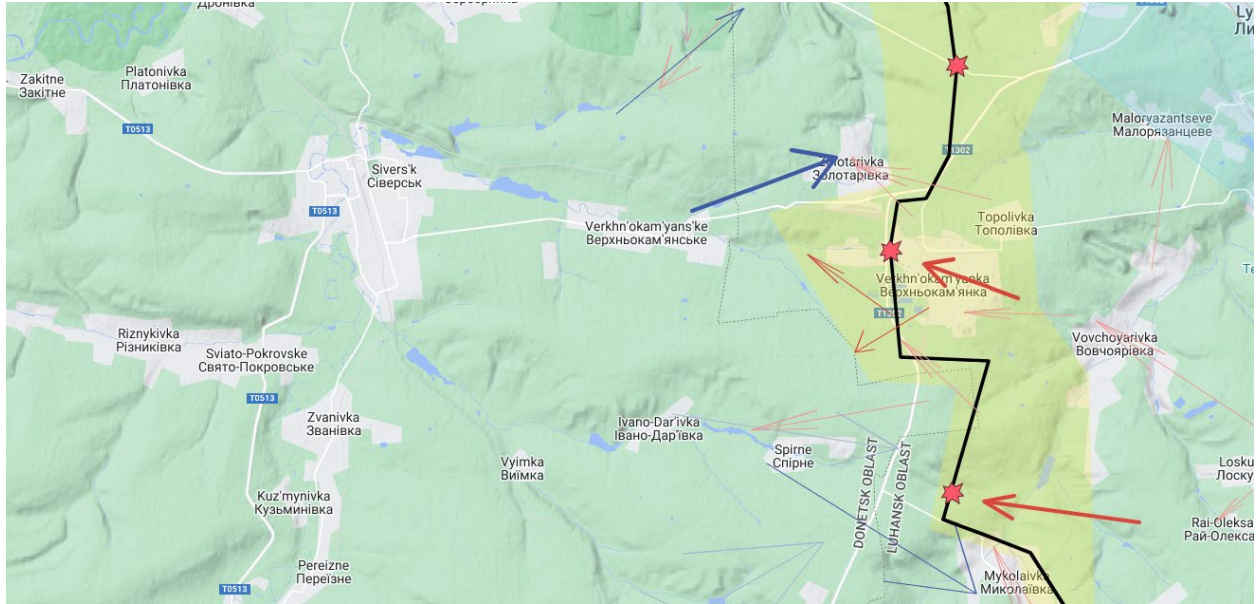


On the Donetsk-Luhansk administrative border west of Popasna, Ukrainian forces defended [Spirne](#).<sup>82</sup> Additionally, GSAFU reported that Ukrainian forces defended their positions in [Berestove](#), providing the first acknowledgment that Ukrainian forces have retaken at least part of the settlement on the T-1302 Highway.

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<sup>82</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

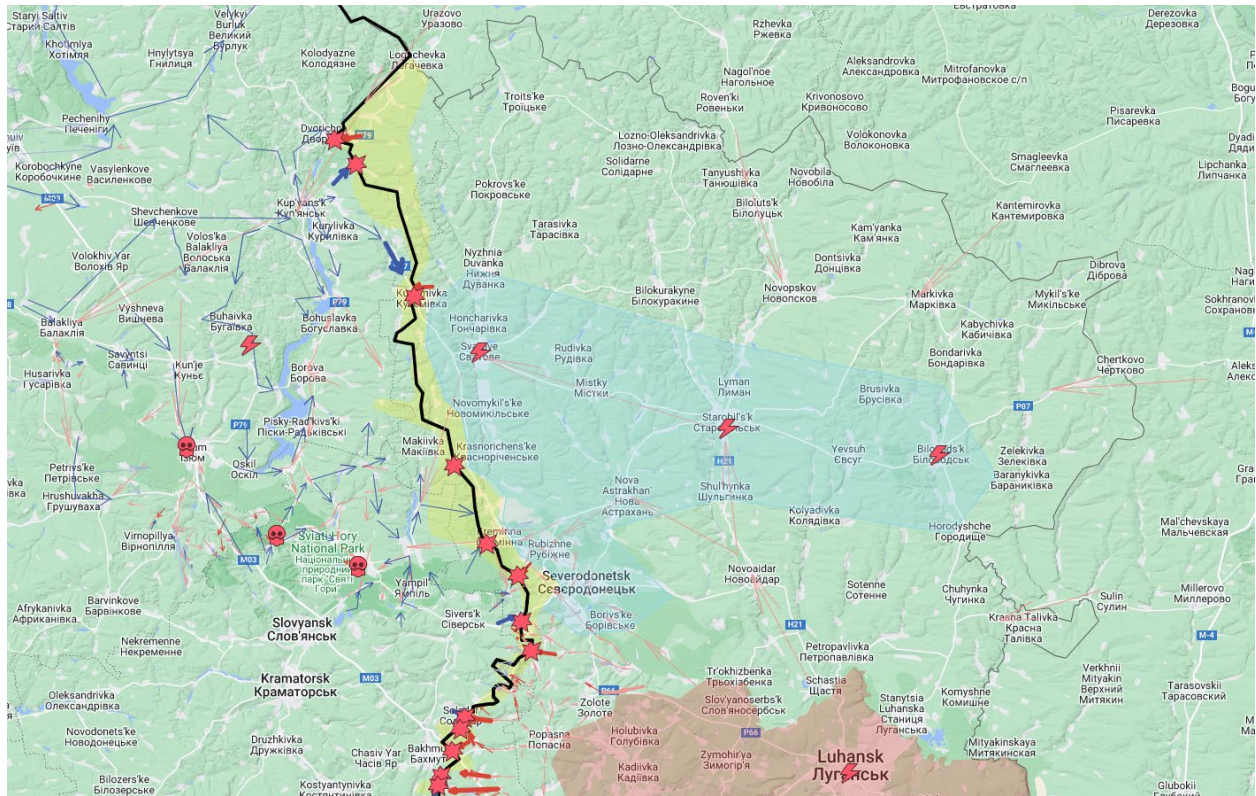




A Russian milblogger claimed that members of the 2nd Army Corps of the LNR attempted to advance on [Verkh'okamyanske](#) without success.<sup>83</sup>

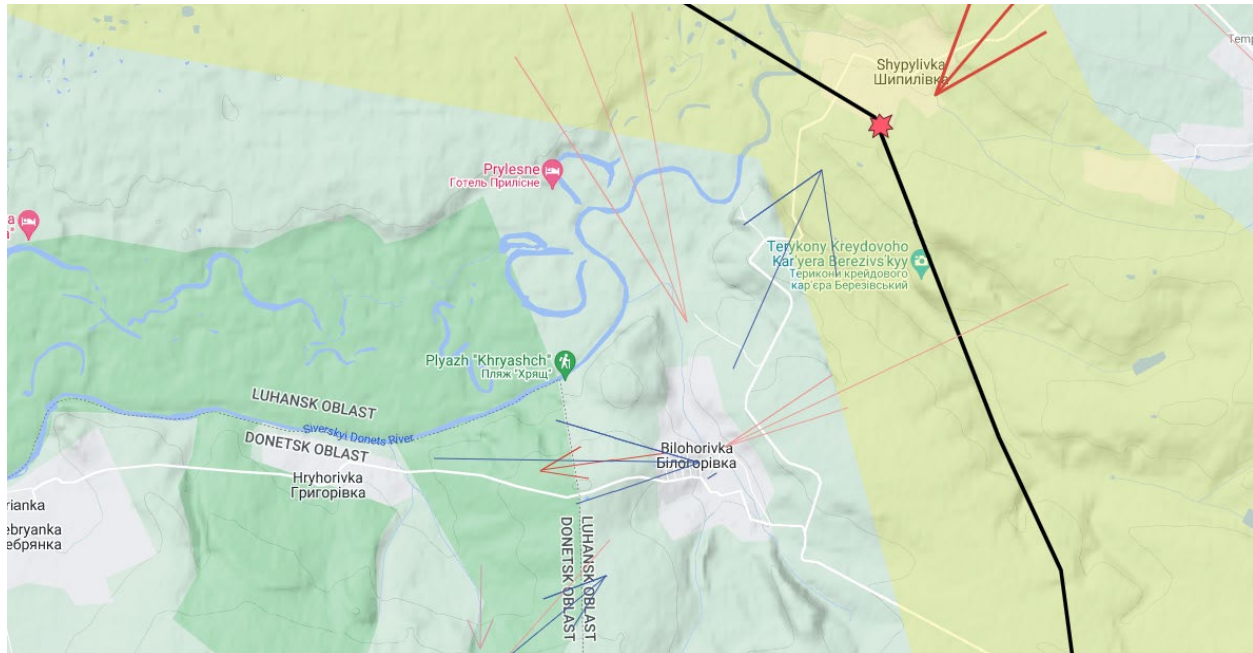
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# LUHANSK



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

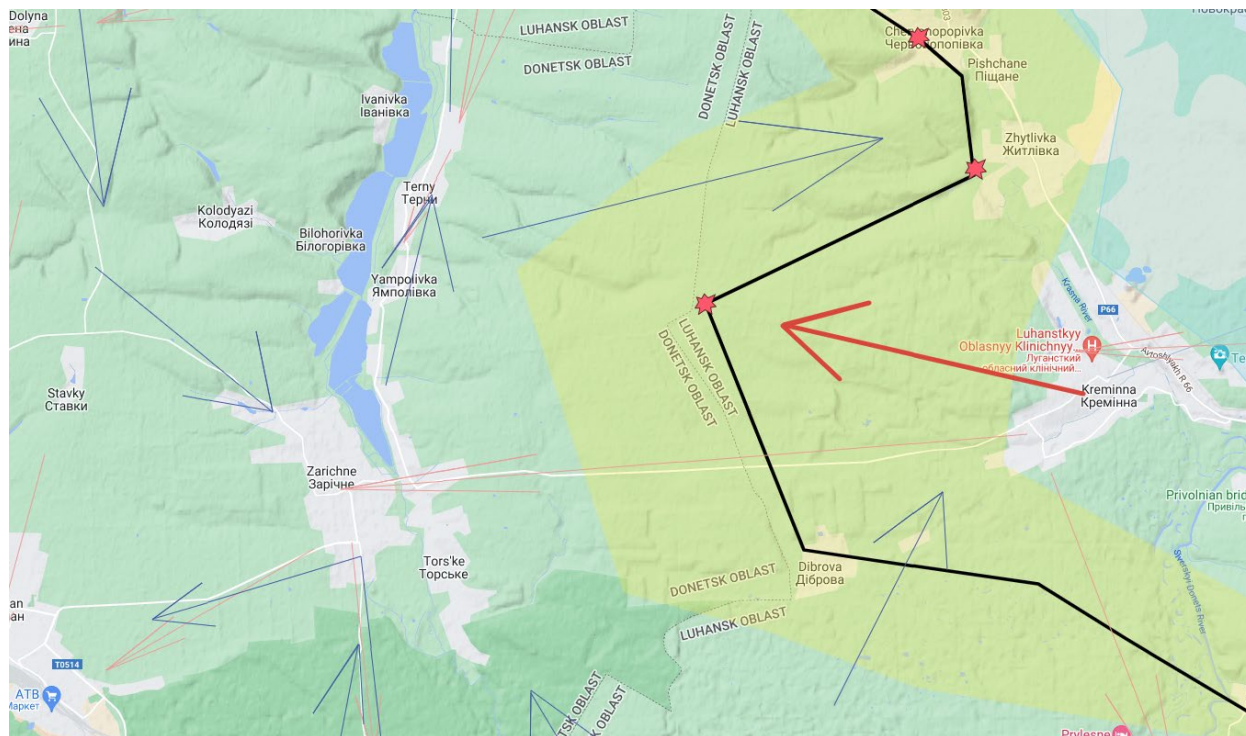
**Ukrainian Objective:** Break Russian defensive lines, advance on Svatove, Kremynna, and Lysychansk, and support insurgents



PMC Wagner's role continues to expand, with Ukrainian sources reporting a failed attack on [Bilohorivka](#) and Russian sources reporting the attack was led by the private military company.<sup>84</sup>

<sup>84</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)





Russian troops attempted to advance on [Yampolivka](#) through the forested areas west of Kreminna without success.<sup>85</sup>

A Russian offensive operation near [Makiivka](#) ended in total disaster. Russian sources and family members from the Voronezh Oblast of Russia reported that of 570 mobiks in a battalion tactical group, only 48 survived, with 19 wounded.<sup>86</sup> According to family members, the mobiks were conscripted on October 12.<sup>87</sup> One of the survivors, Russian

<sup>85</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/5/7375139/>

<sup>87</sup> <https://twitter.com/vidtranslator/status/1589015050001457152>



serviceman Aleksey Agafonov said they were sent forward on November 1 and told to dig in with only three spades for the entire battalion. On November 2, Ukrainian forces launched an offensive with artillery, rockets, and helicopters, obliterating the unit.<sup>88</sup> Family members accused the Russian MOD of not providing adequate training, equipment, weapons, or food to their husbands and sons before the unit was completely destroyed. Family members were protesting outside of government offices in Voronezh, demanding answers on the status of their relatives.<sup>89</sup> It is the worst verifiable single-day, single-unit loss Russian forces have suffered since May 8. Russian forces attempted another assault on Makiivka on October 5 and remained unsuccessful.<sup>90</sup>

In Svatove, warehouses allegedly holding Russian military equipment were destroyed by rockets fired by HIMARS.<sup>91</sup> Pictures showing the aftermath were consistent with a HIMARS strike but did not indicate that military vehicles or ammunition were stored in the location.<sup>92</sup>

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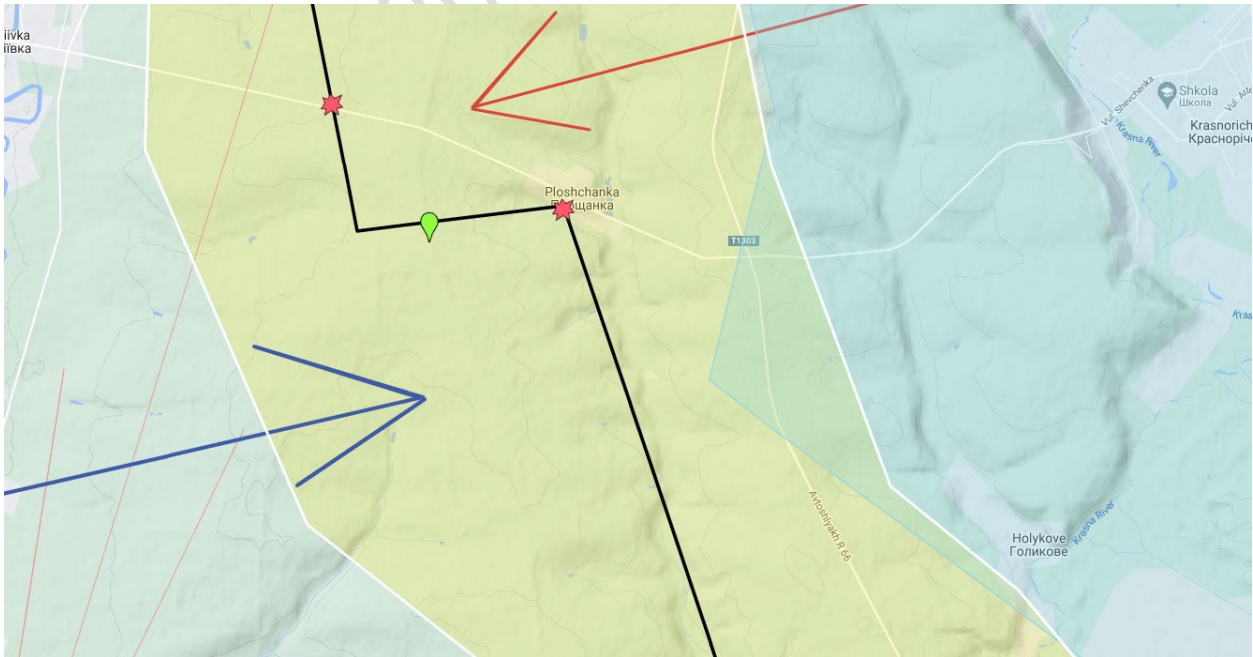
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<sup>90</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

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Drone video on November 4 confirmed that Ukrainian forces had reached the western edge of [Ploshchanka](#).<sup>93</sup> Ukrainian troops emerged from the treeline and engaged with at least two Russian tanks at [point-blank range with antitank weapons](#). In the video, one tank was destroyed, with the second fired from under 100 meters.

Russian and Ukrainian sources report that fighting has been light over the last 48 hours compared to the previous two weeks, using the words “quieting down.”<sup>94 95</sup>

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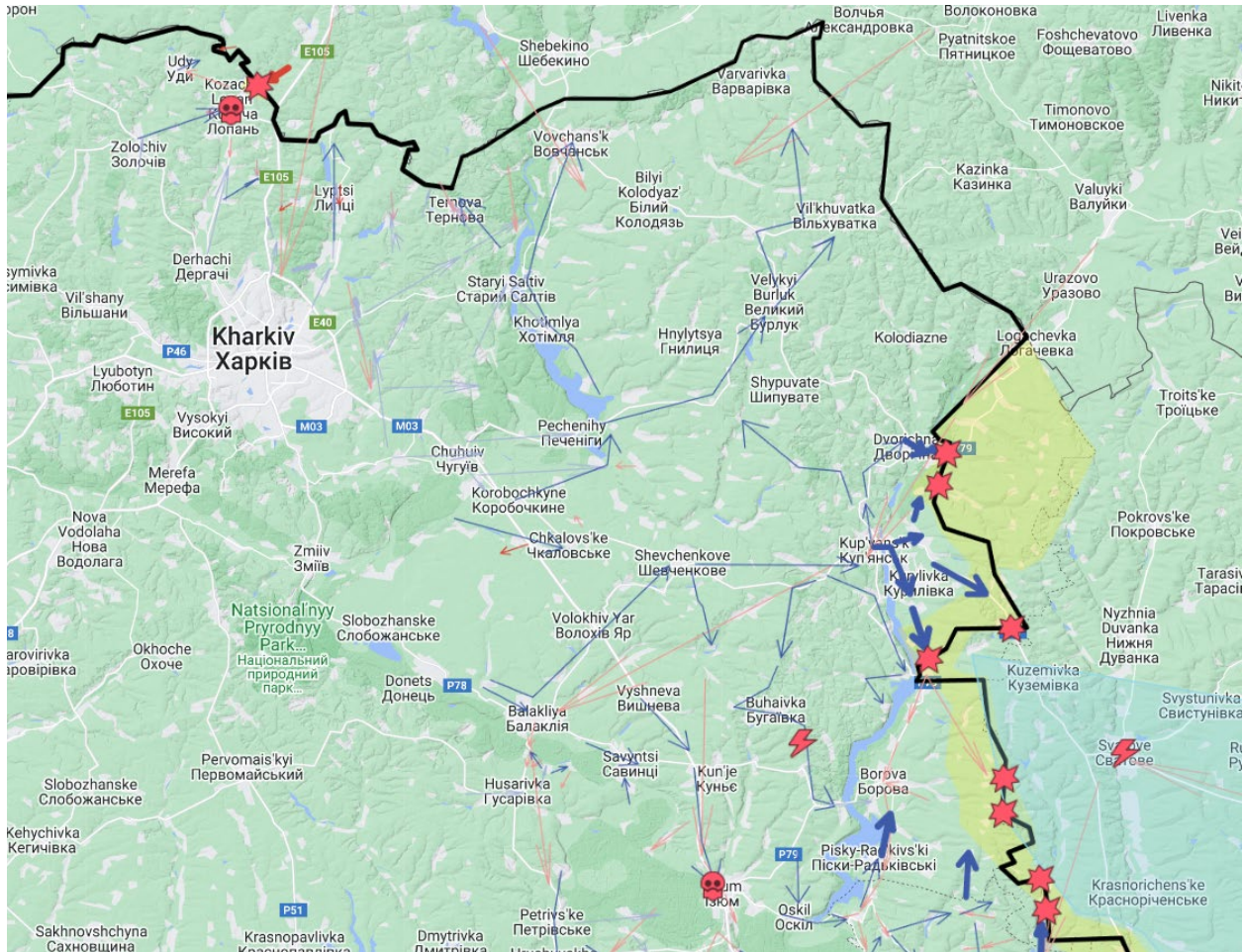
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# KHARKIV



**Russian Objective:** Lock military resources in place, launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services, and break morale



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

There were no credible reports of fighting on the short line of conflict in Kharkiv, where 25 settlements remain under Russian control. The Ukrainian military engaged in psychological warfare, firing artillery shells across the Russian positions with leaflets explaining how to surrender.<sup>96</sup>

The leaflets stated, "We can inform our enemy that he can surrender on our land. Soldiers will be treated normally, in accordance with humanitarian law."

"We are calling on the Russians to evade conscription and surrender to Ukrainians because it is better than dying from the devastating fire of our artillery," and provided information on how to surrender.

Video from Oskil shows that the reservoir, which once was 85 kilometers long and 4 kilometers wide, has completely

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<sup>96</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/4/7374997/>

drained away after Russian forces destroyed the dam in early September during their retreat from Izyum.<sup>97</sup>

## CHERNIHIV & SUMY REGION

**Russian Objective:** Lock Ukrainian military resources into place and launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to break morale and maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services

**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 Myropillia, Krasnopillya, Seredyna-Buda, Khotin, and Bilopillia were hit by artillery shells and mortars fired from across the Russian border. In Bilopillia, three homes were damaged.<sup>98</sup> In Seredyna-Buda, mortars caused major damage to four

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<sup>97</sup> <https://twitter.com/DefenceU/status/1588649775393820672>

<sup>98</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/5/7375061/>

homes.<sup>99</sup> Russian forces used drones to drop two IEDs on Krasnopillya without causing any damage.<sup>100</sup>

In the Znob-Novgorodska hromada, Russian troops and the Ukrainian territorial guard exchanged gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades in two border villages. There were no injuries. In the Shalyhyne hromada, there was also a border skirmish with Russia and Ukrainian forces exchanging small arms fire.<sup>101</sup>

Russian forces launched one of its largest cross-border bombardments into the Chernihiv oblast in months, striking the settlements of Hrinivka, Liskivshchyna, Karpovychi, Tymonovichi, and Leonivka on November 4 and Mykolaivka and Senkivka on November 5.<sup>102 103</sup> There were no reports of significant damage.

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<sup>99</sup> <https://t.me/Zhyvytskyy/5691>

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<sup>101</sup> <https://t.me/Zhyvytskyy/5699>

<sup>102</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 4, PM PDT](#)

<sup>103</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report, November 5, PM PDT](#)

## KYIV REGION

**Russian Objective:** Launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services and break morale

**Ukrainian Objective:** Deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

There wasn't any significant fighting reported in this region.

## BLACK SEA, CRIMEA & ODESA REGION

The Russian Ministry of Defense released a video of a Lancet-3 kamikaze drone striking a Ukrainian Gurya M class gunboat.<sup>104</sup> It is unclear when and where the attack happened.

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<sup>104</sup> [Navy Recognition](#)



## WESTERN & CENTRAL UKRAINE

**Russian Objective:** Launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services and break morale

**Ukrainian Objective:** Deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

Serhii Borzov, Vinnytsia Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported that multiple Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 drones attacked critical infrastructure.<sup>105</sup> It is likely the area hit was related to energy or water infrastructure, with the Russian MOD intent on destroying the Ukrainian electrical grid as they did in Syria and Chechenya.

In Rivne, an unknown person threw a hand grenade into a playground. The blast wounded three people, including one child. A suspect has not been identified, and it is unclear what the attack's motive was. Ukrainian officials have not called it an act of terrorism at the time of publication.<sup>106</sup>

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<sup>105</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/5/7375060/>

<sup>106</sup> [https://twitter.com/Flash\\_news\\_ua/status/1588641624221175808](https://twitter.com/Flash_news_ua/status/1588641624221175808)

## RUSSIAN FRONT

Russian sources claim Ukraine shelled the border village of Guevo, knocking out electrical power and damaging several homes. There were no injuries reported.<sup>107</sup>

In Kostroma, 23-year-old Ukraine war veteran Stanislav Ionkin got into a fight in the Polygon café and club and fired a flare gun into the ceiling.<sup>108</sup> The ceiling erupted into flames trapping occupants that watched the fire spread in stunned amazement. Fifteen people were killed, and the building was destroyed in the fire.<sup>109</sup> Ionkin fled the scene after setting the building ablaze and has been arrested, according to Russian authorities.

Members of a resistance organization in Russia destroyed an electrical substation and railroad switching gear in Nizhny-Novgorod.<sup>110</sup> The opposition forces [released a video](#) showing multiple transformers and railroad switches being destroyed across Russia, with the location in Nizhny-Novogord geolocated.

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<sup>107</sup> <https://t.me/rybar/40916>

<sup>108</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38466>

<sup>109</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/38390>

<sup>110</sup> <https://twitter.com/GeoConfirmed/status/1589036399495614464>

## THEATERWIDE & EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a three-hour Supreme Commander-in-Chief staff meeting with the heads of the military, national police, and intelligence agencies. The leaders discussed the situation on the front, air defenses, and providing equipment and ammunition to Ukrainian troops.

**ASSESSMENT:** Although these meetings have preceded large offensives in the past, this has only happened when the Ukrainian government has not provided a public readout.

Elon Musk and Starlink are in the headlines again due to terminals being disabled, days after Musk tweeted that he would continue to provide service after getting into an online kerfuffle with Ukrainian officials and the Pentagon.<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>111</sup> [CNN](#)

The Pentagon, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic announced the three nations were collaborating to provide 90 of “the most advanced” tanks on the battlefield in Ukraine.<sup>112</sup> The NATO partners are dividing the cost of modernizing the donated Czech T-72B tanks with better engines, thermal sights, fire control systems, and reactive armor. The first batch of tanks will be available for deployment before the end of the year. Concurrent with the announcement of providing aid to refurbish 45 of the 90 tanks, Dutch officials announced an additional 75 million euros in military aid.

The United States Department of Defense announced a \$400 million military aid package to Ukraine as part of the already authorized Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.<sup>113</sup> The new package includes:

- Funding to refurbish HAWK air defense missiles for inclusion in future Presidential drawdown packages
- Funding to refurbish 45 of the previously mentioned Czech T-72B tanks
- 1,100 Phoenix Ghost Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems

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<sup>112</sup> [MSN](#)

<sup>113</sup> [United States Department of Defense](#)



- 40 Armored Riverine Boats
- Funding to refurbish 250 M1117 Armored Security Vehicles for future drawdown packages
- Tactical secure communication systems
- Funding for training, maintenance, and equipment sustainment

The United States has provided \$18.9 billion in military aid to Ukraine since January 20, 2021, and \$21 billion since 2014.

The Spanish Ministry of Defense announced it was providing Ukraine with four I-HAWK air defense systems and one Spada 2000 (Apside) air defense battery.<sup>114</sup> The equipment was already en route and in Poland at the time of the November 2 announcement.

Ukroboronprom announced it has established the production of 120-mm mortars and 122-mm and 152-mm shells for use by the Ukrainian military.<sup>115</sup> It had been previously announced that Ukraine was working with an unnamed partner nation to start ammunition production outside of Ukraine. The shell design has passed testing,

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<sup>114</sup> <https://t.me/swodki/186414>

<sup>115</sup> <https://mil.in.ua/en/news/ukroboronprom-establishes-the-production-of-122-mm-and-152-mm-shells/>

with 120-mm mortars already in production. In-house production of 122-mm and 152-mm shells is hoped to ramp up by early spring.

The United Kingdom has sent 195,000 sets of winter uniforms to Ukraine.<sup>116</sup> Each set represents more than 40 items and NATO standard first aid kits. Germany has sent more than 440,000 items. Previously United States military aid packages announced in the late summer and early fall included winter gear.

Ukrainian officials reported that 1,300 Starlink terminals purchased using private funds from a British company were disabled on October 24 without notice, impacting military operations. SpaceX was charging the Ukrainian government \$2,500 a month for each terminal – almost \$20 million, which Ukraine paid through September. This contradicts Musk's online accusations that he was providing the service completely free and losing \$100 million a year on almost 25,000 Starlink terminals. The Ukrainian government could not meet the October payment, and the terminals were shut off after Musk vowed to continue to provide Starlink service.

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<sup>116</sup> [https://twitter.com/nexta\\_tv/status/1587828784031465472](https://twitter.com/nexta_tv/status/1587828784031465472)

SpaceX, Starlink, the Pentagon, Musk, and the Ukrainian government refused to comment on the situation.

Satellite images showed a train crossing the Tumen River from North Korea into Russia, which was considered highly unusual.<sup>117</sup> <sup>118</sup> Western intelligence agencies believe the train is carrying munitions and potentially small arms to support the Russian Federation, which is suffering from shortages of both due to consumption and corruption.

In what may be one of the most bizarre payments for artillery shells in modern history, Russia reportedly sent a train back to North Korea full of thoroughbred racehorses.<sup>119</sup>

United States officials reported on Friday there was no evidence that a transaction between Russia and North Korea for munitions has been made, and currently, there aren't any North Korean weapons in Ukraine.

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<sup>117</sup> <https://twitter.com/phildstewart/status/1588678943867310080>

<sup>118</sup> <https://twitter.com/sentdefender/status/1588978652968280064>

<sup>119</sup> [MSN](#)

The Iranian government acknowledged that it had supplied drones to Russia but claimed that it was a limited quantity and they were shipped months before the war.<sup>120</sup> Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian told reporters about the shipments just days after denying Iran had any involvement on national television.

Oleh Nikolenko, spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, wrote on his Facebook page, "Ukraine has been taught to trust only the facts. Therefore, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Dmytro Kuleba, in close coordination with the relevant Ukrainian agencies, will continue to take the most severe measures possible to prevent Russia from using Iranian weapons to kill Ukrainians and destroy our critical infrastructure."

He further warned that the long-term harm to Iran would outweigh the short-term benefits of supporting Russia with military hardware.

President Zelenskyy dismissed Iran's claim it had only provided a small number of drones as a falsehood. "We shoot down at least ten Iranian drones every day, yet the

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<sup>120</sup> [MSN](#)



Iranian regime claims that it supplied Russia with only a small number of them," Zelenskyy said. In October, it is estimated Russia launched more than 400 Shahed-136 drones, with Ukraine shooting down almost 300.

Russian mobiks are arriving in Belarus to replenish forces positioned north of Ukraine and for training programs expected to last two to three weeks.<sup>121</sup> Satellite images showed a significant number of Russian forces arriving in the Baranovichi region of Belarus. The location is northeast of Brest and sits on a potential Ground Line of Communication for a Russian-led invasion into western Ukraine.<sup>122</sup> Satellite images suggest a full brigade has been deployed with 40 to 60 infantry fighting vehicles and 60 to 80 supporting cargo trucks.<sup>123</sup>

The British Defense Intelligence Agency reported that the Russian troops had been sent to Belarus for training because the Russian MOD did not have enough resources, trainers, or facilities to support ongoing partial mobilization and the previously planned conscription of 120,000 troops.<sup>124</sup>

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<sup>121</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/5/7375071/>

<sup>122</sup> <https://twitter.com/GeoConfirmed/status/1589037425216495622>

<sup>123</sup> <https://twitter.com/Tatarigami-UA/status/1588927971259469825>

<sup>124</sup> <https://twitter.com/DefenceHQ/status/1588785131975856128>

President Zelenskyy announced a new fundraising campaign on the United24 platform to purchase a fleet of unmanned surface vessels similar to the ones used to attack the Black Sea Fleet.<sup>125</sup>

It is reported that the new commander of Russia's Central Command is Major General Alexander Linkov.<sup>126</sup> <sup>127</sup> Linkov replaces Colonel General Alexandr Lapin, who was relieved of command after failing to defend the Luhansk administrative border effectively. Lapin had become a target of Putin's inner circle as a scapegoat for the losses in Kharkiv that spilled over into Donetsk and Luhansk, despite leading the only successful military campaign of Russia's "special military operation," securing the Luhansk Oblast in early July.

At a joint press conference with Andriy Yermak, the head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, and United States National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, Yermak said that Kyiv has a clear vision of what victory looks like and has shared that with its partners, including the United States.<sup>128</sup>

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<sup>125</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/5/7375129/>

<sup>126</sup> [https://twitter.com/maks\\_nafo\\_fella/status/1588501968175403009](https://twitter.com/maks_nafo_fella/status/1588501968175403009)

<sup>127</sup> <https://twitter.com/DefenceHQ/status/1589152939582660608>

<sup>128</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/4/7375050/>

Turkey remains the only nation to ratify NATO membership for Sweden and Finland and has not signaled that a vote is imminent to clear the final hurdle.

A third United States nuclear ballistic submarine made its presence known in the Mediterranean. The USS Rhode Island sailed into the sea on the surface and is considered the world's largest fully operational carrier of nuclear weapons on the planet.<sup>129</sup> The United States has been making it clear that its nuclear deterrent in the region after the Kremlin threatened to use tactical nuclear weapons in late September. Those threats have since been walked by – for now.

***Errors and Omissions:*** *We had reported that General Atomics stated an agreement had been reached to provide Ukraine with MQ-9 "Gray Eagle" drones. The capabilities and drone type were correct, but the MQ-9 is a Reaper, not a Gray Eagle. We thank you for your understanding.*

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## RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION & MILITARY STATUS

The Russian people crowdsourced 81 civilian off-road vehicles, mostly vans, for use by Russian troops on the front.<sup>130</sup> Most vehicles are variants of the UAZ SGR, derisively called Scooby-doo vans on social media. The vans are as reliable as a Soviet tractor but provide no armor protection or resistance to mines and don't come with any Scooby snacks.



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<sup>130</sup> [https://t.me/nm\\_dnr/9351](https://t.me/nm_dnr/9351)



In Kazan, riots around mobiks over conditions and a lack of training are expanding, with groups of up to 2,000 trainees defying OMON riot police.<sup>131</sup> In the village of Pestunovo, Belgorod, an abandoned school was burnt to the ground. Suspicious and frustrated local residents suspect the arson was committed by mobiks or by people trying to interfere with the training and deployment of Russian troops.<sup>132</sup>

British Defense Intelligence validated our previous report that Russian forces are using blocking troops. The blocking troops are a second echelon behind front-line soldiers, charged with shooting anyone retreating from battle against orders or attempting to surrender.<sup>133</sup> The Russian MOD has used blocking forces in the post-Soviet era and has reportedly used blocking forces previously in Ukraine. Chechen forces in Kherson were reportedly deployed in early October to serve as blocking forces and have gotten into shootouts with Russian units.

UK intelligence also reported that Russian generals had requested the deployment of blocking forces and the authority to shoot deserters, forcing mobiks to hold their positions until death.

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<sup>131</sup> <https://twitter.com/wartranslated/status/1588992762380419073>

<sup>132</sup> <https://twitter.com/TWMCLtd/status/1589038667766517760>

<sup>133</sup> <https://twitter.com/DefenceHQ/status/1588418427944898561>

Russian media outlet Astra reported that the number of prison camps for Russian refusniks was expanding.<sup>134</sup> Conscripts report that refusniks and deserters were being held in underground cells where they were threatened and tortured. Relatives of the detained who returned to the front claim that prisoners were told, "We will shoot you and throw you into a pit, but we will inform your relatives that you are missing."

The Russian embassy in North Korea reported they were negotiating with North Korea for winter weather clothing and boots for troops.<sup>135</sup> It's November – and Russia is still looking for winter weather gear for its troops and is asking North Korea for aid. Take all the time you need.

All is going to plan.

## **WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

In Skadovsk, Kherson, Russian occupation officials publicly hung 56-year-old nurse Tetyana Mudryenko for expressing

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<sup>134</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/5/7375118/>

<sup>135</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/4/7374971/>

pro-Ukrainian views.<sup>136</sup> Local residents said that after Mudryenko declared, “Skadovsk is Ukraine,” Russian troops dragged her through the streets and issued the extra-judicial execution without trial.

Russian troops looted the Regional Art Museum in Shovkunenka, Kherson, stealing over 12,000 pieces of art. Before 2022, it was one of the largest art collections in Ukraine.<sup>137</sup>

Ukrainian war crimes investigators found the bodies of three civilians who Russian troops had executed during the occupation of Vysokopillia in Kherson.<sup>138</sup> Their bodies are being sent for forensic examination, identification, and to establish the circumstances that led to their deaths.

In Oleshkiv, Russian forces have illegally deported orphans aged 9 to 17 to a mental hospital in Simferopol, part of Russian-occupied Crimea, according to the Human Rights Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada, Dmytro Lubinets.<sup>139</sup>

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<sup>136</sup> <https://www.ft.com/content/99349f01-c587-4ab4-86df-85ff3c0fcd3b>

<sup>137</sup> <https://twitter.com/tweet4anna/status/1587510270267564032>

<sup>138</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/4/7375020/>

<sup>139</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28389>

Lubinetts accused Russia of genocide by deporting the children into Russian custody.

Ukrainian officials report that the vessels being sunk at the river port in Kherson by Russian forces have leaked 10 tons of diesel fuel, gasoline, and lubricants into the Dnipro River, creating an ecological disaster.<sup>140</sup> Local officials are worried that the impact could last for decades because of low circulation in the port area.

Russia and Ukraine did another prisoner-of-war swap – 107 POWs from each belligerent were exchanged.<sup>141</sup> Six officers and 101 enlisted men were swapped, including 74 Azovstal defenders.<sup>142</sup> The Russian Ministry of Defense reported 107 soldiers were returned and will soon be sent to Moscow. The Russian Duma criminalized surrendering in September, punishable with up to ten years in prison.<sup>143</sup>

Residents of Mariupol waited in line for hours to receive electrical heaters, despite large areas of the city having no power since the March siege.<sup>144</sup> After waiting for hours,

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<sup>140</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28352>

<sup>141</sup> <https://t.me/dnipropetrovskODA/2306>

<sup>142</sup> <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14560>

<sup>143</sup> <https://t.me/readovkanews/46120>

<sup>144</sup> <https://t.me/andriyshTime/4130>



many left empty-handed. Russian officials had initially promised to open warming centers throughout the city for the winter heating season and never delivered the infrastructure. Residents who got a heater were told they couldn't use any other electrical devices or appliances when running it.<sup>145</sup>

Russian officials have started filtration in Pisky [Luhansk]. Thirty Ukrainians were detained as part of the sweep. The whereabouts and conditions of the people are unknown.<sup>146</sup>

Ukrainian officials have completed the civilian evacuation of Marinka, near Donetsk, after eight months of trying to get everyone to leave the beleaguered city.<sup>147</sup> The city has been under continuous attack since late February, and Russian artillery has reduced the buildings to rubble.

## **GEOPOLITICAL**

The ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine, Matti Maasikas, met with the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Olha Stefanishyna and

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<sup>145</sup> <https://t.me/andriyshTime/4134>

<sup>146</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/4/7374916/>

<sup>147</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/4/7374910/>

reported that Ukraine had made “solid progress in delivering on the seven requirements on Ukraine's” path to European Union membership.<sup>148</sup>

United States Congressperson Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA.) vowed that if Republicans take control of the House and Senate after the November 8 midterm elections, “not another penny will go to Ukraine,” to thunderous applause.<sup>149</sup> Potential future Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy (R-California) has signaled that he would take a critical look at future aid packages, while Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY.) vowed under his leadership, the Senate would continue to support Ukraine.

Kremlin watchers believe that part of President Putin's strategy is to install a pro-Russian U.S. government in Congress, which will reduce or ultimately cut military and financial aid to the European nation. Far-left members of the Democratic party and the MAGA wing of the Republican party have criticized financial aid to Ukraine.

Security experts have noted a dramatic increase in Russian bots and misinformation campaigns in the second half of

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<sup>148</sup> <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/4/7150044/>

<sup>149</sup> [https://twitter.com/nexta\\_tv/status/1588673497790021633](https://twitter.com/nexta_tv/status/1588673497790021633)

October and an attempt to manipulate the United States elections.<sup>150</sup>

Minority Serbs that live in the semi-independent state of Kosovo quit their government jobs in protest of an order for Kosovo residents to start using Serbian license plates.<sup>151</sup> This is the second flare-up in the last three months between the two nations due to a long-running dispute over car tabs.

Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti urged the Serbs not to "boycott or abandon Kosovo's institutions."

"They serve all of us, every single one of you. Don't fall prey to political manipulations and geopolitical games."

Serbia has a large pro-Russian population, and the Russian FSB is believed to be fomenting unrest. The NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR) issued a statement about the renewed crisis.

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<sup>150</sup> [https://twitter.com/TCG\\_CrisisRisks/status/1588429713713680390](https://twitter.com/TCG_CrisisRisks/status/1588429713713680390)

<sup>151</sup> [Reuters](#)

**“We are monitoring the situation, and we are cooperating closely with leaders in Belgrade and Pristina as well as with our international partners to maintain a safe and secure environment for all people in Kosovo. We urge everyone to address and discuss differences through constructive dialog.”**

## **ECONOMIC**

**We don't provide economic coverage on the weekends.**