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SUMMARY – DAY 278

It has been 3,183 days since the occupation of Crimea on February 27, 2014.

It's too quiet again, and a consistent pattern has formed that reduced activity across Ukraine is a sign another Russian missile attack is coming.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

We assess the following:

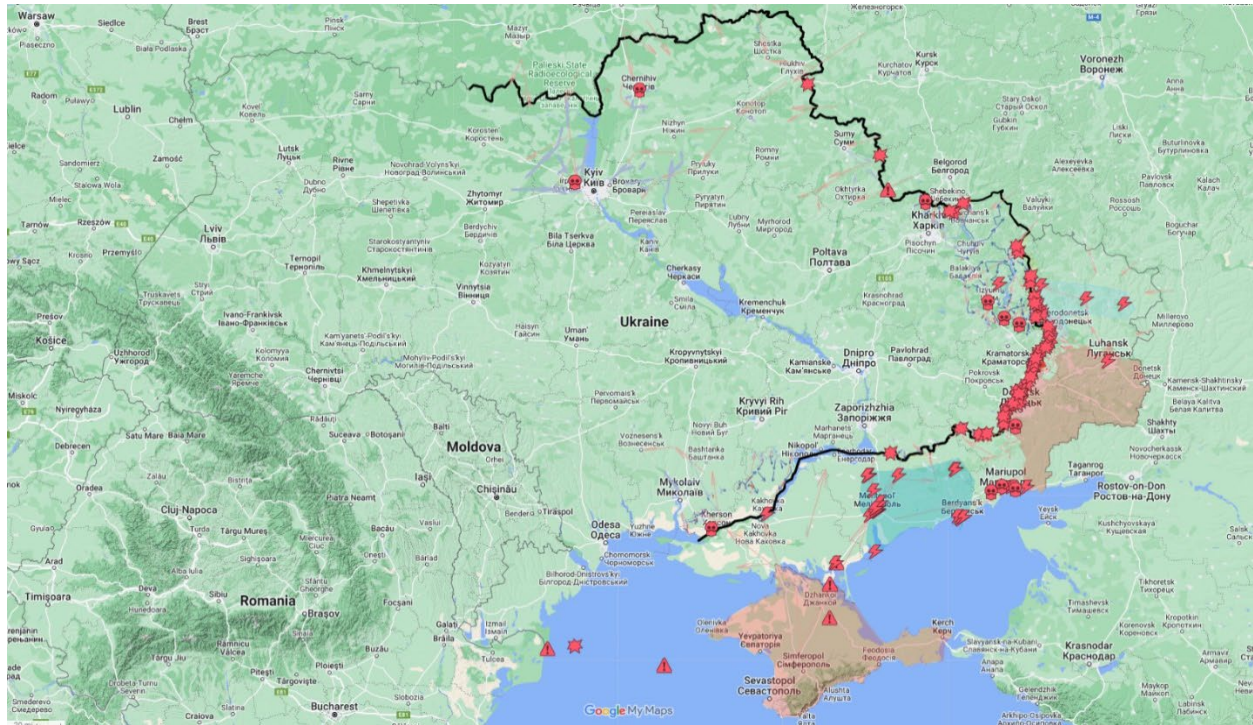
1. We assess the risk of terror attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure as extremely high, with another round of attacks likely this week.
2. We maintain Russia will not stop until the Ukrainian electrical grid and natural gas network are completely destroyed, or Russia's supply of missiles and drones is exhausted.
3. We maintain that the risk of a nuclear accident caused by the deenergization of Ukrainian nuclear power plants caused by Russian electrical infrastructure destruction is possible.

4. We maintain that Russia is conducting stealth mobilization and may be preparing for the second wave of partial mobilization in January 2023.
5. We assess the slowdown in combat operations on multiple axes will end in the next 12 to 27 days, with winter weather conditions starting to sweep across Ukraine.
6. We maintain that neither belligerent will institute a winter pause.
7. We maintain that President Putin's inner circle is actively targeting Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Shougi for dismissal and replacement due to continued military failures in Ukraine.
8. We maintain that Russian President Vladimir Putin is facing unrest inside and outside the Kremlin. If there continue to be military failures, there is a remote chance Russia could face a regime change.
9. We maintain that the Russian military within Ukraine is combat ineffective and can only mount effective defensive operations.
10. 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.
11. We maintain that Ukraine holds the battlefield initiative, forcing Russian troops to remain in a defensive posture.

12. We maintain that the threat of Russian forces in Belarus crossing into Ukraine has diminished but remains a possibility in the next 45 to 75 days.

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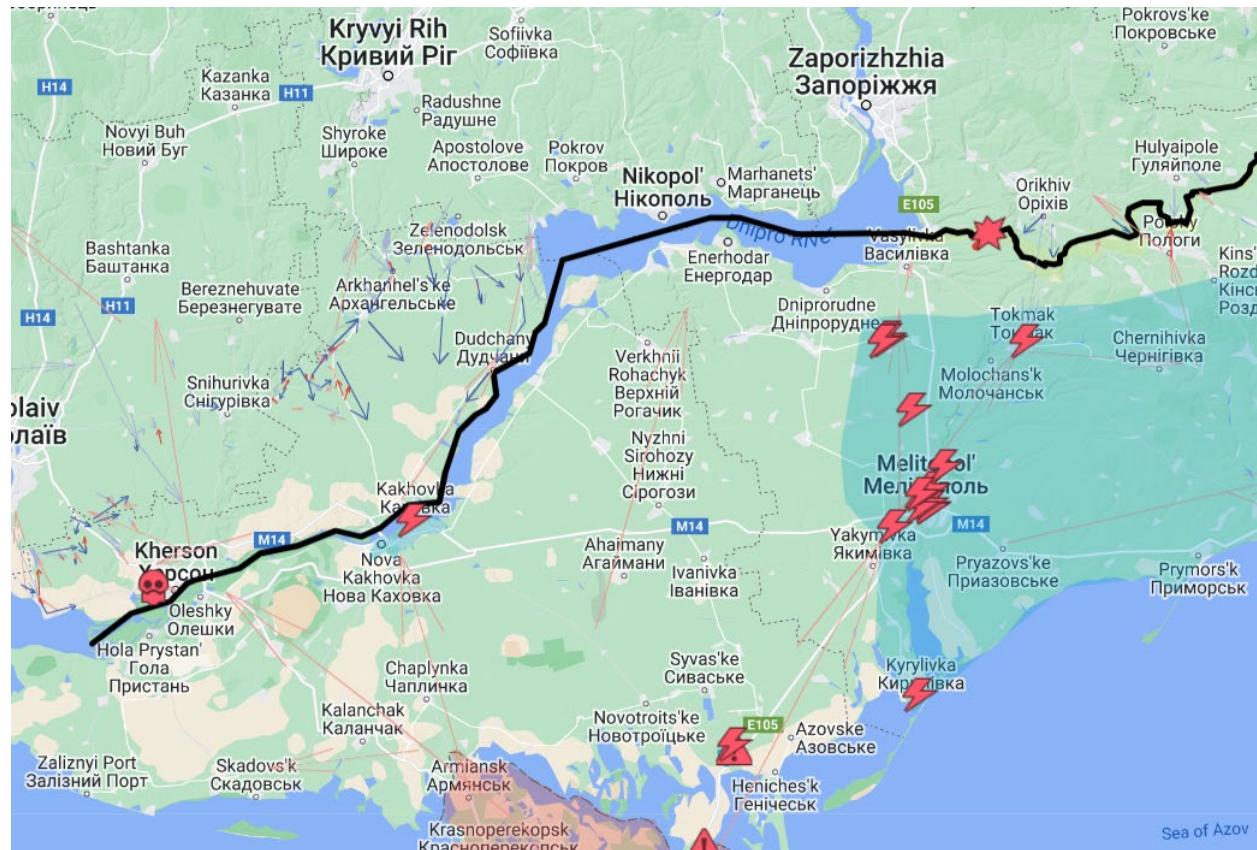
TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



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, 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 AND ZAPORIZHZHIA



Russian Objective: Prevent Ukrainian offensive into Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, integrate captured territory into the Russian Federation, break civilian will with continued terror attacks

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

There was mutual shelling by both belligerents, with less activity compared to November 27.^{1 2}

Russian forces conducted 30 fire missions on the free Ukraine territories west of the Dnipro River, killing one civilian and wounding two others in the Kherson raion.³ Russian artillery fire continues to focus on targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure.

In Russian-occupied Velyki Kopani, rockets fired by HIMARS destroyed a Russian battery of multiple launch rocket systems and wounded an unspecified number of Russian soldiers.⁴

At the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, Energoatom employees were blocked from entering the plant by Russian officials and Rosatom managers.⁵ "The passes of those who are not going to sign a contract and refuse to work with a new employer represented by JSC Zaporizhzhia NPP Operating Organization have been blocked," Renat Karchaa, adviser to the general director of the

¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM PST](#)

² [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PST](#)

^{3 3}

⁴ [Ukrinform](#) – Ukrainian State Media Website

⁵ <https://tass.com/ru/ekonomika/16446997> – [Russian State Media Website]

Rosenergoatom told the Russian state media publication TASS.

Russian officials falsely claim that Ukrainian workers don't want to sign Russian work contracts because their families have been threatened by Ukrainian officials and claim Russian officials haven't placed "undue" pressure on Energoatom workers. This contradicts multiple reports from the International Atomic Energy Agency that Rosatom has placed extreme pressure on Ukrainian workers to sign Russian contracts. At the time of publication, IAEA had not released a statement about the situation.

Ukrainian officials reported that a railroad bridge in Starobohdanivka, Zaporizhia that crosses the Molochna River was damaged in an attack on the structure.⁶

After an active day on Sunday, there was only sporadic artillery fire from Zaporizhia-Donetsk administrative border to Hulyaipole to Orikhiv to Shcherbaky.^{7 8}

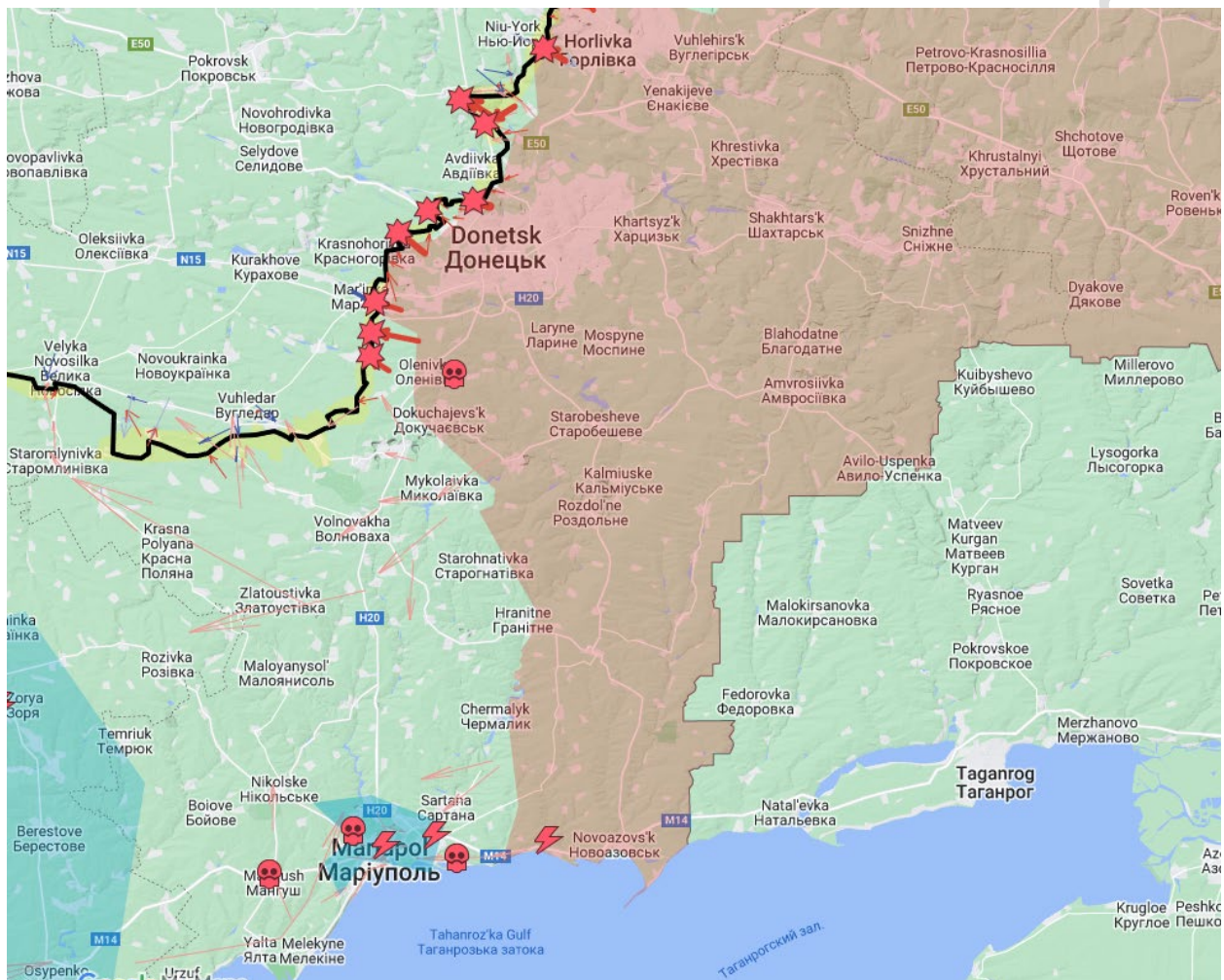
⁶ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378366/>

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

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

DONBAS REGION

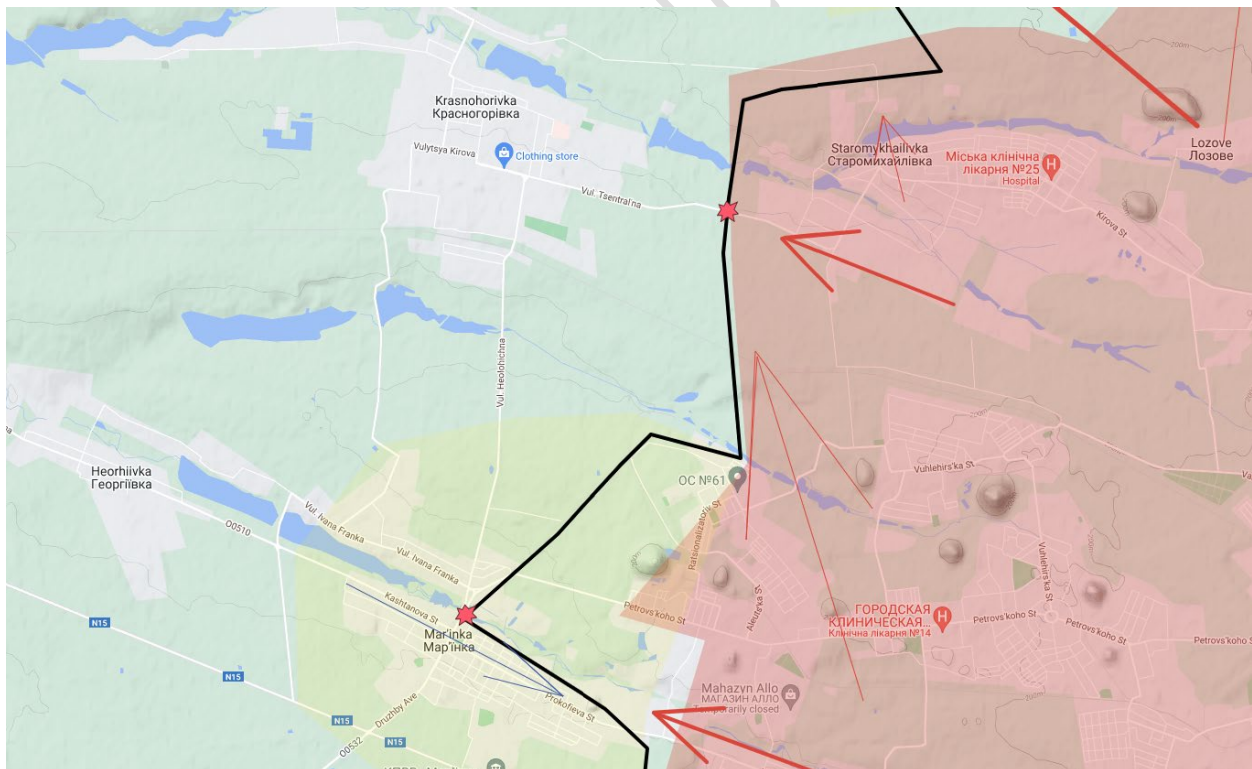
SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK



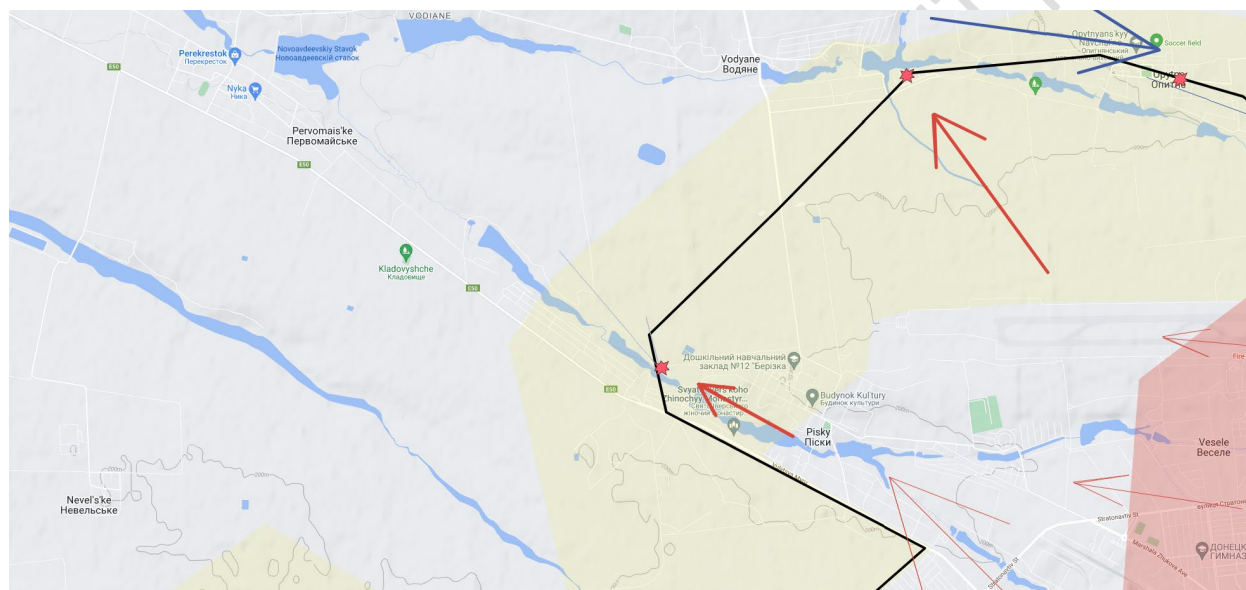
Russian Objective: Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, and bring the insurrection across southwestern Donetsk under control

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

There wasn't a lot of activity reported in southwest Donetsk. Many of the social intelligence channels from the region haven't updated since 13:00 PST, indicating there may be power or communication outages in the region.



There weren't any reliable reports of fighting in [Marinka](#), but positional fighting has likely continued. The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (GSAFU) reported that Russian troops attempted to flank Marinka from the north again with an attack on [Krasnohorivka](#).⁹



It is an extremely rare occurrence, but GSAFU and the Russian Ministry of Defense were tightly aligned in their updates. Both reported fighting at the Ukrainian firebase at [Nevelske](#) with no change in the situation.^{10 11} Mercenaries with War Gonzo reported continued fighting on the eastern edge of [Pervomaiske](#) near Pisky and at the edge of [Vodyane](#), with elements of the 1st Army Corps of the

⁹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PST](#)

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

¹¹ https://t.me/mod_russia/22173 [Russian Federation Government Social Media Account]

Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) trying to advance westward from Optyne.¹²

The People's Militia of the DNR released a video allegedly striking a Ukrainian observation post in [Pivnichne](#) with a tank.¹³ The video is suspect and shows a [much larger-than-expected explosion](#) from a single tank round on a highrise building near Toretsk. A potato may have been used as a camera because the video quality of the strike is very poor. What can we say? We have trust issues.

An oil depot [caught fire in the Russian-occupied city of Donetsk](#), but there were no claims by either belligerent it was related to a military strike.^{14 15} The Russian-occupied cities of [Horlivka](#) and [Donetsk](#) continued to be shelled.^{16 17}

Occupation officials are claiming that every school and kindergarten in the DNR has received a bomb threat and that "security services are conducting checks." Residents throughout the region were told to stay home unless

¹² <https://t.me/wargonzo/9493>

¹³ https://t.me/nm_dnr/9483

¹⁴ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378276/>

¹⁵ <https://t.me/AFUStratCom/10140>

¹⁶ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/42609>

¹⁷ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/42522>

absolutely necessary and to limit their time on the streets.¹⁸

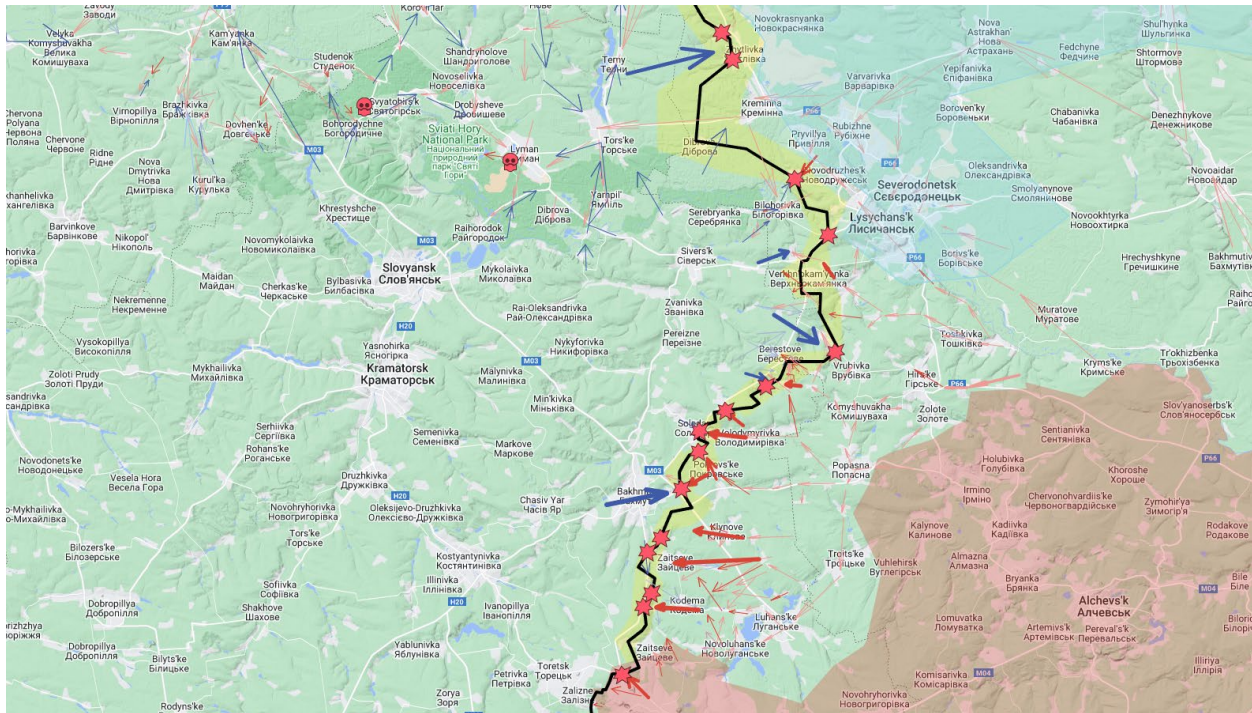
ASSESSMENT: It's hard to dismiss the claim out of hand, considering that pranksters and likely state security from both belligerents have used bomb threats to disrupt commerce and create confusion. With the looming threat of a widescale missile strike across Ukraine this week, the timing of the "stay home" order within the DNR and the reason why feels more than coincidental.

Insurgents in Mariupol reported that Russian forces are building a large ammunition depot in the city center, near a school where in-person classes are being held.¹⁹ The depot is located in the bombed-out remains of the Central Market, which was destroyed in March during the siege of Mariupol.

¹⁸ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/42662>

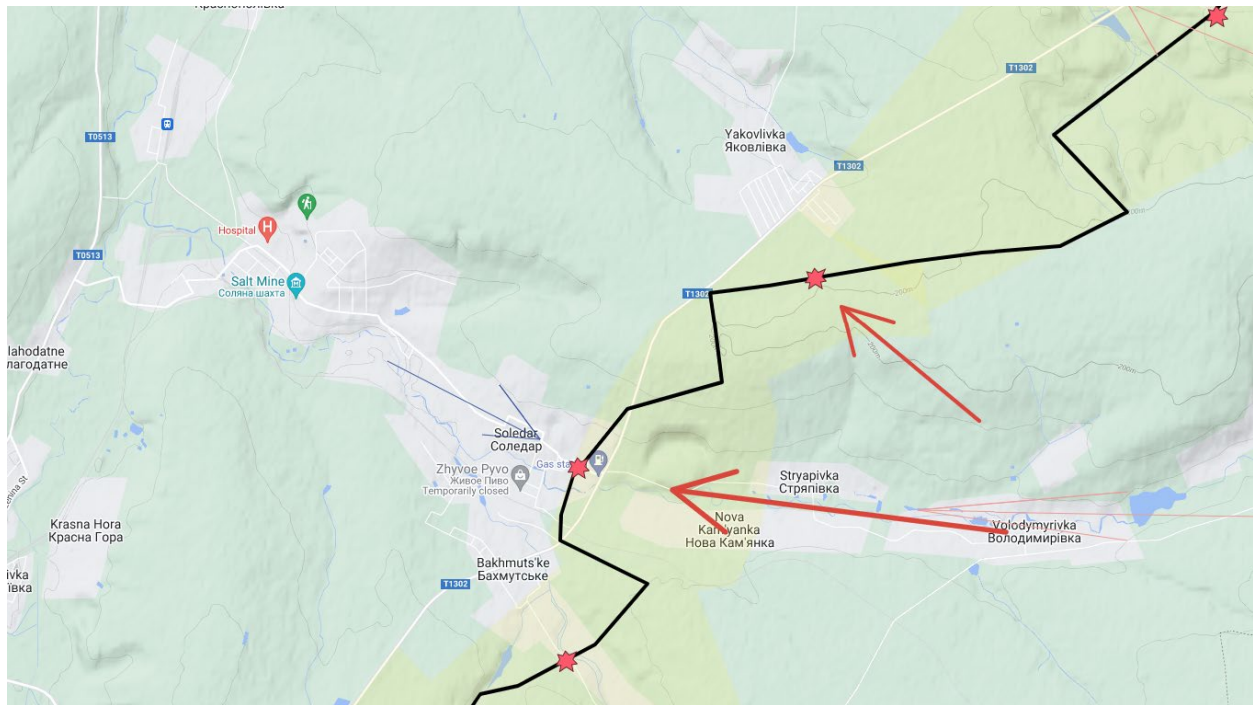
¹⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378323/>

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

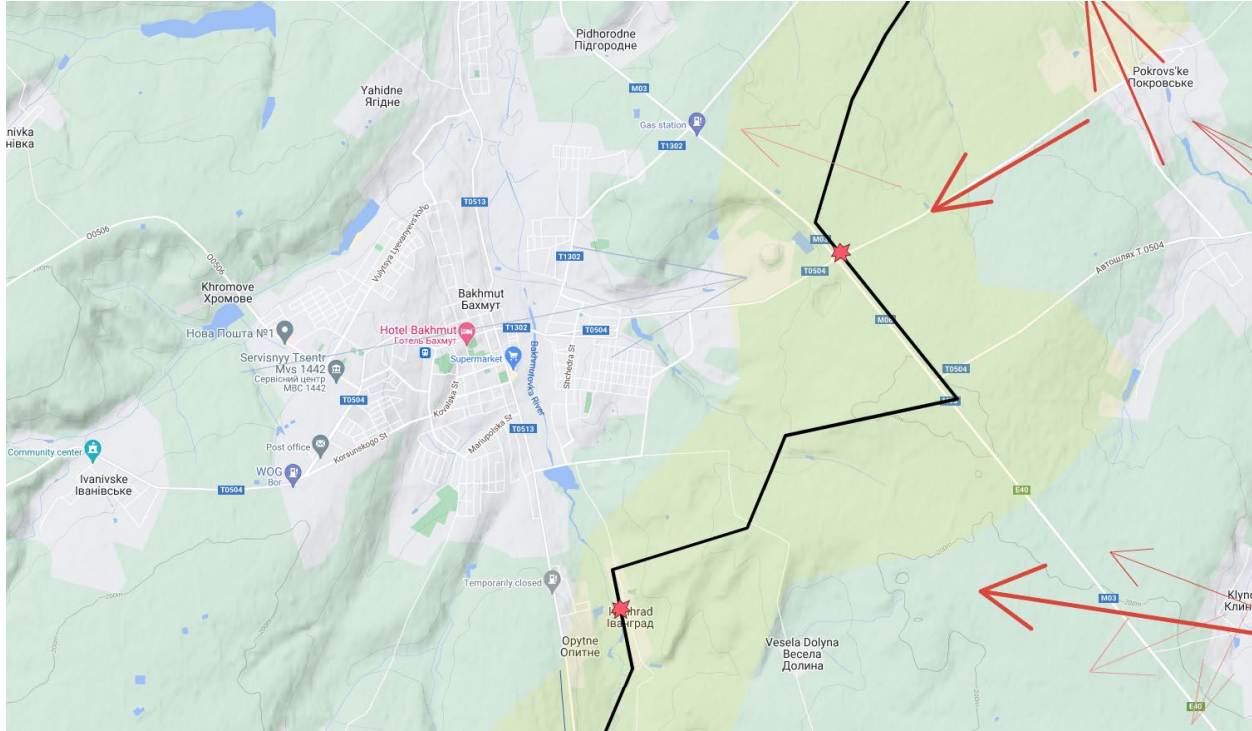


GSAFU, the Russian MOD, and War Gonzo reported that fighting continued east of [Yakovlivka](#) without Russian forces not advancing.^{20 21 22} Russian sources reported significant fighting continued east of [Soledar](#) and restarted in the southern parts of [Bakhmut](#).

²⁰ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PST](#)

²¹ https://t.me/mod_russia/22173 [Russian Federation Government Social Media Account]

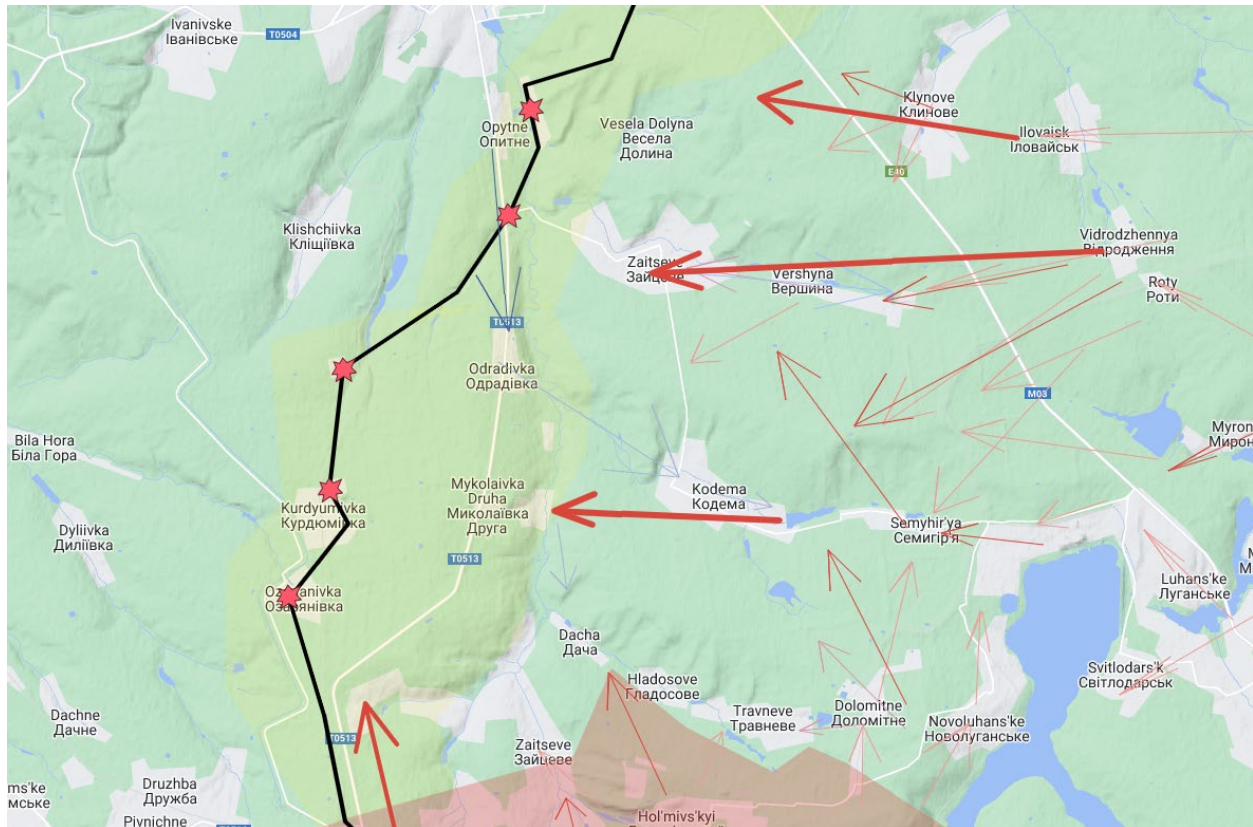
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Intense fighting continued east of [Bakhmut](#) along the E-40 Highway and on the eastern edges of [Optyne](#).^{23 24}

²³ <https://t.me/rybar/41560>

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



Multiple Russian sources claimed that Klischchiivka, Zelenopilla, Kurdyumivka, Andriivka, and Ozaryanivka were captured by the Private Military Company Wagner Group. This was further amplified by a claim by the self-declared leader of the DNR, Denis Pushilin, that Bakhmut was almost in a technical encirclement and its capture would happen soon. Russian sources, particularly the Territorial Guard of the DNR and the entire Luhansk People's Republic Government, have made repeated false claims of battlefield success on the Bakhmut front since August.

Based on our research and analysis, this is what we concluded.

[Klischchiivka](#) – there is no evidence that Russian forces captured the settlement, and no pictures or videos were provided to support the claims. None of the semi-reliable Russian sources reported fighting in the area.

[Andriivka](#) – PMC Wagner made a specific claim the settlement was captured without pictures or videos. Neither War Gonzo nor mercenaries with Rybar mentioned the settlement, and the Ukrainian source DeepState reported the hamlet remained contested.^{25 26 27 28} Based on the available information, we consider the settlement contested due to a lack of visual evidence and conflicting reports from multiple sources.

[Zelenopilla](#) – Ukrainian sources claim the village is still contested, while War Gonzo claimed it was captured.^{29 30} No pictures or videos were released, making us inclined to believe the settlement is contested. PMC Wagner typically

²⁵ <https://t.me/rybar/41560>

²⁶ <https://t.me/wargonzo/9493>

²⁷ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14795>

²⁸ https://t.me/grey_zone/15975

²⁹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14795>

³⁰ <https://t.me/wargonzo/9493>

released videos and pictures that accompany capture claims.

[Kurdyumivka](#) – Reliable Russian and Ukrainian sources claim the town is contested, going against the claims from Kremlin-aligned social media accounts.^{31 32}

[Ozaryanivka](#) – Russian forces and PMC Wagner Group advancing southwest from Mayorsk captured the town according to multiple reports and a geolocated video showing [Russian troops in the railway station](#) area.^{33 34 35 36}

Based on our assessment, [we updated the war map](#) to reflect these changes along the T-513 Highway south of Bakhmut.

Some Russian sources also claimed Pidhorodne, northeast of Bakhmut, was captured without evidence. There were no reports to support this from the Ukrainian and Russian sources we monitor, and none of them, including the

³¹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14795>

³² <https://t.me/wargonzo/9493>

³³ <https://twitter.com/GeoConfirmed/status/1597161254493507585>

³⁴ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14795>

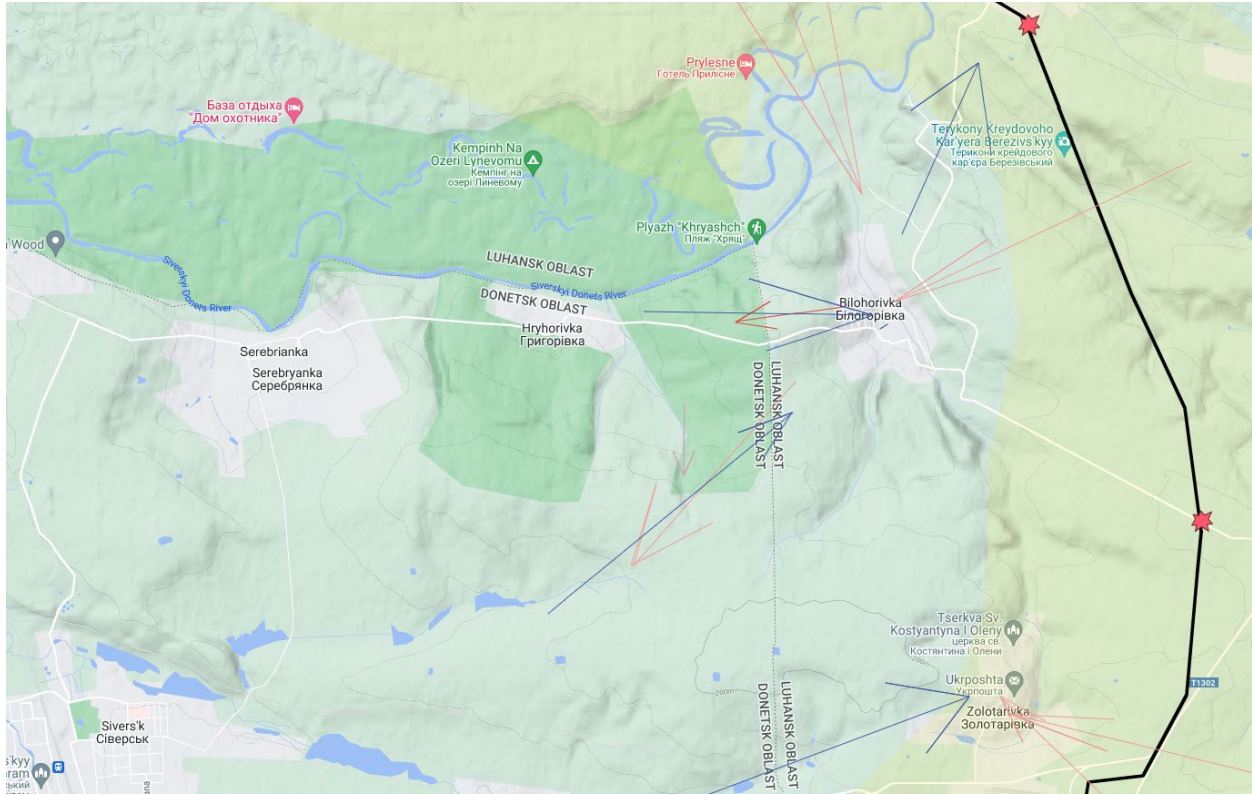
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Russian MOD, reported any fighting northeast of Bakhmut or a breakthrough along the E-40 Highway.

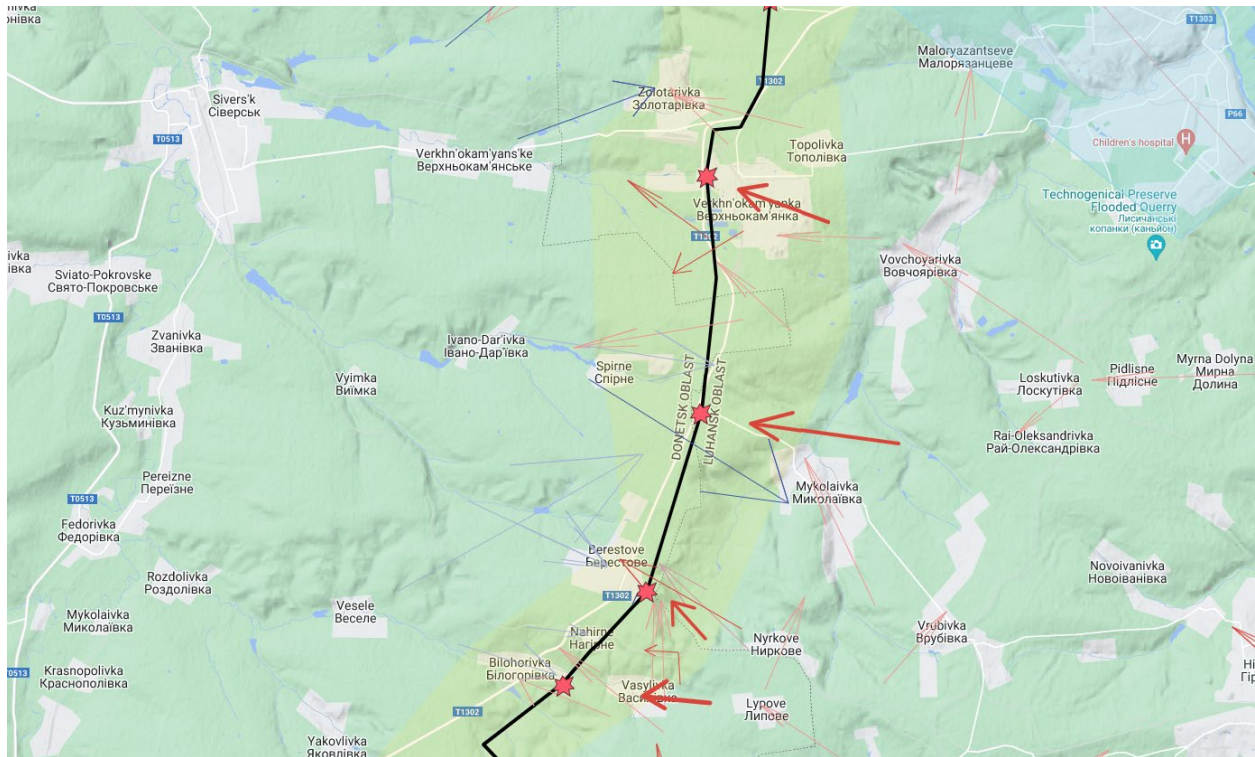
ASSESSMENT: PMC Wagner continues to make tactical gains, with one of the biggest advances since September of 1000 to 1500 meters in a day instead of 25 to 50. The situation around Bakhmut is difficult for both belligerents, but the city is not close to a technical encirclement. Ukraine is moving reinforcements to this region, including the 71st Separate Jaeger Infantry Brigade of the Air Assault Forces.³⁷ We maintain that Ukraine must hold Bakhmut as winter weather arrives, providing a key advantage over Russian forces, who have fewer options for rotation to better conditions while remaining close to the battlefield.

³⁷ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378292/>



GSAFU reported a Russian attack on [Serebrianka](#) was repulsed. This was like a DRG or reconnaissance group and not a large-scale attack.³⁸

³⁸ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PST](#)

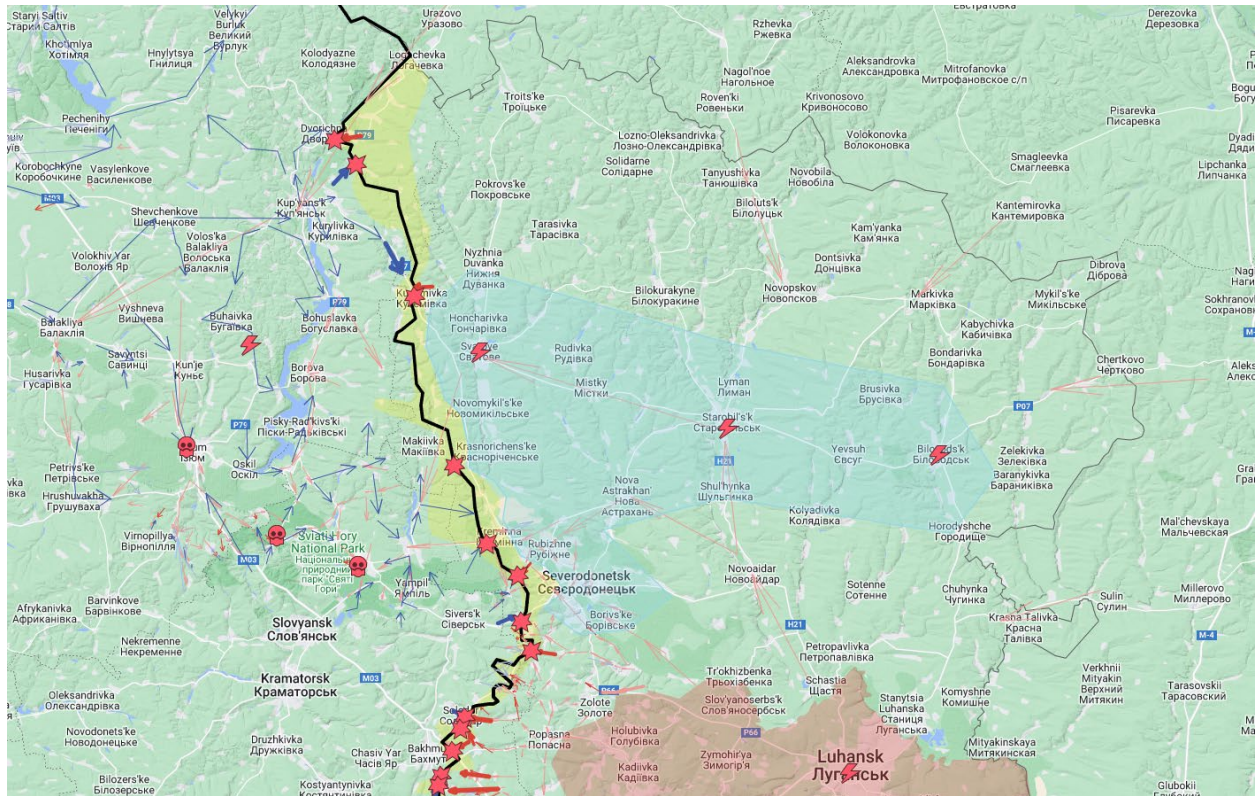


Southeast of Lysychansk, fighting continued on the Donetsk-Luhansk administrative border near [Verkhnoakamyanske](#), led by the 2nd Army Corp of the Luhansk People's Republic (LNR).³⁹ GSAFU and the Russian MOD reported that fighting was ongoing in [Bilohorivka](#) [Donetsk].⁴⁰ There were unsupported claims that PMC Wagner captured Spirne after Ukrainian forces abandoned their positions.

³⁹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PST](#)

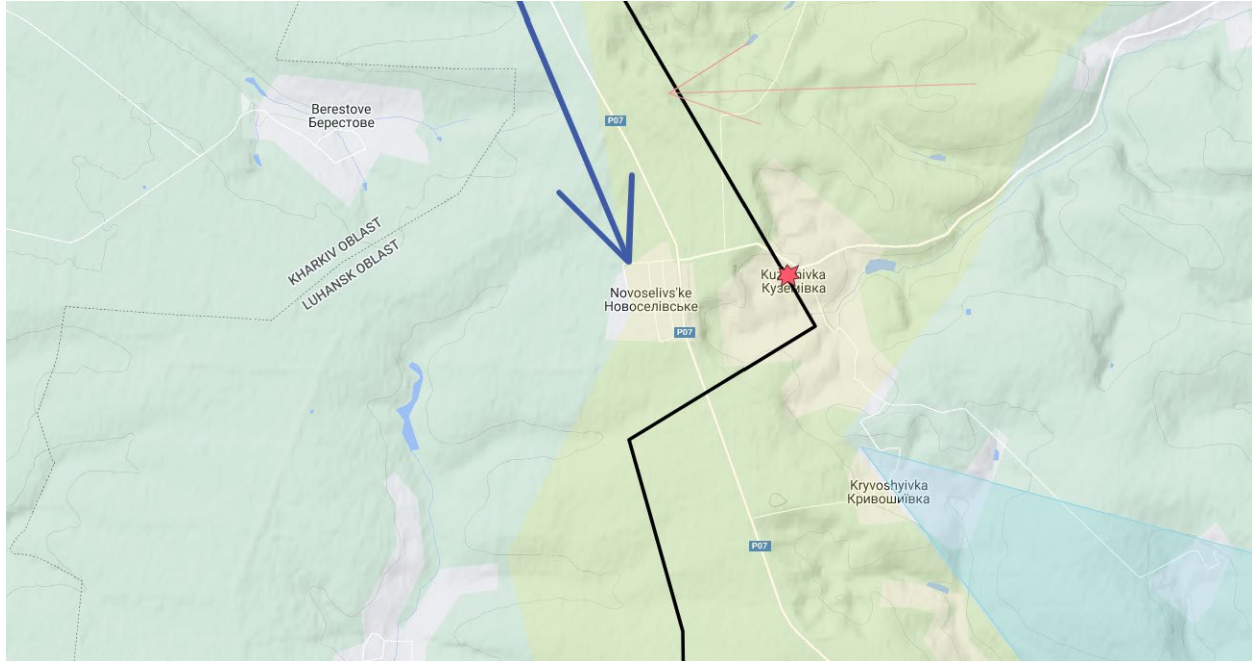
⁴⁰ https://t.me/mod_russia/22173 [Russian Federation Government Social Media Account]

LUHANSK



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

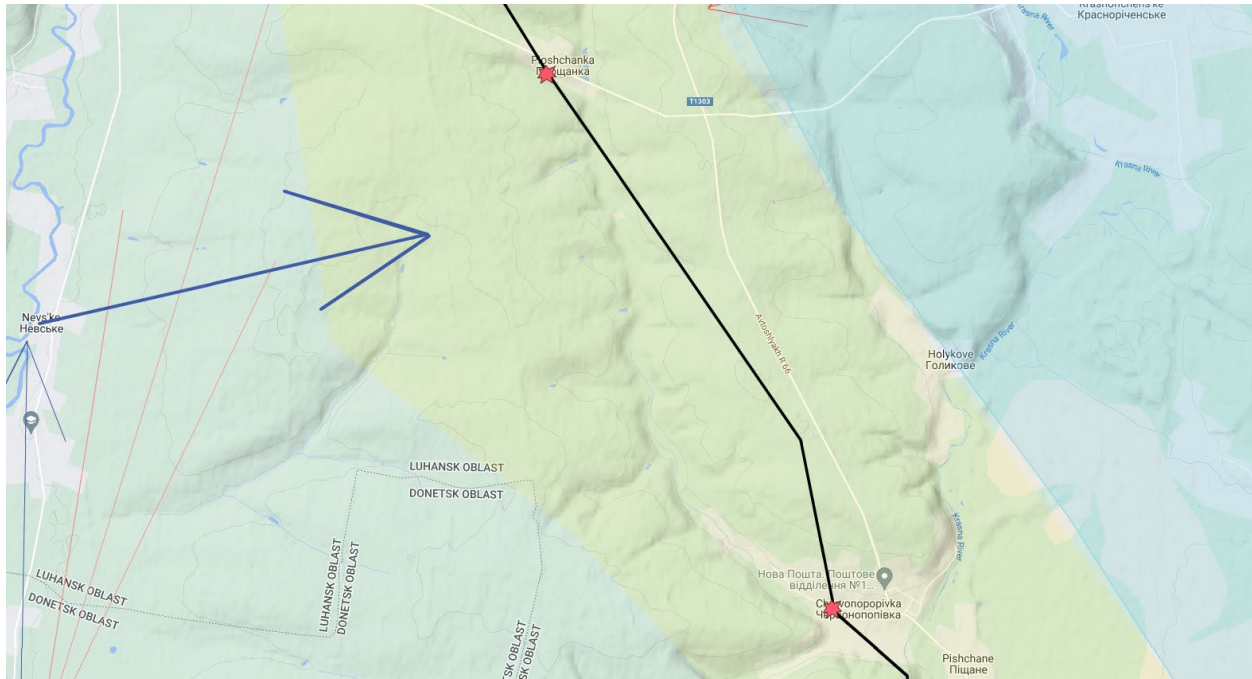
Ukrainian Objective: Break Russian defensive lines, advance on Svatove, Kremynna, and Lysychansk, and support insurgents



GSAFU reported that Russian troops tried to push Ukrainian forces out of [Novoselivske](#), while the Russian MOD reported that Ukrainian troops attacked [Kuzemivka](#).⁴¹
⁴² The Russian MOD almost certainly made a false claim that Ukrainian forces returned to their “starting point” in Berestove [Kharkiv], ignoring that to get to Berestove from Kuzemivka, you have to pass through Novoselivske. We did not make changes to the map, but it appears that Ukraine is tightening its grip on Novoselivske.

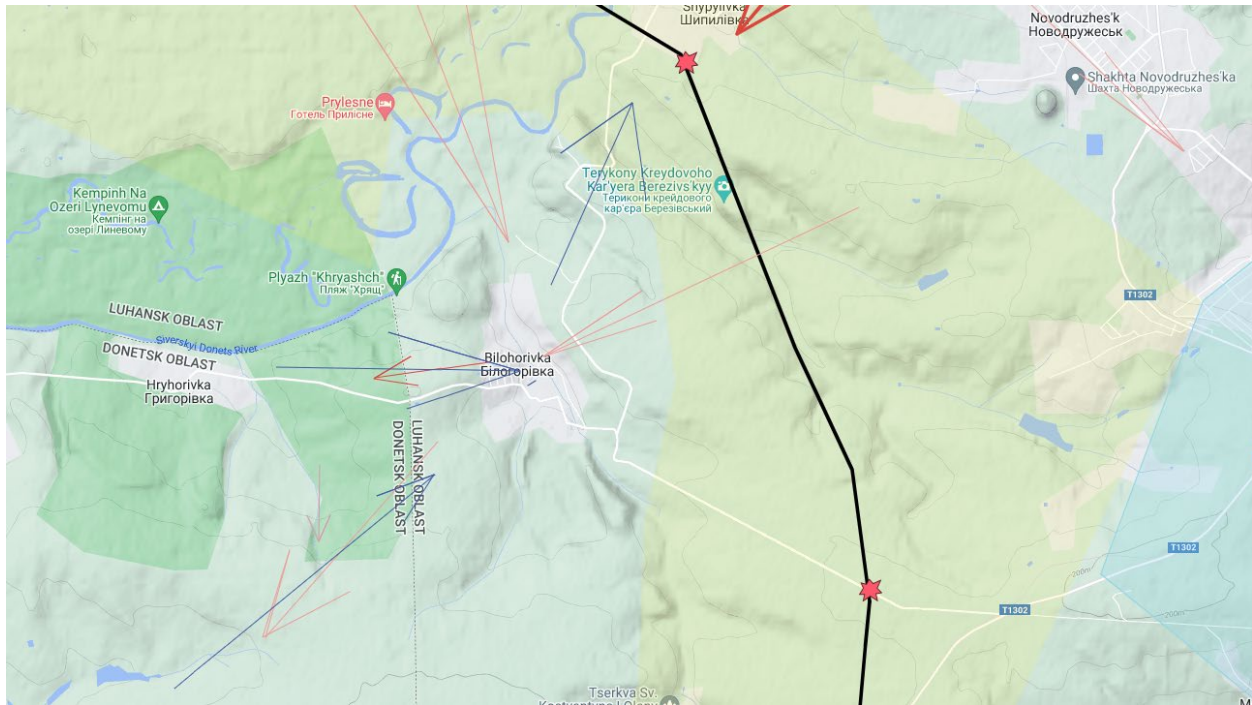
⁴¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PST](#)

⁴² https://t.me/mod_russia/22173 [Russian Federation Government Social Media Account]



Rybar claimed there was continued fighting for control of [Ploschanka](#).⁴³

⁴³ <https://t.me/rybar/41560>



Ukrainian sources reported continued fighting led by PMC Wagner Group continued east of [Bilohorivka](#) [Luhansk] with no change in the situation.⁴⁴

GSAFU confirmed a strike on Svatove on November 26, targeting a concentration of Russian troops that killed 20 and wounded up to 30 more.⁴⁵ Multiple Russian sources reported that Svatove was heavily shelled on November 28.

⁴⁴ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PST](#)

⁴⁵ <https://t.me/luhanskaVTSA/7129>

CHERNIHIV, KHARKIV, AND 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: Complete the liberation of the Kharkiv oblast, maintain the integrity of the international border, deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

Dmytro Zhivytsky, Sumy Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported that the hromadas of Seredyna-Buda, Druzhba, Shalyhyne, and Hlukhiv were attacked by Russian forces from across the international border.⁴⁶

Ukrainian Territorial guard units fought a border skirmish near Seredyna-Buda that involved small arms fired and up to 60 munitions fired from grenade launchers. The assault was supported by artillery, with five shells fired. There was no damage, and no casualties were reported.

⁴⁶ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/29/7378407/>

The Druzhba hromada was struck by mortars while Shalyhyne and Hlukkiv were shelled.

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 activity reported in this region.

BLACK SEA, CRIMEA, MYKOLAIV, AND ODESA REGION

Indications that Russia is deep into preparation to launch another large-scale attack on Ukraine continue to grow, with two missile carriers capable of launching 16 Kalibr cruise missiles on patrol in the Black Sea.⁴⁷ ⁴⁸ There were

⁴⁷ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/16670>

⁴⁸ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/16737>

reports that Russia had loaded other vessels with Kalibrs, but they were held in port at the time of publication.

In Mykolaiv, less than a week after the water service had returned to the city, the Russian military specifically targeted a water pumping station in the Kherson region, destroying it.⁴⁹ Aleksandr Sienkovych, the mayor of Mykolaiv, reported that there was no timeline to replace the pumping station, and only “technical water” (not potable) would be available after a new connection was made to the Buzki estuary.

Natalia Humeniuk, director of communications for Operational Command South (OCS), reported that Ukrainian DRG and SOF units were still operating on the Kinburn Spit.⁵⁰ Humeniuk claimed the ongoing operation was meant to clear the threat to shipping through the Dniprovskia Gulf so that Mykolaiv could be used as a grain port.

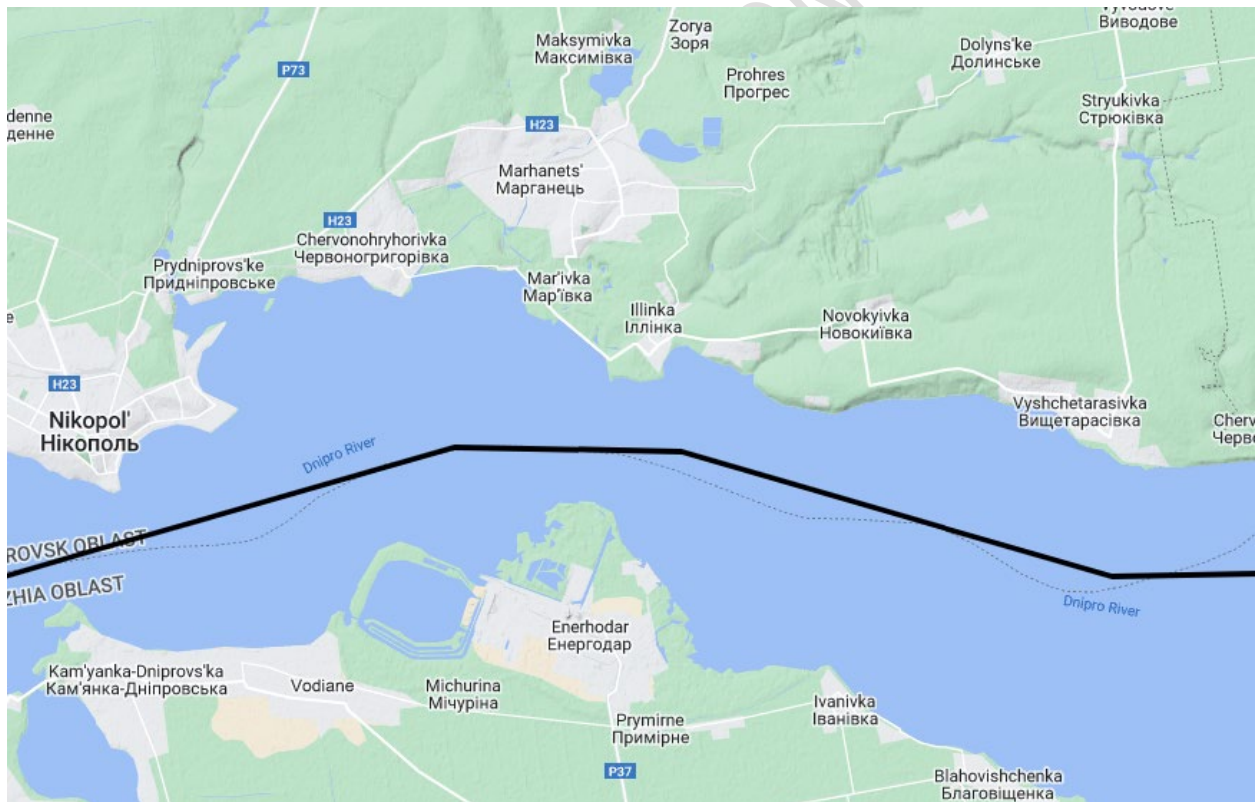
⁴⁹ <https://t.me/senkevichonline/3326>

⁵⁰ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378245/>

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



Russian forces attacked Chervonohryhorivka with Smerch rockets fired by multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS).

There wasn't significant damage or injuries reported in one of the lightest attacks on the north bank of the Dnipro in weeks.⁵¹

Four missiles hit the city of Dnipro, likely S-300 anti-aircraft munitions used for a ground attack. Residential housing and an industrial area were hit. A video indicated that small arms ammunition might have been cooking off in the fire.

RUSSIAN FRONT

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

THEATERWIDE & EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy convened another meeting of the Staff of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, with a public readout provided.⁵² "Commanders of the operational command forces reported on the current situation on the front line and the actions taken by the defense forces to liberate Ukrainian territory. Staff

⁵¹ <https://t.me/dnipropetrovskaODA/2599>

⁵² <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378335/>

members also heard information from the intelligence chiefs about the enemy's plans for the near future."

Dmytro Kuleba, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, said the two most urgent needs today are electrical substations and air defense equipment to protect them.⁵³

"In order to restore the energy system, we need two things: substations, which are the biggest part of the energy system, and anti-aircraft defense systems to shoot down enemy rockets that hit our infrastructure facilities. So, by giving us anti-aircraft defense systems, you are also saving and restoring our energy infrastructure facilities," Kuleba said.

Without improved air defenses, Ukraine will be in a repeating cycle of repairing its infrastructure after each attack, with Kuleba arguing that in the long term, providing better and more air defense solutions will be more cost-effective than repeatedly repairing energy infrastructure.

United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken will announce another aid package to Ukraine on November 29

⁵³ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378387/>

to help repair and maintain the nation's energy infrastructure. The United States Department of State was reportedly working with power utilities in the United States to inventory available transformers that could aid Ukraine while balancing U.S. national security.

There was significant activity at Engels Airbase in Saratov, Russia, with up to 14 Tu-95 and four Tu-160 bombers being loaded with munitions, according to satellite images.^{54 55} The attack on Ukraine on November 23 involved ten Tu-95 aircraft and a single missile carrier. Russia may be preparing for an even larger attack, but the satellite image's resolution did not provide enough fidelity to identify what was being loaded on each aircraft or if all the bombers on the tarmac were being prepared for operations. Ukrainian officials warned on Sunday that another round of missile attacks was highly likely this week based on their intelligence.⁵⁶

The Ukroboronprom state enterprise announced that it had started mass production of 152-mm artillery rounds for the D-20 howitzer and various Soviet-era and Russian Federation self-propelled howitzers.⁵⁷ The factory is a joint

⁵⁴ https://twitter.com/MT_Anderson/status/1597358834208473089

⁵⁵ [TSN Ukraine](#)

⁵⁶ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/59056>

⁵⁷ [Ukrainian Military](#) – Ukrainian Government Website

project between Ukraine and allied nations, with production occurring in an undisclosed NATO nation.

Russia continues to shuffle military hardware in Belarus, moving 15 Tor-M2 anti-aircraft systems into the nation that borders Ukraine.⁵⁸ The rumors of a Russian invasion from Belarus toward Kyiv have come and gone. We maintain that a Russian-led offensive from Belarus is possible, but it would likely occur in western Ukraine, not an advance on Kyiv. Our confidence that military action could happen along the border continues to decline based on activity by the Russian MOD, which appears to be using Belarus more for training than staging a larger attack.

The defense contractor arm of Boeing has suggested to the United States Department of Defense that it can create low-cost rockets that will work with the M142, M270, and MARS II guided multiple launch rocket systems (GMLRS) with a range of up to 150 kilometers.⁵⁹ The program would take GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb with a 113-kilogram high explosive (HE) warhead and adapt it to be delivered using an M26 rocket. The United States has a high inventory level of the GBU-39 bombs, which were ordered for use in Afghanistan, and many M26 rockets, which were semi-

⁵⁸ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378380/>

⁵⁹ [Reuters](#)

retired after the M30 and M31 rockets for HIMARS were developed. The GBU-39 bombs cost the United States less than \$40,000 each and would create an affordable, longer-range rocket solution on a budget. Several assemblies have already been built and tested, with Pentagon and Congressional red tape now the only obstacles.

RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION AND MILITARY STATUS

Leonid Slutsky, leader of the populist Liberal Democratic Party of Russia, admitted in a meeting that Russia doesn't have enough "doctors in the military units; everyone says this. I cannot say they do not exist at all, but they are practically not seen there."⁶⁰

"We must understand that the whole world is watching us. We are the largest state, and when we do not have socks, shorts, doctors, intelligence, communications, or simply care for our children, questions arise that will be very difficult to answer."

One thing that Russia apparently has is matching towel sets. In Kursk, Sergei Korostelev provided the surviving

⁶⁰ [Daily Express via MSN](#)

family members of recently deceased Russian soldiers with a matching set of towels and a cake – on behalf of a grateful nation.⁶¹ After being completely roasted on the Russian Facebook clone VK, Kursk officials took the post and pictures down.⁶²

Although counterintuitive for North American audiences, the “liberal party” is right-wing aligned, and Slutsky is an outspoken supporter of the “special military operation.”

In Russian-occupied Novomykolaivka in the Zaporizhia oblast, Russian troops drove a BMP infantry fighting vehicle into the town while drunk and went on a rampage. They broke into homes, destroying and looting them, taking women's clothing, winter gear, and underwear.⁶³ The incident ended when the Russian-appointed mayor called the area commandant to request an intervention. The mobiks left with their looted goods.

Have you noticed that the Russian MOD and Russian State Media no longer talk about Battalion Tactical Groups (BTG)?⁶⁴ There is a reason for that – Russia has given up

⁶¹ https://t.me/horizontal_russia/17393

⁶² https://vk.com/wall-172136402_2615

⁶³ [RIA Melitopol](#)

⁶⁴ <https://twitter.com/DefenceHQ/status/1597482502200983552>

the concept it introduced a decade ago. We had repeatedly reported that Russian forces lacked enough light infantry attached to infantry fighting vehicles. Many BTGs entered Ukraine understaffed, with as few as three dismounts per IFV instead of eight or nine. Russia's centralized command structure did not permit commanders to act independently, and units competed for resources such as artillery.

Russia essentially gave up the concept but went backward, employing Cold War-era strategies from the mid-20th century. Multiple Russian milbloggers have complained about these failures and how Russia is fighting a 21st-century war using 70-year-old tactics, equipment, and training.

All is going to plan.

WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The foreign ministers of Sweden, Finland, Norway, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Iceland announced that their nations would provide more economic, military, and humanitarian aid to Ukraine to support the nation through the winter

during a joint visit to Kyiv.⁶⁵ Specifics of the deal were not announced, while Sweden revealed at the same meeting that it was sending another military aid package worth \$280 million to Ukraine.

Ukrainian First Lady Olena Zelenska is taking a larger place on the world stage and demanding a global response to the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. A United Nations report confirmed over 100 cases of rape by Russian troops of children and women from 4 to 82.⁶⁶

"There has to be a global response to this. Unfortunately, such war crimes will keep on going in the world as long as the servicemen think that they can go without any punishment," Zelenska said.

The Ukrainian government has launched a support program to help sexual assault victims of the war, which Zelenska hoped could be a "first step towards an investigation and prosecution."

⁶⁵ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2022/11/28/ukraine-russia-live-updates/10788617002/>

⁶⁶ [Channel News Russia](#)

The body of children's writer Volodymyr Vakulenko was identified as victim 319 in the mass grave that the Russians created outside of Izyum.⁶⁷ Burial records, a tattoo, and DNA confirmed his identification. The lauded writer and poet was kidnapped by Russian forces from his Kapitolivka home in March and executed.

GEOPOLITICAL

There weren't any significant developments.

ECONOMIC

Russian State Media is roasting the announcement of the new Moskvich crossover vehicle that will be available in January in Moscow and nationwide in March. The small SUV is not built in Russia but in China.⁶⁸ To get around sanctions, China removes some parts from the vehicle before shipping, which are reinstalled at the Russian factory. Before you condemn the practice, in the United States Subaru put two jump seats in the bed of the Subaru Brat to get around the so-called 25% "chicken tax" on

⁶⁷ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/28/7378374/>

⁶⁸ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/16698>

imported pickup trucks. More recently, Ford imported the Transit Van to the United States with passenger seating to get around the same tariffs and remove them after import.

The rebadged Moskvich sells for the equivalent of 800,000 roubles in China, but in Russia, the price has been marked up to 1.6 million to 2 million roubles.⁶⁹

The rouble was unchanged, holding an exchange rate of 61 for 1 US dollar.

Oil prices rebounded Monday, with WTI crude trading at \$79 a barrel and Brent at \$85. United States wholesale RBOB gasoline on the spot market crept upward, trading at \$2.37 per gallon for November contracts. (62 cents a liter)

Dutch TTF Gas Futures for January 2023 continued to climb, trading at 129 euros per megawatt hour. February 2023 contracts jumped to 132 euros.

Chicago SRW Wheat Futures drifted downward to \$7.84 a bushel for March 2023 contracts.

⁶⁹ https://t.me/pb_032/13233