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# International support

30.05

- › In Warsaw, Ukrainians held a march of gratitude to the Polish people.
- › President of Poland Andrzej Duda declared that after the war his country could become one of Ukraine's security guarantors.



31.05

- › The European Union included a ban on **insuring tankers** with Russian oil in the 6th package of sanctions against the Russian Federation. Oil traders and shipowners argue that this ban is one of the EU's most serious financial instruments of influence.

01.06

- › Graphic design service Canva announced that it would block access to Canva in Russia in the future and would withdraw from Russia altogether.
- › Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki participated in the opening of the modular cities in Borodianka and Bucha that can accommodate more than 1,000 people. In addition, Ukraine and Poland want to create a **joint company for the manufacture of weapons** and military equipment.



- › **The United States** has officially confirmed a new **\$700 million security package** for Ukraine, which will include **HIMARS** multiple rocket launcher systems. They are provided with a political condition not to use them against targets on the territory of Russia. The systems will allow Ukraine to launch missiles at a distance of about 80 km.
- › **German** Chancellor Olaf Scholz promised to supply Ukraine with **IRIS-T air defense systems**. These are the most advanced air defense systems Germany has, writes Sueddeutsche Zeitung.
- › **Taiwan will allocate about 4 million dollars for the reconstruction of Ukrainian cities**. Half of these funds will go to the restoration of Kharkiv, and 500 thousand dollars each - to the restoration of Chernihiv, Mykolaiv, Sumy and Zaporizhyya. Taiwan's Ministry of Economy imposed a ban on the export of modern chips to Russia and Belarus in response to the invasion of Ukraine.



02.06

- › **The Irish Senate recognized the Russian invasion of Ukraine as an act of genocide**. Previously, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, the Czech Republic and Canada adopted similar resolutions.
- › Turkey decided to donate a Bayraktar drone to Lithuania for transfer to the Ukrainian army, for which Lithuanians raised 5 million euros across the country.
- › Ukraine received a new defense assistance package from **Sweden**. It will provide Ukraine with anti-ship missiles, anti-tank weapons and 12.7mm rifles, including ammunition. The total cost of the fourth support package is more than **€95 million**.
- › The newly appointed ambassadors of foreign states will present their credentials to the President of Ukraine on the territory of the Saint Sophia monastery in Kyiv, continuing the thousand-year history of Ukraine's foreign policy.
- › Ukraine and **Slovakia** have signed a contract for the supply of eight Zuzana 2 self-propelled howitzers.



03.06

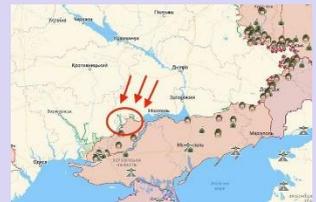
- › The Council of the EU approved **the sixth package of economic and personal sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus**. In particular, the EU decided to ban the purchase, import or transport of crude **oil and certain oil products** from Russia to the EU. The phase-out will last six months for crude oil and eight months for other petroleum products. The EU is also extending the current ban on the provision of specialized financial messaging services (SWIFT) **to three other Russian credit institutions**: the largest Russian bank Sberbank, the Moscow Credit Bank and the Agricultural Bank of Russia. The EU will also ban the provision of accounting services, consulting services and cloud services in Russia.

05.06

- › **Spain** is ready to send Leopard battle tanks and anti-aircraft missiles to Ukraine, according to Spanish newspaper El Pais.

# Military positions

<p><b>30.05</b></p>	<p>➤ The Ukrainian Defense Ministry stated that the fighting in eastern Ukraine had reached its <b>maximum intensity</b>. The fiercest fighting is taking place in the direction of Severodonetsk, Bakhmut and Kurakhiv: the Russian occupation forces are firing along the entire line of contact and trying to hit the Ukrainian defenses with artillery.</p>
<p><b>31.05</b></p>	<p>➤ Ukrainian defenders eliminated a large unit of the <b>Wagner</b> private military company in Donbas.</p>
<p><b>01.06</b></p>	<p>➤ President Zelensky stated that <b>60 to 100 Ukrainian servicemen were killed and another 500 wounded at the front every day</b>. He also stressed that Ukraine was not rushing to vacate territories to avoid tens of thousands of victims, but would wait for the necessary weapons.</p> <p>➤ Units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine <b>liberated more than 20 settlements from the Russian occupiers in the north of the Kherson region</b>.</p> <p>➤ The Russians advance in the direction of Donetsk with the support of aviation, declared the General Staff. Thus, with the support of Ka-52 helicopters, the occupants advance in the direction of Lyman to Staryi Caravan, the fighting continues. In the Slovyansk direction, the enemy regrouped troops. In the Dovgenky area, he took some units to Izyum for restoration.</p>
<p><b>02.06</b></p>	<p>➤ Ukrainian military intelligence predicts that the Russian occupation forces will increase air and missile strikes on critical infrastructure and seek to capture Ukraine's <b>entire Black Sea coast as far as Transnistria</b>.</p>
<p><b>03.06</b></p>	<p>➤ The Ukrainian armed forces displaced the Russian occupation forces from Severodonetsk by 20%. On June 3, the <b>Foreign Legion</b> began assisting the Ukrainian military in the city</p>
<p><b>05.06</b></p>	<p>➤ In the Kharkiv direction, the Russians are actively defending and bombing civilian infrastructure. In the direction of <b>Slovyansk, Lyman and Bakhmut are trying to move forward</b>.</p> <p>➤ At the same time, the head of the Lugansk regional administration, Sergiy Gaidai, declared that the Armed Forces of Ukraine <b>control exactly half of the territory of Severodonetsk</b> and pointed out that the liberation of this city, which is politically the regional center, demoralizes the Russians.</p>



# A week of shelling



<p><b>30.05</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The occupiers fired on <b>Kharkiv</b> again, wounding three civilians, including a 16-year-old boy. A few days earlier in Kharkiv, a child was snatched from his father's arms and thrown onto the roof of a porch: a 5-month-old baby and his father died in the shelling</li> </ul>
<p><b>31.05</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The invaders launched a rocket attack on <b>Slovyansk</b>, killing at least three people and wounding six.</li> </ul> 
<p><b>01.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>At least 800 people, including children, are hiding in bomb shelters near the Azot chemical plant in Severodonetsk, which was hit by Russian rockets.</b> The Russians attacked the Azot plant from the plane, resulting in the <b>release of toxic substances.</b></li> <li>▶ In the afternoon, the enemy also fired artillery at the "Proletary" plant in Lysychansk.</li> <li>▶ <b>Mykolayiv</b> came under artillery fire: 2 multi-storey buildings, 4 private houses and some private warehouses were damaged. Two people died and two others were injured.</li> <li>▶ According to the head of the regional military administration of the Lugansk region, Serhiy Haidai, <b>the region loses 50-60 houses every day.</b> In the towns and settlements raided by the Russians, <b>houses are burned down by whole neighborhoods</b></li> </ul>  
<p><b>02.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ As a result of the missile attacks in the <b>Lviv region</b>, the railway infrastructure in the Stryj and Sambir districts was damaged. Four cruise missiles were fired and five people were injured..</li> <li>▶ As of June 2, <b>more than 721 children were injured in Ukraine</b> as a result of large-scale armed aggression by the Russian Federation. According to the official juvenile prosecutors, 261 children were killed and more than 460 were injured. Also, during the recording of crimes, it became known that 17 more people were killed and 14 children were injured as a result of enemy shelling in the city of Mariupol, Donetsk region. As a result of the constant shelling and attacks by Russian forces on Ukrainian cities and towns, 1,938 educational institutions were damaged, of which 182 were completely destroyed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>05.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Around 6 am, 5 explosions occurred in <b>Kyiv</b>. The Russian Defense Ministry claimed that the target of the attack was the warehouse of "T-72 tanks and other armored vehicles delivered by Eastern European countries, housed in the buildings of the train repair plant." Ukraine confirmed that Russian troops had attacked the railway repair plant in Kyiv, but there were no "tanks" at that plant. The President of the railway company invited representatives of the media to the said railway repair plant "<i>They (meaning the Russians) want to block our opportunity to export Ukrainian products to the West,</i>" he commented on the bombing. On the same day, Vladimir Putin said: "<i>If Kyiv receives long-range missiles, Russia will draw conclusions and use its means of destruction against targets that have not yet been attacked</i>". It is worth noting that one of the Russian "Caliber" missiles, which they launched against Kyiv, <b>flew critically low over the southern Ukrainian nuclear power plant</b> in the Mykolayiv region.</li> <li>▶ In Mykolayiv, rescuers are still extinguishing a large-scale fire at an infrastructure facility caused by the Russian shelling on June 4. It is reported that the fire reached the warehouses with cereals.</li> </ul>   



# Humanitarian crisis

<p><b>30.05</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The occupiers could have killed more than 22,000 people in Mariupol.</b> According to local authorities, the Russians have already buried 16,000 people in mass graves and another 5,000 have been buried by community service workers as of mid-March.</li> <li>➤ Zelensky said that due to Russia's blockade of Ukrainian ports on the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, <b>Ukraine could not export 22 million tons of grain</b> that were already in warehouses.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>31.05</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In Mariupol, the occupants began the procedure of receiving documents to obtain <b>Russian passports</b>.</li> <li>➤ The head of the Russian Foreign Ministry Sergei Lavrov said that Russia was ready to move the grain ships in the Mediterranean Sea if Ukraine would demine the ports.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>01.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ More than 100,000 people remain in Mariupol: they have been <b>left without access to potable water or food</b> since April, and the <b>occupants give them fresh water for work</b>. "<i>The Russians do not simply deliver the drinking water brought, but they want the people of Mariupol to go and dismantle the rubble, collect [bodies] and help them bury the dead, hide these war crimes...</i>", - said the mayor of Mariupol.</li> <li>➤ <b>Every day in Ukraine two children die and four are injured</b>, reports Unicef. Most injuries to children are from the use of explosives by occupants. In Kyiv since February 24, 29 children have been affected by the war and four of them have died.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>02.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Secretary General of NATO supports the allies' attempts to find ways to export more grain from Ukraine, including by ship. Earlier, Lithuania, Estonia and the Netherlands said they were considering sending naval escorts to help ships get out of Russian-blockaded Ukrainian ports.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>03.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the Mariupol area, the occupiers are jailing and <b>shooting Ukrainian volunteers</b> and officials who have refused to cooperate with the collaborators and the occupation authorities. Also in Mariupol, the Russian occupiers decided to <b>destroy houses without dismantling the rubble, under which there could be dead people</b>. According to Andryushchenko the mayor's adviser, it is now impossible to obtain data on new corpses of murdered men, since all the remains of houses are taken to a city dump.</li> <li>➤ <b>Russia has already "sold" Syria 100,000 tons of stolen Ukrainian grain for \$40 million.</b></li> <li>➤ Putin claims that Russia is ready to "secure" Ukrainian grain exports through the occupied ports of Berdyansk and Mariupol, and "guarantees" the peaceful passage of grain ships into international waters from those ports under Ukraine's control.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>05.06</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The families of the defenders of Mariupol ask the Red Cross to demand better conditions for Ukrainian prisoners of war in Russia. According to Kateryna Prokopenko, the wife of the commander of the Mariupol "Azov" regiment, there are currently only photos and video recordings from the Russian side, there are no reports from international organizations. "<i>We just need an independent body to show the actual conditions,</i>" he said.</li> <li>➤ The head of the Luhansk regional administration, Serhiy Haidai, said that on Sunday night the occupiers <b>completely destroyed the humanitarian center in Lysychansk</b>, there were more than 30 attacks.</li> <li>➤ According to the head of the Donetsk Regional Administration Pavlo Kyrylenko, in the Donetsk region alone, the Russians destroyed 43 <b>religious buildings</b> during the three months of the war, most of which belonged to the Moscow Patriarchate.</li> </ul>	