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28.11

- The foreign ministers of **Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Iceland came together to Kyiv for a visit**. According to the results of the meeting, the ministers of the Baltic countries and Northern Europe promised to support Ukraine and increase pressure on the Russian Federation. In addition, they emphasized that their countries would never recognize the illegal attempt to annex Ukrainian territories, including Crimea.
- The **Pentagon** is considering a Boeing proposal to supply Ukraine with cheap, small precision bombs fitted onto abundantly available rockets, allowing Kyiv to strike far behind Russian lines at a distance of up to 150 km — Reuters.
- **The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden**, Tobias Lindström, is convinced that the only way for a fair outcome in the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine is for Russia to be defeated on the battlefield.
- The **US** currently does not consider it useful to recognize Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism, but advocates further restrictions on Russia in the form of sanctions and export restrictions - US Ambassador to NATO J. Smith.

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- **Stoltenberg** explained why **NATO** cannot allow Putin to win. The Secretary General of NATO, has stated that in the event of Russia's victory in the full-scale war against Ukraine, the world will have to pay a much higher price because authoritarian leaders of different countries will receive a "green light" to use brute force.
- Slovakia handed over 30 BMP-1 infantry fighting vehicles to Ukraine on the basis of an agreement on a circular exchange with Germany, Slovak Defense Minister Yaroslav Nagy said.
- Hungary renewed the **blockade of Ukraine's participation in NATO meetings**. The full participation of Foreign Minister Kuleba in the official meeting of the foreign ministers of NATO countries in Bucharest was blocked at the request of Hungary.
- **France** has handed over to Ukraine another, fourth long-range multiple rocket launcher system LRU - the gun has already arrived in Ukraine, Defense Minister Reznikov said.
- **Britain** has promised to increase its support to Ukraine next year, as well as to provide air defense systems. "We will provide new air defense support to protect the Ukrainian population and the critical infrastructure on which it relies," Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said.
- **Germany** will transfer to Ukraine 14 Estonian military drones — THeMIS unmanned ground vehicles. The first batch of seven drones will be used to evacuate the wounded from the battlefield, while the second will be converted for demining.
- The **United States** will provide Ukraine with \$53 million in support for the urgent purchase of equipment to restore the energy system — the State Department.
- **NATO** countries will continue to strengthen political and practical support for Ukraine and will help in defense against missile attacks - the statement of the ministers following the meeting in Bucharest. The ministers also emphasized that the Russian Federation bears full responsibility for this war, a flagrant violation of international law and the principles of the UN Charter.

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- The **EU** proposes to create a special court with the support of the UN to investigate and **prosecute** the crime of Russian aggression - the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. The creation of the special tribunal has already been supported by various organizations and states - from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament to the national parliaments of Ukraine, Lithuania, Estonia and the Netherlands.
- **Brussels**, together with its partners, will develop a plan to confiscate frozen Russian assets, in order to then transfer them to the reconstruction of Ukraine and to compensate for the damage caused by the Russian war - von der Leyen.
- The **German** parliament has recognised the Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people.



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- The **Pentagon** signed a billion-dollar contract for the purchase of NASAMS for Ukraine. The US Defense Ministry signed a \$1.2 billion contract with Raytheon Technologies Co. to supply six advanced NASAMS anti-aircraft missile systems to Ukraine. The date of completion of the works is November 28, 2025.
- **Germany** is handing over new military aid to Ukraine — 3 BIBER bridge-laying tanks, 8 surface drones and 12 border vehicles. In addition, Berlin announced the transfer of seven Gepard self-propelled artillery units and 100,000 first-aid kits.
- **US** President Biden requested \$37 billion for Ukraine to ensure Putin's defeat. According to the proposal, the new package will include \$21.7 billion in defense aid, while \$14.5 billion is planned to be allocated to humanitarian aid and support for the work of the Ukrainian authorities, \$900 million to support Ukrainians living in the United States, and \$626 million to nuclear security of Ukraine.
- The Parliament of the **Czech Republic** has finally approved the training of the Ukrainian military in the country. According to the decision, up to four thousand Ukrainian servicemen will be able to undergo training in the Czech Republic in 2023.
- **Biden and Macron** in a joint statement condemned Russian aggression in Ukraine and promised the latter to help as much as necessary — in particular, to provide more air defense systems and help with the energy system.

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- Defense Minister Reznikov supported the initiative of the **Czechs** to cut off electricity to buildings belonging to the Russian Embassy in response to Russian bombing of critical infrastructure.
- **Hungarian** Prime Minister Orbán has said that he will not continue to support the EU's plan to provide Ukraine with 18 billion euros of aid next year. He has stated that it is necessary to divide the costs of supporting Ukraine and that each country pay separately from its budgets.
- **Bulgaria** has announced that it will transfer "small arms and some ammunition" to Ukraine as part of military aid. "We help precisely with what we can afford to help at this moment, so that Bulgarian citizens do not worry," said Economy Minister Stoyanov.
- The **Spanish** government handed over the first American anti-aircraft missile complexes Hawk ("Ястреб") to Ukraine — Minister of Defense Reznikov.

03.12

- Ukraine received the first \$1.5 billion grant from the **United States**. The funds will be used to provide pension payments and social assistance. In particular, for the payment of housing and communal services, support for low-income families, disabled children and disabled since childhood, IDPs, as well as for the payment of medical services under the medical guarantee program, etc.
- Putin shows no signs of willingness to end the war he has started in Ukraine through negotiations - the White House National Security Council coordinator John Kirby. "Actions speak louder than words. And their (Russia's) actions testify to the grim determination of the Russians to continue killing Ukrainians," Kirby emphasized.
- The Minister of Defense of **Lithuania**, Arvydas Anušauskas, announced the transfer to Ukraine of two more repaired PzH2000 howitzers, as well as ammunition.

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- Austria handed over 21 powerful generators to Ukraine while Russia continues to shell Ukrainian infrastructure. The batch of generators was delivered to Lviv by the Austrian Red Cross.

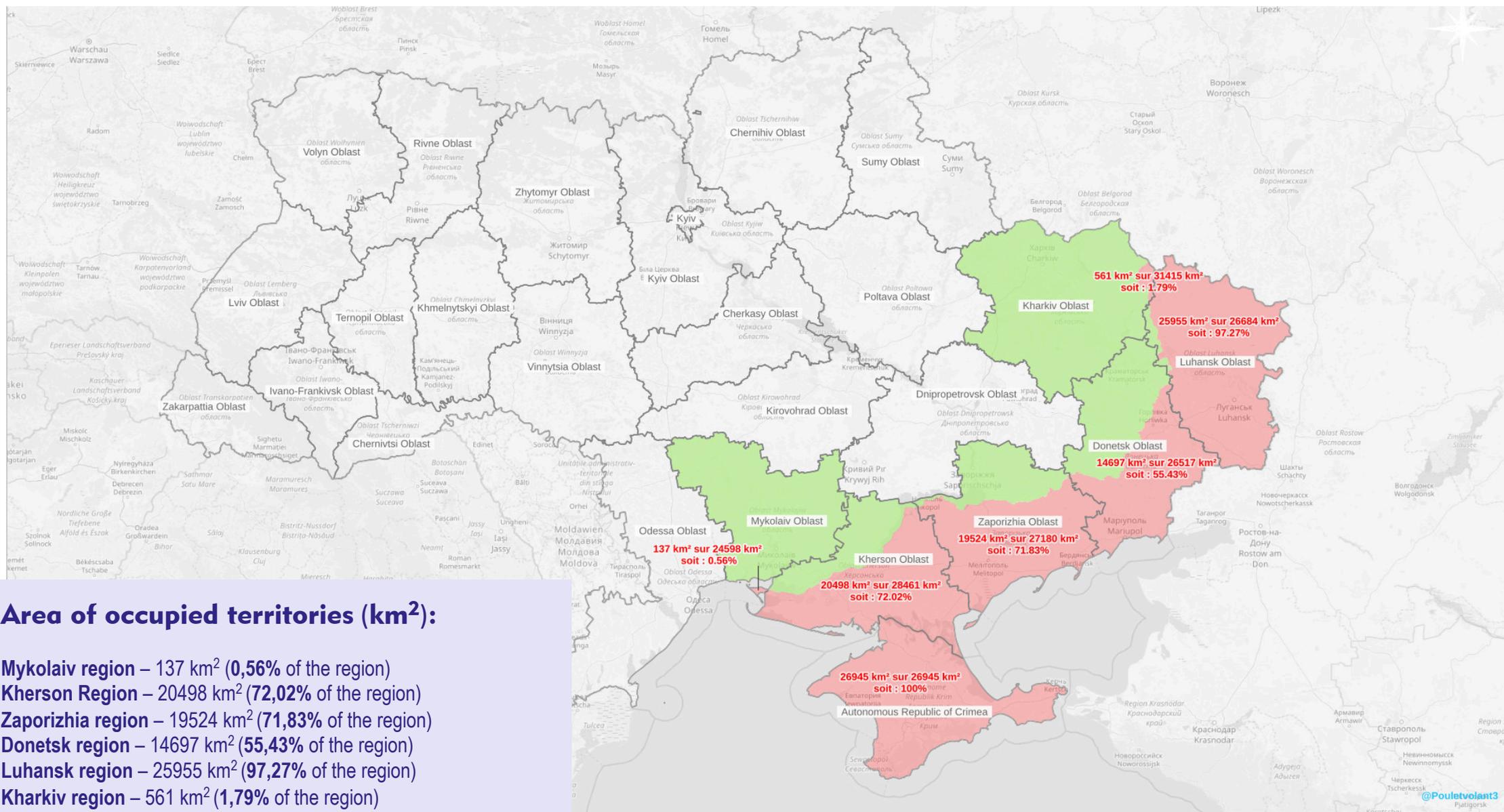
Military positions

- ✓ The Russians do not stop striking civilian infrastructure. Offensive actions continue in the Avdiiv and Bakhmut areas. The transfer of personnel and military equipment of the Russian Army to equip units that have suffered losses is ongoing. Russia has focused its main efforts on attacks on Bakhmut, according to British intelligence. Probably, the plan of the Russian Federation is to surround the city through tactical offensives to the north and south. The capture of this city has turned into a "political goal", according to the Defense Intelligence of Great Britain.
- ✓ In the Volyn and Polissya directions the situation has not changed significantly, no signs of the formation of offensive groups of the enemy have been detected. The Republic of Belarus continues to support the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. Some units of the armed forces of the Russian Federation are being trained on training grounds in Belarus.
- ✓ In the Kherson direction the Russians are defending previously occupied borders. The positions of Ukrainian troops in the areas of Dudchany, Tyaginka, Ivanivka and Dniprovske settlements of the Kherson region were hit by artillery fire of various types. The occupiers do not stop shelling the suburbs and the city of Kherson.
- ✓ There is still a threat of enemy missile strikes on the objects of the energy system and critical infrastructure throughout the territory of Ukraine.

28.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Since the start of the full-scale war, the Russian Federation has launched 16,000 missile strikes on Ukraine. "97% of Russian targets are civilians. We are fighting against a terrorist state. Ukraine will win and bring war criminals to justice," Oleksiy Reznikov said. ➤ During the full-scale invasion, 101 women from the ranks of the Armed Forces died at the front. 50 are missing, more than 100 are injured, Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksiy Reznikov announced during the sixth women's forum. ➤ In total, almost 60,000 women serve in the ranks of the Armed Forces. 5,000 are directly involved in the hostilities. ➤ 350 women were awarded state awards, and 2 received the title of Heroes of Ukraine posthumously. These are Inna Dereusova and Kateryna Stupytska.
29.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The situation at the front is difficult. Despite extremely large Russian losses, the occupiers are still trying to advance in Donetsk region, gain a foothold in Luhansk region, move in Kharkiv region, and are planning something in the south. But the Ukrainian army is holding out and, most importantly, does not allow the enemy to fulfill their intentions. The Russians said that they would capture the Donetsk region - in spring, summer, autumn. Winter is already starting this week. They put their regular army there, they lose hundreds of mobilized and mercenaries there every day - the address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky at the end of the 279th day of the Russian invasion.
30.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It has been confirmed that enemy units were hit in the Zaporizhzhia region during November 28-29 of this year. Thus, in the area of Inzhenerne, Polohy and Tokmak settlements, the enemy lost about 100 people wounded, 5 units of military equipment were destroyed.
01.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Another exchange of prisoners took place, as a result of which 50 defenders returned home. Among them are defenders of Mariupol and "Azovstal", prisoners who were in Olenivka and were wounded. In total, 1,331 Ukrainians have already been freed from Russian captivity since February 24 of this year.
03.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The enemy continues to suffer losses. For example, in the city of Tokmak, Zaporizhzhia region, more than 10 cars with wounded servicemen and the bodies of dead occupiers arrived at hospitals. At the same time, the Russian military is withdrawing separate units and preparing for evacuation of the personnel of the occupation administrations of settlements in the temporarily occupied territory of the Zaporizhzhia region, the General Staff reported. ➤ The armed forces of Ukraine are gradually advancing in the direction of Svatove-Kreminna (Luhansk region), - according to Serhiy Haidai, the head of the Luhansk Military Administration. There are very fierce battles there, literally every 100 meters of territory, because the Russians had time to prepare. The Russian army continues to bring in new recruits and build fortifications, but despite this, the armed forces are moving forward, albeit at a slow pace.

Losses of the Russian army from 28.11.2022 to 4.12.2022	
Liquidated personnel	3250
Tanks	14
IFVs	31
Artillery systems / MLRS	9/0
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	1
Aircraft / helicopters	3/2
UAVs	18
Vehicles & fuel tanks	63





Area of occupied territories (km²):

- Mykolaiv region – 137 km² (0,56% of the region)
- Kherson Region – 20498 km² (72,02% of the region)
- Zaporizhia region – 19524 km² (71,83% of the region)
- Donetsk region – 14697 km² (55,43% of the region)
- Luhansk region – 25955 km² (97,27% of the region)
- Kharkiv region – 561 km² (1,79% of the region)
- Autonomous Republic of Crimea – 26945 km² (100% of Republic)

✓ During the week, Russians conducted 40 missile and 206 air strikes, carried out over 272 MLRS attacks.

Kharkiv and Kharkiv region

In Kupiansk district, rescuers extinguished fires in private buildings and garages, and more than 10 cars were damaged due to shelling. Three people were injured, and one man was blown up by a mine and died. In the Kurylivska community, as a result of shelling, farm buildings were burned, the roofs of two buildings were destroyed, and there was a hit on the territory of an educational institution. In Kharkiv district, the Russians targeted an apartment building. No casualties. The border areas of Vovchansk and Lypetsk are also under fire. On the night of December 2, the occupiers hit a 5-story residential building in Klugyno-Bashkyrivka with an S-300 missile. The victim, a 67-year-old woman, was hospitalized. Another 24-year-old woman was treated on the spot.

Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk region

Russians continue to terrorize the Dnipropetrovsk region. Occupiers **shells peaceful settlements at least 30 times per day**. On November 29, the Russians shelled Dnipro. Four rockets hit a private enterprise, and a fire started. The destruction is serious, but there are no victims. Nikopol district and Marganets community also constantly suffer from shelling. Russian troops are **shelling civilian infrastructure with Urahan, Hrad, and heavy artillery**. Several private and commercial buildings, a gas pipeline, and a power line were mutilated in the Chervonogrygorivka community. In Nikopol, on December 1, after another shelling, an apartment in a high-rise building was on fire. The owner, a 56-year-old man, was injured. Several high-rise buildings and power lines were damaged in the city.

Donetsk region

Russians are shelling the Donetsk region along the entire front line. In the Volnovakha direction, Ugledar and Bohoyavlenka are under artillery fire. The administrative building and at least 6 private houses were damaged. In the Donetsk direction, Mariinka, Krasnohorivka, and Kostiantynivka in the Mariinka community, as well as Kurakhove and Berestky, are under fire. There was also shelling of the old part of Avdiivka. There is a lot of damage to private and apartment buildings. In the Horlivka direction, Pivnichne of the Toretsk community, Mykolaivka of the Kostiantynivka community, the outskirts of Chasovyi Yar, Paraskoviivka, Rozdolivka, Yakovlivka and Bakhmutske of the Soledar community and the Mayorsk station of the Svitlodar community are under fire. Bakhmut suffers the most, there are injured civilians and the destroyed infrastructure of the city. In the Lysychansk direction, mass shelling of the Siversk community, Torsk, and Zarichne of the Lyman community did not stop.

Kherson and Kherson region

The Russian military shelled 30 settlements of the Kherson region 258 times in a week. On November 29, the Russians attacked the regional clinical hospital in Kherson. The building has broken windows. There are no casualties. Russians are also shelling the residential areas of Kherson. Factories, a medical facility, and a bank in the center of the city were hit. Gas pipelines, private and apartment buildings, and an oncology dispensary were damaged. Kherson and Beryslav districts of the region are also under fire.

Sumy region

During the day of November 29, the Russians released **129 mines**, shells, and other explosives. The enemy fired mortars at the Seredyno-Budsk community three times, there were a total of 30 hits. There is no destruction. On November 30, around 11:00 p.m., the Russians shelled the Myropil community with mortars - 16 hits. Damaged private household. The Krasnopil community was also under fire.

Mykolaiv and Mykolaiv region

Constant shelling of the Mykolaiv region continues. During the week, Russians struck the water area of the Ochakiv community and the coastline of the Kutsurubsk community. There are no casualties.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia region

On November 28, the occupiers attacked the residential buildings of the Zaporizhzhia region. In total, law enforcement officers received 16 reports about the destruction of civil infrastructure in the Pology and Vasylivka districts. On November 29, Zaporizhzhia region was subjected to 70 enemy shellings per day. Half of them are for civil infrastructure. The occupiers mostly hit Orikhiv. In total, about 15% of the population remained in the city. Other communities along the contact line are also being hit: Huliaipole and Stepnohirsk. On November 30, the occupiers shelled the positions of Ukrainian troops in the districts of Zahirny, Orikhiv, Novoandriivka, Mali Shcherbak, and Plavni.



This week shelling

Zaporizhzhia region, 29.11



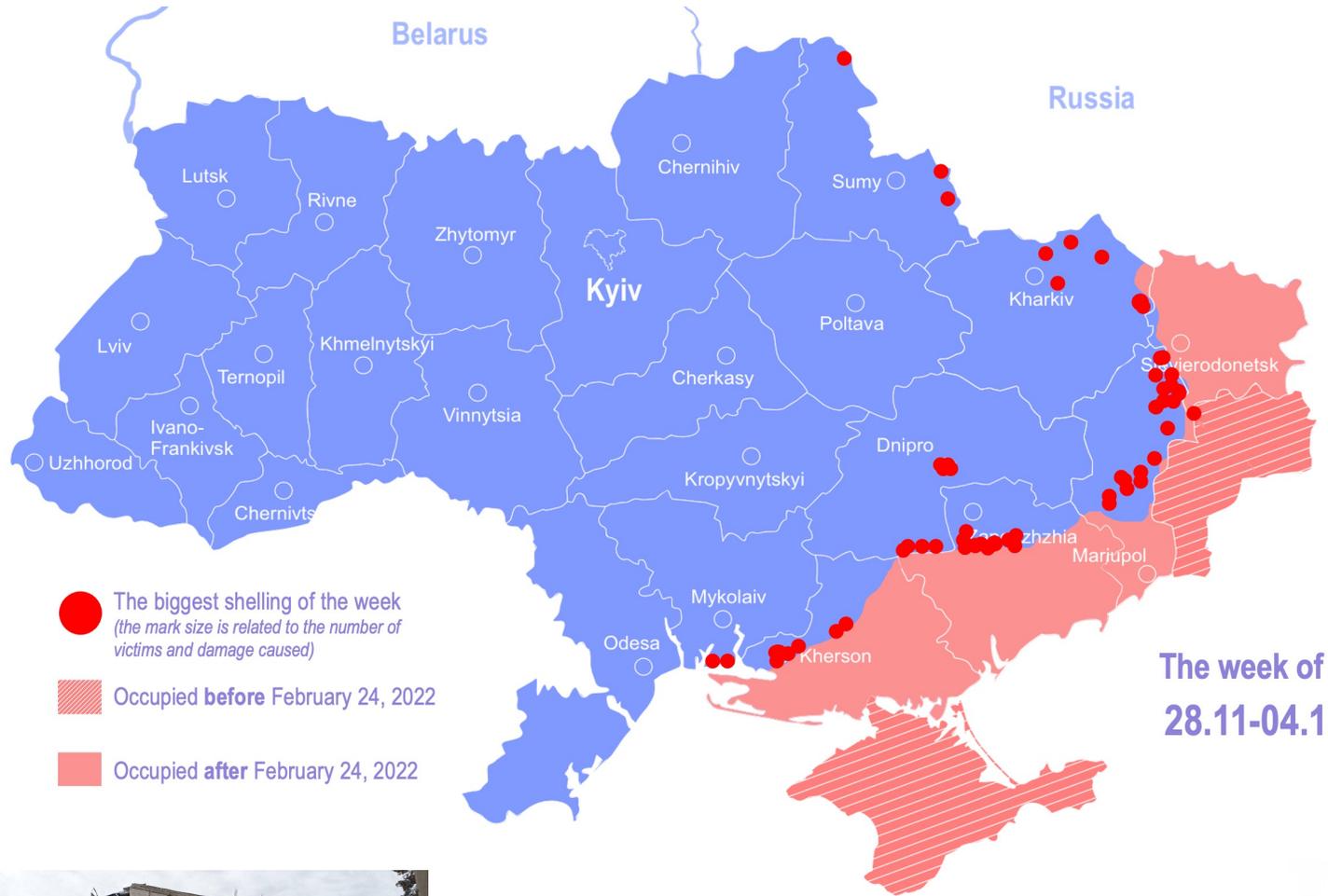
Kherson, 02.12



Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk region, 01.12



Klugyno-Bashkyrivka,
Kharkiv region, 02.11



Humanitarian crisis

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- The shutdowns are applied throughout Ukraine. The increase in power shortages was caused by emergency shutdowns of units at several power plants. At the same time, consumption continues to grow due to worsening weather conditions. Currently, the capacity deficit is 27%.
- In Kyiv, emergency outages continue, and energy consumption in the capital should be reduced by 60%. **Only 42% of electricity is available to domestic consumers.** 55% of subscribers are currently in emergency shutdown mode in Kyiv – repair works in the electric power system continue.

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- Mateusz Morawiecki, Prime Minister of Poland, announced changes in the conditions for accepting refugees from Ukraine, according to which those who stay in collective accommodation facilities will have to pay for them as of March 2023.
- On November 29, the Executive Committee of the Lviv City Council decided to partially compensate entrepreneurs of the restaurant sector and food retail for the cost of electric generators for their work. Thus, businesses will be able to receive assistance from the city of up to 80,000 UAH for purchasing electric generators for their work.
- In Uman, there is a critical situation with the supply of electricity – two reactors were shut down at the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant, from where Uman received electricity. As of 11:00 on Tuesday, November 29, electricity producers provided 70% of electricity consumption in Ukraine, and the capacity deficit is 30% – electricity supply will be limited in all regions.

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- The **price of Starlink devices in Ukraine has almost doubled** since the beginning of the year amid interruptions in communication in the country due to Russia's attacks on the country's power grid. Starlink terminals, manufactured by Elon Musk's SpaceX company, will increase in price to \$700 for new Ukrainian consumers, the company's website notes. This represents an increase from about \$385 at the beginning of the year.
- In case of a possible repeat of the blackout, the **national postal operator Ukrposhta is preparing an action plan to ensure the operation of more than three thousand branches in the country.** Ukrposhta has identified a critical number of people who must get to work and provide critical services: payment of pensions, acceptance of payments, and delivery of parcels. Also, 19 stations of the Kyiv Underground have been equipped with USB charging points for mobile phones and other gadgets.

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- **Due to heavy shelling in Kherson, the voltage in the power grid disappeared,** the Regional Military Administration reported. During the occupation of Kherson, Russian troops almost destroyed an energy facility that provided power to the entire Right Bank of the Kherson region. After the de-occupation, Kherson was getting energy power from neighboring regions.
- **More than 200,000 displaced persons came to Kyiv during the full-scale war.** In total, more than 360,000 internally displaced persons have been registered in the capital since 2014. Approximately one in ten residents is a migrant.
- **5,000 emergency boxes will be installed in the elevators** of Kyiv's high-rise buildings. They contain wet towels, dry wipes, garbage bags, cookies, water, disposable cups, and sedatives. They will be placed in houses that are most often subject to stabilization and emergency power outages.
- Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the Russian occupiers have damaged 350 residential buildings with missile strikes. In total, **678 infrastructure facilities** in the city have been destroyed or damaged.

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- A third of Ukrainian forests have been damaged or destroyed by the Russian invaders for 9 months of a full-scale war. About **450,000 hectares of forest are still occupied or used to be occupied.**
- As of this morning, 83% of the country is provided with energy power, said Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal. The priority is to supply critical infrastructure. The needs of enterprises and residential buildings are satisfied by 40-50%.

03.11

- In Kherson, from December 3 to December 5, the ban on crossing the Dnipro River at the River-Boat Station area during daylight hours was lifted. This is done so that people who are staying in their summer cottages on the Left Bank of the Dnipro River can evacuate to Kherson, said Yaroslav Yanushevych, the head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration.

