



# Transatlantic Dialogue Center

## Weekly briefing

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# International support

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- **Norway** will transfer Cortex Typhon **C-UAS systems** to Ukraine for countering drones, as reported by the country's government. This is a relatively new development - a machine gun turret with an observation system. It can be installed on Dingo armored vehicles. Norway will also transfer them to Ukraine.
- The Minister of Finance of **Germany**, Christian Lindner, noted that the country plans to provide Ukraine with **annual military support of 5 billion euros** until 2027, but this decision still needs to be approved by the parliament. Lindner mentioned that since the start of the full-scale war, Germany's assistance to Ukraine has amounted to 22 billion euros.
- The U.S. State Department announced a **new military package** for Ukraine worth 200 million dollars. The U.S. Department of Defense has published a detailed list of weaponry in the new aid package for Ukraine. It includes
  - munitions for Patriot and HIMARS systems;
  - 155mm and 105mm artillery rounds;
  - 120mm tank ammunition;
  - Tube-Launched, Optically-Tracked, Wire-Guided (TOW), Javelin and other anti-armor systems and rockets;
  - 37 tactical vehicles to tow and haul equipment;
  - 58 water trailers;
  - over 12 million rounds of small arms ammunition and grenades;
  - mine clearing equipment and systems, demolitions munitions for obstacle clearing, and spare parts, maintenance, and other field equipment.

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- **Israel** provided several tons of medicine to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine as **humanitarian aid**. It's worth noting that since the start of the full-scale war, Israel only provides humanitarian aid to Ukraine - the country refuses to supply any military equipment or ammunition to the Armed Forces.
- **North Macedonia** supported the **security guarantee agreement** for Ukraine. In total, 15 countries have already joined the declaration.
- **Sweden** will provide **military assistance** to Ukraine worth 300 million dollars. The new Swedish aid batch will include ammunition for air defense systems. Ukraine will also receive equipment for demining and spare parts for previously transferred BMP CV-90, SAU Archer, and tanks Leopard 2.

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- The President of **Romania** confirmed that his country would **train Ukrainian pilots** on F-16 fighter jets. A regional training center will be established for this purpose.
- Financial Times: The United States is pushing **Iran** to stop selling drones to Russia in exchange for **sanctions relief**. The Islamic Republic wants the U.S. to convince its European allies to also ease pressure on Iran.

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- **The EU** will allocate 135 million euros to Ukraine and Moldova which were originally designated for future EU programs with Russia and Belarus. This decision "is the result of the brutal war of Russia against Ukraine," explained Elisa Ferreira, the EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms.
- Ukraine has **not been invited to the G20 summit** scheduled to take place in India on September 9-10. The Minister of External Affairs of India, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, stated that Ukraine was not invited because G20 focuses on growth and development rather than conflict resolution, which is supposed to happen in the UN Security Council.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine noted that they are working with partners to secure an official invitation, as the summit will address economic issues, among other things.

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- **Bulgaria** joined the Declaration of G7 countries regarding security guarantees for Ukraine. Also today, the Baltic countries joined: the prime ministers of **Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia** simultaneously published a statement.
- **Germany** provided Ukraine with two launchers for IRIS-T air defense systems, 10 portable Ground Observer 12 radars, four HX81 transport vehicles, five semi-trailers for them, and eight 15-ton payload loaders.

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- The USA approved the **provision of F-16 aircraft to Ukraine** from Denmark and the Netherlands, reports Reuters. CNN reports that the Danish Ministry of Defense has announced plans to begin training Ukrainian pilots on F-16s at the end of this month.
- According to the publication Bild, the German defense conglomerate Rheinmetall will send Ukraine the state-of-the-art **reconnaissance drones** Luna NG, capable of providing an LTE network, intercepting or jamming communications, by the end of 2023. The German defense conglomerate Rheinmetall plans to start servicing tanks in Ukraine in the coming days, according to its CEO, Armin Papperger.

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- Russia is preparing an **alternative to the "grain deal"**. Russia with Turkey and Qatar, plans to establish an economic agreement for grain supplies, primarily to African countries. The new agreements could be approved in Budapest this weekend, reports Bild. According to the publication, Moscow previously informed Ankara about its withdrawal from the "grain deal". In this new initiative, Turkey wants to act as the organizer, while Qatar would serve as the sponsor of the shipments.
- The head of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs is also requesting Russia to restore the previous agreement to allow grain supplies from Ukraine.



- In the Volyn and Polissia directions, the operational situation has not changed significantly.
- In the Chernihiv and Kharkiv directions, the enemy carried out airstrikes, mortar, and artillery attacks.
- In the Kupiansk direction, the enemy carried out unsuccessful offensive actions in the Synkivka area of the Kharkiv Oblast. In the Lyman direction, they carried out airstrikes, mortar, and artillery attacks.
- In the Bakhmut direction, the enemy conducted unsuccessful offensive actions in the areas east of Bila Hora and Toretsk of the Donetsk Oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, the enemy conducted unsuccessful offensives in the Novokalynove and Avdiivka areas of the Donetsk Oblast.
- In the Marinka direction, defense forces continue to hold back the advance of Russian troops in the Marinka and Krasnohorivka areas of the Donetsk Oblast.
- The threat of Russia launching massive missile strikes on the territory of Ukraine will remain throughout the war. However, according to Andrii Yusov, representative of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, Russia has largely used the accumulated missile potential.

Date	Summary of Events
14.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The commander of the United Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Serhii Naiev said that Russia has changed the tactics of using Shaheds, due to which it has become more difficult to shoot them down. He noted that the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue to use them mainly at night at extremely low altitudes, but the construction of routes is constantly changing taking into account the topography of the area.</li> <li>➤ According to British intelligence, the Russian command is forced to consider transferring reinforcements from the priority direction near Zaporizhzhia to the left bank of the Dnipro near Kherson because of the intensification of the struggle of Ukrainian defenders for control over new points in this territory.</li> <li>➤ Deputy Minister of Defense Hanna Maliar reported that Ukrainian defenders liberated 3 square kilometers last week in the direction of Bakhmut. Also, the Armed Forces of Ukraine have been successful in Urozhaine on the southern front. They are conducting an offensive in the Melitopol and Berdiansk directions, and have had "certain successes" south and southeast of Staromaiorske.</li> <li>➤ On August 13, Ukrainian troops conducted counteroffensive operations in at least two areas of the front and advanced in the west of Donetsk Oblast to the east of Zaporizhzhia Oblast and in the western part of Zaporizhzhia Oblast, according to the daily report of the Institute for the Study of War.</li> <li>➤ The Armed Forces of Ukraine shot down three of the newest Russian T-90M tanks, the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine reported. Three Russian T-90M Proryv tanks, an MT-LB multi-purpose towing vehicle, and an infantry fighting vehicle were hit and abandoned near the village of Andriivka, Donetsk Oblast.</li> <li>➤ The Armed Forces of Ukraine confirmed the strike on the Russian command post in occupied Yuriivka in Donetsk Oblast. The deputy mayor of Mariupol, Petro Andriushchenko, wrote that the blow hit the territory of the Khvyliia camp. He said that civilians have not been injured, but that the Russian militaries are being "counted by the dozens."</li> </ul>
15.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ukraine transferred its reserves to the Lyman-Kupiansk direction in order to deter the Russians, said Serhii Cherevatyi, the spokesman of the Eastern Group of Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. "Direct, clear orders were given to build an echelon defense. Our fire positions were strengthened, certain methodical recommendations were given, and reserves were transferred. This made it possible to make the enemy's movement impossible."</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian military is advancing on the southern front. This was announced by the spokesman of the General Staff Andrii Kovaliov. According to him, Ukrainian defenders are carrying on their offensive in the Melitopol and Berdyansk directions.</li> <li>➤ Russian subversive and reconnaissance groups tried to break through the border in Chernihiv Oblast at night. The Russians tried to penetrate the Novhorod-Siversk Territorial Community. Because of this, a shooting battle ensued. According to preliminary data, the subversive and reconnaissance groups consisted of five and seven fighters, respectively. There are some wounded and killed. Having been repulsed, the saboteurs retreated in the opposite direction.</li> <li>➤ There are up to 6,500 mercenaries of Wagner PMC in Belarus, Serhii Naiev, the commander of the North array, said. Currently, they do not directly threaten Ukraine, but this may change in the future.</li> <li>➤ Deputy Minister of Defense Hanna Maliar informed that Urozhaine of Donetsk oblast has been <b>liberated</b>. Now the Ukrainian military is entrenched at the borders, and the offensive continues.</li> </ul>
16.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Russia reported a "drone attack" on the Kaluga Oblast. Governor Vladislav Shapsha has assured that they had succeeded in shooting down all three drones.</li> <li>➤ Ukrainian troops have disabled five large amphibious ships of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation. This was stated by the spokesman of the Naval Forces of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Dmytro Pletenchuk. According to him, the Russians have been blocked from replenishing the Black Sea Fleet.</li> <li>➤ Ukraine intends to deal with the Russian threat in the Black Sea on its own, Politico reports. According to experts, with attacks on Russian ships, Ukraine proved that blocking ports is possible from two sides, and gave the aggressor an ultimatum: either the Black Sea will be unblocked for all civilian cargo of Ukraine and Russia, or no one will sail in it. "This gives Ukraine a powerful lever to enable sea transport for the export of all types of products," the Ukraine Business News writes.</li> <li>➤ The Russians, with their assault units, are daily trying to break through the defense of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in order to block and further capture Kupiansk, said the commander of the Ground Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Oleksandr Syrskyi.</li> </ul>

Losses of the Russian army from 14.08.2023 to 20.08.2023	
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IFVs	100
Artillery systems / MLRS	173/4
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	12
Aircraft / helicopters	0/3
UAVs	100
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	137
Special equipment	27

# Military positions

17.08

- According to the spokesman of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Andrii Kovaliov, Ukrainian troops had success south of Urozhaine, which was released the day before.
- The Defense Forces of Ukraine destroyed the training base of the Russians with the help of M142 HIMARS in the temporarily occupied territory.
- The possible goal of increasing Russian attacks on objects in the rear of Ukraine is to deprive Kyiv of the ability to launch long-range Western missiles from Su-24 bombers, in particular, to destroy the runways for the Su-24, writes the Financial Times.
- The legendary special purpose brigade Azov resumed the performance of tasks at the front. This was reported by acting Colonel Mykola Urshalovych, Director of the Department of Application Planning of the Main Directorate of the National Guard. In particular, on August 15, the artillerymen of the brigade in the Serebrianka Forestry area destroyed a mortar and engineering vehicle of the occupiers
- The Russians are withdrawing forces in the Bakhmut direction from the north and south of Ukraine. On Radio Svoboda, Deputy Commander of the 3rd Assault Brigade, Maksym Zhorin, said that the airborne troops, the Kadyrov unit Akhmat and the Espaniola formation of fans of the CSKA football club are currently fighting in this direction. He added that currently, the Russian army has no problems with replenishing units with people.

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- 30 combat clashes took place on the front line during the day. "The enemy carried out unsuccessful offensive actions in the areas of Senkivka of the Kharkiv region, Bilohorivka of the Luhansk Oblast, Bohdanivka and Bila Hora of the Donetsk Oblast," said the spokesman of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Andrii Kovaliov.
- The Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation disperses and tries to hide behind civilian ships in the Black Sea, fearing the Security Service of Ukraine surface drones. This was reported by the spokeswoman of the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine Natalia Humeniuk.
- In the morning, an explosion took place in the temporarily occupied Enerhodar at a meeting of the leaders of the occupation police, reports the Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. As a result, the head of the city department, Colonel Pavel Chesanov of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, his deputy for operational work, the head of the investigative department, the head of the duty unit, and the heads of a number of units received numerous injuries.
- About 20,000 people are mobilized in the Russian Federation every month, Andrii Yusov, a representative of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, said. The representative of the Main Directorate of Intelligence noted that it is a forced mobilization. Yusov also reported that during several weeks of active operations, the Defense Forces of Ukraine captured more than 200 soldiers of the Russian Federation. "This means that it will be easier and faster to return our people. Out of this number, every fifth surrendered voluntarily," Yusov noted.
- Russia probably lost about 300,000 soldiers killed or wounded after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. This is reported by The New York Times, citing unnamed US officials. Ukraine's losses, according to the publication's estimates, may amount to approximately 170-190 thousand. The publication notes that losses increased sharply in the winter and spring of this year during the battle for Bakhmut. According to analysts' estimates, the forces of the Russian Federation on the battlefield are almost three times greater than those of Ukraine. There are about 500,000 military personnel in Ukraine. Russia has about 1.3 million.

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- During the past day, 36 combat clashes took place on the front line. The Russians are concentrating their main offensive capabilities in the Kupiansk direction. During the day, the enemy shelled the positions of the Ukrainian troops 603 times with barrel and rocket artillery of various types. The enemy also carried out 8 air raids by attack aircraft. In addition, in this direction, the occupiers attacked Synkivka and Ivanivka of the Kupiansk district 5 times.
- The Russian Federation could retreat from the village of Robotyne in Zaporizhzhia Oblast, reports the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). On August 18, Ukrainian troops continued counteroffensive operations in at least three areas of the front and advanced in the area of the village of Robotyne in the west of the Zaporizhzhia Oblast.
- More than 1,400 mercenaries from Wagner PMC left Belarus. The National Opposition, citing the Belarusian underground, reports that out of 5,800 mercenaries in the country, only 4,400 remain. The reason is the lack of funding from Russia. Some of the Wagnerites signed a contract and went to an African country, the rest went on vacation. They plan either to move to other structures or to resign altogether.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched **76 missile and 394 air strikes**, and carried out more than **399 attacks from multiple rocket launchers**.

## Attack on the night of 15 August

Russians fired 28 cruise missiles at Ukraine, including X-22, X-101/X-555, and Kalibr, 16 of which were shot down by air defense forces.

- Two missiles hit an industrial facility in Lutsk, killing three people and injuring three others.
- Six Russian missiles hit the Lviv oblast, and another was shot down by air defense forces. In Lviv, a missile hit the yard of a kindergarten, and shrapnel damaged residential buildings on the streets. Nineteen people were injured, including a ten-year-old child, and five were hospitalized. Private houses were damaged in Stavchany and Sukhoviola.
- In Dnipro, one of the enterprises was hit - three people were injured. The Meteor sports complex, which is a training base for the Ukrainian national swimming team and a training ground for Olympians and Paralympians, was also damaged. Windows were blown out, the facade and an interior wall were smashed.
- An administrative building in the Kharkiv oblast was damaged. Nine people were injured, including a 14-year-old boy. One person was killed.
- In the Cherkasy oblast, rockets hit the territory of a private enterprise and a medical facility, but no one was injured.
- In the Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, air defense was deployed: the debris fell into the yard of a private house, and no one was injured.
- Air defense was also active in Khmelnytskyi oblast.

## Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On the night of 13 August, Russians fired almost ten shells from heavy artillery at Nikopol and the Chervonohryhorivka community. No one was killed or injured. On 16 August, an 18-year-old boy died as a result of shelling in the Mezhyvska community. Six other people were injured, including a two-year-old child. Almost fifty houses, an agricultural enterprise, an educational institution, and cars were damaged. On the morning of 17 August, the occupiers attacked the Novomoskovsk district with rockets. No one was injured. Ten thousand people were temporarily left without electricity.

## Chernihiv and Chernihiv oblast

On 19 August, Russians launched a missile attack on the center of Chernihiv. As a result, 7 people died and 148 were injured. The roof of the regional drama theatre was destroyed, one of the fire stations, the roof of a house and a shop in the city center were damaged.

## Donetsk oblast

Russians continue to terrorize the oblast.

In the Volnovakha sector, Bohoiavlenska, Vuhledar, Blahodatne, Velykonovosilkivka community, Maksymivka came under fire. Private houses and an outbuilding were damaged.

In the Donetsk sector, Avdiivka, Lastochkine, Ocherety, Marinka, Kurakhivka communities, Krasnohorivka, Katerynivka, and Hostre came under fire. Residential areas, the territory of Avdiivka Coke and Chemical Plant, a utility company, and an agricultural enterprise were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector, Toretsk, Chasiv Yar, Mykolaivka, Lyman, Toretsk, Soledar communities, Vasiukivka, Rozdolivka, Siversk, Pivnichne, Druzhba, Kostiantynivka, Rai-Oleksandriivka, and Bohdanivka are affected. Residential buildings, industrial buildings, an infrastructure facility, administrative buildings, a gas pipeline, power lines, and garages were damaged.

In the Lysychansk sector, Siversk, Lyman, Zvanivka communities, Yampil, Torske, Zvanivka, and Pereizne came under fire. An administrative building and private houses were damaged. There are wounded or dead in all directions.

## Kherson and Kherson oblast

On the morning of 13 August, Russians struck at Veletenske. As a result of the shelling, a 28-year-old man was seriously wounded. On the afternoon of 13 August, Russian occupiers shelled the village of Stanislav with multiple rocket launchers: two people were killed and one wounded. Five private residential buildings were destroyed and damaged. The shelling of Shyroka Balka killed a local resident and a family - a husband, wife, their 23-day-old daughter, and 12-year-old son. The Russians also shelled Komyshany, injuring two civilians. One person was injured in the shelling of Zolota Balka. On the same day, residential areas of Kherson were shelled with artillery. A multi-story building was hit, three people were wounded, and two were hospitalized in serious condition. On the night of 14 August, Russians shelled residential areas of Kherson again. Three people were wounded. On 14 August, Russian invaders shelled Kherson again, damaging three houses. On 15 August, Russians fired 12 shells at Novodmytrivka. A 71-year-old man was wounded. At least ten houses were damaged. On the same day, Lvove was shelled. Two men and a woman were wounded. On the morning of 16 August, Russians attacked an educational institution and a hospital in Kherson. Three people were wounded. Also, two men in Zelenivka and Khreschenivka and a couple in Mykilske were wounded in the morning shelling. On the same day, a village in Beryslav district was shelled with artillery. A man was killed. On the night of 18, Bilozerka and Dniprovsk were shelled. The houses and the gas pipeline were damaged, and the roof of the church caught fire. A local resident was wounded. On the afternoon of 18 August, Virivka of the Tiahynske community was shelled. A 17-year-old girl was wounded. About 10 residential buildings were damaged. Explosives were also dropped from a drone near a house in Beryslav. Two local residents who were on the street were wounded. On the same day, Kherson was shelled again: a residential area was hit, and a 72-year-old man was killed. Two more people were injured. On the night of 19 August, Russians attacked the Kherson oblast with drones, hitting residential areas, a shop, and the territory of a business in Kherson. A church and a critical infrastructure facility were also damaged. As a result of the shelling, 1 person died and 10 others were injured, including one child. On the morning of 19 August, a village in the Darivka community was shelled. A woman was killed.

## Odesa and Odesa oblast

On the night of 14 August, the Russians attacked Odesa oblast three times, firing 15 drones and 8 Kalibr systems. Air defence systems shot down all targets. The falling debris in Odesa damaged seven educational institutions, residential buildings, commercial facilities, and more. Three fires broke out at night, including a supermarket. Three people were reported injured. On the night of 16 August, the occupiers twice attacked port and grain infrastructure in the south of Odesa oblast with drones. One of the Danube ports was hit, damaging warehouses and grain storage facilities. In total, air defence forces shot down 13 drones in Odesa and Mykolaiv oblasts on the night of 16 August.

## Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On the night of 14 August, Russians attacked the village of Stepne with S-300 missiles, killing a man and a woman. Another woman was injured. Two residential buildings were completely destroyed and two more damaged. On 18 August, the occupiers launched a missile attack on one of the districts of Zaporizhzhia: two educational institutions were slightly damaged, and the blast wave shattered windows in three high-rise buildings.

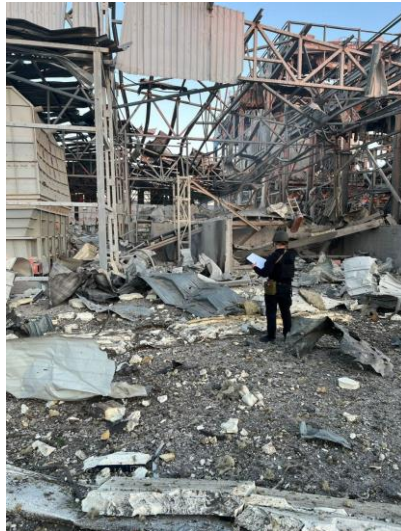
## Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

On the night of 14 August, Russians attacked Izium: more than ten residential buildings were damaged. One person was lightly injured. On 14 August, a 50-year-old man died as a result of shelling in the border town of Kozacha Lopan, and two other people were injured. Podoly of Kupyansk district was also shelled: a man and a woman were wounded. On the same day, a 14-year-old teenager and a 62-year-old woman were injured in the shelling in Buhaivka of the Vovchansk community. On 16 August, the Russians struck at settlements in Kharkiv, Kupiansk and Chuhuiv districts. Private and country houses caught fire. One person was killed. On 17 August, Russian invaders shelled Zaoskillia in Kupyansk district: one woman was killed and another sustained shrapnel wounds. A house was damaged, an outbuilding caught fire.



# This week shelling and strikes

## Donetsk oblast

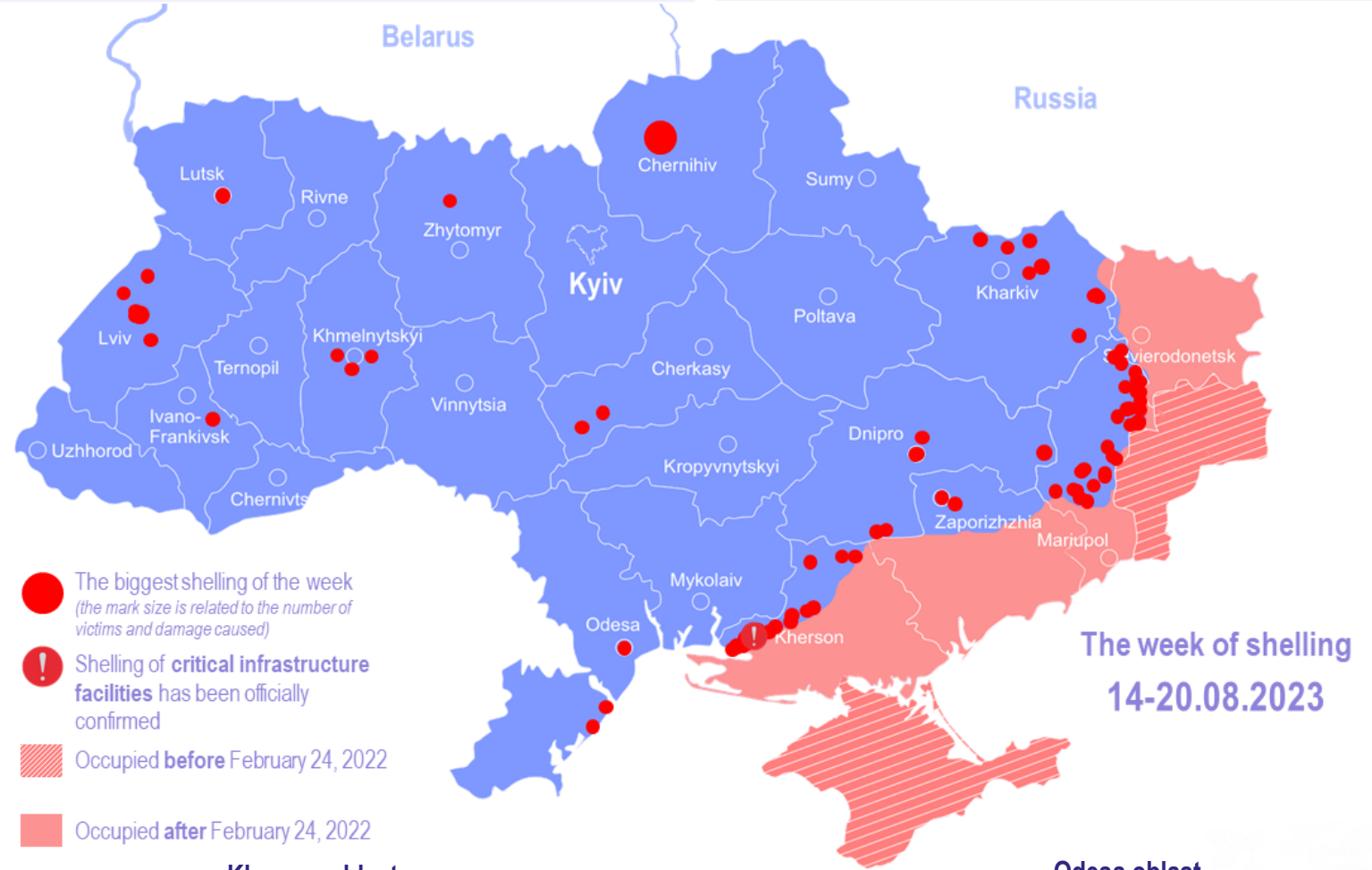


## Zhytomyr Oblast

On the night of 19 August, Russians attacked an infrastructure facility in the Zhytomyr oblast. The falling wreckage of a downed drone caused a fire. There were no casualties or injuries.

## Khmelnytskyi Oblast

As a result of an enemy strike on the night of 19 August, 30 houses were damaged in the villages of Khmelnytskyi district, windows and doors in 32 households were smashed. Glass fragments injured two women.



## Kherson oblast



## Odesa oblast





# Humanitarian crisis



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- More than half of Ukraine's **power plants** have been **repaired**, as stated by Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal. Specifically, 5 out of 9 nuclear power units have been repaired (with 4 still undergoing repairs), 50% of hydroelectric power plants, 62% of thermal power plants, and 70% of combined heat and power plants have undergone repairs. Furthermore, Ukrenergo has successfully repaired 80% of the main power grids.
- **Families of missing persons** must undergo the **procedure of collecting genetic material**, according to the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories. The Ministry's statement emphasizes that having the genetic information of a blood relative within the DNA profile database will speed up the search and identification processes.
- In the marketing year of 2023/2024 (from July 1 to August 14, 2023), Ukraine exported 3,122 million tons of grains and grain legumes. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine. By comparison, during the 2022/2023 marketing year, Ukraine exported significantly less (2,650 mln tons of grains and grain legumes). Notably, in the current marketing year, Ukraine has already exported 1,250 million tons of wheat, 385,000 tons of barley, 0.6 thousand tons of rye, and 1,481 million tons of corn.
- During the full-scale war between Russia and Ukraine, **500 children have lost their lives**, and more than **1,097** others have **sustained injuries** of varying severity. The majority of these children were injured in Donetsk Oblast, totaling 485. The Prosecutor General's Office underlines that these figures remain subject to change.

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- Starting on August 28, the second stage of **evacuating residents from the five-kilometer border zone in Sumy Oblast** will commence, as reported by the regional military administration. In the past week alone, the number of **enemy attacks** on the border areas of Sumy Oblast has **risen by 20%**. Russia is employing missile strikes, drones, and enemy subversive reconnaissance groups. Within just one month, approximately 2,000 individuals, including 400 children, have relocated from settlements within the five-kilometer zone. According to Iryna Vereshchuk, Minister of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories, around 200 civilians are departing for government-controlled territory daily along the Sumy route.
- Over the course of a year, more than **87,000 individuals** have been **evacuated from Donetsk Oblast**. Since August 2022, Ukraine has been executing mandatory evacuations from this region. According to the Ministry of Reintegration, over the past year, more than 87,000 people have transitioned to safe regions, which includes over 10,700 children and more than 3,700 individuals with limited mobility. Ongoing evacuations from the previously occupied territories, initiated last autumn, continue. Within a span of 11 months, more than **26,000** people have left **Kharkiv Oblast**, while over **39,000** people have been evacuated from the liberated territories of **Kherson Oblast** in a period of 9 months.
- Commissions have been established in Ukrainian communities to evaluate compensation for entirely destroyed housing. This is a part of the second phase of the eRestoration program, aimed at providing compensation for fully demolished residences. Prime Minister Shmyhal highlighted that 36,000 Ukrainians have submitted applications for compensation to repair damaged housing, and 7,000 have already received funding for such repairs and reconstruction.

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- The Russian occupying administration has **demolished 465 multi-story buildings in Mariupol**, located in Donetsk Oblast. This information was reported by Petro Andriushchenko, an advisor to the mayor of Mariupol. He further added that the total **count of apartments** within the demolished buildings **amounted to 33,480**. Concurrently, during 2023-2024, the Russian authorities plan to allocate 4,894 apartments to the residents of Mariupol. Anriushchenko stated, *"There are no intentions to construct free apartments to replace the lost housing. Rather, only mortgages and service housing for the occupation authorities' use will be established."*

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- Opendatabot has assessed that since the outset of the full-scale war, **2.4 million Ukrainians have departed for foreign countries and have yet to return**. This estimate is based on data from the State Border Guard Service and significantly differs from UN statistics, which indicate there are 6.24 million Ukrainian refugees. This variance likely stems from the fact that numerous Ukrainians had left the country prior to the war and subsequently registered as refugees abroad following the full-scale invasion, leading to their inclusion in the UN statistics.
- The self-proclaimed "DPR court" has sentenced captured **Azov soldiers**, Pavlo Artemenko and Anton Romaniuk, to **24 years in a maximum security colony**, according to reports from the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation. These soldiers are accused of allegedly mistreating civilians. Anton and Pavlo are defenders of Azovstal. On June 14, the Russians initiated the trial of 22 Azov members who had defended Mariupol and Azovstal, held in Rostov-on-Don. Simultaneously, some of them had already retired from service and held civilian positions within the regiment. Among those being tried were 8 women and 14 men, including a former company commander.
- Continuing their policy of assimilation, the Russians have **transferred another 450 Ukrainian children from the temporarily occupied territories**. The National Resistance Center reported this development, stating that during the recent period, the occupiers had transported 50 high school students to Yaroslavl in order to persuade them to enroll in the local Demidov University. Additionally, the enemy has transported children to children's camps under the guise of "rehabilitation". Notably, 200 children from Dovzhansk (formerly Sverdlovsk, Luhansk Oblast) were taken to Anapa, along with 200 children sent to Krasnodar Krai (including 150 from the Kakhovka and Henichesk regions of Kherson Oblast, and 50 children from the temporarily occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia Oblast). The statement highlights that within these camps, children are subjected to "Russian celebrity" concerts and "patriotic education sessions" aimed at brainwashing them.

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- Following the completion of the grain deal, the first ship to leave the port of Odesa arrived in Istanbul, Turkey. The container ship named JOSEPH SCHULTE departed through the **evacuation corridor** on July 16, after having been in the Ukrainian port since February 23, 2022. The ship carries more than 30,000 tons of food and will now anchor in the port of Ambarli.

