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International support

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- President of **Romania** strongly condemned the nighttime strikes by Russia on the port infrastructure of the Danube, which is located near the Romanian-Ukrainian border. Due to the nighttime drone attack on the port infrastructure in the Odesa region, a grain warehouse was destroyed, and storage tanks were damaged.
- The European Commission has provided Ukraine with an additional one and a half billion dollars of macro-financial assistance. President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, announced this and condemned the attacks by Russia on Ukraine's grain infrastructure.

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- The Ministry of Defense of Spain reported the dispatch of four Leopard 2A4 tanks and ten M-113 armored personnel carriers to Ukraine. Ukrainian Armed Forces are expected to receive the next batch of military aid from Madrid at the beginning of August.
- **Romania** decided to **join the G7 countries'** declaration in support of Ukraine, presented on the sidelines of the NATO summit in Vilnius, which is a **framework document on "security guarantees"** for Ukraine. The decision was announced by Romania's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Luminița Odobescu, during a phone conversation with Antony Blinken.
- The head of the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kuleba, called the intentions of certain EU countries to extend the European Union's **restrictions on importing Ukrainian grain** after September 15 as **unacceptable**. He stated this in his interview with France24. He emphasized that one of the reasons Russia is destroying Ukraine's grain infrastructure is also to provoke additional tension between Ukraine and its neighbors. To recall that Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia jointly appealed to the EU to extend the ban on Ukrainian grain imports after September 15.
- Foreign donors, in particular USA, EU, Japan, Germany, the UK, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Denmark, Canada, Austria, Switzerland, Korea, and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, will allocate **over 244 million dollars to Ukraine for humanitarian demining** needs, announced by Ukraine's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economics, Yulia Sviyrydenko. Ukraine will also receive individual demining kits, blast-resistant suits, quadcopters, and robotic systems for neutralizing explosive devices.
- The USA has announced a new package of **military aid** to Ukraine worth **400 million dollars**, as reported by the Pentagon. It will include additional munitions for HIMARS, NASAMS, and Patriot systems, 155mm caliber projectiles, and over 30 Stryker Combat Vehicles.

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- The **Senate of Italy** recognized the **Holodomor** (man-made famine) of 1932-1933 as a **genocide** of the Ukrainian people, as reported by the Senate's press service.

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- **NATO will strengthen reconnaissance in the Black Sea region**, in particular through the use of maritime patrol aircraft and drones, following Russia's exit from the "grain agreement," according to a statement from the Ukraine-NATO Council. *"Allies and Ukraine strongly condemned Russia's decision to withdraw from the Black Sea grain deal and its deliberate attempts to stop Ukraine's agricultural exports [...]. They also condemned Russia's recent missile attacks on port cities, including [...] on the Ukrainian grain storage facility in the Danube port city of Reni, very close to the Romanian border."* — the statement said, adopted as a result of the meeting.

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- After Russia withdrew from the Black Sea Grain Initiative, Ukraine appealed to the European Commission with a letter requesting **financial assistance** to cover additional transportation costs associated with using EU routes for grain transportation, known as **"solidarity corridors."** According to Ukraine's estimates, these additional expenses amount to \$30-40 per ton of produce. The letter also includes a request to **expand** the "solidarity corridors" by 1-1.5 million tons per month through "green corridors," including those to the Adriatic Sea, Baltic countries, Germany, and the Netherlands. However, the European Commission currently lacks funding to cover these additional transportation costs.
- The Prosecutor General of Ukraine has confirmed that the **USA intends to provide** the International Criminal Court in the Hague **with data on Russia's war crimes**. Meanwhile, according to the New York Times, U.S. intelligence agencies have gathered details on Russia's decision to target deliberately the civilian infrastructure in Ukraine and to execute the forced deportation of thousands of Ukrainian children from the occupied territories.
- **China** is providing **military and dual-use technologies to Russia** for use in Ukraine, according to the U.S. National Intelligence Director's report. "The customs records show PRC state-owned defense companies shipping navigation equipment, jamming technology, and fighter-jet parts to sanctioned Russian Government-owned defense companies."

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- **Germany** has announced a **new batch of military aid** for Ukraine, which includes six Gepard self-propelled anti-aircraft systems and over 15,000 ammunition rounds for them. The new aid package also includes more than 2,600 smoke shells of caliber 155 mm, 10 Bandvagn 206 tracked all-terrain vehicles, 20 RQ-35 Heidrun reconnaissance UAVs, and 13 Vector reconnaissance drones.
- During the Russia-Africa Summit, the **African Union called for an immediate resumption of the Black Sea Grain Initiative** through the mediation of the United Nations, which was terminated by Russia's order, as reported by Politico. Additionally, during the summit, Putin promised to supply free grain to six African countries. In response, the President of South Africa stated that Africa needs grain supplies on a commercial basis more than "asking for gifts" from Russia.



Military positions

- The Russian Federation keeps on leading the war of aggression despite considerable casualties. The enemy is killing civilians in Ukraine, continues to ignore the laws and regulations of war, and uses terror tactics. The likelihood of continued shelling and air strikes throughout Ukraine remains high.
- The situation in the Volyn and Polissya directions has not changed significantly. No signs of the offensive groups' formation were detected.
- In the Chernihiv and Kharkiv directions, the adversary is mortaring and artillery shelling more than 15 localities.
- In the Kupiansk direction, the militants are launching artillery and mortar attacks.
- In the Liman direction, the enemy unsuccessfully conducted offensive operations in the areas of Novoyehorivka and Bilohorivka in the Luhansk oblast.
- In the Avdiivka direction, under intense enemy aviation and artillery fire, Ukrainian Forces successfully repelled attacks by Russian troops near Avdiivka.
- In the Mariinka direction, Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to hold back the Russian offensive in the vicinity of the town of Mariinka.
- At the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson directions, the enemy is focusing its main attention on blocking the further advance of our army.
- At the same time, the Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to launch offensive operations in the Melitopol and Berdiansk directions, strengthening their hold on the achieved positions.

24.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In the Berdiansk direction, Ukrainian forces have reached 350 meters to 1.4 kilometers into the enemy's rear, said Major Valerii Shershen, spokesman for the Joint Press Center of the Ukrainian Defense Forces in the Taurida sector. The major mentioned that due to the dense minefields, Ukrainian disengagement groups and the assault units are conducting demining activities, inflicting fire destruction, while the rest of the strike units are entrenching themselves on the occupied borders and are ready for further offensive activity. ➤ "There was a hit to the ammunition depot in the Dzhankoy region," said the head of the annexed Crimea Aksyonov. He informed about the alleged downing of eleven UAVs by electronic warfare. Evacuation of people within 5 km of the explosion site was ordered in the Dzhankoy region.
25.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ About 20 firefights took place on the frontline during the day. ➤ The spokesman for the Eastern Group of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Serhii Cherevatyi, said that the Ukrainian Armed Forces were successfully using cluster munitions in the Bakhmut district. At the same time, Cherevatyi noted that Ukrainian artillerymen are "head and shoulders above" the Russian invaders in terms of performing fire missions. ➤ He also said that the Ukrainian armed forces are advancing north of Bakhmut, but much slower than in the south. <i>"The enemy is better prepared there (north of Bakhmut - ed.). There are also certain natural obstacles there, including water obstacles, we cannot disclose everything now. But the work there is also ongoing and will be visible over time, despite the fact that the enemy is preparing everything to slow down our movement,"</i> Cherevatyi said. ➤ Defense forces drove Russians out of their positions near Andriivka in the Bakhmut sector, said Andriy Kovalev, spokesman for the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The spokesman said that Ukrainian troops are conducting offensive operations to the north and south of Bakhmut. At the same time, the Russians were unsuccessfully advancing in the areas northwest of Orikhovo-Vasylivka, south of Ivanivske, and west of Klishchiivka, he added. ➤ Ukrainian attack aircraft had another success in the area of Staromayorske. There they advanced along the front line by half a kilometer. This was reported by Major Valerii Shershen, spokesman for the Joint Press Center of the Ukrainian Defense Forces in the Taurida sector. He also said that, in addition, Ukrainian troops have advanced up to 750 meters into the enemy's depths. ➤ Russia may be preparing a false flag operation in the Black Sea after the recent attacks on Odesa and the Danube infrastructure, US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said. In addition, according to him, last week the Russian military conducted a shipboard assault exercise. ➤ Russia is increasing the production of Lancet drones, although it overstates the data on real volumes, said Andriy Yusov, a representative of the Main Intelligence Directorate, during a telethon. Yusov emphasized that Ukraine needs new weapons and equipment to counter Russian attacks and to ensure the rapid advance of Ukrainian troops.
26.07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 25 combat engagements took place on the frontline over the last day. ➤ The southern regions of Ukraine were given a "pause" from massive night attacks. The number of artillery attacks over the past day has significantly decreased compared to last week. The Russian army is restoring its potential for future attacks, said Natalia Humeniuk, spokeswoman for the Southern Defense Forces of Ukraine. <i>"Obviously, the next few days will be more tense. That is why we are monitoring the situation. We are carefully monitoring the activity of aviation and the movement of sea-based missile carriers."</i> ➤ The Russian Federation is preparing ships and aircraft to blockade the Black Sea after withdrawing from the grain deal, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry reports. In particular, the Russians are practicing blocking maritime areas, detecting and destroying ships. Apparently, the Russians are practicing the targeting of civilian vessels sailing to and from Ukrainian ports. It is noted that at the same time, the occupiers continue to improve the defense system of Crimea, in particular the Armiansk and Perekop directions. ➤ Ukrainian defenders destroyed 36 missiles during the evening Russian attack. ➤ Russia has begun attacking Ukraine with Shahed drones of its own production. The drones recently shot down have all their markings in Cyrillic, said Natalia Humeniuk, a spokeswoman for the press center of the Southern Defense Forces. The Defense Express portal wrote that Russia produces Shahed drones called "Geranium-2" with an updated warhead with tungsten bullets.

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- Over the day, there were 30 combat engagements in the frontline.
- At night, the Russians attacked the port infrastructure of the Odesa oblast with „Kalibr“ missiles. A port employee was killed when one of the administrative buildings was hit. Production equipment at one of the cargo terminals was damaged. At night, air defense forces destroyed 8 attack drones. Two Kalibr missile launches from a submarine in the Black Sea were also recorded.
- The Ukrainian Defense Forces continue to conduct offensive operations in the Melitopol and Berdiansk directions, consolidating their positions, inflicting artillery fire on the identified enemy targets, and conducting counter-battery operations.
- „Ukrainian forces are advancing in the Bakhmut sector and south of Bakhmut,” reports Deputy Defense Minister Hanna Maliar. "The fighting continues in the area of Klishchiivka, Kurdiuivka, Andriivka and is quite fierce. The enemy is firing intensively," said Maliar. She noted that the enemy is attacking in the Kupiansk sector, trying to drive Ukrainian forces from the dominant heights. Several enemy attacks in the area of Serebrianskyi forest were also repelled in the Lyman sector today.
- Ukraine has a number of "available options" for a counteroffensive. This was stated by US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, CNN reports. *"They still have several options, and we can expect them to continue to apply pressure,"* Austin said at a press conference in Papua New Guinea.

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- Over the day, there were 21 combat engagements on the frontline.
- Ukrainian counteroffensive gains momentum after months of slow progress - CNN
- Two U.S. officials have reported that Ukraine has deployed additional forces to the southeast of the country, a sign that the Ukrainian Armed Forces have identified potential weaknesses in Russian defense lines.
- Volodymyr Zelenskyi said that the Ukrainian Armed Forces had liberated the village of Staromayorske in southern Ukraine.
- The situation in the Bakhmut sector is very tense, but Ukrainian troops are gradually advancing. This was stated by the Commander of the Land Forces, Colonel General Oleksandr Syrskyi. *"The enemy is clinging to every inch, conducting intense artillery and mortar fire,"* noted Syrskyi.

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- Over the last day, there were 24 combat engagements on the frontline.
- CNN published a report on Ukraine's new naval drone. It is noted that it can carry 300 kg of explosives and hit targets at a distance of 800 kilometers.
- The occupation authorities announce an "attack" on the railroad between Crimea and Kherson region. Russian-appointed "head of the temporarily occupied part of Kherson region" Vladimir Saldo claims that last night, Ukraine allegedly "struck the railroad with 12 long-range Storm Shadow missiles". At the same time, Saldo claims that "all the missiles were shot down by air defense." At the same time, local social media reports that the passage through Chongar is closed. On the evening of July 29, the information about the strikes on the Chonhar bridge was confirmed by the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- *"A Russian ammunition depot exploded in Kozacha Bay of the occupied Crimea,"* the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine reports.
- Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said that more than 100 Wagnerites have headed toward the Suwalki Isthmus, which connects Poland with the Baltic states. According to him, they will be disguised as Belarusian border guards and will help illegal immigrants enter Polish territory and destabilize the situation in the country. Morawiecki called it a "definite step" toward a further hybrid attack on Poland.
- Ukraine's Defense Forces have taken measures to protect port infrastructure, but the military does not rule out new Russian attacks, says Natalia Humeniuk, spokeswoman for the Southern Defense Forces of Ukraine. *"We hope that the measures taken will be quite effective, but observing that the enemy has taken a pause, we can conclude that it is preparing for the next attacks using, perhaps, new tactics."*
- Ukrainian soldiers have advanced in the area of Bakhmut, ISW reports. According to analysts, the Ukrainian military continued counter-offensives in at least three areas of the front and reportedly advanced along the Svatovo-Kreminna line, near Bakhmut, and along the border of Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia regions. Ukrainian troops have advanced near Kurdiuivka and Andriivka.
- Russian losses near Bakhmut are higher than during the war in Afghanistan, says Serhii Cherevatyi, spokesman for the Eastern Military Group. According to him, despite the fact that the Russians have sent large forces to the Bakhmut direction, the Ukrainian military continue to liberate the occupied lands meter by meter.
- During the week, missile and artillery units hit the area of concentration of manpower, weapons, and military equipment, 25 artillery pieces at firing positions, 5 electronic warfare stations, 2 enemy anti-aircraft missile systems, 2 control points of the Russian occupiers, an ammunition depot, as well as an enemy fuel and lubricant depot.
- Over the past week, the aviation of the defense forces carried out 30 strikes on the areas of concentration of enemy personnel, weapons, and military equipment. Also, Ukrainian defenders destroyed an enemy Ka-52 helicopter, 5 enemy Shahed-136 strike UAVs, and 3 reconnaissance UAVs of operational and tactical level.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched **68 missiles and 289 air strikes** and carried out over **434 attacks from multiple rocket launchers**.

Kherson and Kherson oblast

On the evening of July 23, Russians shelled Odradokamianka. A 70-year-old woman was wounded. On July 25, two people were killed due to the Russian shelling of Tokariivka in Kherson oblast. In addition, on this day, Russians shelled Komyshany: projectiles hit private houses, and a 58-year-old woman was injured. On July 26, Russians attacked Zmiivka, damaging a farm and a school gym. On the night of July 27, the Korabel district of Kherson came under fire. On the day of July 27, the Russians dropped two guided aerial bombs on Novoberyslav, hitting the center of the village. Two private houses were destroyed, and about ten houses were damaged. On July 28, the Russians again fired on Novoberyslav and Kozatske. Two men were wounded. Moreover, Russia launched 11 shells at Kherson. Four people were injured, houses and a grain terminal were damaged. On July 29, the Russians attacked the village of Veselka. They hit residential buildings. A 69-year-old woman was wounded.

Sumy and Sumy oblast

On July 27, Russians shelled 15 settlements in Sumy oblast during the day. One person was wounded in the Yunakivka community, a farm was destroyed in the Bilopillia community, and more than fifty animals were killed. On the night and on the morning of July 28, the Russians shelled Sumy oblast: three residential buildings were damaged in the border Seredyna-Buda community. On July 29, Russians launched an Iskander missile at an educational institution in Sumy, killing two people and injuring 20.

Donetsk and Donetsk oblast

Russians continue terrorizing the Donetsk oblast, shelling at the same time remote settlements and the entire front line. On July 24, seven civilians were wounded in the shelling of Kostiantynivka. Among them are four children: 5, 11, and 12-year-old girls and an 11-year-old boy. Two children died. The Russians launched fire at a local pond where people were resting. They fired from Smerch multiple rocket launchers with cluster munitions.

In the Donetsk sector, Avdiivka, Kurakhove, Marinka communities, Hirnyk, Kurakhivka, Hostre, Krasnohorivka, Zoriane, Maksymilianivka, Kurakhove, Dalnie, Novomykhailivka, Ocheretyne, Soloviove are affected. High-rise buildings, private houses, and the Avdiivka Coke Plant were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector, Toretsk, Chasiv Yar, Soledar, Kostiantynivka communities, Druzhba, Niu-York, Kostiantynivka, Markove, Chervone, Toretsk, Pivnichne, Vasiukivka, Rozdolivka, Fedorivka, Zalizne, Bilokuzmynivka came under fire. The Russians damaged residential buildings, shops, high-rise buildings, a house of culture, administrative buildings, an infrastructure facility, a heating plant, and a school.

In the Lysychansk sector, Siversk, Terny, Lyman, Zvanivka communities, Torske, Zvanivka, Pereizne, Yampil are affected. The Russians damaged private houses and destroyed a local medical center.

In the Volnovakha sector, Vuhledar, Vesele, Fedorivka, Bohoiavlenska, Prechystivka, Komar community came under fire. Residential buildings were damaged. There are casualties or injuries in all directions.

Odesa and Odesa oblast

On the night of July 24, the Russians attacked Odesa oblast - for four hours they were shelling the Dunai port infrastructure with Shahed drones. Russia destroyed a hangar with grain and damaged tanks. Seven people were wounded. Ukrainian Air Defense Forces managed to shoot down three drones. On the night of July 27, Russians struck again at the port infrastructure of the Odesa oblast: a rocket hit the port's administrative building, killing a security guard and damaging the equipment of one of the container terminals.

Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

On July 24, Russians shelled the villages of Pishchane and Dvorichna: four people, including a 12-year-old child, were wounded. On the night of July 26, the Russians attacked Pervomaisk with Shahed drones: a fire caught in a warehouse due to a hit. There were no injuries. On the night of July 27, Russians struck with a guided missile Kivshariivka in Kupiansk district: a 74-year-old woman was killed, and four other people were injured due to a hit near a five-story building. In addition, the village of Velykyi Burluk came under fire. On the evening of July 27, Russia hit a private house in Novoosynove, Kupiansk district, injuring five people.

Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On July 26, Ukrainian Air Defense Forces shot down a missile over Dnipro oblast, causing a fire due to falling debris. There were no casualties. On the same day, the Russians shelled Nikopol with heavy artillery. Russia smashed an administrative building and a private enterprise. 3 residential buildings, a car, a gas pipeline, and power lines were damaged. An outbuilding was destroyed. There were no casualties. On July 28, the occupiers hit a residential building in Dnipro and the SBU (Security Service of Ukraine) building. Nine people were injured.

Other oblasts:

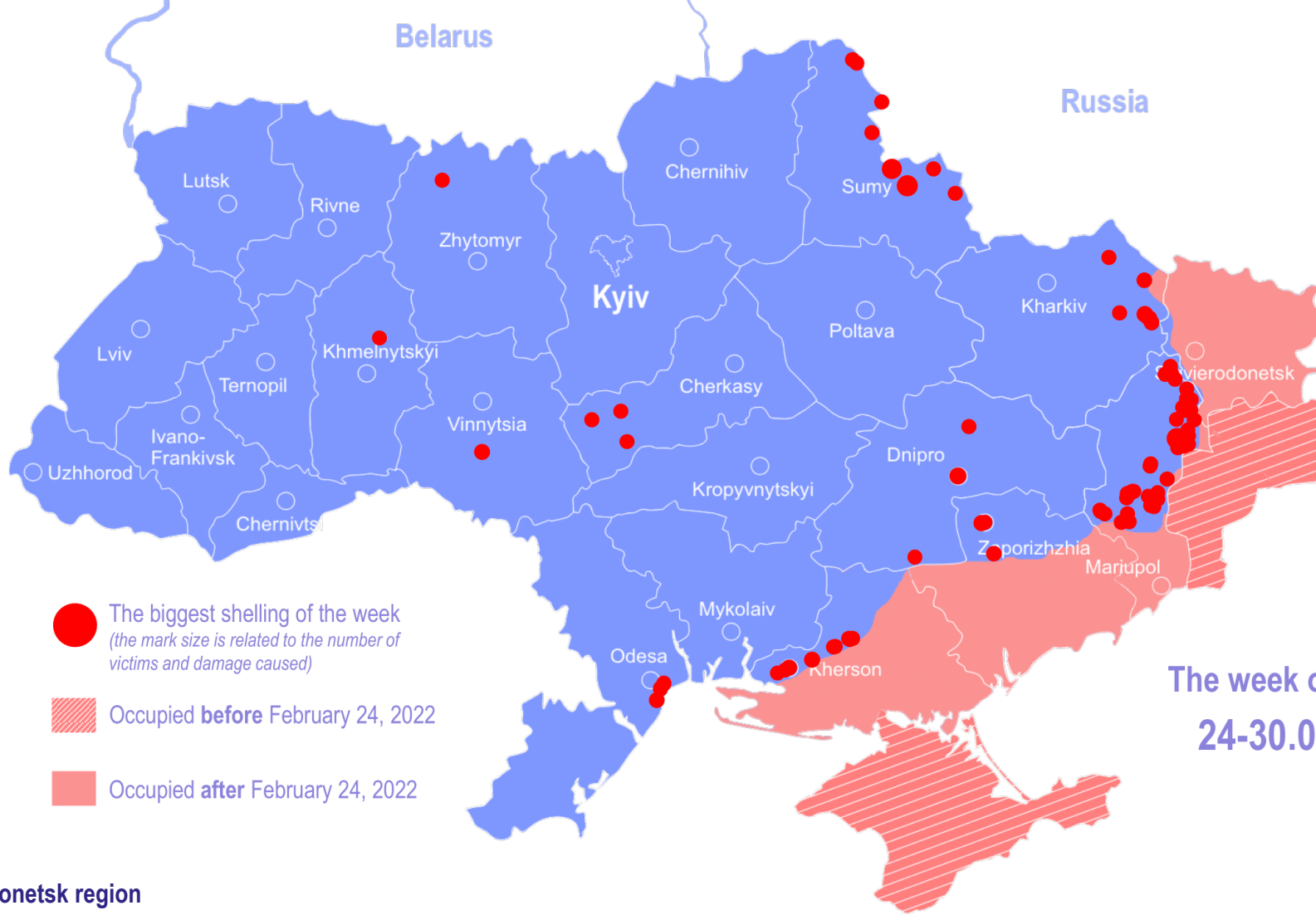
- On the night of July 25, all targets were destroyed during a night attack by Shahed drones on the outskirts of Kyiv.
- On the night of July 25, two drones hit fields in Cherkasy oblast, and another hit a hangar.
- On the night of July 25, an attack damaged an infrastructure facility in the Zhytomyr oblast. There were no injuries.
- On July 26, during an air raid, Russians directed missiles at the area of Starokonstantyniv, Khmelnytskyi oblast.
- Due to the fragments of the Kalibr cruise missiles that were shot down in the sky over Vinnytsia oblast on July 26, five people were wounded. In addition, commercial and technical premises were damaged.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On July 25, an 82-year-old woman was killed in Zaporizhzhia oblast due to shelling, and two other people were wounded. On July 27, the Russians attacked Zaporizhzhia. There were no injuries or casualties. On July 29, Russians another time attacked Zaporizhzhia. An explosion killed two people: a male and a female. A woman was injured. The blast wave smashed windows in 13 high-rise buildings and damaged an educational institution and a supermarket.



This week shelling and strikes



Dnipropetrovsk region



Donetsk region



Humanitarian crisis

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- The situation with **water supply in Kryvyi Rih** (Dnipropetrovsk oblast) **remains extremely difficult**, although, in recent weeks, it has been possible to implement part of two projects to fill the Southern Reservoir. This was announced by Oleksandr Vilkul, Head of the Kryvyi Rih Defense Council. He notes that part of the required water has begun to flow into the Southern Reservoir, but it has not stabilized yet, and the level is slowly falling.
- CNN reports that Dylan Collins, an American journalist of Agence France Presse, was injured in a Russian drone attack near Bakhmut. He received numerous shrapnel wounds as a result of the shelling in the forest area.
- According to Andrii Yusov, a representative of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, the **shelling of port infrastructure** by the Russian occupiers is **aimed at complicating the resumption of the "grain corridor"**. He notes that Russia wants to sell grain, stolen from Ukraine, to Asia and Africa. On the night of July 24, the Russians attacked Odesa oblast with kamikaze drones. A hangar with grain was destroyed, tanks for storing other types of cargo were damaged, and a fire broke out in one of the production facilities, which was quickly extinguished.
- Ihor Syrota, Director General of Ukrhydroenergo, thinks that the **reconstruction of Kakhovka HPP** is appropriate. This reconstruction means covering the **water shortage** in Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts, dependent on supplies from the Kakhovka reservoir. **Kherson oblast lost 94% of its water for agriculture and industry**. Dnipropetrovsk oblast lost 64%, and Zaporizhzhia one - 70%. In addition, full switching on the ZNPP after de-occupation is impossible without the restoration of the Kakhovka reservoir.

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- The **colony in Olenivka**, where Ukrainian prisoners of war were held, was not fired at HIMARS, as the Russians claimed. This was stated by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk. According to the UN, the Russian Federation did not provide satisfactory guarantees of safe access for the Organization to visit the site of the tragedy and did not satisfy the joint requests of the UN Human Rights Office for access to the areas of Ukraine under Russian temporary military control. However, it was possible to conduct interviews with those who survived the incident in Olenivka and to make a detailed analysis of the available additional information in accordance with the established methodology.
- Ukraine continues to calculate and pay **compensation to the owners of damaged housing**, with payments approved to 3,772 applicants. Olena Shuliak, Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on the Organization of State Power, emphasizes that this is only the first stage of compensation payments under the eRestoration program, concerning owners of damaged housing. Currently, Ukraine began the second stage of testing when compensation is to be paid to Ukrainians, whose homes have been completely destroyed. In addition, at a meeting on July 25, the Cabinet of Ministers allocated another UAH 3.5 billion (~\$92.5 million) from the Fund for the Elimination of the Consequences of Armed Aggression.
- The United Kingdom thinks that **Russia may intensify its campaign to destroy Ukraine's food exports**. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has called on Russia to comply with international conventions and stop threatening merchant shipping in the Black Sea.

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- The Russian occupiers have put reactor unit 4 of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant into a **"hot shutdown" state**. The occupiers did this on the order of the illegitimate leadership on July 24 - Energoatom. The hot shutdown is a **gross violation** of the requirements of the license to operate this nuclear facility. Currently, ZNPP Unit 4 should be operated only in a "cold shutdown" state. The IAEA also reported that the mission's experts saw directed anti-personnel mines on the periphery of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) site.
- In the **Vovchansk** region of Kharkiv oblast, volunteers, special forces and juvenile police **evacuated children and adults from dangerous areas** suffering from shelling by Russian occupiers. A total of 11 children and adults were evacuated on July 24. This was reported by the press service of the National Police in Kharkiv oblast.

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- Inna Shumurtova, an employee of a public organization for HIV prevention, who lived in the very center of Mariupol, spoke about life during the first days of the Russian occupation. "You are cooking in the yard, and, around you, there are the bodies of children, the elderly, and someone who died of an illness because there is no medical care. When the center was already occupied, Russian soldiers walked around and did various things. For example, people could throw water bottles, hiding from an air raid, and the Russians would shoot these bottles — the most valuable thing you have."
- "Ukrenergo" is **preparing for the worst scenario in winter**, with repeated attacks on the **country's power system**, but it is absolutely sure that the main grid will be ready to operate without restrictions during the next heating season – Kudrytskyi, Chairman of the Board of NEC Ukrenergo.

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- The European Commission has no money and no clear vision of how to help Ukraine finance the additional transportation costs of grain exports after the collapse of the Black Sea grain deal - Reuters. Ukraine, one of the world's largest grain exporters, will **now have to rely almost entirely on expensive routes through the European Union**, and the cheapest alternative route, the Danube River, may not be able to increase volumes after Russian shelling. As a result, the International Monetary Fund estimated a 10-15% increase in world grain prices.
- The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appealed to international organizations to help bring back the defenders of Mariupol. The Ukrainian parliament also called on UNESCO to revoke Russia's membership in the organization after its troops destroyed 29 monuments in the historic center of Odesa, which is under UNESCO protection.
- The Security Service of Ukraine has served a **notice of suspicion of ill-treatment of prisoners of war** to the former head of a colony and his subordinate in occupied Olenivka, Donetsk oblast. According to the investigation, from the beginning of the Russian full-scale invasion until the end of July 2022, they used various types of physical violence and exerted psychological pressure on Ukrainian prisoners of war held in the **Olenivka colony**.

