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## Weekly briefing

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- Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine Hanna Maliar announced that Ukraine and Sweden will **jointly produce CV-90 infantry fighting vehicles (IFV)** for the Ukrainian army.
- The topic of Ukraine was raised at the **G20 meeting in New Delhi**: as a result, a joint communiqué was adopted, which was the result of a compromise between Ukraine's allies and those who do not support either side of the war. The summit participants mentioned the war's detrimental impact on global processes but did not mention that it was the Russian Federation that had carried out a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
- German Foreign Minister **Annalena Baerbock arrived in Kyiv**. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba and his German counterpart discussed the transfer of long-range Taurus cruise missiles and the additional strengthening of Ukraine's air defense ahead of the new winter season. During the meeting, Baerbock announced an increase in **humanitarian aid** to Ukraine by €20 million.
- The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the German international company NOTUS ENERGY, the National Energy Company Ukrenergo, and the State Agency of Ukraine on Exclusion Zone Management have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on the project for constructing a **wind farm around the Chernobyl NPP**. According to the Ministry of Environment, the wind park in the Chernobyl exclusion zone will be able to provide electricity to almost a thousand households.

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- **Denmark** is providing Ukraine with the **12th military aid package** worth more than \$833 million. This is the largest package from the country during the full-scale war. It includes infantry fighting vehicles, ammunition, anti-aircraft guns, and more. The aid is designed for 3 years.
- The European Parliament has supported the law to strengthen the **European defense industry** through **common procurement (EDIRPA)**. It will be in effect until December 31, 2025, and will allow EU countries to fill critical defense needs and facilitate the transfer of military assistance to Ukraine.
- Lithuanian Interior Minister Agne Bilotaite stated that, according to the European Commission's latest clarification on sanctions, **Lithuania** will confiscate **cars with Russian registration** upon entering the country.

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- **Latvia and Estonia** followed Lithuania in **banning cars with Russian license plates** from entering their territory.
- **Germany** handed over a new **military aid batch** to Ukraine. It included 20 Marder infantry fighting vehicles with ammunition, two Wisent 1 demining tanks, 20 RQ-35 Heidrun reconnaissance drones, 10 drone detection systems, and more.
- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced that the Commission will propose to **extend the temporary protection of Ukrainian refugees until 2025**.

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- **The US** has expanded **sanctions against Russia** over its invasion of Ukraine. The new list includes 24 people and dozens of companies. Among them are armored repair plants, Rosavtodor, AvtoVAZ, Moskvich, Saturn (which builds engines), and the Ulyanovsk Cartridge Works. The list also includes Arktec, a **Slovenian company** specializing in electronics, and **5 companies from Turkey** that helped Russia import drone components, electronics, and sensors.
- The UK has added **Wagner PMC** to the **list of terrorist organizations**. From now on, London will consider belonging to the Wagner PMC or actively supporting its activities a criminal offense with a potential penalty of up to 14 years in prison.
- President Joe Biden appointed a **special representative for Ukraine's economic recovery**. The position is held by former U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker. The US explained that the special representative will mobilize public and private investment, shape donor priorities, and work to open export markets and businesses that were closed as a result of Russia's brutal attacks and destruction.

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- **The European Commission did not extend temporary restrictions on imports of Ukrainian grain** to Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Bulgaria, provided that Ukraine takes measures to avoid instability in the grain market.
- Prime Minister of Poland Mateusz Morawiecki said that **Poland would impose an embargo on Ukrainian grain despite the European Commission's decision**. Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal announced that Ukraine would appeal for arbitration by the World Trade Organization (WTO) if Poland blocks Ukrainian grain exports. Presidents Volodymyr Zelenskyi and Andrzej Duda will meet in New York to discuss the grain embargo.
- During his visit to the United States, **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will meet with Volodymyr Zelenskyi** at a meeting of the UN General Assembly. This will be their first face-to-face meeting since the start of the full-scale invasion.
- **Belgium** officially joins the **training of Ukrainian pilots** on F-16 fighter jets.
- Ukraine receives truck-sized 3D printers from the United States to print spare parts for equipment on the battlefield.
- On September 17, **Poland** also **banned cars with Russian license plates** from crossing its border.



# Military positions

- The Ukrainian Army continues to conduct defense operations in the east and south of Ukraine, offensive operations towards Melitopol and offensive actions towards Bakhmut, destroying the Russian forces, liberating the temporarily occupied territories step by step, and settling on the reached land.
- Towards Volyn and Polissia, the situation is without significant changes.
- Towards Chernihiv and Kharkiv, Russians held troops covering the Ukrainian border, conducted agile diversions in order to prevent the Ukrainian army from relocating to threatening areas near the border, and increased the mine and explosive barriers along the Ukrainian border in the Belgorod oblast.
- Towards Avdiivka, Marinka, and Shakhtarsk, the Ukrainian army held their position, put pressure on Russian troops, conducted assaults, and liberated the occupied land.
- Towards Marinka, the Russian army carried out unsuccessful offensive actions. All Russian attacks near Urozhaine in Donetsk oblast ended with significant losses in both their manpower and ammunition.
- Towards Bakhmut, Russians unsuccessfully tried to break through the Ukrainian defense in Yahidne and Bohdanivka in Donetsk oblast. At the same time, the offensive (assault) operations carried out by the Ukrainian Defense Forces near Klishchiiivka in Donetsk oblast were successful.
- As a result of assault actions, the Ukrainian army was rather successful near Verbove and Novoprokopivka in Zaporizhzhia oblast, dislodging the Russians from their positions and settling on the reached territory.
- Towards Kherson, the Ukrainian army conducted counter-battery actions, destroying Russian supply depots and damaging their rear.

11.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On the 11th of September, over 20 combat clashes took place.</li> <li>➤ The number of Russian troops willing to surrender to Ukraine increased by 70%. As stated by the representative of the Ukrainian Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense (HUR MO) Andrii Yusov, it may be an outcome of the successful special operation Synytsia (from Ukr. – chickadee), when the Russian pilot Maksim Kuzminov fled to Ukraine on the Russian Mil Mi-8 helicopter.</li> <li>➤ Ukraine restored its control of the so-called "Boiko platforms" (gas production platform near Crimea), – HUR MO. During the operation, the Ukrainian special forces managed to seize valuable trophies: a stockpile of helicopter ammunition of the NAR type (unguided aerial missiles), as well as the Neva radar, which can track the vessels' movement in the Black Sea.</li> <li>➤ The counteroffensive of the Ukrainian Armed Forces is challenging, but considering the conditions, their progress is impressive, the US Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland stated. She also added that significant damage to Russian defenses could be made if the US and Ukrainian governments continue to cooperate closely.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Russian tactical aviation takes action towards Zmiinyi Island, said the spokesperson of the Ukrainian Operational Command South Nataliia Humeniuk. According to her, Russia drops guided bombs on the island from time to time. Such actions are done to pressure and intimidate civilian vessels passing the humanitarian corridor in the Black Sea.</li> <li>➤ Russia is constructing military bases near the Finnish border, reports the Finnish Broadcasting Company Yle. Satellite images show that large hangars for equipment maintenance and stores have been built on the territory of the Alakurtti garrison and the military warehouse in Petrozavodsk. "At the same time, more and more equipment from Petrozavodsk is transferred to Ukraine," – Yle.</li> <li>➤ Russia's military power has deteriorated significantly over the past year and a half, said Kyrylo Budanov, the head of HUR MO. "The war did not benefit Putin's regime. For sure, their economy cannot recover," he said. According to Budanov, in general, there has been no professional Russian army since autumn, and currently, all soldiers were mobilized prior.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Army liberated a part of the Opytne community near Avdiivka in Donetsk oblast, as reported by Hanna Maliar, the Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense.</li> </ul>
12 - 13.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Armed Forces achieved success in Robotyne, the spokesperson for the Ukrainian General Staff Andrii Kovalov reported. "They successfully settled on the liberated territories, towards south and south-east from Robotyne," he added. Moreover, the Ukrainian army fought back more than 10 attacks near Robotyne and Novodanylivka in Zaporizhzhia oblast.</li> <li>➤ On the 13th of September, the Ukrainian Defense Forces struck the Russian Navy and port infrastructure of the Korabelna Bay in the temporarily occupied Sevastopol. As a result, the Russian submarine B-237 "Rostov-on-Don" and the landing ship "Minsk" were damaged.</li> <li>➤ In the northwestern part of the Black Sea, the Ukrainian Defense Forces of the South destroyed another Russian KS-701 "Tunets" (Tuna) speedboat – as reported by the Ukrainian Navy.</li> <li>➤ Near Marinka and Avdiivka, the Russians carried out the assault and increased the shelling – as stated by Hanna Maliar, the Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense. She also noted that over this year, as a result of continuous assaults, the Russians almost erased these cities from the face of the earth.</li> <li>➤ North Korea started supplying Russia with ammunition a month and a half ago, – said Kyrylo Budanov, the head of HUR MO. The weapons include 122-mm and 152-mm howitzers as well as missiles for BM-21 "Grad" rocket launchers.</li> </ul>

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Liquidated personnel	3690
Tanks	66
IFVs	73
Artillery systems / MLRS	192/16
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	14
Aircraft / helicopters	0/0
UAVs	149
Ships/boats	1
Vehicles & fuel tanks	199
Special equipment	24



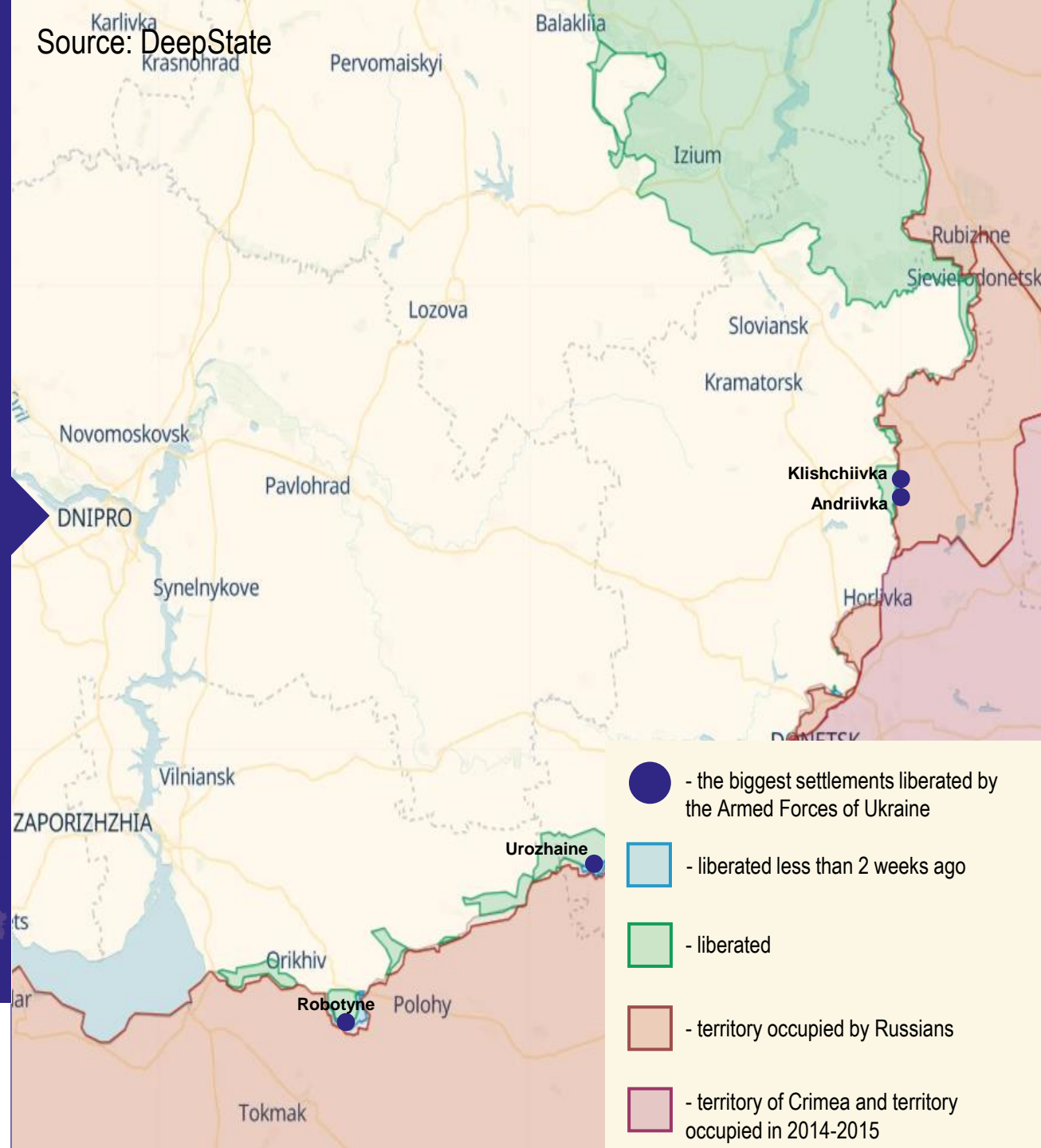
# Military positions

14.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On the night of the 14th of September, the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) and Navy conducted a unique special operation near Yevpatoria and destroyed the Russian air defense complex "Triumpf" worth \$1.2 billion. The target was successfully struck by UAVs and R-360 Neptune missiles. First, the SBU drones hit the "eyes" of the complex – radars and antennas. Then, after destroying the radar stations, Navy units hit the S-400 Triumpf launch complexes with two "Neptune" cruise missiles.</li> <li>➤ On the morning of the 14th of September, the Ukrainian Defence Forces hit two Russian patrol ships "Vasily Bykov" in the southwestern part of the Black Sea.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of now, Russia is producing 30 UAVs per month, says the representative of HUR MO Andrii Yusov. According to him, Russia plans to design 6 thousand kamikaze drones by the summer of 2025.</li> <li>➤ HUR MO denies the NYT's information on Russia's missile build-up. "Russia is unable to return to the pre-war level of missile reserves soon. They won't even get around it", Andrii Yusov, the representative of HUR MO said.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Army managed to move forward in the western part of Zaporizhzhia oblast and achieved success near Klishchiivka, Andriivka, and Kurdiuivka. Meanwhile, the Russians are strengthening their defense near Tokmak, – ISW.</li> <li>➤ General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported that the Ukrainian Army is settling their positions in the recently liberated village of Andriivka. Ukrainian soldiers surrounded the Russian garrison and for two days eliminated their head of brigade intelligence, three combatants and "almost the entire infantry of the 72nd brigade, including officers and a significant amount of equipment."</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On the 15th of September, 17 combat clashes took place.</li> <li>➤ If needed, Romania will shoot down Russian drones, the Deputy Chief of Defense Staff of Romania announced – Digi24. Romania has deployed around 600 military personnel and radar systems near the Danube Delta. "Depending on the threat levels, we are ready to use all available military means to protect the Romanian territory," General Vlad Heorhitsa said.</li> </ul>
16.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On the 16th of September, 30 combat clashes took place. Russia launched 8 missiles and over 50 airstrikes and carried out 22 attacks from rocket salvo systems hitting the Ukrainian positions and settlements.</li> <li>➤ Towards the south, the Ukrainian Defense Forces destroyed three Russian boats including the crew – the spokesperson of the Ukrainian Operational Command South Nataliia Humeniuk said. "For the past day, we destroyed 5 large-caliber guns, 18 Russian soldiers and 3 more boats, which they used to maneuver around the islands and settle observation points there. One of these points was also destroyed," she said. She also added that as of now, towards various areas, the Ukrainian Army managed to advance by 3-4 km. However, for more effectiveness, they need to liberate at least 30 km of land.</li> <li>➤ Russia has redeployed three large amphibious ships from the Black Sea to the Azov Sea, said Dmytro Pletenchuk, the representative for the Ukrainian Navy. According to him, this happened after the Russian submarine B-237 "Rostov-on-Don" and the landing ship "Minsk" were attacked in Sevastopol.</li> <li>➤ The Ukrainian Armed Forces are forcing the Dnipro River in Kherson oblast, and Russians do not have enough resources to prevent this, – ISW.</li> <li>➤ Russia is preparing to attack the Ukrainian energy system, British intelligence reports. The British assume that Russia is building up a significant stockpile of missiles, which will hit the Ukrainian infrastructure facilities again in a few months.</li> </ul>

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# Military positions

Source: DeepState



## LIBERATED SETTLEMENTS PER MONTH (UNTIL 18.09.2023)

- **Donetsk region**  
*Urozhaine, Andriivka, Klishchiivka*
- **Zaporizhzhia region**  
*Robotyne*

✓ During the past week, Russians launched 44 missiles and 425 air strikes and carried out over 323 attacks from multiple launch rocket systems.

## Attack on the night of September 14

- The Russians dispatched five unmanned aerial vehicles to Trudove in Zaporizhzhia oblast, causing damage to storage facilities and outbuildings, but fortunately without injuries.
- In the Dnipro oblast, three drones were shot down. The wreckage of one crashed in the Pershotravneve community of the Nikopol district. One private home was partially destroyed and six others were damaged. In addition, 8 outbuildings and 3 cars were mangled.
- In the Yunakivka community of Sumy oblast, a drone hit a grocery store. In the Novoslobidka community, it hit a non-functioning bathhouse.
- Over the Mykolaiv oblast, eight Shahed drones were destroyed.

## Dnipropetrovsk oblast

On the night of September 11, the Russians launched a missile attack on Kryvyi Rih, and a fire broke out. On the afternoon of September 11, the occupiers shelled Nikopol twice with Grad rockets and heavy artillery. Three people were injured in the attack.

## Sumy oblast

On September 11, a local resident was injured as a result of Russian shelling in the Znob-Novhorod community. In total, during the day, Russians shelled 10 border communities in Sumy oblast.

## Donetsk oblast

In the Volnovakha sector, Vuhledar, Novoukrainka, Maksymivka, Vodiane, Vuhledar, and Velyka Novosilka communities, Shakhtarske came under fire. Damage was done to private houses.

In the Donetsk sector, Halytsynivka, Novohrodivka, Kurakhove, Marinka, and Ocheretyne communities, Avdiivka, Kostiantynivka, Krasnohorivka, Maksymilianivka, Heorhiivka, Ostrivske, Kurakhove, Stepanivka are affected. As a result, residential buildings and a recreation center were damaged.

In the Horlivka sector, New York, Kostiantynivka, Druzhba, Toretsk, Kostyantynivka and Chasiv Yar communities, Dyliivka, Chasiv Yar, Toretsk, Novodmytrivka, Nelipivka came under fire. Damage was done to private houses, an infrastructure facility, an administrative building, multi-apartment buildings, outbuildings, a factory, and utility rooms.

In the Lysychansk sector, several areas including Zarichne, Lyman, and Zvanivka communities, Siversk, Torske, and Perezne came under fire. Both residential and non-residential structures sustained damage. There are wounded or dead in all directions.

## Kherson and Kherson oblast

On September 10, Russians shelled the center of Kherson: they hit a residential building and an educational institution. One person was injured. On the same day, the occupiers attacked an outpatient clinic in Stanislav village of Kherson oblast, injuring two women. On September 11, the Russians shelled Bilozerka. Two men were injured. A private house caught fire and windows in an educational institution were smashed. Furthermore, Sadove of the Kherson community was also shelled, and a 50-year-old man was injured. On September 12, the occupants shelled Sadove again. Two people were wounded, one of whom was a policeman. The Russians also attacked Poniativka. A 38-year-old man was wounded. On September 13, Odradokamianka was attacked. An 81-year-old woman was wounded. On the same day, Russians dropped explosives on Zmiivka from a drone, injuring two volunteers and a local resident. On the night of September 14, Russians shelled Novodmytrivka with artillery. A six-year-old boy was killed and four other people were injured. On September 14, the occupiers attacked a field near Mykhailivka in Kherson oblast. Two men were wounded. On September 16, the Russians shelled Beryslav. About 15 private houses were damaged and a 63-year-old woman was wounded. Russians also fired on the Llove village. They hit a lyceum, damaging the wall and roof, and smashing windows. On the night of September 17, Russians shelled a hospital in Mykilske. The shells damaged the paramedic and obstetric station.

## Zaporizhzhia oblast

On September 12, Russians launched a ballistic missile attack on Zaporizhzhia district, without injuries. On September 15, two women were wounded in an airstrike on Orikhiv.

## Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

On September 16, the occupants launched five Iskander strikes on the Kholodnohirskiy district of Kharkiv. Six people were wounded. A seven-meter-long crater was formed at one of the hit sites, houses were damaged, walls were destroyed, and windows were smashed. On the same day, a car was hit near the border village of Strilecha: a man and a woman were killed and another man was injured. On the night of September 17, the occupiers hit a civilian enterprise in Kharkiv with four S-300 missiles. No one was injured.

## Odesa oblast

On the night of September 13, Russians attacked Odesa oblast with drones. As a result, the port infrastructure was hit, non-residential buildings were damaged, and a fire broke out in a truck parking lot. Seven drivers were injured. On the night of September 17, Russians attacked an agricultural enterprise in Odesa oblast: a grain storage facility in Bereziv district, and agricultural land were damaged.

## Khmelnytskyi oblast

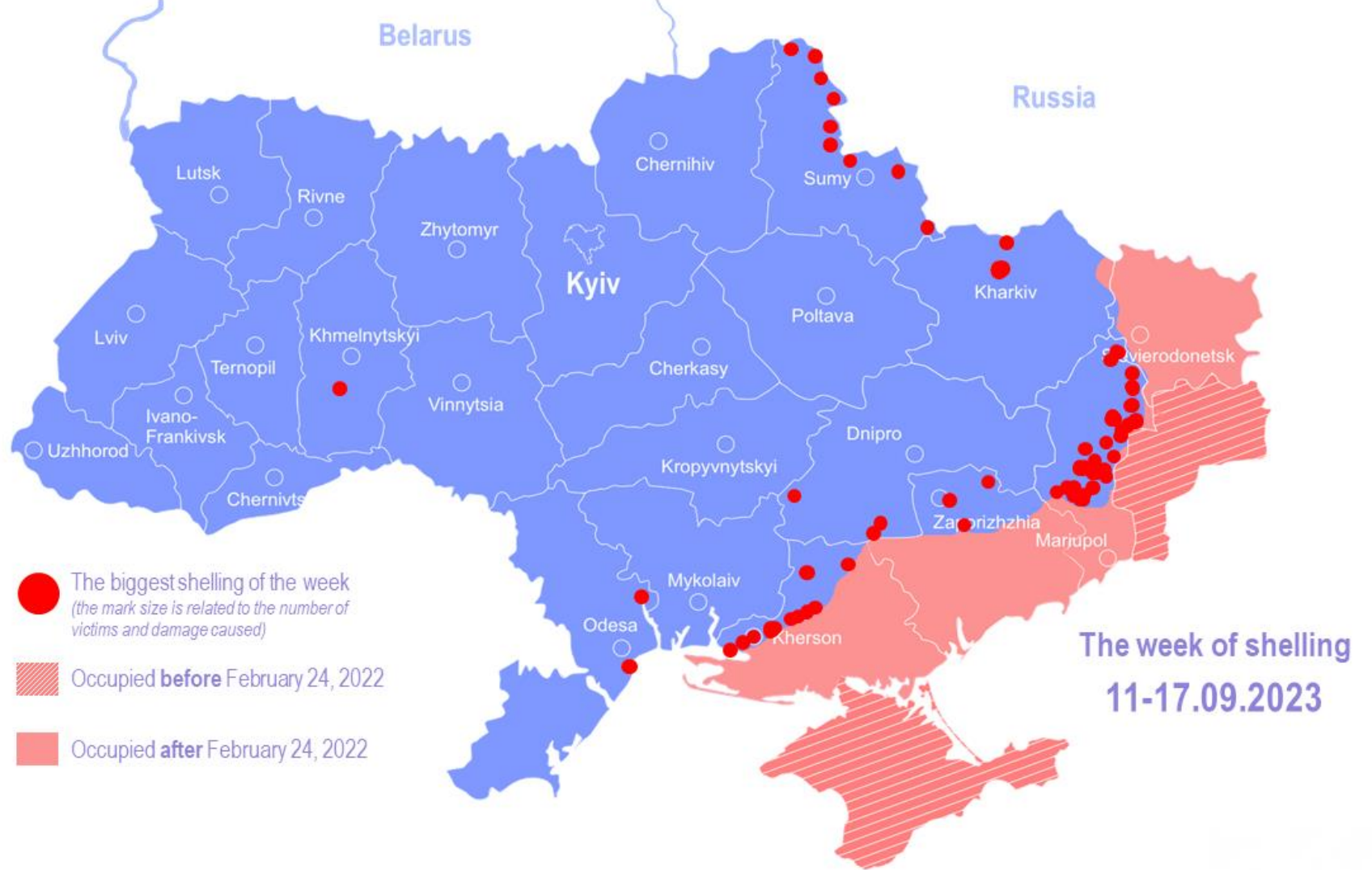
On the night of September 15, drone debris fell in Khmelnytskyi oblast, damaging 12 houses, windows in a school, and power lines. No one was killed or injured.

# This week shelling and strikes

## Kherson oblast



## Sumy oblast



## Donetsk oblast



## Zaporizhzhia oblast



## Dnipropetrovsk oblast



# Humanitarian crisis

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- **"Practices of torture used by the Russian military against Ukrainians are so widespread that they can be called systemic and state-sponsored,"** emphasized UN Special Rapporteur Alice Jill Edwards. **"This is not random, irregular behavior. It is organized as part of a state policy of intimidation, fear, or punishment aimed at obtaining information and confessions,"** Edwards explained.
- The Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal spoke about the key innovations of the **state budget** for next year. According to him, the draft budget for 2024 envisages a **5% GDP growth** (this year – 2.8%). In addition, for the first time, funds for **humanitarian demining** have been allocated – UAH 2 billion (\$52,083,333). Denys Shmyhal emphasized that Ukraine is currently a leader in terms of the area of mined land, but in the future Ukraine will be a leader in humanitarian demining and demining in general. "According to scientists, we need tens, maybe hundreds of years, if we take standard demining technologies. We have an ambition to complete the **demining of large agricultural lands within 3 years after the liberation** of the territories. And in general, we aim to complete the demining of the entire territory of Ukraine by 5-7 years," Shmyhal said.

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- The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has **confirmed** the deaths of **9,614 killed and 17,535 wounded civilians** in Ukraine as a result of Russia's full-scale invasion. It is noted that this is the organization's data from February 24, 2022, to September 10, 2023. According to the UN, from September 1 to September 10, 2023, 292 cases of civilian deaths or injuries were recorded: 29 men, 21 women, a girl, and four adults whose gender has not yet been established.
- Another **13 children** have been **returned to Ukraine from the occupied territories** of Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia regions, the Save Ukraine charity organization reports. In total, they managed to return 176 children in 11 missions.
- The Russian occupation administration has transferred **Azamat Eyupov**, an activist from Belogorsk, from Crimea to a prison in Verkhneursk, Chelyabinsk region. Earlier he was **sentenced to 17 years in prison**. This was reported by the Crimean Solidarity NGO. It is noted that the Court of Appeal did not take into account the state of health and medical diagnoses of Eyupov, who suffered **four ischemic strokes in the detention center**.

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- After Russia unilaterally withdrew from the grain deal, **Russian missiles and drones destroyed 280,000 tons of Ukrainian grain**. Over the past two months, Russia has launched a series of drone attacks on southern ports in Ukraine. Their goal was to **destroy Ukraine's economic infrastructure and export routes** created to break Moscow's Black Sea blockade. Ukraine has managed to export about 35 million tons of Ukrainian grain via the Danube over the past 12 months.

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- **Three more children** aged 14-15 were **returned to the territory controlled by Ukraine**. They will undergo rehabilitation and will be provided with psychological support.

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- "The International Criminal Court has opened a **field office in Kyiv**, which will be the largest representation of the court outside The Hague. The office will focus on **investigating all evidence of Russian war crimes**."
- The Regional Defense Council of Kherson Oblast has decided to **evacuate families with children from 30 dangerous settlements** in the region that are constantly shelled by Russians. The evacuation is mandatory.

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- Ukraine has **returned the bodies of 51 more fallen soldiers**. In total, the bodies of 1,832 Ukrainian military personnel have been repatriated.
- The UN expects the humanitarian situation in Ukraine to deteriorate and plans to assist 11 million Ukrainians by the end of the year. Saviano Abreu, Spokesperson for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), said this in an interview with Interfax-Ukraine. There are **18 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in Ukraine** as of today, and the **humanitarian situation is likely to deteriorate** due to constant attacks by Russia and the approaching winter season, he said.
- According to him, OCHA plans to provide **winter assistance** to about 1.3 million people from October to March. Specifically, the support may include **covering rent** for internally displaced persons or their **utility bills**. Abreu noted that such assistance is intended to be provided to people in areas away from the front line. As for those living near the front line, the support will be mainly related to emergency housing repairs. Furthermore, Abreu added that another part of their work is to **support** municipal and district communities in providing heat, electricity and water supply in winter. They are also working to **prevent the death of livestock** in winter. According to the speaker, they organize two or three humanitarian convoys to the frontline areas, particularly to Donbas, every week.

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- The Cathedral of Saint Sophia in Kyiv, Related Monastic Buildings and the Lavra of Kyiv-Pechersk (the Monastery of the Caves), and the historic center of Lviv have been added to UNESCO's List of **World Heritage in Danger** due to the threat of their destruction as a result of the war.
- It should be mentioned that in January, the **historic center of Odesa was added to the list**.
- Since withdrawing from the grain deal on July 17, **Russian forces have attacked Ukrainian ports 118 times**. About a third of the port infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed.

