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## **SUMMARY – DAY 252**

It has been 3,158 days since the occupation of Crimea on February 27, 2014.

No summary today – it's too late in the day.

## **DAILY ASSESSMENT**

We assess the following:

1. We assess that so-called “evacuations” in Kherson have taken a dark turn and appear to be an organized genocide against the Ukrainian people.
2. We maintain that Russian forces will retreat from the west bank of the Dnipro over the next three to seven weeks.
3. We assess terror attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure will continue across Ukraine.
4. Our assessment that the Kremlin's announcement that they withdrew from the Ukrainian grain shipment would backfire spectacularly was accurate, with the Kremlin announcing it had rejoined the pact.
5. We maintain that the Private Military Company Wagner Group is spread too thin due to its expanding

role in the Donetsk oblast and the revelation of crippling battlefield losses.

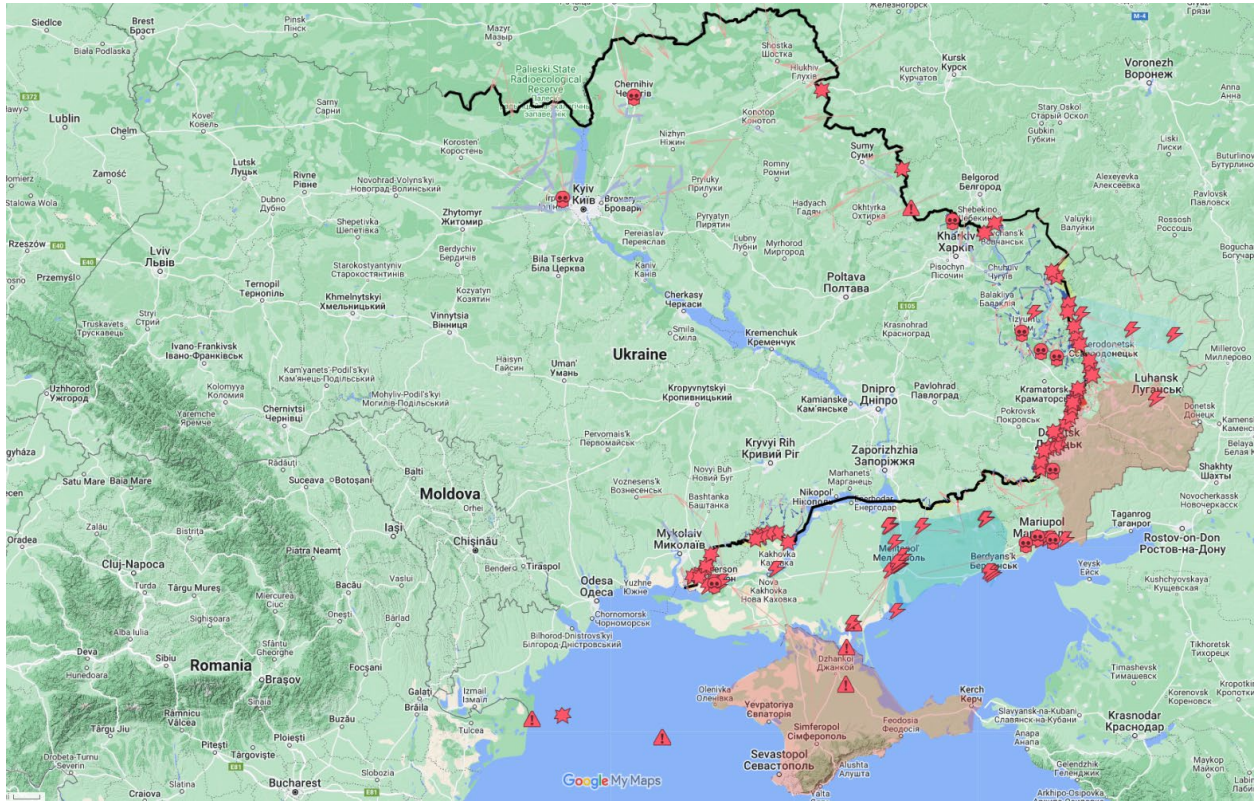
6. We maintain that although the weather has improved in central and western Ukraine, rasputitsa will continue to slow down combat operations for both belligerents.
7. We maintain that Russia's baseless accusation that Ukraine is preparing to use an improvised nuclear weapon as part of a broader disinformation campaign has faded from the news cycle.
8. We maintain that Ukraine holds the battlefield initiative, forcing Russian troops to remain in a defensive posture.
9. We maintain that the Russian military within Ukraine is combat destroyed and is incapable of mounting successful offensive operations.
10. We maintain that the mobilization of 300,000 troops has not improved Russian combat strength and exposed the training, logistical, and supply problems within the Russian Federation, and the new mobiks are suffering from catastrophic losses.
11. We maintain that Russian forces in Belarus remain a credible threat and that an invasion of western Ukraine is possible in the next 35 to 65 days.
12. We maintain Russia's threat to use tactical nuclear weapons on the battlefield as still a remote



possibility due to renewed irresponsible language from the Kremlin and despite fresh assurances from the Kremlin not to use nuclear weapons.

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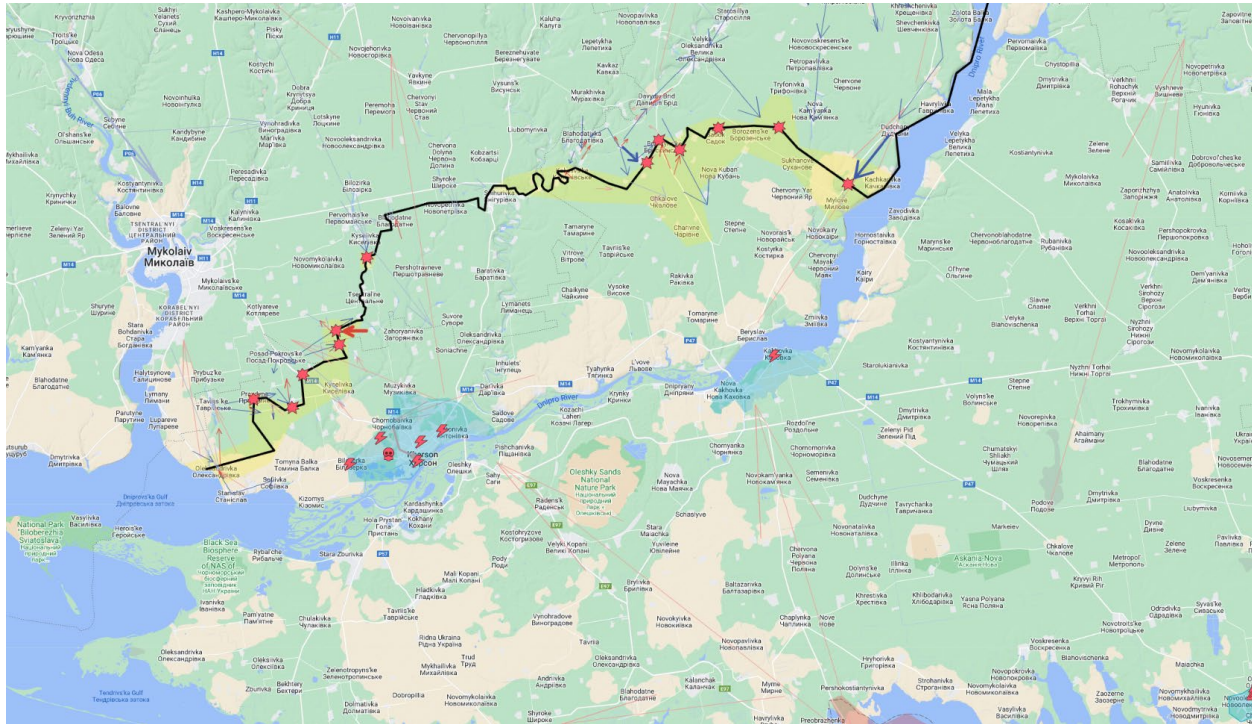
# TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



**Information about changes made to the map:** Red triangles are sites of significant events unrelated to missile attacks, insurgency, or ground combat, such as the sinking of the Moskva and the explosion at Saky Naval airbase. Based on your feedback, we changed the archived offensive flags to "gray circles." The layer is turned off by default, but you can toggle it on/off in the Map Legend. If you see a settlement name highlighted, like [Kherson](#), the link will take you to the exact location explained in the Situation Report.

You can visit our war map at <http://www.rusvukrmap.com>

# KHERSON COUNTEROFFENSIVE & MYKOLAIV



**Russian Objective:** Execute a controlled withdrawal of collaborators, government officials, military leaders, and experienced troops while rotating mobiks to the front, hold existing defensive lines, protect Nova Kakhovka Ground Line of Communication (GLOC – supply lines), restrict insurgent activity

**Ukrainian Objective:** Liberate the Kherson oblast west of the Dnipro River, push Russian forces back far enough to end multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) attacks on Mykolaiv



**BREAKING NEWS:** We have never withdrawn a report after publication based on reports coming in immediately after publication. Numerous reports are coming from the west bank of the Dnipro River from multiple sources that Russian forces are withdrawing en masse from Kherson and that most Russian flags have been taken down. Residents say there are no more Russian troops within Kherson, and all checkpoints and roadblocks have been removed.

We are somewhat skeptical that a complete withdrawal has occurred due to the reports of artillery exchanges, air strikes, and fighting on the northern front. However, it appears a significant event is occurring.

Russian-installed Kherson administrator Kirill Stremousov urged "all civilians to evacuate" but then insisted that "everything is under control" at this moment. Stremousov made the statement from a car packed to the roof with personal belongings.<sup>1</sup>

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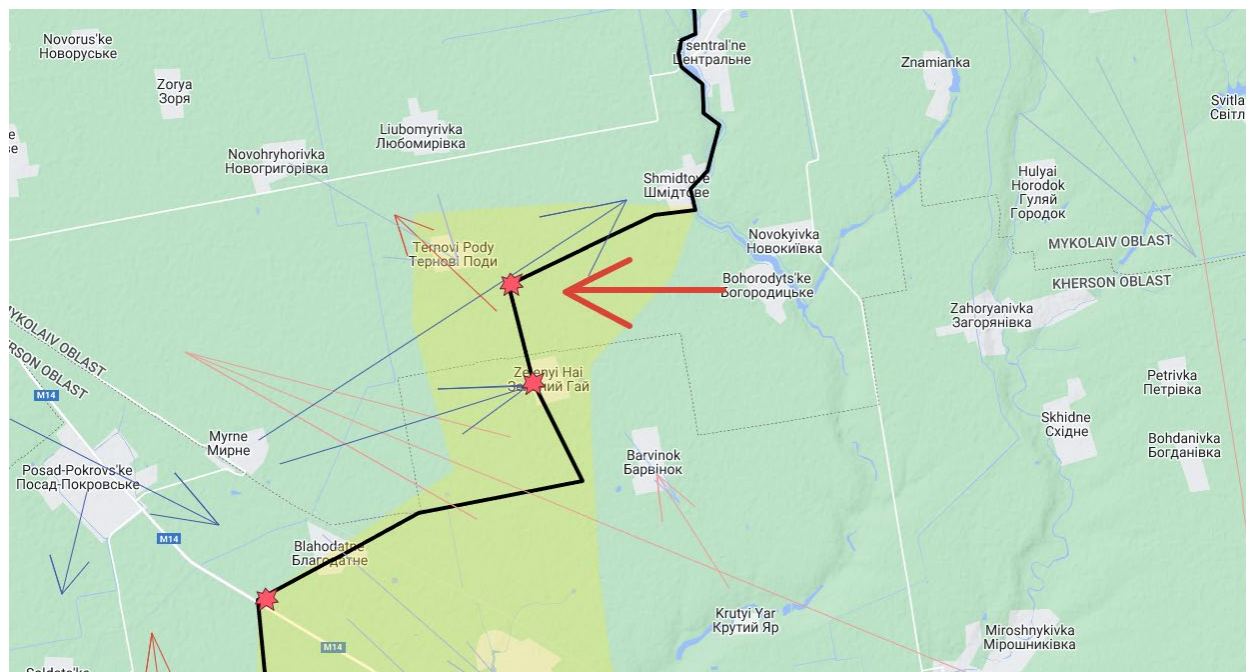
<sup>1</sup> [https://twitter.com/francis\\_scarr/status/1588101395441483779](https://twitter.com/francis_scarr/status/1588101395441483779)

If today's report had a theme, it would be the second verse is the same as the first. The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (GSAFU) and the Operational Command South (OCS) did not release specific information on fighting west of the Dnipro.



The Russian Ministry of Defense reported continued fighting near [Ishchenka](#), [Borozenske](#), [Pyatykhatky](#), and [Sukhanove](#).<sup>2</sup> There was no change in the situation.

<sup>2</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21422](https://t.me/mod_russia/21422)



GSAFU reported that Ukrainian positions in [Ternovi Pody](#) were shelled.<sup>3</sup> We maintain the area remains a no man's land.

OCS reported the Ukrainian air force completed one air strike while ground forces executed 150 fire missions.<sup>4</sup> Ammunition depots were targeted in the Beryslav and Bashtan raions.

Ukrainian forces dramatically increased the number of HIMARS strikes along the Dnipro River. Near Chornobavika,

<sup>3</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=5659440254094349>

six railcars holding fuel were destroyed.<sup>5 6 7</sup> In Nova Kakhovka, a Russian convoy was struck while crossing the dam using the temporary gravel crossing.<sup>8 9</sup> Two massive fires were on both sides of the spillway with secondary explosions. The dam and the hydroelectric plant were not targeted based on geolocated information.<sup>10</sup>

The ferry staging area near the disabled Antonovsky Bridge in Kherson was hit by at least six rockets fired by HIMARS.<sup>11</sup>  
<sup>12 13 14</sup> Six hours later, the area was attacked a second time.<sup>15</sup> Russian sources continue to make exaggerated claims about the ability to shoot down the M30 and M31 rockets, while video and picture evidence shows repeated successful strikes.

Russian sources claimed that the civilian evacuations from the west of the Dnipro were complete and that civilian travel would be restricted.<sup>16</sup> Russian occupation officials

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=5659440254094349>

<sup>6</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28247>

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<sup>8</sup> [https://twitter.com/ukraine\\_map/status/1587874576792526852](https://twitter.com/ukraine_map/status/1587874576792526852)

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<sup>16</sup> <https://t.me/readovkanews/46056>

stated the ban on preventing civilian travel on barges, river taxis, and small boats was total with no exceptions but “temporary.” Russian troops intentionally sunk pleasurecraft at the city piers to ensure compliance by shooting holes through the hulls.<sup>17</sup>

After the statement from the Russian-appointed gauleiter of occupied Kherson, Vladimir Saldo almost caused a panic, officials further clarified that civilian companies that transport food and provide support for public utilities will still be allowed to use the ferry crossings.<sup>18</sup>

The so-called evacuations look more like ethnic cleansing with each passing day. Russian troops would not allow residents to leave in their vehicles, and they could only take a small suitcase with belongings. Local reports and pictures showed Russian troops gathering left-behind civilian vehicles in Kherson, transporting them to the ferry crossing, and moving them across the Dnipro to the east bank.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> [https://twitter.com/bayraktar\\_1love/status/1587898153134690308](https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1587898153134690308)

<sup>18</sup> [https://t.me/kherson\\_non\\_fake/4152](https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/4152)

<sup>19</sup> <https://t.me/truexakhersonua/24925>

In the occupied regions, retailers have been barred from selling vodka and other hard liquor to Russian troops.<sup>20</sup> How the decree will be enforced without acts of violence against shopkeepers and preventing bootleg sales was unclear.

Widespread looting has been reported, and Russian soldiers are now occupying the empty homes and apartments of the people deported en masse.<sup>21</sup> We had previously reported that Russian occupiers were housed in empty civilian homes. Russian troops are reportedly picking the homes and apartments they prefer based on the amenities and furnishings left behind. It is also reported that Russian occupiers are seizing deeds and other land ownership records.

Russian forces have started a widespread campaign to destroy cellular communication towers to isolate the population further, block communications, and potentially hide war crimes.<sup>22</sup> Towers in Ivanivka, Tokarivka, and Novoveryslave on the west bank of the Dnipro were

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<sup>20</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28244>

<sup>21</sup> [Sprotyv](#)

<sup>22</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28258>

destroyed, while a fourth tower in Beryslav was dismantled.<sup>23 24</sup>

In Beryslav and Kozatske, collaborators, gauleiters, and their families were given preferential treatment and evacuated to Henichesk, just north of Russian-occupied Crimea. Other residents are reportedly being prevented from leaving.<sup>25</sup>

On the east bank of the Dnipro, residents in Nova Zburivka were given a 72-hour mandatory evacuation order, or they will be forcibly removed on November 5.<sup>26</sup> Residents are required to relocate to the pre-2014 Russian Federation borders, further raising alarm that filtration, child separation, forced conscription, and deportations to eastern Russia will occur.

In Hornostaivka, forced removals of civilians started on October 31, and the hospital was looted. Looting of medical equipment and ambulances started in Hola Prystan, where forced removals of civilians also started.<sup>27</sup> In the same

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<sup>23</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28261>

<sup>24</sup> <https://t.me/hueviyherson/28259>

<sup>25</sup> [Sprotyv](#)

<sup>26</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Update AM PDT](#)

<sup>27</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

town, prefabricated concrete pillboxes, defensive positions for light weapons such as machine guns, arrived. Russian forces started building defensive fortifications throughout the town.<sup>28</sup>

In Kakhovka, there were similar reports that Russian forces were building complex and extensive defenses within the urban areas of the town.<sup>29</sup> Russian psychological operation vehicles drove through the streets announcing mandatory civilian evacuations.

**ASSESSMENT:** The Russian Federation has likely started a replacement campaign. Ethnic Ukrainians, even those in favor of Russian occupation, are being deported to be replaced by Russian nationals. Russia did this in Crimea and the original Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republic to create a false narrative of a local population wanting to be part of Russia. The forced evacuations continue to expand east and north and now include parts of the Zaporizhia oblast. The destruction of religious institutions, statues, and artwork and preventing civilians from taking personal property is a glowing red warning light from history.

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<sup>28</sup> [https://twitter.com/bayraktar\\_1love/status/1587756317686513672](https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1587756317686513672)

<sup>29</sup> [Sergey Khlan – Facebook Report](#)



This ethnic cleansing is being done legally in the eyes of the Russian Federation, which illegally and falsely annexed Kherson, Zaporizhia, Donetsk, and Luhansk. Under the declaration of martial law in the occupied territories, the confiscation of homes, personal property, businesses, and land is justified as the required nationalization of property to defend the territory of Russia. This is the most significant forced relocation and the widescale act of ethnic cleansing since the siege of Mariupol.

Our confidence that Russian troops will withdraw from east of the Inulets River and turn Kherson into a fortress is waning. The full intent of Russian troops remains unclear, as the destruction of cell towers, the looting of hospitals, and the theft of critical infrastructures such as fire trucks and ambulances will impact occupation forces negatively.

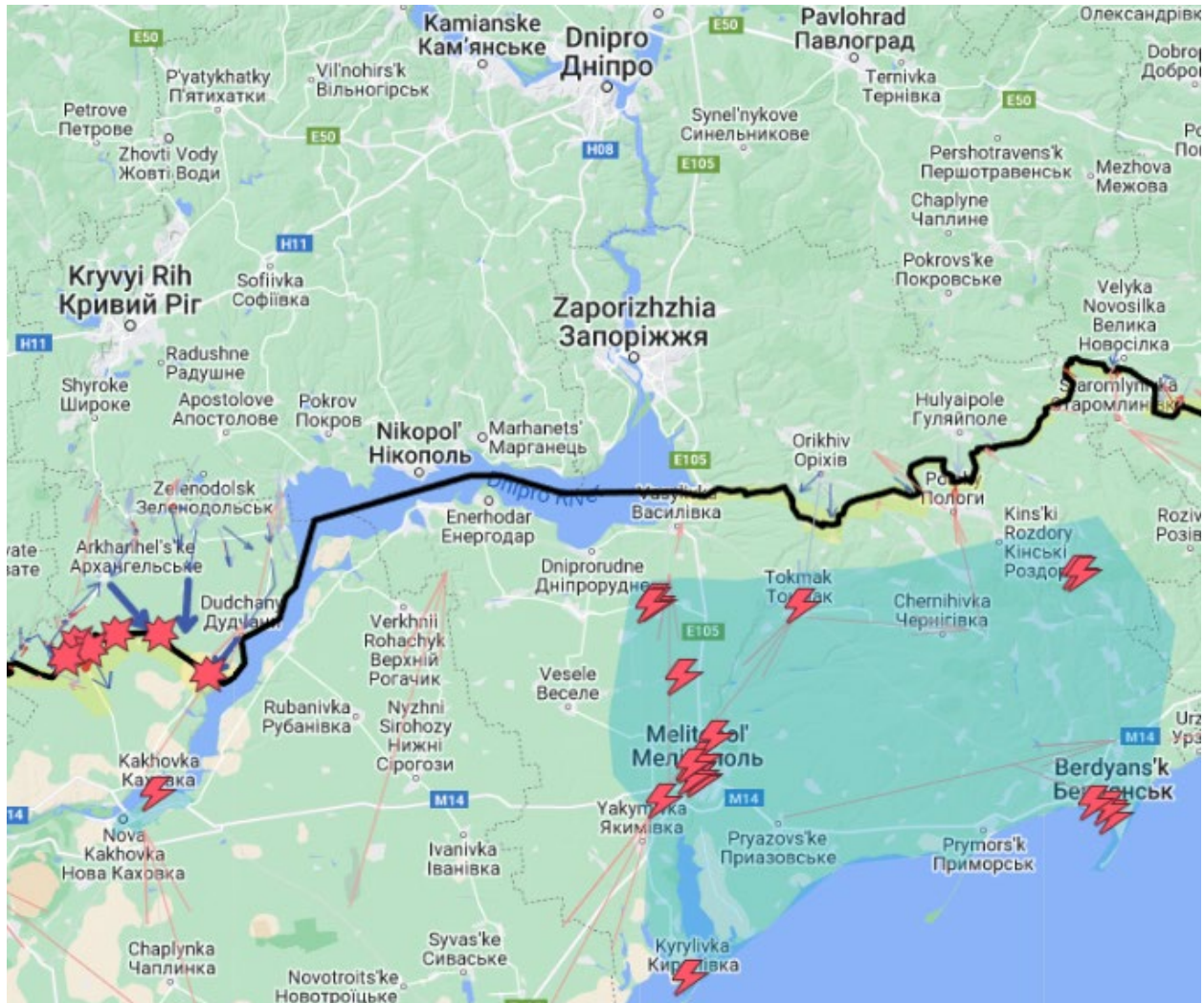
Additionally, the removal of civilians and the announcement that civilians will no longer be allowed to cross the Dnipro may have caused an increase in attacks on river crossing points and the renewed strikes at the Nova Kakhovka dam.

In Mykolaiv, up to 60 Russian soldiers were killed in occupied Pershotravneve.<sup>30</sup> There were no details on if the attack was carried out by airstrike, rockets fired by HIMARS, or artillery.

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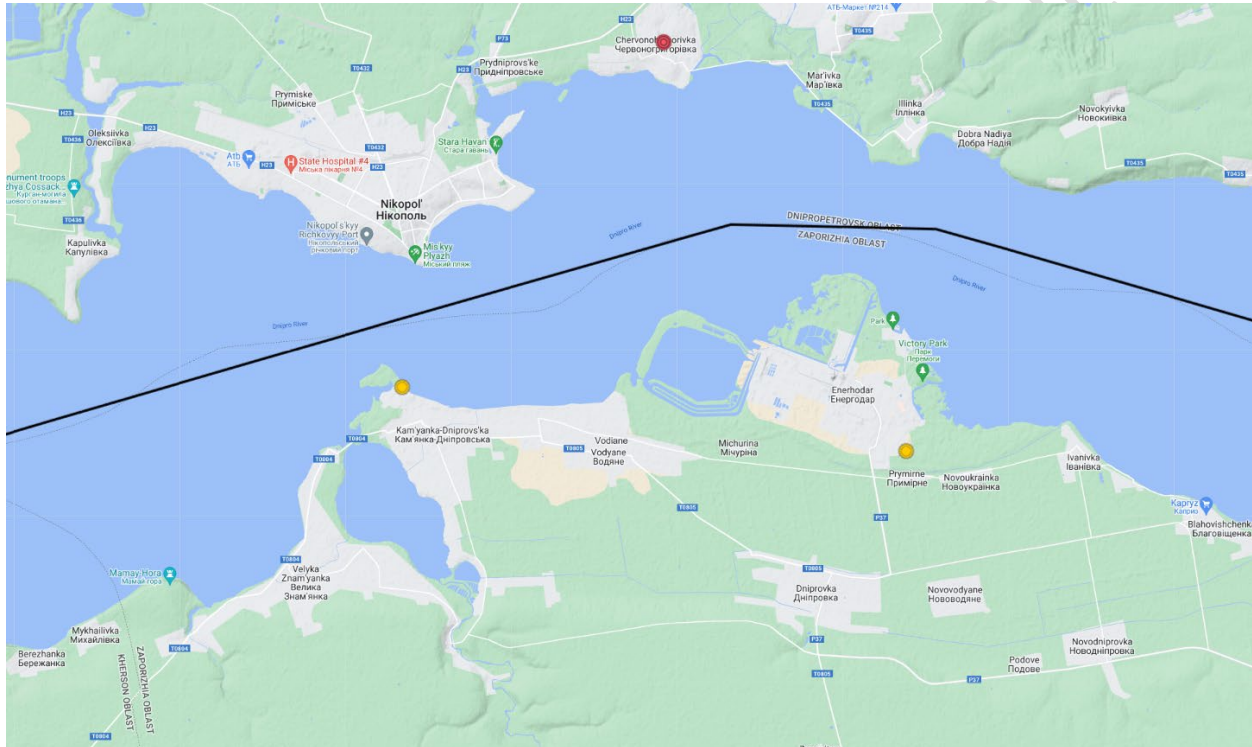
<sup>30</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

## DNIPROPETROVSK & ZAPORIZHIA



**Russian Objective:** Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, break civilian will with continued terror attacks and the destruction of electrical, natural gas, and water infrastructure, and turn popular opinion against Ukraine by terrorizing the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

## Ukrainian Objective: Prevent further Russian advances, exploit weaknesses on the line of conflict, and protect civilians



The geopolitical situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant has deteriorated significantly. The puppet mayor of Enerhodar, Alexander Volga, reported that control of ZNPP was moving to Rosatom and Ukrainian Energoatom employees have been forced to work for Moscow.<sup>31</sup> This is in direct defiance of the United Nations

<sup>31</sup> <https://ukraina.ru/20221102/1040402860.html>

and the International Atomic Energy Agency, which has repeatedly said that transferring plant control to Russia would violate the core principles of nuclear safety.

Volga reported that Reactors 5 and 6 are in a hot shutdown state, and Reactor 5 will start producing electricity for the occupied regions and Russian-occupied Crimea next week. He falsely claimed that Ukrainian employees with NAEK had intentionally disconnected power to the plant before the IAEA's arrival, forcing the reactors to shut down.

We have previously reported and shared IAEA statements that some power disconnections were caused by Russian missile and drone strikes targeting the Ukrainian electrical grid, which knocked out connections far from Enerhodar on the 330 kilovolt (kV) transmission circuits. The IAEA had not released a statement at the time of publication.

The Russian Ministry of Defense made renewed claims for the second day in a row that Ukrainian forces shelled the area around ZNPP without evidence.<sup>32</sup> Volga did not mention active shelling in the interview he gave today.

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<sup>32</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21423](https://t.me/mod_russia/21423)

***Editor's Note:*** *If you're going to communicate fan-fiction propaganda, at least get your stories straight.*

**BREAKING NEWS:** As we were completing the Situation Report, Energoatom reported that Russian shelling damaged both 330 kilovolt (kV) high-voltage power lines to ZNPP, cutting off all power to the plant.<sup>33</sup> Operators are bringing Reactors 5 and 6 to a cold shutdown state, and the plant has been forced to operate using diesel generators. Initially, all 20 generators were triggered when power was lost at 23:04 local time. Plant engineers have stabilized the situation, with nine generators running. The power plant has enough diesel to operate off the grid for 15 days.

Energoatom officials reported that Russian employees of Rosatom interfered with managing the situation.

Heavy shelling, rocket, and drone attacks continued across the Dnipropetrovsk oblast. Nikopol and Marhanets were struck by Grad rockets fired by multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS).<sup>34</sup> A gas station was destroyed in Nikopol, with private homes, a college, a furniture factory, and an

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<sup>33</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/3/7374747/>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/3/7374751/>

industrial area damaged. Power was knocked out to 1,000 households in Marhanets.



An Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 kamikaze drone targeted electrical infrastructure and the city water system in Kryvyi Rih.<sup>35</sup> The attack knocked out electrical, water, and sewer services in parts of the city.

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<sup>35</sup> <https://t.me/dnipropetrovskaODA/2301>

Ethnic cleansing and forced deportations expanded to Zaporizhia, with the residents of Velyka Znamyanka being removed.<sup>36</sup>

In Russian-occupied Vasylivka, up to 50 Russian troops were killed or wounded in an attack launched by Ukraine.

In Russian-occupied Melitopol, rockets fired by HIMARS struck the Refma Plant, which had been converted into the headquarters for Russian forces and a logistics hub. The installation is reportedly completely destroyed. Russian puppet leader of Melitopol, Volodymyr Rogov, confirmed the attack saying that six "power explosions rang out."<sup>37</sup>

There are reports of widescale looting by Russian forces in Melitopol using martial law as justification.<sup>38</sup> In Kyrylivka, on the shores of the Azov Sea, Russian soldiers are looting vital military equipment, including heaters, air conditioners, and household appliances. Russian leadership did not indicate the specific threat appliances made, but apparently, it was serious enough to move them through filtration, deportation, and relocation to Russia.

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<sup>36</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/3/7374749/>

<sup>38</sup> [Sprotyv](#)



There was only sporadic artillery fire from the Zaporizhia-Donetsk administrative border to Hulyaipole to Orikhiv to Shcherbaky.<sup>39 40</sup>

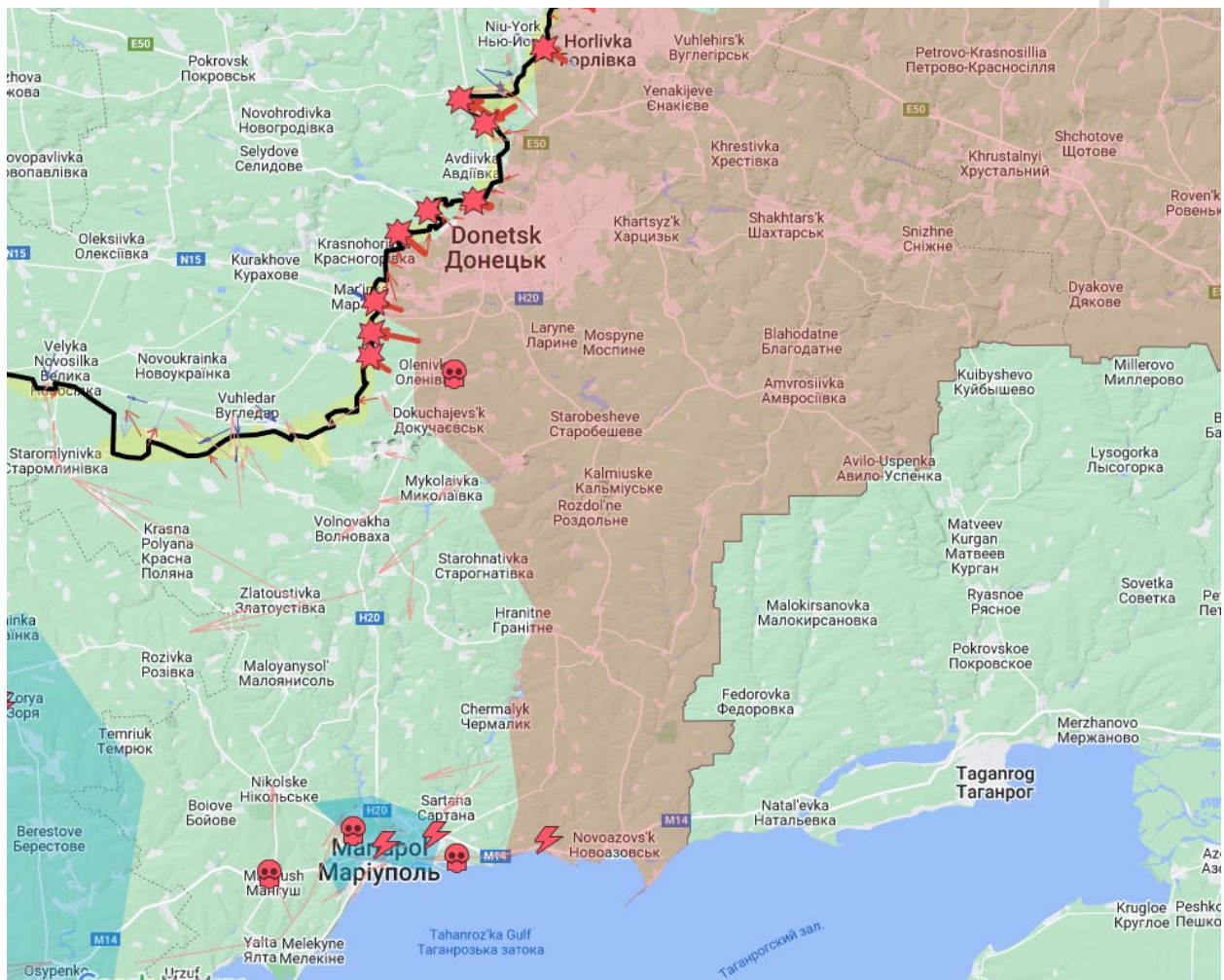
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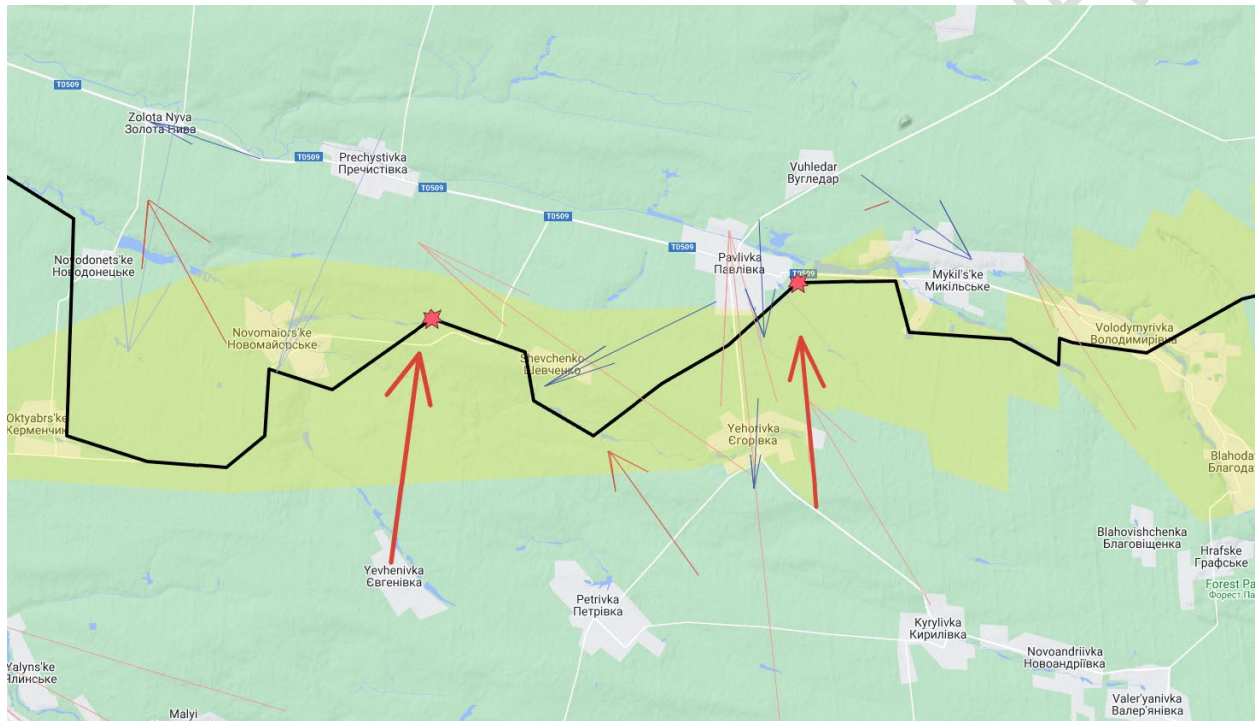
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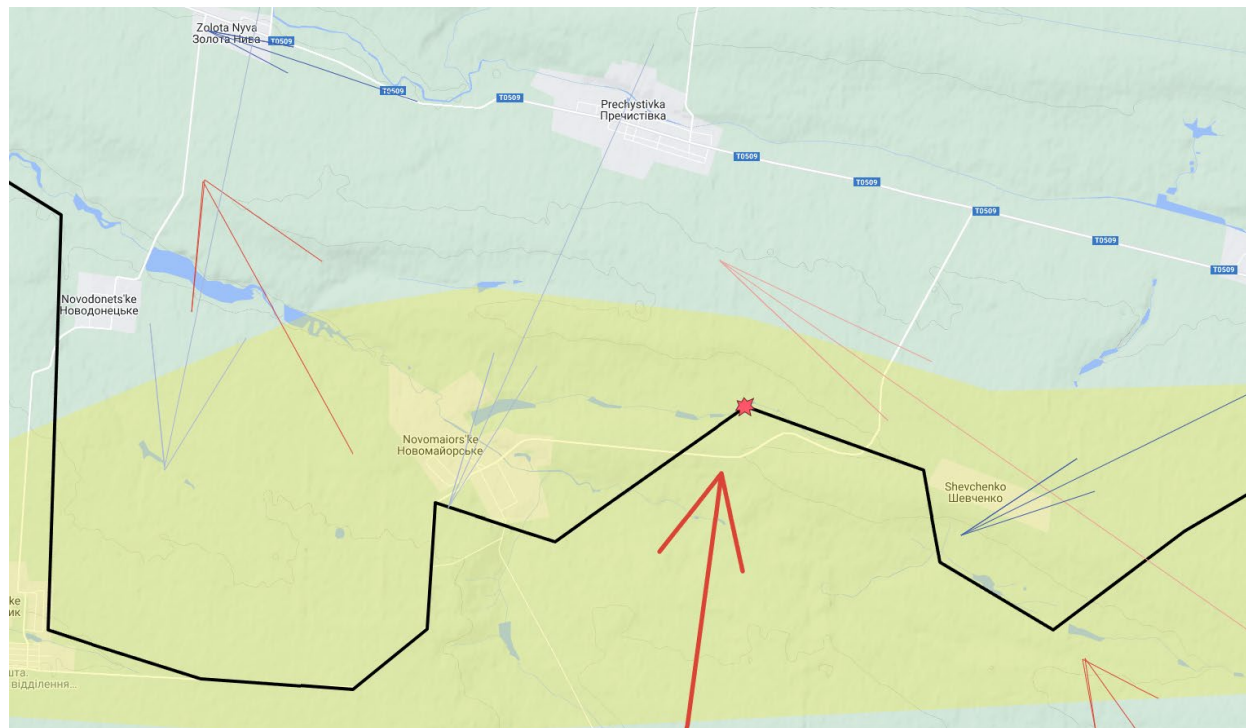


**Russian Objective:** Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, and bring the insurrection across southwestern Donetsk under control

**Ukrainian Objective:** Lock Russian military assets in place, defend the existing line of conflict while finding and exploiting weaknesses, destroy troop concentrations and command and control sites, interdict supplies and disrupt logistics



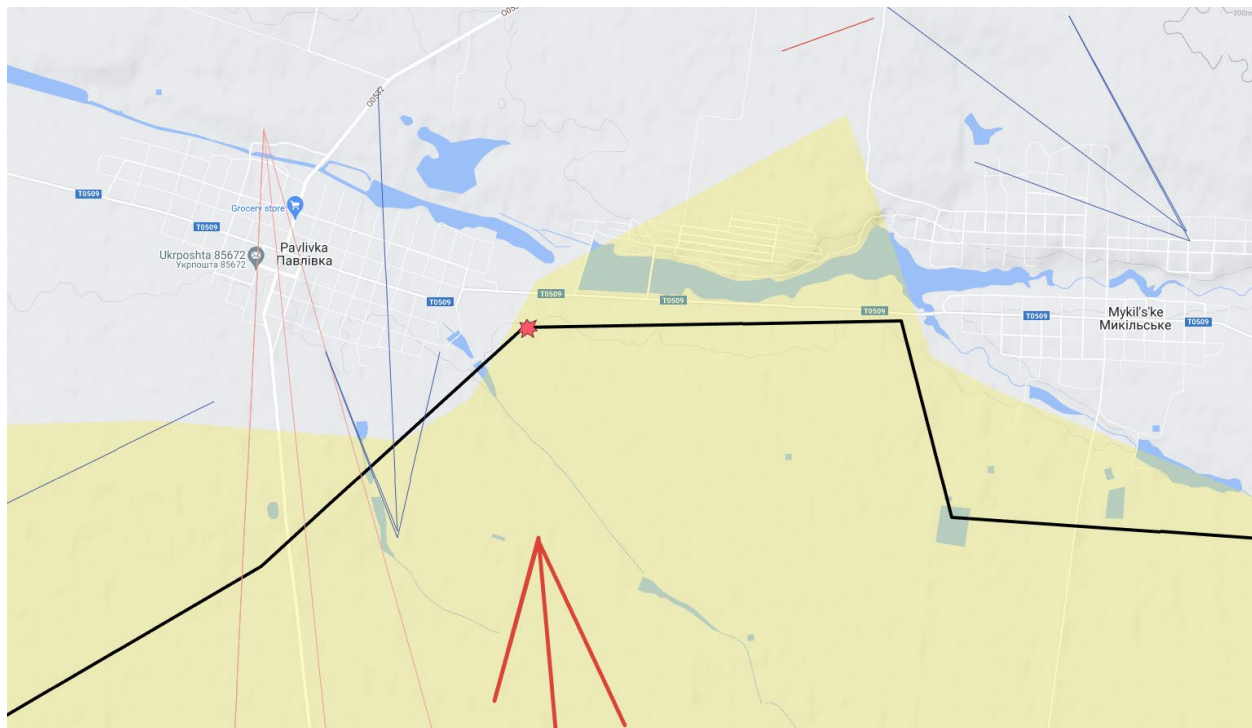
Southwest of Donetsk, Russian forces continued their offensive operations in the Vuhledar area, with significant fighting from [Novomaiorske](#) to [Mykilske](#).



Ukrainian forces continued to repel Russian advances on [Prechystivka](#).<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)



Russian milbloggers are walking back earlier claims that Russian troops were finishing the “cleansing” of [Pavlivka](#), claiming the offensive has slowed down due to the arrival of Ukrainian reinforcements.<sup>42</sup> Videos showed that the line of conflict is further south than what has been reported by Russian sources. It also showed that Russian armor [was involved in the attack](#), contrary to earlier reports from Ukrainian sources.<sup>43</sup> Did we write was? Watch the video. Fighting remained intense, according to both belligerents.<sup>44</sup>

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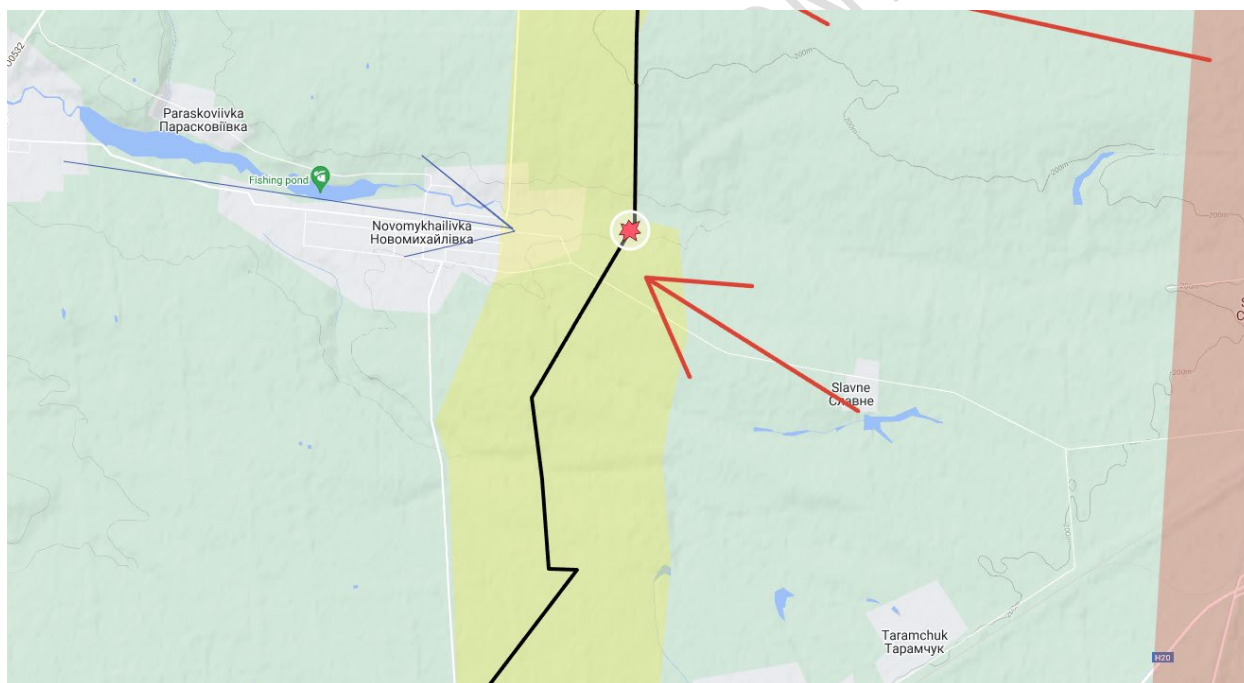
<sup>42</sup> <https://t.me/rybar/40837>

<sup>43</sup> [https://twitter.com/Blue\\_Sauron/status/1588038078718951424](https://twitter.com/Blue_Sauron/status/1588038078718951424)

<sup>44</sup> <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14556>

Ukrainian forces continue to hold defensive positions along the Kashlyhach River, with Russian sources reporting that the bridgehead was attacked.<sup>45</sup>

GSAFU reported that infrastructure in Vuhledar was attacked and damaged by an Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 kamikaze drone.<sup>46</sup>

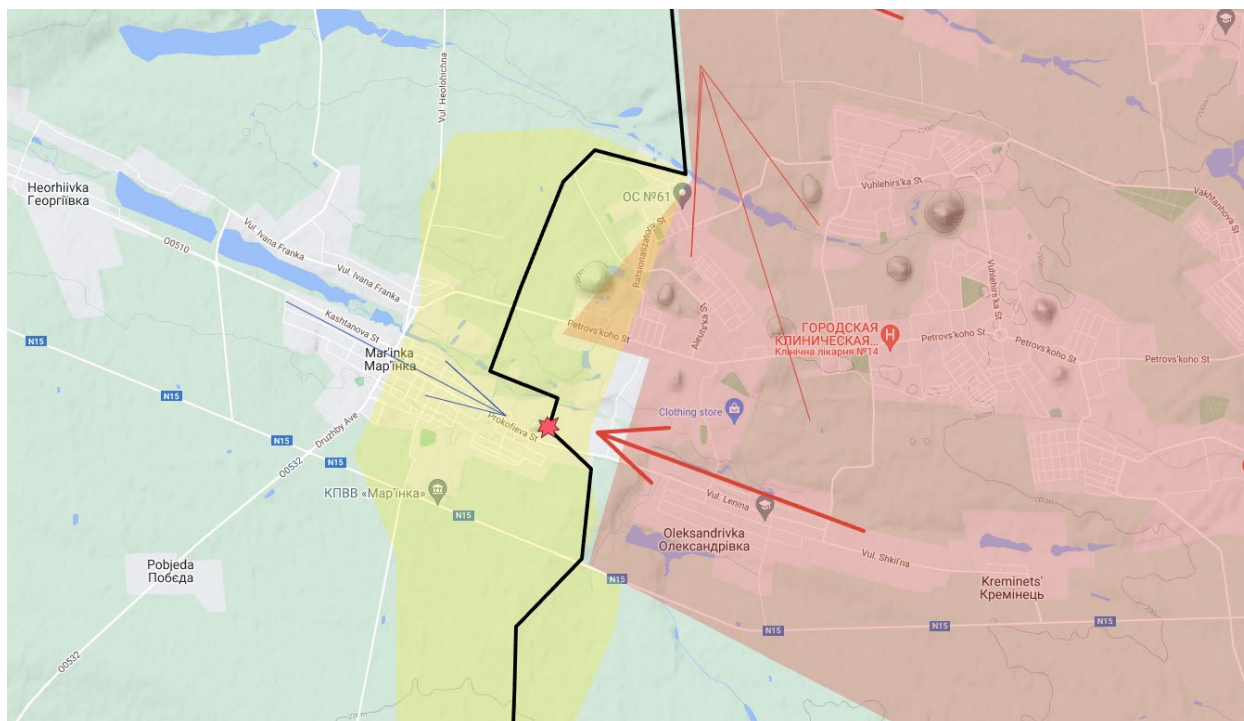


Fighting on the eastern edge of [Novobakhmutivka](#) continued with no change in the situation.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>45</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/8998>

<sup>46</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Update AM PDT](#)

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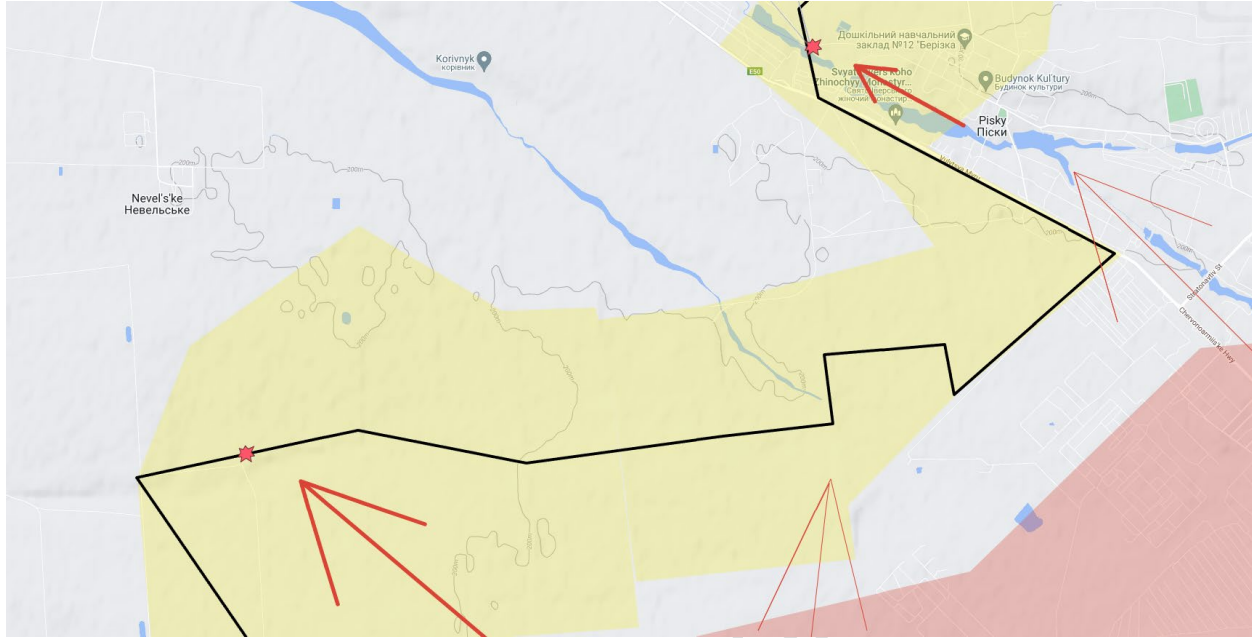


Earlier reports from Ukrainian sources about gains by the 1st Army Corps of the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) into [Marinka](#) were overstated.<sup>48</sup> A video from November 1 showed Russian Su-25 aircraft [attacking Ukrainian positions](#) in the residential quarter of the town.<sup>49</sup> This helped confirm the location of Ukrainian troops and added additional data that Russian forces would be at least 750 to 1,000 meters away from the targeted area. We updated the map to move the gray area back to its October 31 position.

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<sup>48</sup> <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14556>

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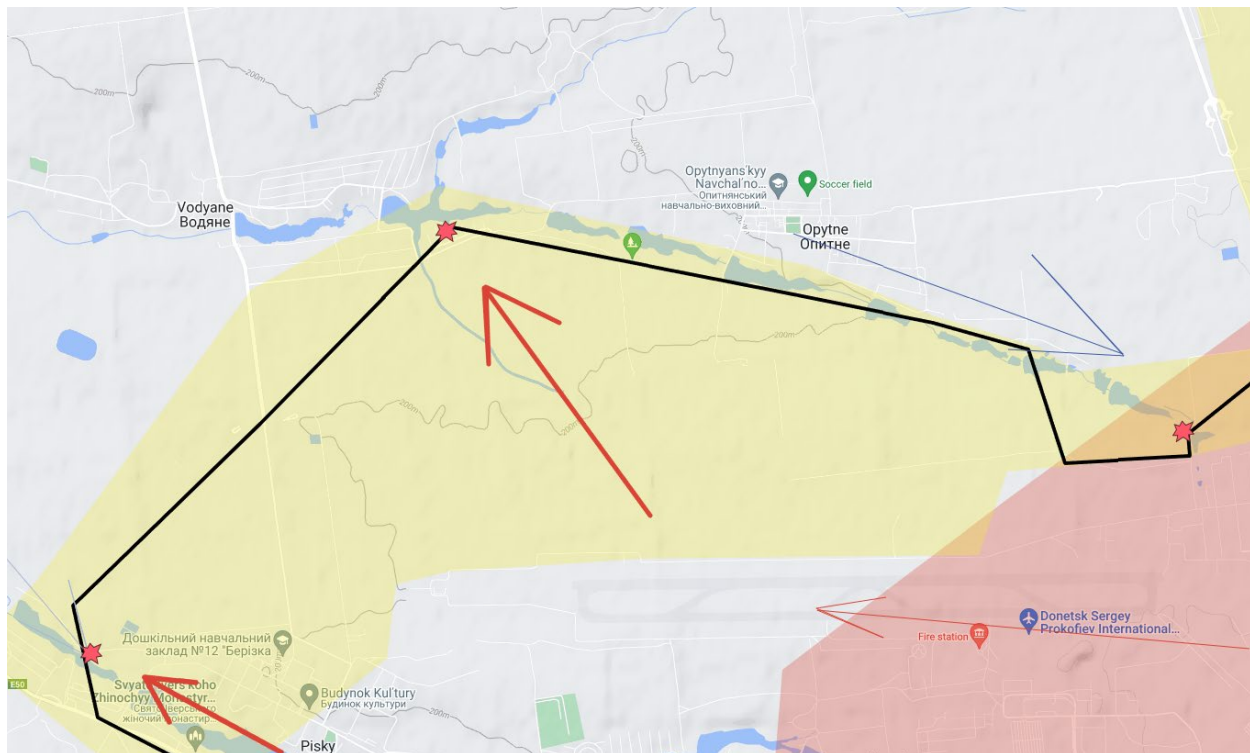


Fighting continued near [Nevel'ske](#), and attempts by DNR troops to advance [Pervomaiske](#) remained unsuccessful.<sup>50</sup>

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Ukrainian forces continued to hold defensive lines in [Vodyane](#).

The People's Militia of the DNR public relations channel claimed their forces destroyed one main battle tank and six "armored and automotive vehicles" without evidence.<sup>51</sup> The PR channel showed [artillery units firing on Avdiivka](#).<sup>52</sup>

Ukrainian forces completed 210 fire missions in the occupied territories. Videos on social media showed the

<sup>51</sup> [https://t.me/nm\\_dnr/9322](https://t.me/nm_dnr/9322)

<sup>52</sup> [https://t.me/nm\\_dnr/9329](https://t.me/nm_dnr/9329)

Leninski and Kirovski districts in the city of Donetsk were shelled.<sup>53 54</sup>

Long lines to leave the DNR continued at the Uspenka border crossing into Russia.<sup>55 56</sup> Pictures and videos showed cars and trucks stuck in traffic that extended up to six kilometers. The Russian Federation had previously promised customs and border crossing security across the pre-2014 border would be removed as part of the illegal annexation the Duma ratified on October 4.

The Russian MOD has turned Mariupol into a military logistics center with the Kerch Bridge still disabled.<sup>57</sup> Partisans continue to share pictures and videos of Russian military equipment and troops moving in and out of the city, with most reportedly heading in the direction of Manhush.<sup>58</sup> The only functioning bridge between the Left and Right banks of the Kalmius is closed for hours at a time to civilian and commercial traffic, creating traffic jams.

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<sup>53</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/37891>

<sup>54</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/37953>

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<sup>56</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/37946>

<sup>57</sup> <https://t.me/andriyshTime/4115>

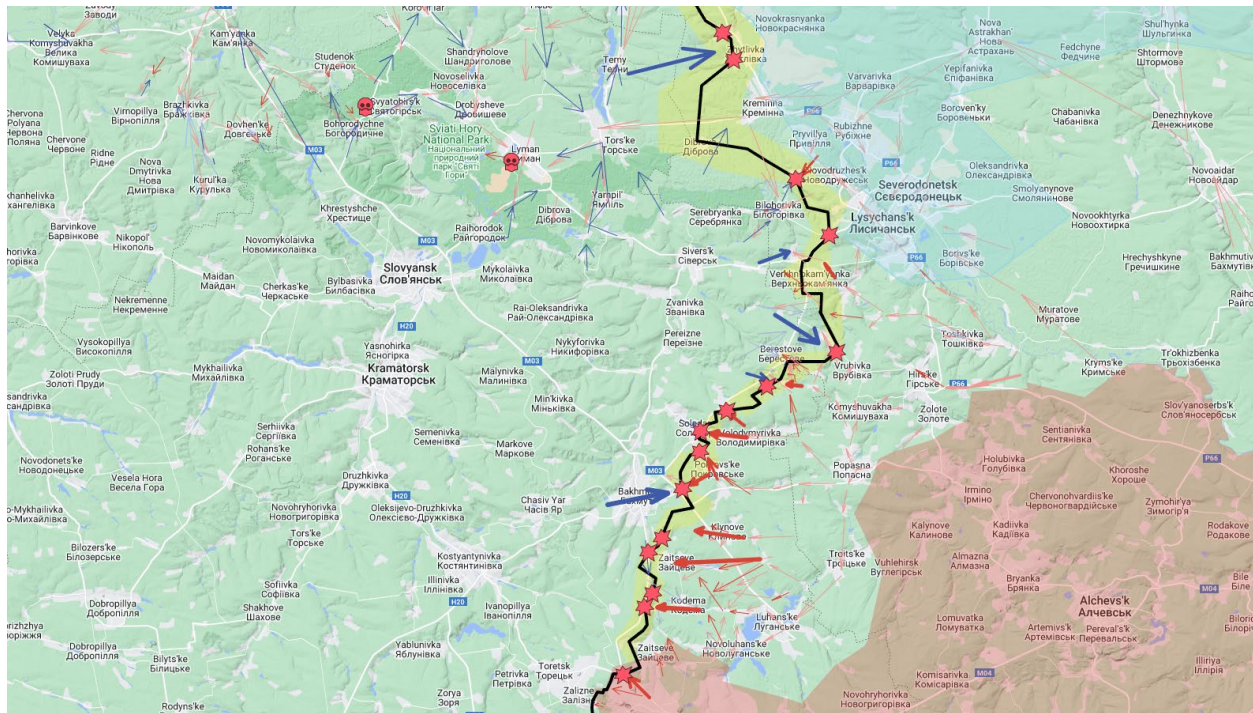
<sup>58</sup> <https://t.me/andriyshTime/4115>

The Russian occupier's promise to restore trolley service in the shattered city by the end of 2022 has been broken, with no work done.<sup>59</sup> The trolley barn was about 2 kilometers northeast of the Azovstal Metallurgical Plant. It was the scene of intense fighting through the end of April, and no effort has been made to clear debris, let alone start repairs.

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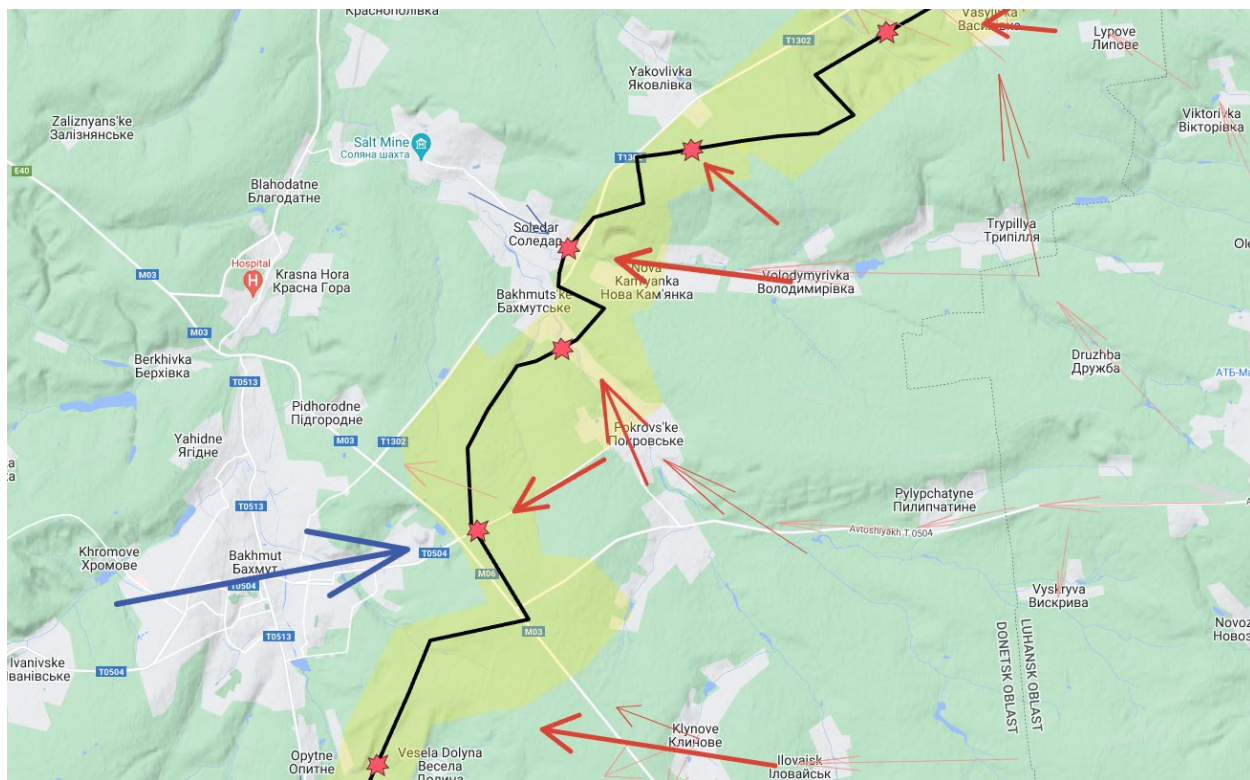
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# NORTHEAST DONETSK



**Russian Objective:** Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, defend against Ukrainian advances toward Luhansk, capture Bakhmut/Soledar

**Ukrainian Objective:** Defend Bakhmut-Soldar, push into the Luhansk oblast, and minimize civilian casualties



Russian and Ukrainian sources reported continued fighting on the eastern outskirts of **Bakhmut**, with no change in the situation.<sup>60 61 62 63</sup> A recent video showed a Ukrainian T-64 tank **destroying a Russian BMP infantry fighting vehicle** at point-blank range.<sup>64</sup> Private Military Company Wagner Group's attempt to bypass Soledar through Yakolivka failed.

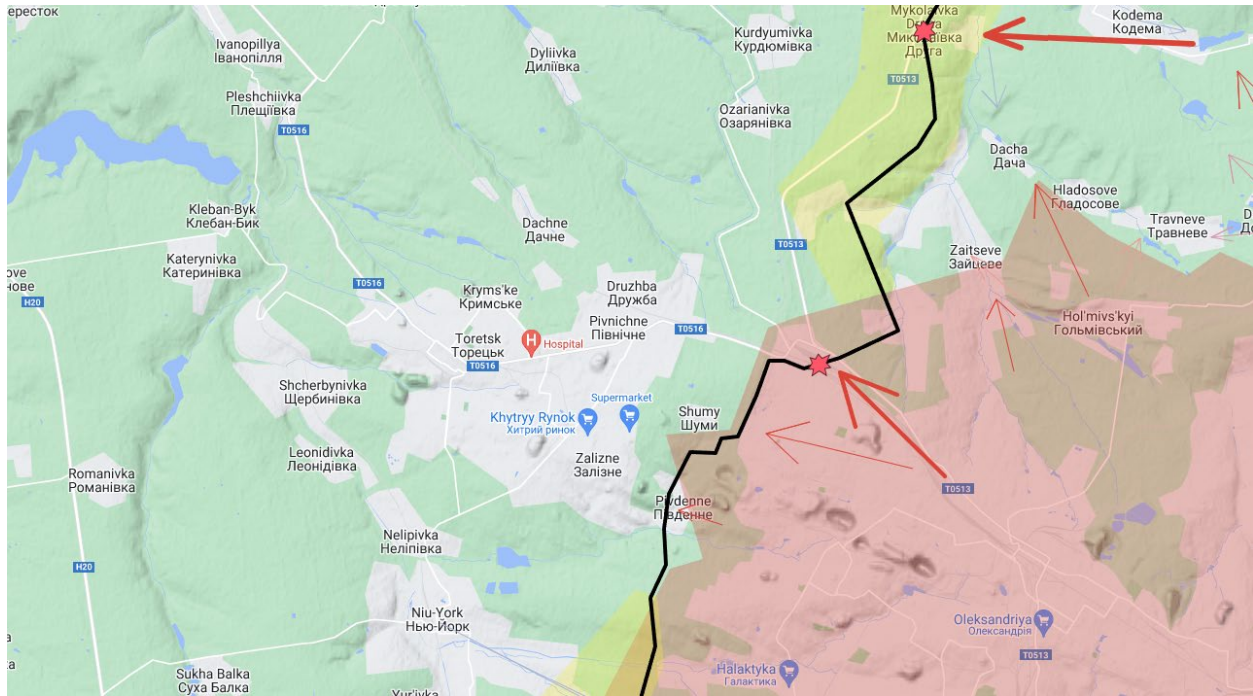
<sup>60</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

<sup>61</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/8998>

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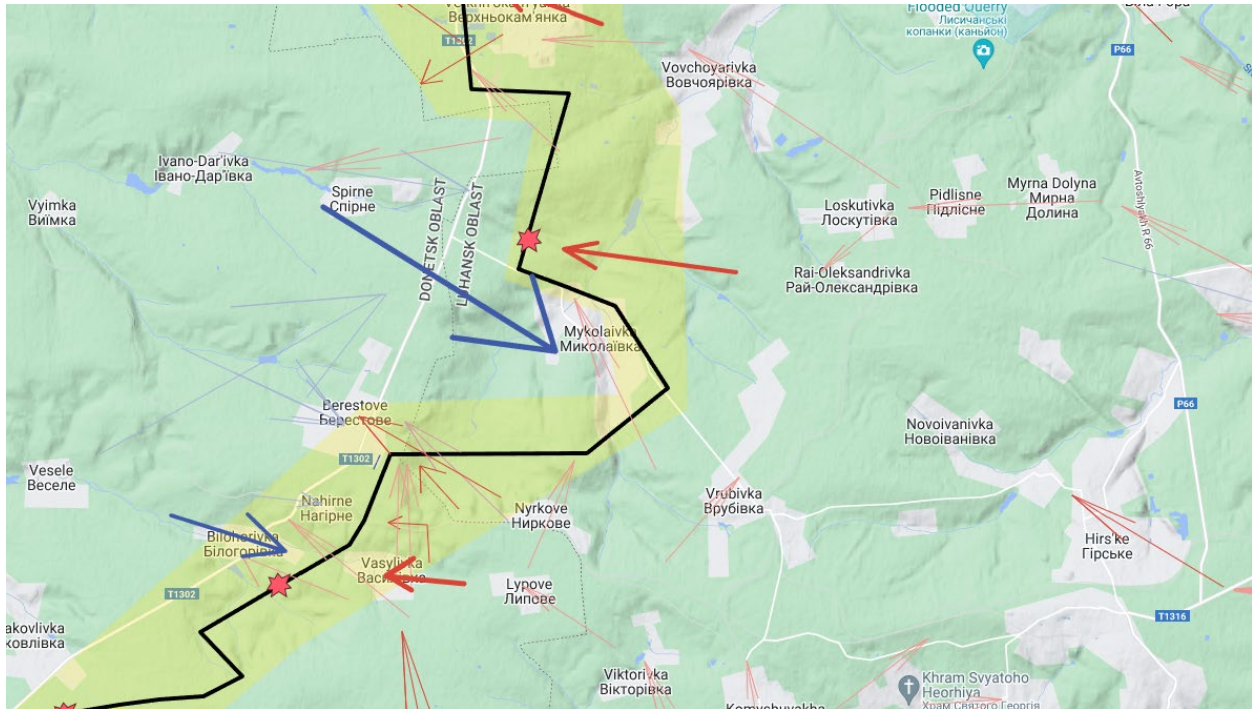
<sup>63</sup> <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/14556>

<sup>64</sup> <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1588020625586720769>



Fighting continued near [Mayorsk](#), with Russian forces remaining unsuccessful.<sup>65</sup>

<sup>65</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

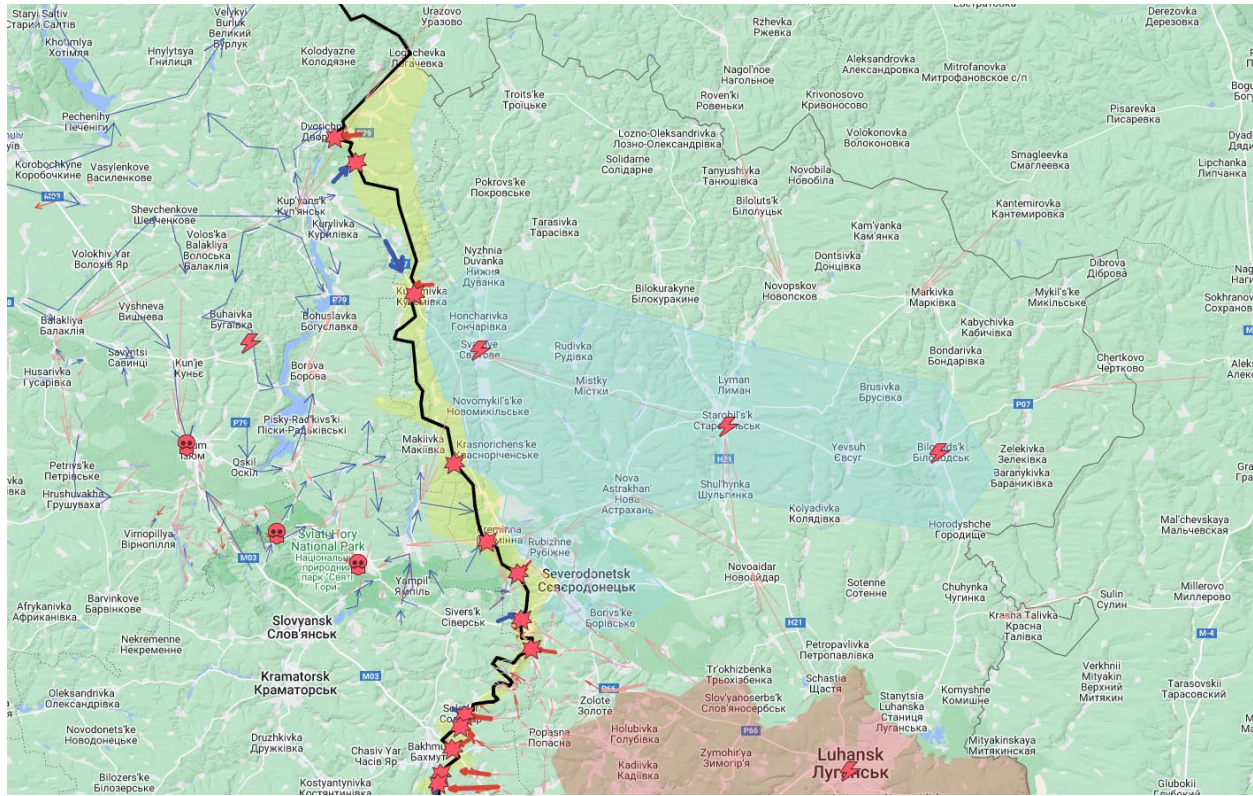


Fighting also continued on the Donetsk-Luhansk administrative border near [Sprine](#), led by PMC Wagner.<sup>66</sup>

The 2nd Army Corps of the Luhansk People's Republic (LNR) made another attempt to advance into [Verkhnyokamyanske](#) without success.

<sup>66</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

# LUHANSK

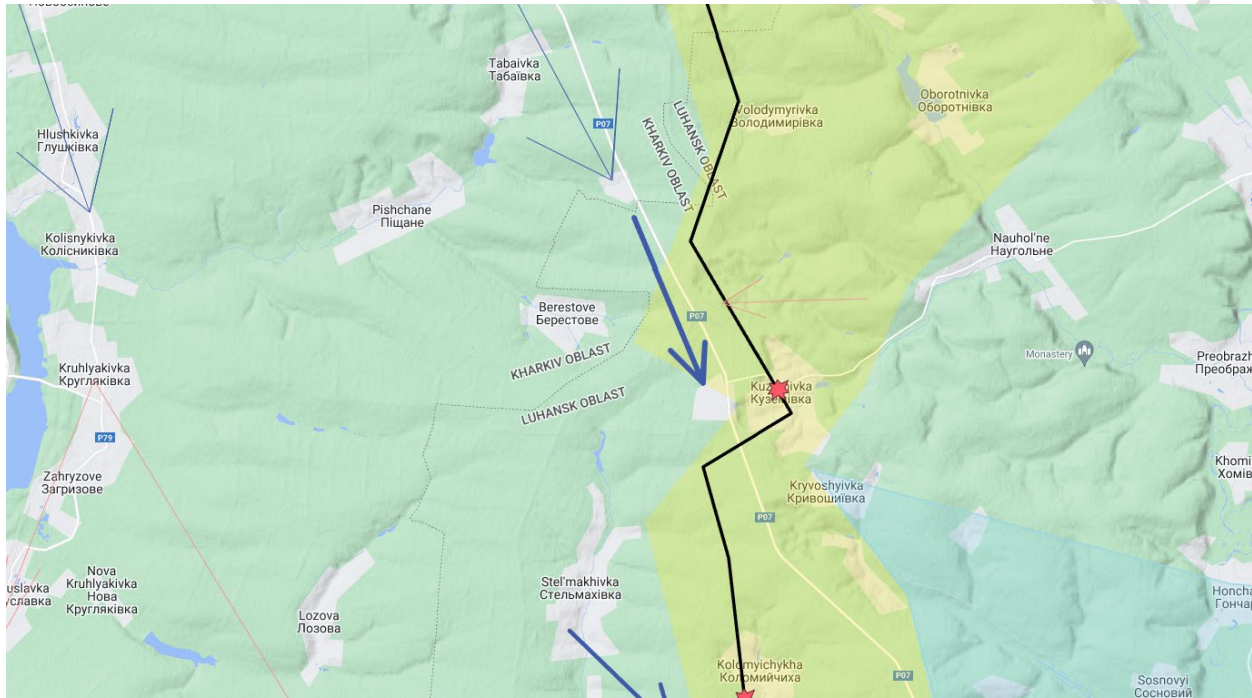


**Russian Objective:** Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, hold current defensive lines, and control insurgency

**Ukrainian Objective:** Break Russian defensive lines, advance on Svatove, Kremynna, and Lysychansk, and support insurgents

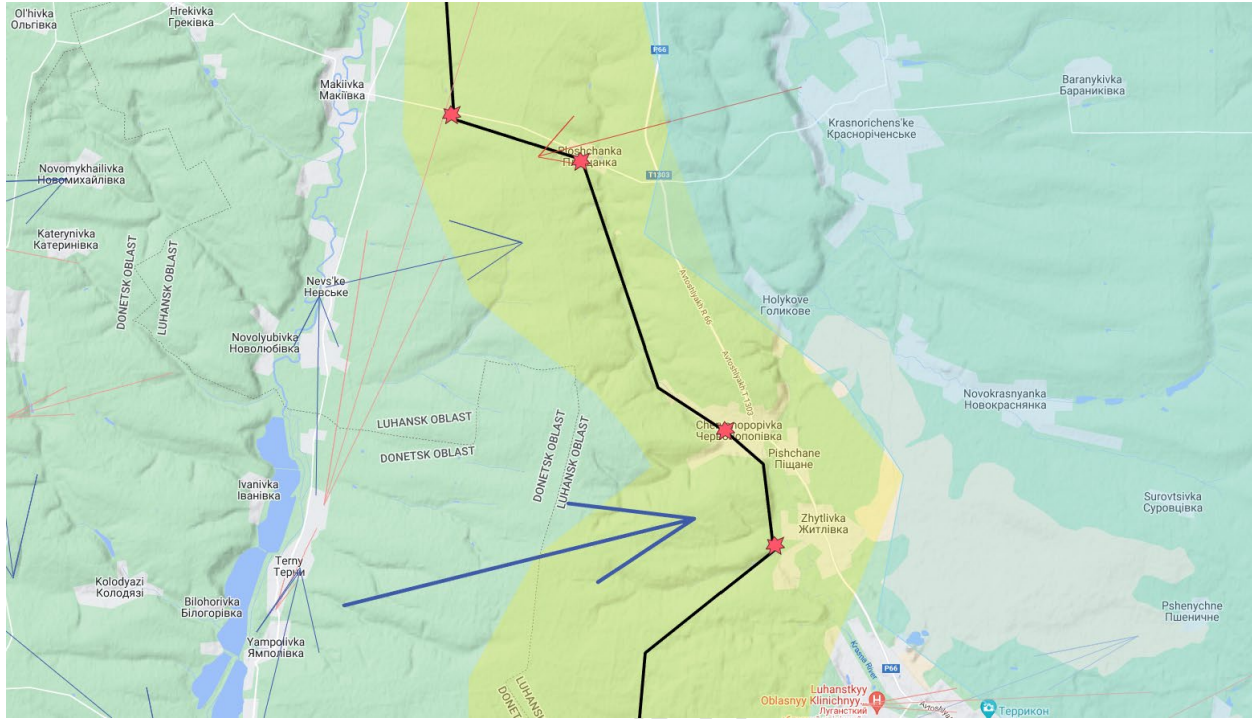


Fighting continued along the entire line of conflict from the Kharkiv-Luhansk administrative border to Bilohorivka [Luhansk], with only minor changes to the line of conflict.



Russian sources reported fighting in [Kuzemivka](#) on the P-07 Highway, 12 kilometers from Svatove.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>67</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21422](https://t.me/mod_russia/21422)

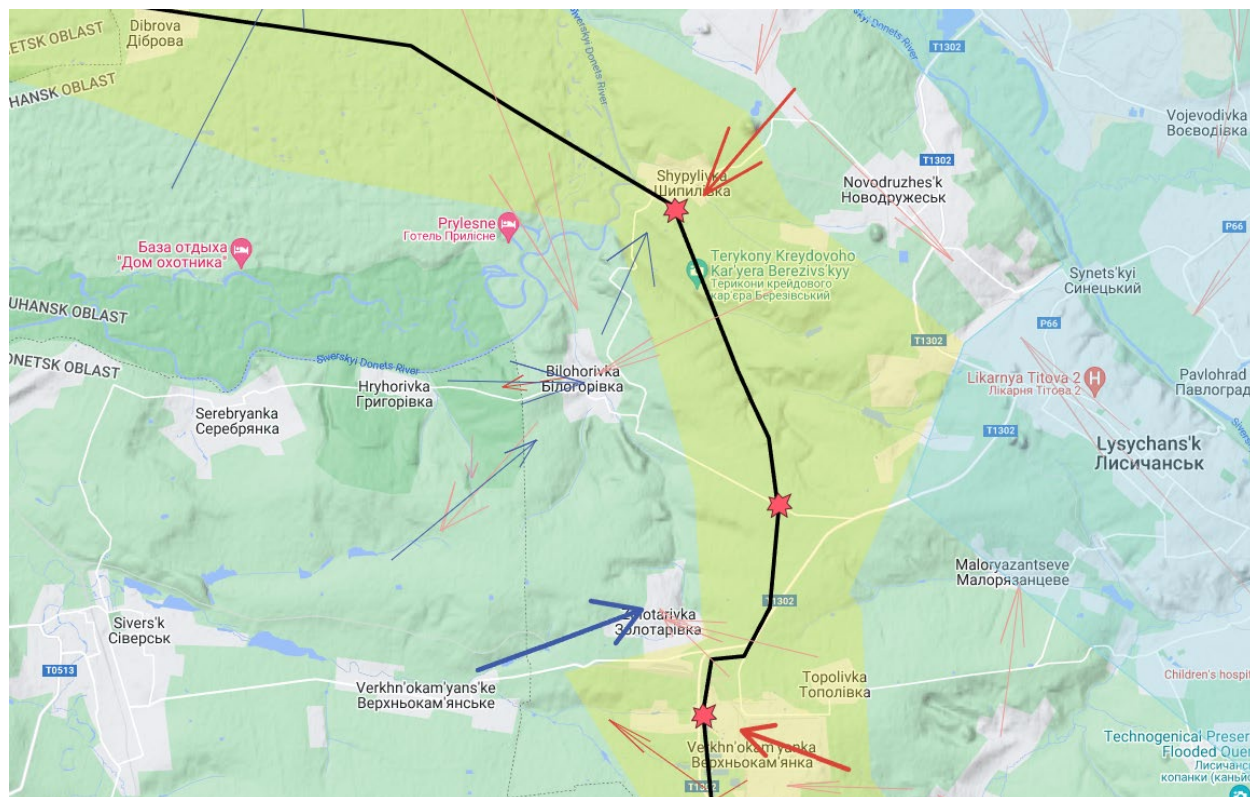


Northwest and west of Kreminna, fighting was reported near [Makiivka](#), [Nevske](#), [Ploshchanka](#), and [Chervonopopivka](#).<sup>68 69 70</sup>

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<sup>69</sup> <https://t.me/readovkanews/45982>

<sup>70</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/8998>



Attacks on Ukrainian positions in [Bilhorivka](#) [Luhansk] continued without a change in the situation.<sup>71</sup>

In Severodonetsk, Russian troops staying in a retail and commercial building had a close encounter of the worst kind with rockets fired by HIMARS.<sup>72</sup>

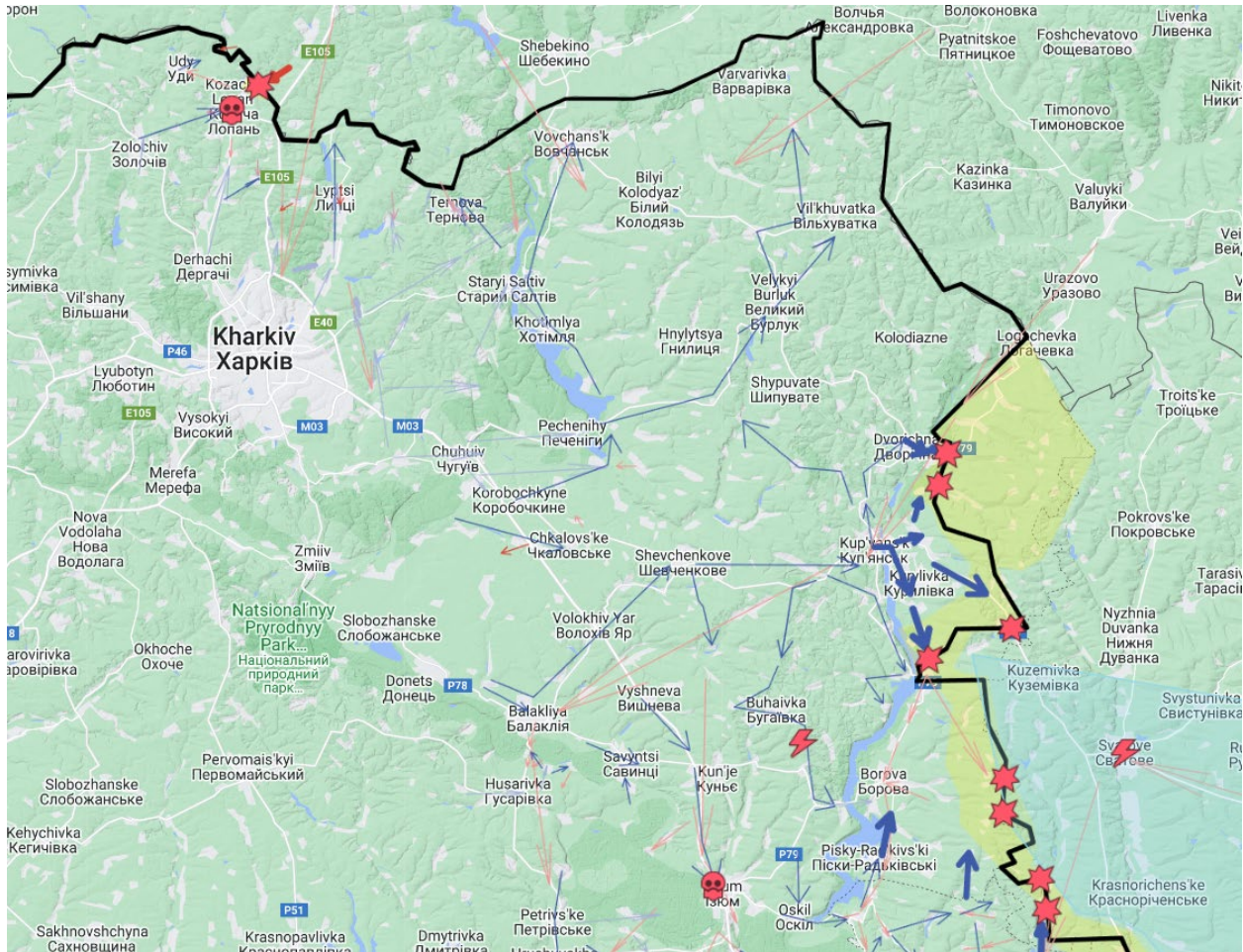
**Map Editor's Note:** Our Situation Report readers have likely noticed that the line of conflict has been slowly

<sup>71</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

<sup>72</sup> <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/37928>

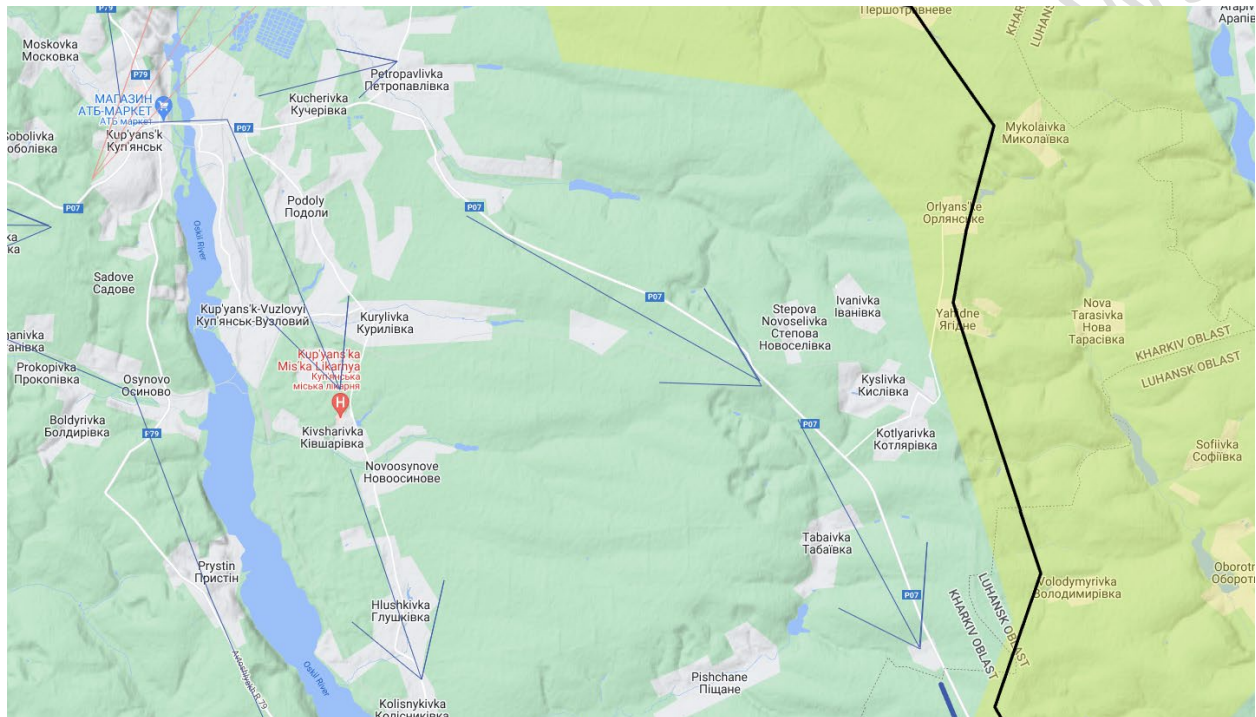
*moving east over the last two weeks. We continue to make adjustments based on reports mostly from Russian sources, which indicate Ukrainian forces are advancing 250 to 500 meters a day on a broad front. Progress is notable but not enough to show advances using arrows and battle notation.*

# KHARKIV



**Russian Objective:** Lock military resources in place, launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services, and break morale

## Ukrainian Objective: Liberate all of Kharkiv oblast, sever GLOCs into Luhansk, protect civilian lives, and defend the Ukrainian border



Russian sources reported continued fighting east of Kupyansk on the Kharkiv-Luhansk border. Ukrainian troops continued attempts to advance on [Mykolaivka](#), [Orlyankse](#), and [Yahidne](#).<sup>73 74</sup> There weren't any supporting reports from Ukrainian sources, although operational security has been very tight for most fighting east of the Oskil River.

<sup>73</sup> [https://t.me/mod\\_russia/21422](https://t.me/mod_russia/21422)

<sup>74</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/8998>

Based on the reports, we adjusted the line of conflict further east.

## CHERNIHIV & SUMY REGION

**Russian Objective:** Lock Ukrainian military resources into place and launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to break morale and maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services

**Ukrainian Objective:** Maintain the integrity of the international border, deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

Dmytro Zhyvytskyi, Sumy Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported almost 100 shells, mortars, and Grad rockets struck the hromadas of Shalyhyne, Esman, Myropillia, Velyka Pysarivka, Yunakivka, and Seredyna-Buda.<sup>75</sup> Over 140 artillery shells and mortars were fired from across the Russian border. Homes and dachas were damaged in Myropillia, which was hit by 62 artillery shells.

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<sup>75</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/2/7374727/>

In Esman, there was a border skirmish with the Ukrainian territorial guard and Russian troops exchanging machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

## **KYIV REGION**

**Russian Objective:** Launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services and break morale

**Ukrainian Objective:** Deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

There wasn't any significant fighting reported in this region.

## **BLACK SEA, CRIMEA & ODESA REGION**

There wasn't any significant fighting reported in this region.



## WESTERN & CENTRAL UKRAINE

**Russian Objective:** Launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to maximize casualties by deprivation of heat, water, and medical services and break morale

**Ukrainian Objective:** Deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

There wasn't any significant fighting reported in this region.

## RUSSIAN FRONT

There wasn't any significant fighting reported in this region.

## THEATERWIDE & EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

The United States government accused North Korea of secretly providing Russia with artillery shells and other military equipment.<sup>76</sup> United States National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby said, "Our indications are

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<sup>76</sup> [NBC News](#)

that the DPRK is covertly supplying, and we are going to monitor to see whether the shipments are received." It was clear how much munitions were covertly being transferred, but Kirby said the volume wasn't enough to shift the balance of power in Ukraine.

Greek President Katerina Sakellariopoulou and Nikolaos Panagiotopoulos, Greek Defence Minister, are in Kyiv for an official visit.<sup>77</sup> The first batch of Greek BMP-1 infantry fighting vehicles has arrived in Ukraine. The IFVs were swapped in a three-nation deal with Germany, which provided Greece with German Marder IFVs.

Russian President Vladimir Putin continued his game of good cop, bad cop with Dmitry Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation. The day after Medvedev threatened to use nuclear weapons, Putin appeared to walk back the rhetoric.<sup>78</sup> Through the Foreign Ministry, the Kremlin stated, "Russia is strictly and consistently guided by the tenet that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."<sup>79</sup>

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<sup>77</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/3/7374748/>

<sup>78</sup> <https://www.yahoo.com/video/medvedev-threatens-ukraine-nuclear-weapons-135500843.html>

<sup>79</sup> <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/russias-vladimir-putin-nuclear-invasion-ukraine-war-rcna55333>

The New York Times reported that Kremlin leaders held discussions in mid-October on how and when they might use nuclear weapons in Ukraine.<sup>80</sup> The information was inaccurately reported as an "intelligence report" when the conclusion was made through analysis.

Never missing a chance to be ironic, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov dismissed the report as "purposeful pumping" of nuclear weapons rhetoric and said it would be "very, very, irresponsible" to talk about the intention of using nuclear weapons. He said it with a straight face, his nose did not grow, his pants did not catch on fire, and he was not struck by lightning. We remind our leaders and listeners that Medvedev triggered the latest "don't make us nuke you" rhetoric.

National Security Council spokesperson Kirby said he couldn't provide "any comment on the particulars of this reporting," adding the United States has been "clear from the outset that Russia's comments about the potential use of nuclear weapons are deeply concerning, and we take them seriously."

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<sup>80</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ukraine-war-russia-nuclear-weapons-us-intelligence/>

**ASSESSMENT:** Ehem. We told you there was no need to dig a backyard bunker – again.

Russia's withdrawal from the grain shipment deal with Ukraine turned into a political catastrophe after the United Nations, Turkey, and Ukraine made it clear they would defy Russia and continue shipments. After two convoys left Odesa, with a third one planned for Thursday, the Kremlin caved in and announced they rejoined the agreement.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reported he had a conversation with President Putin. "Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu called our National Defense Minister Hulusi Akar today to say that...the exports of grain will continue as they had." The Kremlin had put itself into an untenable situation by withdrawing from the agreement after the Black Sea Fleet was attacked in its Sevastopol port on October 29.

The Kremlin said they agreed to rejoin after they received a written assurance from Ukraine, signed by Turkey and the United Nations, that the green corridor for ships won't be used for military purposes.

"The Russian Federation considers that the guarantees received at the moment appear sufficient and resumes the implementation of the agreement," the Defense Ministry said. Oleh Nikolenko, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, stated that no such guarantee was given or asked for by Turkey or the United Nations.<sup>81</sup>

At the time of publication, six more grain ships departed from Ukrainian ports.<sup>82</sup> To quote Charlie Sheen, "so much winning."

Eight regions of Ukraine are still experiencing significant rolling blackouts after 40% of the nation's electrical infrastructure has been destroyed by repeated missile and drone attacks. Kyiv raion, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Zhytomyr, Sumy, and Poltava oblasts remain impacted, and repairs could take "weeks," according to Ukrainian officials.<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>81</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/3/7374767/>

<sup>82</sup> <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/11/3/7374773/>

<sup>83</sup> <https://t.me/synegubov/4666>

## RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION & MILITARY STATUS

After announcing an end to mobilization, the Kremlin said President Putin did not need to get a new decree from the Duma to end the partial mobilization.<sup>84</sup> Additionally, Viktor Sobolev, a Duma deputy and member of the defense committee, said, "I think everything will depend on the military-political situation that will develop in the future. If, as of now, military operations will only be on the territory of Ukraine, I think the mobilization that has taken place will be enough. And if the aggression on the part of Western countries increases efforts against Russia, mobilization will certainly be needed. Then, of course, there will be a new decree. But I think this will not happen."

There were reports across Russia that stealth mobilization was continuing, with people still receiving conscription paperwork.<sup>85</sup> In Bataysk, a resident who received paperwork from the commissariat the day after the Kremlin announced mobilization was over went to the office to be sure he wouldn't run afoul of the law. Instead, he was told that he was listed as a volunteer mobilik and would be required to report for military duty on November 2.

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<sup>84</sup> <https://t.me/nrpublic/35907>

<sup>85</sup> <https://t.me/astrapress/15001>

In Ulyanovsk, mobiks turned into rioters because they weren't being paid as promised. Rosgvardia troops had to be deployed to restore order.<sup>86</sup> Mobiks were told they would be paid 195,000 roubles and instead have been receiving 2,000 to 4,000 roubles.<sup>87</sup> "Our state refuses to pay us the money...which our President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin promised us! Why then should we go to war for this state, leaving our families without support," one mobik screamed.

In Chuvashia, mobiks also turned into rioters after not receiving the 300,000 roubles they were promised. Military leaders addressed the angry mobiks declaring, "no one promised you anything." Anger boiled over, with a lot of "blyats," with one person saying, "We got f\*\*\*\*. That's all!"

Mobik pay structure varies between the 85 Russian federal districts, adding even more friction. Hybrid units are already being formed, with 500 to 1,000 mobiks dying daily. This is putting soldiers from different regions together who experience massive pay disparities.

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<sup>86</sup> <https://twitter.com/RALee85/status/1587793590406848512>

<sup>87</sup> <https://t.me/m0sc0wcalling/13842>

Families in Voronezh also complained about not receiving promised payments. While volunteers were paid earlier in the year, mobiks have not, and they have not received much in promised military equipment.<sup>88</sup> Similar complaints were raised in Bashkortostan.

The self-proclaimed leader of the DNR, Denis Pushilin, admitted that his puppet government is experiencing problems paying troops and supporting their families.<sup>89</sup>

"We have a number of such measures for military personnel and their families, but they are extremely insufficient," Pushilin declared.

"I consider it fair to bring measures to support those mobilized in the Donetsk People's Republic and their families to Russian standards." He additionally called for adopting the pay and benefits package proposed by Andrey Turchak.<sup>90</sup>

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<sup>88</sup> [https://t.me/horizontal\\_russia/16538](https://t.me/horizontal_russia/16538)

<sup>89</sup> <https://t.me/pushilindenis/2839>

<sup>90</sup> <https://t.me/wargonzo/9002>



Turchak called for standardizing the signing bonus across the federal districts to “at least” 195,000 roubles for mobiks and volunteers alike.

He also proposed excluding the accrual of interest on principal mortgage debt and consumer loans for those deployed and their families. Children of deployed troops should get two free meals a day, which should continue until they graduate primary school if a parent or guardian is killed in action. Children should also get free prescription drugs, and families should get free vouchers to “sanatoriums” for family members who lost a breadwinner in the war, including elderly parents and disabled parents of officers.

We proposed adding additional federal benefits to veterans, including annual access to state resorts (also called sanatoriums), free travel, and free access to legal assistance.

The problem with this somewhat “woke” benefits package is the Kremlin nor the federal districts can afford it. The Russian government is now hemorrhaging cash, contributing to the pay issues in the first place.

Russian military leaders have reopened the penal colony in Perevalsk, Luhansk, to imprison Russian refusniks and deserters.<sup>91</sup> The prison was opened in the late spring for the same purpose and closed in August when fighting in the Luhansk oblast wound down. Family members claim that a group of 20 refusniks was initially convinced to return to the front. Five days later, after harassment from mercenaries by PMC Wagner Group, they were told they were being taken for "rehabilitation" and more training, only to be incarcerated in a mold-covered cell with a bucket for a toilet.

The beatings will continue until morale improves and all is going to plan.

## **WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Russian troops intentionally destroyed historic stone crosses with explosives in Oleshky, Kherson, on the east side of the Dnipro River.<sup>92</sup> The crosses were on mounds and marked grave sites near a Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The intentional destruction of culturally significant locations,

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<sup>91</sup> <https://zona.media/article/2022/11/01/perevalsk>

<sup>92</sup> [https://twitter.com/bayraktar\\_1love/status/1587752076322406400](https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1587752076322406400)

including churches and memorials, is considered a war crime.



In Enerhodar, puppet leader Alexander Volga reported that ones from Russia had replaced Ukrainian schoolbooks. It has been widely reported that schoolchildren in Ukraine are being radicalized by Russian education programs, denied the ability to speak Ukrainian, and taught revisionist history.<sup>93</sup>

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<sup>93</sup> <https://ukraina.ru/20221102/1040402860.html>

GSAFU accused Russian troops of using school children as human shields in Svatove.<sup>94</sup> Soldiers are using schools as barracks and to store military equipment while classes continue in the same buildings. Russian troops used the same tactic in Izyum, which he documented in previous Situation Reports using video and picture evidence. Based on past behaviors, we believe this report has significant weight. Schoolchildren are reportedly forced to attend classes in person, even when shelling is happening.

## **GEOPOLITICAL**

There weren't any significant developments that didn't overlap in other sections.

## **ECONOMIC**

The rouble was unchanged, with an exchange rate of 62 for 1 US dollar.

Oil prices remain unchanged, with WTI holding at \$88 a barrel and Brent remaining at \$94. United States RBOB

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<sup>94</sup> [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

wholesale gasoline on the spot market climbed to \$2.68 a gallon (71 cents a liter).

EU Dutch TTF Natural Gas futures climbed another 4% despite high inventory levels, reaching 131 euros per megawatt-hour for December 2022 contracts. January contracts were trading at 137 euros, up 3%.

Chicago SRW Wheat Futures continued to decline after it became clear Ukrainian grain shipments would not be disrupted. The price fell to \$8.53 a bushel for March 2023 contracts.