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SUMMARY – DAY 231

It has been 33 weeks since the large-scale invasion of Ukraine and 3,137 days since Russia occupied Crimea on February 27, 2014.

There was very little verifiable kinetic warfare reported today.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

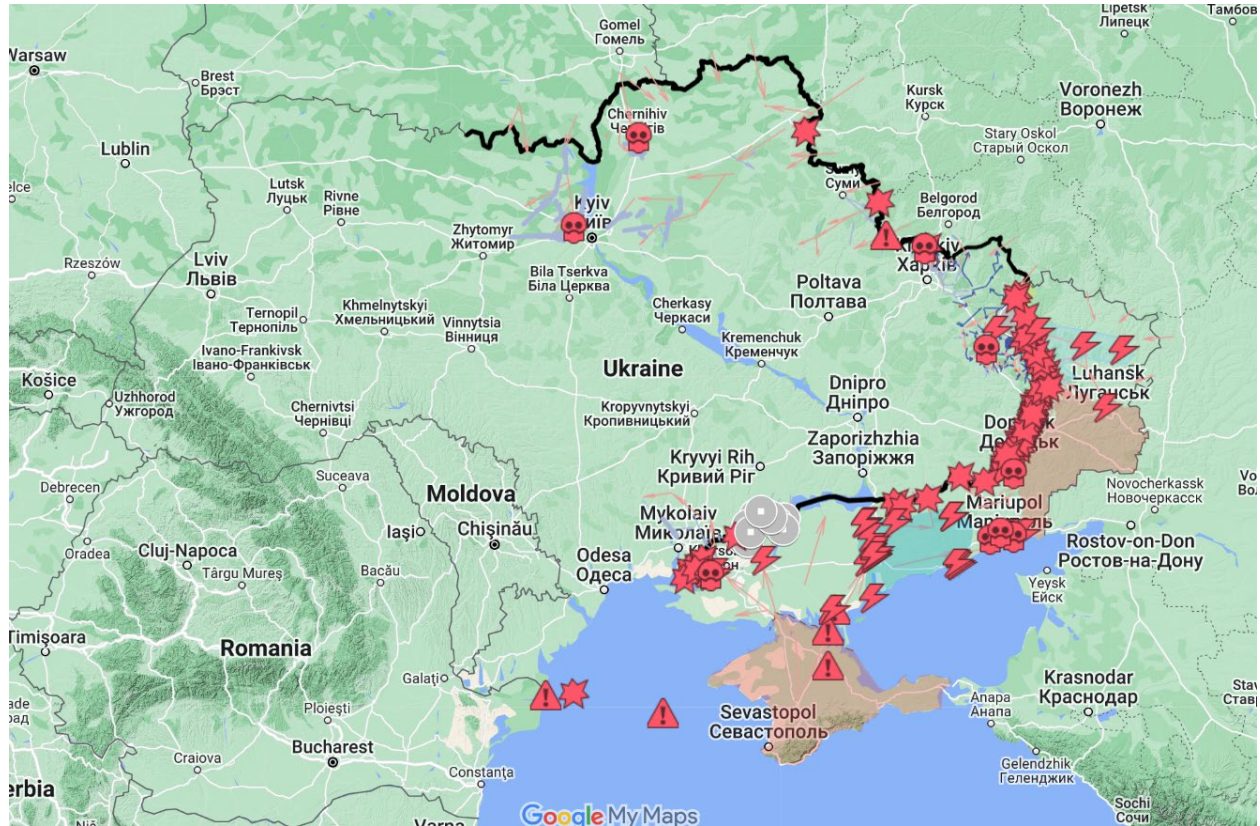
We assess the following:

1. Our assessment that Russia was incapable of sustaining its attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure was accurate with only a handful of missiles fired today.
2. The introduction of D-1 artillery pieces, first used in 1943, Russian troops being issued inferior AK-12 assault weapons, and Russia's announcement they were bringing 800 T-62 tanks out of storage for upgrades indicate that the Russian Federation is running out of effective and modern military hardware.

3. Ukraine still holds the battlefield initiative, forcing Russian troops to remain in a defensive posture on all axes except Soledar/Bakhmut.
4. We maintain that Russian terror attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure will continue and could intensify.
5. Russian aviation continues to suffer significant losses due to the pressure being applied by the Kremlin for pilots to take more risks.
6. We maintain that if a Russian force of company size or larger surrenders in northern Kherson, it will create a cascade of surrendering Russian troops.
7. We maintain that mass surrenders could become a logistical problem for Ukraine, which could overwhelm the ongoing counteroffensive.
8. We maintain that using tactical nuclear weapons on the battlefield is highly unlikely as it would require striking what the Kremlin believes is Russian soil and Russian forces are incapable of fighting in a conventional environment, let alone a CBRN setting.
9. We maintain we are in the Mutually Assured Destruction Instability Paradox due to irresponsible language from the Kremlin, looming decisions from Moscow leadership, and the deteriorating kinetic warfare situation for Russian troops in Ukraine.
10. We maintain our assessment that the Russian military in Ukraine is combat destroyed is accurate,

and the Russian military has no meaningful way to respond to the ongoing and accelerating collapse on multiple fronts. Conscripts that were rushed to the Donbas in the past week have not slowed the deterioration and are not contributing to improving combat power.

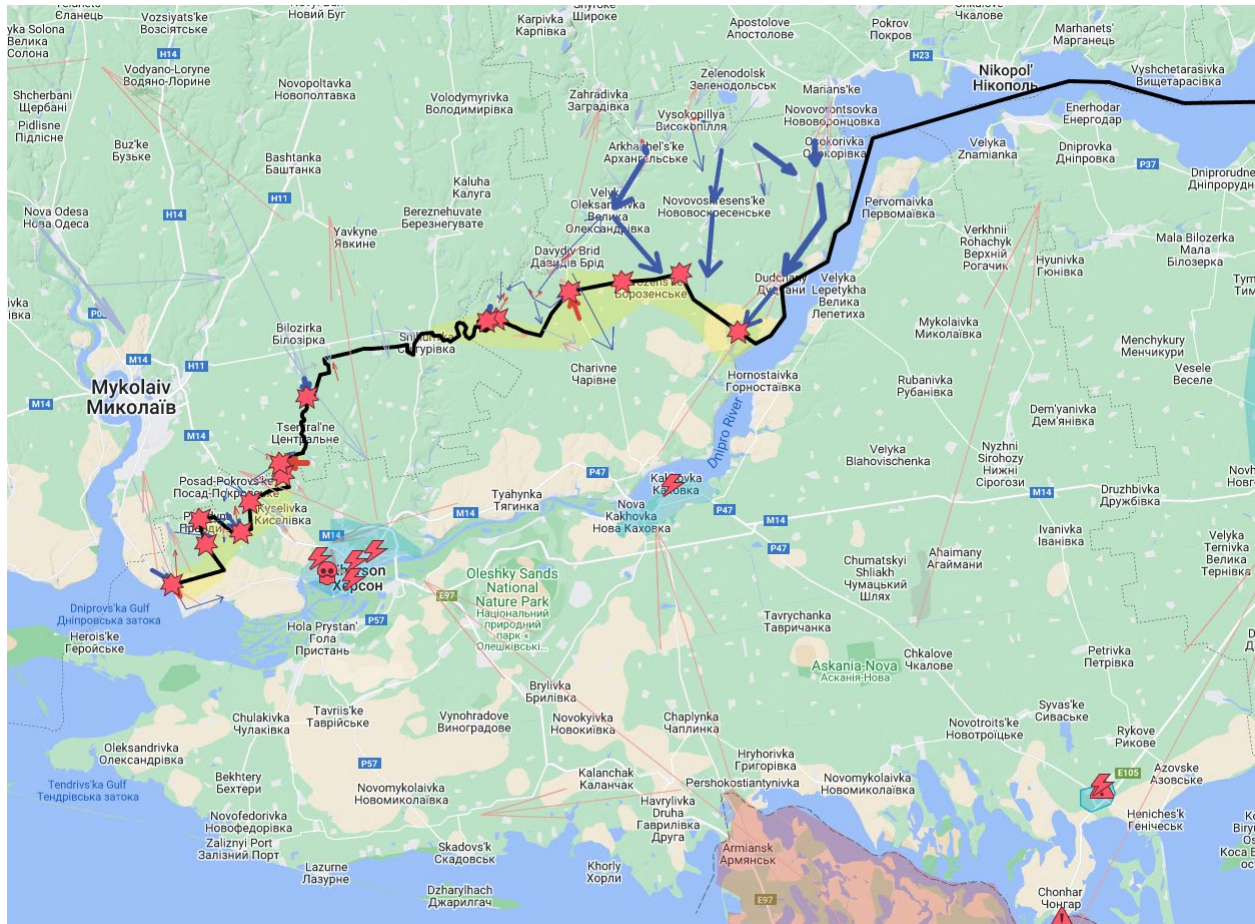
TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



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>

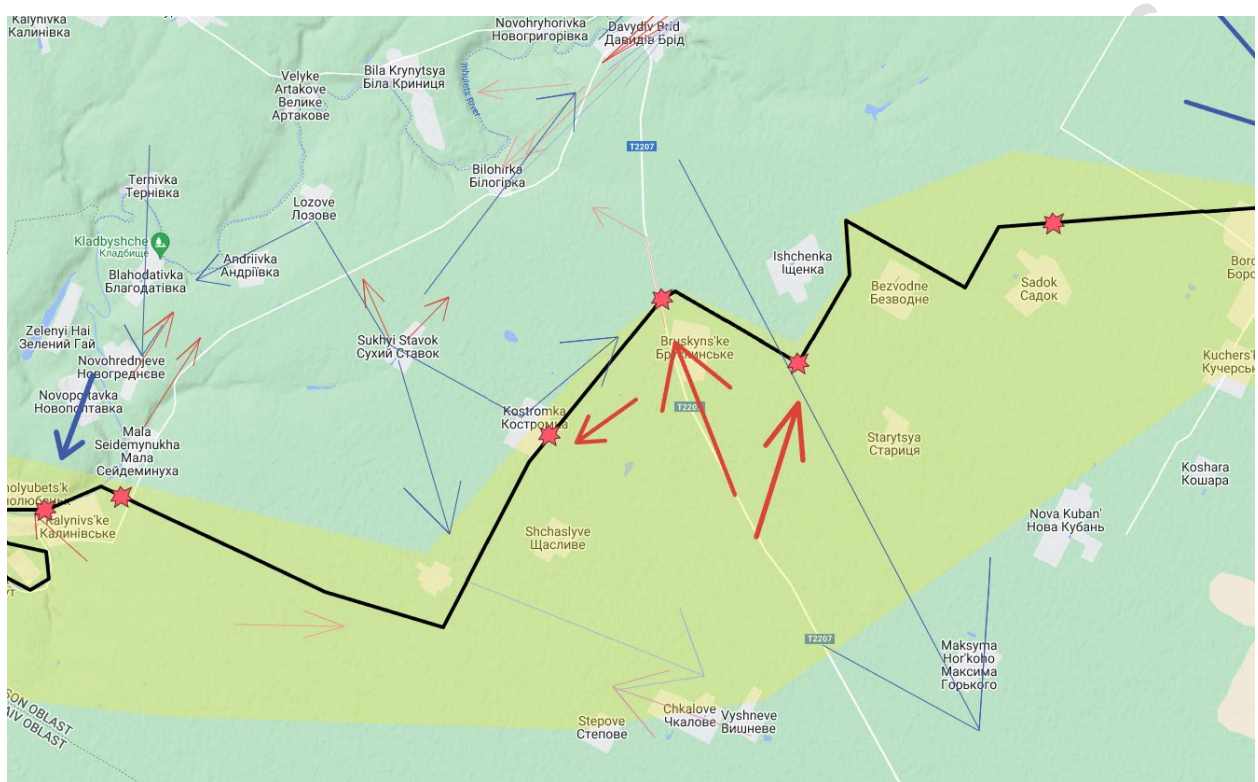
KHERSON COUNTEROFFENSIVE & MYKOLAIV



Russian Objective: Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, hold existing defensive lines, protect remaining Lines of Communication (LOC – supply lines), defend Kherson, prevent envelopment on the western side of the Dnipro River, 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 and Kryvvi Rih



Operational Command South (OCS) reported a Russian platoon attempted to advance on [Kostromka](#) and [Sukhyi Stavok](#), suffered heavy losses, and retreated.¹ A second platoon of mechanized infantry attacked later in the day and was repelled after being hit by mortars. The Russian Ministry of Defense claimed there were much larger attacks in this direction and that their forces destroyed four

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=861165548588503>

crossing over the Inhulets River.² The Russian milblogger community did not report any bridges were destroyed, instead adding that additional crossings were established and troop rotations were ongoing.^{3 4}

ASSESSMENT: The Russian Ministry of Defense has suffered a harsh backlash from the Russian state Duma, state media, influencers, and the milblogger community for excessively optimistic reports after continued battlefield failures in Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, and Kherson. Despite appeals and outright demands for a more honest assessment, the Russian MOD continues to release questionable daily reports with exaggerated claims. Milbloggers Readovka is one or two steps away from propagandists, and even they reported, "Positional battles are going on. The enemy [Ukraine] is conducting reconnaissance in force and is concentrating forces across the Ingulets River and [to] the southeast of Mykolaiv." This is in sharp contrast to the Russian MOD claim of four wet crossings destroyed and more than 90 Ukrainian soldiers killed.

² https://t.me/mod_russia/20777

³ <https://t.me/rybar/40132>

⁴ <https://t.me/readovkanews/44107>

The Russian 205th Separate Motor Rifle Brigade has been in the news and intelligence reports for all the wrong reasons. The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported 500 ill-equipped mobiks had been moved in to reinforce positions in Kherson.⁵ The deployment is off to a bad start, with their commanding officer, Colonel Eduard Yurievich, killed by a Ukrainian sniper in Borozenske on October 8.⁶ ⁷ Yurievich, who was 39 years old, was the 40th Russian Colonel killed in action since February 24.⁸ According to Russian reports, the fresh conscripts who were ordinary Russian citizens on September 20 have been placed on one of the most intense battlefronts in Ukraine.

OCS reported the Ukrainian air force executed 14 air strikes and ground forces conducted 190 fire missions. Although the number of artillery and rocket strikes was the lowest in weeks, HIMARS was busy.⁹ Reliable social media reports claimed there were two strikes in Komyshtan and another two in Nova Zburivka, and one each in Kherson, Beryslav, and Kozatske.¹⁰ The General Staff of the Armed Forces of

⁵ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM PDT](#)

⁶ <https://twitter.com/KilledInUkraine/status/1580133043259715584>

⁷ https://vk.com/wall-213377101_719

⁸ <https://twitter.com/KilledInUkraine/status/1579027081014685698>

⁹ https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1580238297267204104

¹⁰ https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1580154776318545921

Ukraine (GSAFU) reported a rocket attack using HIMARS killed up to 150 Russian troops stationed in Tokarivka.¹¹

Russian forces have established up to four temporary crossings at the Kakhovka Dam and continue reinforcing the dirt and gravel crossing they created.¹²

There is an unconfirmed report that there was an assassination attempt on Boris Chebukin, a Russian collaborator and the director of the State University of Ukraine. [His car exploded in Nova Kakhovka](#), although it was unclear if he was in the vehicle at the time of the blast.¹³

ASSESSMENT: We maintain that Ukrainian forces are in an operational pause. Positional battles, suppress and destroy enemy air defense (SEAD/DEAD), supply interdiction, probing for weaknesses in Russian defensive lines, and maintaining fire control over the Inhulets River continue.

¹¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

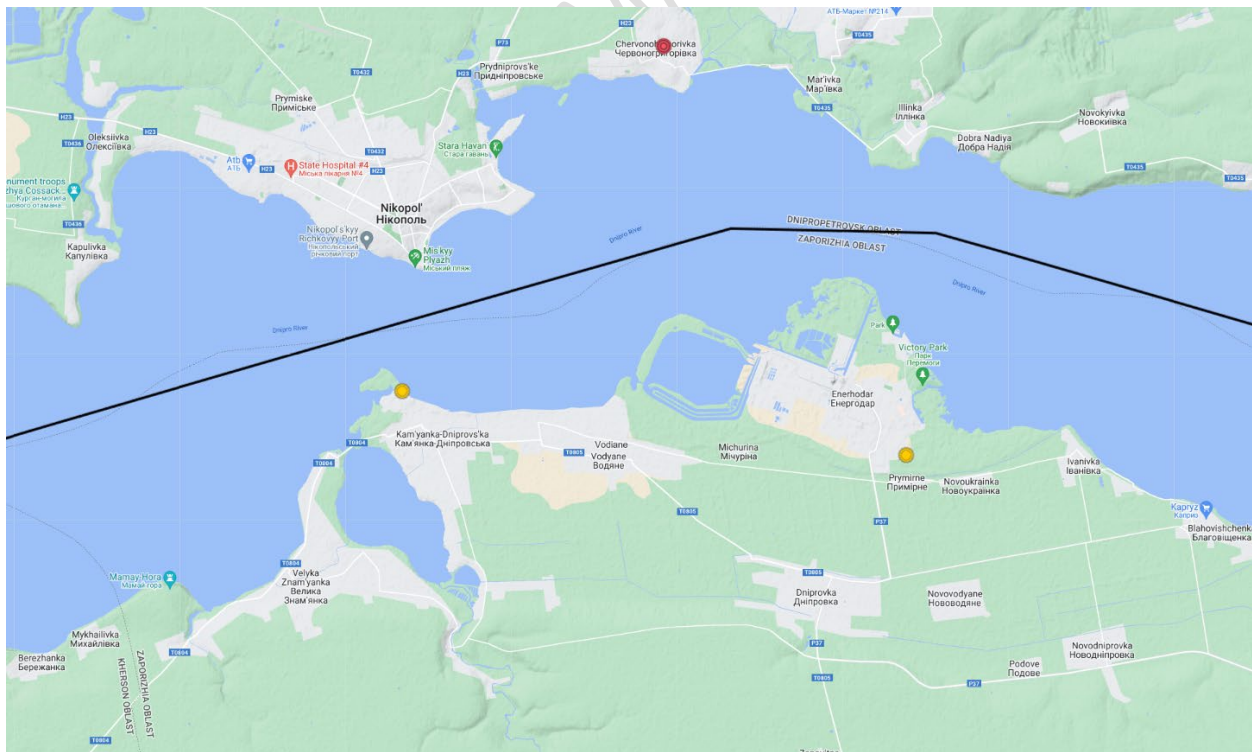
¹² <https://twitter.com/CANADA566/status/1580353107783192576>

¹³ <https://twitter.com/TreasChest/status/1580324185301168128>

DNIPROPETROVSK & NORTHERN ZAPORIZHIA

Russian Objective: Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, break civilian will with continued terror attacks, 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 prepare the area's civilian population for a nuclear accident



Power was knocked out to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, forcing operators to use emergency backup diesel generators.¹⁴ The International Atomic Energy Agency reported the loss of the 750 kilovolt (kV) line was caused by the destruction of an electrical substation “far from the plant itself,” indicating the power loss was related to Russian missile and drone strikes on Ukraine’s national power infrastructure. Engineers were able to reenergize the power line about three hours later. Cooling of the six reactors, which remain in a cold shutdown state, was not compromised, and there were no radiation leaks.

There was no information on the status of the Deputy General Director of ZNPP, Valery Martynyuk, who was kidnapped by Russian troops two days ago.

Nikopol was hit with over 100 Grad rockets fired by multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS).¹⁵ One rocket made a direct hit on a home, critically injuring a 33-year-old woman and her 6-year-old daughter. The girl suffered traumatic injuries to her legs, requiring a double amputation to save her life. The rocket attack damaged over 30 highrise apartment buildings, three schools, and

¹⁴ [International Atomic Energy Agency](#)

¹⁵ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371608/>

several businesses.¹⁶ A second attack damaged a cathedral of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.¹⁷

Valentyn Reznichenko, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported that “energy infrastructure” was attacked in Kamianske and was severely damaged.¹⁸ It was not indicated if the morning attack on Kamianske and the power outage at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant were related. This was the third day in a row the transformer farm was successfully attacked.

The number of missile strikes on Zaporizhzhia declined dramatically, with one S-300 anti-aircraft missile used for a ground attack [landing in a field by a playground](#) near a large block of apartments.¹⁹

¹⁶ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371594/>

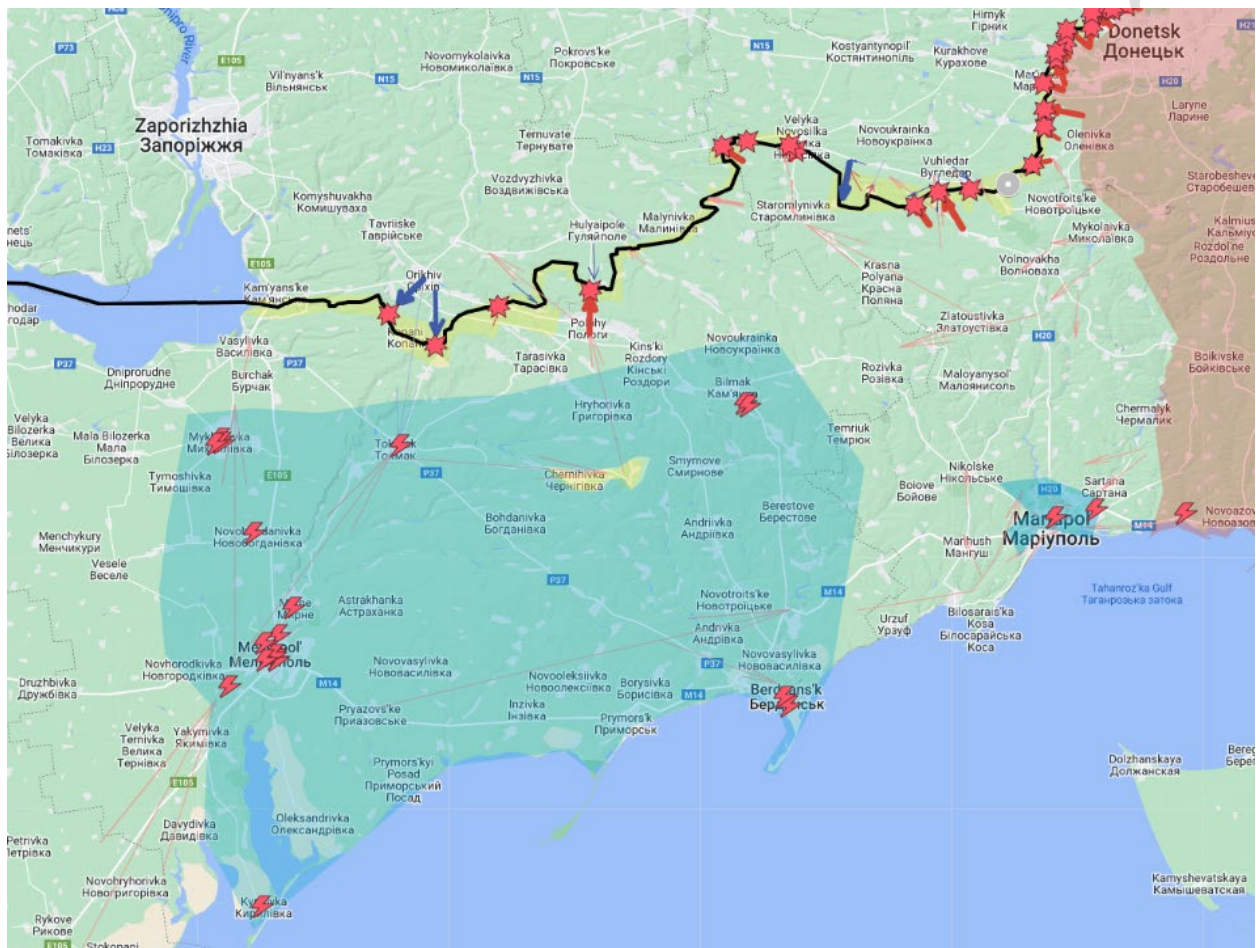
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¹⁸ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371594/>

¹⁹ <https://twitter.com/TrueDonbass/status/1580161876935446529>

DONBAS REGION

SOUTHERN ZAPORIZHZHIA



Russian Objective: Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, defend the existing line of conflict, and end the insurrection that is throughout the Russian-controlled territory

Ukrainian Objective: Fix Russian assets in place to prevent redeployment, defend the existing line of conflict while finding and exploiting weaknesses, destroy troop concentrations and command and control sites, interdict supplies and disrupt logistics, support and expand the insurrection in occupied territories

Russian forces shelled settlements from the Donetsk-Zaporizhia administrative border to Hulyaipole to Orikhiv to Mali Shcherbaky.^{20 21 22} Orikhiv was intensely shelled through the day, with more than 300 strikes across the city. The attack was so intense that the city leaders asked residents to stay in shelters and advised that emergency services could not respond to requests for help due to the extreme danger.

Ukraine destroyed three more S-300 antiaircraft missile launchers in the Tokmak area.²³ It is premature to state that ongoing SEAD/DEAD activity has hit the launchers firing on Zaporizhzhia, but as previously noted, the number of rocket attacks on the city declined dramatically after two

²⁰ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM PDT](#)

²¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

²² <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371666/>

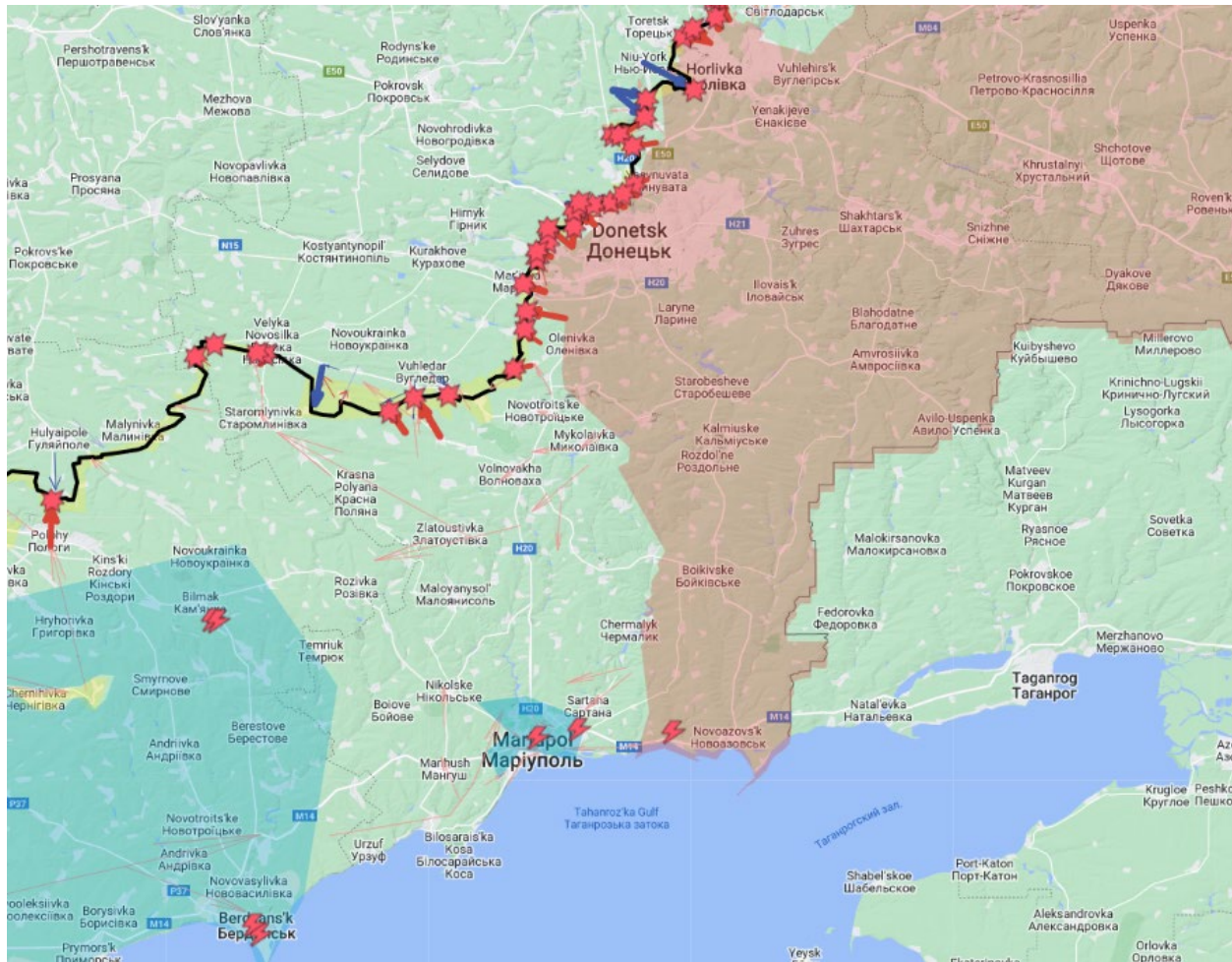
²³ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)

days of strikes by Ukraine destroyed a total of nine S-300 launchers.

Russian state media claims a plot to cause "riots" in Melitopol was foiled when FSB agents infiltrated a resistance group and made arrests.

Russian milbloggers continue to report that Ukraine is preparing a large counteroffensive and building up troops in the Orikhiv region. The Russian information space has been claiming a Ukrainian offensive will start in this region for almost six weeks.

SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK



Russian Objective: Integrate the oblast into Russian Federation, capture the rest of the oblast, maintain existing defensive lines, 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

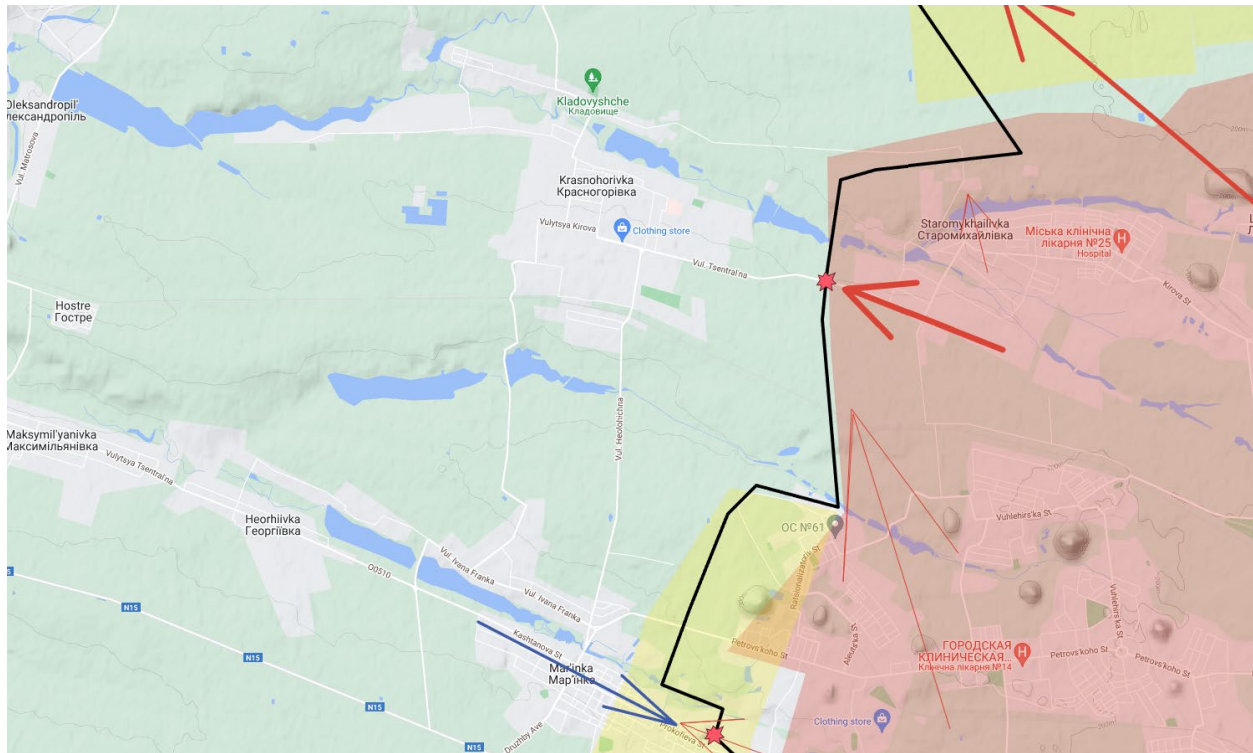
exploiting weaknesses, destroy troop concentrations and command and control sites, interdict supplies and disrupt logistics

The Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) militia public relations channel did not report any major combat today.²⁴ They claimed their forces destroyed two M777 artillery pieces, including support vehicles. Ukraine launched 140 fire missions into the occupied territories.

GSAFU claimed that the 1st Army Corps of the DNR and other Russian units were ordered to enter an operational pause due to low morale, increasing desertions, and poor training of recently arrived mobiks.²⁵ Operational tempo along this front has decreased significantly over the last week, and there has been no indication that recently arrived conscripts have increased combat capabilities.

²⁴ https://t.me/nm_dnr/9203

²⁵ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report PM PDT](#)



There was only positional fighting in [Marinka](#) and reconnaissance in force outside of [Krasnohorivka](#), southwest of the city of Donetsk.^{26 27}

Exiled Mariupol Mayoral Adviser Petro Andryushchenko reported that Russian supply convoys moving through the occupied city had increased significantly, and occupation forces were setting up temporary warehouses.²⁸ The increase in supply traffic may be due to the damage to the Kersch Bridge that leads to Crimea.

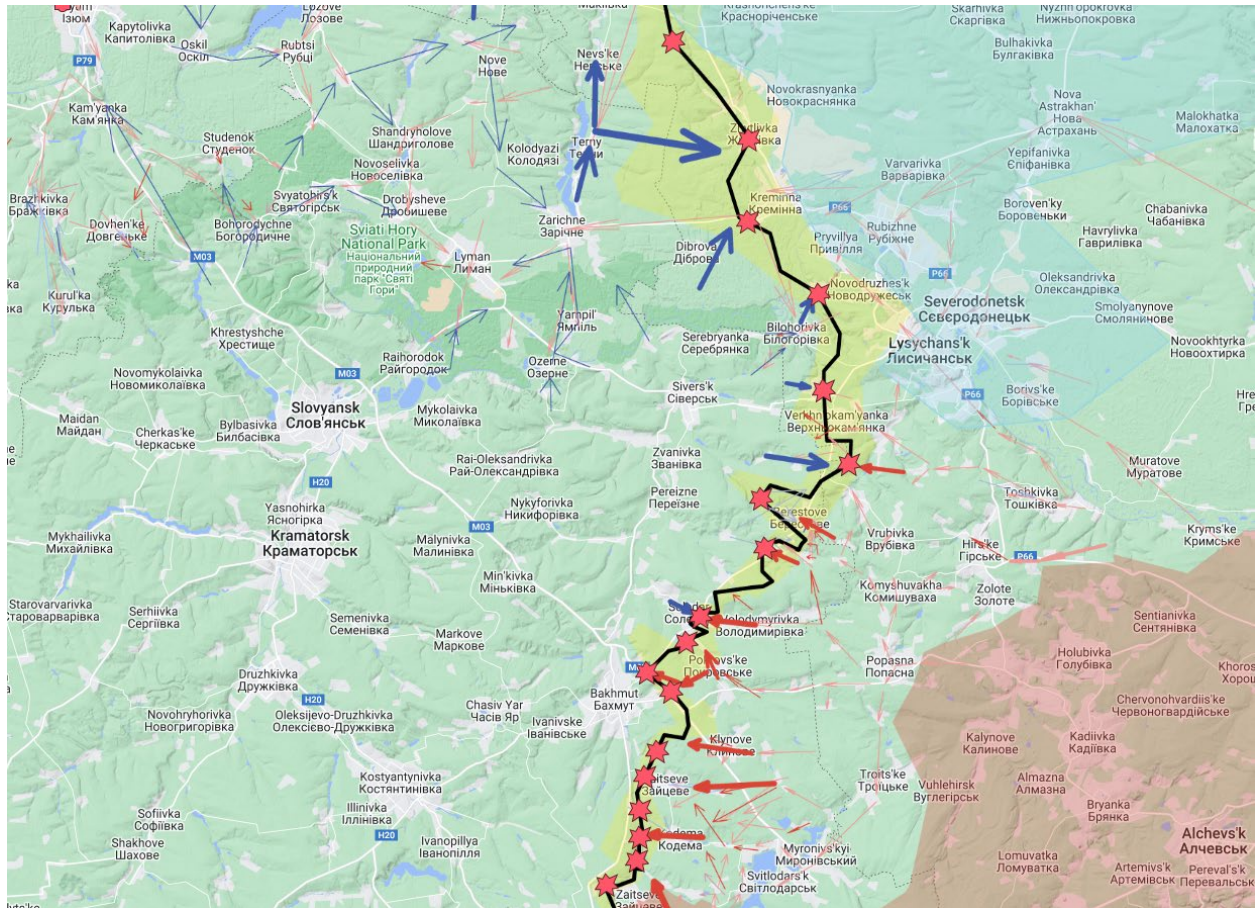
²⁶ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM PDT](#)

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²⁸ <https://t.me/andriyshTime/3609>



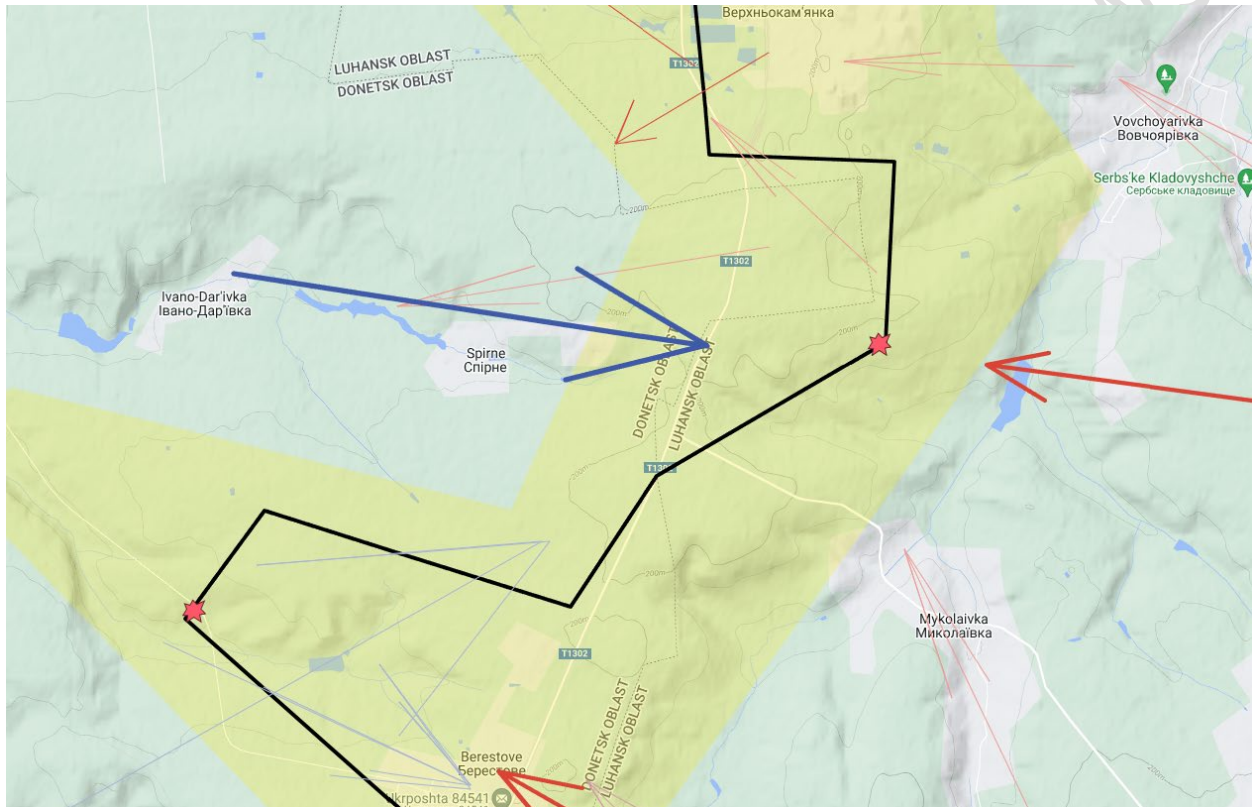
NORTHEAST DONETSK



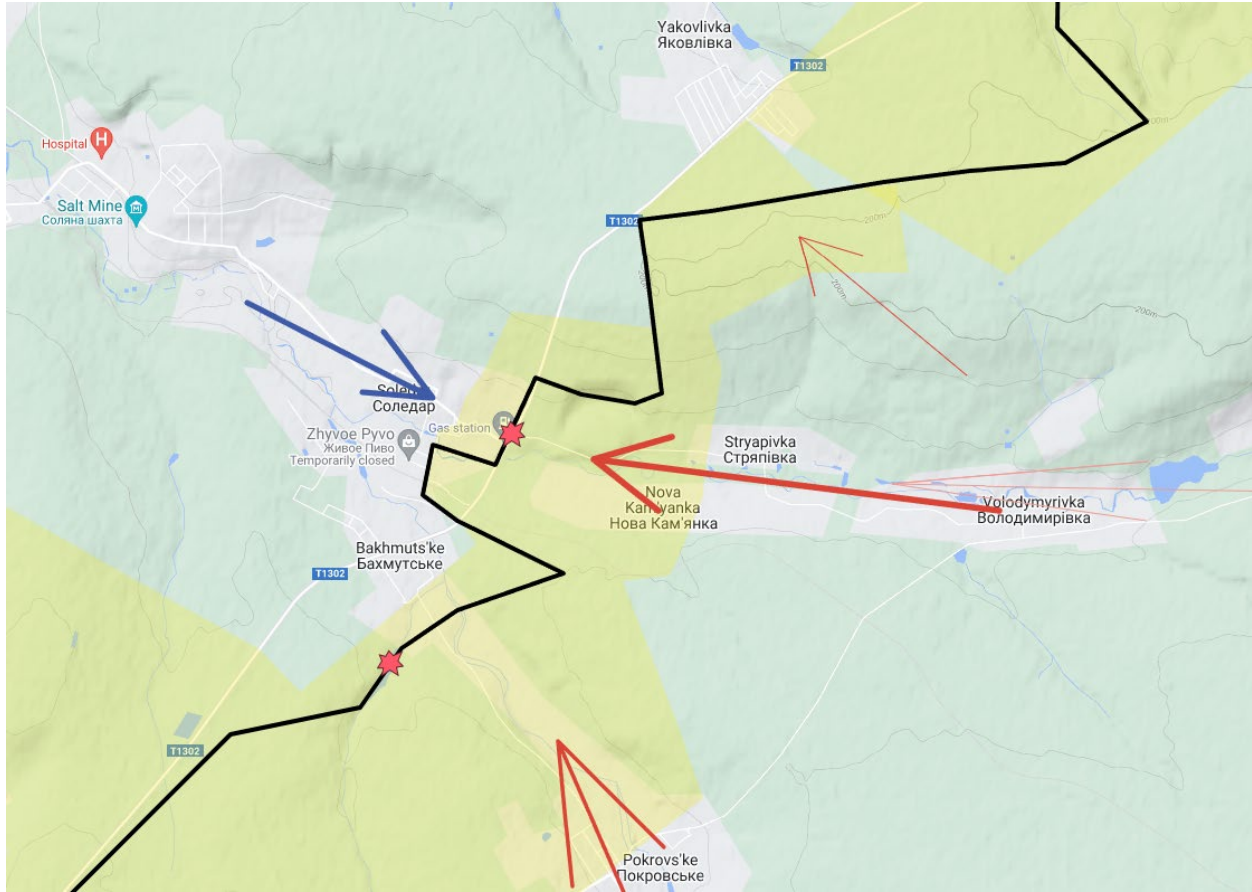
Russian Objective: Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, defend against Ukrainian advances toward Luhansk, capture Bakhmut/Soledar

Ukrainian Objective: Defend Bakhmut-Soldar while managing equipment and personnel losses, minimize civilian casualties, and defend GLOCs

Our assessment that the reported fighting near [Mykolaivka](#) was likely a reconnaissance or sabotage squad was accurate. There were no further reports of fighting in the area from either belligerent.



Russian troops attempted to advance on [Spirne](#), suffered a severe case of acute high-velocity lead poisoning, and returned to their defensive positions.

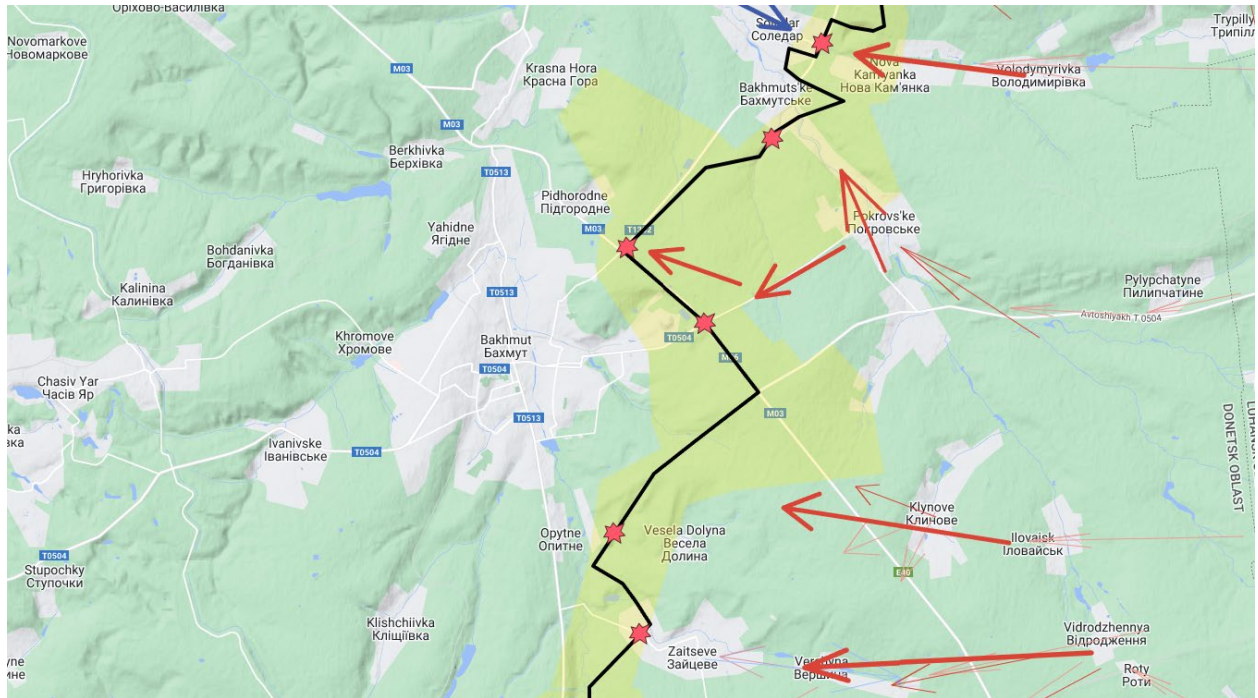


East of [Soledar](#) and southeast of [Bakhmutske](#), there was only positional fighting.^{29 30 31}

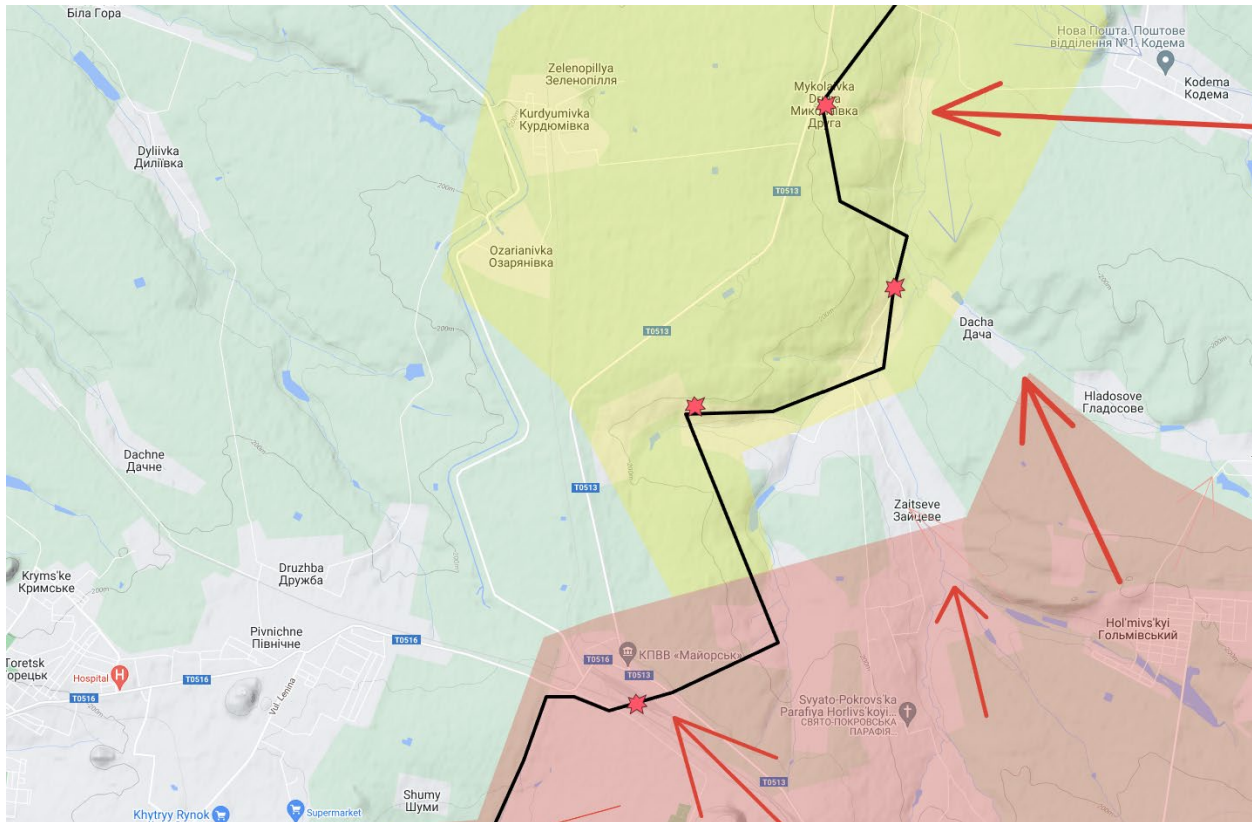
²⁹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM PDT](#)

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

³¹ <https://t.me/rybar/40132>

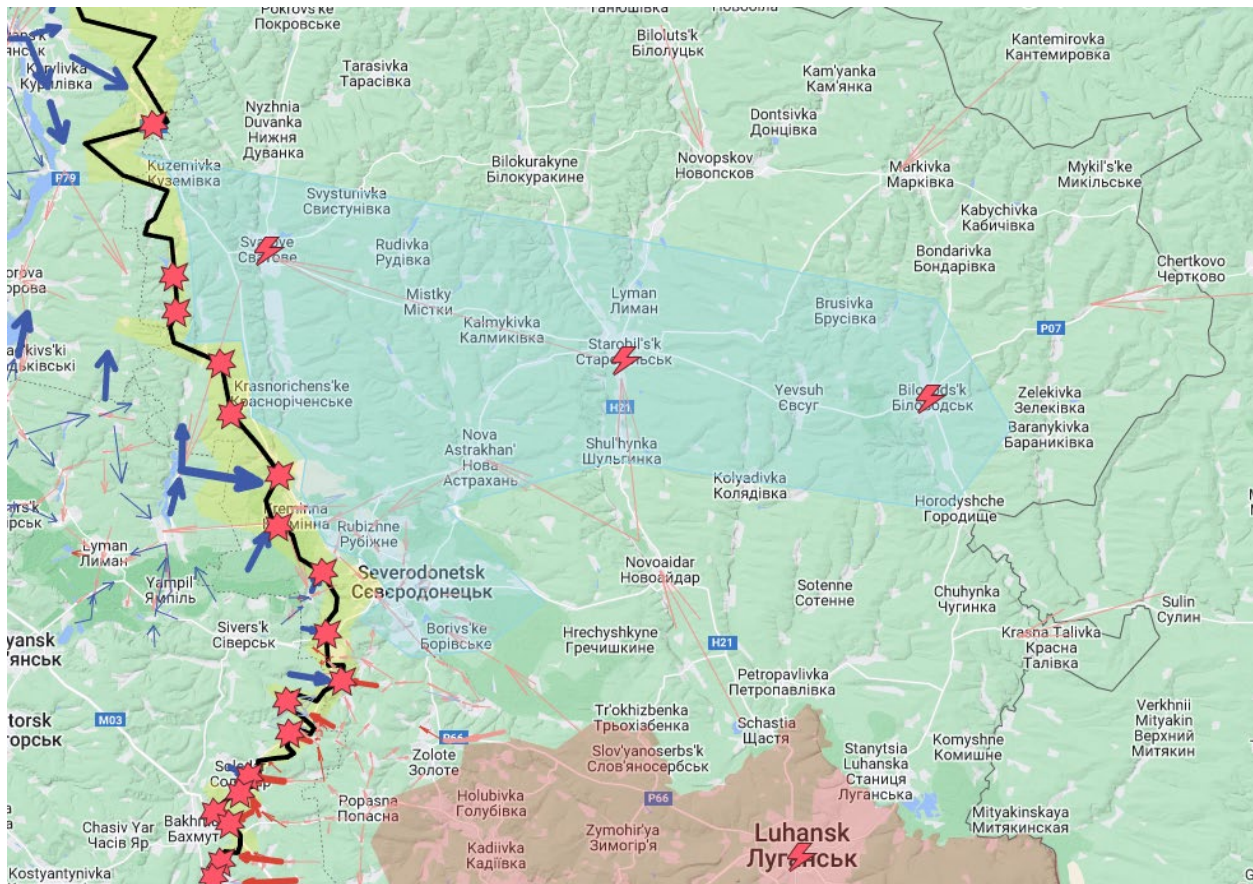


Southeast of [Bakhmut](#), fighting was less intense, with Ukrainian forces able to reinforce new defensive lines and the Private Military Company (PMC) Wagner Group consolidating gains. GSAFU reported that an attack on [Ivanhrad](#) was repulsed, while Russian sources claimed the village was captured yesterday.



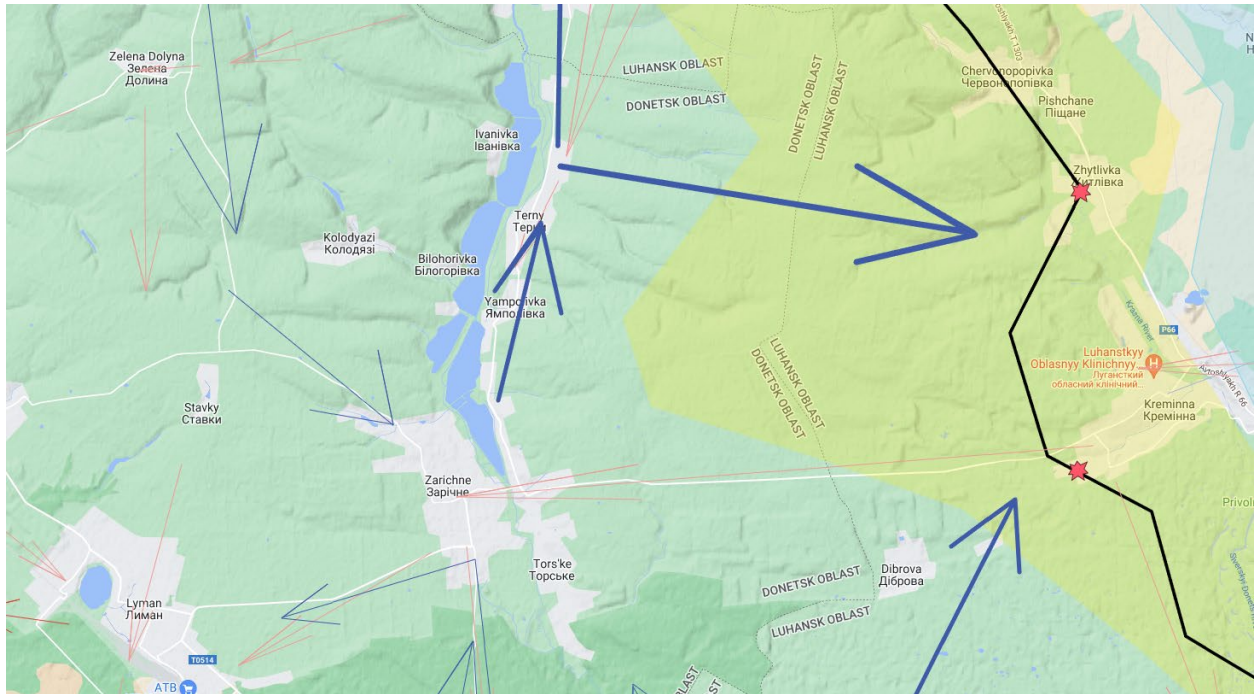
The 1st Army Corps of the DNR, 3rd Brigade, possibly supported by [fresh Chechen troops](#), continued their attempts to advance into [Mayorsk](#) and also tried to advance on [Ozarianivka](#). They continue to be unsuccessful, and with the Chechens once again on the axis, we regret to inform you there have not been any TikTok videos of desperate fighting against signs, windows, or traffic lights.

LUHANSK

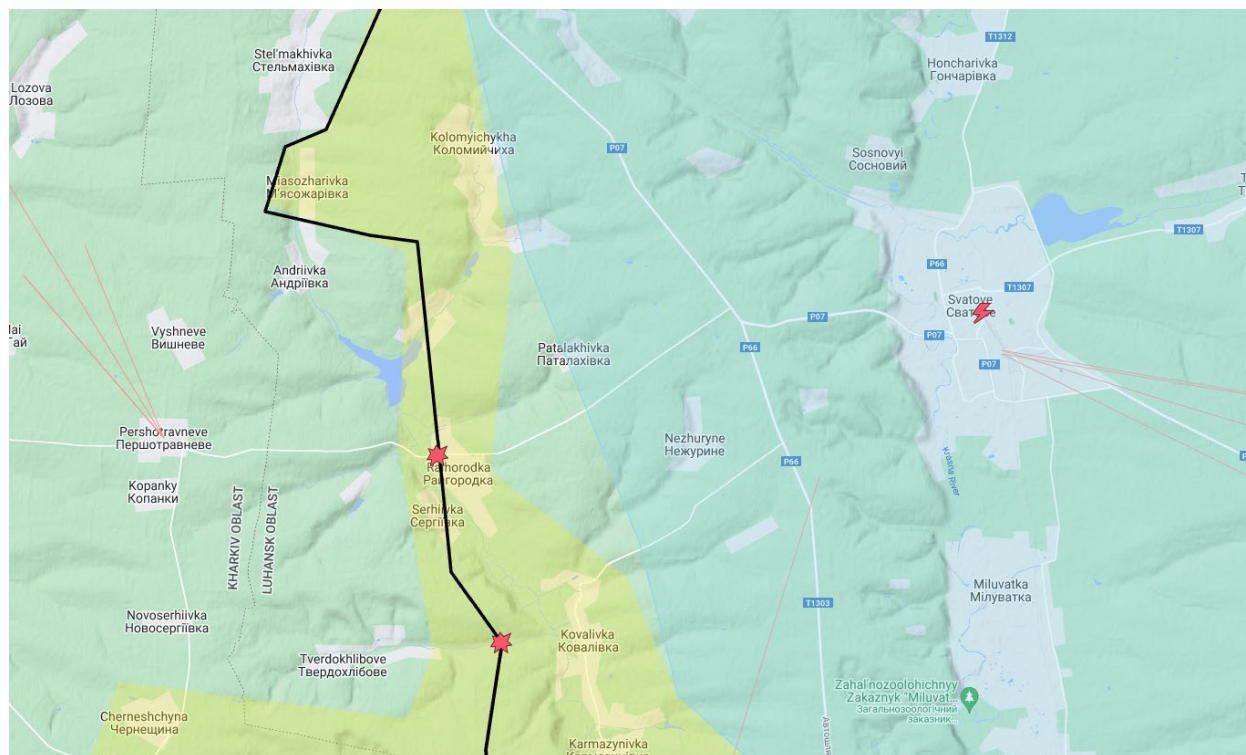


Russian Objective: Integrate oblast into Russian Federation, hold current defensive lines, and control insurgency

Ukrainian Objective: Break Russian defensive lines, prevent the retreat of Russian soldiers from Lyman, make opportunistic territorial gains, support insurgents, interdict supplies



The only verifiable report of fighting was near [Novosadove](#), with Russian troops trying to advance on Ukrainian positions on the east bank of the Zherebets River. They were unsuccessful and didn't even get a mention by the Russian Ministry of Defense, which continues to report that Torske and Terny were recaptured with no supporting evidence.



Pro-Russian sources continue to report fighting for control of [Raihorodka](#), 11 kilometers west of Svatove.³² Russian forces are reportedly blowing up bridges and laying minefields in anticipation of another Ukrainian counteroffensive.

Pro-Russian sources consistently report that Ukraine remains on the regional offensive. In the Hirske-Zolote area, Russian troops continue to build World War II-style defensive lines with tank traps, dragon's teeth concrete blocks, Czech hedgehogs, and trench networks. The

³² https://t.me/mod_russia/20777

defensive network is being built only 20 kilometers from the current line of conflict. The construction of these static defenses does not exude confidence that Russian troops will be able to hold Svatove, Kreminna, Severodonetsk, Lysychansk, or Popasna.

We had previously reported that reliable sources told us that Russian D-1 152mm howitzers, first used in 1943 and last used in Vietnam, had been taken out of storage and would be provided to the 2nd Army Corps of the Luhansk Peoples Republic (LNR). There are now reports that the artillery pieces, with a range of only 14 kilometers, are in use.³³ The D-1 uses different artillery shells from more modern 152mm Soviet-era systems, and the last shell built was reportedly produced in the 1950s.

ASSESSMENT: If The Russian Ministry of Defense has had to activate D-1 artillery pieces, it indicates they are at the end of their reserves. Russian troops and their proxy forces have reportedly exhausted the supply of 122mm ammunition for D-30 howitzers, with the production of shells ending in 2018. The 1st and 2nd Army Corps reportedly received worn-out D-20 howitzers to replace their D-30 guns, but the Russian Ministry of Defense is

³³ https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1580225289397080064

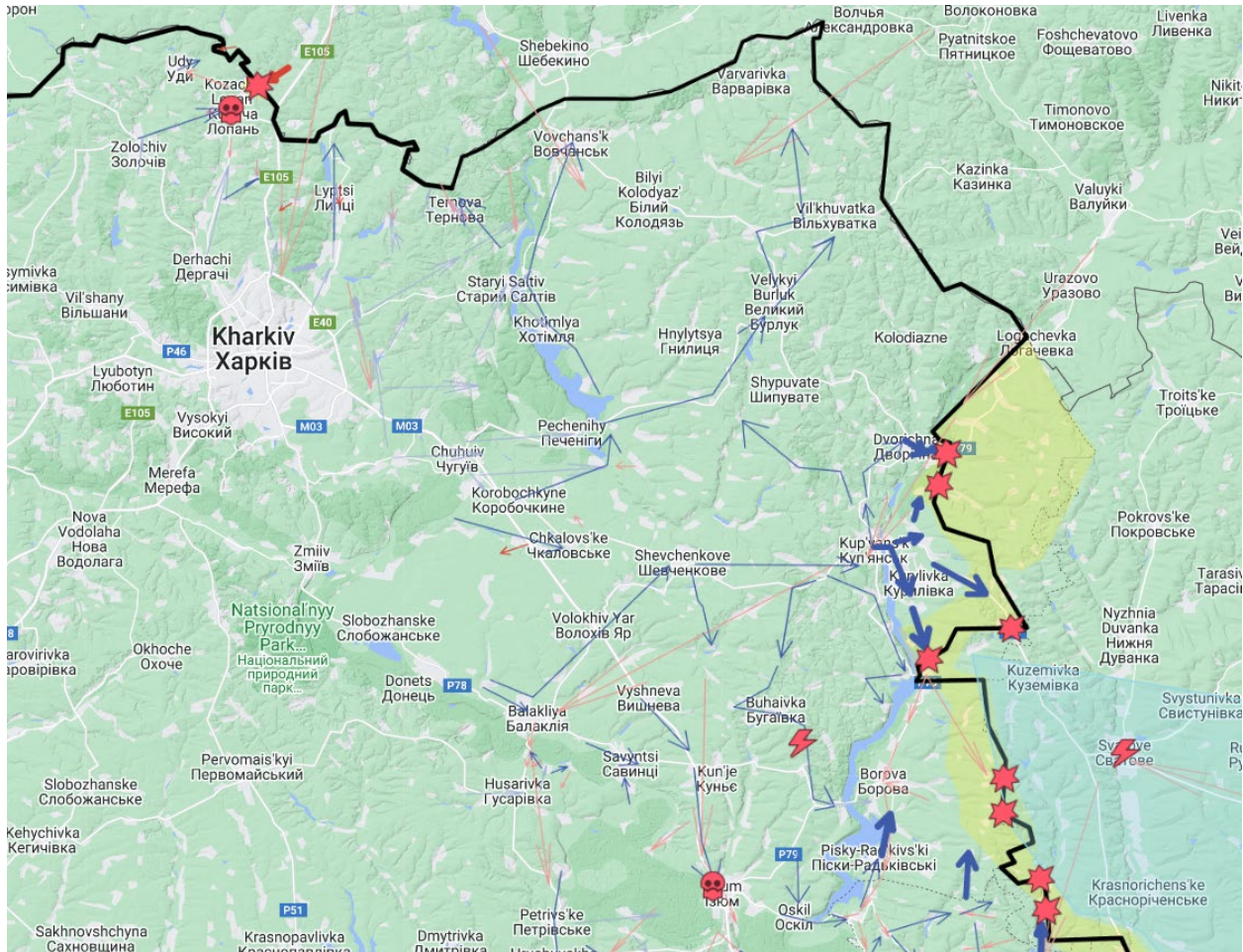
taking those pieces back and replacing them with the World War II D-1 pieces. We assess the supply of shells will be limited and have a high failure rate due to the age of the munitions and poor storage techniques by the Russian military. Additionally, given the D-1's limited range, they will be highly susceptible to counterbattery fire.

Serhei Haidai, Luhansk Oblast Administrative and Military Governor reported that of the 200 surviving members of the Russian 3rd Guards Spetsnaz Brigade, which were recently demobilized, half have requested early dismissal and are refusing to fight.³⁴ The unit reportedly suffered a 75% casualty rate while defending Lyman.³⁵ The elite units are part of the Russian GRU, and the experienced and highly trained soldiers will be very difficult to replace.

³⁴ <https://t.me/luhanskaVTSA/6286>

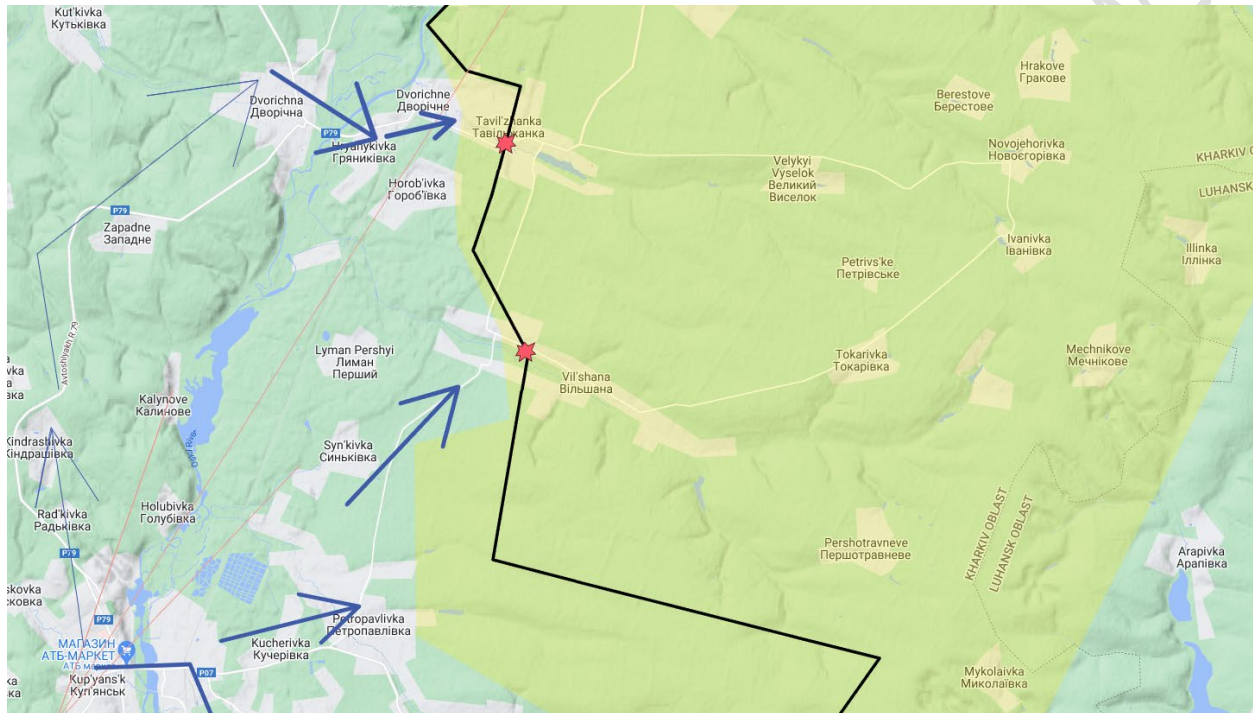
³⁵ [The Moscow Times](#)

KHARKIV



Russian Objective: Retreat and minimize casualties, prevent Ukrainian forces from advancing from their bridgeheads on the east bank of the Oskil River, and launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to break morale

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



Pro-Russian sources reported that Ukrainian forces had advanced into the western part of [Vil'shana](#), northeast of Kupyansk.³⁶ Based on this report, we've coded Lyman Pershyi as liberated. If Russian troops remained in the town, they would be completely encircled. Additionally, Ukrainian troops were reportedly advancing on [Orlyanske](#) and [Pershotravneve](#).

³⁶ <https://t.me/rybar/40132>

ASSESSMENT: Ukrainian forces appear to be pushing toward the P-66 Highway, a vital GLOC for Russian forces supplying Svatove in Luhansk. By clearing the last pocket of Russian troops out of northeastern Kharkiv, Ukraine could bring the highway under fire control and use special operation forces (SOF) to harass supply shipments.

CHERNIHIV & SUMY REGION

Russian Objective: Lock Ukrainian military resources into place and launch terror attacks on civilians in an attempt to break morale

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

The Sumy oblast remains severely impacted by Russian attacks on electrical infrastructure. Although less than 8,000 households are without power across the region, there are rolling blackouts to prevent the remaining

infrastructure from becoming overloaded.³⁷ Officials told residents that power outages would be limited to two hours and appealed to people to minimize electrical use in the mornings and early evening hours.

GSAFU reported the village of Hai in Chernihiv was shelled by Russian forces firing from across the international border.³⁸

KYIV REGION

At the time of publication, there was a report of a kamikaze drone strike in Kyiv, but there wasn't additional information available.

BLACK SEA, CRIMEA & ODESA REGION

There wasn't significant fighting in this region.

³⁷ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371705/>

³⁸ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Facebook Report AM PDT](#)

WESTERN & CENTRAL UKRAINE

Ukrainian air defenses appear to be adapting to the Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 kamikaze drones. Two were shot down during an air raid in the Vinnytsia oblast.³⁹ At least one cruise missile was intercepted in the Cherkasy oblast, and two more “air targets” were downed in the Rivne and Zhytomyr oblasts.^{40 41}

Ukraine reportedly lost a Mig-29 near Vinnytsia after the aircraft suffered a catastrophic mechanical failure. The pilot was able to eject without injury.⁴²

RUSSIAN FRONT

Russian air defenses decided to work today, but not the way the Russian Ministry of Defense hoped. Russia fired S-300 anti-aircraft missiles from Belgorod, likely targeting the city of Kharkiv. In an apparent lack of coordination, air defenses in Belgorod were activated, and the missile barrage bound for Ukraine was successfully shot down.⁴³ We don't create

³⁹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371648/>

⁴⁰ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371667/>

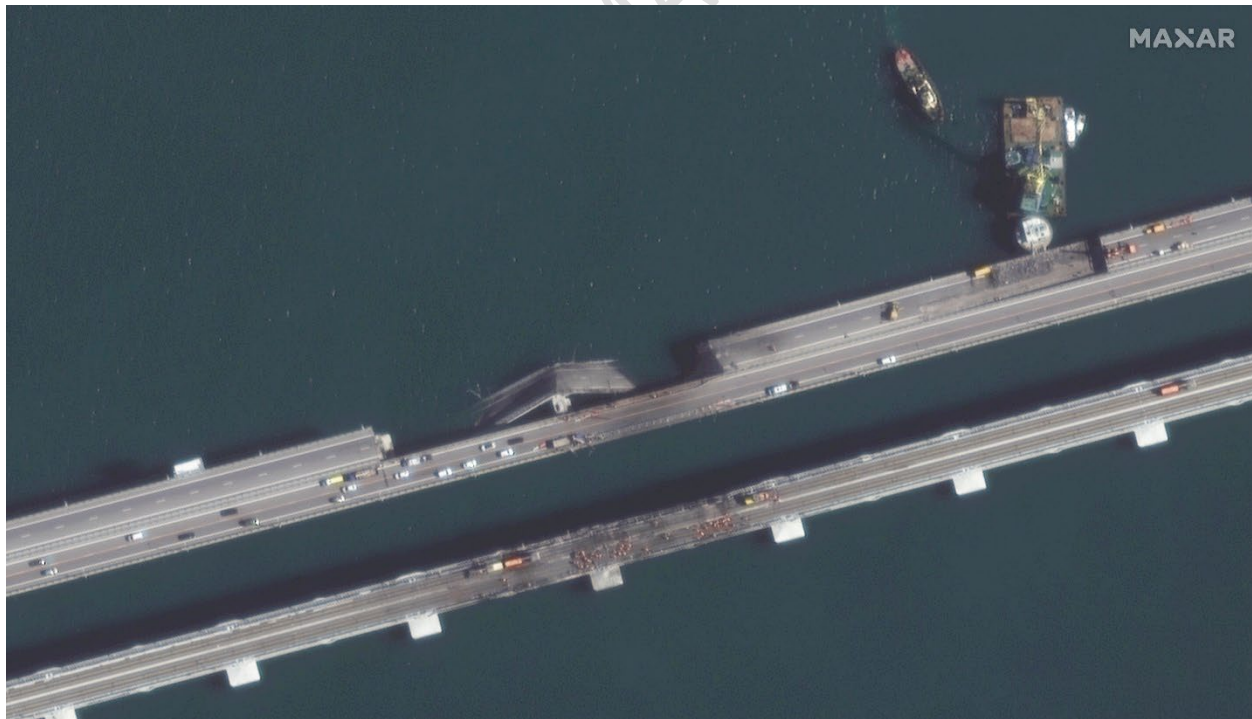
⁴¹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371679/>

⁴² <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371700/>

⁴³ <https://twitter.com/markito0171/status/1580216339674693633>

the news; we just report it. In the infamous word of NAFO, "what's air defense doing?"

New pictures of the Kersch bridge show that the damage is more extensive than the Russian government claimed. Shocked! We're totally shocked that the Russian Ministry of Defense would release an inaccurate report. The remaining road section, which has been reduced to a single lane, suffered severe blast damage that deformed the roadway and caused significant damage to the bridge pillar.^{44 45}



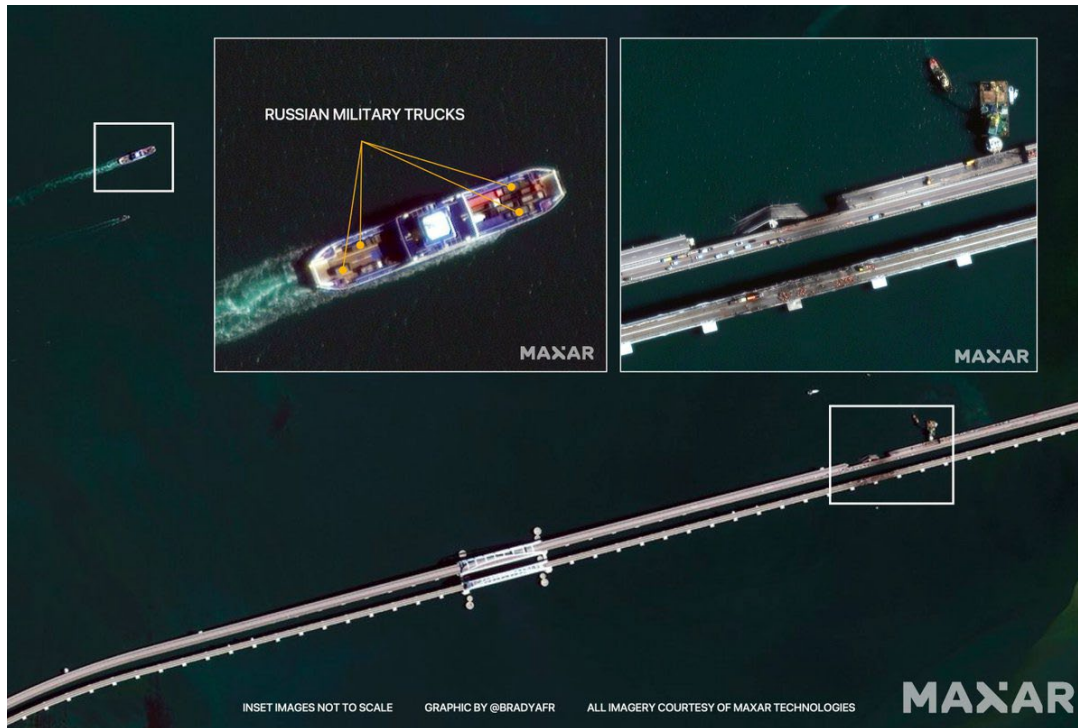
⁴⁴ <https://twitter.com/JimmySecUK/status/1580251926708465665>

⁴⁵ <https://twitter.com/ChuckPfarrer/status/1580193092187328513>

A new satellite image from Maxar shows that limited car traffic is moving on the damaged road section while rail from the damaged fuel train remains on the tracks. Ongoing repair work could be seen on the second rail line, confirming it was also badly damaged in the attack, and the bridge remains closed to rail traffic. Wait, you mean the Russian government didn't accurately report the situation to the Russian people or the world? Shocked again!

Due to the damage, trucks and military equipment are being shipped by ferry boats, with the wait now four days long and [almost 1,000 vehicles waiting to cross](#) into Crimea.⁴⁶

⁴⁶ https://twitter.com/Vida_Fella/status/1580429102560837633



On the collapsed highway section, the pillar supporting the bridge is severely damaged.⁴⁷ Yesterday's report by the Russian state media agency Zvezda News that repairs will take four to six weeks appears accurate.⁴⁸

THEATERWIDE & EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

The United Kingdom will provide Ukraine with Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), and the

⁴⁷ https://twitter.com/bayraktar_1love/status/1580307229650997249

⁴⁸ <https://twitter.com/OAlexanderDK/status/1579842190175776769>

United States committed to providing additional NASAMS air defense systems.⁴⁹

United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin announced significant progress after the sixth meeting of the Ukrainian Defense Contact Group, which took place in Brussels on Wednesday. The meeting reached an agreement to improve Ukraine's air defenses further, as well as discussions on providing longer-range weapons and more artillery.

The Ukrainian air force reported that five Russian Ka-52 helicopters were shot down, including four, over an 18-minute period. Government officials said there are pictures and photos to support the claim, and they will be released.⁵⁰ Seventeen Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 drones were also shot down.

RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION & MILITARY STATUS

Russia announced the nation was taking 800 T-62 Soviet-era main battle tanks and would be upgrading them over the next three years. The T-62 started production in 1961,

⁴⁹ https://twitter.com/TCG_CrisisRisks/status/1580394828226928640

⁵⁰ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/13/7371727/>

with the last new one built in 1973. Some of the tanks underwent a modernization program in the 1980s, and before June 2022, the entire inventory was stored in reserve.

Modernization will include night vision and thermal sites and improvements to armor protection, which is inadequate for the modern battlefield. The fact that Russia is going to modernize the 60-year-old design while not upgrading the main gun, which has a maximum effective range of only 1,700 meters, is a flashing red warning light that its armor forces are exhausted. According to the Oryx database, which uses visual confirmation, Russia has lost 1,328 main battle tanks after 33 weeks of the war in Ukraine. Experts estimate the actual number is 25% to 30% higher because not all losses are documented. It is the worst loss of armor forces on the planet since the first Gulf War in 1991 when Iraq lost up to 3,100 tanks.

WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Russian forces shelled a market in Avdiivka, killing seven civilians and wounding 13 more.⁵¹ The city has been

⁵¹ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/13/7371731/>

constantly shelled since the opening days of the Russian invasion, with workers at the coke plant remaining in the city to maintain its operation.

Investigators found four more bodies in Lyman as they continued to sweep through the recently liberated city.

War crimes investigators found a 25th victim of the civilian car convoy that was attacked by Russian troops in Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi on September 25.⁵² A 75-year-old woman was able to escape the massacre after being shot and crawled through the woods about 200 meters before she died. Investigators also said they found the firing positions the Russian soldiers used to ambush the caravan.

GEOPOLITICAL

The United Nations General Assembly condemned Russia's annexation of four Ukrainian oblasts. The resolution passed with 143 nations supporting, five against, and 35 abstaining.⁵³ The only countries that voted against the measure were Russia, Belarus, North Korea, Syria, and

⁵² <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/10/12/7371692/>

⁵³ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-63237669>



Nicaragua, Cuba, China, Pakistan, South Africa, and India were among the nations that abstained. Ten nations did not participate in the vote, including Iran and Venezuela. Diplomatic experts note that Brazil's vote in support of the measure was significant, as the nation had previously abstained on other resolutions.

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The resolution calls on the international community not to recognize Russia's annexation claims and demands its "immediate reversal." Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he was grateful to the countries that supported it.

Russia attempted to make the vote a secret ballot. The General Council rejected that measure. The Kremlin

responded to the vote by releasing new maps of its nation, showing the annexed territories now part of the nation.

ECONOMIC

The rouble was unchanged, with an exchange rate of 64 for one US dollar.

Oil prices continued their downward trend, with WTI falling to \$88 a barrel and Brent dropping to \$93. United States RBOB wholesale gasoline on the spot was almost unchanged, trading at \$2.63 a gallon (70 cents a liter).

Chicago SRW Wheat Futures dropped to \$8.87 a bushel for December 2022 delivery.