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SUMMARY – DAY 467

It has been 3,387 days since Russia occupied the Crimea Peninsula on January 27, 2014, and one year and 102 days since Russia expanded its war against Ukraine. Today's report is combat only.

We are returning to bullet reports due to the dramatic increase in operational tempo and the amount of disinformation we have to analyze.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

We assess the following:

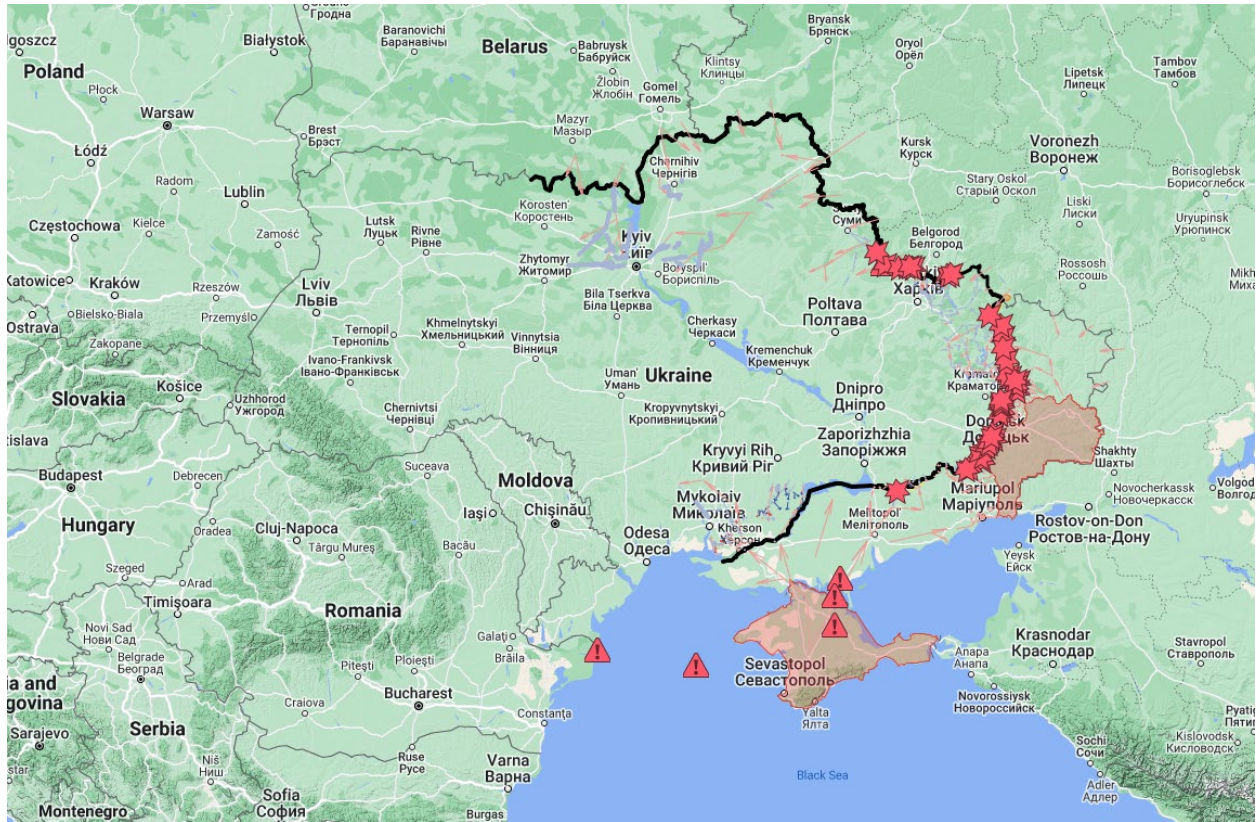
1. We have no update on our previous preliminary assessment of what caused the Kakhovka Dam to fail.
2. Regardless of the cause, Russian occupiers, defensive positions on the east bank of the Dnipro River, and potentially occupied Crimean will experience a greater impact from the dam failure than free Ukraine.
3. In preparation for larger offensive operations, Ukrainian forces continue shaping operations on multiple axes, creating panic and uncertainty among

- gauleiters, Russian administrators, and military leaders, creating an environment where all Ukrainian military activity is considered the start of the counteroffensive no matter how small.
4. Continued incursions into the Belgorod region along a 275-kilometer stretch of the Russia-Ukraine border meant to force the Russian Ministry of Defense to move military assets out of Ukraine to secure the region has been more successful than Russian partisans anticipated, with Kremlin-aligned military commanders still unable to organize a cohesive response.
 5. Anger and frustration among Russian state media, propagandists, milbloggers, and residents of the oblasts that border Ukraine continue to expand with open discussions on Russian state media and social media about replacing Russian President Vladimir Putin, questioning Russian nuclear doctrine and the repeated irresponsible threats, widespread criticism of Moscow's inability to secure Russian borders and airspace, and identifying and correcting disinformation spread by the Kremlin and Russian Ministry of Defense.
 6. We have identified shaping activity by the Ukrainian Armed Forces in four locations that could indicate a larger attack is being prepared.

7. Political infighting between the Russian Ministry of Defense, Chechen leaders, and Private Military Company Wagner Group is at a breaking point with rhetoric, mostly from Prigozhin continuing.
8. Russian Chief of Staff Gerasimov and Defense Minister Shoigu are some of the best allies available for the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense due to their acceptance of systemic corruption, political infighting, waste of military resources, and refusal to adapt to the realities within the theater of war.
9. The Russian Ministry of Defense is descending into chaos and is increasingly incapable of managing the battlefield above the battalion level, creating mission cohesion between penal units, mobiks, conscripts, elite forces, PMCs, proxy forces, or controlling the information space.
10. The accelerating breakdown of Russian command and control is ill-timed, with Ukrainian shaping operations likely reaching their culmination point by June 20.

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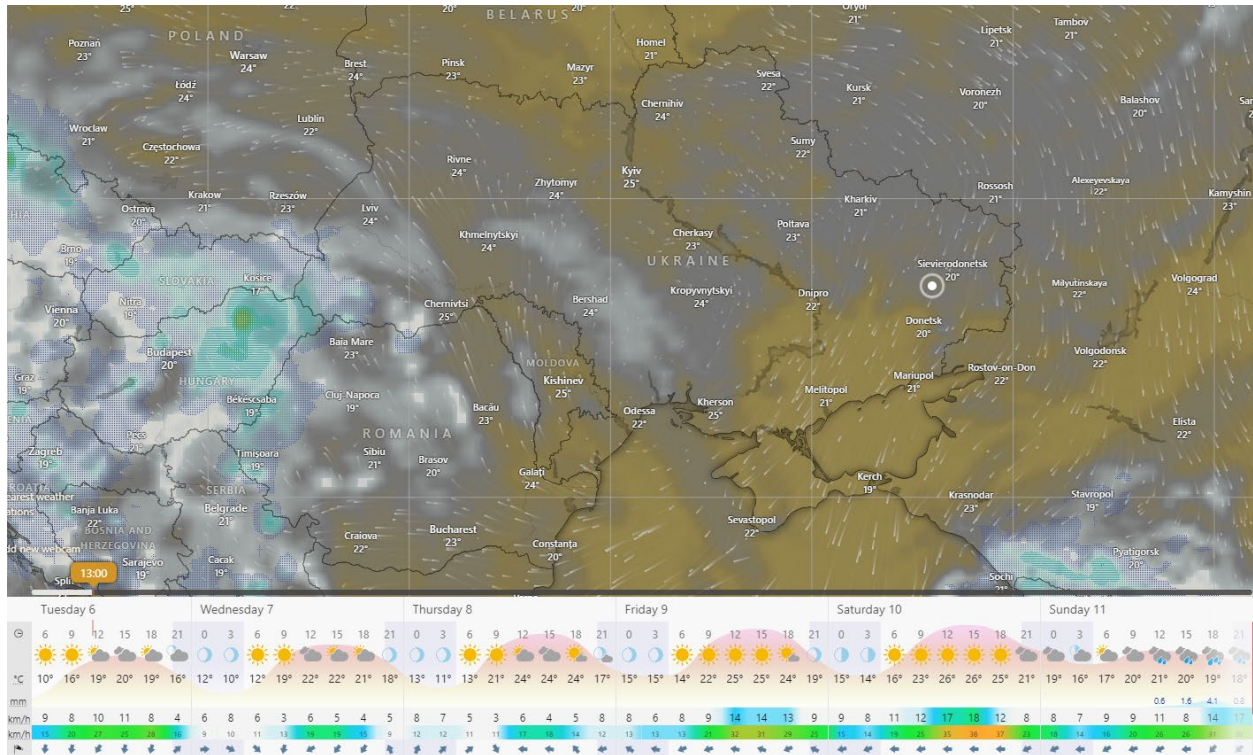
TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



About the maps: Red triangles are sites of significant events unrelated to missile attacks, insurgencies, or ground combat, such as the sinking of the *Moskva* and the explosion at the Saky Naval airbase. Gray circles indicate an area where fighting has ended with no change in the line of conflict. The archived offensive 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 this](#), it is a link to our war map that will take you to the location explained in the Situation Report.

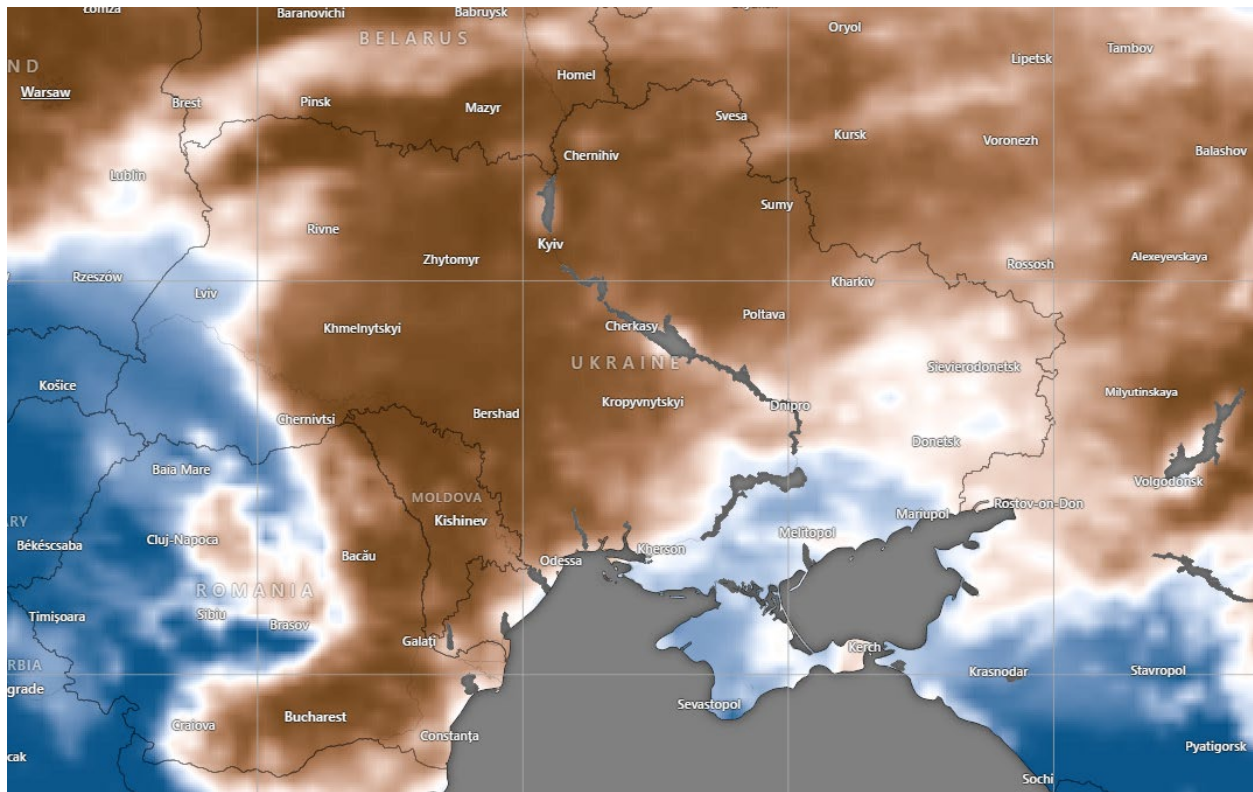
[Russia-Ukraine War Report Map](#)

UKRAINE WEATHER



Dry weather will continue through June 10, with thunderstorms forecasted on June 11 for the southern regions of Ukraine, according to the ECMWF Euro ensemble model. Highs temperatures will be from 17° to 29° Celcius, and lows from 7° to 19°, with temperatures steadily increasing through June 10. The new moon is on June 18, and the summer solstice is on June 21.

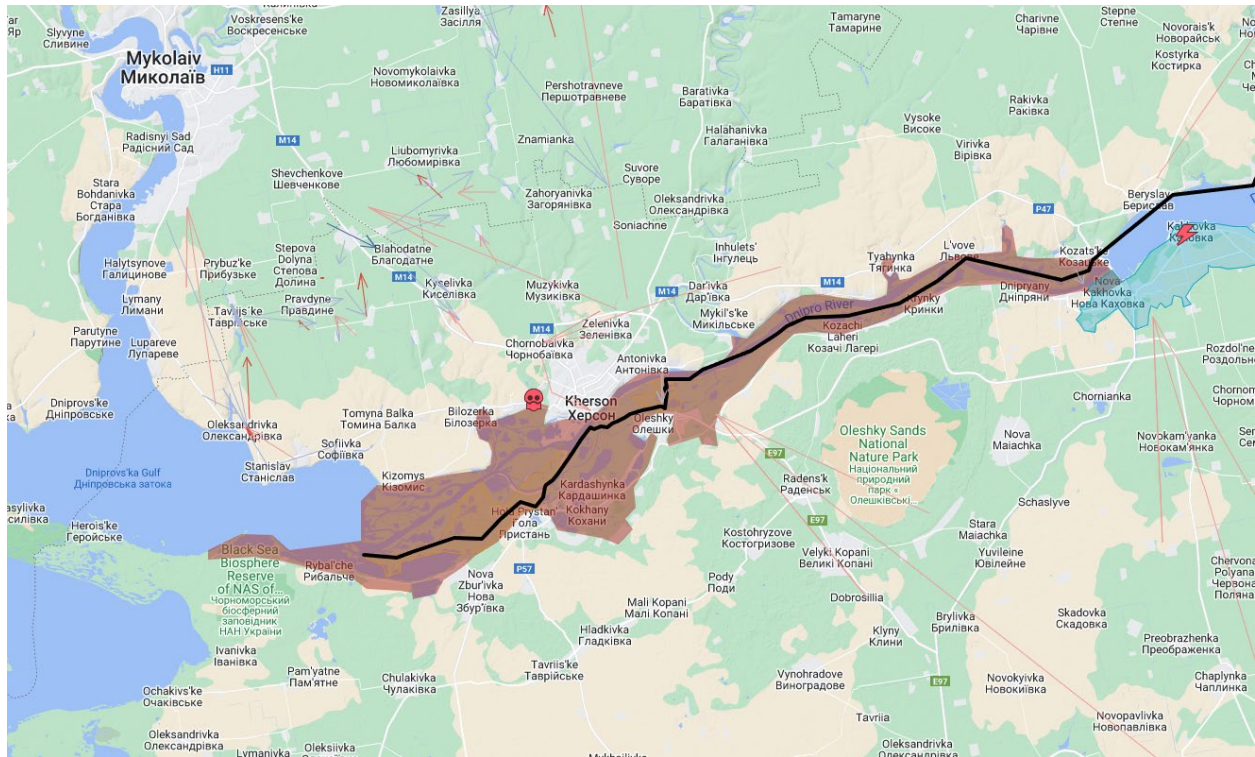
SOIL SATURATION AND HYDROLOGY



June 14, 2023, GFS forecast indicates another wet period could move through southern Ukraine in mid-June, with soil saturation to 40 centimeters deep, from 30% to 60% across eastern Kherson, Zaporizhia, and the Donbas.

Soil saturation from Zaporizhia through the Donbas is 30% to 60%, with eastern Kherson holding at 15%. There is no change in tractability.

КАКHOVKA DAM SPECIAL REPORT



The information space on what caused the Kakhovka Dam to fail has plunged into chaos with multiple theories on why the dam collapsed. Here is what we know.

History

Russian forces were using the Kakhovka Dam and bridge as a Ground Line of Communication (GLOC – supply line) to support their occupation of western Kherson and eastern Mykolaiv oblasts. The first record of the bridge over the

dam being struck by rockets fired by HIMARS was August 20, 2022. Ukraine continued to target the bridge that crossed the ship channel and a curved section extending beyond the dam near the hydroelectric powerplant, eventually collapsing the road and railroad bridges over the ship channel. Russian combat engineers responded by filling in the channel with rip rap and gravel to create a temporary bridge. During this period, sluice gates 1 through 4 suffered varying degrees of damage, with sluice gate 3 the most impacted.

In October 2022, Russian forces claimed they had mined the dam and rigged it for demolition, with Ukraine claiming that Russian planned to blow up the dam as a provocation.


On November 11, 2022, during Russia's retrograde operation from western Kherson, combat engineers used demolition charges to destroy the roadway over sluice gates 26 to 28 on the right bank of the Dnipro River. The blast destroyed the three gates, the P-47 Highway, the railroad bridge, and a section of rails for the gantries used to operate the sluice gates.

After the Russian withdrawal, the dam turned into a no man's land, with Russian forces occupying the

hydroelectric power plant on the left bank at Nova Kakhovka and setting up machine gun nests, sniper positions, and grenade launchers on the occupied side of the dam. No effort was made to clear the gravel blockage of the ship channel or repair sluice gates 1 through 4. Russian occupiers were also accused of intentionally damaging the power generation turbines during their withdrawal.

In February 2023, the level of the Kakhovka Reservoir reached a record low. This created significant concern by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that cooling water for the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant could be impacted. Also, Ukrainian officials were concerned that drinking water could be cut off for civilians in free and occupied Ukraine unless Russian occupiers took action to stop the flow of water through the dam.

After hitting a record low in February, by May 8, the Kakhovka Reservoir reached a record high, and the Dnipro River overtopped the gates, but not the dam structure. In the second half of May, some parts of Ukraine in the Dnipro Watershed repeatedly received a month's worth of rain in a single day, pushing the water level higher.

On May 28, satellite images from Maxar showed that  [most of the functioning sluice gates on the dam were open](#) or, because of flow over the top of the structure, created the appearance on the image of the gates being open.¹ Water was flowing through the damaged areas on the right and left sides of the dam. Speaking with two hydrologists, the second satellite image from Maxar on June 5 indicated that Russian operators had closed many sluice gates or they had become blocked, increasing water flow through the damaged section by the hydroelectric plant. The remnants of the roadway that extended past the dam and went around the powerhouse had collapsed between May 28 and June 5, and there was no visual evidence that either gantry had moved between May 28 to June 5. The June 5 satellite image was taken approximately 14 hours before the dam failed.

On the morning of June 6, Russian operators at the dam wrote on Telegram, "At 02:35, after arriving at the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant (KHPP), one support was destroyed, under the pressure of water, a cascade destruction of the Kakhovka HPP began. At 03:10 Kakhovka HPP ceased to exist."²

¹ <https://twitter.com/evanhill/status/1665933276647772160>

² https://t.me/tokmak_ukraine/3634

At sunrise on June 6, a drone video showed that the hydroelectric powerhouse had been sheared, with part of it falling into the Dnipro River, and the dam completely gone from sluice gates 1 to 14. Gates 15 to 25 remained, as did the damaged section where gates 26 and 28 were once located. Water from the Dnipro River flowed freely through the dam's remains, with little difference in the upstream and downstream water levels. The current pulled Russian-planted landmines into the river, causing spontaneous detonations throughout the day on June 6.

Debunking Misinformation

We want to call attention to one flagrant piece of misinformation that some people are sharing. Oliver Carroll, Foreign Correspondent for The Economist, Tweeted, "Eyewitnesses told us that there was a deafening explosion from Kakhovka in the early morning, with sky turned to white and windows breaking as far as 80 km away," and after criticism turned comments off without removing the tweet.³

³ <https://twitter.com/olliecarroll/status/1665997969672347650>

To the science lab! You need to create an overpressure of 1 psi to break windows in an explosion. To break windows 80 kilometers away, it would require a 100-megaton thermonuclear bomb exploding at 14,500 meters, using the [Nuclear Secrecy Nuke Map Tool](#) created by Alex Wellerstein, a professor at the Stevens Institute of Technology where he is the Director of Science and Technology Studies.⁴ A ground burst of 100 megatons would only break windows up to 55 kilometers away but don't worry; the instant third-degree burns would likely kill you before the flying shards of broken glass shredded your body when the pressure wave arrived. At the time of publication, Mr. Carroll had not indicated that his tweet was meant to be sarcastic or a joke and had been quoted by some news organizations as fact.

While there were social media reports of explosions, there was nothing similar to the scope of the November 11, 2022, explosion that destroyed part of the roadway and damaged three sluice gates. No pictures or videos conclusively show an attack, an explosion, or a spontaneous failure.

⁴ <https://alexwellerstein.com/>

What Happened

A final determination will take months of investigation by onsite inspectors, would require the area to become a demilitarized zone, and based on current territorial control, would require complete Russian Federation cooperation. We could identify eight possible scenarios in order from highest possibility to lowest.

1. Due to a combination of previous damage caused by one or both combatants from August to November 2022, the blockage of the ship channel, hydrodynamics from record water flow, and gross negligence by Russian occupiers, the dam suffered a catastrophic engineering failure and collapsed.
2. Russian occupiers intentionally destroyed the dam using explosive charges in the tunnels and service ways within the structure.
3. Russian occupiers accidentally set off preset demolition charges, causing the dam to collapse.
4. Ukrainian forces initiated a smaller attack at the dam site, accidentally setting off preset Russian demolition charges, causing the dam to collapse.
5. An unexploded piece, or several pieces of large ordnance that had fallen into the Dnipro River, was carried over time by river currents to the dam, grew

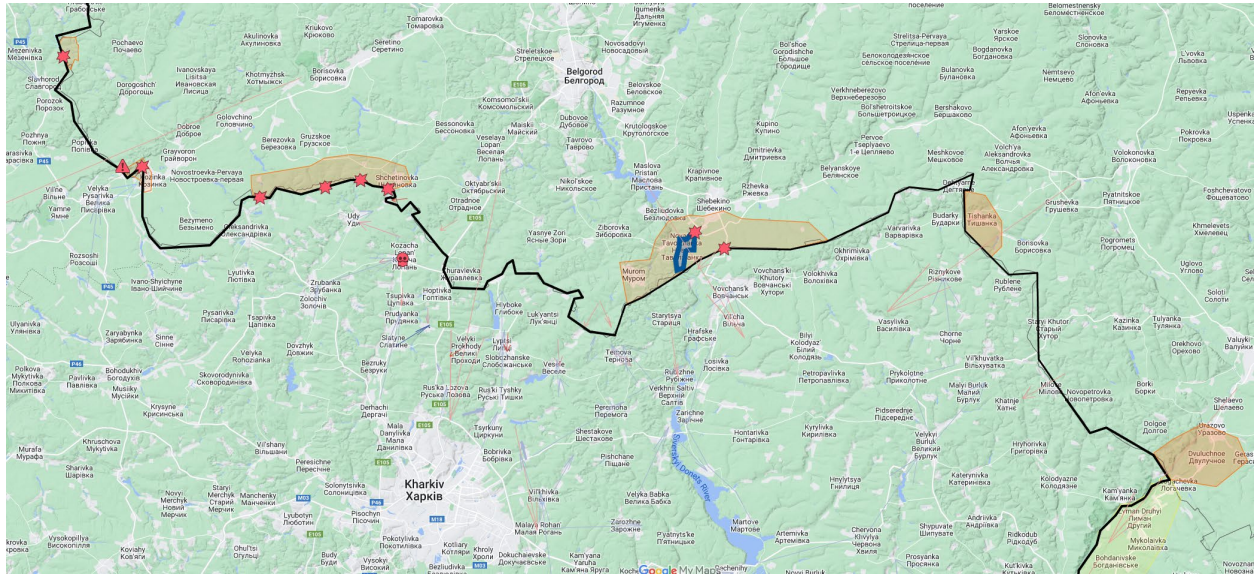
unstable, and spontaneously exploded, causing a cascading failure.

6. Ukrainian forces used demolition charges to destroy the dam.
7. Ukrainian forces used an unknown stand-off weapon to destroy the dam.
8. Some other previously unknown engineering, terrain, or construction flaws caused a catastrophic failure unrelated to the abovementioned possibilities.

If Russia had not expanded its war of aggression against Ukraine on February 24, 2022, occupied Kherson, refused to cooperate with Ukrainian officials, neglected to manage water flow, failed to initiate critical repairs, and, by their claims, mined the dam for demolition to prevent Ukrainian forces from using the structure as a wet crossing for future offensive operations in eastern Kherson, none of this would have happened.

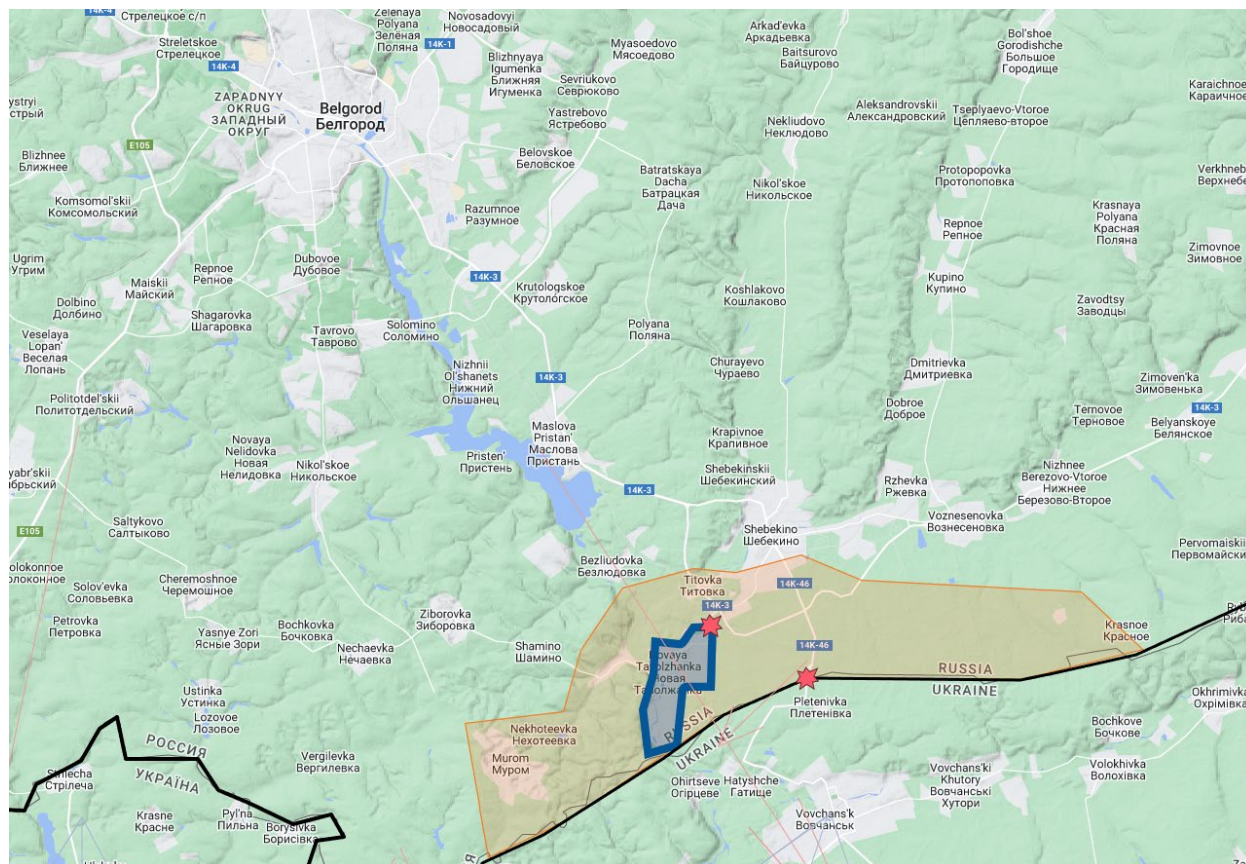
Ultimately the responsibility for the operation and safety of the Kakhovka Dam rested with the Russian Federation due to their occupation of the powerhouse and militarization of the structure. They failed in their responsibilities. With flood waters cresting as much as 11 meters in some areas, we believe the proper short-term focus is the human impact.

RUSSIAN FRONT




Russian Objective: Repel Russian partisan attacks, stabilize the border, and maintain civil order

Ukrainian-Backed Russian Partisan Objective: Motivate other Russians to fight against the Putin regime, accelerate the downfall of the Russian government, foment civil unrest



Belgorod Operational Direction

- Ukrainian source DeepState reported that fighting continued in [Novaya Tavolzhanka](#), and the Russian Volunteer Corps (PVC) released another video  [showing a continued presence](#) in the settlement ^{5 6}
- Belgorod region governor Vyacheslav Gladkov reported Novaya Tavolzhanka had been hit by 105

⁵ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16769>

⁶ <https://t.me/ShrikeNews/8844>

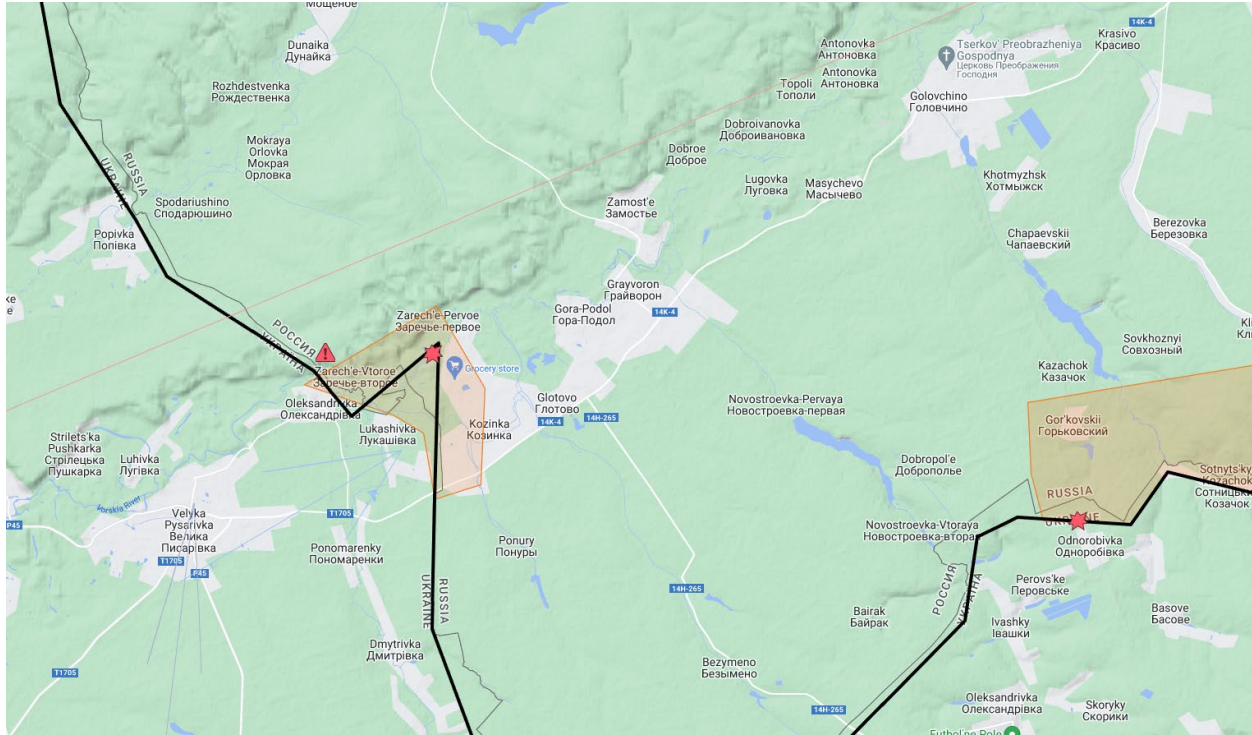
artillery rounds, mortars, Grad rockets, and drone-delivered IEDs, causing further damage ⁷

- After meeting with the Secretary of the United Russia General Council, Andrey Turchak, Governor Gladkov claimed that no partisan troops remained in Belgorod ⁸
- The All-Russian Political Party United Russia controls over 70% of the State Duma, and Russian President Vladimir Putin is among its members
- **ASSESSMENT:** Through June 5, Governor Gladkov had been transparent about the situation on the border, and in our assessment, the arrival of Secretary Turchak was to bring Gladkov in line with Kremlin messaging
- Gladkov reported that Shebekino was hit by 491 artillery rounds, mortars, and Grad rockets, wounding one person ⁹

⁷ <https://t.me/vvgladkov/2496>

⁸ <https://t.me/belgorod01/37182>


⁹ <https://t.me/vvgladkov/2496>



Grayvoron Operational Area

- Glotovo was hit by 42 artillery rounds and mortars, damaging an industrial enterprise and farm buildings ¹⁰

Belgorod Region

- Governor Gladkov reported that  [Russian air defense shot down two "targets"](#) over Belgorod without providing any other details ¹¹

¹⁰ <https://t.me/belgorod01/37185>

¹¹ <https://t.me/belgorod01/37185>

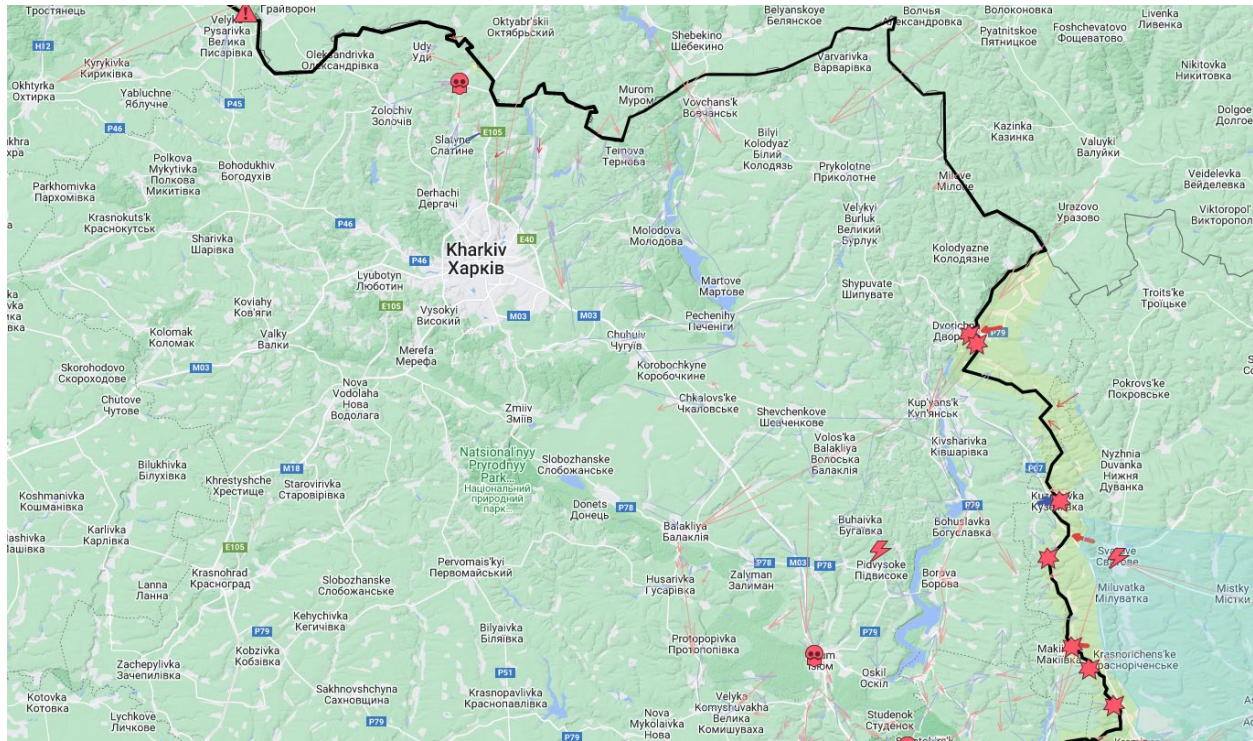
- Local officials reported that 8,000 civilians are living in five temporary assistance centers, with more relocated to the Kursk, Bryansk, Voronezh, Kaluga, and Moscow regions ¹²
- that Russian forces are not in nor can enter Novaya Tavolzhanka, and an estimated 100 civilians remain in the settlement ¹³
- PMC Wagner leader Yevgeny Prigozhin said out loud that the Russian Federation might use nuclear weapons on its own soil, "No matter how foul the idea to throw a powerful bomb on their territory...Isn't it because we are retreating in the Belgorod region, allowing them [*Russian partisans – Ed.*] to advance, that it's too scary to throw it [*tactical nuclear weapon – Ed.*] at someone else, but we'll throw at our own. Let's show how bold and mentally ill we are." ¹⁴

¹² <https://t.me/vvgladkov/2499>

¹³ <https://t.me/bbbreaking/157129>

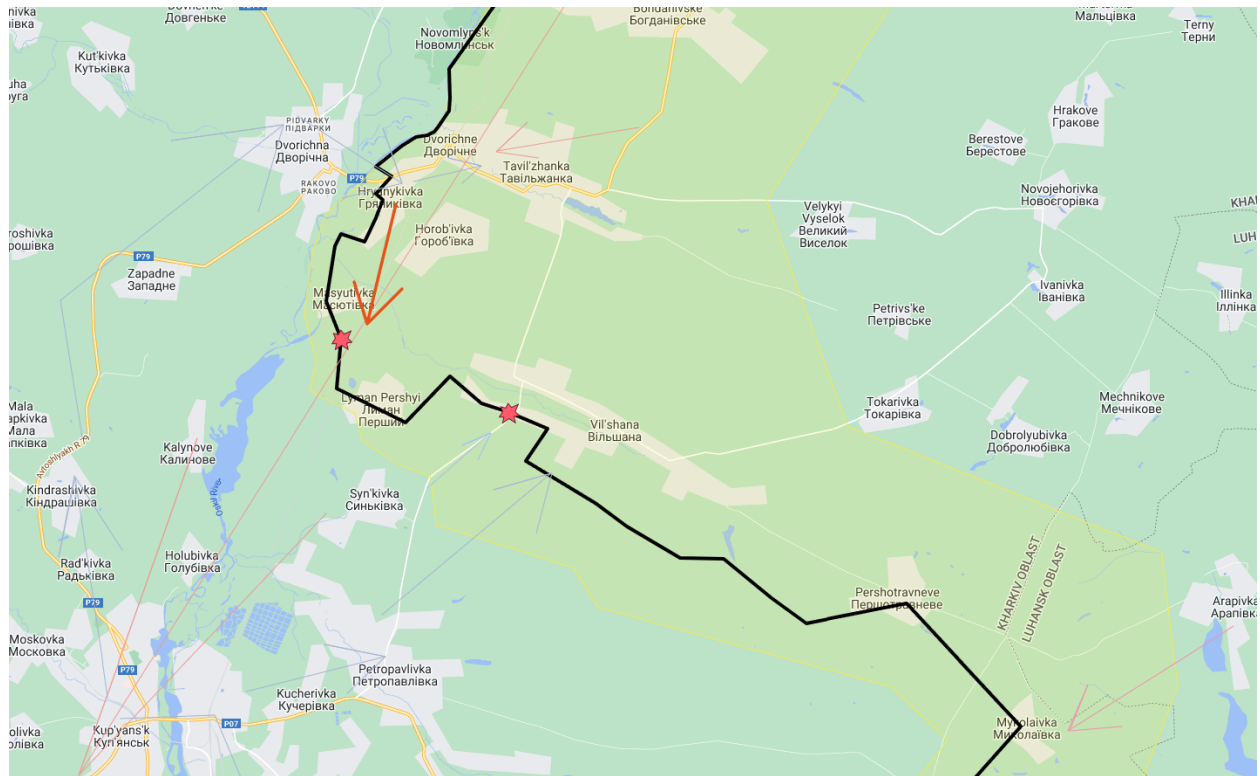
¹⁴ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32538>

KHARKIV



Russian Objective: Prepare for the Ukrainian offensive, hold current defensive lines, and terrorize Ukrainian civilians near the line of conflict

Ukrainian Objective: Liberate the northeastern corner of the oblast, hold defensive lines in the Dvorychna and Kupyansk Operational Areas, protect civilians and civilian infrastructure



Dvorichna Operational Area

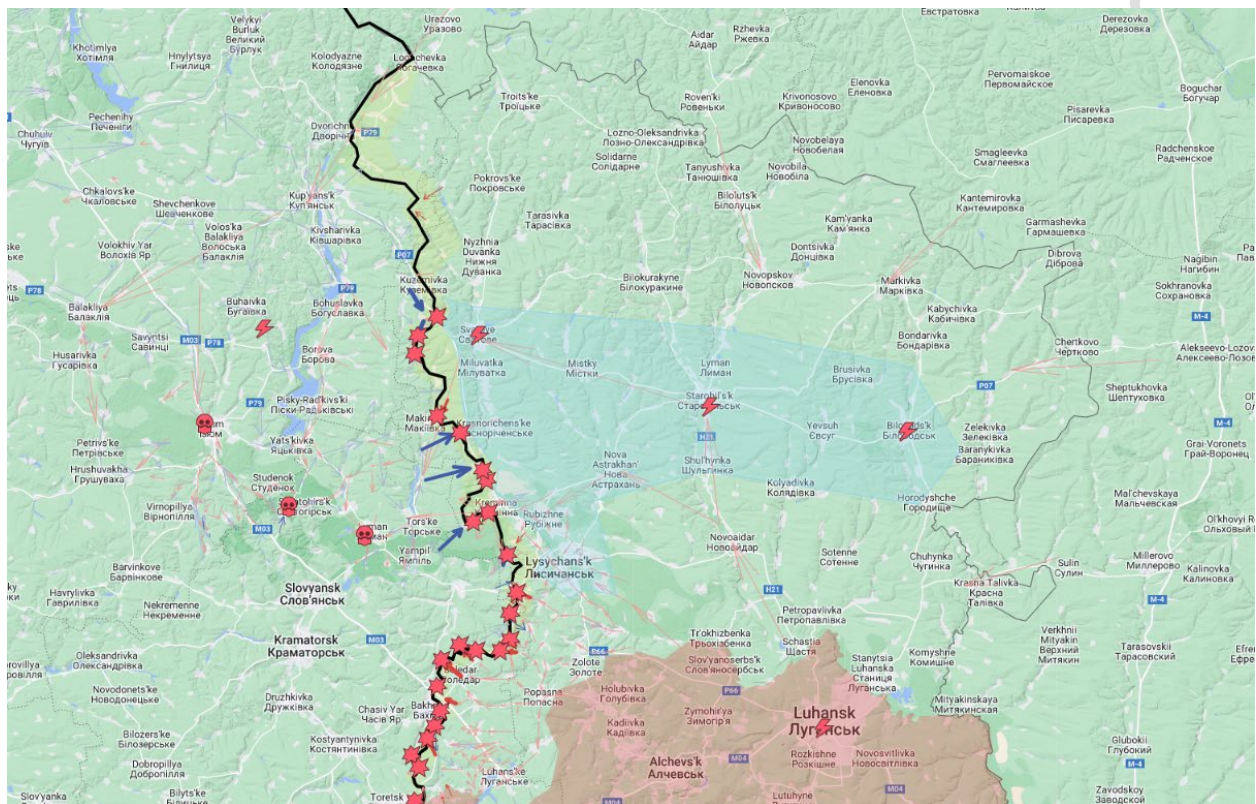
- Ukrainian source DeepState reported continued fighting in the area of [Masyutivka](#), with no change in the situation ¹⁵
- Kharkiv Oblast Administrative and Military Governor (OVA) Oleg Sinegubov reported that Russian forces fired six artillery shells at a pumping station for an ammonia pipeline near Masyutivka, saying “the situation is under control” ¹⁶

¹⁵ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16769>

¹⁶ <https://t.me/synegubov/6379>

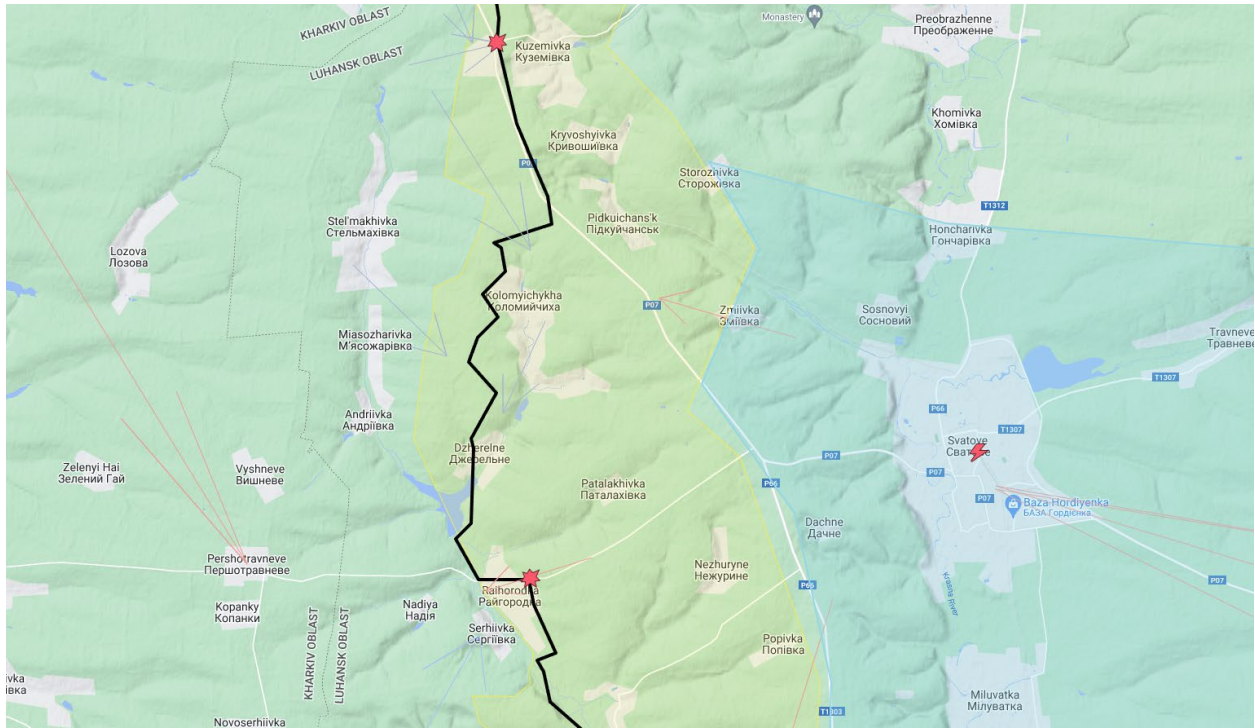
DONBAS REGION

LUHANSK



Russian Objective: Prepare for the Ukrainian offensive, prevent further Ukrainian advances, control insurgent activity

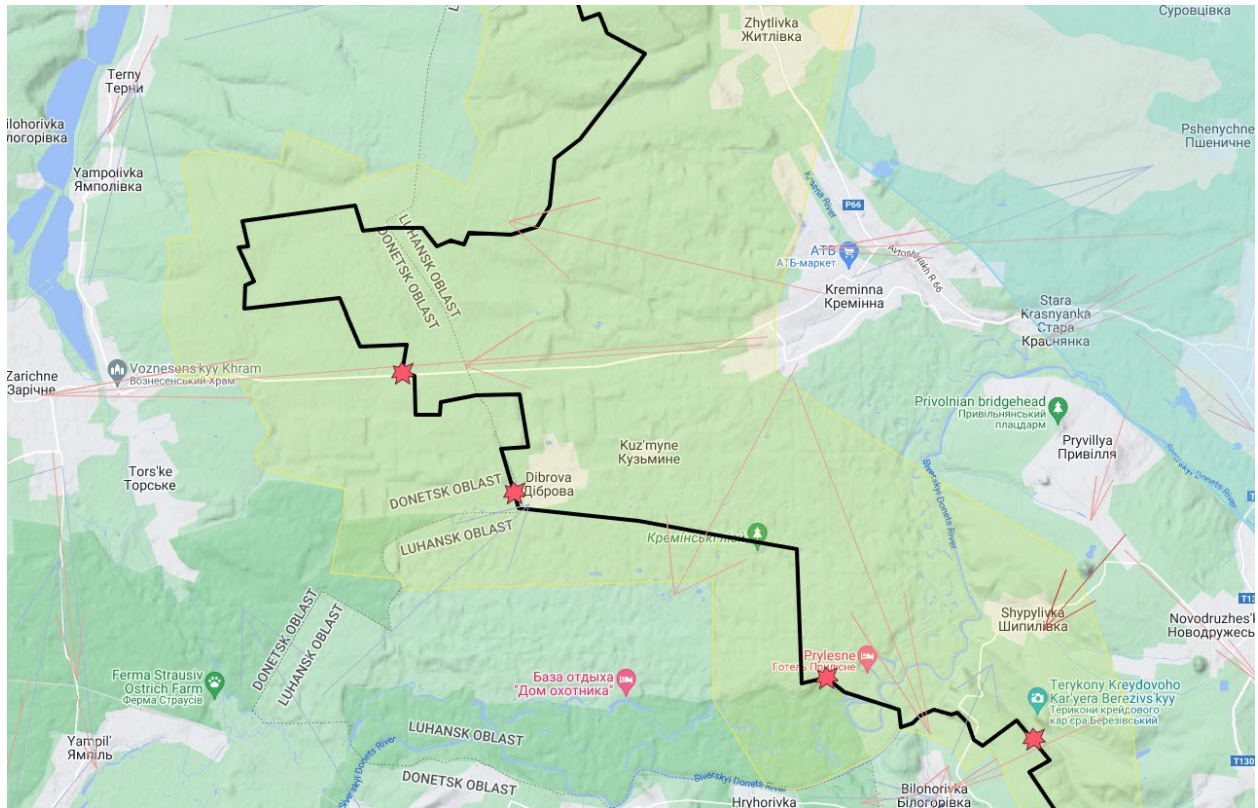
Ukrainian Objective: Break Russian defensive lines, advance on Svatove, Kremynna, and Lysychansk, and support insurgents



Svatove Operational Area

- Russian mercenary milblogger WarGonzo reported continued fighting in the area of [Novoselivske](#) with no change in the situation ¹⁷

¹⁷ <https://t.me/wargonzo/12980>



Kreminna Operational Area

- The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (GSAFU) reported a Russian attack “in the area” of Kreminna, which was unsuccessful ¹⁸
- The Russian Ministry of Defense (RMOD) and DeepState reported continued fighting in the area of [Kuzmyne](#) with no change to the situation ^{19 20}

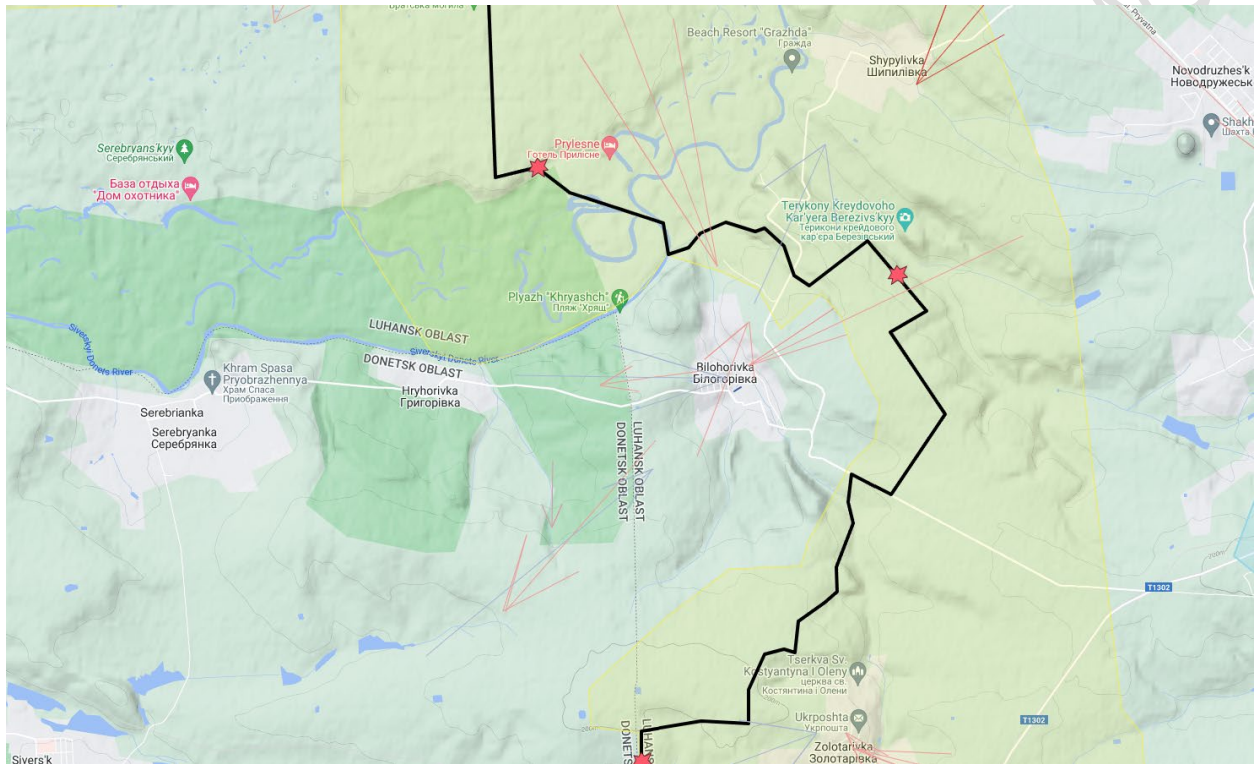
¹⁸ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

¹⁹ https://t.me/mod_russia/27150 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

²⁰ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16769>

- Ukrainian sources reported renewed fighting in the Serebryansky Woods with no change in the situation

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Lysychansk Operational Area

- Russian and Ukrainian sources reported heavy fighting in the area of Bilohorivka, with Russian forces

²¹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16769>

suffering losses before retreating to their previous defensive lines^{22 23 24}

Occupied Luhansk

- In Trotske, the Lantrativka Railroad Station was hit by six rockets fired by HIMARS, with local residents reporting no casualties and that railroad infrastructure was destroyed²⁵

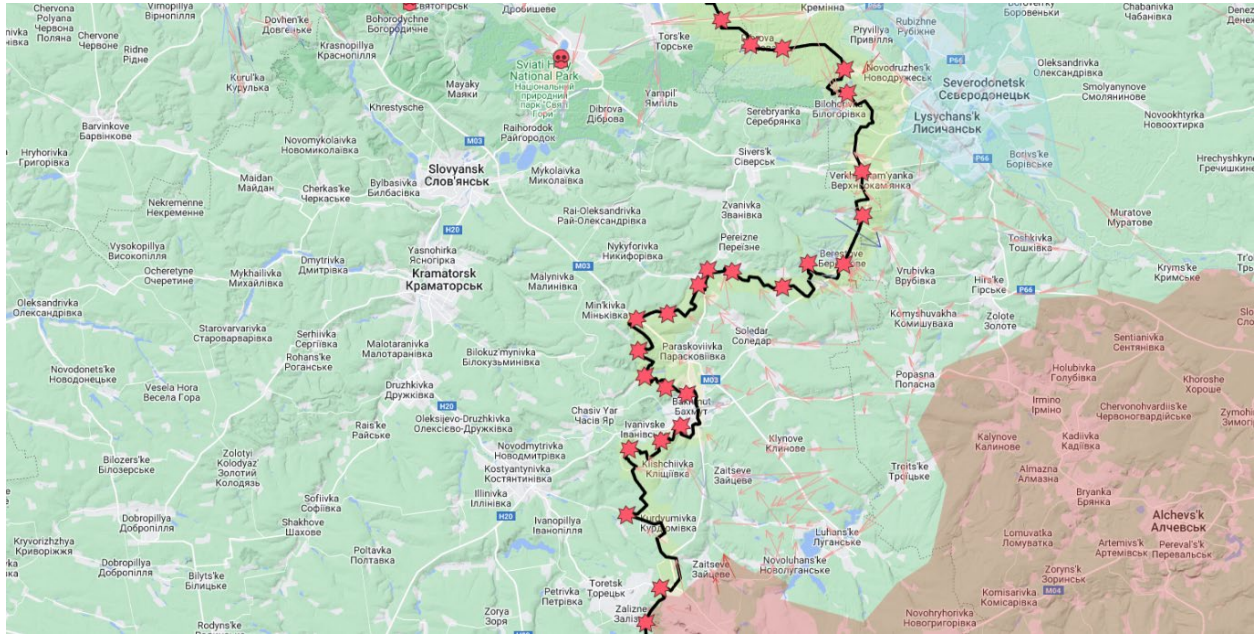
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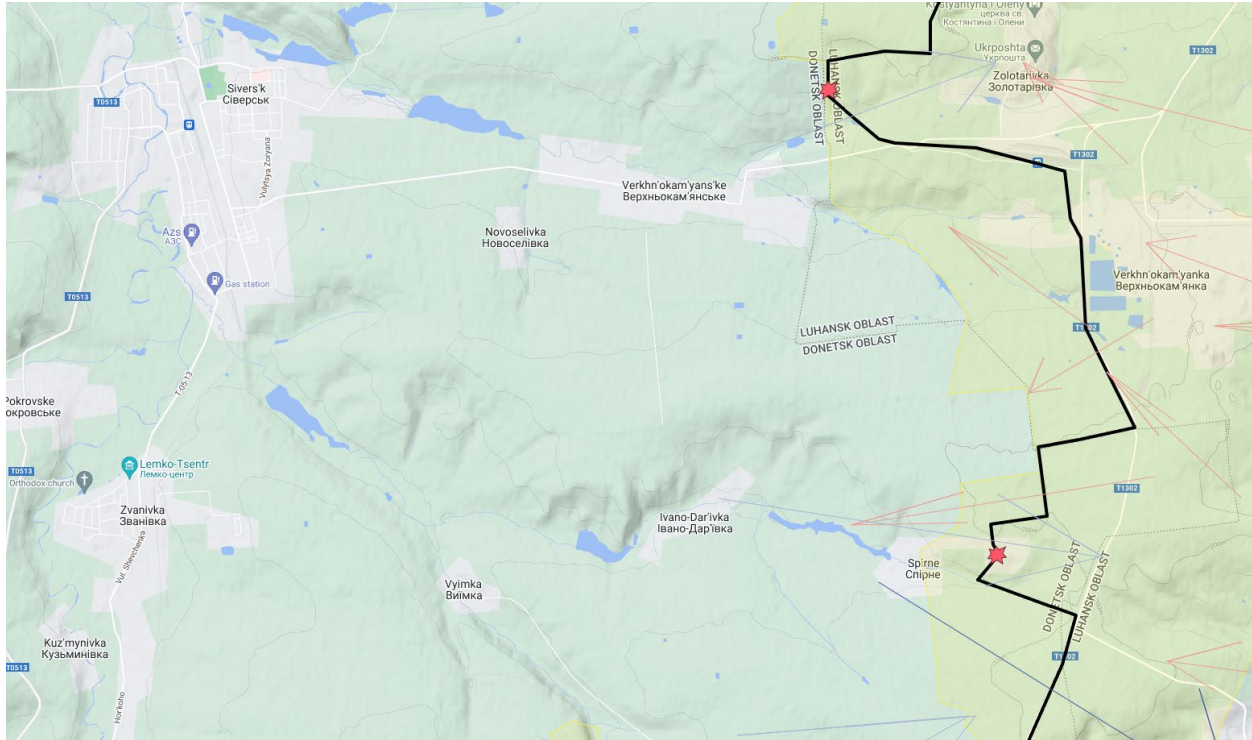
²⁵ https://t.me/miroshnik_r/11702

NORTHEAST DONETSK



Russian Objective: Capture Bakhmut, set conditions to attack Kramatorsk, Slovyansk, and Siversk, and capture the entire region

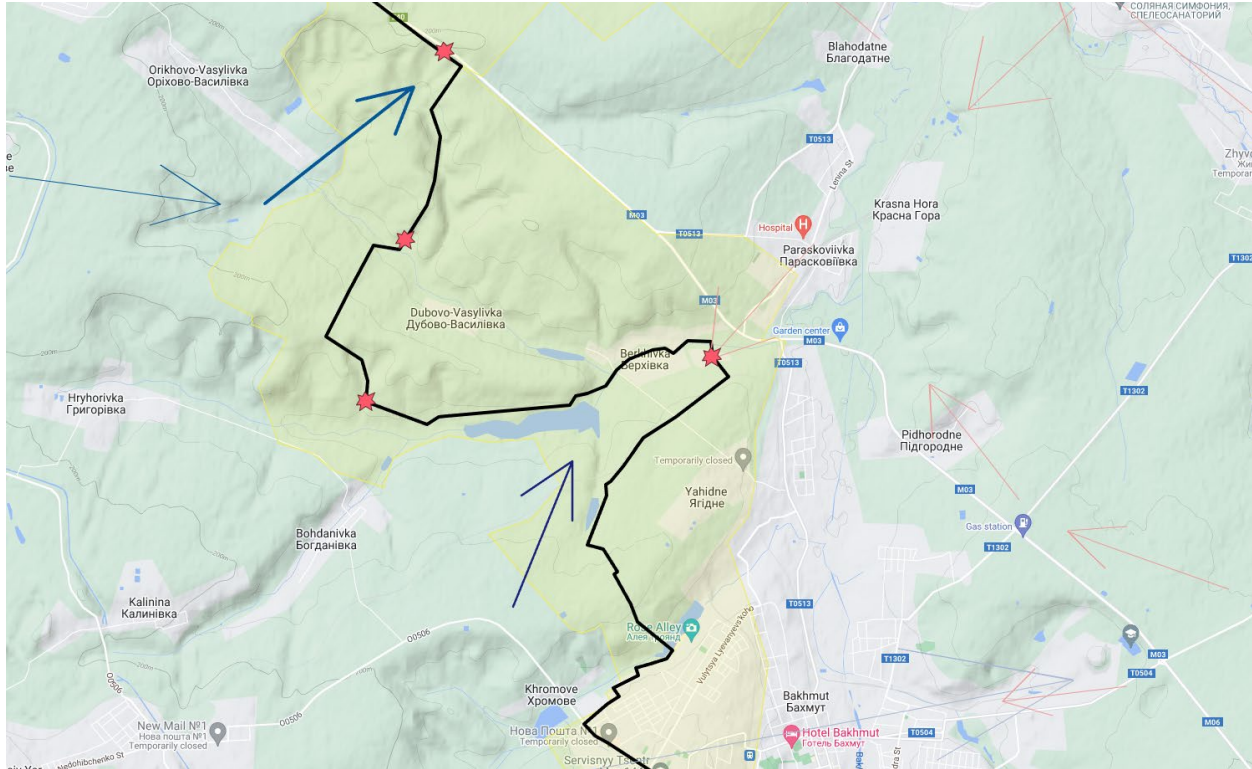
Ukrainian Objective: Defend Siversk and Bakhmut, push into the Luhansk oblast, and minimize civilian casualties



Siversk Operational Area

- WarGonzo reported that Russian forces attempted to advance into [Spirne](#) and were unsuccessful ²⁶

²⁶ <https://t.me/wargonzo/12980>




Northwest Bakhmut

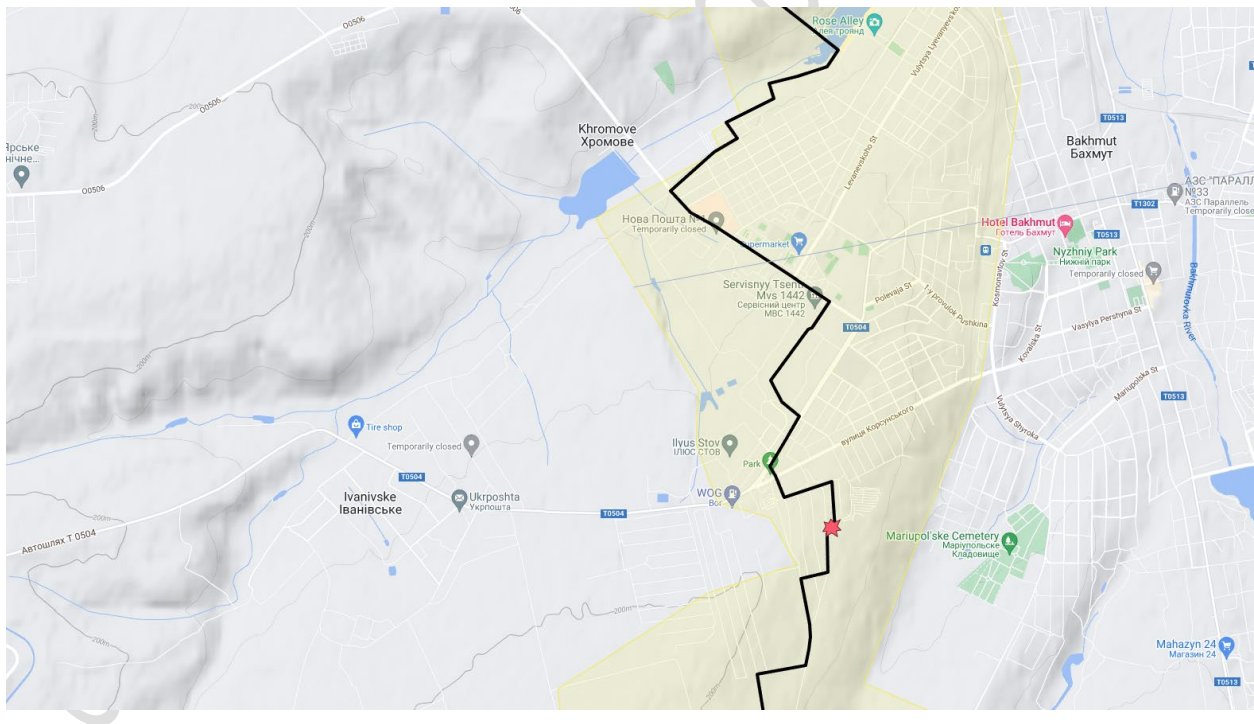
- Russian mercenary milblogger Rybar reported that Ukrainian forces had pushed through Russian defenses in [Berkhivka](#) to the M-03 Highway, advancing toward Paraskoviivka and aligning with other reports on June 5 of a significant Ukrainian advance in the area ²⁷
- RMOD vehemently denied that Ukrainian forces made any advance toward Berkhivka ²⁸
- After we adjusted our war map based on terrain analysis, a video showed a Russian tank advancing

²⁷ <https://t.me/rybar/48094>

²⁸ https://t.me/mod_russia/27150 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

along the train tracks just south of Berkhivka,  [firing at Ukrainian positions, and then becoming stuck on the train tracks](#) ²⁹

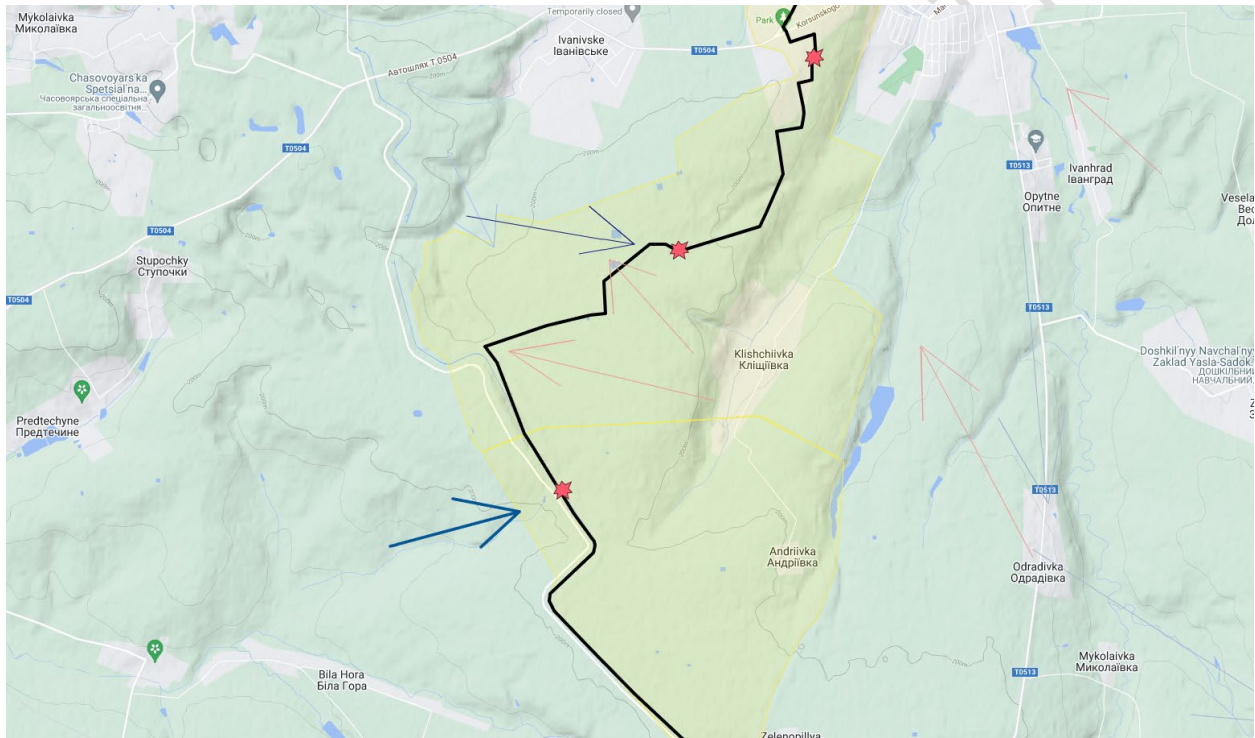
- The location of the tank aligned with our map changes and confirmed that Ukrainian forces were operating due west of the position, verifying the advance
- **ASSESSMENT:** The Russian salient in Dubovo-Vasylivka has likely become untenable, with the Russian M-03 Highway GLOC very difficult to travel



²⁹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16763>

Bakhmut

- Rybar reported that Ukrainian forces were on the offensive in the Litak region of southwest Bakhmut ³⁰
- We assess Ukrainian forces hold 3.0% of the city in three pockets



³⁰ <https://t.me/rybar/48094>

Klishchiivka Operational Area

- Russian and Ukrainian sources reported that Russian attempts to retake lost positions in the direction of [Ivanivske](#) failed ^{31 32}
- GSAFU and DeepState reported that a Russian offensive out of [Klishchiivka](#) failed, while RMOD reported Ukrainian forces were on the offensive, and Russian mercenary milblogger WarGonzo reported that Ukrainian forces made territorial gains and establishing fire control over the area ^{33 34 35 36}

³¹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

³² <https://t.me/wargonzo/12980>

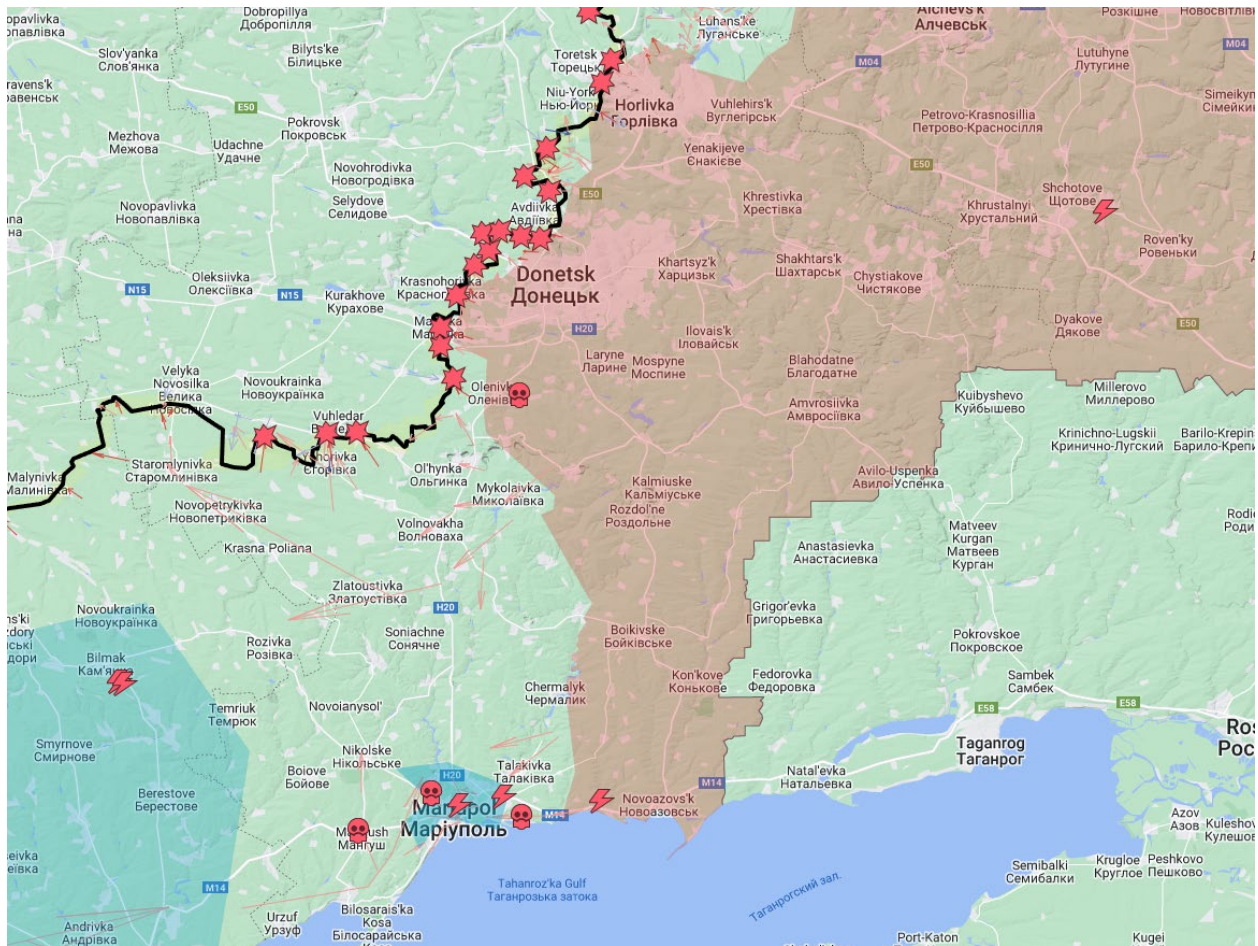
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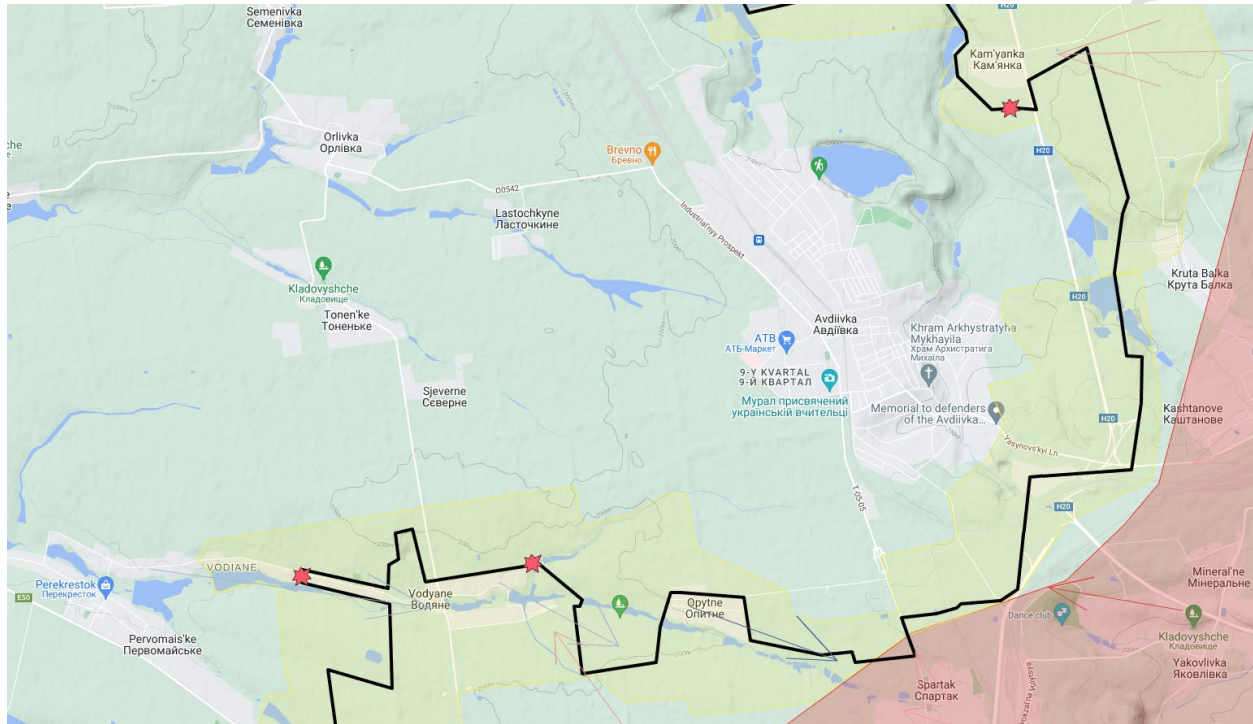
SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK



Russian Objective: Prepare for the Ukrainian offensive, consolidate gains made during the winter offensive, and set conditions for September 2023 elections

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



Avdiivka Operational Area

- GSAFU reported a Russian advance in the direction of [Avdiivka](#), which failed ³⁷
- DeepState reported a Russian attack from [Opytne](#) failed, with Russian forces suffering heavy losses, while our favorite FSB Colonel, convicted war criminal, Kremlin pariah, and failed mobik, Igor Streklov Girkin, reported that Ukrainian forces had entered the

³⁷ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

settlement, with WarGonzo denying Girkin's claim^{38 39}
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- **ASSESSMENT:** Due to the conflicting reports from what we consider reliable and semi-reliable sources, we did not update the map, and this is indicative of the significant increase in hybrid warfare in the information space
- Ukrainian sources reported fighting in the gray area between Vodyane and [Sjeverne](#), with Russian forces suffering heavy losses before retreating to their previous defensive line^{41 42}
- Russian forces attempted to advance on the Ukrainian firebase at [Nevelske](#) and were unsuccessful⁴³

³⁸ <https://t.me/strelkovii/5289>

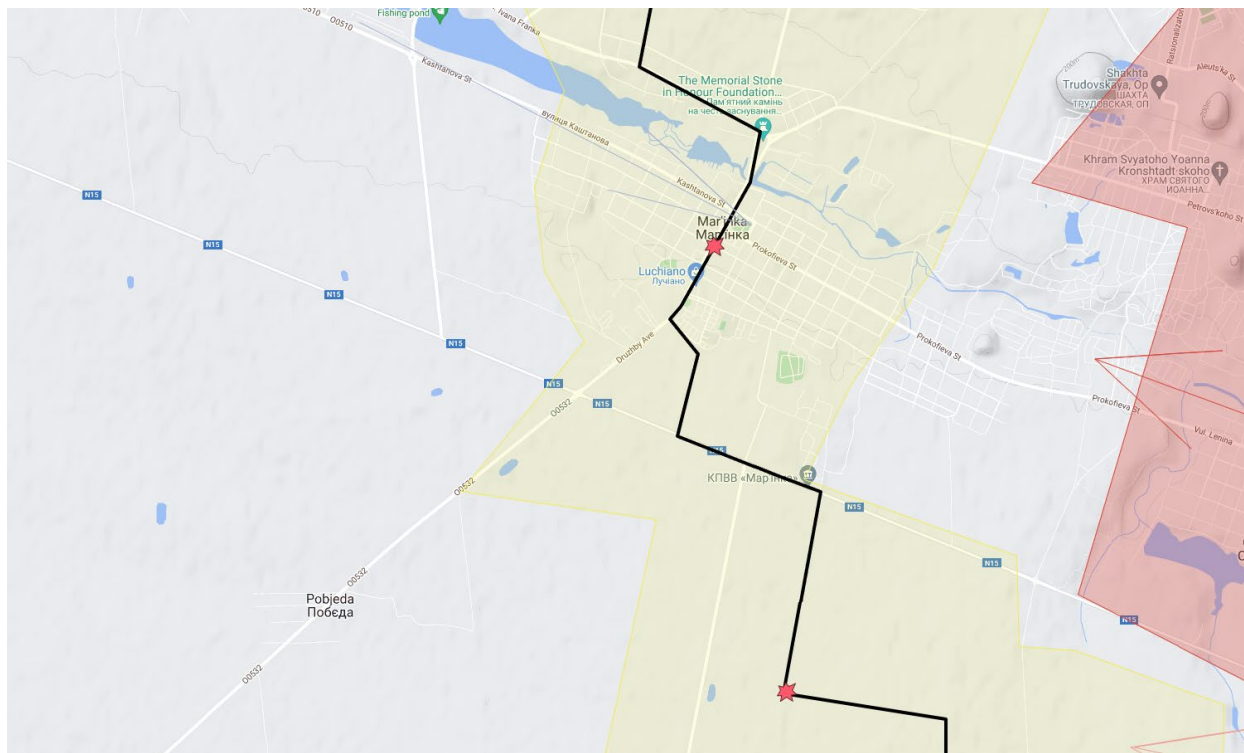
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Marinka Operational Area

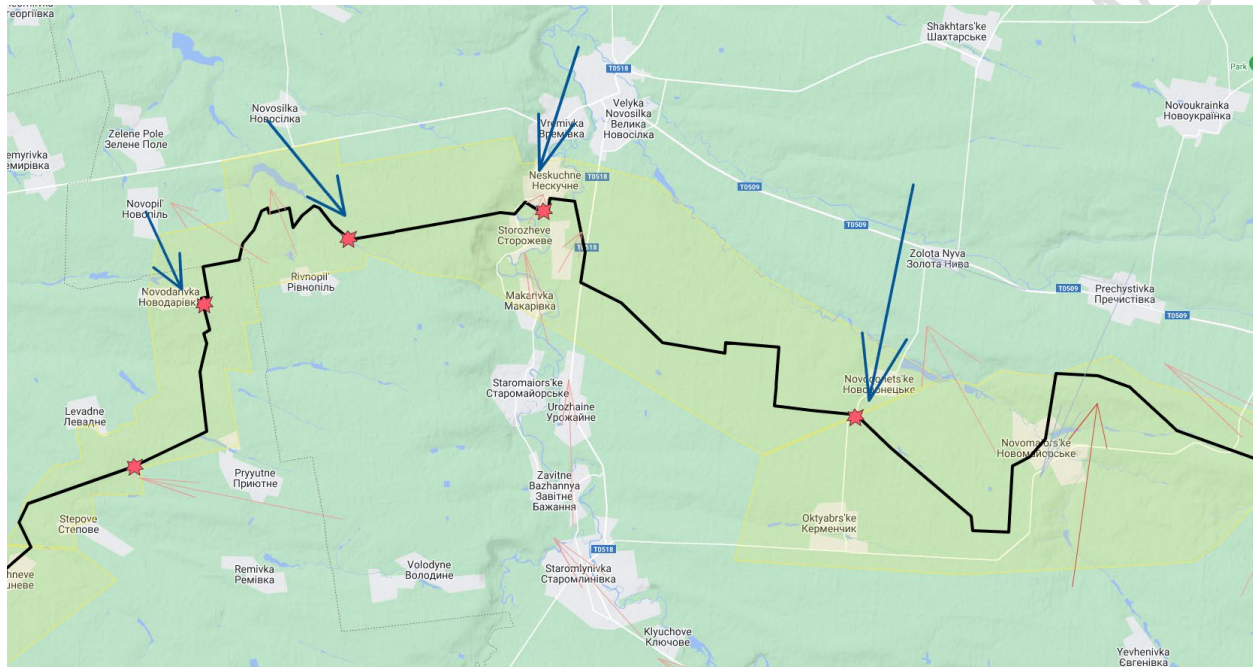
- As we check the calendar to see if this is a day that ends in "y," Chechen forces of the Akhmat 54th Motor Rifle Brigade and the Russian 5th Motor Rifle Brigade of the 1st Army Corps, supported by the VKS continued their attacks on [Marinka](#) without success ^{44 45 46}
- We have our first TikTok video from the Chechen Akhmat in Marinka, but unlike previous videos where the only thing endangered was windows, street signs, traffic lights, and birds, the Chechen soldiers 

⁴⁴ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

⁴⁵ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

⁴⁶ <https://t.me/wargonzo/12980>

appeared to be questioning their life choices operating in an area where very competent soldiers are fighting back ⁴⁷



Velyka Novosilka Operational Area

- ***Editor's Note:*** Due to the significant amount of disinformation coming from this operational area and very little acknowledgment from GSAFU that there are ongoing offensive operations, we will only report information from GSAFU or that we can visually confirm and geolocate from publicly available sources

⁴⁷ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/3986

- There were numerous reports of continued fighting in the area of [Novodonetske](#) ⁴⁸
- GSAFU reported that Russian forces attempted to advance on [Novosilka](#) and were unsuccessful
- We acknowledge there are multiple reports from Levadne in Zaporizhia to Pavlivka in the Vuhledar Operational Area, but we cannot verify these claims
- On the subject of disinformation, RMOD released a video claiming to show the [destruction of a Leopard 2 main battle tank \(MBT\)](#) in the Velkya Novosilka Operational Area by a Kh-52 helicopter ⁴⁹
- Within minutes of publishing, multiple Russian milbloggers and social media accounts had fact-checked the claim, identifying the video is a year old, and the target was a John Deere 4830 Sprayer ⁵⁰
- Fact-checkers included Kremlin-aligned Rybar, who wrote, "We wish the authorized department of the Ministry of Defense would check the published materials even more carefully, and statements about the destruction of a Leopard 2 should be made only after unambiguous evidence."⁵¹


⁴⁸ https://t.me/aleksandr_skif/2721

⁴⁹ <https://twitter.com/Tendar/status/1666106391025664005/>

⁵⁰ <https://twitter.com/wartranslated/status/1666094209978470403>

⁵¹ <https://t.me/rybar/48121?single>

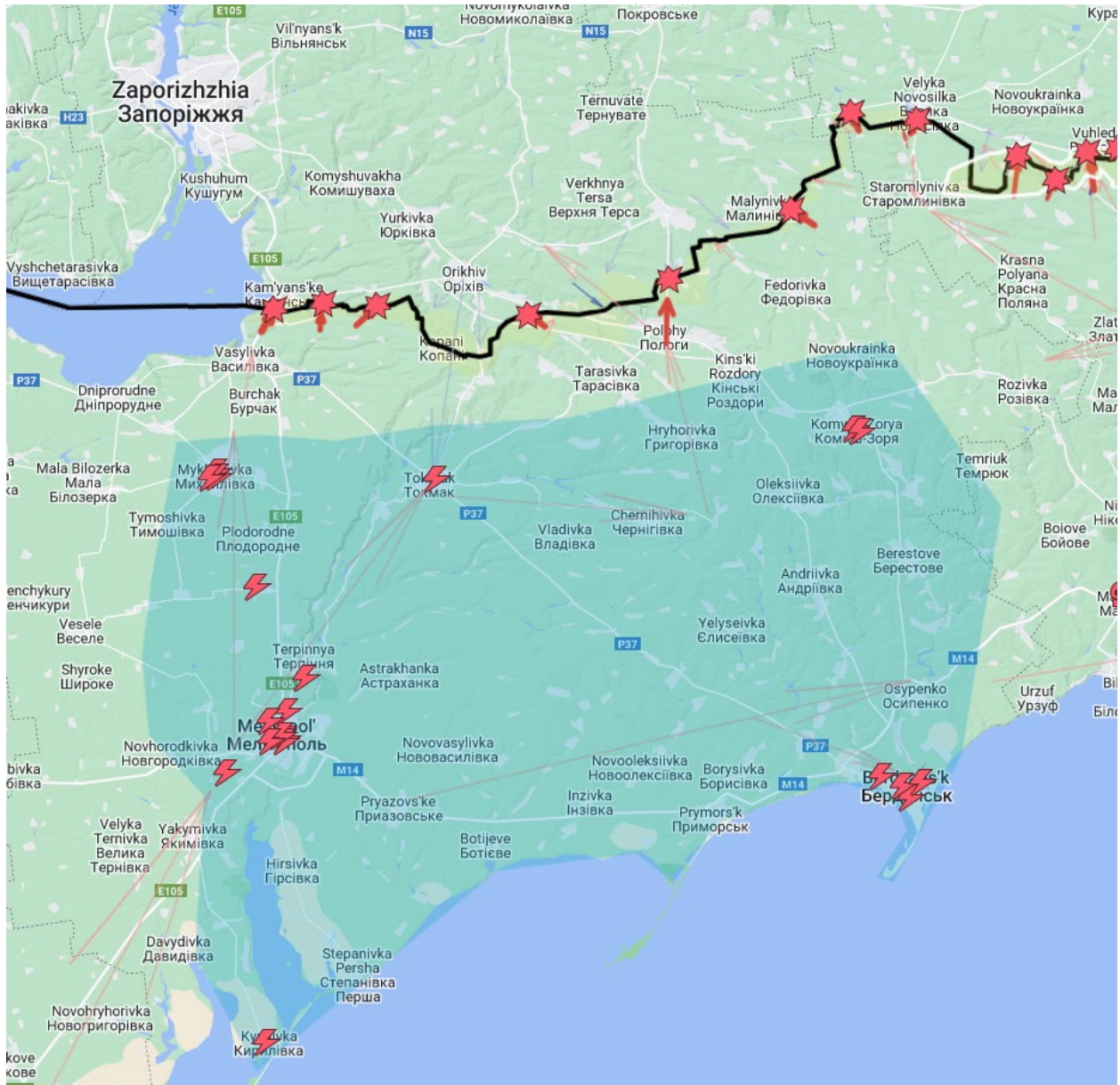
Occupied Donetsk

- Insurgents reported an explosion  [in Mariupol in the main port area](#) but did not provide any other information ⁵²
- In the city of Donetsk, power was knocked out to 73,350 households due to artillery shelling ⁵³

⁵² <https://t.me/andriyshTime/10494>

⁵³ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/79300>

ZAPORIZHIA




Russian Objective: Prepare for a Ukrainian offensive, and terrorize Ukrainian civilians with continued attacks

Ukrainian Objective: Liberate Russian-occupied areas, prevent further Russian advances, exploit weaknesses on the line of conflict, and protect civilians

Free Zaporizhia

- Ukrhydroenergo said that the ongoing flooding from the Kakhovka dam failure would crest on Wednesday morning local time, in another two to four days, the "reservoir will cease to exist," and within ten days, the flooding will be over ⁵⁴

Occupied Zaporizhia

- In Pryyutne,  [drone-directed artillery hit a building](#) holding a concentration of Russian troops ⁵⁵
- WarGonzo reported that Russian positions in Mikhailovka were attacked, and in our assessment, likely by rockets fired by HIMARS ⁵⁶
- Russian positions in Tokmak were hit by 10 to 12 rockets fired by HIMARS, with no other information available at the time of publication ⁵⁷

⁵⁴ <https://t.me/zaborzp/45954>

⁵⁵ <https://twitter.com/DefMon3/status/1666086144638066690>

⁵⁶ <https://t.me/wargonzo/12980>

⁵⁷ <https://t.me/zaborzp/45940>

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

- Chief State Inspector for Nuclear and Radiation Safety of Ukraine Oleg Korikov reported that Energoatom had created a contingency plan in October 2022 on how to mitigate the loss of water from the Kakhovka Reservoir due to the destruction of the Kahkhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant (KHPP) ⁵⁸
- Korikov said that the lowered water level of the Kakhovka Reservoir should not affect the state of nuclear and radiation safety of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), "provided that these measures are implemented and provided that all power units of the ZNPP will be in a stop [*cold shutdown – Ed.*] state."
- IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi reported the water level at Kakhovka Reservoir had been falling throughout the day, but there was no short-term risk to nuclear safety and security ⁵⁹
- Grossi reported that the reservoir was dropping by 5 to 9 centimeters per hour and had fallen to a level of 15.44 meters by 20:00 hours local time – dropping 83 centimeters in 10 hours

⁵⁸ https://t.me/energoatom_ua/13448

⁵⁹ [International Atomic Energy Agency](#)

- It was confirmed that the minimum level to continue to access the reservoir for cooling water into the secondary reservoir is 12.8 meters
- The IAEA reported that the water pressure for the ZAES cooling tanks had dropped “significantly”⁶⁰
- Grossi reported that as long as the six reactors remain in shutdown mode, there is enough cooling water for the reactors and spent fuel stored onsite for “several months” and that he will join the new inspectors when they rotate to ZNPP next week to evaluate the situation personally



BLACK SEA, CRIMEA, MYKOLAIV, AND ODESA REGION

Crimea

- A barge with radar reflectors was installed at the entrance of Streletskaya Bay in Sevastopol, identical to the barges that were used around the Atonovskyy Bridge in Kherson during the Russian occupation, and was ineffective⁶¹
- Russian air defense shot down their own reconnaissance drone over occupied Crimea, first

⁶⁰ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4031

⁶¹ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32486>

claiming they downed a Ukrainian drone using electronic warfare, but a video   [showed a burning object falling from the sky](#), indicating it had been hit by anti-aircraft fire ⁶²

- The crashed debris was identified as an Iranian-sourced Mohajer-6 UAV used by Russia ⁶³
- On February 26, 2022, the Russian Federation Armed Forces blew up the dam holding back the Crimea Canal, which provides irrigation water to occupied Crimea – on June 6, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, “The fact that Russia deliberately destroyed the Kakhovka Reservoir, which is also important for providing Crimea with water, indicates that the occupiers have already realized that they will have to flee Crimea.”⁶⁴
- The illegitimate gauleiter of occupied Nova Kakhovka, Vladimir Leontiev, said that due to the explosion of the hydroelectric power station, problems could arise with the supply of water to Crimea through the North Crimean Canal ⁶⁵
- The illegitimate Russian mayor of Sevastopol, Mikhail Razvozhayev, said the destruction of the Kakhovka Reservoir wouldn't affect the city's water supply in any way because “the city uses its own reservoir, water

⁶² <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32610>

⁶³ <https://t.me/milinfoLive/101788>

⁶⁴ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32618>

⁶⁵ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32478>

reserves are at their maximum, and there are also backup sources of water supply."⁶⁶

- **Editor's Note:** *Well, thank goodness the Russian military based in Sevastopol doesn't have to worry about water like pensioners and farmers in other parts of Crimea do.*

Mykolaiv

- Backflow on the Pivdennyi River from the flooding on the Dnipro has caused the water to rise 32 centimeters in the city of Mykolaiv, according to mayor Alexander Sienkevych, who added there was not a threat of flooding⁶⁷

⁶⁶ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32478>






⁶⁷ <https://t.me/senkevichonline/4617>

WESTERN AND CENTRAL UKRAINE

Russian Objective: Launch terror attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure to break morale

Ukrainian Objective: Deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

Free Ukraine

- In Kherson,  [houses were collapsing in low-lying areas](#) due to rising flood waters ⁶⁸
- In the Korabel District, people were stuck on their roofs, waiting to be rescued ⁶⁹
- Ukrainian officials reported 1,3356 homes had flooded along the west bank of the Dnipro in Free Ukraine
- Pictures and videos showed   [serious flooding](#) in Antonivka ⁷⁰
-  [And in](#) Belozerka ⁷¹
- And in Sadove where  [houses close to the river had flooded](#) to the first floor ⁷²




⁶⁸ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/79390>

⁶⁹ <https://t.me/suspilnenews/21515>

⁷⁰ <https://t.me/The3rdForceUA/17436>

⁷¹ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/7973

⁷² https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/7946

-  [And in Tyahynka, Burhunka, and Odradokamyanka](#)⁷³
- Even as rescue and evacuation efforts were ongoing,  [Russian forces continued to shell Kherson](#)⁷⁴
- Kherson Oblast OVA Alexander Prokudin reported two police officers were injured in the Ostriv Microdistrict due to Russian artillery strikes⁷⁵
- Ukraine  [responded to the Russian artillery strikes](#) with counterbattery fire⁷⁶
- Oleksii Danilov, Secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council, said President Zelenskyy convened an emergency meeting of the National Security Council due to the situation at KHPP
- President Zelenskyy said after the meeting, "For more than a year, Russia has controlled both the dam and the entire Kakhovskaya hydroelectric power station. It is physically unrealistic to somehow blow it up from the outside – by shelling. It was mined. It was mined by the Russian occupiers and blown up by them."⁷⁷
- Zelenskyy also stated that Ukraine intends to file a lawsuit against Russia in the International Criminal

⁷³ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32569>

⁷⁴ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/7948

⁷⁵ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/6/7405659/>

⁷⁶ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/7938

⁷⁷ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32545>

Court in The Hague in connection with the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam ⁷⁸

- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg wrote, "The destruction of the Kakhovka Dam today puts thousands of civilians at risk and causes serious environmental damage. This is an outrageous act that once again demonstrates the brutality of Russia's war in Ukraine." ⁷⁹
- The head of the European Council, Charles Michel, said he was shocked by the attack on KHPP and blamed the Russian Federation for it, calling the incident a "war crime." ⁸⁰
- British Foreign Secretary James Cleverley said, "It's worth remembering that the only reason this problem has arisen at all is Russia's unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine," adding that it is too early to make "any meaningful assessment of the details" ⁸¹
- General Director of Ukrhydroenergo, Igor Syrota, vowed to rebuild the dam and replace the power station, saying the cost would be at least US\$1 billion and would take five years ⁸²
- The Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine reported that the loss of the Kakhovka Dam would cut off

⁷⁸ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32586>

⁷⁹ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32531>


⁸⁰ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32479>

⁸¹ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32533>

⁸² <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32573>

irrigation to Ukrainian farmlands in both free and occupied territories, including 94% of Kherson, 74% of Zaporizhia, and 30% of Dnipropetrovsk, potentially creating a devastating blow for world grain and edible oil markets ⁸³

Occupied Kherson

- After initially dismissing the threat, Nova Kakhovka suffered some of the worst flooding, with water rising as much as 10 meters ⁸⁴
- In what may be the most bizarre declaration from any official since February 24, 2022, Russian collaborator and illegitimate governor of occupied Kherson Vladimir Saldo, made a statement in Nova Kakhovka  [declaring that all is well and people are going about their business](#) while in the background as he speaks, the area around him is completely flooded with water halfway up the first floor of the Nova Kakhovka Recreation Center ^{85 86}
- Saldo denied any animals died at the Nova Kakhovka Zoo, claiming the animals had been removed well before the flooding – in our assessment, this is a false claim

⁸³ <https://t.me/itsdonetsk/79394>

⁸⁴ flooded <https://t.me/epoddubny/16264>

⁸⁵ <https://twitter.com/i/status/1666073714209988618>

⁸⁶ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/32562>

- Russian propagandist Alexander "Sasha" Kots reported that Oleshky "📷 [is almost completely flooded](#)" ⁸⁷
- Civilians were 📺 [on the roofs of homes](#) in Oleshky, awaiting evacuation ⁸⁸
- Hola Prystan was 📺📷 [experiencing significant flooding](#) ⁸⁹
- The news publication The Insider reported one week before the Kakhovka Dam collapse, Russian authorities authorized waiving investigations of accidents at hazardous facilities that occurred because of "military operations" and terrorist attacks through January 1, 2028, including hazardous production facilities and accidents at hydraulic structures ⁹⁰
- Providing heartwarming sentiment, Russian State Duma Deputy Alexei Zhuravlyov explained the destruction of the Kakhovka dam wasn't a problem for the Russian army because Ukrainians are cockroaches and proposed distributing Ukrainian land to Russians ⁹¹

⁸⁷ <https://t.me/sashakots/40156>

⁸⁸ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4057

⁸⁹ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/7950

⁹⁰ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/06/6/7405523/>

⁹¹ <https://twitter.com/JuliaDavisNews/status/1666277668994547712>

Dnipropetrovsk

- President Zelenskyy said there would be big problems with drinking water in “non-flooded areas, in particular Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia,” adding the “consequences will be clear about a week after the water recedes.”⁹²
- There were a handful of reports of some businesses profiteering from bottled water sales in Kryvyi Rih, with Ukrainian officials quickly moving to normalize prices

⁹² https://t.me/our_odessa/48133

NORTHERN AND NORTHEASTERN UKRAINE

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

Ukrainian Objective: Complete the liberation of the Kharkiv oblast, maintain the integrity of the international border, deter attacks, and protect civilian lives

There wasn't any significant activity in this region.

THEATERWIDE

The table for Russia versus Ukrainian equipment losses based on information from the Oryx Database has been updated for May 31, 2023.

RUSSIA VS. UKRAINE HEAVY EQUIPMENT LOSSES

Russian and Ukrainian visually confirmed heavy equipment losses sourced from the [Oryx Database](#) from February 24, 2022, to May 31, 2023. 10,468 Russian vs. 3,451 Ukrainian

Equipment	Russian Losses	Ukrainian Losses	Ratio	Change
Main Battle Tanks	1871	197	9.50:1	↑
Medium Duty Tanks	130	309	0.42:1	—
Armored fighting Vehicles	863	277	3.13:1	↓
Infantry Fighting Vehicles	2366	543	4.36:1	—
Armored Personnel Carriers	309	265	1.17:1	—
MRAPs	43	58	0.74:1	—
Infantry Mobility Vehicles	189	316	0.60:1	↓
Command and Communications Vehicles	243	13	18.69:1	↑
Engineering Vehicles	306	57	5.37:1	—
Towed Artillery	224	124	1.81:1	↑
Self-Propelled Howitzers/Mortars	405	161	2.51:1	↓
MLRS	202	45	4.48:1	↑
SAMs	114	114	1.00:1	↓
Mobile Radars	32	60	0.53:1	—
EW/ECW	37	2	18.50:1	—
Winged Aircraft	82	66	1.24:1	—
Helicopters	90	30	3.00:1	—
Naval Vessels	12	26	0.46:1	—


Notes on Sourcing Information


Malcontent News uses a wide range of sources to create our daily Situation Report, the foundation for the Russian-Ukraine War Report Podcast. There are some notable sources that we frequently use and others that we don't. The most common sources currently, or in the past, we have used for the Theater of War section of the Situation Report include the following.


⚠️ **Russian Ministry of Defense Morning Report:** We use the RMOD Morning Report to identify combat reports, shelling locations, and territorial control change claims. We do not consider claims of Ukrainian troops killed, equipment destroyed, or military resources destroyed valid without videos and pictures that can be confirmed by date, time, weather, and geolocation, or third-party confirmation from recognized Western news outlets or trusted Ukrainian sources.


⚠️ **Rybar:** We consider Rybar a mercenary organization because they are staffed by former Russian Ministry of Defense public relations officers who actively provide target information to the Russian military. Their operational budget is \$20,000 a month, while they claim they receive no government funding. We use their reports and maps to identify combat reports, territorial control change claims, and troop movement reports. We do not use claims of Ukrainian troops killed, equipment destroyed, or military resources destroyed because of a documented and historical pattern of producing fabrications. They frequently engage in blatant misinformation and disinformation and consistently deny all Russian war crimes.


⚠️ **War Gonzo:** We consider War Gonzo a mercenary organization because their employees have recorded themselves actively engaging in direct combat, specifically in Marinka. Recently, War Gonzo admitted in their daily report to leveraging the information from the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. They intermix combat reports with their own on a 24-hour delay. We use their reports for **unique claims** about combat, territorial control change claims, and troop movement reports. Although the War Gonzo daily reports are moderately accurate, they occasionally engage in blatant disinformation and misinformation.

 **Readovka:** We consider Readovka to be a Kremlin-aligned propagandist organization. Their daily reports are a word-for-word repeat of the RMOD Morning Report and provide no value to our analysis. They occasionally provide credible information through videos and pictures that can be confirmed by date, time, weather, and geolocation.

 **Igor "Girkin" Strelkov:** We consider Strelkov to be a convicted war criminal who is highly informed, specifically about the situation in the Donbas. We use his combat reports, territorial control change claims, and troop movement information. In the Donbas, we consider his reports to be highly accurate. The fidelity of information he provides in Zaporizhia, Kherson, and Kharkiv appears to come from other social media channels with a history of spreading misinformation and is of lower quality. Reports he shares outside of the Donbas provided by Russian Federation 1st Army Corps units have greater fidelity.

 **Andrei Morozov:** Morozov is a pro-Russian milblogger and a radio communications and logistics specialist with the Russian 2nd Army Corps. We consider him a provider of high-quality information, especially within his fields of specialty. In the fall of 2022, Morozov was detained by OMON for up to three weeks due to his content and has had his online material censored by the Kremlin several times over the last 11 months.

 **Private Military Company Wagner Group Social Media:** We consider reports from PMC Wagner of Russian victories as overstating gains and reports of Russian failures, particularly among the Russian Ministry of Defense and the 1st and 2nd Army Corps of the Russian Army, as overstating problems. We do not consider claims of territorial control changes from Wagner as authentic without pictures, videos, or **unique** Russian State Media reports that include a video that can be geolocated.

 **Luhansk People's Republic Joint Center for Control and Coordination:** We only use their reports about large-scale artillery and HIMARS strikes in the occupied territories.

⊖ **Leonid Pasechnik:** We do not use any combat, territorial control changes, troop movements, casualty claims, or equipment destroyed claims from the self-declared leader of the so-called Luhansk People's Republic.

⚠ **Donetsk People's Republic People's Militia:** We only use their reports for videos and pictures that can be confirmed by date, time, weather, and geolocation.

⊖ **Donetsk People's Republic Territorial Defense:** We do not use combat, territorial control changes, troop movements, casualty claims, or equipment destroyed claims from their public relations and social media channels. They have repeatedly engaged in misinformation and disinformation.

⊖ **Denis Pushilin:** We do not use any combat, territorial control changes, troop movements, casualty claims, or equipment destroyed claims from the self-declared leader of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic.

⚠ **Ramzan Kadyrov:** The contribution and impact of Chechen forces in Ukraine have become minimal, and Akhmat no longer produces large volumes of video content that can be geolocated. We continue to monitor his channels.

✅ **General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine:** We consider the morning and evening reports, specifically combat reports, territorial control changes, and troop movements, from GSAFU to be high quality. The Ukrainian General Staff uses clever wording to create plausible deniability of battlefield failures. Combat reports start with "repelled attacks of the occupant forces in the vicinities of," which negates reporting fighting in areas where territory was lost. Instead of misinformation or disinformation, GSAFU engages in omission. Reports about problems within the Russian military are given more weight if the SBU or GUR reinforces them or if there is added confirmation in the Russian milblogger information space.

✅ **DeepState:** We use the Daily Report from DeepState for combat reports and territorial control changes. They frequently support their claims with geolocated, time, date, and weather-confirmed pictures and videos, making them a high-quality Ukrainian-based source. They occasionally overstate Russian territorial control claims but never present disinformation or

misinformation. Combined with the reports from GSAFU, gaps in combat reports are filled. We support DeepState through their Patreon at \$10 a month.

✔ **Institute for the Study of War:** We occasionally leverage the map and territorial control change information produced by the ISW when there is conflicting data. Their presentation of Russian-assessed, Ukrainian-assessed, and Russian-claimed information is helpful when our analysts have to make a judgment call due to the absence of verifiable information. We do not copy from their map but take their territorial control information as an additional data point when assessing our own changes.

⚠ **Ivan Fedorov:** We use information about insurgent activity and HIMARS strikes in Zaporizhia provided by Fedorov, the exiled mayor of Melitiopol.

✔ **Vitaly Kim:** When there are reports of potential air raids in Ukraine, we monitor Kim, the Mykolaiv Oblast Administrative and Military Governor, for realtime reports. Kim is consistently one of the first, if not the first, Ukrainian government official to confirm kamikaze drones or missiles have been launched toward Ukraine.

⊖ **Oleksiy Arestovych:** We no longer use the information provided by Arestovych after being fired from his role as the Chief Advisor to the President of Ukraine. Before being terminated, Arestovych had developed a reputation for providing exaggerated, unverified, and false claims for Ukrainian successes and failures.