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SUMMARY – DAY 171

It has been 3,087 days since Russia occupied Crimea on February 27, 2014.

Elements of the 2nd Army Corps of the Luhansk People's Republic (LNR), supported by the Russian Federation Armed Forces, continued their efforts to advance on Ivano-Darivka, Vyimka, and Vesele. They renewed efforts to advance on Spirne, including an airstrike by the Russian air force.

Near Bakhmut, Russian VDV performed reconnaissance on the eastern edge of Soledar and came under fire. They retreated to previous defensive positions.

PMC Wagner, supported by LNR separatists, tried to advance on Yakovlivka, Bakhmut, and Vershyna without success.

In the Svitlodarsk bulge fighting for control of Kodema continued. The General Staff reported continued fighting for Zaitseve and the settlement being hit by an airstrike. North of Donetsk, Russian forces attempted to advance on Krasnohorivka and were unsuccessful.

The 1st Army Corps of the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) continued its offensive to capture Pisky. After massive artillery shelling on August 12, they made further advances, with Ukrainian forces in the northern part of the settlement.

DNR and Ukrainian forces fought positional battles in Avdiivka and Spartak without changing the line of conflict.

Elements of the 1st Army Corps also attempted to advance on Marinka and were unsuccessful.

Russian forces made another attempt to advance on Pavlivka and tried to improve their position near Novopil and Prechystivka without success.

Russian forces attempted to advance on Pytomnyk and were unsuccessful. Russian and Ukrainian forces traded sporadic artillery, rockets fired from MLRS and indirect tank fire across the line of conflict. Northwest of Izyum, the Russian air force struck the settlement of Zalyman.

Russian forces attempted to advance in the direction of Nova Dmytrivka and Dolyna. Neither advance was successful.

Two platoons of Russian naval infantry attempted to push Ukrainian forces out of Lozove and were unsuccessful. Russian forces also attempted to advance on Andriivka but could not move the line of conflict.

Russian forces also attempted to advance on Shyroke and Oleksandrivka [Kherson] and were unsuccessful.

Mykolaiv Oblast Administrative and Military Governor Vitalii Kim reported that Russian military leaders were moving their command posts east of the Dnipro River. The move comes after multiple sources, and satellite images confirmed that all of the bridges into Kherson have been disabled.

There were reports of HIMARS strikes on seven Russiancontrolled settlements, including Velyka Blahovischenka, Melitopol, Nova Kakhovka, Chaplynka, Nyzhni Sirohozy, and Novotroitske.

Russian forces at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant fired 50 Grad rockets from MLRS at Nikopol and Marhanets.

Dmytro Zhivytsky, Sumy Regional Administrative and Military Governor, reported Esman, Khotin, Mykolaivka, Billopillia, Znob-Novhorodske, Nova Sloboda, Velyka Pysarivka, and Shalyhyne were shelled and hit by mortars. There were no casualties or major damage.

In Chernihiv, the settlements of Hremyach, Senkivka, and Pushkari were shelled.

Igor "Girkin" Strelkov was detained by the Russian military at the Crimean border, trying to enter Ukraine. The arresting unit outed his FSB alias by releasing a picture of his passport.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

We assess the following:

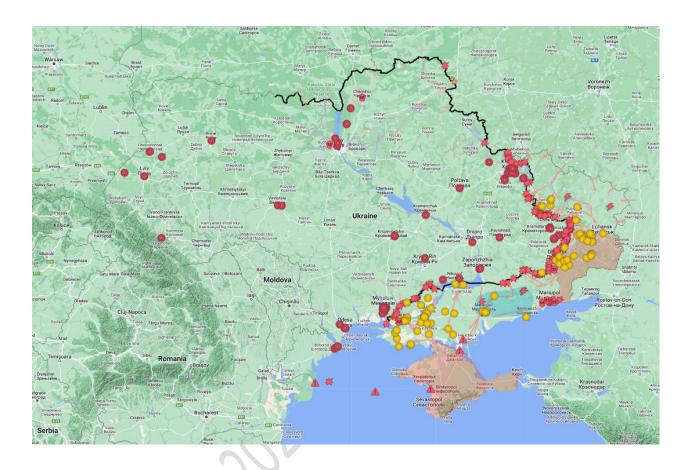
- 1. The latest round of bridge attacks has severed all the Ground Lines of Communications (GLOC – aka supply line) across the Dnipro in Kherson – logistics and supply for 25,000 Russian soldiers will be a significant issue.
- 2. The tension between the Kremlin and Strelkov is growing after his criticism likely was a bridge too far and his attempt to enter Ukraine allegedly as a "fighter."
- 3. Russian forces are initiating spoiling attacks in northeast Donetsk, likely attempting to pull Ukrainian resources from Bakhmut and Soledar to break what is turning into a stalemate.
- 4. The questions about a Ukrainian counteroffensive, including when, if, and where, are growing as Kyiv sends confusing messages on what is next.
- 5. Pro-Russian milbloggers are posting less as the war enters its sixth month with little progress and are becoming more aggressive in personal attacks with their readers and between each other.
- 6. Although Ukraine is fighting smart, managing resources, and working to preserve personnel, the

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numerical disadvantage in artillery firepower is enabling Russian forces to continue advancing slowly.

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TODAY'SWAR IN UKRAINE MAP

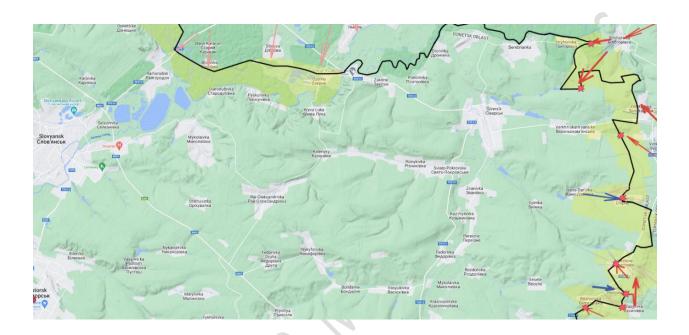


Information about changes made to the map: Red triangles are sites of significant events unrelated to missile attacks, insurgency, or ground combat, such as the sinking of the Moskva and the explosion at Saky Naval airbase. Based on your feedback, we have moved the "flags" into the category of "Archived Offensives." 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

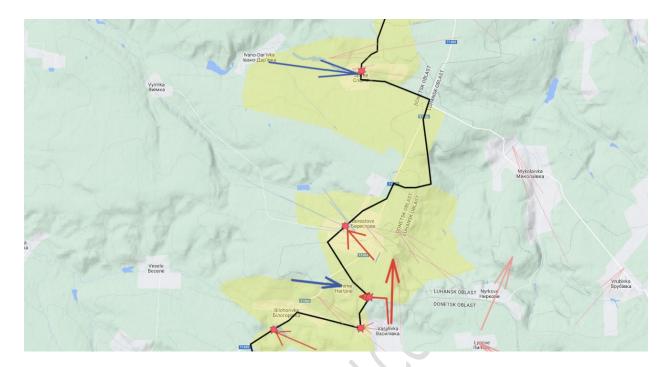


SLOVYANSK-BILOHORIVKA-BERESTOVE TRIANGLE



Russian Objective: Maintain territorial control and Ground Lines of Communication, control insurgency, and integrate captured territory into Russia

Ukrainian Objective: Prevent advances on Siversk, Slovyansk, and Kramatorsk, support insurgents, exploit weaknesses, interdict supplies



Elements of the 2nd Army Corps of the Luhansk People's Republic (LNR), supported by the Russian Federation Armed Forces, continued their efforts to advance on <u>Ivano-</u> <u>Darivka</u>, <u>Vyimka</u>, and <u>Vesele</u>.¹ They renewed efforts to advance on <u>Spirne</u>, including an airstrike by the Russian air force.²

The settlements east and south of <u>Siversk</u> were shelled, including <u>Verkhnokamyanske</u> and <u>Hryhorivka</u>.

¹ General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - Facebook

² General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - Facebook

Further west along the Siveskyi Donets River, <u>Kryva Luka</u> was shelled.

Russian state media agency ANNA shared a <u>heavily edited</u> <u>video</u> recorded in different locations claiming a convoy of Russian main battle tanks, a battery of self-propelled howitzers, infantry fighting vehicles, and supply trucks were heading toward the direction of Siversk.³

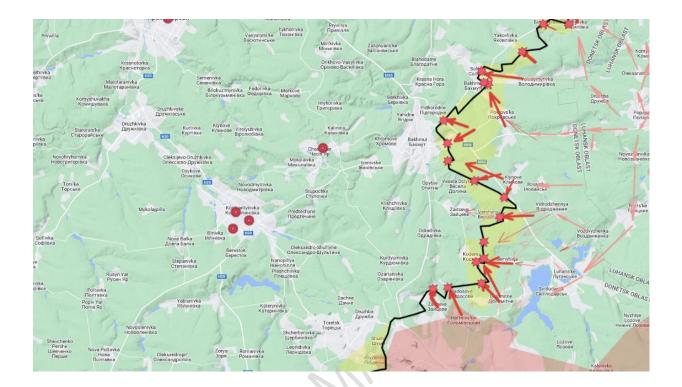
ASSESSMENT: We believe there will continue to be sporadic fighting in this region, but we don't anticipate renewed significant combat operations before the fall mud season begins. The Russian offensive to capture Soledar and Bakhmut has stalled out. We reported yesterday that Private Military Company Wagner Group was rotating out of Soledar after suffering 50% losses and becoming combat destroyed.⁴

In our assessment, the small Russian offensives are an attempt to pull Ukrainian combat resources away from other axes. Troop movements and the intensity of artillery fire will be monitored. A significant increase of artillery fire will precede a more considerable offensive effort.

³ https://twitter.com/RALee85/status/1558522311434805248

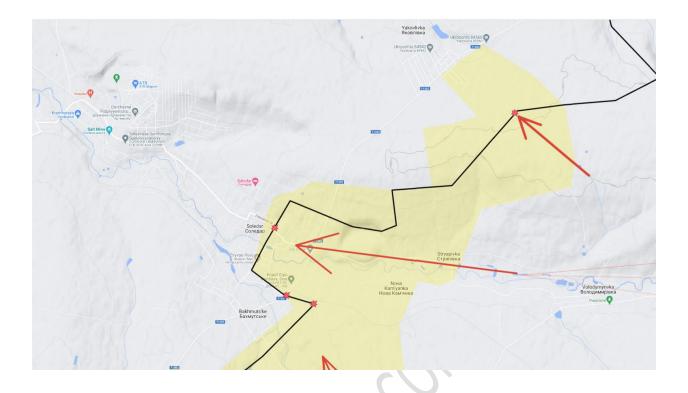
⁴ <u>Malcontent News Russia-Ukraine War Situation Report for August 12, 2022</u>

BAKHMUT

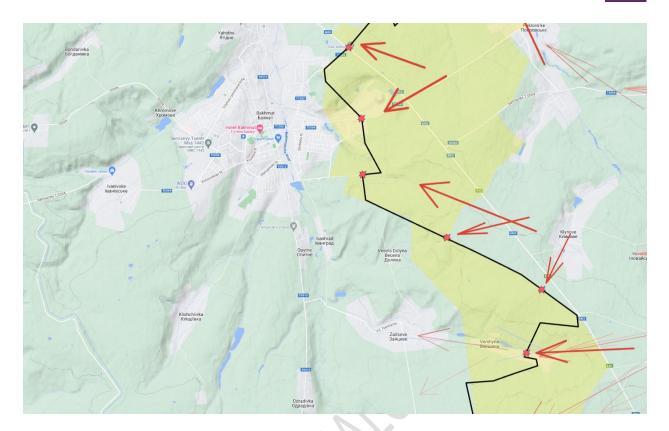


Russian Objective: Capture the Bakhmut-Soledar complex and collapse the Svitlodarsk salient before August 31, interdict the Bakhmut-Siversk T-5013 Highway GLOC

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

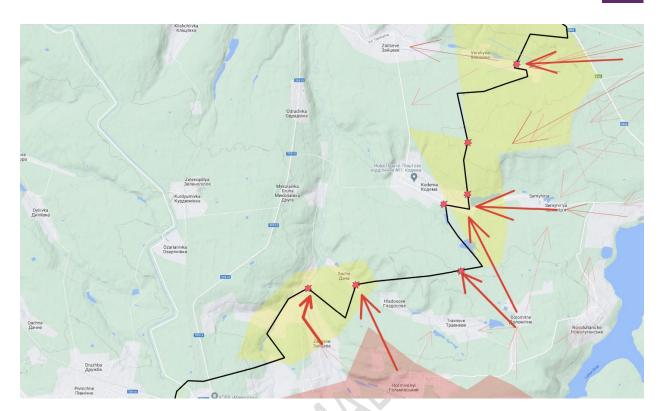


The ongoing troop rotation east of Bakhmut reduced operational tempo. Private Military Company (PMC) Wagner Group is rotating out from <u>Soledar</u> with Russian airborne forces (VDV) taking over the advance. Russian VDV performed reconnaissance on the eastern edge of Soledar and came under fire. They retreated to previous defensive positions. The Russian air force launched air strikes on <u>Bakhmutske</u> and Soledar.



PMC Wagner, supported by LNR separatists, tried to advance on <u>Yakovlivka</u>, <u>Bakhmut</u>, and <u>Vershyna</u> without success.

<u>Vesela Dolyna</u> was shelled again in what we believe are strikes on Ukrainian positions for a coming offensive to capture the settlement.



In the Svitlodarsk bulge fighting for control of <u>Kodema</u> continued. The General Staff reported continued fighting for <u>Zaitseve</u> and the settlement being hit by an airstrike. On August 12, we reported there was a very reliable report that Zaitseve was under Russian control.⁵ We did not update the <u>Russia-Ukraine War Map</u> today and left the settlement as contested.

ASSESSMENT: Unchanged from August 8

⁵ <u>Malcontent News Russia-Ukraine War Situation Report for August 12, 2022</u>

In simplest terms, grunts with guns take territory, and grunts with guns hold territory. The Russian military doesn't have enough well-trained and well-equipped grunts with guns to support multiple offensive operations near Bakhmut and Donetsk while reinforcing defensive lines in Zaporizhia and Kherson.

The situation east of Soledar and Bakhmut has stabilized, but defending troops eventually must be rotated.

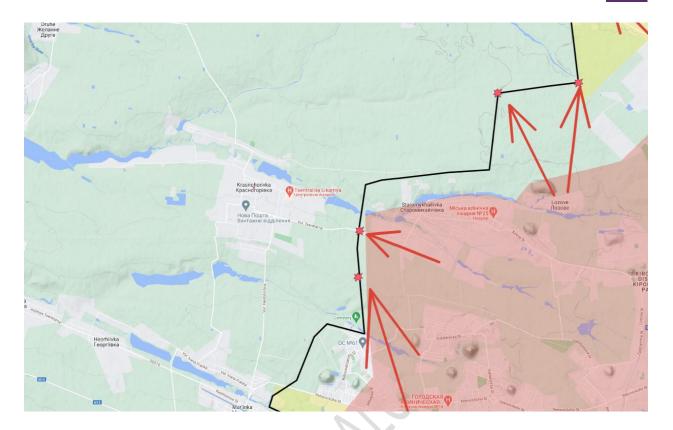
In attritional warfare, Ukraine can't compete. The question is, does Russia have enough troops left to throw at Soledar and Bakhmut and write off the casualties?

SOUTHWEST DONETSK AND WESTERN ZAPORIZHIA

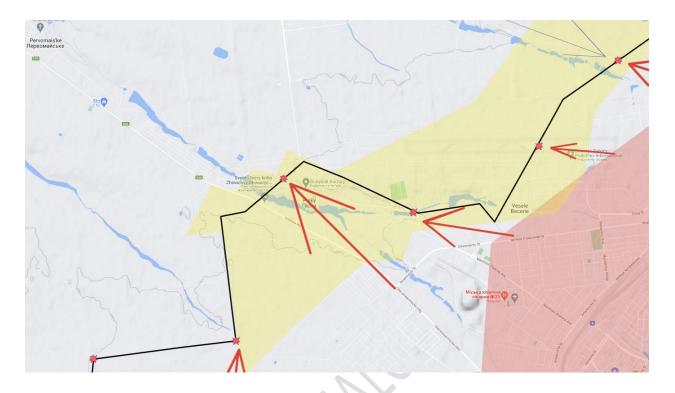


Russian Objective: Capture the Donetsk oblast to its administrative borders before August 31, push Ukrainian forces out of firing range of Donetsk city, defend the existing line of conflict in Zaporizhia to the Dnipro River

Ukrainian Objective: Defend the existing line of conflict while finding and exploiting weaknesses, destroy troop concentrations and command and control sites, interdict supplies and disrupt logistics, and prepare for or convince Russian forces they are preparing for a widescale counteroffensive



Russian forces attempted to advance on <u>Krasnohorivka</u> from the outskirts of Donetsk and were unsuccessful.



The 1st Army Corps of the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) continued its offensive to capture <u>Pisky</u>. A video by Russian state media showed their forces moving through the area that was hit by TOS-1 multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) thermobaric weapons. Ukrainian forces had abandoned the positions.⁶

A <u>second video</u> showed Ukrainian positions in Pisky being shelled by Russian artillery.⁷ We could geolocate two of the three locations. The first location was north of the settlement near Vesele and the international airport

⁶ https://t.me/nm_dnr/8746

⁷ https://t.me/nm_dnr/8750

[48°04'56.9"N 37°40'11.4"E]. The second location was along the ponds in the northwestern part of Pisky [48°03'56.6"N 37°39'33.1"E]. We tentatively geolocated the third location south of the Butivka Mine ventilation shaft compound [48°02'16.5"N 37°40'05.5"E]. We had previously assessed that this area was under Russian control, but our current line of conflict is just west of the position. We have left the map unchanged.

The latest report from the General Staff reported that fighting continued in Pisky, and the latest advance from the DNR failed. It also reported fighting in <u>Pervomaiske</u>, which is northwest of Pisky, and would imply that Russian forces have captured Pisky and continued to advance.⁸

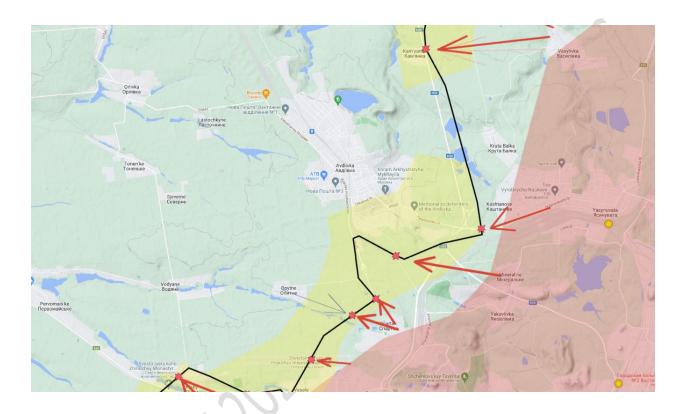
ASSESSMENT: At the time of publication, we could not determine if "near" Pervomaiske implies fighting in northwest Pisky is spilling over or if fighting is in Pervomaiske itself.

The Russian Ministry of Defense made its second claim that it has complete control of Pisky – with the first claim on August 5.⁹ Based on the information provided by Russian

⁸ General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - Facebook

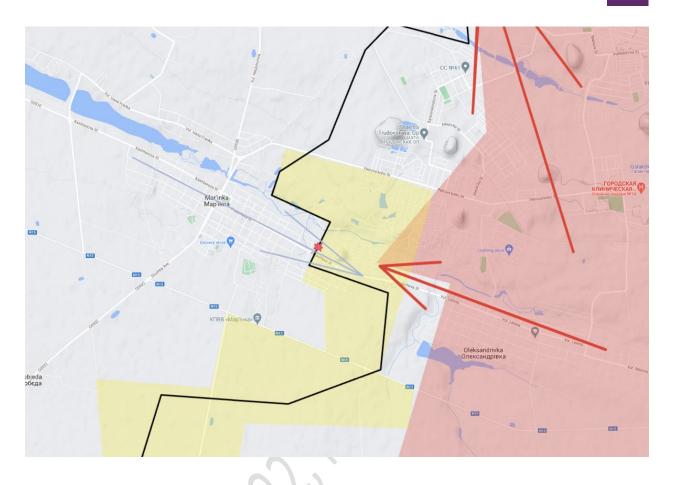
⁹ https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/08/13/687300/Russia-takes-full-control-of-Pisky-village-in-Donesk

state media and social intelligence, we believe Russian forces control 75% of the village.



DNR and Ukrainian forces fought positional battles in <u>Avdiivka</u> and <u>Spartak</u> without changing the line of conflict.¹⁰

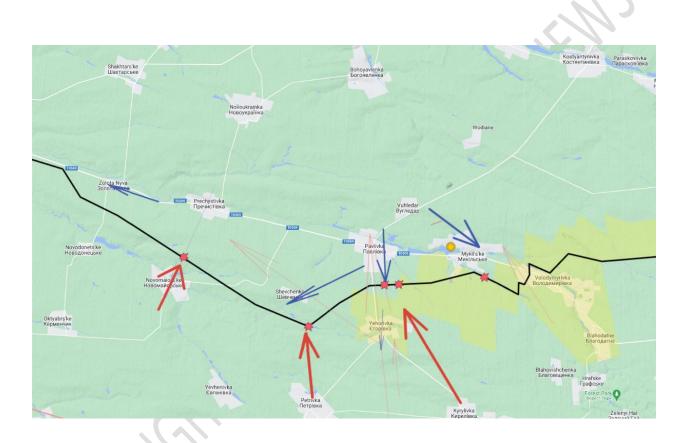
¹⁰ https://t.me/voynareal/31175



Elements of the 1st Army Corps also attempted to advance on <u>Marinka</u> and were unsuccessful. A video released by the Donetsk People's Republic <u>showed that their forces had not</u> <u>advanced</u> from the southwestern neighborhoods of the Donetsk suburb.¹¹ The video featured the mining waste heap but showed no evidence that DNR forces occupied or controlled the key defensive position. We did not update the map.

¹¹ https://t.me/nm_dnr/8723

Russian and Ukrainian forces fired artillery, mortars, and rockets from multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS) from <u>Horlivka</u> to <u>Donetsk</u> city to <u>Velyka Novosilka</u> in the Donetsk oblast and <u>Hulyaipole</u> to <u>Orikhiv</u> to <u>Kamyanske</u> in Zaporizhia.



Russian forces made another attempt to advance on <u>Pavlivka</u> and tried to improve their position near <u>Novopil</u> and <u>Prechystivka</u> without success.

ASSESSMENT: Unchanged from August 11

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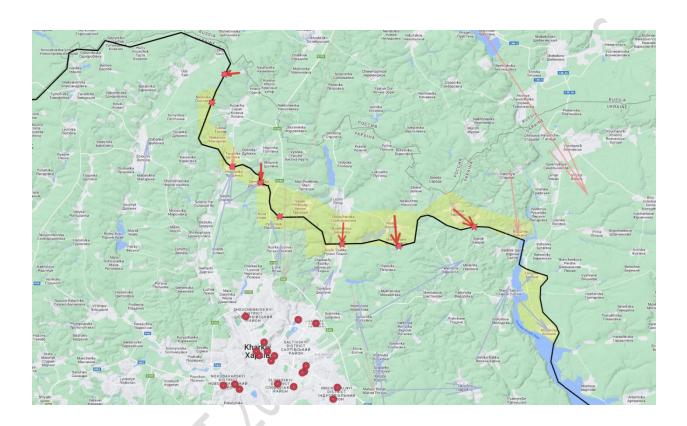
We believe that DNR forces will capture Pisky and use the tactical victory as propaganda. We don't believe the tactical gain can be exploited before the start of mud season.

The goal of securing the Donetsk oblast by August 31 is unattainable.



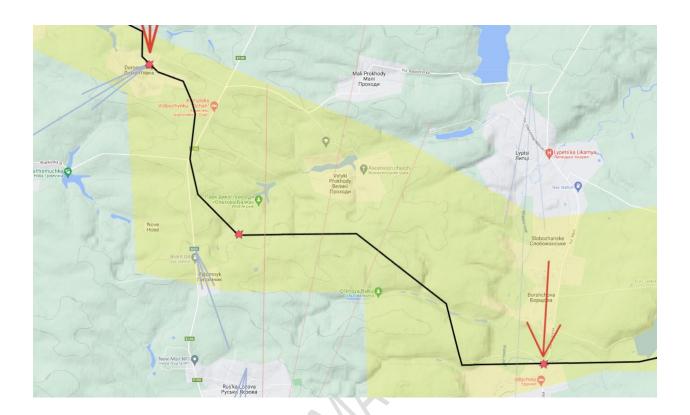
KHARKIV REGION

NORTHWESTERN KHARKIV



Russian Objective: Prevent Ukraine from reaching the international border with Russia, protect the Belgorod-Kupyansk GLOC, break civilian will with continued terror attacks

Ukrainian Objective: Prevent further Russian advances on Kharkiv, pressure the Russian-controlled Shevchenkove-Izyum GLOC

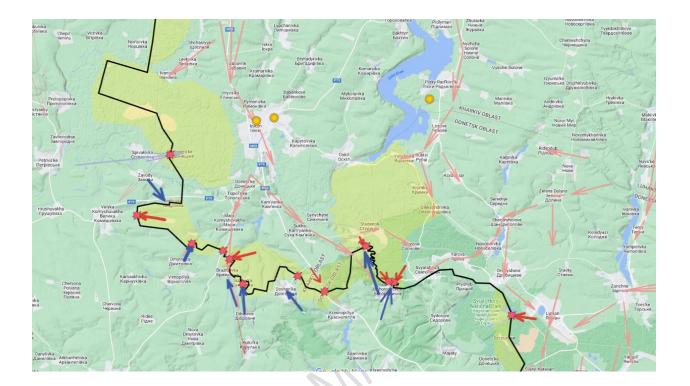


Russian forces attempted to advance on <u>Pytomnyk</u> and were unsuccessful. Russian and Ukrainian forces traded sporadic artillery, rockets fired from MLRS and indirect tank fire across the line of conflict.

ASSESSMENT: Unchanged from August 11

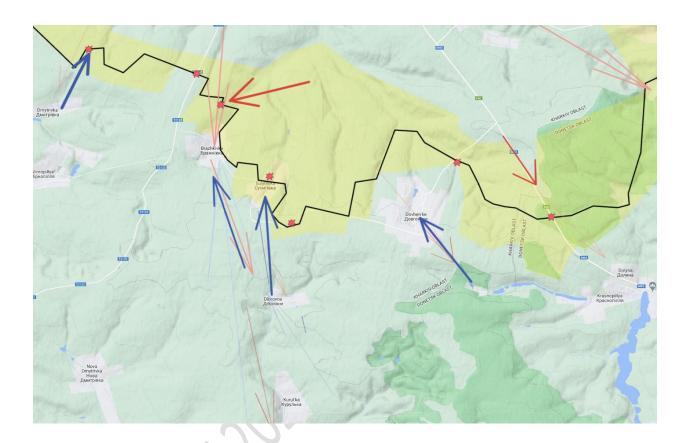
Our assessment on August 10 that Russian forces were testing the capabilities of the Ukrainian territorial guard taking over the defense of Izyum was correct. Positional fighting, reconnaissance, and probing for weaknesses will continue to occur.

IZYUM AXIS



Russian Objective: Hold the current line of conflict and prevent further advances by Ukrainian troops toward Izyum

Ukrainian Objective: Defend against advances on Slovyansk and capitalize on weaknesses in Russian defenses, continue to harass and interdict Russian GLOCs, execute Special Operation Forces (SOF) raids on Russian troops located behind the line of conflict Northwest of Izyum, the Russian air force struck the settlement of <u>Zalyman</u>.



Russian forces attempted to advance in the direction of <u>Nova Dmytrivka</u> and <u>Dolyna</u>. Neither advance was successful.

The intensity of artillery fire was significantly reduced from August 12, with sporadic fire south of Izyum.

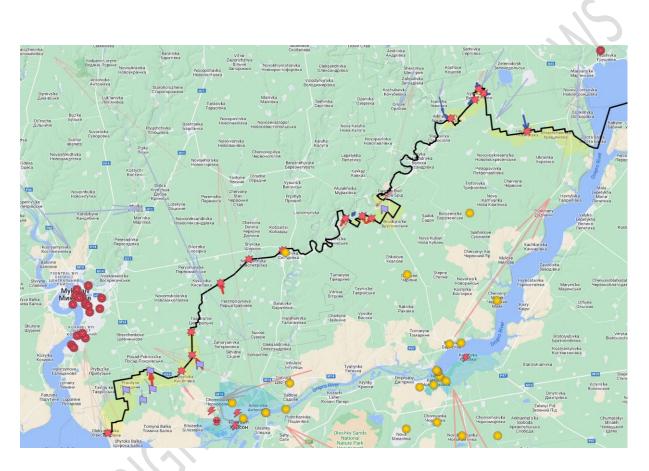
ASSESSMENT: Unchanged from August 7

We remain unwilling to call the ongoing action by Ukrainian forces a counteroffensive. We maintain that Russian forces between <u>Avdriivka</u> and <u>Kopanky</u> are now in a salient and at moderate risk of encirclement if Ukrainian forces were to make a breakthrough.

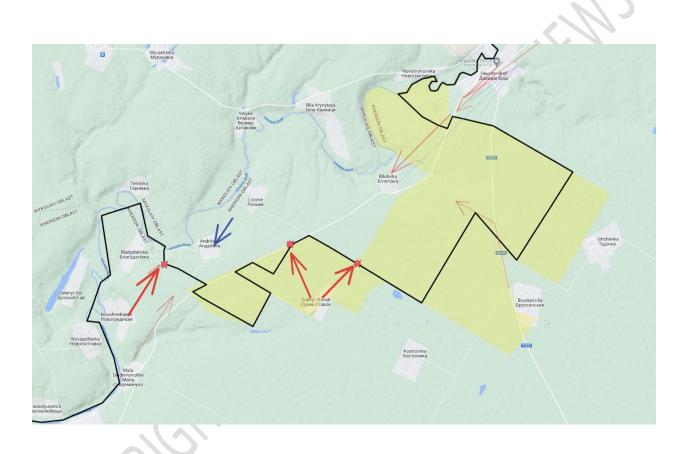
It is implausible that Russian forces can secure the Donetsk oblast by August 31 without securing Slovyansk as part of that self-declared deadline.

DNIPRO, KHERSON & MYKOLAIV, ZAPORIZHIA REGION

KHERSON & MYKOLAIV

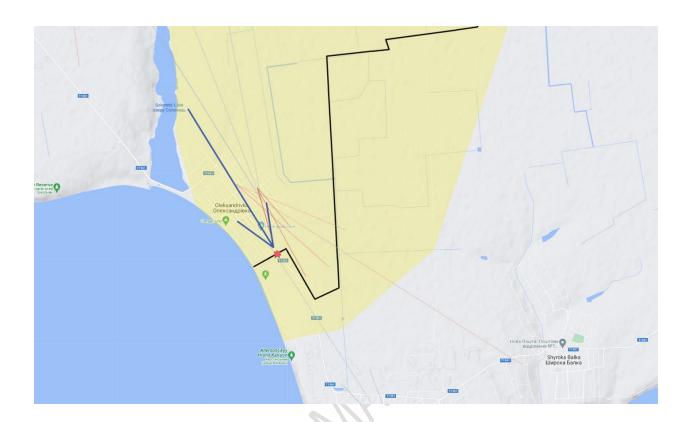


Russian Objective: Prepare for a Ukrainian counteroffensive by building defenses, prevent further advances by Ukrainian troops toward Kherson, repair destroyed GLOCs over the Dnipro River, and prevent the expansion of the insurgency **Ukrainian Objective:** Liberate the Kherson oblast west of the Dnipro River, push Russian forces back far enough to end multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) attacks on Mykolaiv and Kryvvi Rih



Two platoons of Russian naval infantry attempted to push Ukrainian forces out of <u>Lozove</u> and were unsuccessful.¹² Russian forces also attempted to advance on <u>Andriivka</u> but could not move the line of conflict. Ukrainian forces remain entrenched on the Inhulets River bridgehead.

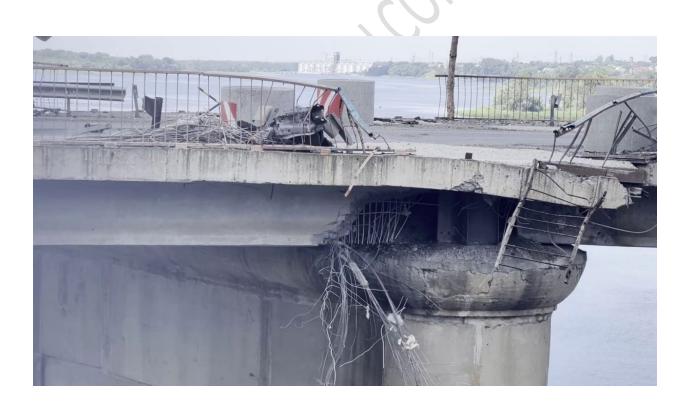
¹² https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=467195038329613



Russian forces also attempted to advance on <u>Shyroke</u> and <u>Oleksandrivka</u> [Kherson] and were unsuccessful. We knew Ukrainian forces recaptured Oleksandrivka last week but were reluctant to update the map. The settlement has been obliterated, and change in control happens frequently. Ukraine has held the settlement for a week and based on the successful defense today, we reluctantly updated the map. We maintain the entire region is under contested control.

Mykolaiv Oblast Administrative and Military Governor Vitalii Kim reported that Russian military leaders were moving their command posts east of the Dnipro River.¹³ The move comes after multiple sources, and satellite images confirmed that all of the bridges into Kherson have been disabled.

Pictures of the <u>Kakhovsky Bridge</u> showed significant damage to the structural supports on at least one section.¹⁴



¹³ https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/08/13/7363137/

¹⁴ https://t.me/voenkorKotenok/39249

There are reports that the Antonovisky Bridge was hit again by rockets fired from High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS).¹⁵ Russian engineers have been attempting to repair previous damage to the structure.

There were reports of HIMARS strikes on seven Russiancontrolled settlements, including <u>Velyka Blahovischenka</u>, <u>Melitopol, Nova Kakhovka, Chaplynka, Nyzhni Sirohozy</u>, and <u>Novotroitske</u>. <u>A video showed the aftermath</u> of the strike in Nova Kakhovka, with secondary explosions from ammunition cooking off.¹⁶

Another ammunition depot in <u>Muzykivka</u> was destroyed by artillery fire.¹⁷

Ukrainian President Voldoymyr Zelenskyy announced "good news" in the south several hours after social media reports and pictures about the strikes across southeastern Kherson emerged.

"Those fighting in the south of our country give us good news about the forces, weapons, and equipment of the

¹⁵ https://twitter.com/WarAgainstPutin/status/1558591773659656192

¹⁶ https://youtu.be/LVN66gad1k0

¹⁷ https://twitter.com/MrKovalenko/status/1558628041462616066

Russian army that they are putting out of action or destroying. Not a single day is lost in our effort to diminish the occupiers' capabilities."¹⁸

ASSESSMENT: With all four GLOCs severed for Russian troops on the west bank of the Dnipro River, resupply will have to be done by barge, ferry, and helicopter. Carrying fuel, replacement equipment, artillery shells, and rockets will be challenging to sustain and support 25,000 soldiers.

The Russian Ministry of Defense has continued to send reinforcements west of the Dnipro, with 3,000 elite VDV troops arriving in the last week, swelling the number of troops to 25,000.¹⁹ That is almost 20% of the entire occupation force in Ukraine, including LNR, DNR, Chechen, terrorists with the Imperial Legion, and PMC Wagner. Ukraine has been targeting ammunition and supply depots, logistics centers, and GLOCs, although the amount of supplies available in Kherson is unclear.

The first indication of supply issues is already emerging, with complaints online about drinking water shortages in supply drops and only receiving "dry rations" for meals.

¹⁸ https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/08/13/7363155/

¹⁹ <u>Stars & Stripes</u>

Another sign that supply issues have already started is the S-300 missile attacks on Mykolaiv have ended. Suppress Enemy Air Defense (SEAD) missions by Ukraine have helped limit the attacks, but a lack of supply of the larger S300 antiaircraft missiles is likely contributing to the issue.

Russian Battalion Tactical Groups (BTG) are designed to operate for three to five days independent of resupply. Signs that the supply situation is getting more severe won't appear for weeks but would include abandoned vehicles, increasing complaints about a lack of resources on Telegram, VK, and Live Journal, looting for food and fuel, and a reduction in artillery fire among front line units.

With mud season 30 to 45 days away and the first snow in 60 to 75 days, complaints about a lack of cold weather gear, hypothermia, and low morale from living in the mud would be another indicator that the supply situation is worsening.

There remain significant questions on when and if there will be a counteroffensive, and Kyiv has become increasingly contradictory on what will be next. Some officials have told the press that the counteroffensive has already started, including President Zelenskyy earlier in the week. An anonymous source close to the Ukrainian government told the Washington Post there would be no counteroffensive because Ukraine doesn't have the resources.

"We have to be honest - for now, Ukraine doesn't have a sufficient number of weapons systems for a counteroffensive. It's still possible to get a result, but if so it will be the result of smart Ukraine strategy more than of countering Russia with equal power."

The appearance of Czech hedgehogs in Kherson, Russian forces fearful of moving on the streets due to partisan activity, Russian commanders leaving the region, and local government and junior military officers occupying Kherson hospitals and schools to avoid HIMARS attacks all point to the same fact.

Regardless of what we may assess or think or what the Ukrainian government is saying – the Kremlin believes a counteroffensive is coming, and it will fight to hold the western half of the Kherson oblast.

DNIPROPETROVSK

Russian forces at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant fired 50 Grad rockets from MLRS at Nikopol and Marhanets.²⁰ One person was injured in the attack, and in Nikopol, there was further damage to the electrical grid and natural gas lines.

CHERNIHIV & SUMY REGION

Russian Objective: Lock Ukrainian military resources in places, break civilian will with continued terror attacks

Ukrainian Objective: Maintain enough force strength on the border with Russia to prevent Russian troops from crossing

Dmytro Zhivytsky, Sumy Regional Administrative and Military Governor, reported <u>Esman</u>, <u>Khotin</u>, <u>Mykolaivka</u>, <u>Billopillia</u>, <u>Znob-Novhorodske</u>, <u>Nova Sloboda</u>, <u>Velyka</u> <u>Pysarivka</u>, and <u>Shalyhyne</u> were shelled and hit by mortars.²¹ There were no casualties or major damage.

²⁰ https://t.me/dnipropetrovskaODA/1554

²¹ https://t.me/Zhyvytskyy/3836

In Chernihiv, the settlements of <u>Hremyach</u>, <u>Senkivka</u>, and <u>Pushkari</u> were shelled.²²

KYIV REGION

There wasn't any significant military action in this region.

BLACK SEA & ODESA REGION

There wasn't any significant military action in this region.

WEST REGION

There wasn't any significant military action in this region.

²² General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - Facebook

THEATERWIDE & EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

Slovakia announced it was transferring four more 155m self-propelled Zuzana 2 howitzers to Ukraine.²³ Jaroslav Nad tweeted, "Slovakia is helping to protect innocent Ukrainian lives! Happy to confirm that the first 4 Zuzana Howitzers are in the hands of Ukrainian armed forces, ready to be deployed in defense against the Russian aggressors."

There are unconfirmed reports that Slovakia will decommission their fleet of 12 Mig-29 aircraft next month to start the transfer to the Ukrainian air force.

Igor "Girkin" Strelkov was arrested in Russian-occupied Crimea after attempting to slip into Ukraine to enter the war. Strelkov had written a damning assessment of the offensive west of Donetsk, calling for the Politburo to be executed, and hinting the Kremlin should be repainted using the colors of the Ukrainian flag.²⁴

²³ https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/08/13/7363136/

²⁴ <u>Malcontent News Russia-Ukraine War Situation Report for August 12, 2022</u>

Strelkov, using the alias Girkin, was the first Defence Minister of the Donetsk People's Republic, the original commander of the 1st Army Corps of the DNR, and is accused of downing Malaysia Air Flight 17 in 2014, killing almost 300 people. The Kremlin yanked Girkin out of Ukraine in 2014 after the downing of the jetliner drew negative attention and a failed attempt to capture Slovyansk that occurred under his command.

The FSB issued Strelkov a passport with a third alias, Sergei Runov, which is the passport he used to attempt to enter Ukraine. A close associate of Strelkov, Aleksandr Zhuchkovskiy, claims that he was not attempting to enter Ukraine to disrupt Russian military leadership but to fight as a soldier.

A picture of Strelkov showed him without his trademark mustache and his head shaved. After his arrest, a picture of the FSB-issued fake passport he used was also shared, showing the alias under which he has traveled to Ukraine since 2015.

Just before publication, Strelkov posted on his Telegram account implying he had been released from custody but

sent back to Russia. He also took a jab at one of his detractors Igor Bezler, who was celebrating his detention.

"1. Comment on Igor Nikolaevich Bezler - do not respect yourself.

2. I haven't been to the bullpen and don't plan to.

3. Sooner or later, I will certainly be at the front (this war, as I warned in advance, will be long and difficult). But not right now."



WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Pro-Russian channels shared pictures of Russian VDV soldiers dressed in civilian clothes, occupying a civilian home, and acting as artillery spotters.²⁵ This violates the Geneva Conventions and puts the soldiers at risk of being treated as illegal combatants if captured. It is also considered a breach of military protocol that endangers civilians.

GEOPOLITICAL

Lithuania, Estonia, and Lativa have withdrawn from the China 16+1 cooperation pact arranged with Eastern Europe. The three Baltic nations left the group because of China's unwillingness to support sanctions or condemn Russia's actions in Ukraine.

ECONOMIC

We don't report economic news on the weekend.

²⁵ https://t.me/ok_spn/20613