

# News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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## From Bohdan

I am amazed at how many adults can't write. I am even more amazed by how many adults don't understand what they read or hear.

For example almost all the people I work with have university degrees but when the conversation turns to the war most are at a loss when it comes to saying why russia invaded Ukraine. The more educated the more befuddled they become to say in simple terms because Putin and his team want to restore the Soviet Union and Czarist empire. Putin has been saying and writing this since 2007.

Poorly educated people simply say something to the effect that I am not interested in politics.

Even after eighteen years of hearing and reading the same thing most analysts, commentators and editorial writers are still searching in their publications for the "reasons". It is no wonder then that they refer to statements from Washington and Moscow as negotiating positions.

Washington and Moscow are clear in what they want but we are living in a world where simple truth is apparently unrecognizable. I suppose it's simpler to hide from horrible reality than to deal with it.

[Scratch One Kilo Class Submarine](#)

This is a detailed account of yesterday's sinking of a Russian Kilo Class submarine by a Ukrainian underwater drone. At the time the sub docked in the harbor of Novorossiysk, now the headquarters of what is left of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. The Kilo Class submarine is a diesel electric submarine and is known to run very quiet, making it difficult to detect by sonar. Another source reports that this particular boat, a more advanced version of the Kilo Class, has a skin made of a material that reduces the return from sonar.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kilo Class submarine that Russia has lost in the war. The first was destroyed in 2023 by a Storm Shadow missile while undergoing repairs in a drydock in Sevastopol Harbor. At the start of the war Russia's Black Sea Fleet included 4 Kilo Class submarines. The video mentions that the 3 remaining Kilo Class submarines were docked in Novorossiysk at the time of yesterday's attack, leaving 2 remaining.

Russia has been using Kilo Class submarines to launch Kalibr cruise missiles at Ukrainian cities, the most notorious example took place in 2022, when a Kalibr missile hit a public plaza in Vinnitsa, killing over 20 civilians. The commanding officer of the submarine was later killed while out on a morning jog, in a hit organized by Ukrainian intelligence.

[The Peace Talks, as Described in the Russian Newspapers](#)/Steve Rosenberg – BBC

It seems that the Russian papers share the same sentiment of the music group the Coasters, as described in my last email – Yakety Yak.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

8:10 AM: President Finland Alexander Stubb in Monday will take participation in negotiations of to the world V Ukraine, which will take place V Berlin -Office president Finland.

8:10 AM: US Special Forces raided a ship with military cargo bound for Iran, Wall Street Journal.

8:10 AM: In the US, an unknown person opened fire at Brown University: there are dead and injured.

8:10 AM: A criminal case has been opened in Finland against Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg — Helsingin Sanomat.

12:30 PM: Trump representatives Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner arrived in Berlin for talks with Volodymyr Zelensky on the peace plan, — AP.

- The Ukrainian president's plane is also already on its way to Berlin. The talks are scheduled to take place tomorrow.

12:58 PM: Zelenskyy's main statements after talking to journalists:

- The US has not yet responded to Ukraine's new proposals for a peace plan, but Kyiv is ready for dialogue. Today in Berlin - meetings with Chancellor Merz and EU leaders.
- The peace plan will not please everyone, the main thing is that it be fair, effective, and prevent new aggression by the Russian Federation.
- There is no direct dialogue with the Russian Federation: Moscow's signals are transmitted to the United States. Under pressure from partners, Russia will be forced to compromise.
- The Prime Minister, the Minister of Economy, and the Chief of the General Staff joined the negotiating team.
- NATO accession was not supported by the US and part of the EU, so security guarantees from the US and partners are a compromise. The key is that they be approved by the US Congress.

1:29 PM: Volodymyr Zelenskyy has arrived in Germany, the Office of the President reported.

2:22 PM: A shooting occurred on a beach in Australia where Hanukkah was celebrated - at least 12 people were killed, ABC reports.

- Two men got out of the car and opened fire on the people. One of them was detained, the other was killed.
- Nearly 30 people were injured, including two police officers. They were hospitalized. One of the passers-by personally took the terrorist's weapon.

2:32 PM: "Already in Germany. Today the plan is to meet with the American negotiating team," — Zelensky.

4:58 PM: Zelensky's meeting with Trump's envoys will begin soon, media reports.

- Witkoff and Kushner left Friedrich Merz's office and are heading to negotiations.

5:27 PM: The meeting of the Ukrainian and American delegations with the participation of Chancellor Merz has begun.

6:33 PM: Putin will not stop in Ukraine because he wants to restore the USSR within its former borders, — German Chancellor Merz.

- According to Merz, this is a "large-scale military threat to countries that once belonged to the empire."
- Because of this, further assistance to Ukraine and European unity are priorities in Germany's foreign and security policy.

7:36 PM: Zelensky's first meeting with Polish President Nawrotski will take place in Warsaw on December 19, the Polish leader's office said.

8:18 PM: In Poland, a man discovered the wreckage of an object resembling a drone in the city of Żelizna.

- According to the Lublin Voivodeship Police, the find was noticed on December 14 during a walk in the forest. The area is currently being guarded by law enforcement officers, and relevant services are working on site.
- The incident was reported to the military police and the prosecutor's office, while Polsat News suggests that the debris may belong to a drone that had previously violated Polish airspace.

8:40 PM: This year, Latvia will allocate another €5 million for the purchase of drones for Ukraine, — Delfi.

8:53 PM: Peace talks between the Ukrainian and American delegations in Berlin will continue on December 15, reports the German publication Handelsblatt.

- Details of the proposals being discussed are not being disclosed at this time.

9:21 PM: The EU plans to tighten controls on dangerous goods coming from China through online platforms including Shein and Alibaba, — Financial Times.

- EU Justice Commissioner Mike McGrath said the current system does not protect consumers: only a small proportion of dangerous products are stopped. In 2024, about 4.6 billion small parcels arrived in the EU, almost 90% of them from China.
- Cosmetics and toys are among the most dangerous products. The European Commission wants to gain broader powers and update consumer protection rules.

9:45 PM: Negotiations between the Ukrainian and American delegations in Berlin lasted more than five hours, writes "Suspilne".

10:44 PM: Trump's special envoy Witkoff announced "significant progress" in negotiations with the Ukrainian delegation in Berlin.

- "The representatives held in-depth discussions on the 20-point peace plan, economic agenda, etc. Significant progress was made and they will meet again tomorrow morning," the statement said.

11:20 PM: The death toll in the Sydney terror attack has risen to 16.

- A child is among the victims of the Bondi Beach shooting, police say. The number of people injured and hospitalized has risen from 29 to 40.
- It is currently unknown whether this statistic includes the attacker, whose death was previously confirmed.

11:50 PM: Orban said he was taking 1.6 million "referendum" questionnaires against aid to Ukraine to the EU summit.

- The Hungarian Prime Minister said he would present them in Brussels as the position of the Hungarians and joked about possible "excess baggage weight" during a flight on a government plane.
- The population of Hungary is about 9.7 million people.

## NATIONAL

9:14 AM: Air defense forces neutralized 110 of 138 enemy UAVs.

- The enemy also attacked with an Iskander-M ballistic missile. Missile hits and 10 strike UAVs were recorded at 6 locations.
- The attack is ongoing; there are about 18 enemy UAVs in the airspace.

9:35 AM: 14 December — Day of tribute to the liquidators' of the accident at Chernobyl NPP

- On this day in 1986, the construction of the sarcophagus over the destroyed 4th power unit of the Chernobyl NPP was completed.
- Hundreds of thousands of liquidators struggled with the consequences of the disaster: thousands died, many became disabled or suffered serious illnesses.
- We honor courageous heroes.
- Eternal memory to the fallen. Honor and gratitude to those who saved the world.

10:27 AM: In a week, the Russian Federation used more than 1,500 drones, almost 900 guided bombs, and 46 missiles in Ukraine, — Zelensky.

- Hundreds of thousands of families were left without electricity in the Mykolaiv, Odesa, Kherson, Chernihiv, Donetsk, Sumy, and Dnipropetrovsk regions.
- Recovery from the energy sector shocks is ongoing, but the situation remains difficult.

4:29 PM: Ukrzaliznytsia has launched routes that allow you to reach Europe with just one transfer.

- It is now more convenient to get to Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich from Kyiv.

6:55 PM: On Maidan Independence took place ceremony ignition first Hanukkah candles.

- The menorah was installed by the Federation of Jewish Communities of Ukraine with the support of the city authorities.
- The event was attended by rabbis and representatives of foreign diplomatic missions.

**MORDOR - ruZZia**

1:01 AM: The network reports explosions around Afipsk, Russia, in the Krasnodar Territory.

1:51 AM: A blackout is reported in the village of Afipsky.

5:33 AM: Russian Media report about unknown drones, which are flying up to Moscow.

- Temporary restrictions on the reception and takeoff of aircraft have been introduced at Domodedovo and Zhukovsky airports.

11:27 AM: Defense forces struck the Afipsky refinery in the Krasnodar Territory and the Uryupinskaya oil depot in the Volgograd Region of the Russian Federation, — General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- Explosions and large-scale fires have been recorded. The extent of damage is being determined.
- Strikes were also carried out on enemy targets in the Ukrainian territorial waters:
- in the Donetsk region - electronic warfare stations, control points and radars;
- in Zaporizhzhia - the Tor-M2 air defense system and the UAV laboratory;
- in Crimea — fuel and ammunition bases and radars for S-300/S-400 air defense.

1:45 PM: A magnitude 4.1 earthquake was recorded near Sevastopol tonight at a depth of about 10 km.

- Residents report feeling the tremors around 3:35–3:40 a.m. No damage was reported.

3:15 PM: Footage of the crash of a Russian An-22 in the Ivanovo region on December 9 is being shared online.

- The plane began to fall apart while still in the air, killing the entire crew.

4:06 PM: SSO fighters hit a number of enemy targets in the occupied territories:

- a train with fuel near the village of Yantarne (Crimea);

- oil depot in the Bitumne settlement (Crimea);
- electronic warfare station "Volna-2" in the village of Maryanivka (Donetsk region);
- FPV operator training center in the area of Dokuchayevsk (Donetsk region).

6:06 PM: GUR soldiers hunted down two expensive radars in temporarily occupied Crimea

- Precise strikes were carried out on the 39N6 "Kasta-2E2" and 96L6 systems, which are part of the S-400 "Triumph" air defense system.

7:54 PM: Russia has launched active recruitment of mercenaries in Iran, — TsPD.

- In several cities, leaflets appeared en masse with an offer to join the Russian army for money: \$20,000 "upfront" and approximately \$2,000 monthly.
- According to intelligence estimates, Russia has already recruited at least 18,000 foreigners from 128 countries, often through deception, pressure, or financial exploitation.

10:37 PM: In temporarily occupied Donetsk, local media reported explosions and air defense operations.

11:01 PM: The network reports a possible attack on the Luch substation in Belgorod.

- According to residents, power outages are being recorded in the city.

## REGIONS

### KYIV



8:20 AM: The first snow finally fell in Kyiv

### CHERNIHIV



4:42 PM: An explosion was heard in Chernihiv.

## SUMY



12:38 AM: An explosion was heard in Sumy.

5:28 AM: In Sumac hostile drone hit in multistory residential house, - V.about. city heads Artem Kobzar

- According to preliminary information, there are no casualties.
- More than 100 windows were damaged, about 40 of them in private apartments.

10:32 AM: Explosions were heard in Sumy and Zaporizhia.

8:47 PM: An explosion was heard in Okhtyrka, Sumy Oblast.

## KHARKIV



10:51 PM: A series of explosions were heard in Kharkiv.

## DONETSK



5:43 PM: Russians have occupied the village of Tovste in Donetsk Oblast, and have also advanced near Yampol and into Siversk, according to an updated DeepState map.

## ZAPORIZHIA



9:00 AM: Air defense is operating in Zaporizhia, Regional Military Administration.

10:38 AM: Russia attacked a residential area in Zaporizhia, — Regional Military Administration.

10:56 AM: At least 4 people injured in enemy attack on Zaporizhia, Regional Military Administration.

11:05 AM: The enemy attacked another district of Zaporizhia, the Regional Military Administration.

- Cars are on fire. No information about casualties has been received so far.
- The attack continues. Stay in safe places.

11:16 AM: Explosions are heard in the Zaporizhia region.

1:02 PM: Explosions are heard in the Zaporizhia region.

2:47 PM: The number of victims in Zaporizhia has increased to 11, — Regional Military Administration.

- Among the injured are two rescuers and a police officer.
- Meanwhile, more than 1,000 subscribers in the Zaporizhia district were left without electricity because of the enemy attack.

7:17 PM: Body camera footage: the first minutes after the Russian strike on Zaporizhia.

- There are currently 14 known victims of the attack on the city.

## KHERSON



10:51 AM: Power supply has been cut off in the occupied part of the Kherson region.

- The occupation "authorities" claim to have struck the Dzhankoy-Melitopol high-voltage line. More than 350,000 subscribers are said to have been left without electricity.
- Power outages are also being recorded in the occupied part of the Zaporizhia region.

11:17 AM: Russians again hit critical infrastructure in Kherson, — MBA.

- The centralized water supply system has been damaged. Water is supplied to the city on schedule. Repair work is ongoing.

## ODESA



1:40 PM: Explosions are heard in Odesa.

Comparison of russian losses in 9 years and 9 months in Afghanistan to losses in russian invasion of Ukraine using Wikipedia and Ukraine Ministry of Defense Daily Bulletins. Soviet and Russian military losses not including captured equipment or damaged and destroyed equipment outside of Ukraine.

	Soviet Afghanistan	November 29	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14
Duration	9 years and 9 months	After 1,373 days	After 1,387 days	After 1,388 days	After 1,389 days	After 1,390 days
Military Personnel Liquidated	14,453	1,172,860	1,186,480	1,187,780	1,188,490	1,189,470
Material Losses						
Tanks	147	11,386	11,406	11,409	11,410	11,412
Armored Personnel Carriers	1,314	23,672	23,705	23,714	23,721	23,731
Artillery, Mortars, and Ballistic Rocket launchers	433	36,290	36,574	36,599	36,608	36,675
Cruise Missiles		4,024	4,060	4,060	4,073	4,073

Fighters Bombers	118	430	432	432	432	432
Helicopters	333	347	347	347	347	347
Drones		85,581	89,401	89,684	90,124	90,777
Air Defense Systems		1,253	1,258	1,258	1,259	1,261
Cargo/Fuel/ other transport	11,369	68,512	69,614	69,717	69,798	70,005
Naval Vessels		28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne	28 + 1 submari ne
Specialized equipment		4,010	4,024	4,026	4,026	
DAYS left in Trump's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Presidency		1,147	1,133	1,132	1,131	1,130

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## **SUMMARY OF BOMB, MISSILE, DRONE, UAV AND ARTILLERY THREATS TO CIVILIANS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**


- 5:38 AM: Speed target in direction Zaporizhzhia from meeting.
- 2:07 PM: Threat of ballistics from the north.
- 2:34 PM: An explosion was heard in Sumy.
- 2:34 PM: Launches of guided bombs on Chernihiv region.
- 2:42 PM: Enemy tactical aviation activity in the southern direction.
- 3:24 PM: Launches of guided bombs on Donetsk region.
- 4:42 PM: Enemy tactical aviation activity in Zaporizhia.
- 4:54 PM: Launches of guided bombs on Zaporizhia region.
- 5:23 PM: Enemy tactical aircraft activity in the northeast direction.
- 9:12 PM: Launches of guided bombs on Donetsk region.
- 10:50 PM: Threat of ballistic weapons from the northeast.
- 11:21 PM: High-speed target in Sumy region, southwest course.
- 11:33 PM: Launches of guided bombs in Zaporizhia.

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# ОРИЄНТОВНІ ВТРАТИ ПРОТИВНИКА

за 24.02.22 - 15.12.25




  
**~1189470 +980**  
особовий склад  
personnel


  
**432**  
літаків  
aircraft

  
**347**  
гелікоптерів  
helicopters


  
**11412 +2**  
танків  
tanks

  
**90777 +653**  
БПЛА оперативно-тактичного рівня  
UAV operational-tactical level

  
**1**  
підводні човни  
submarines

  
**23731 +10**  
бойових броньованих  
машин  
armoured personnel vehicle

  
**70005 +207**  
автомобільна  
техніка та цистерни з ПММ  
vehicles & fuel tanks

  
**35105 +64**  
артилерійських систем  
artillery systems

  
**28**  
кораблі/катери  
warships/boats

  
**1570 +3**  
РСЗВ  
MLRS

  
**1261**  
засоби ППО  
anti-aircraft warfare systems

  
**4073**  
крилаті ракети  
cruise missiles

  
**4026**  
спеціальна техніка  
special equipment