

# News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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Happy Holidays to Everyone. I'm not in Ukraine, so I suppose I should change the Title to "News About Ukraine" but, in honor of Bohdan who is coping with blackouts, I'll keep the title as is.

## Ukraine Gets Fed Up

From the inaction of Ukraine's western partners about curtailing Russia's "Shadow Fleet" of oil tankers. Ukraine is now, increasingly, doing the curtailing itself.

["Ukraine's Shadow War Against Putin's Oil Fleet"](#)/Chuck Pfarrer's "Point of Impact," courtesy of the Kyiv Post. This video is a recap of Ukraine's strikes against Shadow Fleet tankers going back to the beginning of 2024. Apparently, there are few places left in the world where Russia's Shadow Fleet tankers are safe from Ukrainian ingenuity.

["From Caspian to Mediterranean, Russian ships are destroyed across 4 seas"](#)/"Reporting From Ukraine"

["Inside the Ukrainian drone unit responsible for high-profile strikes"](#)/PBS "Newshour"

A very informative segment from PBS "Newshour" about the naval drones being used to hit the tankers and Russian oil refineries, and their technology.

[“The 20-Somethings Who Raised \\$121 million to Build Military Drones”](#)/New York Times

An article about “Neros,” one of the few U.S. drone manufacturers that has successfully sold drones to Ukraine.

The conflict at sea is potentially increasing the risk of a direct confrontation with NATO as Russia, according to [“Reporting From Ukraine,”](#) is beginning to deploy former members of the Wagner Group aboard Shadow Fleet tankers. This development won’t deter Ukraine as Ukraine, without a Navy, cannot physically board tankers. It’s likely that NATO countries will allow Ukraine to start hitting empty tankers, perhaps before they enter the Baltic Sea. If so, Ukraine will then be covering both major Russian oil terminals.

The pundits often make the mistake of focusing only on the land war, where they claim Russia is moving forward. They miss what appears to be Ukraine’s overall strategy – hold the line on the ground but starve Russia’s ability to prosecute the war on the ground by hitting logistics and Russia’s ability to finance the war by going after their revenue streams, primarily the sale of oil & gas.

[“Repairing Ukraine’s Electrical Grid, and a Taste of Living Through a Blackout”](#)/Kyiv Independent

This is an account of visit to an electrical generating station near Kyiv, owned by D-Tek, Ukraine’s largest privately owned electrical generating company. Russia often targets the repair crews, as a way to stop repairs.

[Music as a Weapon](#) – The value Ukraine places on its rich cultural traditions is as big a weapon as a Magura Sea Drone or a Flamingo Cruise Missile. Music may be the most well-known. Here are two examples:

[The Lv’iv Choir](#) – Singing popular Ukrainian carols.

[Dakha Brakha](#) – Probably the most well-known Ukrainian group. They regularly perform in Europe and North America. They did the soundtrack for the Academy Award nominated movie, “[The Porcelain War](#).”

Ukraine will never be subjugated by Russia.