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SUMMARY – DAY 482

It has been 3,402 days since Russia occupied the Crimea Peninsula on January 27, 2014, and one year and 117 days since Russia expanded its war against Ukraine.

DAILY ASSESSMENT

We assess the following:

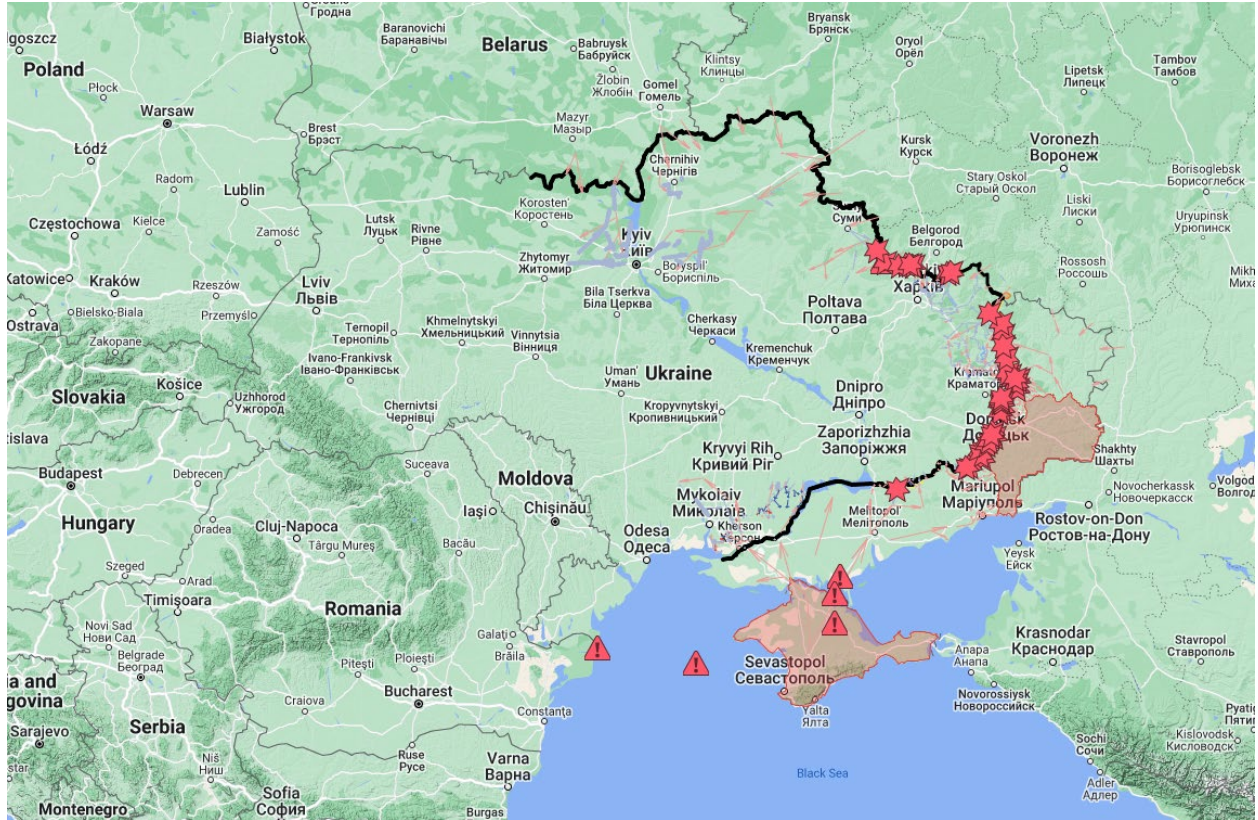
1. Strikes on Russian Ground Lines of Communication from occupied Crimea, including rail, road, and critical bridges, indicate that Ukraine seeks to strangle Russian logistics into occupied Kherson and Zaporizhia.
2. The infighting between Russian Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu and Private Military Company leader Yevgeny Prigozhin is reaching a culmination point, with Prigozhin continuing to refuse to sign a contract with the Kremlin and continuing to undermine Kremlin credibility within the Russian Federation.
3. While a final determination will take a site inspection by subject matter experts and months of investigation, the body of publicly available evidence indicates that on June 6, 2023, between 02:25 and 02:50 hours local

time, Russian occupiers blew up the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant, dam structure, or both, causing its catastrophic failure. The issue of intentional or accidental is academic – the outcome is still the same.

4. We continue to assess the current activity as subordinate offensives, and the main operation has not started. The Insitute for the Study of War has acknowledged a change in Ukrainian tactics.
5. The Russian Ministry of Defense remains in a chaotic state, incapable of creating mission cohesion between penal units, mobiks, conscripts, elite forces, PMCs, and proxy forces.
6. 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.

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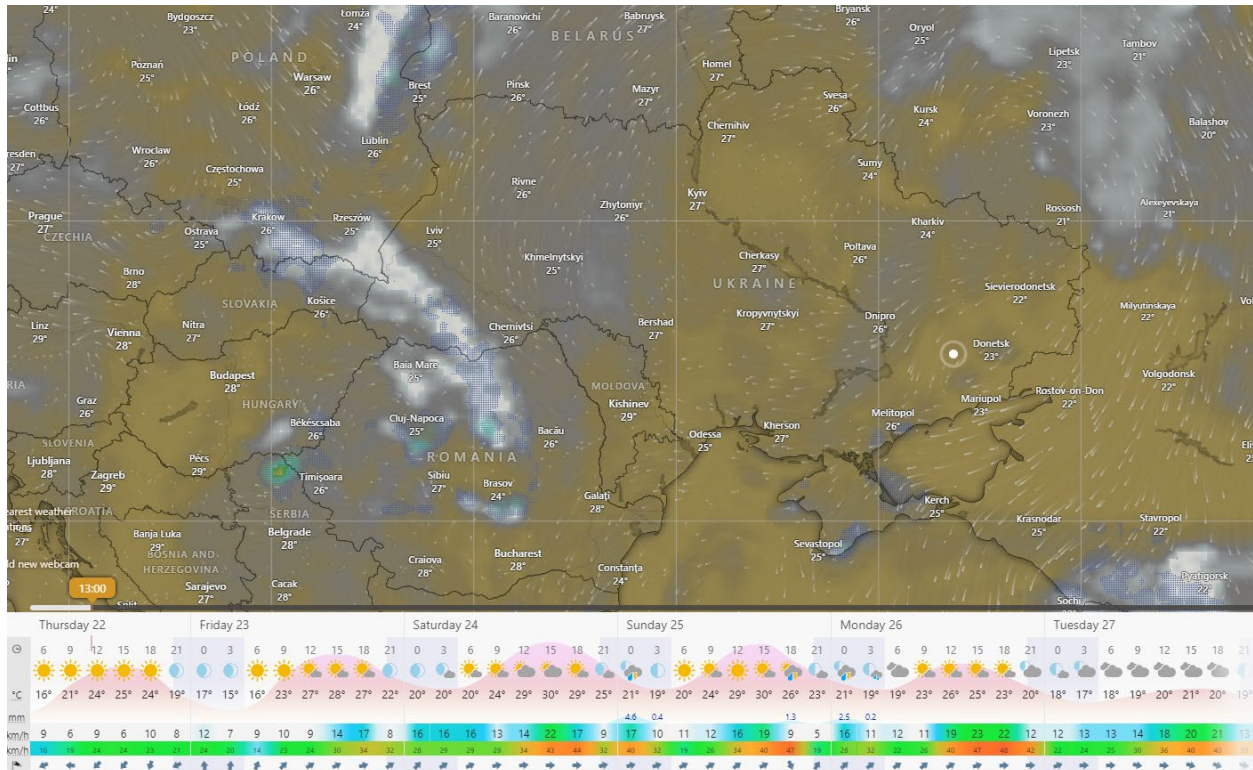
TODAY'S WAR IN UKRAINE MAP



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.

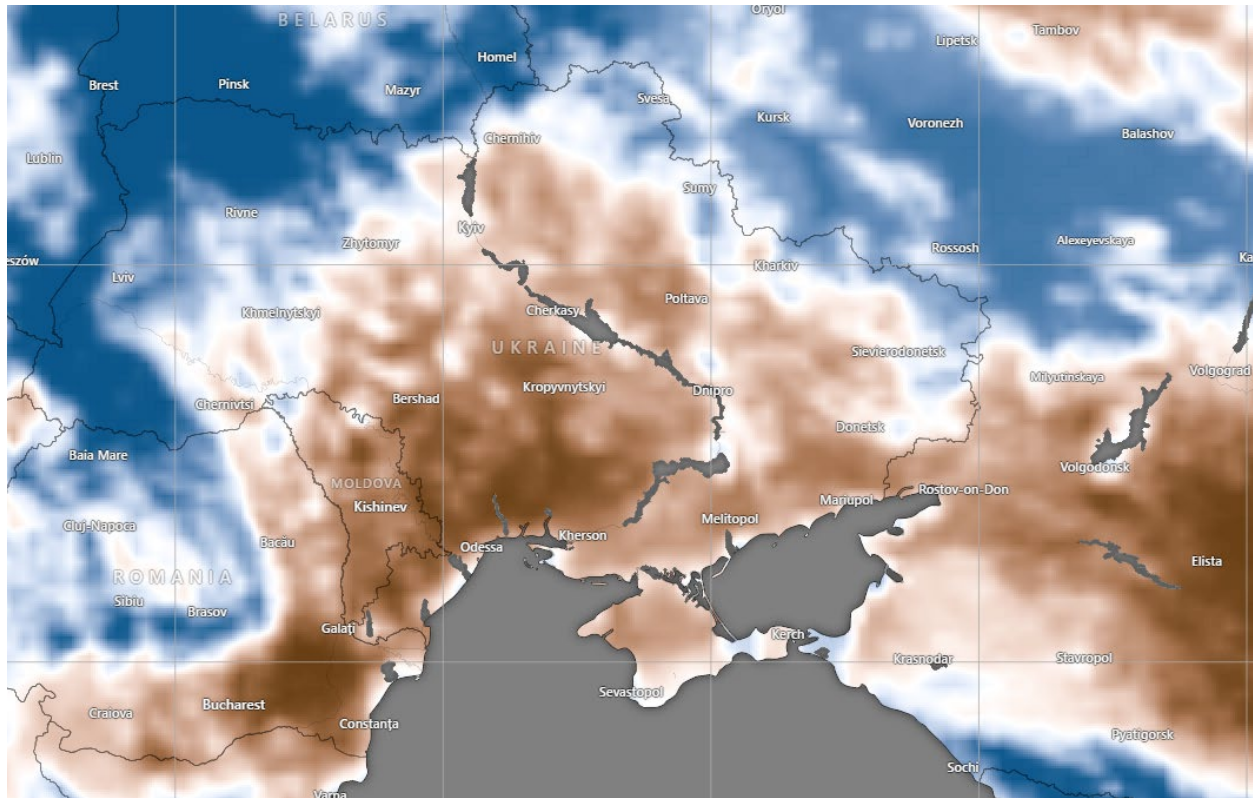
[Russia-Ukraine War Report Map](#)

UKRAINE WEATHER



The ECMWF Euro ensemble weather forecast model is little changed, with a chance of scattered thunderstorms in southern Ukraine and occupied Crimea on June 25. Otherwise, skies will be mostly clear through June 26, with cloudy conditions arriving on the 27th. Temperatures from 22° to 33° Celcius and lows from 12° to 23°. The full moon will be on July 3.

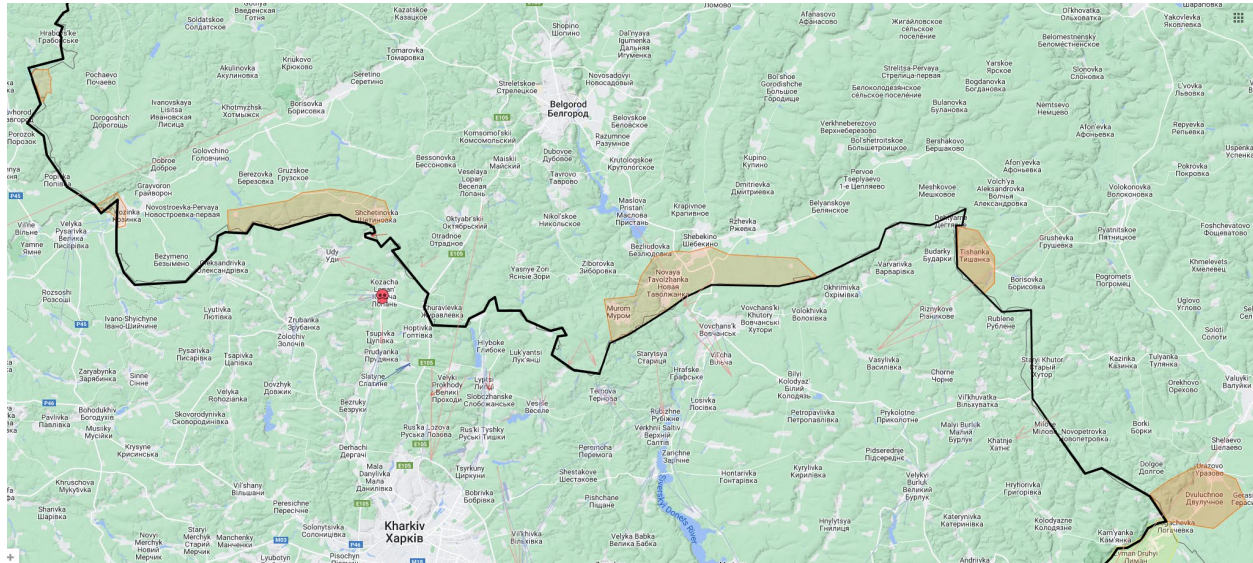
SOIL SATURATION AND HYDROLOGY



June 30, 2023, GFS forecast has dried out, indicating the June 28 model was an outlier., Soil saturation is projected to be from 20% to 60% to 40 centimeters deep.

The soil saturation model does not consider flooding in the Dnipro River basin. Soil saturation is between 10% to 45% across almost all of Ukraine and is unchanged from yesterday. There are localized areas with higher saturation rates from thunderstorms on June 21.

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 Region

There was only scattered artillery shelling along the border. Local reports claimed there were “loud sounds” over the city. It was unclear if this was related to S-300 anti-aircraft missile launches at Ukraine or air defense activity.¹

A video showed  [a small drone targeting a crane](#) unloading half-height concrete dragon teeth near the Ukrainian border. There was no explosion, and it did not appear the drone caused any damage.²

In Shebekino, the Ministry of Internal Affairs had reestablished security in the city, and there wasn't a Kadyrovite in sight.³

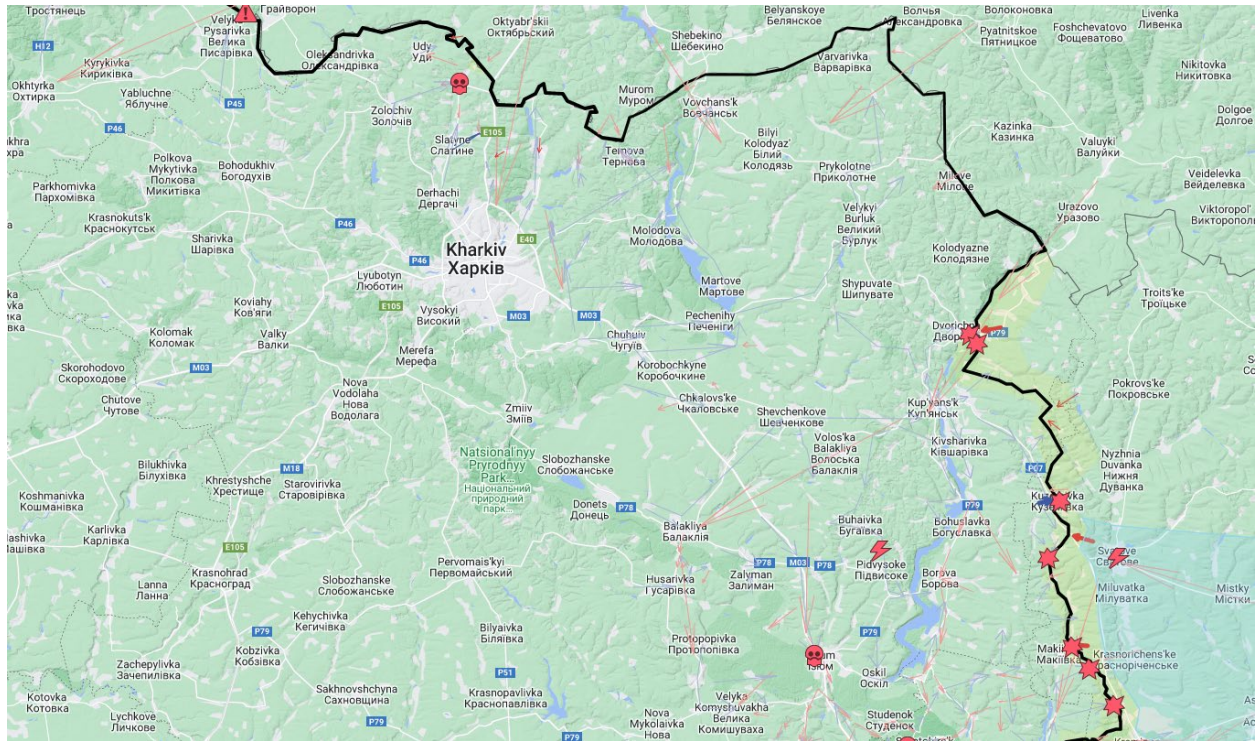
If the status holds through June 30, we will move the Russian Front back to the end of the report.

¹ <https://t.me/belgorod01/37866>

² https://t.me/belgorod_informant/4955

³ <https://t.me/belgorod01people/5084>

KHARKIV



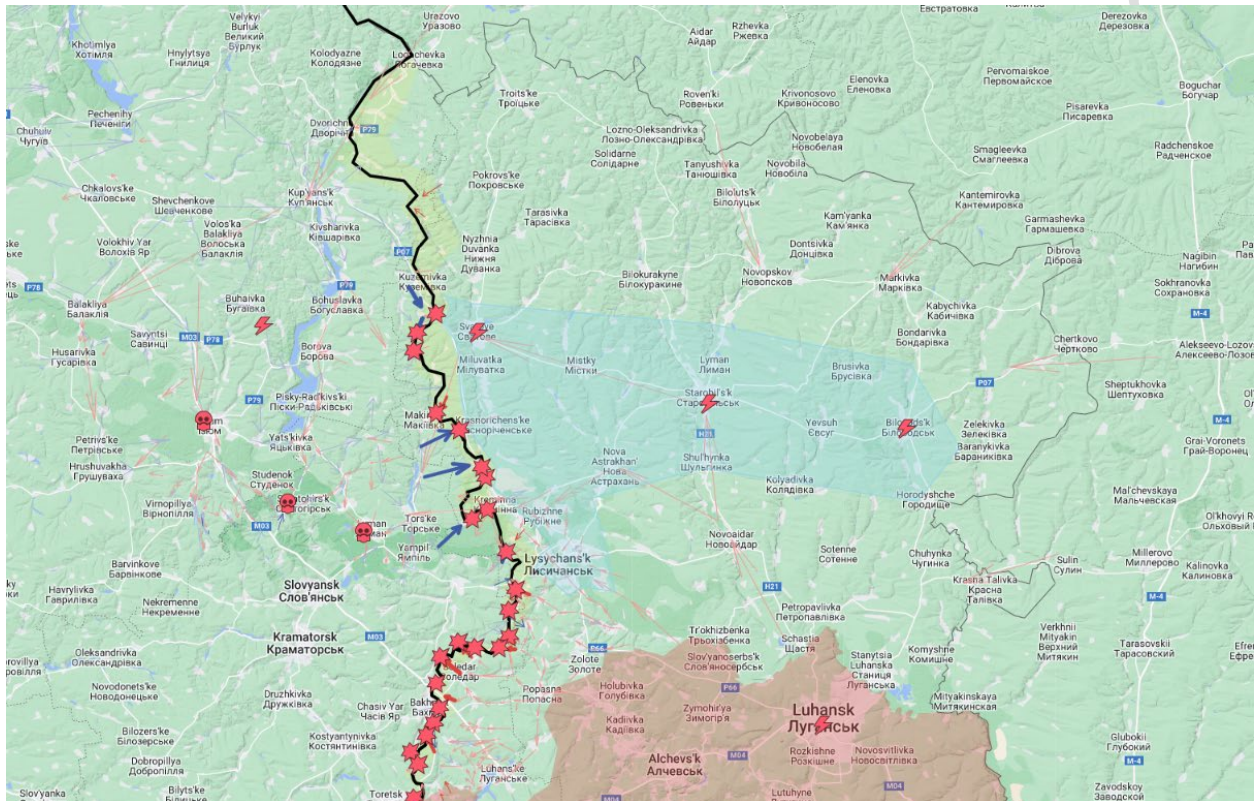
Russian Objective: Defend against the Ukrainian offensive, maximize casualties, and terrorize Ukrainian civilians near the line of conflict

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

There wasn't any significant activity in this region.

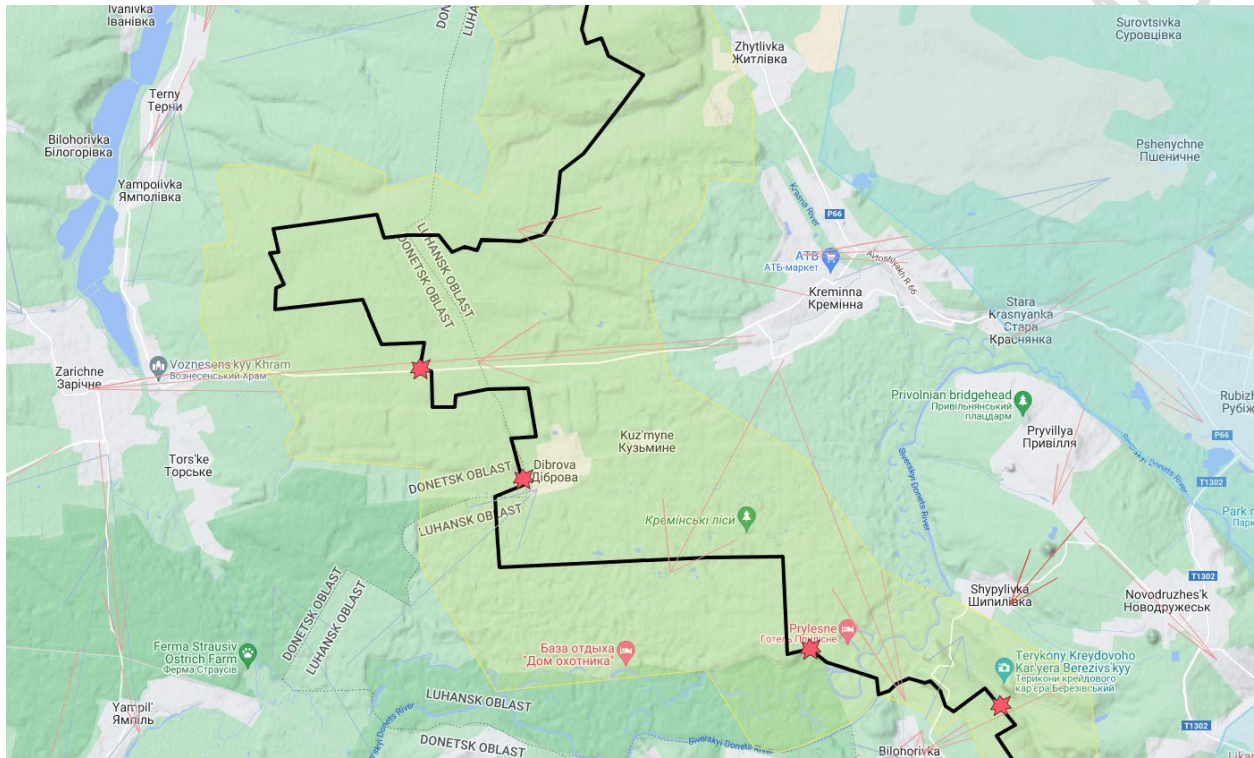
DONBAS REGION

LUHANSK



Russian Objective: Defend against the Ukrainian offensive, maximize casualties, control insurgent activity, set conditions to capture the rest of the region, and support September 2023 elections

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

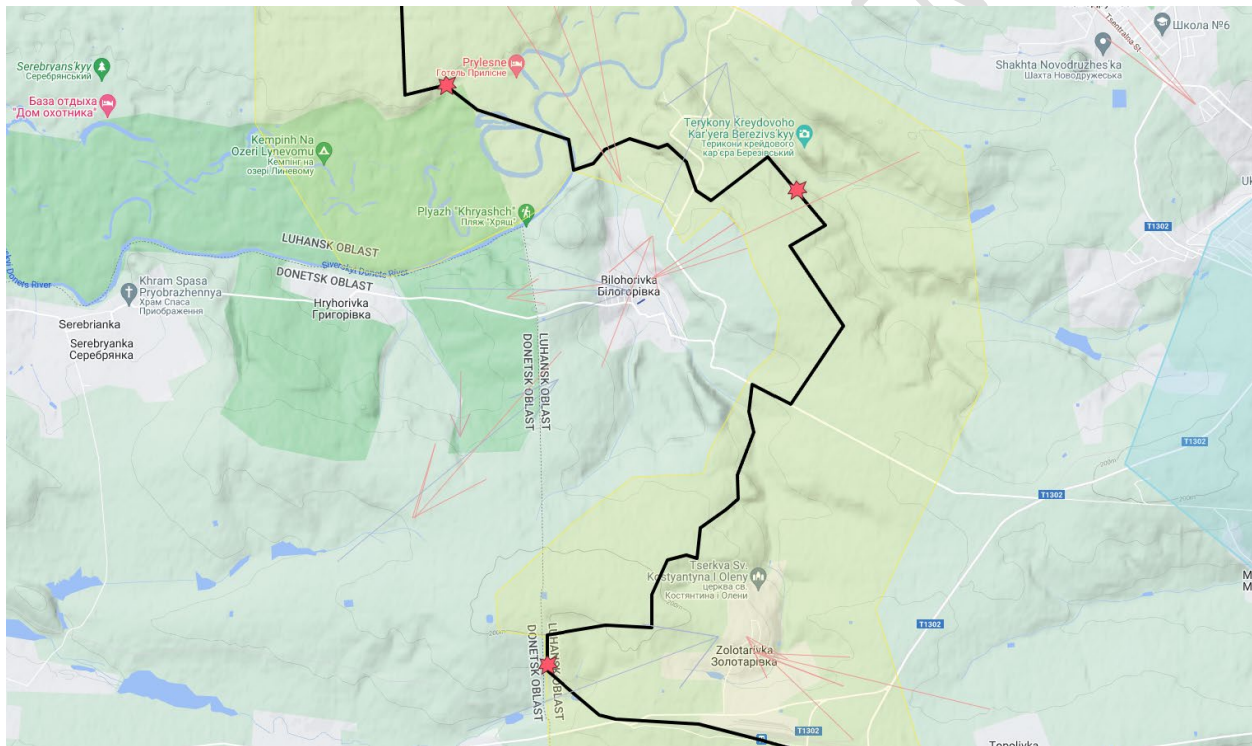


Kreminna Operational Area

The area remained active, with significant fighting continuing in the direction of [Yampolivka](#).⁴ Russian forces reportedly made incremental gains northwest of [Dibrova](#) but were unable to hold the territory and fell back to the

⁴ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

village.^{5 6 7} In the [Serebryansky Woods](#), Russian forces had success advancing in the direction of the Siverskyi Donets River from Kreminna, advancing 200 to 400 meters in heavy fighting.^{8 9 10 11} The line of conflict has moved back and forth through these woods since November 2022.



Lysychansk Operational Area

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

⁶ https://t.me/mod_russia/27656 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

⁷ <https://t.me/militarymediacenter/2319>

⁸ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

⁹ <https://t.me/DeepStateUA/16894>

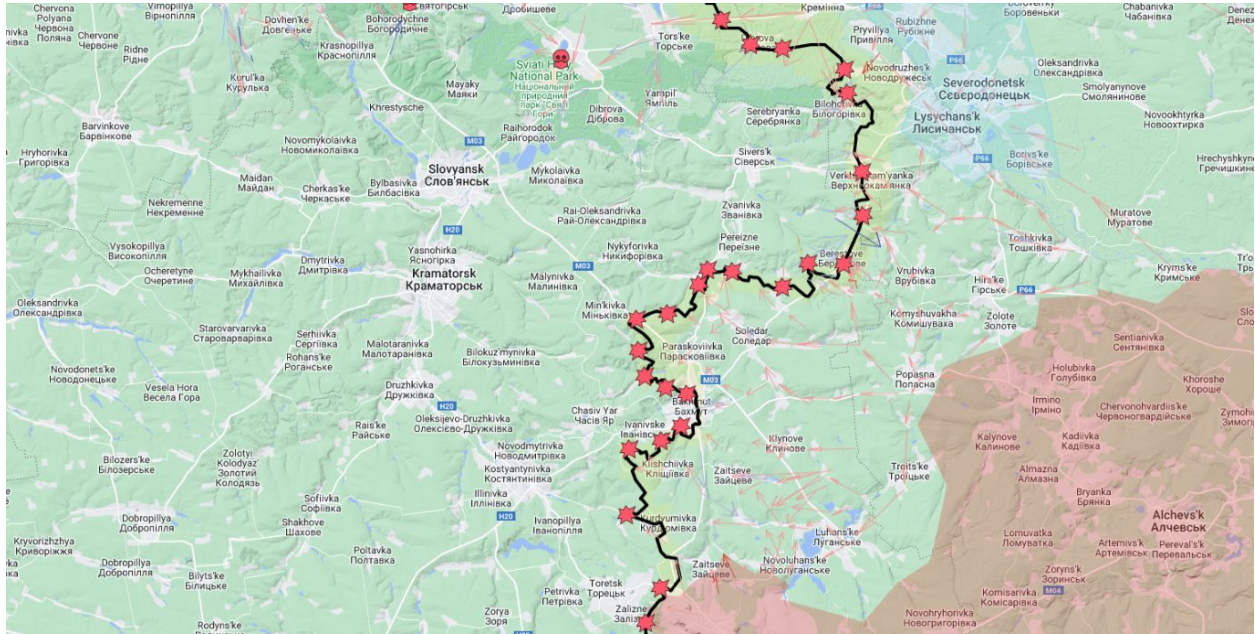
¹⁰ https://t.me/mod_russia/27656 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

¹¹ <https://t.me/rybar/48751>

Spokesman of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Andriy Kovalev, reported that Ukrainian forces had launched an offensive east of [Bilohorivka](#) [Luhansk].¹²

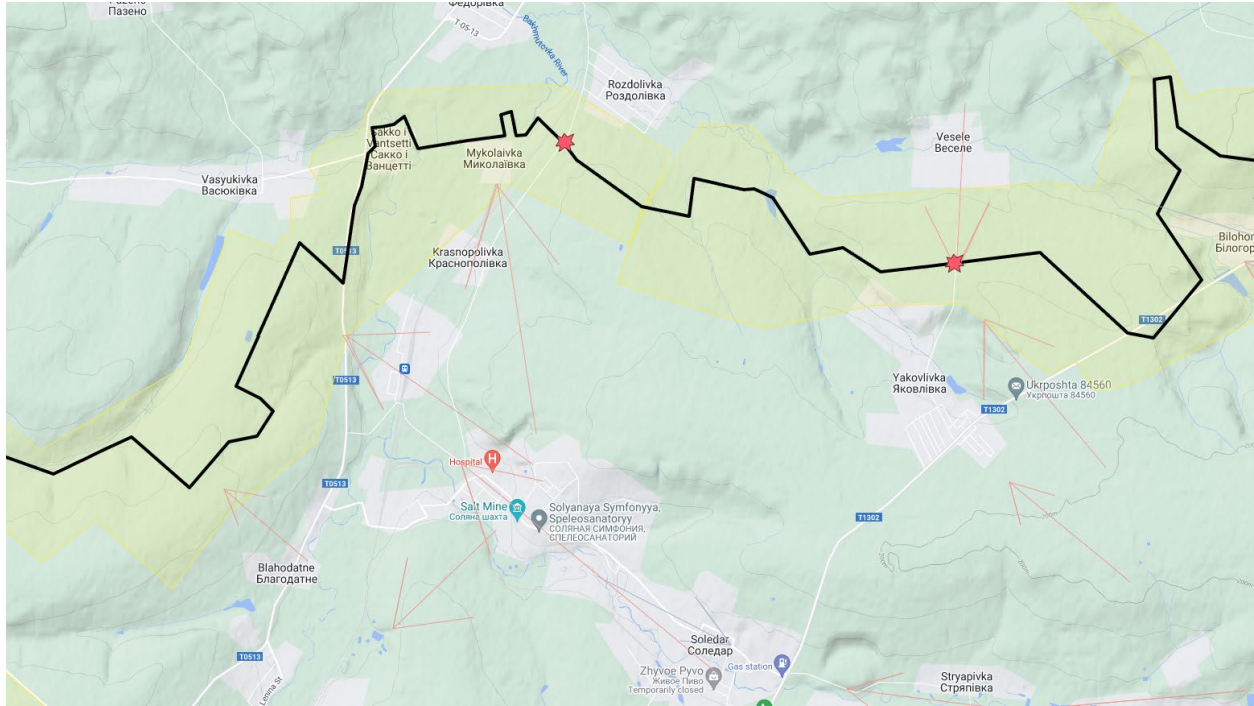
¹² <https://t.me/militarymediacenter/2319>

NORTHEAST DONETSK



Russian Objective: Complete the capture of Bakhmut, set conditions to attack Kramatorsk, Slovyansk, and Siversk, and capture the entire region, set conditions for September 2023 elections

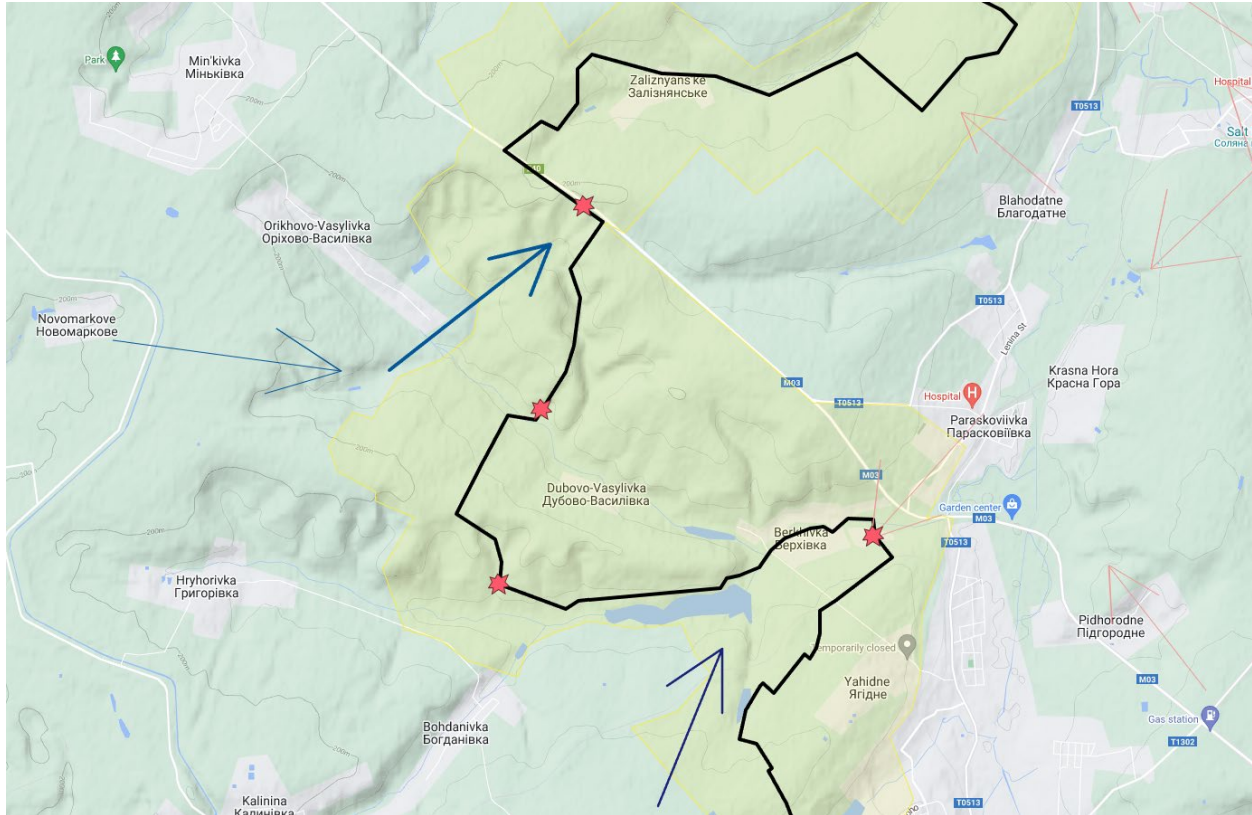
Ukrainian Objective: Defend Siversk and Bakhmut, collapse the Russian flanks while maximizing casualties, draw Russian reserves into the Bakhmut and Soledar operational areas, push into the Luhansk oblast, and minimize civilian casualties



Soledar Operational Area

Russian mercenary milblogger Rybar claimed that Ukrainian offensive operations continued north of Soledar from [Sakko I Vantsetti](#) to [Yakovlivka](#).¹³ There were no other reports of fighting in this area from reliable or semi-reliable sources.

¹³ <https://t.me/rybar/48751>



Bakhmut Operational Area

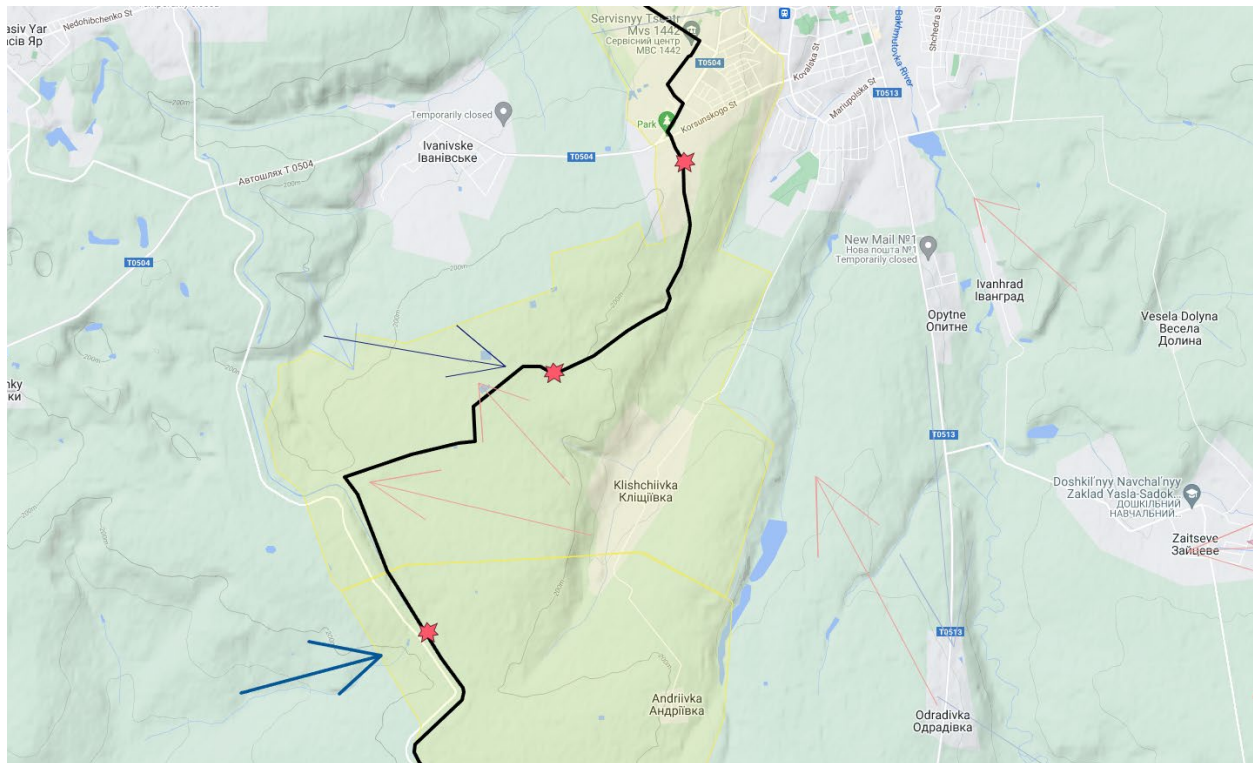
Russian attempts to push back Ukrainian forces near [Orikhovo-Vasylivka](#), supported by airstrikes by the Russian Airforce (VKS), once again failed.^{14 15} Rybar reported continued fighting in the area of [Berkhivka](#), and Russian mercenary milblogger WarGonzo reported fighting in the area of [Yahidne](#).^{16 17}

¹⁴ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

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¹⁷ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13380>



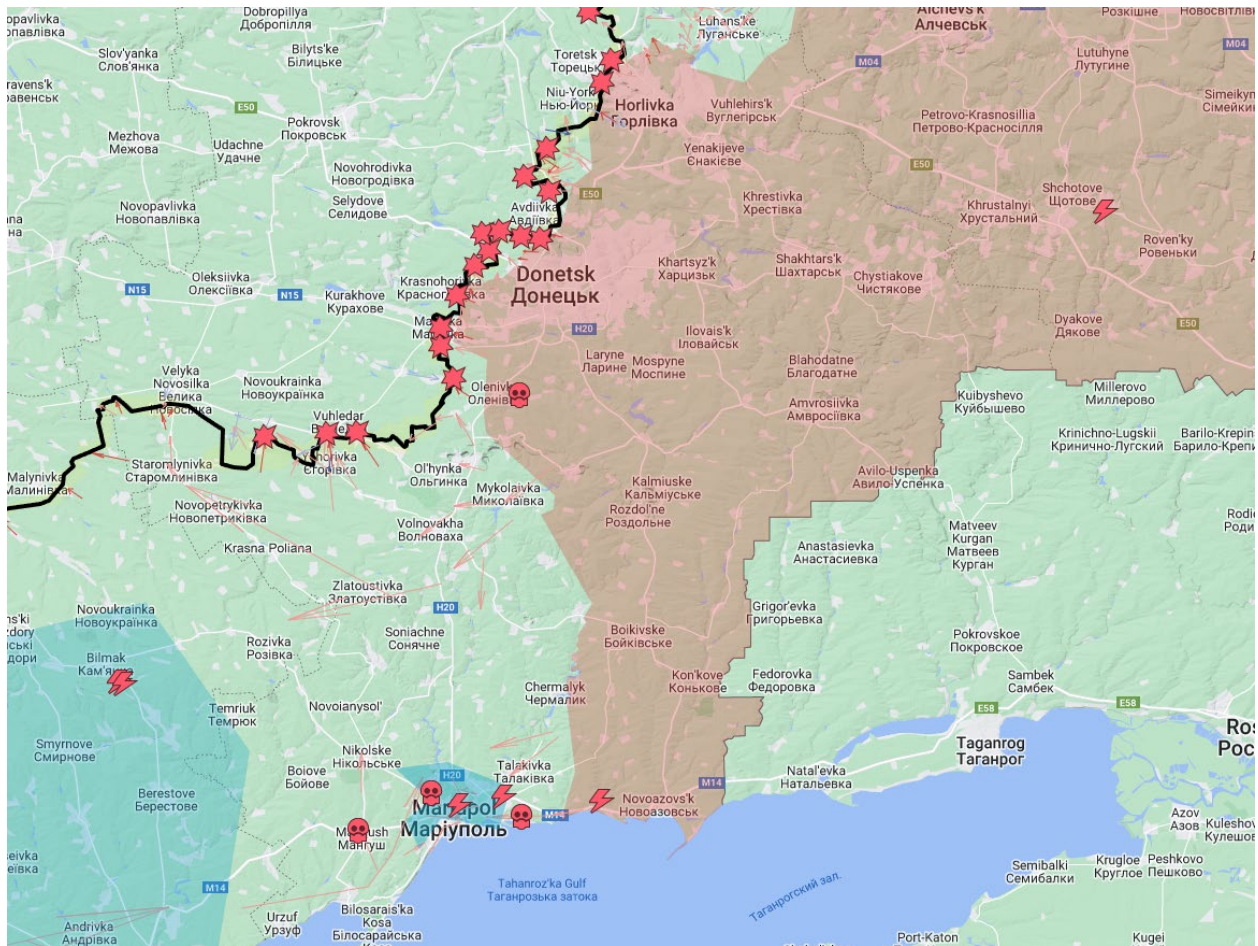
The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (GSAFU) reported that Russian troops attempted to retake lost positions south of [Ivanivske](#). The attack was repulsed.¹⁸ Fighting continued north and northwest of [Klishchiivka](#) and along the Siverskyi Donets-Donbas Canal east of [Bila Hora](#).^{19 20}

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

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SOUTHWESTERN DONETSK

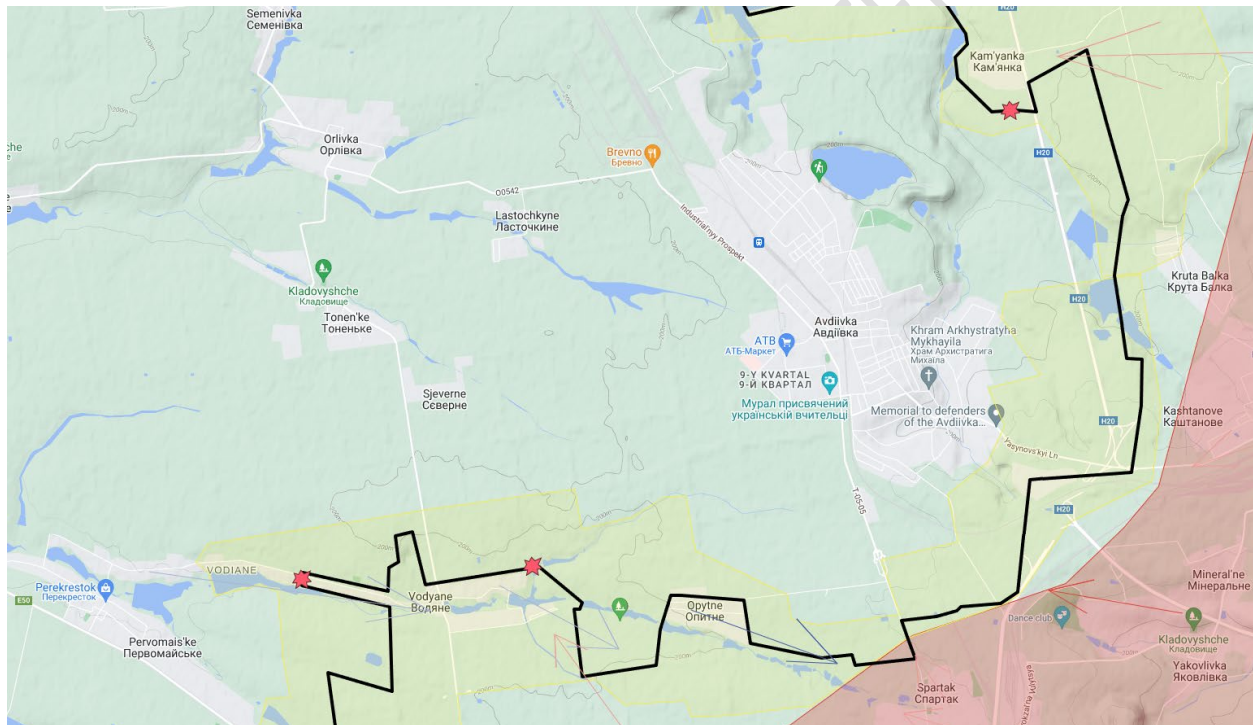


Russian Objective: Defend against the Ukrainian offensive, maximize casualties, set conditions for September 2023 elections, capture the remainder of the oblast


Ukrainian Objective: Set conditions for larger offensive operations, find and exploit Russian defensive weaknesses,

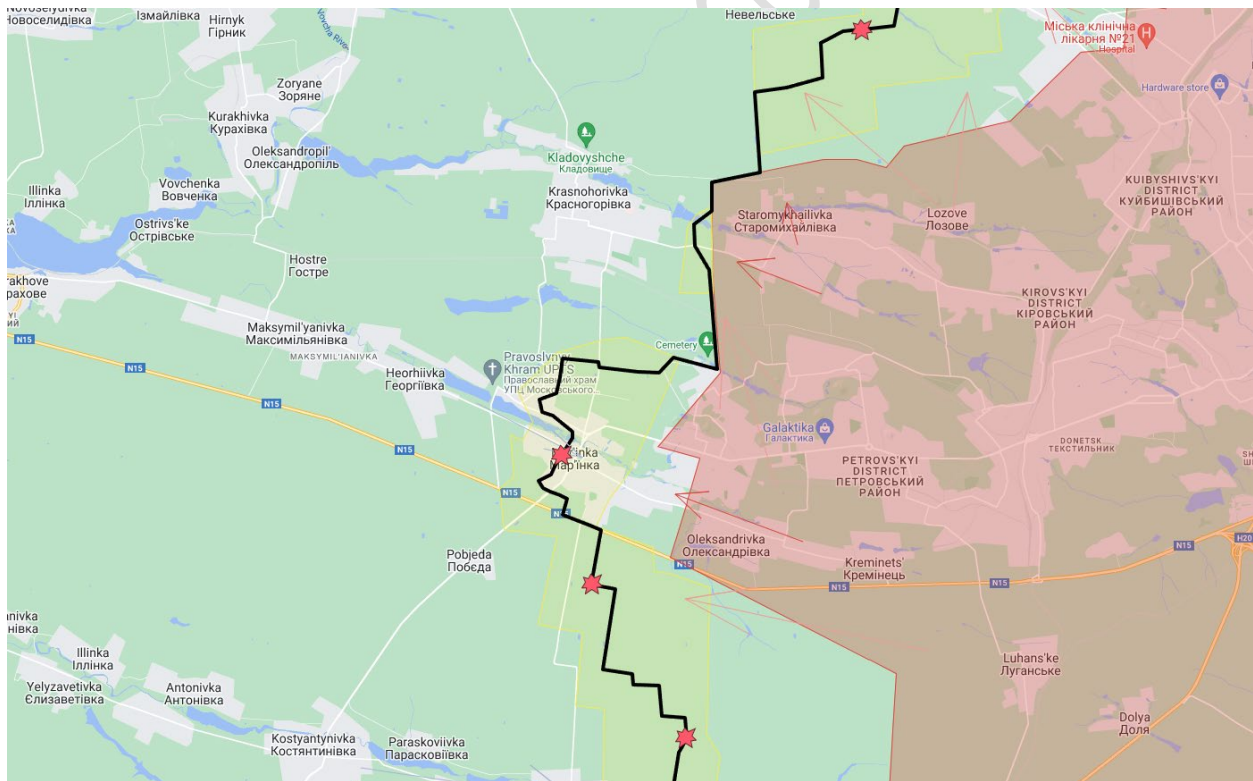
destroy troop concentrations and command and control sites, interdict supplies, and disrupt logistics

Editor's Note: The Russian Ministry of Defense (RMOD) reported fighting near Krasnohorivka but didn't specify which one, and there were no reports of fighting from other reliable or semi-reliable sources in either location.



Avdiivka Operational Area

RMOD reported fighting in the area of [Vesele](#), with no change in the situation.²¹ With significant artillery and VKS support, Russian forces attempted to advance on [Avdiivka](#) from  [between Kamyanka and Kruta Balka](#).²² RMOD and GSAFU reported fighting in the gray area between [Sjeverne](#) and [Vodyane](#) and mutual fighting in the area of [Pervomaiske](#).^{23 24}



²¹ https://t.me/mod_russia/27656 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

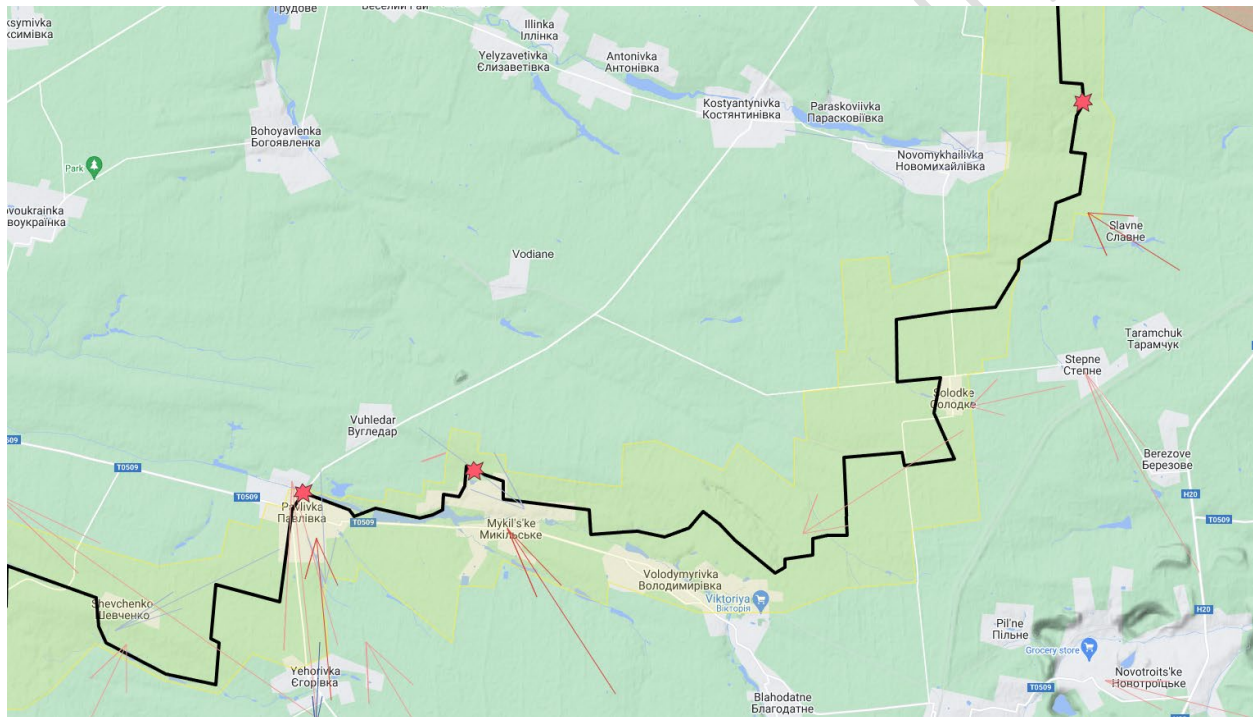
²² [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

²³ https://t.me/mod_russia/27656 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

²⁴ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

Marinka Operational Area

Russian and Ukrainian sources reported mutual combat in [Marinka](#) and to the south. Operational tempo was lower, with Chechen Akhmat and the 5th Brigade unable to advance.^{25 26}

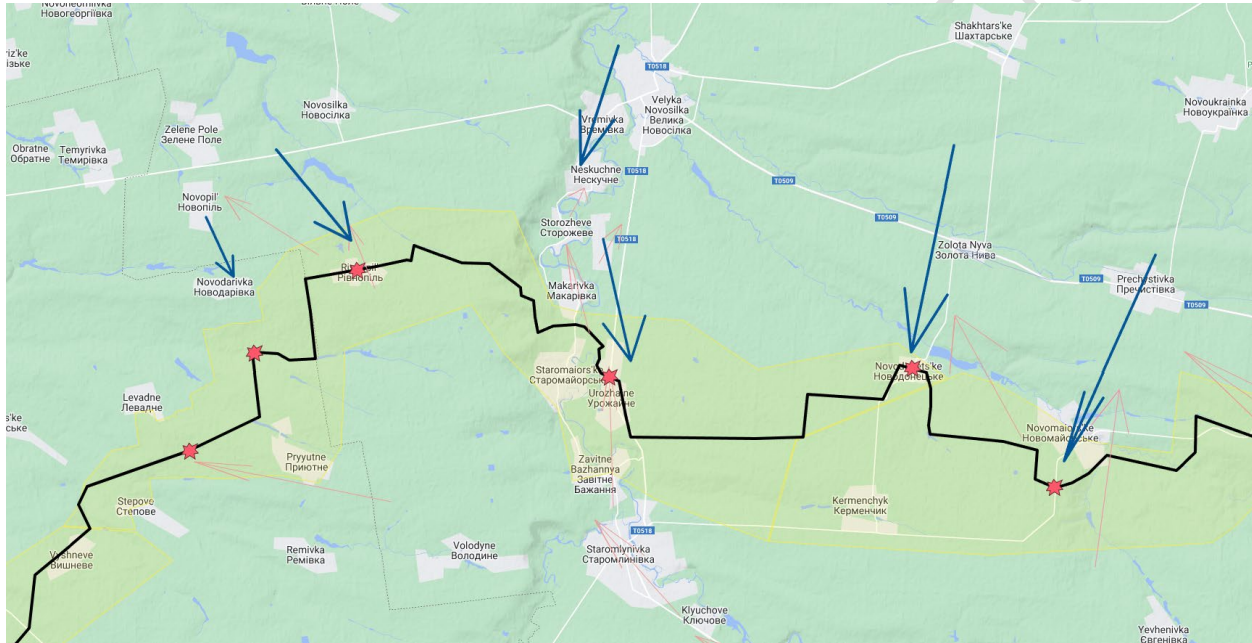


²⁵ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

²⁶ https://t.me/mod_russia/27656 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

Vuledar Operational Area

Russian forces continued their attacks east of [Novomykhailivka](#) without success.²⁷ ²⁸ Russian troops also attempted to advance on [Vuhledar](#) without success.²⁹



Lyubymivka-Staromlynivka Operational Direction

There continues to be little actional information in this area, with a heavy reliance on Russian sources. Fighting was reported in the areas of [Pryvutne](#), [Rivnopil](#), and [Staromaiorske](#).³⁰ Ukrainian military columnist Kirill

²⁷ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – AM Facebook Report](#)

²⁸ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

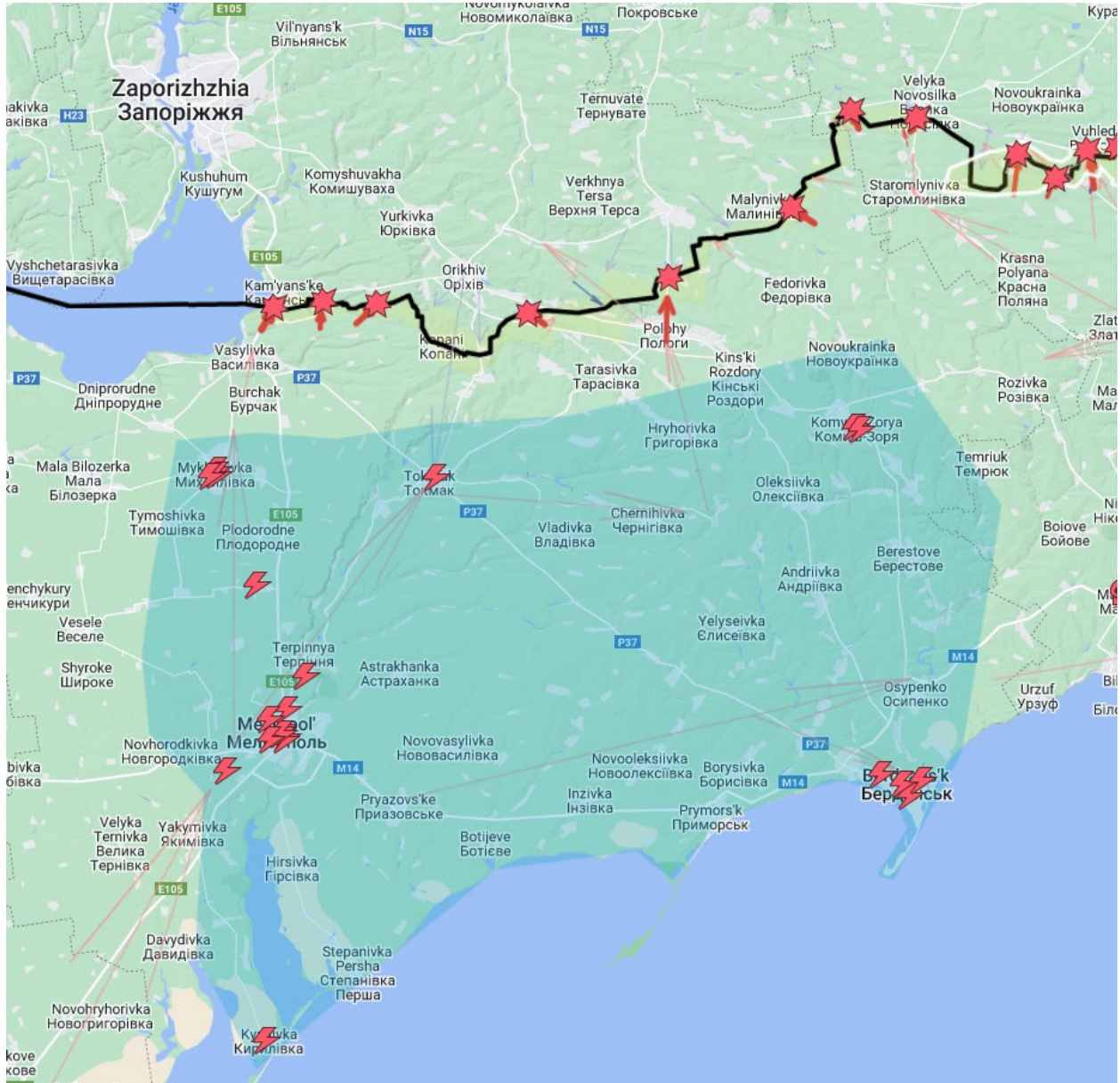
²⁹ [General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – PM Facebook Report](#)

³⁰ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13380>

Danilchenko reported that a Russian regiment commander was killed in fighting near Staromaiorske.³¹

³¹ https://t.me/tanya_adams/4801

ZAPORIZHZIA

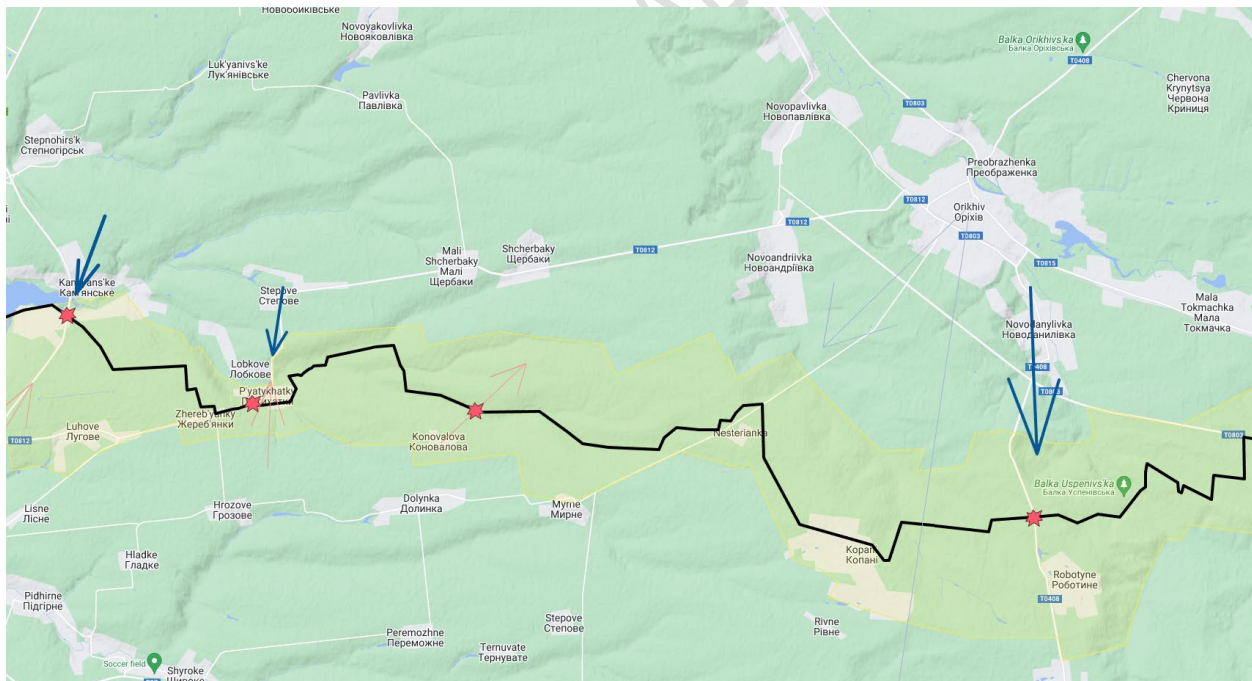


Russian Objective: Defend against the Ukrainian offensive, maximize casualties, set conditions for September 2023 elections, capture the remainder of the oblast, and terrorize Ukrainian civilians with continued attacks

Ukrainian Objective: Exploit weaknesses on the line of conflict, break Russian defensive lines, liberate Russian-occupied areas, and protect civilians

Free Zaporizhia

Russian forces carried out 71 fire missions, two airstrikes, and seven drone attacks 📷 [on 24 settlements](#) along the line of conflict.³²





³² https://t.me/zoda_gov_ua/19714?single

Orikhiv Operational Area

Fighting continued north of [Robotyne](#), on the eastern edge of [Zherbyanky](#), and restarted near [Kamyanske](#).^{33 34} Russian sources repeatedly claim that Ukrainian troops are pushed out of [Pyatykhatky](#), but ongoing civilian evacuations show the claims are inaccurate.³⁵ Columnist Danilchenko claimed that a battalion commander with the Ukrainian 128th Brigade was killed in Pyatykhatky during its liberation.³⁶

Occupied Zaporizhia

Russian milblogger Two Majors claimed that Ukrainian forces are   [remote mining Russian trenches](#), inhibiting movement within Russian defenses.³⁷ Local insurgents claim that the Russian 429th Regiment is held in Luhove and has not been moved forward to blunt the slow Ukrainian advance toward the settlement.³⁸

There were numerous reports that the Troyanda Campsite, a holiday resort used as a bivouac for Russian troops, was

³³ https://t.me/mod_russia/27656 [Russian Government Controlled Social Media Channel]

³⁴ <https://t.me/wargonzo/13380>

³⁵ https://t.me/zoda_gov_ua/19719



³⁶ https://t.me/tanya_adams/4801

³⁷ https://t.me/romanov_92/39442

³⁸ https://t.me/tokmak_ukraine/3832

hit by a Storm Shadow cruise missile, with fires burning in the compound.³⁹

Kakhovka Reservoir

The reservoir has essentially  [drained completely out](#), leaving the  [river channel, some tributaries, impoundments, and mudflats](#) behind.^{40 41}

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Rafael Grossi provided a detailed update on the status at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), "The nuclear safety and security situation at [ZNPP] is extremely fragile. The loss of the Kakhovka Reservoir was a catastrophe for the region as a whole and has also added to the severe difficulties for this major nuclear power plant. Now more than ever, all sides must fully adhere to the IAEA's basic principles designed to prevent a nuclear accident. We will intensify our efforts to help ensure nuclear safety and security while also providing assistance to the affected region in other ways."

³⁹ <https://t.me/zaborzp/47150>

⁴⁰ https://t.me/zinkevich_igor/6531

⁴¹ <https://t.me/zaborzp/47083>

Grossi reported that there is a plan to resume pumping water that remains accessible in the reservoir. There is enough water in the channel to operate the plant for weeks and not have to tap the water in the cooling reservoir. Additionally, the ZNPP spray ponds are replenished through pumping from a drainage system fed by underground water in the area of the ponds.

Grossi reiterated that the plant only has a single 750 kilovolt (kV) power line to meet external electricity needs for reactor cooling and plant operations. The 330 kV line from the Zaporizhzhia Thermal Power Plant switchyard remains unrepaired after almost four months and, after a site inspection, was found to be heavily damaged. Russian administrators claimed that Ukrainian drones had hit the area.

"The IAEA is aware of reports of mines having been placed near the cooling pond. No mines were observed at the site during the Director General's visit, including the cooling pond," the IAEA reported, but added, "However, the IAEA is aware of previous placement of mines outside the plant perimeter, which the Agency has previously reported, and also at particular places inside - which security personnel at the plant explained were for defensive purposes."

“Our assessment of those particular placements was that while the presence of any explosive device is not in line with safety standards, the main safety functions of the facility would not be significantly affected. We are following the issue with great attention,” Grossi concluded.

BLACK SEA, CRIMEA, MYKOLAIV, AND ODESA REGION

Black Sea

At the time of publication, Operational Command South (OKS) reported eight Black Sea fleet vessels on patrol, including one frigate capable of launching up to eight Kalibr cruise missiles.⁴²

Occupied Crimea


A floating dock in the Perseus Shipyard sank in the South Bay of Sevastopol, taking a ship with it. This is the second floating maintenance dock to sink in the Perseus Shipyard since 2019. In the earlier incident, a submarine was lost.⁴³

⁴² <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/34035>

⁴³ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/34087>

Russia began to dispose of the ships of the Ukrainian Navy captured during the occupation of Crimea. The corvettes Prydniprovska, Kherson, Lutsk, and Khmelnytskyi and the minesweepers Chernihiv and Cherkasy were sent to the Russian shipbuilding base in Inkerman.⁴⁴

Odesa

Four Iranian-sourced Shahed-136 kamikaze drones were launched at Odesa, with three shot down. Ukrainian officials are maintaining extremely tight operational security, but there were no reports of casualties, large fires, or significant power outages at the time of publication.⁴⁵ A fourth person died from their injuries from the June 14 missile strike on a Pepsi Co. warehouse in Odesa. Two more victims were transferred to Austria for surgery.⁴⁶ Earlier in the day, thunderstorms that moved through the city  [produced torrential rain](#), causing street, urban, and small stream flooding.⁴⁷

⁴⁴ <https://t.me/investigatorua/6019>

⁴⁵ https://t.me/our_odessa/49011

⁴⁶ https://t.me/our_odessa/48986


⁴⁷ https://t.me/our_odessa/48978

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 Kherson

Russian forces continued to shell Kherson,  [striking an apartment building](#) in the Dnieper District. There were no residents in the building or surrounding homes.⁴⁸

The Dnipro River's water pollution level is 28,000 times higher than normal, according to the Minister of Health of Ukraine, Viktor Lyashko. "It is forbidden to drink Dnipro water, give water to animals, swim in it, and fish. In the Reservoirs of the Mykolaiv region, which were flooded, they found a cholera-like vibrio. Doctors explain that this is not yet the causative agent of cholera but a marker of its presence."⁴⁹


⁴⁸ https://t.me/kherson_non_fake/8448

⁴⁹ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/34043>

Editor's Note: *There have been no confirmed cholera cases in free Ukraine.*

The water level continues to drop slowly, falling to 23 centimeters above the mean. Three settlements continue to experience flooding, impacting 214 residential buildings.⁵⁰ On June 16, the Dnipro River returned to its channel near Kherson.⁵¹

Occupied Kherson

Russian state media agency Shot reported that a missile attack  [damaged the critical Chongar Bridges](#) between occupied Kherson and occupied Crimea.⁵² ⁵³ Based on videos shared by Russian state media which break operational security (OPSEC, [both road bridges were damaged](#), with the adjacent highway bridge [cratered in multiple locations](#).⁵⁴ ⁵⁵ Russian officials initially claimed that inspections were ongoing, then declared the bridge

⁵⁰ https://t.me/shtab_kakhovska_hes/1120

⁵¹ https://t.me/shtab_kakhovska_hes/1090

⁵² https://t.me/shot_shot/53094

⁵³ https://t.me/shot_shot/53093

⁵⁴ <https://twitter.com/MalcontentmentT/status/1671764741025587201>

⁵⁵ <https://twitter.com/temafey/status/1671775127120257025>

reopened, to several minutes later request people to take "alternative routes."

Gauleiter Vladimir Saldo, illegitimate leader of the occupied Kherson, appeared to suggest the bridges would be disabled for some time, saying, "I want to reassure citizens: communication with Crimea continues – there are other ways, albeit a little longer. Food prices, if someone tries to raise them, will be regulated."⁵⁶ A defiant Saldo, standing on the bridge in violation of OPSEC with visible damage behind him, also promised there would be missile strikes on the bridges of Odesa and Moldova.⁵⁷

The Advisor to the illegitimate leader of occupied Crimea, Oleg Kryuchkov, declared, "Three checkpoints connect Crimea with the Kherson region: two in the Armyansk region and one in the Dzhankoi region. A failure in the operation of one of them cannot fundamentally disrupt the transport logistics of the land transport corridor. While the construction of the Chongar bridge is being examined, we ask you to choose a route through the city of Armyansk for trips to the Zaporizhia and Kherson regions."⁵⁸

⁵⁶ <https://twitter.com/MalcontentmentT/status/1671775144988254208>

⁵⁷ <https://twitter.com/MalcontentmentT/status/1671774488017633280>

⁵⁸ https://t.me/dva_majors/18494

ASSESSMENT: Ukrainian forces, special operation forces (SOF), and insurgents have been systematically targeting Russian ground lines of communication between Melitopol in occupied Zaporizhia and occupied Crimea. These actions are meant to disrupt Russian ground lines of communication from the left bank of the Dnipro to Berdyansk, including Tokmak, Polohy, and Melitopol. Individually, Russian combat engineers could quickly repair the damage in a couple of locations, but there have been at least seven strikes on the rail line and its bridges in less than ten days. These attacks, and the loss of a large ammunition depot, will start to disrupt Russian logistics along the line of conflict. The loss of the Chongar crossing has turned a 206-kilometer trip to the Azov Sea coast into a 450-kilometer one. Seventy percent of civil and military traffic from Crimea to Kherson crossed at Chongar, and Russian air defenses have been unable to defend against Storm Shadow missile strikes effectively.⁵⁹

Dnipropetrovsk

Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Administrative and Military Governor (OVA) Alexander Vikul wrote, "Explosions. We don't film anything or put it on the Internet."⁶⁰ Up to four

⁵⁹ <https://twitter.com/wartranslated/status/1671790854812450817>


⁶⁰ <https://t.me/vilkul/3632>

Kh-22 air-to-surface antiship missiles and three Kinzal missiles were fired at Dnipropetrovsk at the Kryvyi Rih raion. Ukrainian sources claim that none of the missiles were intercepted, but none of the intended targets were hit. Homes, a gas pipeline, water supply resources, and powerlines were damaged.⁶¹

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

At 05:45 hours in Kyiv, an explosion occurred on the 7th floor of a 16-story apartment tower,  [blowing out an entire chunk of the building](#).⁶² At the time of publication, two were reported dead and four injured, three requiring

⁶¹ <https://t.me/vilkul/3633>

⁶² https://t.me/zinkevich_igor/6561

hospitalization.⁶³ It is unclear what caused the blast, but it does not appear to be drone or missile-attack-related.

THEATERWIDE

The Defense Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine (GUR) leader, Kyrylo Budanov, addressed Russia's multiple nuclear threats over the last week, saying, "As the head of intelligence, I'm telling you directly, this will not happen. For all my hostility towards the Russian Federation, there are not many idiots running the country."⁶⁴

The United States initially understood that the counteroffensive of the Armed Forces of Ukraine would be difficult and there would be losses. But the Ukrainian military can succeed, said Pentagon Deputy Press Secretary Sabrina Singh. "Our assessments were pretty clear from the start...We knew this was going to be a tough fight," adding that Washington has confidence that Ukrainian forces have the "necessary capacity" to carry out a successful counteroffensive.⁶⁵

⁶³ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/102243>

⁶⁴ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/34059>

⁶⁵ <https://t.me/Crimeanwind/34047>

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed impatience with progress as part of his national address. "The counteroffensive is going slower than we would like because 20,000 square kilometers are mined...No matter what anyone wants, including trying to pressure us, with all due respect, we will advance on the battlefield as we see fit. Some people think it's a Hollywood movie, and they're waiting for the results now. It's not like that. People's lives are at stake."⁶⁶

Russian milblogger and Deputy Commander of OMON forces in the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DNR), Alexander Khodakovsky, noted a change in Ukrainian tactics.⁶⁷ "The enemy took into account the consequences of the first days of the counteroffensive and is now in no hurry to arrange a 'defile' in armored vehicles near the line of contact. The equipment rolls somewhere at the maximum distance for our artillery and beyond the borders of our minefields, and the enemy, after a long artillery preparation, tries to bite off a piece with "legs, legs" [*Light infantry – Ed.*] after a long artillery preparation...it seems that now the enemy is brainstorming: how to direct the

⁶⁶ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4599

⁶⁷ https://t.me/aleksandr_skif/2737

resource in such a way that it would have the maximum effect."

Russian President Vladimir Putin maintained the Kremlin talking points that the Ukrainian counteroffensive is already over and that 245 tanks and 678 armored vehicles of various types have been destroyed.⁶⁸

Editor's Note: There is no evidence to support the claim.

Yevgeny Prigozhin released another audio statement, stating the Kremlin claims are untrue. "There is no control, no ammunition, no weapons. Our world has again been divided into two realities. The enemy is starting to force the Dnipro! Russia will wake up one day and find out that Crimea has been handed over to Ukrainians! All this is hidden! There is a direct betrayal of the interests of the Russian Federation! In order to hold a parade, we must first get [Moskva] from the bottom of the sea, which you shamefully sunk, scumbags, together with the Russian sailors. *[This refers to the sinking of the Moskva and the Kremlin cover-up of losses – Ed.]* At what price do we hold ours? At the cost of the total destruction of the army, for

⁶⁸ https://t.me/shot_shot/53073

the sake of which, for the sake of some shit getting a marshal's star, for the sake of his family members being inviolable, for the sake of murals of himself and crooks in the temple of the Ministry of Defense. The counteroffensive of the Armed Forces brings us serious problems and losses that are kept quiet. That the people do not know about, when the trouble comes, we can be left without an army and without Russia!"⁶⁹

Latvia announced it is transferring its three remaining military helicopters to Ukraine.⁷⁰

Germany announced a new aid package that includes two MAN HX81 tank tractors and their trailers, 155 mm artillery rounds, six infantry mobility vehicles, Vulcano 155 mm precision-guided munitions, and Patriot air defense missiles.⁷¹

The United States announced a \$1.3 billion aid package for Ukraine, including \$520 million for the electrical grid and

⁶⁹ https://t.me/ukrarmed_forces/4602

⁷⁰ https://t.me/Nazars_Look/14919

⁷¹ https://t.me/Nazars_Look/14916

\$657 million to help modernize its border crossings, rail lines, ports, and other critical infrastructure.⁷²

The United Kingdom announced it would provide Ukraine with \$3 billion in financial aid over the next three years.⁷³

The United States Congress House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee approved a bipartisan resolution calling the Biden administration to provide Ukraine with ATACMS missiles immediately. For our international audience, a house resolution is not a bill but a symbolic, non-binding measure.⁷⁴

Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksiy Reznikov held a telephone conversation with Israel's Defense Minister Yoav Galant, with Reznikov saying, "We discussed the current situation on the ground and the prospects of the project to protect Ukrainians from threats from the air. Iranian drones pose a security threat to both our countries. We count on Israel's help in countering this."⁷⁵

⁷² <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/102126>

⁷³ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/102126>

⁷⁴ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/102198>

⁷⁵ <https://t.me/operativnoZSU/102157>

RUSSIA VS. UKRAINE HEAVY EQUIPMENT LOSSES

Russian and Ukrainian visually confirmed heavy equipment losses sourced from the [Oryx Database](#) from February 24, 2022, to June 10, 2023. 10,609 Russian vs. 3,585 Ukrainian

Equipment	Russian Losses	Ukrainian Losses	Ratio	Change
Main Battle Tanks	1893	204	9.38:1	↓
Medium Duty Tanks	132	323	0.41:1	—
Armored fighting Vehicles	879	284	3.10:1	↓
Infantry Fighting Vehicles	2393	562	4.25:1	↓
Armored Personnel Carriers	312	273	1.14:1	↓
MRAPs	43	71	0.61:1	↓
Infantry Mobility Vehicles	190	320	0.59:1	—
Command and Communications Vehicles	243	13	18.69:1	—
Engineering Vehicles	310	60	5.16:1	↓
Towed Artillery	232	126	1.84:1	↑
Self-Propelled Howitzers/Mortars	414	166	2.49:1	↓
MLRS	206	45	4.58:1	↑
SAMs	118	114	1.03:1	↑
Mobile Radars	32	62	0.52:1	—
EW/ECW	40	2	20.00:1	↑
Winged Aircraft	82	68	1.21:1	↓
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 real-time 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.