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**Dates:** 22 March 2022 (no punctuation), but if the day of the week or the place name is given, then comma after day / place name: 'Kyiv, 22 March 2022' or 'Tuesday, 22 March 2022'.

В ніч проти середи, 13 липня: "on the night of 12-13 July", not "on the night of Wednesday, 13th July". The logic behind this is that it is Wednesday 13th today, and we've not got to nighttime yet.

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**Times:** 24-hour clock, with colon between hour and minute: e.g. 17:45

**Figures:** the decimal marker is a full stop (period) and the thousands separator is a comma, the opposite from most other languages! (so 45.2 and 20,000).

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- headlines can use digits for brevity, except at the start

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- ratios are always in numerals

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<https://transliteration.pro/zagranpassport>

**Regions:** *Crimea / Donbas etc.*

no article [the] + Crimea, Donbas

no article + occupied + place name (Crimea, Kherson, etc.)

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Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine

Photo: Shahed kamikaze drones

Photo: UP

Photo: SSU

Photo: Wikipedia

Photo: National police

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*The territories in green are controlled by Ukraine; those in red are occupied by Russia. Map: DeepState*

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*This story is developing, we'll bring you the latest updates as they happen.*

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[DOC for 9 OCTOBER](#)

**TO TRANSLATE:**

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**У Кременчуці та Полтаві пролунали вибухи – ЗМІ**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478781/>

**Explosions reported in Kremenchuk and Poltava – media**

*Smoke from the explosion. Stock photo: Getty Images*

Explosions were heard in Poltava and Kremenchuk in Poltava Oblast on the evening of 8 October.

**Source:** [Ukrainian Air Force](#); [Suspilne](#); Filip [Pronin](#), Head of Poltava Oblast Military Administration

**Details:** At 22:04, the Air Force reported a high-speed target heading towards Kremenchuk. Five minutes later, a similar threat was reported for Poltava.

At the same time, Suspilne correspondents reported explosions in both cities.

At 22:55, Filip Pronin said that according to early reports, no hits on civilian infrastructure were recorded.

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**Через російську атаку на Костянтинівку загинула жінка, ще 6 людей дістали поранення**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478766/>

**Russians launch airstrike on Kostiantynivka: one woman killed, six people injured – photo**

The Russians dropped three KAB-250 guided aerial bombs on the city of Kostiantynivka in Donetsk Oblast on the evening of 8 October. A 77-year-old woman was killed and six people were injured as a result of the airstrikes.

**Source:** [Vadym Filashkin](#), Head of Donetsk Oblast Military Administration; [Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine](#); [Donetsk Oblast Prosecutor's Office](#)

**Quote:** "At least one person has been killed and six injured as a result of the airstrike on Kostiantynivka."

**Details:** The Interior Ministry said a woman had been killed in the attack, noting that the Russians dropped three KAB-250 aerial bombs with unified gliding and correction modules on the city. Two of the bombs struck apartment buildings and one hit an educational institution.

*The aftermath of the Russian attack. Photo: Donetsk Oblast Military Administration*

In addition, at least 30 infrastructure facilities have been damaged, including 17 apartment buildings, three educational institutions, seven vehicles and three gas pipelines.

Police paramedics provided first aid and took people to hospital. All the necessary emergency services are working at the scene.

Filashkin urged people not to put themselves in danger and to evacuate from the oblast.

**Update:** At 20:28, the prosecutor's office provided information regarding the age of the deceased woman and those injured. According to law enforcement, a 77-year-old woman sustained fatal injuries as a result of the attack.

**Quote from Donetsk Oblast Prosecutor's Office:** "Six other civilians were injured in their homes. Women aged 61, 73 and 83 and men aged 30, 45 and 73 were taken to hospital, where they were diagnosed with blast injuries, craniocerebral injuries, shrapnel wounds and fractures. Residential buildings, gas pipelines and vehicles have been damaged."

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**Зеленський: Ми зберігаємо необхідний тиск на Росію на Курському напрямку**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478771/>

**Zelenskyy: Ukraine is keeping up pressure on Russia on Kursk front**

*A Kursk Oblast sign. Stock photo: Russian media*

Ukraine is keeping up the necessary pressure on Russia on the Kursk front, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said.

**Source:** [Zelenskyy's evening address](#) on 8 October

**Quote:** "Today, there was also a separate and long report by the Commander-in-Chief on our frontline actions, on all defensive operations, as well as on the Kursk operation – the fighting in the Kursk region is now in its third month, and we are keeping up the necessary pressure on Russia in this area. Head of Defence Intelligence of Ukraine [Kyrylo] Budanov also delivered a detailed report on the processes taking place within the enemy's system and our influence on them. There was also a report by Minister of Defence [Rustem] Umierov regarding aspects of our cooperation with partners."

**Details:** Zelenskyy also reported on the Staff meeting. The discussions covered weapons production in Ukraine, the needs of the army, and the supply of drones. He also shared updates on the results of sanctions.

**Quote:** "We continue our work on sanctions – two new sanctions packages were imposed today. On those who have betrayed Ukraine and also, on military production in Russia – those legal

entities and individuals who are working for terror. And we will continue to synchronise Ukrainian sanctions and our pressure on the enemy with everyone in the world who, like Ukrainians, wants real peace".

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**Через російський обстріл села на Куп'янщині загинула жінка**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478783/>

**Woman killed in Russian attack on village in Kupiansk district**

*Kruhliakivka on map. Screenshot: Google Maps*

Russian forces struck the village of Kruhliakivka in the Kupiansk district on 8 October, killing one woman and injuring another.

**Source:** [Kharkiv Oblast Prosecutor's Office](#)

**Quote:** "According to the investigation, on 8 October, Russian forces attacked the village of Kruhliakivka in the Kupiansk district. A woman of 52 was killed. A 76-year-old local woman sustained injuries."

**Details:** Residential buildings in the village were also damaged.

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**Сили Вірменії почнуть охороняти кордон із Туреччиною, де досі була тільки ФСБ Росії**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478780/>

**Armenian forces to begin guarding Türkiye border, previously patrolled only by Russia's FSB**

After a meeting with Vladimir Putin on Tuesday, 8 October, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan announced that starting from 2025, Armenian forces will join Russian forces in guarding the country's borders with Iran and Türkiye.

**Source:** European Pravda, citing Nazeli [Baghdasaryan](#), spokesperson for the Armenian Prime Minister

**Details:** Baghdasaryan reported that Armenia "positively assesses" the outcome of the meeting with the Kremlin leader, during which "specific agreements were reached in energy, education, and humanitarian areas."

**Quote:** "An agreement was also reached that starting on 1 January 2025, the Armenian Border Guard will participate in guarding the state borders of Armenia with Iran and Türkiye"



Baghdasaryan specified that the Armenian Border Guard would fully handle security at the Armenia-Iran border checkpoint.

Until now, Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) [had been responsible](#) for guarding all 333km of the Armenia-Turkey border, under an agreement between Moscow and Yerevan dating back to 1992.

The FSB had also jointly guarded the 44km Armenia-Iran border with Armenian border guards. In July 2024, Russian border guards officially ended their service at Armenia's Zvartnots airport, a mission that had been in place since 1992.

**WP: Гарріс просила Зеленського обрати наступника, якщо його вб'ють або захоплять у полон**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478778/>

**Harris asked Zelenskyy to choose successor if he is killed or captured – WP**

*Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Kamala Harris on 27 September 2024. Photo: Ukraine's President Office*

Right before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, US Vice President Kamala Harris urged President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to develop a plan in case he was killed or captured.

**Source:** Extracts from the book *War* by American journalist and [The Washington Post](#) editor Bob Woodward, as reported by European Pravda

**Details:** Woodward states that during the Munich Security Conference, Harris supposedly encouraged Zelenskyy to take action in response to the looming Russian threat.

One of these actions included creating a succession plan to ensure stability "if you are captured or killed," Harris is quoted as saying.

In July, The Times published an article claiming that Harris rejected a Ukrainian proposal for [preemptive sanctions against Moscow](#) just days before Russia's full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

In September, Harris criticised proposals by her rival in the US elections, Donald Trump, regarding Ukraine, highlighting that they "align with Putin's proposals."]

**Російські виробники та зрадники: Зеленський ввів в дію нові санкції**

<https://www.epravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/720340/>

EN <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2024/10/8/7478779/>

## **Russian manufacturers and traitors: Zelenskyy imposes new sanctions**

*Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Stock photo: Office of the President of Ukraine*

President Zelenskyy signed two decrees on 8 October, enacting new decisions by the National Security and Defence Council on "applying personal special economic and other restrictive measures (sanctions)".

**Source:** [Zelenskyy's address](#) on 8 October

**Quote:** "We are continuing our sanctions work – today, two new sanction packages were introduced. One targets those who have betrayed Ukraine, while the other focuses on military production in Russia – both legal entities and individuals working for terror[ism]."

Among the legal entities sanctioned by the National Security and Defence Council are Russian and Chinese companies, including the state corporation Rostec.

Personal sanctions have also been imposed on Ukrainian lawyer Tetiana Montian who is, thus, considered a traitor to Ukraine.

**Кількість постраждалих від російських ударів по Харкову зросла до 5, ще двоє людей загинули і**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478748/>

**Number injured in Russian attack on Kharkiv rises to five, two people killed – photos**

*The aftermath of the Russian attack on Kharkiv. Photo: SES in Kharkiv Oblast*

Russian troops attacked the city of Kharkiv with guided aerial bombs on 8 October. Two people were killed and at least **five** were injured.

**Source:** Kharkiv Mayor [Ihor Terekhov](#); [Oleh Syniehubov](#), Head of Kharkiv Oblast Military Administration; [Kharkiv Oblast Military Administration](#); [spokesman](#) for Kharkiv Oblast Prosecutor's Office Dmytro Chubenko

**Details:** Terekhov said the Russians hit a high-rise building in the Kyivskyi district with guided aerial bombs. He later added that one person was killed in the attack.

**Update:** At 17:20, Syniehubov reported that two people had been killed and several injured, and that emergency services were working at the site of the strike.

Syniehubov later specified that the Russians had struck open areas with four guided aerial bombs.

"The dead are a civilian man and woman, whose identities are being established. They were outside at the time [of the attack]. At least three people were injured," Syniehubov said.

Some time later, Syniehubov reported that the Russian army had launched six guided aerial bombs on Kharkiv Oblast. Five affected areas have been identified.

According to Syniehubov, one bomb exploded in an open area in the Saltivskyi district, killing a woman and a man, both aged 70, who were passing by.

Fifteen apartment buildings in the Saltivskyi area have been damaged in the attack. Mayor Ihor Terekhov stated that the process of boarding up broken windows would begin in the evening. Staff from the Administrative Services Centre will be on site tomorrow morning to help residents complete their paperwork for the eRecovery programme.

The Russians also targeted the village of Cherkaska Lozova in Kharkiv's suburbs. The strike caused damage to a private residential building, but fortunately, the Russian ordnance failed to detonate. All specialist services are working at the scene.

**Update:** At 19:04, Terekhov reported that the number of people injured has risen to five. The prosecutor's office also stated that according to early information, the Russians employed FAB-250 aerial bombs in the attack.

“Airborne munitions struck a reservoir in a densely populated residential area in the Saltivskyi district of Kharkiv. Prosecutors and police investigators are working on site to document war crimes. Criminal proceedings have been initiated under Article 438.2 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code.”

The prosecutor's office also stated that according to early information, the Russians employed FAB-250 aerial bombs with Unified gliding and correction modules in the attack from the settlement of Tomarovka in Russia's Belgorod Oblast. Two Su-34 aircraft were used for the strike.

**Quote from Kharkiv Oblast Prosecutor's Office:** "In Kharkiv's Saltivskyi district, an aviation munition hit near a pond in a densely populated residential area. Two people were killed: a woman, 69, and a man, 73. Five more people were injured. Several apartment buildings were damaged."

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**Росіяни FPV-дроном влучили у цивільне авто на Запоріжжі: загинув 71-річний чоловік**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478776/>

**Russians hit civilian car with FPV drone in Zaporizhzhia Oblast: man, 71, killed**

*An ambulance. Stock Photo: Getty Images*

A Russian FPV drone hit a civilian vehicle in the village of Prymorske, Zaporizhzhia Oblast, killing a man, 71, and injuring a woman aged 67.

**Source:** Ivan [Fedorov](#), Head of the Oblast Military Administration

**Quote:** "A man, 71, was killed, and a woman, 67, was injured in the enemy attack."

**Details:** The pensioners were driving through the village of Prymorske when their car was hit by the FPV drone. The man lost his life on the spot, while the woman was taken to hospital for treatment.

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**У Росії заблокували месенджер Discord**

<https://www.epravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/720334/>

**Russia blocks Discord messenger**

The Discord messenger has been blocked in Russia for supposedly violating the country's legislation.

**Source:** Russian censorship authority Roskomnadzor, cited by [The Moscow Times](#)

**Details:** Russian users had previously complained en masse about Discord malfunctions, according to data from DOWNDetector. The messenger was inaccessible in both desktop and mobile versions.

Issues with the messenger have been observed since at least September. In early autumn, Roskomnadzor began adding Discord pages to the register of prohibited information. Since 20 September, Roskomnadzor has made five rulings against the messenger, which became the basis for the block, and fined Discord for RUB 3.5 million.

**Background:** Roskomnadzor, Russia's Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technology and Mass Media, [issued](#) five decisions on violations of Russian legislation concerning the messenger app Discord.

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**З окупації повернули ще 7 українських дітей**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478768/>

**Seven more Ukrainian children brought back to Ukraine from Russian-occupied territories – photos**

Seven Ukrainian children have been brought back from the temporarily occupied territories of Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, and Luhansk oblasts.

**Source:** [Andrii Yermak](#), Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine; [Dmytro Lubinets](#), Ukrainian Parliament's Commissioner for Human Rights

**Quote:** "Today, another seven Ukrainian children were returned home as part of the President of Ukraine's Bring Kids Back UA initiative. Their ages range from 3 to 17. These children and their families spent a long time in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. Families faced persecution: adults were repeatedly forced to undergo interrogations, and children had to attend 'patriotic education lessons' and other public events aimed at spreading Russian propaganda narratives among the young people," Yermak reports.

*Ukrainian children, brought back from Russian occupation, with their families. Photo: Dmytro Lubinets on Telegram*

**Details:** Ukrainians who refused to obtain Russian passports were denied employment and access to medical services. The occupation authorities threatened to revoke parental rights if children did not attend Russian schools.

In particular, 17-year-old Daniil from Luhansk had to hide the fact that he continued studying online in a Ukrainian school for his own safety.

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**Підрядник з фортифікації Покровського напрямку заявив, що зупинив роботи через дії поліції**

<https://www.epravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/720328/>

EN <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2024/10/8/7478759/>

**Fortification contractor working in Donetsk Oblast says **it** stopped work due to police actions**

*Workers of Avtomahistral-Pivden road company. Stock photo: Avtomahistral-Pivden on Facebook*

The Avtomahistral-Pivden company, which is engaged in fortification works along the front line, in particular on the Pokrovsk front in Donetsk Oblast, has announced that it has stopped work due to the actions of the National Police.

**Source:** company's [press service](#)

**Details:** The company claims that security forces raided its office, searched employees' apartments and seized important documentation related to critical infrastructure.

The National Police state that the company continues to operate as usual, but the contractor denies this information.

Representatives of the company claim that the police's actions have disrupted their computer network and electronic document management. In addition, the seizure of communication equipment made it impossible to coordinate the work of their departments.

**Quote:** “Work on critical infrastructure facilities, especially on fortifications along the frontline, in particular on the Pokrovsk front, has been suspended,” the statement said.

The company says that this poses a threat to logistics and military routes.

The contractor believes that disputes over pricing and tender procedures should be resolved in court. Although the investigation has stated that there may be losses, it has also acknowledged that an expert examination of this issue has not yet been carried out, Avtomahistral-Pivden added.

Earlier, the National Police said that the company is suspected of violating tender procedures and arbitrarily setting prices for the cost of works in different oblasts of Ukraine.

Urgent searches of the company's employees' places of work and residence were conducted after receiving operative information that “documents confirming criminal activity may soon be destroyed,” the National Police said.

During the searches, documents and digital media “with useful information for the investigation” were seized. A number of construction and technical examinations have been ordered to establish the real value of materials, works and services provided by the company.

“The company's activities are not being blocked, it continues to operate as usual,” the National Police said earlier.

**Background:** On 4 October, the National Police conducted searches at Avtomahistral-Pivden road construction company, which, according to the company, effectively paralysed work at strategically important facilities.

**Британія запровадила санкції проти РФ за застосування хімічної зброї в Україні**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478758/>

**UK sanctions Russia for use of chemical weapons in Ukraine**

*Ukrainian and UK flags. Stock photo: Getty Images*

On 8 October, the United Kingdom announced new sanctions against three Russian entities and one individual due to the Russian military's use of chemical weapons against Ukraine.

**Source:** [European Pravda](#) with reference to **a statement by** the UK government

**Details:** The statement refers to the use on the battlefield of chloropicrin, a substance classified as a chemical weapon by the International Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Sanctions have been imposed on the Radiological, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops of the Russian Armed Forces and their chief, Igor Kirillov, who is directly accused of involvement in the use of chemical weapons and the spread of disinformation.

Also among those sanctioned are the 27th and 33rd Research Centres of the Russian Ministry of Defence, which, **the statement says**, are involved in the development of chemical and biological weapons.

The United States cited Russian troops' use of the [banned chemical substance](#) chloropicrin against the Armed Forces of Ukraine as grounds for imposing new sanctions against Russia in May.

The US State Department also noted that Russian troops in Ukraine are also using similar **chemical irritants** that are commonly used by police to disperse demonstrations.

UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy stressed that Britain **"will not sit idly by"** while Kremlin leader Vladimir Putin rides roughshod over international law, including the Chemical Weapons Convention.

**"I have made it my personal mission to challenge this malign activity, and I will not back down,"** he stressed.

In high concentrations, chloropicrin is highly irritating to the lungs, eyes and skin. Although not as dangerous as other chemical weapons, it causes vomiting, dizziness, severe inflammation of the eyes, nose, throat and respiratory tract, and convulsions, as well as loss of consciousness and skin lesions.

All these symptoms come on suddenly, and a person exposed to chloropicrin in high concentrations can die in a matter of minutes. Chloropicrin also contaminates food and water.

**Background:**

- In early September, the UK announced restrictive measures against Iran in response to its decision to [send ballistic missiles to Russia](#).

- The UK has also imposed sanctions on two legal entities and five vessels involved in the [transportation of Russian liquefied natural gas](#).

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**Hungary won't unblock safeguards for G7 loan to Ukraine linked to proceeds from frozen Russian assets, vital for US**

**Corrected:** The headline and first sentence have been corrected

Hungary has decided not to endorse the EU's decision, which is important for US participation in the G7 loan to Ukraine, which will be repaid from the proceeds from frozen Russian assets, until after the US presidential election.

**Source:** Mihály Varga, Hungary's Finance Minister, on Tuesday, 8 October, writes [Euronews](#), as reported by [European Pravda](#)

**Details:** According to Varga, the two US presidential contenders, Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, advocate opposing methods to settling Russia's war against Ukraine: "One, in the direction [of] peace. And [the other] continue to the war."

As a result, the Hungarian minister stressed that the EU should plan the following steps based on who the Americans choose.

**Quote:** "We believe that this issue should be decided – the prolongation of the Russian sanctions – after the US elections. That was the Hungarian position... We have to see in which direction the future US administration is going [on] this issue," he added.

This concerns the US\$50 billion loan plan for Ukraine, agreed upon by G7 leaders, that will be repaid with profits from frozen Russian assets – meaning that Kyiv will not have to return the money.

The EU should provide €35 billion under the terms of the proposal, but this requires a reform in the sanctions mechanism, which allows for the freezing of assets in the EU.

Whether this extension should be formalised forever or for longer durations than the normal half-year was a source of contention in Brussels. \*Hungary's obstruction pertains to this decision within the EU, rather than the decision regarding the European portion of the loan.

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## **Biden postpones trip to Germany for Ramstein meeting**

*Joe Biden. Photo: Getty Images*

US President Joe Biden has postponed a trip to Germany in connection with Hurricane Milton, which is expected to hit Florida soon.

**Source:** [Karine Jean-Pierre](#), White House Press Secretary, as reported by [European Pravda](#)

**Details:** Jean-Pierre said Biden is postponing scheduled trips to Germany and Angola because of the expected trajectory and ferocity of Hurricane Milton.

The US president will stay in the country “to oversee preparations for and the response to Hurricane Milton, in addition to the ongoing response to the impacts of Hurricane Helene across the Southeast”.

It was believed that Biden would attend the Ukraine Defence Contact Group (Ramstein format) meeting on 12 October, which will be held at leader level in person for the first time.

Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy intends to [present his Victory Plan](#) to the allied states at the meeting.

According to media reports, [significant steps in support of Ukraine](#) are anticipated to be taken at the allies' conference in Ramstein, particularly in terms of North Atlantic integration.

## **В ОП роз'яснили, коли визначать дату Другого саміту миру**

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### **Ukrainian President's Office: Date of Second Peace Summit to be set after end of October**

*Daria Zarivna. Photo: Office of the President*

Dariia Zarivna, advisor to the head of the Ukrainian President's Office, has stated that the date of the second Global Peace Summit has yet to be chosen, but it would be decided after the end of October.

**Source:** Zarivna in a comment to [Telegraf](#) outlet, as reported by [European Pravda](#)

**Details:** Zarivna said that “the second Peace Summit will not have taken place yet” in November but “everything for its preparation should be ready by then”.

Later, she announced on [Telegram](#) that a series of thematic conferences on each point of the Peace Formula will be held throughout October.

**Quote:** “The last such conference will take place on 30-31 October. The date of the Second Peace Summit will be determined after the thematic conferences have finished.”

**Background:**

- According to media reports, Ukraine had planned to arrange the second Peace Formula Summit [before the US presidential election](#) on 5 November.
- President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had earlier expressed the hope that the preparation material for the second Peace Summit would be completed by November.

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Дрони РФ пролетіли біля української АЕС: "Енергоатом" каже про можливу підготовку ударів

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**Russian drones fly near Ukrainian nuclear plant: Energoatom says strikes may be in offing**

Russian Shahed drones have again violated the no-fly zone around the Pivdennoukrainsk Nuclear Power Plant (NPP), which may indicate that Russia is preparing to strike Ukrainian nuclear infrastructure.

**Source:** Energoatom's [press service](#)

**Quote:** "On the night of 6-7 October, two Russian UAVs were spotted near the industrial site of the Pivdennoukrainsk NPP. The distance between the UAVs and the nuclear facilities was less than 10 km," the statement said.

Energoatom notes that the number of such cases of Russian UAVs has recently increased drastically, which may indicate that Russia is preparing strikes on Ukrainian nuclear infrastructure.

**Background:**

- On the night of 24-25 September, a [Russian drone](#) was seen flying at a dangerously low height close to the Rivne NPP industrial site.
- An attack drone's flight near Khmelnytskyi NPP was captured on camera on 22 September.
- Power experts have documented over 70 drones and over 30 Russian Federation cruise missiles flying close to nuclear power reactors in Ukraine within the last two weeks.

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**SEO-Title:** French journalist travelled over 2,000 kilometres by bicycle to raise donations for the Ukrainian military

**SEO-Description:** The Frenchman travelled for 25 days and visited five countries: Ukraine, Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium. During his trip, he was able to collect about US\$7,600 to support the Ukrainian troops

**French journalist covered over 2,000 km on bike to raise funds for Ukraine's Armed Forces**

*The journalist covered over 2,000 kilometres in 25 days. Photo: Sébastien Gobert on Facebook*

French journalist Sébastien Gobert rode his bike from Lviv to Brussels to collect money for the unit that defends Ukraine, which includes his friend Jonathan Loops.

**Source:** Gobert spoke about his 25-day charity bike ride on [Facebook](#)

**Details:** During this time, Sébastien visited five countries, including Ukraine, Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

The journalist stated that he intended to cover 1,700 kilometres on bicycle, but he had to take detours in certain areas, so it ended up being “a tad more” – 2,136 kilometres.

He made two stops along the road, at Szczecin, Poland, and Berlin, Germany. Sébastien had to bike through the rain for two days, while “a million dogs” barked at him along the way.

The journalist said he drank four glasses of beer during his stay, three of which were a “mistake”.

During the charity tour, he collected UAH 315,000 (about €7,000). According to the initiative's organiser, Ukrainian literary critic Tetiana Oharkova, the money will be transferred to the Kolo charity foundation's volunteer centre.

“Ukrainians, French, Belgians, and other foreigners have donated. Thank you to everyone for each hryvnia and euro!” she wrote.

The money gathered by volunteers will go towards purchasing a pickup truck for Jonathan's unit in the Ukrainian army.

As Sébastien previously stated, Jonathan is a former French military officer who joined the 66th Mechanised Brigade named after Prince Mstyslav the Brave. Within the Ukrainian army, he helped to resist the Russian advance in the Kyiv Oblast and fought in Sieverodonetsk, Bakhmut, and Kherson Oblast's left bank.

“I usually stay in the shadows because I dislike the media. But, after 2.5 years, it's time to seek help. On 7 July, a bullet penetrated my thigh, striking an artery and a bone.

We had no transportation, so the evacuation took some time. I was near death. That's why I'm asking for help in obtaining a pickup truck, which will make getting around easier and save lives.

Thanks to the excellent work of surgeons, I am back at the front. We truly do not have enough equipment [...] and, unfortunately, it doesn't just affect our lives,” he wrote at the end of September.

Tetiana Oharkova stated that the fundraiser is not yet over because the final goal is UAH 320,000. As a result, anyone can still join and support the army.

“Those who did not have time or who still want to chip in and be a part of this success story, it is not too late; we have extended the fundraiser for one day because prices for pickups are increasing!” she wrote.

In late April, Kristo Enn Vaga, a member of the Estonian parliament, [embarked on a bike ride](#) from the Estonian capital Tallinn to Kyiv to raise funds in support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

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**СБУ затримала у Молдові одного з ідеологів вторгнення РФ в Україну Чистиліна**  
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## **Ideologist who justified Russia's war against Ukraine is detained by Ukraine's Security Service**

*Stock photo: Security Service of Ukraine*

Dmitry Chistilin, a Kremlin ideologist of Russia's armed aggression, has been detained by the Security Service of Ukraine in conjunction with foreign partners and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine. He now faces life imprisonment.

**Source:** Security Service of [Ukraine](#); Prosecutor General's [Office](#)

**Details:** According to the Security Service of Ukraine, Chistilin is an assistant to Sergei Glazyev, a former adviser to Russian leader Vladimir Putin and one of the main organisers behind the seizure of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. Glazyev is also the author of the *Information Warfare Strategy*, which justified Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Between 2016 and 2024, Chistilin prepared several “analytical materials” for the Kremlin, supporting Russia's armed aggression and promoting the “integration” of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine into Russia.

Chistilin has written numerous publications focusing on information attacks against Ukraine.

He has also promoted the Kremlin's interests outside Russia. In particular, he has been involved in organising pro-Russian interference in Eastern and Central European elections.

Chistilin would take part in round tables in Europe claiming to represent the Ukrainian public, where he spread Kremlin narratives in an attempt to reduce support for Ukraine among Western partners.

Chistilin was detained after attending one of these “forums” with assistance from Moldovan law enforcement agencies as he was attempting to return to Moscow through third countries.

Chistilin, who left Ukraine before Russia's full-scale invasion, is now in custody. He has been served with a notice of suspicion under two articles of the Criminal Code of Ukraine:

- Article 111.2 (treason committed under martial law);

- Article 436-2.3 (justification and denial of Russian armed aggression against Ukraine and glorification of its participants).

Chistilin faces life imprisonment with confiscation of his assets.

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**ЗМІ: У Берліні чекають від візиту Байдена "сильного сигналу" для України**  
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**German government expects strong signal for Ukraine from Biden's visit**

*German flag. Photo: Getty Images*

The German government expects US President Joe Biden's visit to Germany to send a strong signal of continued support for Ukraine.

**Source:** [European Pravda](#); ntv, citing sources in government circles

**Details:** The German government expects a “substantial working visit”, the sources said, commenting on Biden's upcoming visit on Friday and Saturday.

Biden’s participation in the Ukraine Defense Contact Group meeting on Saturday at the US base in Ramstein in Rhineland-Palatinate will send a “strong signal” of continued military support for Ukraine, the government says.

Before Ramstein, Joe Biden plans to hold a quadripartite meeting with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron, and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer. According to Berlin government circles, the talks will focus on the Middle East conflict and the war in Ukraine.

**Background:**

- Earlier, the media reported that the upcoming meeting of Kyiv's allies in the Ramstein format (Ukraine Defence Contact Group) [is expected to take new steps](#) to support Ukraine, particularly its North Atlantic integration.
- President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reportedly [intends](#) to present his Victory Plan to the leaders of allied countries during the upcoming meeting of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group.

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**Міністр оборони Польщі: Не заспокоїмося, поки не вшануємо жертв геноциду на Волині**

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## **We will not rest until we honour victims of Volyn massacre – Polish Defence Minister**

Polish Defence Minister Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz reiterated the importance of making the truth about the Volyn tragedy “universally recognised and understandable in Europe and the world” [The Volyn tragedy was a series of events that led to the ethnic cleansing of the Polish and Ukrainian populations in 1943 during World War II. It was part of a long-standing rivalry between Ukrainians and Poles in what is now Ukraine's west. Poland considers the Volyn tragedy a genocide of Poles – ed.].

**Source:** [PAP](#) news agency, as reported by [European Pravda](#)

**Details:** The Minister took part in the ceremony on the occasion of the 84th anniversary of the creation of the Peasant Battalions, held in front of the monument to the Peasants' Battalions and Peasant Association of Women in Warsaw.

Kosiniak-Kamysz emphasised that he always remembers history and heroes, "whether he is a co-government official or in opposition". "I would like to make a promise to all of us here, a promise to Poland, a promise to my compatriots: we will not rest until we honour the memory of the victims of the genocide in Volyn," he told reporters.

He insisted that the truth be "universally recognised and understood in Europe and the world."

Kosiniak-Kamysz continued: "among the first victims of those events were soldiers of the Peasant battalions, these were mainly Polish peasants." The Minister said that he does not mention Volyn “in order to reopen the wound, because it is impossible to reopen wounds that have not healed.”

He went on to say that this is how everyone should communicate with their friends: clearly and directly.

Peasant battalions (formerly called the Peasant Guard) were founded in August 1940. The organisation consisted of the People's Party's military forces, as well as members of the Republic's Union of Rural Youth. During its peak, the organisation had approximately 170,000 members, all of whom lived in rural areas; it did not function in cities.

Among the organisation's most well-known achievements is the provision of intelligence materials on the testing of German V-1 and V-2 missiles, though in everyday life, the detachments were primarily engaged in the destruction of railway traction and communications, the liberation of prisoners from Gestapo arrests, and the protection of villagers from pacifications. Politically, the organisation was closest to the Home Army, with an anti-communist and anti-nationalist stance.

Peasant battalions resisted German efforts to transfer and exterminate the Polish population in Zamość County, as part of the Ost criminal master plan. Peasant battalions launched an armed campaign against the Germans, which evolved into the Zamość Uprising.

Following the war, troops from the Peasant Battalions co-founded the Polish Peasant Party, led by Kosiniak-Kamysz.

Earlier, Kosiniak-Kamysz stated that he would [block Ukraine's accession](#) to the European Union until the issues of exhumation and the memory of the victims of the Volyn tragedy are resolved.

Polish Defence Minister Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz stated earlier this summer that resolving historical disputes regarding the Volyn tragedy is [a condition for Ukraine's EU membership](#).

On 1 October, amid talks between Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha in Poland, the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory [announced plans](#) to include work on searching for and exhuming the remains of Poles in Rivne Oblast (Ukraine's northwest) in 2025.

The Polish Foreign Ministry [welcomed](#) the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory's readiness to resume work on the search and exhumation of victims of the Volyn tragedy.

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**Комбриг 72-ї бригади розповів про вихід з Вугледара та труднощі евакуації поранених**

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**72nd Brigade Commander comments withdrawal from Vuhledar and difficulties of evacuating wounded**

*Treatment of wounded soldiers. Stock photo: 72nd Brigade*

Colonel Oleksandr Okhrimenko, Commander of the 72nd Separate Mechanised Brigade, has revealed details of the withdrawal from Vuhledar, Donetsk Oblast, and the difficulties associated with evacuating the wounded soldiers.

**Source:** Okhrimenko in an interview with [Glavcom](#)

**Details:** Commenting on the brigade's withdrawal from the town of Vuhledar, Okhrimenko said that the situation in the city was very tense, especially on the flanks, as it did not allow them to hold Vuhledar any longer.



Okhrimenko noted that it was a tactical encirclement, and it became extremely difficult to evacuate and resupply. The reserves that could have been used earlier were already under Russian fire as of 27-28 September.

**Quote:** “We couldn’t hold Vuhledar with the assets and personnel at our disposal back then. On the other hand, the situation in the south of Donbas had changed so much by the end of September that holding Vuhledar was losing its importance.”

**Details:** Okhrimenko noted that during such active combat actions, it is impossible to say with complete certainty that 100% of the wounded soldiers were evacuated.

**Quote:** “The evacuation was carried out. But, unfortunately, we could not take a certain number of people. Under enemy fire, the evacuation groups that were leaving sometimes could not even reach the evacuation point where they would be picked up. During the manoeuvrable defence and withdrawal from the battle, we really could not evacuate everyone.”

**Details:** Okhrimenko refused to give figures, but noted that the number reported by Russian military commanders is exaggerated many times over.

**Background:**

- On 1 October, the Deepstate project [reported](#) that the Russians had occupied the town of Vuhledar in Donetsk Oblast.
- On 2 October, the Khortytsia Operational Strategic Group reported that Ukrainian units had withdrawn from [Vuhledar](#) to save personnel and military equipment and to take up positions for further fighting.
- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy [called](#) the withdrawal of the Ukrainian forces from Vuhledar the right thing to do. “We cannot stop the Russian Federation without appropriate weapons. When they are destroying the positions of our soldiers, we must protect their lives, because they are more important than any buildings,” the President said.

- According to analysts at the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), [the occupation of Vuhledar](#) is unlikely to dramatically change the course of offensive operations in western Donetsk Oblast, as the city is not a particularly important logistical hub.

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**Комбриг 72-ї бригади: Співвідношення сил у Вугледарі складало майже 1:9 на користь противника**

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### **Balance of forces in now-occupied Vuhledar was almost 1:9 in Russia's favour**

Near Vuhledar, a city from which Ukrainian defenders recently withdrew, the Russians had a nearly 1:9 force advantage.

**Source:** Colonel Oleksandr Okhrimenko, Commander of the Black Zaporozhians 72nd Mechanised Brigade, in an interview with Glavkom

**Quote:** “Accepting the responsibility over the defensive line, an assessment of the situation was conducted, including an evaluation of the enemy's forces and means.

We were met with opposition from the 36th Separate Motorised Rifle Brigade of the 29th Army of the Russian Federation, the 39th Separate Motorised Rifle Brigade, the 57th Brigade, the 91st Separate Rifle Regiment, and other forces.

That is, the opponent had better tank and infantry combat vehicle capabilities, as well as artillery systems, anti-tank weapons, and people. If we look at battle potentials in general, the opponent had an almost 1:9 advantage.

Any theoretical calculations show that with a 1:3 balance of troops and means, the opponent will gain an edge. Near Vuhledar, the ratio was 1:9. Objectively, you can see what the prospects were of holding this settlement and the defence strip, which are within the brigade's jurisdiction.”

**Previously:** On 7 October, Colonel Oleksandr Okhrimenko [was appointed as the new commander](#) of the Black Zaporozhians 72nd Separate Mechanised Brigade after Ivan Vinnik's transfer.

### **Background:**

- On 2 October, the Khortytsia Operational Strategic Group reported that Ukrainian defenders [withdrew from the war-torn city](#) of Vuhledar in Donetsk Oblast to preserve personnel and military equipment and to take up positions for further fighting.
- On 1 October, DeepState, a group of military analysts, [reported](#) that Russian troops had captured Vuhledar in Donetsk Oblast.

- Analysts from the Institute for the Study of War (ISW) stated that the occupation of Vuhledar is unlikely to significantly alter the course of offensive operations in the western part of Donetsk Oblast, as the city is not a particularly important logistical hub.

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**Росіяни ударили по Харкову: 21 поранений, є руйнування інфраструктури, під завалами люди**

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**Russians attack Kharkiv, injuring 21 people and damaging infrastructure, more trapped under rubble**

*Aftermath of Russian attacks on Kharkiv. Stock photo: Oleh Syniehubov's Telegram channel*

A total of 21 people, including a child, have been injured as a result of a Russian attack on Kharkiv on the morning of 8 October.

**Source:** Oleh Syniehubov, Head of Kharkiv Oblast Military Administration [on Telegram](#); Ihor Terekhov, Kharkiv's mayor

**Quote from Oleh Syniehubov:** "An enemy strike with a Russian guided aerial bomb (GAB) has been recorded in the Industrialnyi district of Kharkiv. Early reports indicate that a civilian manufacturing facility was damaged. ... At least five people have been injured."

**Quote from Terekhov:** "There was not just one strike but several; the type of weapon used to strike the civilian business is being established. There is a large-scale fire at the scene and six casualties. At least two people are trapped under the rubble at the site of the strike. Rescue workers are doing everything they can to help them."

**Details:** Later, Syniehubov added that the number of casualties had increased to 11. Among them is a 16-year-old child. Three of the wounded are in a critical condition.

~~The head of Kharkiv Oblast Military Administration noted that infrastructure facilities had been damaged.~~

~~Oleh Syniehubov also edited his post about the GAB strike, indicating that the type of weapon used by the Russians was still being established.~~

Later, Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov said that the number of people who were injured in the attack had risen to 16.

Syniehubov reported that as of 12:15, seven people had been hospitalised, while other casualties had received medical aid on the spot.

Terekhov said at 12:40 that 21 people had sustained injuries in total, and 17 of them had been taken to hospital, including a 16-year-old teenager.

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**Росіяни через порт Маріуполя вкрали 180 тисяч тонн українського зерна**

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**Russians steal 180,000 tonnes of Ukrainian grain through Mariupol port**

Over the past year, Russia has exported more than 180,000 tonnes of stolen Ukrainian grain through the port of temporarily occupied Mariupol.

**Source:** Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys [Shmyhal](#)

**Quote:** “At the same time, Russia continues to use food as an element of aggression. This year, the enemy has smuggled more than 180,000 tonnes of stolen Ukrainian grain through the port of Mariupol alone.”

**Details:** In addition, Shmyhal said that Ukraine’s temporarily occupied territories are being robbed to finance the war of aggression with the stolen money.

“Undoubtedly, Russian economic terror will be one of the areas of work of the special tribunal for the crime of Russian aggression against Ukraine,” he added.

**Background:** A Russian company named [Don Coal Trade House](#) (Torgoviy Dom "Donskoy Ugol") will start exporting coal from occupied Donbas in October using the Donetsk Oblast port of Mariupol.

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**У Німеччині розслідують продаж розкішних авто в РФ попри санкції**

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**Germany investigates sale of luxury cars in Russia despite sanctions**

German prosecutors are investigating a car dealer who sold luxury cars to Russia despite sanctions.

**Source:** [Rheinische Post](#), as reported by European Pravda

**Details:** Despite the prohibition of export, an independent vehicle dealer sold and exported multiple premium cars to Russia totalling more than €4 million.

According to the customs investigation department and the prosecutor's office, the owner of a car dealership in Königswinter near Bonn pretended to legitimately export these vehicles to foreign nations.

He is currently being investigated on accusations of violating the Foreign Trade Act.

At the end of September, investigators performed two searches and gathered evidence.

They also seized two luxury cars as part of the asset seizure, the report stated. The investigation is underway.

Sky News has exposed a complicated mechanism for bringing cars into Russia from Georgia, despite the fact that the UK and EU sanctions regimes prohibit such imports.

Previously, a journalistic investigation revealed that drones, computer processors, GPS devices, memory cards, and other dual-use commodities are still being delivered to Russia through Georgia, despite the Georgian authorities' claims that they had closed loopholes to avoid Western sanctions.

In recent months, the West has placed a greater emphasis on tightening loopholes that allow Russia to circumvent sanctions.

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**Боррель: Гібридні дестабілізаційні дії Росії не завадять нашій підтримці України**  
**<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478699/>**

**Russia's hybrid destabilising activities will not hinder EU's support for Ukraine – EU chief diplomat**

*Josep Borrell. Photo: Getty Images*

The EU, amid increasing instances of Russia's destabilising activities, has stated that these actions will not affect its resolve to support Ukraine.

**Source:** European Pravda with reference to **[a statement by Josep Borrell](#)**, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

**Details:** The EU has recorded an increase in a wide range of actions against the EU and its member states, including cyberattacks, information manipulation and interference campaigns, arson, vandalism, and sabotage, including against critical infrastructure, as well as the use of migration issues and other destructive actions.

The statement said that Russia had also continued to disrupt satellite communications, violate European airspace and carry out physical attacks on people in the EU.

**Quote:** “These malicious activities are part of a broad coordinated hybrid campaign directed by Russia as an attempt to divide our society, destabilise and weaken the EU and its Member States and our resilience as well as to undermine our support to Ukraine and its ability to defend itself.

This will not succeed: we will act united and determined to address these activities and hold perpetrators accountable. Our support to Ukraine will remain solid and unwavering for as long as it takes.”

**More details:** It is noted that with [today's decision](#) to establish a special system of restrictive measures in connection with Russia's destabilising activities, the EU is taking another decisive step.

**Quote:** “We will continue to strengthen our resilience, work closely with our partners, and make full use of the EU Hybrid Toolbox, including diplomatic and restrictive measures, as well as all available instruments, to prevent, deter and respond to Russia’s hybrid activities.”

**Background:**

- Recently, the [Moldovan authorities exposed a Russian-backed](#) operation involving 130,000 Moldovan citizens aimed at influencing the vote in the referendum on accession to the European Union.
- In the summer, NATO stated that Russia's hybrid operations and cyberattacks were grounds to activate Article 5.

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ЄС затвердив новий санкційний режим проти РФ за дестабілізацію за кордоном  
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### **EU approves new sanctions regime against Russia for destabilisation abroad**

On 8 October, the EU Council approved a new sanctions regime against Russia for destabilising the EU and its member states.

**Source:** European Pravda with reference to the press service of the EU Council

**Details:** The new mechanism will allow the EU to impose sanctions against individuals and legal entities involved in the actions and policies of the Russian government that undermine the fundamental values of the EU and its member states, their security, independence and integrity, as well as international organisations and third countries.

The EU will now be able to counter various hybrid threats, such as: undermining electoral processes and the functioning of democratic institutions; threats and sabotage of economic activities, public services or critical infrastructure; use of coordinated disinformation, foreign information manipulation and interference; malicious cyber activities, use of migrants as a tool, etc.

This decision is part of the EU's response to Russia's hybrid campaign, which has recently intensified with new operations on European territory.

Under the new regime, assets will be frozen and EU citizens and companies will be prohibited from providing funds to the sanctioned persons.

In addition, individuals will be subject to a travel ban that will prevent them from entering or transiting the EU.

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Уряд спрямував 86 мільйонів євро на захист енергетичних об'єктів

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## Ukraine's government allocates €86 million to protect energy facilities

**The Government of Ukraine has made a decision to allocate an additional €86 million for the protection system around power facilities.**

**Source:** Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal [at a government meeting](#)

**Quote from Shmyhal:** “Today, we are making a decision that will allow us to reallocate funds under a loan from the European Investment Bank to modernise our substations.”

**Details:** An additional €86 million has been allocated to construct protection systems around energy facilities. The plan is to reduce the risks of Russian attacks.

**Background:** On 25 September 2024, Energoatom signed an agreement worth UAH 509 million (about US\$12.3 million) to design and construct a protective structure at the Rivne Nuclear Power Plant.

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Польські фермери знову готуються блокувати рух на кордоні з Україною

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## Polish farmers again prepare to block traffic on border with Ukraine

*Medyka checkpoint. Photo: Zaxid.net*

Polish farmers are once more planning to block the movement of goods across the border with Ukraine. They want to keep blockading the Medyka-Shehyni checkpoint until the end of the year.

**Source:** European Pravda with reference to the State Customs Service of Ukraine

**Quote from the State Customs Service of Ukraine:** “Based on information from the Polish side, local farmers have announced a possible protest action in the form of blocking lorry traffic at the Medyka-Shehyni checkpoint from 8 October to 31 December 2024.”

**Details:** It is noted that vehicle clearance is currently being carried out in the usual way.

**Quote from the State Customs Service of Ukraine:** “We will inform you further if there are protest actions or any other changes in the situation.”

European Pravda reports that the information about the protest action was published by one of the main organisers of the Polish farmer protests, Rafał Mekler, who noted that “work in the fields is over, and we can fight for what is right.”



The application for the protest action specifies the same timeframe, from 8 October to 31 December; no specific time for the start of the blockade has been given.

**Background:**

- Earlier, Poland warned of significant traffic difficulties on its side of the border at the Dorohusk-Yahodyn checkpoint until 14 November due to road repairs.
- The previous farmers' blockade, which lasted throughout the cold season, [ended at](#) the end of April 2024 with the lifting of the last blockade at the Hrebenne-Rava-Ruska checkpoint.
- Before that, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk [called on](#) Polish farmers to stop blocking the border with Ukraine, stressing that Ukraine is currently in an extremely difficult situation.

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У Росії посилюється криза у вугільному секторі

<https://www.epravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/720292/>

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**Russia's coal sector crisis intensifies**

Coal production in Russia fell by 6.7% year-on-year in July 2024, and its total volume of 31.5 million tonnes was the lowest since the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Source:** [The Moscow Times](#) with reference to Federal State Statistics Service

**Details:** Relative to the peaks seen in December 2022, coal companies have lost about 12 million tonnes of monthly production, or 27%.

Production of hard coal, the main product of coal mining, which accounts for 80% of production, fell by 8.2%, and anthracite, the most valuable type, by almost a quarter (23.7%). In August, the decline in hard coal production accelerated to 10.1% year-on-year.

At the same time, losses incurred by unprofitable companies increased by 3.4 times, while profits of profitable companies decreased by 72%.

Western sanctions have reportedly become a key problem for the coal industry.

Unlike oil and gas, which the European Union continues to buy, albeit in small volumes, coal has been subject to a total embargo, and Asian countries that bought Russian coal last year have sharply reduced their demand.

Supplies to China in the first half of 2024 decreased by 8%, the reason being the imposition by Beijing of duties on Russian coal. At the same time, other suppliers, such as Indonesia and Australia, were not affected by them, as they are part of the free trade zone with China.

India reduced coal imports from Russia by 55% and Türkiye by 47%. In January-July, total coal exports from Russia fell by 11.4% to 112.6 million tonnes.

**Background:**

- Russia [is interested](#) in increasing its coal exports to India to meet the growing demand for fuel in India.
- The proportion of unprofitable coal companies in Russia has exceeded 52%, while coal exports have fallen by 12%.

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Україна має отримати 35 мільярдів євро нового кредиту до кінця року – Єврокомісія  
<https://www.epravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/720294/>

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**Ukraine to receive €35 billion new loan by year's end – European Commission**

The EU member states and the European Parliament must swiftly finalise all legislative processes to enable Ukraine to receive disbursements on a new €35 billion loan by the end of this year.

**Source:** [Ukrinform](#) news agency, citing Maroš Šefčovič, Executive Vice President of the European Commission.

**Details:** Šefčovič emphasised the importance of reaching a swift agreement on the proposed €35 billion macro-financial assistance loan, which is part of the commitments made by the G7 countries in June. He stressed the urgency of disbursing the funds by the end of the year to ensure Ukraine has the fiscal space it requires.

The official noted that the EU is also taking concrete steps to help Ukraine prepare for the coming winter. This work involves repairing Ukraine's energy facilities, rebuilding power grids and stabilising the entire Ukrainian energy sector.

**Background:** The International Monetary Fund's Board of Directors will [complete](#) the fifth review of Ukraine's Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme before its annual meetings on 21-26 October.

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**У Південній Кореї заявили, що КНДР, ймовірно, відправить свої війська в Україну на підтримку Росії**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478678/>

### **South Korea says North Korea likely to send troops to fight against Ukraine**

South Korea's Ministry of Defence believes that North Korea is likely to send some of its regular armed forces to the battlefield in Ukraine in support of Russia.

**Source:** South Korean news agency [Yonhap](#), which quotes South Korean Defence Minister Kim Yong-hyun

**Quote:** “As Russia and North Korea have signed a mutual treaty akin to a military alliance, the possibility of such a deployment is highly likely.”

**Details:** The statement comes as North Korea is seeking to strengthen ties with Russia, as evidenced by a bilateral agreement that includes a mutual defence clause signed by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian leader Vladimir Putin at summit talks in June.

South Korea's Defence Minister also said that recent reports of North Korean troop losses near Donetsk are likely to be true.

### **Background:**

- On 5 October, several Ukrainian media outlets cited intelligence sources as saying that a missile strike on 3 October in Russian-occupied territory near Donetsk killed more than 20 soldiers, including [six officers from North Korea](#).
- In June 2024, Putin and North Korean dictator [Kim Jong Un](#) signed a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement, which provides for mutual assistance in the event of aggression against one of these states.
- South Korean TV channel TV Chosun [reported](#) in June that North Korea would send military construction and engineering forces to take part in “reconstruction work” in occupied Donetsk Oblast as early as July 2024.

**Ворог обстріляв енергооб'єкти у семи областях – Міненерго **priority****  
<https://www.epravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/720291/>

**ENG:** <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2024/10/8/7478679/>

### **Russians attack energy facilities in 7 Ukrainian oblasts over past 24 hours**

Power outages have occurred in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Sumy, Kharkiv, Kherson and Chernihiv oblasts over the past 24 hours due to hostilities and bombardments.

**Source:** [press service](#) for Ukraine's Energy Ministry

**Details:** An overhead power line went out of service in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast for technological reasons, resulting in a power outage for substations and household consumers. The power supply has been restored.

Over the past 24 hours, power engineers have restored power to 2,564 consumers who were disconnected from the grid due to hostilities and technological disruptions.

As of this morning, 546 settlements remain partially or completely without power due to hostilities and technical disruptions.

In addition, a repair crew came under fire in Kharkiv Oblast while carrying out repairs. There were no casualties.

Adverse weather conditions caused power outages in 26 settlements in Sumy Oblast, five in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast and one in Cherkasy Oblast.

**Японія відкрила кредитну лінію на 150 мільйонів доларів для відновлення України**  
<https://www.epravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/720290/>

**ENG:** <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2024/10/8/7478667/>

### **Japan opens US\$150 million credit line for Ukraine's recovery**

The Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) has received a credit line from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), totalling up to US\$150 million, to support important projects in Ukraine and promote green initiatives.

**Source:** [press service](#) for the Ukrainian Ministry of Economy

**Details:** The credit line was designed to provide financing for Ukraine's and other affected BSTDB member states' recovery.

The money will be used to recover and reconstruct Ukraine's key economic and social infrastructure.

“The coordinated efforts of the BSTDB and JBIC demonstrate the continued commitment of international institutions to support Ukraine in times of acute need,” said Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Economy.

The focus will be on strengthening the economy's resilience, particularly in agriculture, food industry, transport and logistics, digital infrastructure and pharmaceuticals.

In addition, up to US\$75 million will be allocated for green initiatives and the promotion of environmental sustainability in the Black Sea region.

#### **Background:**

- Ukraine and Japan will strengthen their business cooperation by signing an investment protection agreement and opening an office of the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) in Ukraine.

~~СБУ порушила справу проти режисерки пропагандистки Анастасії Трофімової~~

**В Україні порушили справу проти режисерки пропагандистського фільму "Росіяни на війні"**

[https://life.pravda.com.ua/culture/sbu-rozpochalo-kriminalnu-spravu-proti-rezhiserki-propagandistki-anastasiji-trofimovoji-304157/?\\_gl=1\\*1wnqktf\\*\\_ga\\*MTYwOTkzNTUxMy4xNjc2ODAyOTA5\\*\\_ga\\_6ELO7YCNBS\\*MTcyODM3MDc1OC4xLjEuMTcyODM3NDg0Ny41MS4wLjA](https://life.pravda.com.ua/culture/sbu-rozpochalo-kriminalnu-spravu-proti-rezhiserki-propagandistki-anastasiji-trofimovoji-304157/?_gl=1*1wnqktf*_ga*MTYwOTkzNTUxMy4xNjc2ODAyOTA5*_ga_6ELO7YCNBS*MTcyODM3MDc1OC4xLjEuMTcyODM3NDg0Ny41MS4wLjA).

**ENG:** <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2024/10/8/7478666/>

**Ukraine's Security Service opens criminal case against director of *Russians at War* propaganda film Trofimova**

The Security Service of Ukraine has opened a criminal case against Anastasia Trofimova, director of the propaganda film *Russians at War*.

**Source:** [Yaroslav Yurchysyn](#), Chair of the Committee on Freedom of Speech of the Ukrainian parliament

**Details:** The Office of the Prosecutor General announced the launch of a pre-trial investigation under Art. 436.2 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine on “justification, recognition as lawful, denial of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, glorification of its participants” and the dissemination of materials on this topic.

*Response from the Prosecutor General's Office on the investigation of the Trofimova case.*  
*Photo: Yurchysyn on Telegram*

**Quote:** “Last week, the Canadian National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians acknowledged that the state cannot fund such films and discussed the threats posed by Russian disinformation. I am grateful for the reaction, but I would like to see stricter punishment for violations of Ukrainian law. And it is Ukraine that should be the first to initiate Trofimova’s case.”

### **Why Ukrainians are against *Russians at War*:**

Anastasia Trofimova, a Russian-Canadian director, created the documentary film *Russians at War*.

Trofimova was born in Moscow. She has worked in the media for almost 10 years, contributing to documentary projects in Canada, the Balkans, the Middle East, and Russia. She produced a number of films for the Russian propaganda outlet Russia Today.

The film *Russians at War* depicts Trofimova's seven-month deployment alongside the Russian military in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. However, the film does not depict the destruction and casualties that the Russians are inflicting on the people of Ukraine.

One of the soldiers in the film openly denies the accusations that Russian troops are committing war crimes. Trofimova herself claims there that she did not witness anything like that while she was filming.

The Venice Film Festival hosted the international [premiere](#) of Trofimova's film.

Before the film's showing at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), the Ukrainian community in Canada staged a series of protests. The Foreign Ministry of Ukraine, Oleh Nikolenko, Consul General of Ukraine in Canada, and others joined the appeal not to screen *Russians at War*.

Finally, the organisers of the festival declared that they [would not show](#) Trofimova's film, citing security concerns. However, after the film festival had officially closed, two separate screenings of the film [were announced](#) on 17 September.

Trofimova was recently [added to the list of individuals who pose a threat to Ukraine's national security](#).

**Франція обіцяє наступного року передати Україні винищувачі Mirage **priority****

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478673/>

**France promises to deliver Mirage fighters to Ukraine early next year**

*Fighter jets. Photo: Getty Images*

France has stated that it will provide Ukraine with Mirage 2000 fighter jets next year.

**Source:** French Defence Minister Sébastien Lecornu in an [interview](#) with French newspaper Sud Ouest, as reported by European Pravda

**Details:** Lecornu said that the delivery of the fighter jets to Ukraine is scheduled for the first quarter of 2025.

**Quote:** “The aim is to equip them with air-to-ground combat capabilities. And strengthening their electronic warfare systems.”

**More details:** He added that training of Ukrainian pilots and mechanics is currently underway.

**Background:**

- On 20 September, the French Armed Forces announced that the first group of Ukrainian pilots trained on Alpha Jet aircraft had completed their training.
- Back in June, French President Emmanuel Macron announced the supply of [several French Mirage 2000-5 fighter jets](#) to Ukraine and the training of 4,500 Ukrainian servicemen as part of a “new cooperation” with Kyiv.
- [Macron](#) also said that Ukrainian pilots and mechanics for Mirage 2000-5 fighters would be trained in France.

**Росіяни вдарили КАБами по Сумщині та вбили подружжя**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478671/>

### **Russians hit Sumy Oblast with aerial bombs, killing couple**

Russian aircraft attacked the civilian infrastructure of Esman hromada in Sumy Oblast on the night of 7-8 October with aerial bombs, killing two people [a hromada is an administrative unit designating a village, several villages, or a town, and their adjacent territories – ed.].

**Source:** Sumy Oblast Prosecutor's Office on [Telegram](#)

**Details:** The investigation found this happened on 8 October at around 04:20.

**Quote:** “As a result of the enemy's attack, a couple – a 38-year-old man and a 35-year-old woman – were killed in their own home.”

### **Background:**

- Sumy Oblast Military Administration [reported](#) that on the night of 7-8 October and on the morning of 8 October, the Russians fired 32 times at the border areas and settlements of Sumy Oblast.
- On 7 October, Russian forces [attacked](#) a residential area in Sumy with drones, injuring four people, including a child, causing a fire and extensive damage.
- On the morning of [28 September](#), the Russians attacked a healthcare facility in Sumy twice. As a result, 10 people died and 22 were injured.

**Окупанти заявили, що нафтобаза у Феодосії досі горить: евакуювали понад тисячу жителів**  
<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478665/>

### **Russians report oil depot in Feodosiia still on fire, 1,047 residents evacuated**

*Oil depot in Feodosiia on fire. Photo: Russian Astra Telegram channel*

Firefighters are continuing to contain a fire at the oil depot in Feodosiia that was attacked on 7 October. Igor Tkachenko, the head of Feodosiia's occupation administration appointed by the Russians, reports that over a thousand people have been evacuated.

**Source:** Igor Tkachenko [on Telegram](#)

**Quote from Tkachenko:** “Firefighting operations are ongoing, and all the services involved are in operational communication with headquarters.”



**Details:** Igor Tkachenko reports that 1,047 people living near the site of the emergency, in the Black Sea Embankment and Blyzhni Komyshi areas, have been evacuated to temporary accommodation centres.

**Background:**

- It was reported on the morning of 7 October that an oil depot [was on fire](#) in temporarily occupied Feodosiia after a drone attack, and a state of emergency at municipal level had been declared in the city.
- The Russian Ministry of Defence later claimed that 21 Ukrainian drones had been shot down over Russia and temporarily occupied Crimea overnight. A total of 12 UAVs were allegedly shot down over Crimea, six over Kursk Oblast and one each over the territories of Belgorod, Bryansk and Voronezh oblasts of the Russian Federation.
- The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine later [confirmed](#) that the Russian oil terminal in Feodosia had been struck.
- It was also reported that the oil depot in the port of occupied Feodosiia, which was successfully attacked by Ukrainian defence forces, [had been equipped with a Pantsir-S1 air defence system](#) since autumn 2022.

**Росія зацікавлена в перемозі Трампа на виборах, Іран – в Гарріс – розвідка США**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478664/>

**Russia interested in Trump winning, while Iran prefers Harris – US intelligence**

*Donald Trump and Kamala Harris. Photo: CNN*

US intelligence officials have said that Russia, Iran and China are continuing to be responsible for most attempts to influence American voters.

**Source:** [Voice of America](#) with reference to the latest report of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as reported by European Pravda

**Details:** The document does not indicate that any of these countries have changed their goals.

At the same time, as noted by US intelligence, Russia and Iran have different preferences for the winner of the presidential election.

Russia, in particular, continues to conduct influence campaigns aimed at improving the chances of former US President Donald Trump and is also trying to damage the campaign of Vice President Kamala Harris.

And Iran's efforts remain focused on helping Harris by harming Trump, as evidenced by the hacking and leaking operation against the Trump campaign, which involved three operatives working for Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

US intelligence agencies stressed that China had not yet interfered in the US presidential campaign, focusing instead on persuading American voters to reject state and local candidates who are seen as harmful to Beijing's interests, especially those who express support for Taiwan.

In addition, Russia and Cuba have joined China in targeting congressional, state and local elections.

#### **Background:**

- In September, US intelligence agencies reported that [Russia was creating more and more content](#) using artificial intelligence to influence the US presidential election.
- Prior to that, Kremlin ruler Vladimir Putin said that his preferred candidate in the US election was Joe Biden, but since he had withdrawn from the race and recommended Kamala Harris, [Russia would also support her](#).
- In response, the [White House advised Moscow](#) to stop interfering in the US presidential election.

**Держдеп США: Поглиблення зв'язків між Іраном і Росією дестабілізує ситуацію у всьому світі**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478663/>

#### **Growing ties between Iran and Russia will destabilise situation in world – US State Department**

*Matthew Miller, US State Department spokesman. Photo: Getty Images*

The US Department of State has stated that growing ties between Iran and Russia are destabilising the situation not only in the Middle East but also around the world.

**Source:** [Matthew Miller](#), US State Department spokesman, reports European Pravda

**Details:** The US State Department spokesman's statement came in response to a journalist's question regarding whether the United States is concerned about Russia's possible involvement in the war in the Middle East as an ally of Iran.

**Quote from Matthew Miller:** “So certainly we see the deepening ties between Iran and Russia as something that’s incredibly destabilising for the region. It’s incredibly destabilising for the world, and that applies to the Middle East. It applies to everywhere that Iran and Russia operate.”

**Background:**

- The United States [officially confirmed](#) in September 2024 that Iran had supplied ballistic missiles to Russia, which was evidence of further deepening military relations between the countries.
- The [UK](#) and the [US](#) have already announced sanctions packages against Iran and Russia. Josep Borrell, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, submitted [a proposal for sanctions](#) to member states for Iran's supply of ballistic missiles to Russia.
- European Council President Charles Michel met with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in New York on 23 September and [tried to put pressure](#) on him to supply missiles to Russia for the war against Ukraine.

**ЗСУ зупинили понад 170 атак ворога за минулу добу – Генштаб**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478657/>

**Ukrainian defenders repel over 170 Russian attacks over past day – General Staff**

A total of 172 combat clashes took place on all fronts over the past day. The Russians were most active on the Pokrovsk and Kurakhove fronts.

**Source:** General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on [Facebook](#), information as of 08:00 on 8 October

**Quote:** “A total of 172 combat clashes were recorded at the front over the past 24 hours. The Pokrovsk and Kurakhove fronts remain the hottest spots.”

**Details:** The Russians launched four missile attacks using seven missiles, 72 airstrikes using 122 aerial bombs and 1,508 kamikaze drone strikes. In addition, Russian forces fired 4,420 times on Ukrainian troops’ positions and populated areas, including 117 attacks using multiple-launch rocket systems.

On the **Kharkiv front**, six combat clashes occurred. The battles occurred near the settlements of Vovchansk and Starytsia.

A total of 25 combat engagements took place on the **Kupiansk front** near Synkivka, Novoselivka, Hlushkivka, Lozova and Kruhliakivka over the past day.

On the **Lyman front**, Ukrainian defenders repelled 20 Russian attacks near Makiivka, Hrekivka, Nevske, Novosadove, Torske and Serebrianka Forest.

On the **Kramatorsk front**, four combat clashes took place in the vicinity of Chasiv Yar and Stupochky over the past day.

On the **Toretsk front**, the Russians, supported by attack and bomber aircraft, conducted 12 attacks near Toretsk, Dyliivka and Nelipivka.

Ukrainian defenders repelled 26 assaults **on the Pokrovsk front**. The Russians concentrated their efforts in the vicinity of Lysivka and Selydove, where they conducted more than half of the assaults. Moreover, Ukrainian defenders stopped the Russians' attempts to break through the defences near Novotoretsk, Kalynove, Krutyi Yar, Novohrodivka and Mykolaivka.

Ukrainian forces continue to hold the front on **the Kurakhove front** near Tsukuryne, Zhelanne Druhe, Hirnyk, Novoselydivka, Hostre, Heorhiivka and Katerynivka, where the Russians carried out 37 attacks.

Ukrainian defenders repelled three assaults near Bohoiavlenka **on the Vremivka front**.

Russian troops carried out two unsuccessful attempts to attack Ukrainian units near Robotyne **on the Orikhiv front**.

The Russian military suffered seven defeats when attacking Ukrainian defensive lines **on the Prydniprovsk front**.

The situation **on the Huliaipole and Siversk fronts** remains unchanged. The Russians conducted constant attacks on civilian infrastructure and Ukrainian positions and used combat aircraft.

Russian forces are maintaining a military presence on the border with Chernihiv and Sumy oblasts, conducting mortar and artillery bombardments of settlements from the territory of the Russian Federation. They are also carrying out sabotage and reconnaissance activities.

Ukrainian defence forces are continuing operations in Russia's Kursk Oblast. According to available data, the Russians carried out 17 airstrikes using 24 aerial bombs in Kursk Oblast.

Ukraine's Air Force and Rocket Forces and Artillery struck three artillery systems and six areas where Russian military personnel and equipment were concentrated, a fuel and lubricants storage point and an Osa anti-aircraft missile system.

**Сирський поговорив з генералом Брауном про Рамштайн і реалізацію Плану перемоги**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478655/>

### **Ukraine's Commander-in-Chief talks to US Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman about Ramstein meeting and implementation of Ukraine's Victory Plan**

*Oleksandr Syrskyi, Ukraine's Commander-in-Chief and Charles Brown, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

Oleksandr Syrskyi, Commander-in-Chief of Ukraine's Armed Forces, has said that he has had a telephone conversation with General Charles Brown, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, during which they discussed the upcoming meeting in the Ramstein format and the implementation of President Zelenskyy's Victory Plan.

**Source:** Oleksandr Syrskyi [on Telegram](#)

**Quote from Oleksandr Syrskyi:** “I thanked General Charles Brown for the strong military and political support of Ukraine by the United States, as well as for a number of joint activities to develop the capabilities of the Ukrainian defence forces.

I have briefed him about the current security situation in Ukraine and the critical needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine for weapons, military equipment and ammunition. We discussed ways to implement the military component of the [Ukraine's] Victory Plan... and the next steps in the implementation of joint projects.”

**Details:** Oleksandr Syrskyi says they also discussed “views and approaches” in preparation for the 25th meeting in the Ramstein format, which will be held on 12 October at the level of the heads of state of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group.

Oleksandr Syrskyi says General Brown assured him of “full support for the Ukrainian defence forces and continued practical assistance” to Ukraine in its fight against Russia.

**Сили оборони збили 18 ударних БПЛА, які атакували Україну, один повернувся в РФ**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478652/>

**Ukraine's air defence downs 18 attack drones and one returns to Russia**

*Mobile fire group. Stock photo: General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine*

Russian forces launched an attack on Odesa Oblast using two Iskander-M ballistic missiles from temporarily occupied Crimea on the night of 7-8 October, along with an assault on other Ukrainian oblasts involving 19 strike drones launched from Russia's Primorsko-Akhtarsk. Ukrainian air defence managed to destroy 18 of the drones.

**Source:** Ukraine's Air Force on [Telegram](#)

**Quote:** "As a result of combat efforts, all enemy drones were neutralised in Odessa, Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Vinnytsia and Ternopil oblasts. [A total of] 18 were downed by aircraft, anti-aircraft missile units, mobile fire groups and electronic warfare units from Ukraine's defence forces, while one drone returned to Russia."

### **Background:**

A fire [broke out](#) in a high-rise building in Chornomorsk during a Russian drone attack on Odesa Oblast on the night of 7-8 October.

**Росіяни тероризували Одещину безпілотниками: ОВА показала наслідки атаки**  
<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478649/>

### **Russians attack Odesa Oblast with drones: authorities post aftermath of attack – photos**

A Russian drone attack in Odesa Oblast has left apartments in a residential building on fire, and another fire has broken out in an administrative and industrial building.

**Source:** Oleh Kiper, Head of Odesa Oblast Military Administration, on [Telegram](#)

**Quote from Kiper:** "From midnight to dawn, for four hours, Russian aggressors were attacking Odesa Oblast with drones."

The attack resulted in a fire on the third, fourth and fifth floors of an apartment building in Chornomorsk. The fire, which had spread over an area of 100 sq.m, was quickly extinguished. Also, in Odesa district, the ceiling and walls of an administrative and industrial building were damaged, followed by a fire, and the resulting fire which spread over an area of 50 sq.m was extinguished."

*The aftermath of the attack: fire in an apartment building. Photo: Oleh Kiper on Telegram*

**Details:** Kiper said another drone had fallen in an open area without detonating.

He noted that air defence had destroyed most of the Shahed drones and that there were no casualties.

### **Background:**

- A fire **broke out** in a high-rise building in Chornomorsk during a Russian drone attack on Odesa Oblast on the night of 7-8 October.

**На Київщині працює ППО: полюють на безпілотники – ОВА**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478647/>

**Ukraine's air defence responds to unidentified drones in Kyiv Oblast**

*Mobile fire group. Stock photo: General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine*

An air-raid warning has been issued in the city of Kyiv and Kyiv Oblast due to activity by unidentified drones.

**Source:** [Ukraine's Air Force](#); [Kyiv Oblast Military Administration](#)

**Quote from the Air Force:** "An air-raid warning in Kyiv Oblast! UAV activity of an unspecified type has been detected. Air defence may be responding."

**Details:** A few minutes later, an air-raid warning was also issued in the capital.

~~"An air-raid warning in Kyiv. Follow our messages and do not ignore air-raid warnings," the Air Force emphasised.~~

Later, Kyiv Oblast Military Administration reported that air defence systems were responding in the oblast.

"UAVs have been detected in the airspace. Air defence is responding to these airborne targets. Stay in shelters until the all-clear is given. Take care of your own safety," Kyiv Oblast Military Administration stated.

Authorities are also urging residents not to document or post the combat efforts of Ukrainian defenders online.

**Updated:** The all-clear in the city of Kyiv was given at 08:38. The air-raid warning was in effect for about half an hour. As of now, the threat of Russian drones remains in Kyiv and Zhytomyr oblasts.

**ЗСУ за добу відмінували 1 340 окупантів і 47 артсистем**

**<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478640/>**

**Russia loses 1,340 soldiers and 47 artillery systems in one day**

*Fire being launched. Photo: General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine*

Russia has lost 1,340 soldiers killed and wounded, 47 artillery systems and 30 armoured combat vehicles over the past day.

**Source:** General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on [Facebook](#)

**Details:** The total combat losses of the Russian forces between 24 February 2022 and 8 October 2024 are estimated to be as follows [figures in parentheses represent the latest losses – ed.]:

- approximately 662,970 (+1,340) military personnel;
- 8,940 (+7) tanks;
- 17,740 (+30) armoured combat vehicles;
- 19,203 (+47) artillery systems;
- 1,223 (+0) multiple-launch rocket systems;
- 973 (+1) air defence systems;
- 368 (+0) fixed-wing aircraft;
- 328 (+0) helicopters;
- 16,686 (+43) strategic and tactical UAVs;
- 2,618 (+3) cruise missiles;
- 28 (+0) ships/boats;
- 1 (+0) submarine;
- 26,185 (+83) vehicles and tankers;
- 3,373 (+9) special vehicles and other equipment.



The information is being confirmed.

**50 російських військових, які вбивали українців, стануть мерами та губернаторами**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478636/>

**Russia wants to appoint 50 veterans of war in Ukraine as mayors and governors**

The Kremlin **is seeking** to significantly increase the number of military personnel who fought in Ukraine **holding** leadership positions within local and regional authorities in Russia.

**Source:** Institute for the Study of War ([ISW](#))

**Details:** On 7 October, Russian media reported, citing informed sources, that Russian Presidential Administration Deputy Head **Sergei** Kiriienko **had** promised President leader Putin that at least **50 Russian veterans of the war in Ukraine would become mayors and governors of regions** as part of the "Time of Heroes" veterans reintegration **programme** by 2026.

**Quote:** "Russian regional authorities continue to significantly increase one-time payments for Russian contract personnel to financially incentivise contract recruitment to support crypto-mobilisation efforts."

Belgorod Oblast Head Vyacheslav Gladkov announced on 7 October that one-time payments for Russian military volunteers and contract personnel will increase to three million **roubles** (about **US\$31,103**) through 31 December 2024.

Russian regional authorities have been significantly increasing these one-time payments to Russian contract personnel as the Kremlin continues to lean into its struggling voluntary recruitment effort to avoid a potential future wave of partial mobilisation."

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**Білий дім: підтримка України буде важливою частиною візиту Байдена до Німеччини**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478638/>

**Supporting Ukraine to be important part of Biden's visit to Germany – White House**

*Joe Biden and Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Photo: President's Office of Ukraine*

The continuation of support for Ukraine's **ability to defend itself** against Russian aggression will be a key focus of US President Joe Biden's upcoming visit to Germany, scheduled for 10-13 October.

**Source:** White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre during a [briefing](#); [Voice of America](#)

**Quote:** "And what this visit is going to do, it's going to underscore the deep commitment and that transatlantic security resolute support. If you think about Ukraine and the self-defence of Ukraine, that's going to be a big part of this visit – and continuing that support, continuing to do everything that we can to stop the Russian aggression."

**Details:** Jean-Pierre noted that part of the discussions in Germany will also focus on "continuing contributions to meet the NATO pledge". "This is important, as we see what's going on in Ukraine, as we continue to see Russia's aggression, to have that conversation."

She also highlighted Biden's leadership in supporting Ukraine and strengthening NATO, noting that over 50 countries have backed Ukraine in its fight against Russian aggression. "It will be a big part of that trip," she pointed out.

Jean-Pierre emphasised that President Biden's upcoming trip to Germany will serve as a "powerful symbol of the US-Germany partnership... and our close cooperation on the world's most pressing challenges and to ensure our people have every opportunity for safety and prosperity".

The White House website **states that** during **his** visit on 12 October 2024, Biden will chair a meeting of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group (**sometimes referred to as** the Ramstein format) **at government** leadership level.

**A** meeting between US President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy **is also scheduled for the visit to Germany**.

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**ЗМІ: У Чорноморську через російський "Шахед" горіла багатоповерхівка**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478634/>

**High-rise building on fire in Chornomorsk due to Russian Shahed drone strike – photos, video**

*Fire in Chornomorsk. Photo: Dumska*

A fire has broken out in a high-rise building in Chornomorsk during a Russian drone attack on Odesa Oblast on the night of 7-8 October.

**Source:** [Dumska](#), an Odesa-based local news outlet

*Fire in Chornomorsk. Photo: Dumska*

**Details:** Early reports indicate that the fire in the high-rise building in Chornomorsk occurred as a result of a drone strike.

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**Одеса відбивала атаку безпілотників: у місті пролунали вибухи**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478633/>

**Explosions heard in Odesa as air defence responds to drones**

*Mobile fire group. Stock photo: General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine*

Ukraine's air defence systems were responding to Russian drones in Odesa and explosions were heard on the night of 7-8 October.

**Source:** Odesa Mayor [Hennadii Trukhanov](#); [Dumska](#), an Odesa-based local news outlet

**Quote from Trukhanov:** "Odesa, please stay in safe places! Attack drones are over the city."

**Details:** An explosion was reported in the city of Chornomorsk, near Odesa, at 01:14.

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**ISW: У Росії заявили про "безпрецедентну" кібератаку на медіа**

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**Russia claims "unprecedented" cyberattack on media – ISW**

*Photo: Getty Images*

Russian authorities have claimed an "unprecedented" cyberattack on Russian state media infrastructure on 7 October.

**Source:** Institute for the Study of War ([ISW](#))

**Details:** The All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company (VGTRK) reported an "unprecedented" cyberattack on its online services overnight, carried out by unknown individuals. According to the pro-Kremlin outlet Gazeta, the attack disrupted broadcasts of Russian state TV channels Rossiya-1, Rossiya-24, Rossiya Kultura, Karusel, and around 80 regional TV and radio stations.

Gazeta, citing a source in Russian information security, attributed the attack to the hacker group "sudo rm -RF," allegedly linked to Ukraine. (The group's name refers to a Linux command used to delete files.)

Ukrainian public broadcaster Suspilne, referring to its own sources, stated that "sudo rm -RF" **had** claimed responsibility and reported that VGTRK employees **had** complained that the attack deleted all backup data.

An information security expert told Gazeta that the hackers **had** likely used a type of ransomware that deletes files rather than simply encrypts them and warned that VGTRK would need to both patch the vulnerability and restore backups of its systems.

Despite the attack, VGTRK claimed its systems **had** not **suffered** significant damage despite the attack and that they were operating normally.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov voiced support for VGTRK, describing the cyberattack as an assault on Russia's critical infrastructure.

*To quote the ISW's Key Takeaways on 7 October:*

- Ukrainian forces struck an oil [terminal](#) in occupied Feodosiia, Crimea on the night of 6-7 October.
- Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) Human Rights Commissioner Dmytro Lubinets reported on **7 October** that Ukrainian authorities are investigating another case of Russian forces' unjust abuse and execution of Ukrainian prisoners of war (POWs).
- Russian authorities announced an "unprecedented" cyberattack against Russian state media infrastructure on **7 October**.
- Russian forces recently advanced in northern Kharkiv Oblast, in Donetsk Oblast, and in western Zaporizhzhia Oblast.

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Росія вивела в Чорне море 7 носіїв "Калібрів": загальний залп до 48 ракет

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478639/>

**Russia deploys **seven** Kalibr missile carriers to Black Sea **with** total firing capacity of up to 48 missiles**

*Photo: Facebook of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine*

The Russians **has** deployed 16 ships **to** the Black Sea as of **06:00** on 8 October, **seven** of which are Kalibr cruise missile carriers with a total firing capacity of up to 48 missiles. **The day before**, there were only **four** vessels in the Black Sea.

**Source:** General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on [Facebook](#)

**Details:** There are no Russian warships in the Sea of Azov.

It is also reported that **two** vessels sailing from the Bosphorus **in Russia's interests** passed through the Kerch Strait in Crimea to the Sea of Azov over the past day.

"The Russian Federation continues to violate the 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) by disabling automatic identification systems," the General Staff reported.

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Гарріс заявила, що не зустрічалась би з Путіним без України  
<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478643/>

**Harris says she would not meet with Putin without Ukraine**

US Vice President Kamala Harris has said that she would **not agree** to a bilateral meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin to talk about his war against Ukraine.

**Source:** European Pravda, citing Harris' interview with [CBS News](#)

**Details:** Harris stated that she would not engage in negotiations with Russian ruler Vladimir Putin to end the war without Ukraine being included in the discussions.

**Quote:** "Ukraine must have a say in the future of Ukraine."

**Details:** She also emphasised that the US now supports Ukraine's ability to defend itself against Russian aggression.

"Donald Trump, if he were president, Putin would be sitting in Kyiv right now. Let's be clear about that. He talks about, 'Oh, he can end it on Day One.' You know what that is? It's about **surrender**," Harris said.

Asked about Ukraine's possible membership in NATO, the US vice president said that these are issues that will be addressed if and when it comes to that.

### **Background:**

- Harris' rival in the presidential race, Donald Trump, said after his meeting with Zelenskyy that [he favoured a “just” peace for Ukraine](#) but refrained from being specific about what kind of agreement to end the war between Russia and Ukraine he would consider fair.
- Prior to the talks, Trump praised Zelenskyy's handling of the attempted impeachment by Democrats in Congress and said they had a "great relationship". However, he immediately said the same about his relationship with Russia's leader and reiterated his confidence that [he could quickly stop the war](#).

### **Супутникові знімки: На атакованому НПЗ у Феодосії стояла система ППО "Панцир-С1"**

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2024/10/8/7478630/>

**Satellite images show that oil refinery attacked in Feodosiia in Crimea was equipped with Pantsir-S1 air defence system**

*Fire at the oil refinery plant in Feodosia. Photo: Atesh*

The oil depot in the port of occupied Feodosiia in Crimea which was successfully attacked by Ukrainian defence forces had been equipped with a Pantsir-S1 air defence system since the autumn of 2022.

**Source:** Radio Liberty on [Telegram](#); Atesh on [Telegram](#)

**Details:** The Pantsir-S1 can be seen on a platform in a [video posted](#) by the Ukrainian telegram channel ATESH and on satellite images.

It did not help repel the [attack](#) by Ukrainian drones last night.

Pantsir systems are usually installed on platforms to increase the range of target detection.

These air defence systems were previously installed at the Tuapse oil depot and near other Russian critical infrastructure facilities.

In Moscow Oblast, they were placed near Vladimir Putin's residence in Novo-Ogaryovo.

### **Background:**

- The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine [reported](#) that Ukraine's defence forces successfully struck a Russian marine oil terminal in the city of Feodosiia in temporarily occupied Crimea on the night of 6-7 October.
- The Astra Telegram channel [earlier reported](#) that a fire had broken out at the Feodosiia oil depot in temporarily occupied Crimea following a drone attack.
- The Russian Ministry of Defence later stated that 21 Ukrainian drones were allegedly shot down over Russia and temporarily occupied Crimea overnight. A total of 12 UAVs were allegedly shot down over Crimea, six over Kursk Oblast and one each over the territories of Belgorod, Bryansk and Voronezh oblasts of the Russian Federation.

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