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International support

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- Foreign Minister Urmas Reinsalu says that **Estonia** will promote the idea of a full energy embargo against Russia in the eighth package of EU sanctions. Estonia will also propose to include new groups of goods in the package, the final disconnection of Russian banks from SWIFT and the ban on Russians from entering the EU.
- State Department Spokesman says that **the United States** does not support a general ban on visas for Russian citizens. "The U.S. would not want to close ways to asylum and security for Russian dissidents... We have made it clear that it is important to draw a line between the actions of the Russian government and the people of Russia," he said.

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- The Netherlands** will provide €65 million to restore Ukrainian infrastructure. The assistance package will include funds for Dutch companies that will participate in the restoration of Ukrainian bridges, dams and hospitals. Part of the money will be used to support small and medium-sized businesses in Ukraine.
- The second de-occupation summit **the Crimean Platform** began its work. Representatives of about 60 countries and international organizations took part in it. Here are main statements of the participants:
 - Polish leader Andrzej Duda** calls for dismantling the Nord Stream 2 project and once again stressed that Crimea is Ukraine.
 - German Chancellor Olaf Scholz** announces a new package of military assistance - air defense systems, missile systems and tons of ammunition, which will be provided to Ukraine by Canada and Germany.
 - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** announces preparation of new sanctions against Russia - its citizens and enterprises that strongly support the aggression against Ukraine. The Government of Canada will support Ukraine and Ukrainians, including financially. In particular, the government will transfer more than \$3 million in security assistance to Ukraine.
- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg** assures that the bloc would help Ukraine defend its independence, switch to the standards of the North Atlantic Alliance and do everything possible to expand military support. He added that winter will be difficult for Ukraine.
- President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen** says that after the occupation, the Russian Federation used Crimea to test repressive methods.
- In Kyiv, the name of the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Boris Johnson, was engraved on the Alley of Courage. Zelensky expressed gratitude to the British Prime Minister for his leadership in providing support to Ukraine. In addition, he thanked the British for the great help that Britain has provided to Ukraine during the six months of the full-scale Russian invasion.
- Slovak Defense Minister Yaroslav Nagy** says on Twitter that 30 tracked BVP-1s, as well as ammunition and spare parts, will arrive from Slovakia to Ukraine in the coming weeks.



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- The United States** will provide Ukraine with nearly \$3 billion in military assistance. This was announced by the White House on The Independence Day of Ukraine. These funds (\$2.98 billion) will help Ukraine acquire air defense systems, drones, artillery systems, ammunition and radars. This is the largest tranche of U.S. security assistance provided to Ukraine to date.
- Boris Johnson** arrived in Kyiv to congratulate Ukraine on Independence Day and announce a new military aid package worth 54 million pounds (approximately \$63.5 million). According to the British government's website, the package will include 850 Black Hornet hand-held microdrones and anti-tank ammunition. The Prime Minister wrote on Twitter: "What is happening in Ukraine matters to all of us. That's why I'm in Kyiv today. I believe that Ukraine can and will win this war".
- Ukraine and Britain** will conclude an agreement on digital trade. The Ministry of Digital Transformation says that this agreement will promote Ukraine's participation in the global economy and will positively affect the image of our country as a trading partner. It should be noted that Ukraine will become the second country after Singapore to sign such an agreement with the United Kingdom.



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- Reuters says that Taiwanese state-owned energy company will no longer buy coal from Russia. Thus, **Taiwan** joined the West's coal sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine.
- Spain** will give Ukraine a full air defense battery, armored cars, ammunition and 1000 tons of diesel worth approximately €2.5 million. The assistance package also includes 30 thousand units of military uniforms for the winter.

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- Belgium** will provide Ukraine with €8 million in assistance. The funds will be used for first aid materials, winter clothing, night vision devices and medicines for the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement: "This winter is likely to be a crucial phase of the conflict. Therefore, it is very important that the Armed Forces of Ukraine receive the necessary equipment to be able to continue resisting Russian aggression".



- Germany** will not hand over to Ukraine weapons that can be used to shell the Russian territory. According to Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Germany will act in such a way that the Russian-Ukrainian war does not turn into a "completely different war". Scholz also adds that Germany's goal remains that "Putin does not win the war", and that Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are preserved.

- The Armed Forces of Ukraine will receive from **Lithuania** 37 Kamikaze Warmate drones of Polish production. Lithuanian Defense Minister Arvidas Anusauskas says on Twitter that 10 drones will be provided by the Polish manufacturer WB Group to Ukraine free of charge to effectively fight against the Russian occupiers.

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- The Pentagon** has signed a contract with Raytheon Missiles & Defence to purchase NASAMS air defense systems for Ukraine. These are surface-to-air missile systems of short and medium range. The contract price is more than \$182 million. The approximate date of completion of the production of the air defense system is August 23, 2024.

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Military positions

- › The Russians continue to carry out air and missile strikes on civilian and military objects on the territory of Ukraine.
- › Towards **Volyn, Polissia, Siversk**, and the waters of Black and Azov Seas, the situation has not undergone significant changes.
- › Towards **Kharkiv, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, South Buh, and Kramatorsk**, the enemy shelled from barreled and rocket artillery, and carried out airstrikes.
- › In the **Sloviansk, Bakhmut, and Avdiivka** directions, shelling from barreled artillery and MLRS was recorded. The Russians tried to conduct an assault, but were unsuccessful and were forced to withdraw.
- › **Losses of the Russian forces in a week 20.08 - 27.08:**
 - › Liquidated personnel - 1850
 - › Tanks - 35
 - › Armored personnel vehicle - 45
 - › Artillery system / MLRS - 32/8
 - › Anti-aircraft warfare systems - 7
 - › Aircraft / helicopters - 0/6
 - › UAV Operational-tactical level - 35
 - › Warships / boats - 0
 - › Vehicles & fuel tanks - 34
 - › Special equipment - 2
- › **Ukrainian resistance continues in the temporarily occupied territories.**
- › The missile and artillery units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine again hit the bridge through the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant, destroying 20 Russian servicemen, the "Hiacynth-S" gun, the "Msta-S" howitzer, two S-300 launchers, an illumination and guidance radar station, and a mobile radar complex.



- › On August 22, explosions occurred in temporarily occupied Donetsk. The base of the "Piatnashka" battalion, an illegal armed formation formed mainly from Abkhazians who fought in the ranks of Russian militants during the war in eastern Ukraine, was destroyed.

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- › On the night of August 23, another warehouse of Russians burned down in the village of Komsomolske, Donetsk region. In the morning of August 23, the Armed Forces of Ukraine struck the Antonivskiy bridge in the Kherson region. On the same day, pro-Russian telegram channels reported that the "administration" of the so-called DPR was directly hit in Donetsk.
- › On the night of August 24-25, the Armed Forces of Ukraine hit the Kakhovskiy bridge and air defense systems of the Russians. They also destroyed the warehouse of ammunition, 3 units of armored vehicles, 12 soldiers, and hit the command and observation post in the Kherson region.
- › On August 26, the Armed Forces of Ukraine destroyed ammunition depots of the Russian army near Kherson — in Inzhenerne and Chornobaivka. Antonivskiy and Dariivskiy bridges were also hit again. There were also explosions in the temporarily occupied Crimea, in the village of Novoozerne near Yevpatoriia.
- › Explosions occurred in the occupied Melitopol and outside the city at night. Mayor Fedorov reported that one of the largest Russian military bases and a building where preparations for the so-called "referendum" were being made were destroyed.
- › On August 28, the Armed Forces of Ukraine demilitarized 5 ammunition depots, 3 Russian bases and 2 Russian command headquarters in:
 - › Davydiv Brid district, Kherson region (ammunition depot)
 - › Liubymivka, Kherson region (ammunition depot)
 - › Oleshky district, Kherson region (ammunition depot)
 - › Makiivka, Donetsk region (ammunition depot)
 - › Dudchany, Kherson region (ammunition depot)
 - › Melitopol, Zaporizhzhia region (base of occupiers)
 - › area of New Kakhovka, Kherson region (base of occupiers)
 - › Svatovo, Luhansk region (base of occupiers)
 - › Kherson district (command post)
 - › Daryivka, Kherson region (command post).



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The week of shelling



<p>22.08</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the day, the Russians were hitting the Sumy region with mortars, machine guns and barreled artillery, but there were no casualties and destruction. From Belgorod, the Russian invaders fired missiles at Kharkiv. A two-storey building was destroyed. There was a small fire. There is no information about the victims. The Russian occupiers hit a school in Donetsk region. The building was seriously damaged, but no one was injured.
<p>23.08</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Russian military shelled the area of the Zaporizhzhia TPP in the temporarily occupied Enerhodar. Mayor Orlov said that one man was killed and another wounded. As a result of the shelling, the central thermal point of the city was damaged. At night, the Russians struck Nikopol. Four elderly residents were wounded, two of them hospitalized. In Mykolaiv, at night, the Russian invaders hit an enterprise, a café was caught on fire. In the morning, Russia struck the Odessa region with an X-59 missile fired from a Su-35 aircraft.
<p>24.08</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the morning, Russia shelled Kharkiv: a shell hit a private house, there were no dead or wounded. During the day, Kharkiv was shelled three times. At night, Russian troops shelled Dnipropetrovsk region four times: one person was killed and another three injured. The Russians are shelling ash depots at the Zaporizhzhia TPP to raise clouds of radioactive dust. At about 4 a.m., the enemy shelled an infrastructure facility in Zaporizhzhia. Two Kh-22 missiles hit the Dnipro district at night. The Russians conducted a massive strike on the military infrastructure of Myrhorod. In the evening, Russia launched a missile strike on the Khmelnysky region. As a result of a missile strike on Dnipropetrovsk region, an 11-year-old child was killed. The occupiers hit the Chaplyne railway station in Dnipropetrovsk region, killing 25 people, including two children 6 and 11 years old, and injuring 31 others. 5 people died in the car which was standing nearby. On the Independence Day of Ukraine, the air alarm sounded 189 times. In nine regions, enemy shelling was recorded.
<p>25.08</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Sumy region, three communities came under enemy shelling. In the Dnipropetrovsk region, four districts were shelled at night. A missile was shot down over the Dnipro district. Synelnikove had four strikes in a day: 8 people were injured there. Missiles and cluster munitions flew to Kryvyi Rih. On August 25, the Russian occupiers shelled the village of Lebiazhe in the Chuhuyiv district of Kharkiv region. A person was killed. Orikhiv of Zaporizhzhia region once again came under massive shelling of the Russian military. A 17-year-old man was seriously injured and died on his way to hospital. A woman was also injured in the village nearby.
<p>26.08</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Russians shelled three districts of the Sumy region, releasing more than 100 different types of ammunition. Russians shelled Dnipropetrovsk region 9 times from Hrats and Urahans MLRS. Russians killed two civilians in the Donetsk region and wounded six, targeted educational institutions in Sloviansk and Mykolaivka at night, and damaged 4 houses in Siversk. In the village of Arkhanhelske in Kherson region, which is now under Russian occupation, a couple of farmers were killed. Neighbors found the bodies. The dead man was hugging his wife's body. The Russian invaders shelled the Zelenodolsk community in Dnipropetrovsk region four times, wounded a woman, and also attacked the Nikopol district.
<p>27.08</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the temporarily occupied village of Kamianka, the Pology district, Zaporizhzhia region, Russian invaders hit residential buildings, killing 5 people, including a 29-year-old woman and her two children. The map indicating the biggest shelling spots for the week 22.08-28.08.

Humanitarian crisis



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- Dmytro Lubinets, Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada for human rights says that Ukraine is asking the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross to document the court in Mariupol against the defenders of "Azovstal", if the occupiers dare to commit this next crime.
- On the 225th anniversary of the village of Novoderkul, in the Bilovodsk district of Luhansk region, a "solemn swearing-in and initiation of 30 school-aged children into the military-patriotic movement "Young Guard" took place.
- From August 22 to 25, mass events have been banned in Kyiv due to the high probability of Russian missile attacks.

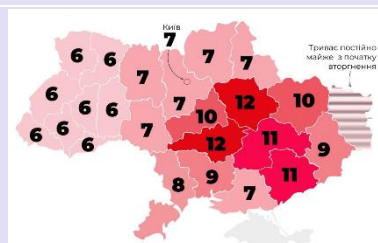


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- President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed that the court in Mariupol against the defenders of "Azovstal" would put an end to the negotiations with Russia.
- More than 1,000 Ukrainian children who were illegally taken from the occupied Mariupol were given up for "adoption" in the Krasnodar Krai in Russia. According to Daria Gerasimchuk, the authorized adviser to the President of Ukraine on child rights and child rehabilitation, as of August 1, 5,754 children are known to have been illegally deported to Russia.
- In the occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia region, the occupiers have blocked payments to low-income residents until they receive a Russian passport.

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- On the Independence Day of Ukraine, the air alarm sounded a record **189 times**. Russian shelling was recorded in nine regions. There were also fake reports about explosions and mines.



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- On August 25, for the first time in history, the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant was completely disconnected from the power grid, as a result of the actions of the occupiers. Volodymyr Zelenskyy said if the diesel generators hadn't turned on, if the automation and the ZNPP staff had not reacted after the blackout, "then we would have already been forced to overcome the consequences of the radiation accident". He stated that Russia has put Ukraine and all Europeans one step away from a radiation disaster.

- Some hospitals in the temporarily occupied cities of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions were left without electricity, as a result of Russian occupiers' shelling of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

- Ukraine has already been able to return 53 children from Russia and is currently preparing lawsuits against the Russian Federation based on the facts of the so-called "adoption" of kidnapped and deported Ukrainian children.

- According to Russian occupiers' estimates, about 5-7% of Mariupol citizens are ready to come to the "polling stations" and "vote" in the so-called "referendum".

- On 21 August 2022, imagery indicated that Russia maintained an enhanced military presence at the site, with armored personnel carriers deployed within 60 meters of reactor number five.

- The USA condemned the plans of the Russian Federation to hold a so-called "tribunal" against the defenders of "Azovstal" in the occupied Mariupol. The US urged Moscow to fulfill its obligations under international law.

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- "The government has purchased enough drugs that will allow us to protect the thyroid gland so that radioactive iodine does not have a negative effect, and they will be issued when needed. All healthcare facilities in the potential impact zone are being supplied with this drug," the Minister of Health Viktor Lyashko commented on the threatening situation at the ZNPP.

- The Russians are blackmailing parents in the recently occupied territories to send their children to captured and Russified schools. Amid the resistance from the local residents, Russia is threatening parents in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions to send their children to orphanages if they do not enroll them in Russian-captured schools. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls on the international organization UNESCO to intervene in the situation.

- As of the morning of August 26, 377 children have died and more than 733 injured due to the war that Russia started against Ukraine.

- Valerii Zaluzhnyi, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, held a telephone conversation with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States, general Mark Milley. He said that the Russians are spreading misinformation about the situation at the Zaporizhzhia NPP, in particular, accusing the Ukrainian military of shelling. Meanwhile, one of the power units of the ZNPP that was stopped on Thursday has been re-connected to the power grid and is gaining capacity.

