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- The first **Abrams tanks** have already arrived in Ukraine. The New York Times reports, citing two U.S. defense officials. In total, Ukraine is to receive 31 Abrams tanks.
- The White House sent a letter to the Office of the President and the Prime Minister of Ukraine with a list of **priority reforms** that Ukraine must implement in order to receive military aid and weapons. The changes concern the functioning of the Supervisory Boards of state-owned enterprises, anti-corruption bodies, the High Council of Justice, and the **judiciary** in general. The **reform of the Ministry of Defense** and all law enforcement agencies is also a priority.
- The United States imposed **sanctions** on 11 Chinese and 5 Russian companies for supplying components for drone production. Among these companies is Asia Pacific Links Ltd. which supplied parts for the Orlan-10 Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle. Restrictions were also imposed on Russia's VSMPO-AVISMA Corporation (Russian: ВСППО-АВИСМА), a global titanium producer.

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- The Defense Committee of the Bulgarian Parliament has approved the transfer of defective guided **missiles for S-300 air defense systems** to Ukraine. It is planned that Ukraine will be able to repair them and use them in air defense.
- Following a meeting between German and Estonian Ministers of Defense Boris Pistorius and Hanno Pevkur, the German Ministry of Defense announced that **Estonia plans to join** the German framework contract for the **supply of ammunition** to ensure Ukraine's resilience.
- Romanian Prime Minister Marcel Ciolacu claimed that **Romania** did not impose a unilateral **ban on imports** of Ukrainian agricultural products, including grain, like Poland or Slovakia and Hungary, because it believes that Ukraine needs to be helped until this war ends. According to Ciolacu, the dialogue helped to find a **system of licensing exports** from Ukraine so that farmers would be protected.

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- Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with the new **UK Secretary of State for Defense**, Grant Shapps, who arrived in Kyiv on an official visit. Zelenskyi thanked the UK for its strong financial, defense, and humanitarian support for Ukraine and discussed the strengthening of air defense.
- Ukraine became a member of the **IAEA Board of Governors** for 2023-2025. The Board of Governors consists of representatives of 35 countries. The Board makes decisions that are binding on all IAEA member states.
- **NATO Secretary General** Jens Stoltenberg **arrived in Kyiv** for an unannounced visit and met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyi.
- Stoltenberg announced that the Alliance will continue to support Ukraine with weapons and has already signed framework **contracts worth €2.4 billion for ammunition** to meet the needs of Ukrainian troops. Ukraine and NATO are also working on an adapted annual program that will determine how Ukraine is **meeting the Alliance's principles and standards**.
- Stoltenberg emphasized that by reducing the accession procedure to one step, agreeing on a program to ensure full interoperability of the Ukrainian armed forces with NATO forces, and establishing the NATO-Ukraine Council, Ukraine is now closer to NATO than ever before.

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- **Minister of the Armed Forces** of the French Republic Sébastien **Lecornu** arrived in Kyiv. He was accompanied by about 20 representatives of defense companies. President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi met with Lecornu and presented him with the Order of Merit, second class. Discussing the strengthening of Ukraine's defense capabilities with the support of France, Zelenskyi and Lecornu discussed the possibility of joint **production** of certain types of weapons.
- The EU Council has extended **temporary protection for Ukrainian refugees** until March 4, 2025. This protection includes the possibility of residence, access to the labor market and housing, medical and social assistance, and education for children.
- Germany's Competition Authority has allowed Rheinmetall to set up a **defense company in Ukraine**. Its first stage will focus on the maintenance and repair of equipment that Germany has transferred to Ukraine. Then it is planned to manufacture certain types of Rheinmetall weapons.

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- The US House of Representatives voted for a separate **tranche of \$300 million** for Ukraine. This amount had previously been removed from the draft defense budget, so the allocation of aid was voted on separately. This tranche is not related to the additional \$24 billion in funding for Ukraine that the White House requested in August.
- British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly announced **new sanctions** against Russia for organizing **pseudo-elections** in the occupied territories of Ukraine. The new sanctions list includes 11 individuals and legal entities. In total, the United Kingdom has imposed sanctions on 1,600 individuals and legal entities in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- In Slovakia, volunteers raised €650,000 for a **Bozena-5 demining machine** for Ukraine. The manufacturer, The Way Industries, promises to deliver it by the end of the year. It will also send additional equipment and train sappers to work with the machine.
- **Switzerland allocates \$109 million for demining** in Ukraine. The funds will be provided throughout 2024-2027.
- **Norway** is also closing its border to **vehicles with Russian number plates**. The restriction will come into effect on October 2. Earlier, Finland, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia did the same.

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- The First International **Forum of Defense Industries** started in Kyiv today with the participation of 252 defense companies from over 30 countries. The President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi has already met with representatives of defense companies and associations from the United States, the UK, Germany, France, Turkey, Sweden, and the Czech Republic.
- Volodymyr Zelenskyi announced the creation of the **Defense Industries Alliance**, which "will work to protect international law and the nations of the world from any aggression." Defense Industries Alliance has already been joined by 38 companies from 19 countries. Within the framework of the Forum only, Ukraine has **signed 20 agreements and memorandums** on the manufacture of drones, and repair and production of armored vehicles and ammunition. These include joint production, technology exchange, and the supply of components.



Military positions

- Towards Volyn and Polissia, the situation is without significant changes.
- Towards Chernihiv and Kharkiv, Russians hold troops covering the Ukrainian border, conduct agile diversions in order to prevent the Ukrainian army from relocating to threatening areas near the border and increase the mine and explosive barriers along the Ukrainian border in the Belgorod oblast.
- Towards Kupiansk and Lyman, Russians did not conduct offensive (assault) actions. Towards Bakhmut, they unsuccessfully tried to regain the lost position near Klishchiivka in Luhansk oblast.
- Towards Avdiivka, Mariinka, and Shakhtarsk, Russians conducted more than 20 unsuccessful attacks as well as tried to regain the lost position southwest of Avdiivka in Donetsk oblast.
- Towards Zaporizhzhia, Russians unsuccessfully tried to regain the lost positions near Robotyne and Verbove.
- The Ukrainian Army continues to conduct offensive operations towards Melitopol and assault operations towards Bakhmut, inflicting losses to Russian manpower and equipment, and exhausting the Russians along the entire front line.
- Towards Kherson, the Ukrainian Army continues the counter-battery fight, destroys Russian support depots and inflicts successful damage on their rear.

25.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On September 25, 17 combat clashes took place on the frontline. ➤ Russians have set up a barrier at the entrance to Sevastopol Bay, as proved by satellite images from the American company Planet Labs. ➤ The Ukrainian Special Operations Forces (SSO) reported that 34 Russian officers died in the attack on the headquarters of the Russian Black Sea Fleet in occupied Sevastopol, including the commander of the Fleet, Vice Admiral Viktor Sokolov. "105 more Russians were wounded. The headquarters building is beyond repair. We are moving on!" the SSO representative said. ➤ On the morning of September 25, explosions were heard in the Russian city of Kursk. The governor claims an attack by Ukrainian drones. Ukrainian sources report that the building of the Russian Interior Ministry in Kursk was hit. ➤ A source of the Babel media in the HUR MO reported that on September 24, at the Khalino airfield in Kursk oblast, a drone attacked the building where the leadership of the 14th Zhdanov Guards Fighter Regiment was located. The casualties include the commander of the 14th Aviation Regiment, one of his deputies, a group of aviation officers, a representative of the Russian FSB military counterintelligence, and airfield employees. ➤ The Ukraine SSO calculated the Russian losses during the latest attacks on Crimea, in particular, 62 Russians died in a strike on the aircraft carrier Minsk. On September 26, the ship should have started its combat duty, so the crew was there.
26.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On September 26, 20 combat clashes took place on the frontline. ➤ Near Kherson, a HIMARS strike destroyed a Russian headquarters, where a meeting of the officers of the 24th Regiment of the 70th Motor Rifle Division was taking place. It is reported that 8 officers died and 7 were wounded during the explosion. ➤ The SBU 'organized' a blackout in seven settlements in the Russian Kursk oblast. On the morning of September 26, a UAV dropped explosives on a power substation in the village of Snagost.
27.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On September 27, 14 combat clashes took place on the frontline. Russians carried out 44 air strikes and 27 launches from rocket systems at the Ukrainian military positions and civilians. ➤ The Ukrainian Army conducted offensive operations in the western part of Zaporizhzhia oblast and reached the northern outskirts of Novoprokopivka – ISW. As reported, Russia has relocated troops to Tokmak. ➤ The Russians are afraid of a breakthrough in Zaporizhzhia oblast, so they are sending in troops to Verbove, as stated by the representative of the Ukrainian Tavria operational-strategic group, Oleksandr Shtupun. "I believe there will be good news soon," he added. ➤ Russia is building a direct railroad connection to the temporarily occupied Mariupol, Volnovakha, and Donetsk, – advisor to the mayor of Mariupol Petro Andriushchenko said. The new railway will be connected with Russian Taganrog and Rostov-on-Don. This will improve Russian logistics and significantly reduce their dependence on railroad connections through the Crimean bridge. ➤ The Russian Wagner group returned to the territory controlled by the Ukrainian Operational Command East," stated the spokesperson of Ukrainian Operational Command East Illia Yevlash. "Russian plans to involve around 500 Wagner people in the war. Some mercenaries are signing contracts with the Russian Defense Ministry and returning to Ukraine from Belarus". ➤ In mid-September, Russia might have deployed its new 25th Combined Arms units for the first time. According to British intelligence, the troops began moving to Ukraine in late August 2023. As reported, these are units of two maneuverable components of the army, the 67th Motor Rifle Division and the 164th Separate Motor Rifle Brigade. They might be fighting on the frontline west of Sievierodonetsk and Kreminna, along the border between Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

Losses of the Russian army from 25.09.2023 to 01.10.2023	
Liquidated personnel	2720
Tanks	40
IFVs	77
Artillery systems / MLRS	244/9
Anti-aircraft warfare systems	6
Aircraft / helicopters	1/0
UAVs	155
Ships/boats	0
Vehicles & fuel tanks	149
Special equipment	19



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- On September 28, 19 combat clashes took place on the frontline.
- As of now, there is no evidence of Iranian missile sales to Russia but Ukrainian services and partners are working on this issue. This was announced by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyi during a joint press conference with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.
- The UK Ministry of Defense, referring to British intelligence, reported that since the beginning of the full-scale war against Ukraine, the Russian Air Force has lost about 90 aircraft in combat. "Since February 2022, the Russian Aerospace Forces have lost approximately 90 aircraft in combat. Also, flights on some types of combat aircraft are much more intense than in peacetime" – statement. It is also noted that all aircraft have a projected service life in flight hours, so due to the additional load, the service life of many Russian aircraft is reduced much faster. At the same time, the need for additional aircraft maintenance is complicated by a shortage of spare parts due to growing demand and international sanctions, British intelligence states.

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- A wide range of equipment in service and insufficient training of soldiers restrains the Ukrainian Army, said the head of the British Armed Forces Sir Tony Radakin, The Times reports. Radakin urged the West not to judge the success of the counteroffensive by its current achievements, as Russia has not achieved its goals in this war globally.
- Romania moves its air defense systems closer to Ukraine's border amid drone crashes, Reuters reports.
- The SBU spokesperson Artem Dekhtiarenko described how the special service managed to enter the Russian SSO and find out about the sabotages on supply depots in Svatove and Vrbetytsi. After the explosions in Svatove, the SBU caught an "LPR" militant (unrecognized Luhansk People's Republic, which was created on the temporarily occupied Luhansk oblast) and elicited information about the Russian Special Forces. Then, a Ukrainian agent entered the Russian SSO. He then passed on information about the soldiers, the structure and organization of the SSO, and helped to document many crimes committed by the SSO.

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- Ukrainian intelligence recruited a Russian lieutenant, Danil Alferov, and he successfully captured 11 Russian servicemen. The special operation was called "Barynia" (from Ukr. landlady). Alferov had been cooperating with Ukrainian special services since June through the project "I Want to Live". Later, the Russians began to suspect Alferov, and he decided to flee. He was transported to the government-controlled territory by the SSO fighters.
- More than 27 thousand Ukrainian soldiers have already been trained as part of the EU training mission. This was announced by the European Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell. Borrell added that the EU has recently increased the target for training within the mission to 40 thousand people in the coming period.
- Ukraine has the right to use German Taurus air-launched cruise missiles to strike military objects in Russia and occupied Crimea, says Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann, head of the Bundestag Defense Committee.
- The Ukrainian Navy and HUR MO returned two Ukrainian paratroopers who had been in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine for a year and a half. At the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion, the soldiers were in the temporarily occupied territory, where they were seriously injured and unable to leave on their own. All this time, owing to locals, they were successfully hiding.
- The Kremlin uses 'Wagner' mercenaries, but now they are distrusted and more closely monitored, British intelligence reports. As stated, recently, Wagner veterans, who did not support the Prigozhin rebellion, appeared in the Russian media. The intelligence report states that the Kremlin is ready to rely on experienced veterans, who can demonstrate their loyalty to their country, but probably under greater supervision from Russia.
- Ukraine's military lacks cheap drones due to China's restrictions on component supplies, The New York Times reports. The rather cheap civilian drones, used at the front, are most often produced in China, but since September 1, Beijing has restricted the export of components for them. Chinese manufacturers, willing to sell UAVs under such conditions, often require buyers to use a complex network of intermediaries, and in some cases, Ukrainians have to smuggle. The UK's Royal United Services Institute for Defense Studies estimates that the Ukrainian army uses around 10 thousand drones every month. Replenishing their stocks is becoming increasingly difficult.

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✓ During the past week, Russians launched 52 missiles and 533 air strikes and carried out over 306 attacks from multiple launch rocket systems.

Attack on the night of September 25

- At night, Russia fired 12 Kalibr cruise missiles, two Oniks (Onyx) missiles, and 19 Shahed drones at Ukraine. Ukrainian air defense forces managed to destroy all drones and 11 Kalibr missiles, most of them over Odesa oblast.
- Port infrastructure was hit in Odesa oblast. The seaport in Odesa was damaged, and a fire broke out in the station hotel. Grain storage facilities were destroyed, as well as warehouses and private houses in the suburbs. Three people were killed.
 - At night and in the morning, Kupiansk in Kharkiv oblast, Kherson and two other villages in the oblast, Nikopol district of Dnipro oblast, and the border community of Seredyno-Buda in Sumy oblast also came under fire. There were no casualties.
 - The falling wreckage of a Russian drone shot down by the Ukrainian military caused a fire at an industrial enterprise in Kryvyi Rih. No one was injured.

Attack on the night of September 26

- At night, Ukrainian air defense forces destroyed 26 drones over the country. In total, Russian forces launched 38 drones.
- The Russian army attacked the Izmail district of Odesa oblast with drones: there were hits to the port infrastructure. Two truck drivers were injured.
 - A Russian drone hits an infrastructure facility in Cherkasy oblast. Preliminary, without casualties.
 - In the morning, Russian troops launched a missile attack on one of the enterprises in Kryvyi Rih.

Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast

On September 25, the Russian army shelled Vovchansk in Kharkiv oblast: private houses were damaged and two people were injured, according to the head of the Oblast Military Administration (OMA), Syniehubov. On September 29, Russia launched air strikes near Komisarove, Petropavlivka, Ivaniivka, Pishchane, Kopanky, and Senkove in Kharkiv oblast. At least eight settlements in the oblast also came under mortar and artillery fire.

Donetsk oblast

- On September 25, two people died in Donetsk oblast as a result of Russian shelling. On September 27, one person died and five were wounded as a result of Russian shelling. On September 28, the Russian occupiers struck again at Kostiantynivka, injuring three people, they suffered lacerations and fractures. This is the third shelling of Kostiantynivka in the last two days. On the same day, Russian troops hit the territory of Avdiivka Coke and Chemical Plant with two rockets. It caused a fire at the plant. The occupiers shelled Krasnohorivka and Kurdyumivka with artillery, killing three people and injuring others. On the night of September 29, the Russian army struck Kostiantynivka with an S-300 missile - no one was killed or injured, but the administrative building and warehouses of the enterprises were damaged. The Russian military launched two missile attacks on Kramatorsk on the night of September 30. One person was injured. A dormitory and 37 cars were damaged.
- In the Volnovakha sector, Vuhledar, Novoukrainka, Prechystivka, and Shakhtarske of the Velyka Novosilka community came under fire. Damage was inflicted to houses and outbuildings.
- In the Donetsk sector, Avdiivka, Kurakhivka and Ostrovske of the Kurakhivka community, Zoria, Kurakhove, Hostre, Novoselivka Persha and Orlivka of the Ocheretyne community, Stepanivka, Krasnohorivka, Yelizavetivka, Novomykhailivka of the Marinka community, and Veselyi Hai are under fire. Damage was done to houses, recreation centers, and a medical facility, and a fire broke out on farmland.
- In the Horlivka sector, Toretsk community, Toretsk, Pivnichne, Petrivka, New York, Druzhba, Shcherbynivka, Illinsk community, Dyliivka of Kostiantynivka community, Kostiantynivka, Kalynivka of Chasiv Yar community and Makove come under fire. In the Soledar community, Rozdolivka, Vasiukivka and Minkivka are under attack. Among the damaged buildings are houses, industrial buildings, an infrastructure facility, a cafe, a shop, 2 school buildings, an administrative building, power lines, and a gas pipeline.
- In the Lysychansk sector, Siversk, Lyman community, Rubisi, Novoselivka, Zarichne, Torske and Zvanivka came under fire. The shelling damaged houses, non-residential buildings, outbuildings, and a farm, and caused dead wood to catch fire. There are wounded or dead in all directions.

Attack on the night of September 28

- At night, the Russian army launched 44 Shahed drones at Ukraine, and air defense forces shot down 34 of them.
- Some drones struck the Kirovohrad oblast, without damage or casualties.
 - At night, 20 attack drones were shot down over Mykolaiv oblast. In the evening, the Russian army launched a missile attack on an infrastructure facility in Mykolaiv, no one was injured.
 - As a result of the night attack on Kherson, one man was killed and another was wounded.

Attack on the night of October 1

- At night, the Russian Federation launched 30 Shahed drones at Ukraine - air defense forces shot down 16 of them.
- In Uman, Cherkasy oblast, industrial infrastructure was hit, causing fires there and one person was injured.
 - Due to the hits in Kryvyi Rih, civilian infrastructure was destroyed.
 - Two men were wounded in a shelling of Stanislav in Kherson oblast.
 - At least one person was injured in the attack in Zaporizhzhia.
 - Kharkiv was struck by three S-300 missiles.

Kherson and Kherson oblast

On September 25, Russian aviation dropped four guided bombs on Beryslav in the morning. One of them hit the building of the housing and maintenance office. Three people were reported dead. Another bomb destroyed a residential building. On the same day, in the evening, Russian troops shelled the Dniprovsky district of Kherson. It wounded a woman. Other residential areas of Kherson were also shelled. Three people were killed: two men and a woman who were on the street. Two more wounded have been reported. On September 26, two people were wounded as a result of the morning shelling of the Korabelny district of Kherson. Multistory buildings and private houses were damaged. The Russian army fired twice at Kyselivka. Six people were injured as a result of the attack. Russian troops also attacked Beryslav with a kamikaze drone, injuring a police officer. As a result of the shelling of Kherson, a 52-year-old woman was hospitalized in moderate condition. Two wounded men were treated on the spot. On September 26, the Russian army fired 119 times at Kherson oblast. On September 27, Russian aircraft attacked near Mykolaivka, without causing casualties. A man was killed in a nighttime Russian attack on Kherson, another was wounded. On the morning of September 28, the occupiers attacked Antonivka near Kherson, wounding three people. Zolota Balka in Beryslav district was also shelled, causing no casualties. An artillery strike was made on Kherson, resulting in the killing of three women. In the morning of September 29, two employees of a utility company were wounded in Kherson. Air strikes were carried out on Burgunka and Olgivka in Kherson oblast, with 20 guided bombs fired at them. One person was wounded and 24 private houses were damaged. On September 30, an educational institution was damaged. In the Korabelny district of the city, fires broke out in a garage cooperative and at a stadium as a result of shelling.

Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizhzhia oblast

On September 25, one person was killed and another was injured in the attacks in Zaporizhzhia. On September 26, the Russian army attacked Zaporizhzhia oblast 130 times: one person was killed and another was injured. On September 30, two rocket attacks were launched against the Matviyivka community in Zaporizhzhia. Five people were injured, one of them was hospitalized. Five houses and a critical infrastructure facility were damaged.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast

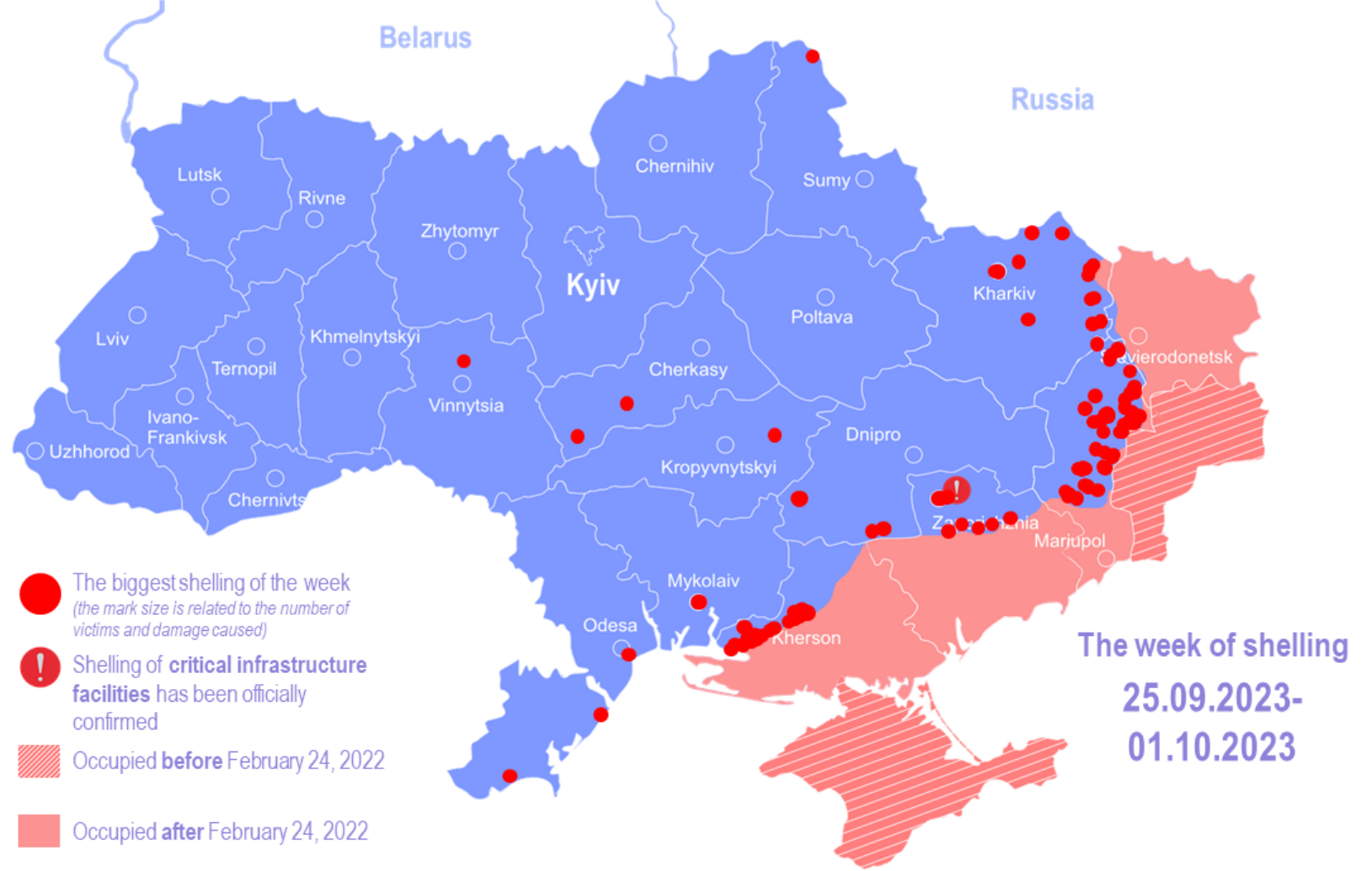
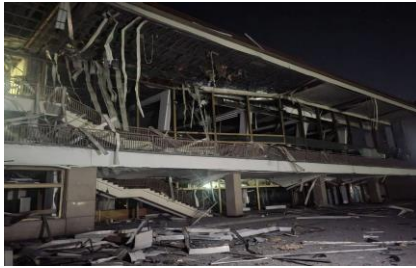
On the night of September 27, Russian troops shelled the Nikopol district of Dnipro oblast with heavy artillery: two people were wounded. As a result, six houses, a private enterprise, cars, gas pipelines, and a power line were damaged.

Mykolaiv oblast

On the morning of September 29, the Russian army launched a missile attack on Mykolaiv, hitting an infrastructure facility. The fire has already been extinguished.

This week shelling and strikes

Odesa oblast



Kherson oblast



Vinnytsia oblast

On September 30, a fire broke out in the Vinnytsia oblast as a result of a hit to the Kalynivka community's infrastructure facility.

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- As a result of enemy missile attacks last winter, about **63% of the equipment** needed for the stable course of the autumn and winter period **was seriously damaged**. This was stated by Kyiv Mayor Vitalii Klychko. He noted that over UAH 1 billion (over USD 26 million) has been allocated from the local budget this year to **repair heating system equipment**.
- Naftogaz has announced that for the first time, Ukraine will get through the winter with **domestically produced gas**. CEO Oleksiy Chernyshov said that a record number of new wells were drilled this year. The calculations confirm the ability to go through the heating season on its own and without changing the price for the population.
- Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, the head of Ukrenergo, has already stated that Ukrenergo's **substations are protected from missile attacks**: it is a comprehensive defense, both active - in the form of air defense and passive - in the form of engineering fortifications.
- Ukrenergo also reported that 400 settlements are still **deprived of electricity due to the hostilities** and other reasons. Due to the hostilities, there is damage in the power grids of Donetsk, Dnipro, Odesa, Sumy, Kharkiv, and Kherson regions.
- Russians have introduced **curfews and military censorship** in the occupied part of the **Donetsk region**. Censorship is being imposed on postal correspondence, messages in social networks and messengers, e-mail, and telephone conversations will be monitored. Most likely, they will be tapped.
- Ukraine purchased and **transported diesel fuel to the Zaporizhzhia NPP** occupied by Russian troops. This was announced by Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko. In total, about **500 tons** of diesel were delivered to the plant. Halushchenko said: *"Ukraine and Energoatom purchased and transported diesel through Russian checkpoints. We asked to agree on a corridor to deliver the fuel there so that when there was a blackout 7 times a day, we would not have a nuclear accident."*
- The night attack on Odesa on September 25 **damaged nine UNESCO-protected sites**. All the buildings are architectural monuments of national importance.

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- In his report to the Human Rights Council in Geneva, the chairman of the independent International Commission of Inquiry into Violations in Ukraine, Eric Møse, said that the commission **continues to find numerous pieces of evidence of war crimes committed by Russian armed forces** in Ukraine, including unlawful attacks with explosive weapons, attacks that harm civilians, torture, sexual and gender-based violence, and attacks on energy infrastructure.
- Since the beginning of the war in 2014 Russia has committed **534 crimes against Ukraine's cultural heritage sites**. This data was documented by the Crimean Institute for Strategic Studies (CISS), a non-governmental organization, said project manager Elmira Ablyalimova-Chyihoz. *"We started with the first case - the **Bakhchysarai Khan's Palace**. And I remember how difficult it was to convince the monument protection community that what was happening on the territory of this palace was not restoration work. This is the **destruction and mockery of the monument**. And what we see today has confirmed all our sad predictions,"* Ablyalimova-Chyihoz said. Elmira also noted that among the 534 recorded violations committed by the Russian invaders, 200 of them were recorded in Crimea and 334 in the temporarily occupied territories of Kherson, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, and Donetsk regions.

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- More than half of young people in Ukraine would not like to migrate to another place and want to participate in the reconstruction process. These are the findings of a **national youth survey** conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute as part of the USAID "Dreaming and Acting" program. The survey was conducted among young people aged 10-35 who live in Ukraine and moved to Poland after February 24, 2022. 89% of young people aged 16-35 who live in Ukraine see the **future of Ukraine as encouraging**, while among young people who moved to Poland, this figure is 81%. Young people are also determined to participate in the process of rebuilding Ukraine. This desire was expressed by 79% of respondents in Ukraine and 83% in Poland.
- The NACP's **anti-corruption register** is again **available** on the Unified State Open Data Portal. This was announced by the head of the Ministry of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov. "Now everyone can check whether a person or business is involved in corruption. The registry will also help journalists and the public to expose corruption schemes," he said in a statement. The Minister reminded that during the full-scale invasion, access to many registers was closed due to security issues.

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- In the village of Savintsy, Kharkiv region, police **exhumed the body of a man tortured by Russians** in 2022. This was reported by the press service of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Kharkiv region. "Witnesses say that the body had huge bruises, and rope marks on the hands," the police said.
- In **Crimea**, after a series of strikes on military facilities, **"spies"** supporting the Ukrainian Armed Forces are **detained** almost daily. This is reported by the publication "Krym.Realii". Thus, on September 29, the Russian Federal Security Service announced the detention of a resident of Kerch. The 45-year-old man was allegedly "taking photos and videos of the movement of military equipment" on behalf of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and passing this information to a "curator".

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- The Government has established the **State Service for Children**. In addition, the Service will interact with Ukraine's diplomatic missions abroad to ensure that **children's rights** are respected and that they are **returned to Ukraine**. "This Service, as a central executive body, will implement state policy in the field of child protection, social support for families with children, development of family forms of education and adoption," the statement said. It is noted that today there are more than 7.5 million children in Ukraine who suffer from the impact of Russian aggression. At the same time, more than 65 thousand children in Ukraine are orphans or deprived of parental care.
- Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal says that 37 Ukrainian defense industry enterprises have been affected by Russian shelling. Shmyhal said this at the Defense Industries Forum, Interfax-Ukraine reports. The Prime Minister said that the government is currently working on additional proposals to restore these enterprises.

