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In today's 300th #vatniksoup, I'll go through some of the most heroic feats that Ukrainians have achieved since Russia launched its full-scale invasion.

In the last 900 days, under-equipped underdog Ukraine has fared well against the imperialist and genocidal Russia.

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As in most conflicts, Ukraine relies heavily on leadership. For this reason, the Kremlin first focused their main propaganda efforts on Zelenskyy, even claiming that he had already fled from Ukraine to Poland. Soon after these allegations, Zelenskyy and his cabinet...

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Zelensky hastily fled Kiev, Russian State Duma Speaker claims

"He fled to Lvov with his entourage, where he and his assistance were provided with accommodation," the speaker said

MOSCOW, February 26. /TASS/. Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky hastily fled Kiev on Friday and is currently in Lvov with his entourage, Russian State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin stated in his Telegram channel Saturday.

"Zelensky hastily fled Kiev. He was not in the Ukrainian capital yesterday already. He fled to Lvov with his entourage, where he and his assistance were provided with accommodation," the speaker said, adding that all videos published in the social media were recorded in advance.

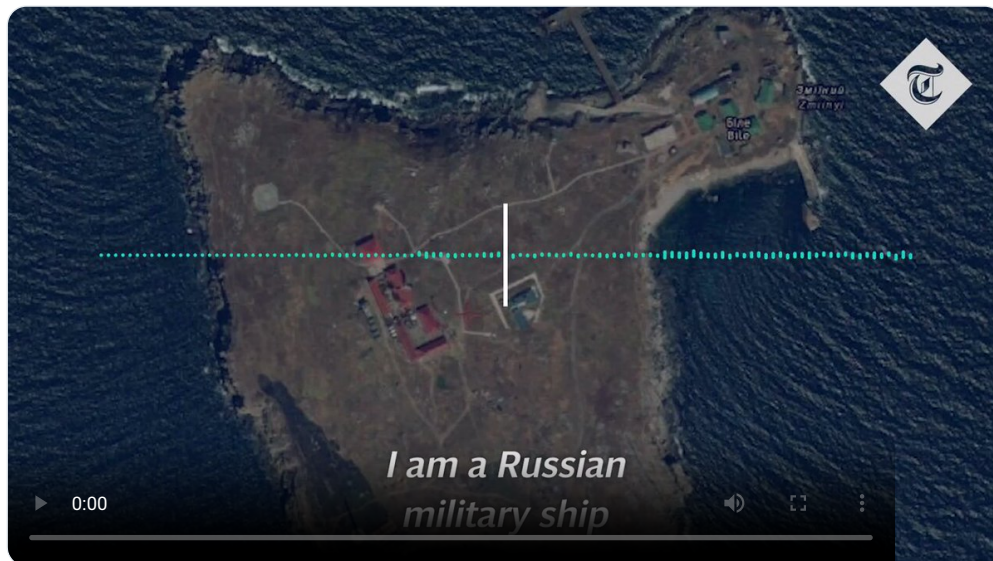
"The information comes from Verkhovna Rada lawmakers who tried to meet with [Zelensky] in Kiev. They were invited to Lvov for a meeting. Zelensky is currently under protection of neo-Nazis," he added.

... published a video from the streets of Kyiv to fight this propaganda campaign. This video quickly became one of the biggest morale boosters for Ukraine, and it has become one of the most legendary and symbolic videos of the Russo-Ukrainian War.



On the first day of the invasion, Russian navy captured the strategically located Snake Island. Russian cruiser Moskva contacted the Ukrainian defenders, calling them to surrender. This was met with the legendary reply, “Russian warship, go fuck yourself”.

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Even though the Russians took over the island, Ukrainians later got their revenge: Ukrainians re-captured it, and Moskva, the flagship of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet, was sent to the bottom of the sea and the incident was commemorated with an official postal stamp.

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Ukraine pushes Russian forces from strategic Snake Island

Winning back vital Black Sea island could weaken any future Russia coastal land attack

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'Significant' Snake Island victory changes situation in Black Sea, says Zelenskiy - video

Ukrainian forces have pushed Russian forces from Snake Island, a strategic Black Sea island off the southern coast near the city of Odesa.

Russian warship: Moskva sinks in Black Sea

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The Moskva patrolling the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Syria

A Russian warship that was damaged by an explosion on Wednesday has sunk, Russia's defence ministry has said.



Russians initially planned to take over Kyiv and overthrow the government in 3 days. This plan included the capture of the Hostomel (or Antonov) Airport that is located less than 10km from Kyiv. Its quick capture would've allowed Russia to airlift troops...

SMART BOMBS: MILITARY, DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Pictures: In Battle For Hostomel, Ukraine Drove Back Russia's Attack Helicopters And Elite Paratroopers



By [Sebastian Roblin](#) Published February 25, 2022



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The expert explained the importance of the Kiev airfield Gostomel for the special operation

The long lane takes any aircraft, not far from the center of Kiev

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In the Ukrainian social networks are actively discussing the situation around the airfield Gostomel near Kiev. It is allegedly controlled by the Russian military. From the north, Russian units are advancing to them. For what was important to ensure control over this airfield, the military expert asked the military expert.



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The Gostomel airfield is part of the Aerodesk Complex Antonov. Nearby the Antonov Design Bureau and the plant for the construction of experimental machines. It was here that the first super-heavy military transport aircraft An-124 "Ruslan" and a unique giant An-225. That is, the runway of this factory airfield is capable of receiving aircraft of any carrying capacity.

...and heavier equipment to threaten the Ukrainian capital. Russia sent their elite VDV troops for the operation, but the Ukrainians were ready and encircled the Russian soldiers. The airport was eventually captured by the Russians, but it was too damaged to be used as an...

The heavy losses of an elite Russian regiment in Ukraine

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Mark Urban
Diplomatic and defence editor, Newsnight



Some of the 39 Russian soldiers from the 331st regiment who are known to have died

In any war, there are units that distinguish themselves and others that become symbolic of failure. The 331st Guards Parachute Regiment had high hopes of being the first, but now represents the disintegration of Russia's plan for a quick war.



If the Russian assault went as planned, Antonov could be used to land thousands of additional [airborne soldiers and their light armored vehicles](#) by cargo plane, allowing Russian troops to begin tightening the noose around the Ukrainian capital even before Russian mechanized armies fought their way in.

...airstrip and the Russian plan of capturing Kyiv was quickly foiled. Atlantic Council stated that Ukraine's ability to defend the airport "possibly prevent[ed] a rapid capture" of Kyiv. RUSI associate director @JEyal_RUSI described it as "a turning point" in the war.

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Battle for Hostomel (the Battle of Antonov Airport). On February 24 and 25, Russia and Ukraine fought a ferocious battle for Antonov Airport in Hostomel, just ten kilometers northwest of Kyiv. Russia conducted a large air assault to take control of the airfield, but Ukrainian forces held throughout February 24. According to Ukrainian sources, during the battle, [eighteen IL-76 Candid cargo aircraft](#) took off from Pskov Airport in Russia and were heading to Antonov Airport, likely loaded with either paratroopers or heavy equipment to support the paratroopers. We surmise the airlifted force was designed to help spearhead the Russian attack on Kyiv. **The Ukrainian defense of the airfield on February 24 slowed the advance on Kyiv, possibly preventing a rapid capture of the capital.** [The Russians eventually took control of the airfield](#) on February 25, but reporting indicated that the airfield was heavily damaged and nonoperational.

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During this time, Russia was also sending a 64 kilometer long column of military equipment towards Hostomel. This convoy was stalled at around 30km from Kyiv due to food and fuel shortages, weather and Ukrainian attacks, especially those made with Turkish Bayraktar

drones.

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People look at the gutted remains of Russian military vehicles on a road in the town of Bucha, close to the capital Kyiv, Ukraine (Image: AP)

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The drone operators who halted Russian convoy headed for Kyiv

Special IT force of 30 soldiers on quad bikes is vital part of Ukraine's defence, but forced to crowdfund for supplies



Julian Borger

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Ukrainian drone brigade claims to have stopped 40-mile column of Russian tanks - video

One week into its invasion of Ukraine, Russia massed a **40-mile mechanised column** in order to mount an overwhelming attack on Kyiv from the north.

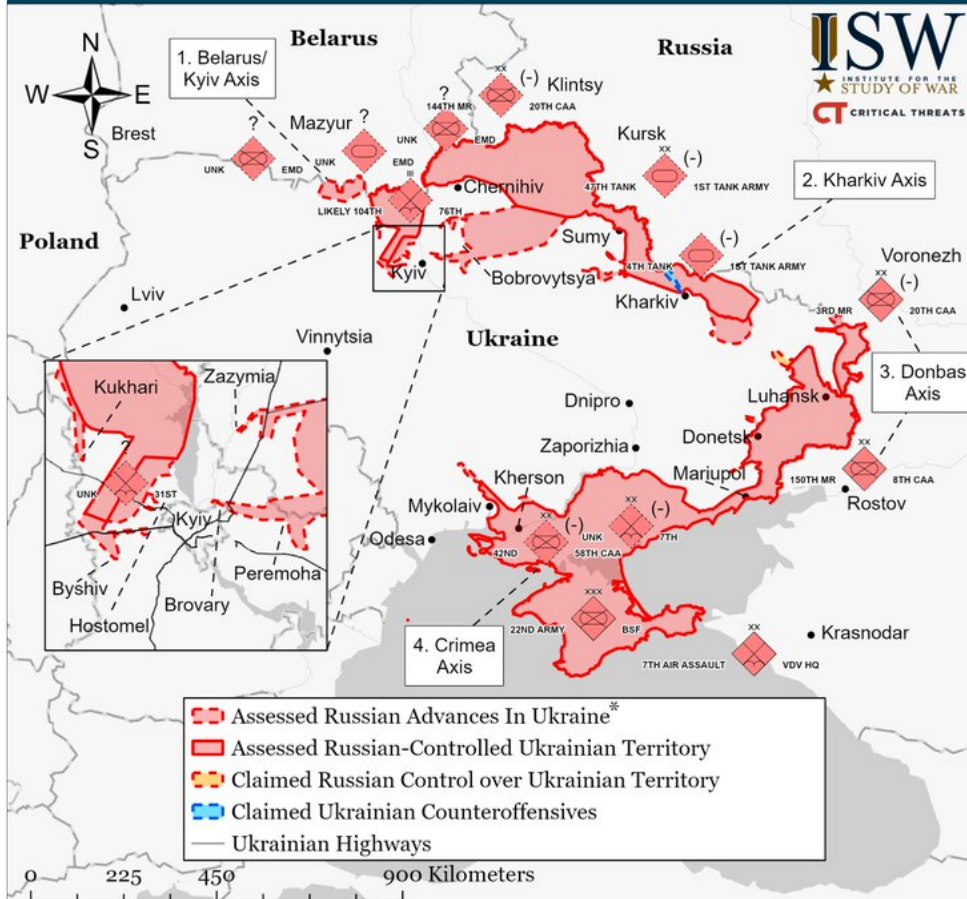
But the convoy of armoured vehicles and supply trucks ground to a halt within days, and the offensive failed, in significant part because of a series of night ambushes carried out by a team of 30 Ukrainian special forces and drone operators on quad bikes, according to a Ukrainian commander.



Even with the convoy eventually retreating, the situation looked quite dire for Ukraine - on 5 Mar 2022, Russia had captured large swathes of land in Northern, Eastern and Southern Ukraine. One of the most brutal battles was fought in Mariupol, where heroic Ukrainians...

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Assessed Control of Terrain in Ukraine and Main Russian Maneuver Axes as of March 5, 2022, 3:00 PM EST



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The aftermath of the Russian air strike on a maternity ward and children's hospital in Mariupol, Ukraine, on March 9, 2022.

...held against a Russian siege for almost three months. According to the Red Cross, the situation in the city was “apocalyptic”, & Ukrainian officials estimated that around 25k civilians had been killed & 95% of the city had been destroyed, mostly by the Russian bombardment.

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Russian bombing of maternity hospital 'genocide', says Zelenskiy

Authorities say at least 17 wounded by airstrikes including women in labour as shelling again halts evacuations

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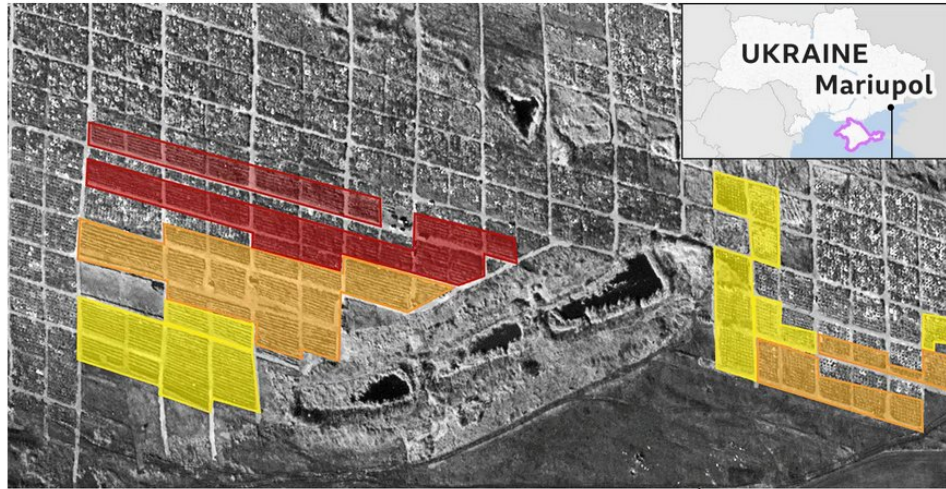


Children's and maternity hospital hit by Russian bombs, say Ukraine authorities - video

Russian bombs have “completely destroyed” a children’s and maternity hospital in Mariupol, Ukrainian authorities have said, as shelling again halted mass evacuations from several cities, including the devastated southern port where conditions are described as “apocalyptic”.

Ukrainian officials now believe that at least 25,000 people were killed in the fighting in Mariupol, and that 5,000-7,000 of them died under the rubble after their homes were bombed. Mariupol had a pre-war population of nearly 500,000.

Witnesses in Mariupol have told the BBC that they have seen the Russian authorities removing bodies from the rubble of destroyed buildings in the city over recent months and taking them away for burial.



New burial sites

■ 12 May: 1,700 ■ 29 Jun: 1,400 ■ 12 Oct: 1,500

□ Russia annexed Crimea in 2014

Source: CIR/Maxar

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Analysis of the mass burial site shows how it has grown since May

The Ukrainian defenders, including soldiers from the Azov Regiment, finally retreated to the Azovstal steel plant, which Putin ordered to be blockaded. The brave defenders finally gave up on 16 May 2022, when their food and water supplies were running dangerously low.

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➔ **Mariupol: Appeal from Ukrainian commander**
Appeal by Denis Prokopenko, commander of the Ukrainian Azov regiment: stop the shelling by Russian occupying forces against the "Azovstal" steel factory where civilians including children are hiding. Photographs/Svetlana Myalyk

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Mariupol's Last Stand: Inside Azovstal

View a collection of photographs Azov regiment soldier Dmytro Kozatsky took from inside the besieged Azovstal steel factory. His mother, Iryna Yurchenko, also shared her experience as a soldier's mother.
See also: [TCUP Commentary](#)

Azov regiment soldier and photographer Dmytro Kozatsky offered the world a glimpse inside the Azovstal steel factory, where civilians and soldiers maintained the final resistance to Russian forces attempting to occupy the city of Mariupol. After helping to get the citizens to safety, Dmytro and his fellow soldiers surrendered on May 20. They were taken into captivity.

Dymtro's images have appeared in many media outlets; he made the album widely available in full resolution in his [Twitter post](#) announcing the unit's surrender. With his mother's permission, we are including the entire collection in our [Voices from Ukraine project](#). His mother, Iryna Yurchenko, also sent a short remark and several photographs to be included with the post.

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Azovstal defenders appear to signal end of siege

Ukraine wary of Belarusian troops on its border * Russia continues to consolidate control of Kherson and Mariupol

By REUTERS, MICHAEL STARR

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Smoke rises above a plant of Azovstal Iron and Steel Works during Ukraine-Russia conflict in the southern port city of Mariupol, Ukraine April 25, 2022. (photo credit: Alexander Ermochenko/Reuters)

In the autumn of 2022, Ukraine launched two major counteroffensives - one in Kherson and Mykolaiv oblasts, and the second in Kharkiv oblast. The former concluded by Nov 2022, after Ukrainians had liberated 1170 square kilometers of land and recaptured the city of Kherson.

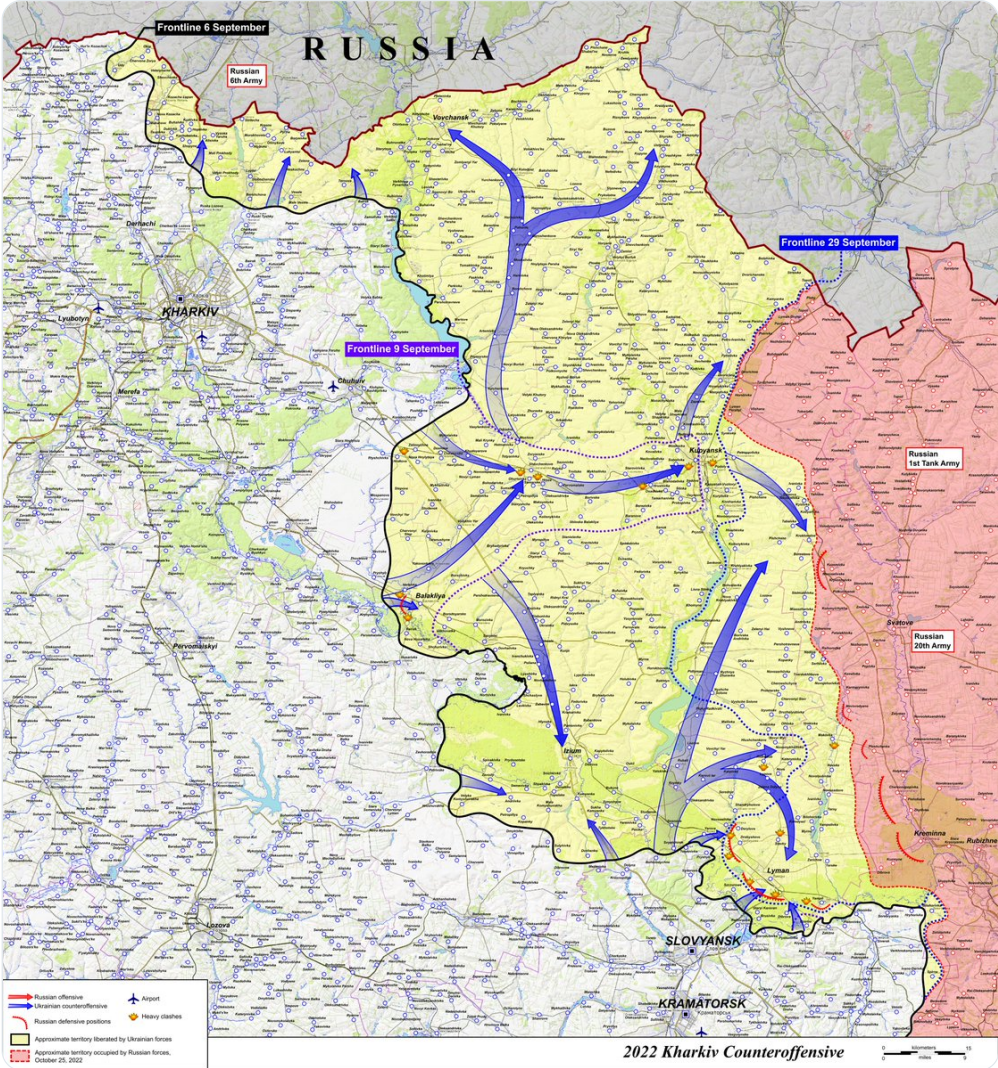


In Kharkiv oblast, Ukrainians advanced nearly 50kms in just three days. According to ISW, Ukrainians recaptured around 2500 square kms of land.

Journalist Harald Stutte stated that Oleksandr Syrskyi, the commander of the offensive, had

achieved a “tactical masterstroke”.

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Ukraine counter-offensive: Russian forces retreat as Ukraine takes key towns

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Watch: Ukrainian military enter key city of Kupiansk

Russian forces have withdrawn from key eastern towns, as a rapid Ukrainian counter-attack makes further gains.

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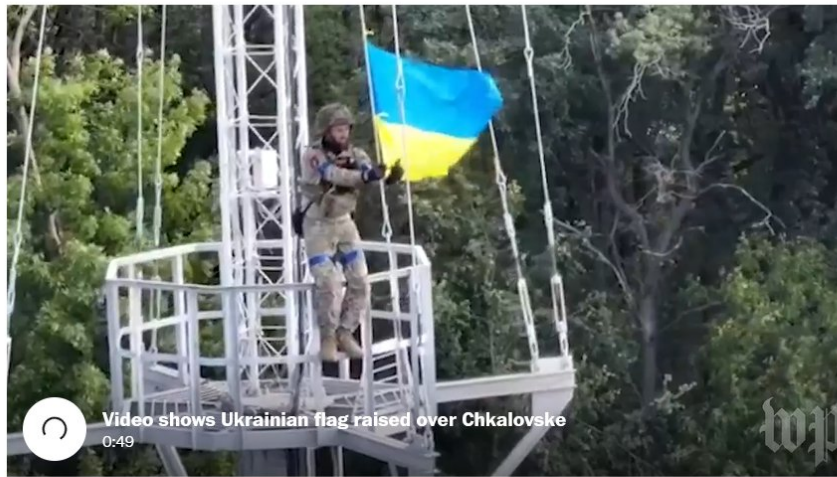


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Russian troops in big retreat as Ukraine offensive advances in Kharkiv

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Video shows Ukrainian flag raised over Chkalovske
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Video released by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Sept. 11 shows a soldier hoisting the Ukrainian flag in a village of about 40 miles from Kharkiv. (Video: The Washington Post)

By [Steve Hendrix](#), [Robyn Dixon](#), [Liz Sly](#), [Serhii Korolchuk](#) and [Mary Ilyushina](#)
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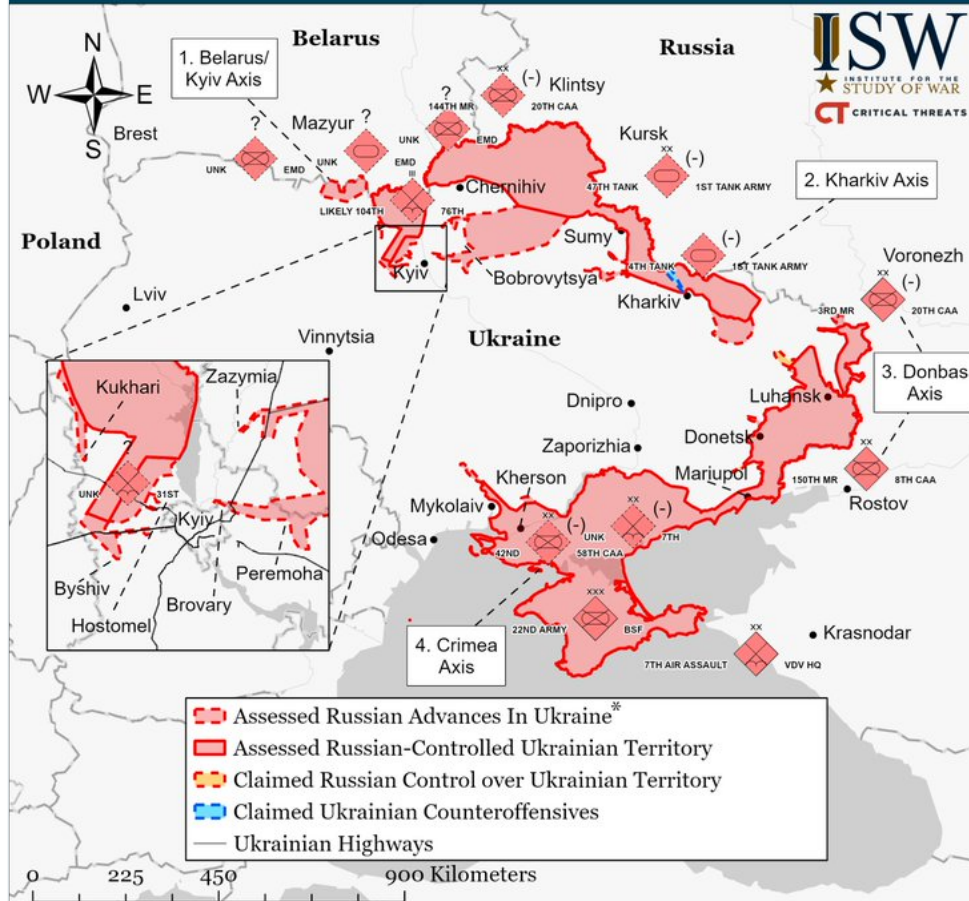
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These heroic feats can clearly be seen when you compare ISW's battle assessment maps from Mar 2022 and Aug 2024 - even though the frontlines have been static for a while, heroic Ukrainian defenders have managed to recapture large areas previously under Russian control.

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Ukraine has also been extremely succesful at sea, especially for a country with no significant navy! Their most succesful operation was of course the sinking of Russian flagship Moskva, but they've also sunk several other large ships, and even Russian submarines.

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This infographic displays a grid of 60 Russian naval vessels, each accompanied by a silhouette and a date indicating a reported destruction event. The ships are arranged in 10 rows and 6 columns. Many icons feature flames, suggesting fires or explosions. The vessels include various classes such as frigates, corvettes, landing ships, and submarines. A large, semi-transparent watermark 'Kholenko' is overlaid diagonally across the center of the grid.

Ship Name	Class	Displacement (pr.)	Date
«Moskva»	Lead ship	Guided Missile Cruiser	14.04.2022
«Admiral Grigorovich»	Admiral Grigorovich-class Frigate	11356	
«Admiral Essen»	Admiral Grigorovich-class Frigate	11356	
«Admiral Makarov»	Admiral Grigorovich-class Frigate	11356	25.10.2022
«Ladnya»	Burevestnik-class Guard Ship	1135	
«Pytlivyy»	Burevestnik-class Guard Ship	1135-M	
«Merkury»	Stereoguchy-class Corvette	20380	
«Saratov»	Tiger-class Landing Ship	1171	
«Nikolay Filchenkov»	Tiger-class Landing Ship	1171	
«Orsk»	Tiger-class Landing Ship	1171	
«Pyotr Morgunov»	Tiger-class Landing Ship	1171	
«Kaliningrad»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	24.03.2022
«Georgiy Pobedonosets»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	
«Minsk»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	
«Korolev»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	
«Olenegorskiy Gornyyak»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	04.02.2023
«Tsezar Kunikov»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	
«Novocherkassk»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	
«Yamal»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	13.09.2023
«Azov»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	
«Konstantin Olshanskiy»	Ropucha-class Landing Ship	775	23.03.2024
«Muromets»	Grachev-class Corvette	1124H	14.02.2024
«Suzdalets»	Grachev-class Corvette	1124H	
«Kasimov»	Grachev-class Corvette	1124H	24.03.2023
«Yeysk»	Grachev-class Corvette	1124H	23.03.2024
«Povorino»	Grachev-class Corvette	1124H	
«Aleksandrovets»	Grachev-class Corvette	1124	23.03.2024
«Yshniy Volochek»	Buyan-class Corvette	21631	
«Orekhovo-Zuyevo»	Buyan-class Corvette	21631	
«Bora»	Buyan-class Corvette	1239	
«Samum»	Buyan-class Corvette	1239	14.09.2023
«Tsiklon»	Kargat-class Corvette	22800	15.05.2024
«Grayvoron»	Buyan-class Corvette	21631	
«Ingushetiya»	Buyan-class Corvette	21631	
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«Dmitry Rogachev»	Patrol Ship	22160	
«Pavel Derzhavin»	Patrol Ship	22160	12.10.2023
«Sergey Kotov»	Patrol Ship	22160	05.03.2024
«Askold»	Korabelnaya-class Corvette	23800	04.11.2023
«Ivan Golubets»	Natya-class Minesweeper	266-M	
«Kovrovets»	Natya-class Minesweeper	266-M	
«Ivan Antonov»	Aleksandr-class Minesweeper	12700	
«Vladimir Emelyanov»	Aleksandr-class Minesweeper	12700	
«Georgiy Kurbatov»	Aleksandr-class Minesweeper	12700	
«Mineralnye vody»	Sonya-class Minesweeper	1265	
«Zheleznyakov»	Gorya-class Minesweeper	12660	
«Valentin Pikul»	Natya-class Minesweeper	266ME	
«Vice-admiral Zakharin»	Natya-class Minesweeper	266ME	
«Turbinist»	Natya-class Minesweeper	266-M	
«Ivanovets»	Tarantul-class Corvette	1241	01.02.2024
«Naberezhnye Chelny»	Tarantul-class Corvette	1241	
«R-60»	Tarantul-class Corvette	1241	
«Ivan Khurs»	Yury Andropov-class Intelligence Ship	18280	23.03.2024
«Spasatel Vasily Bekh»	Sea tug	2270	17.06.2022
«Kommuna»	Sea tug	2270	21.04.2024
«D-144»	Senyushin-class Landing Craft	11770	09.11.2023
«D-199»	Senyushin-class Landing Craft	11770	07.05.2022
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«D-296»	Grachev-class Landing Craft	02510	
«D-309»	Grachev-class Landing Craft	02510	
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«Kinel»	Grachonok-class Anti-Submarine Ship	21980	
«Pavel Silaev»	Grachonok-class Anti-Submarine Ship	21980	
«Kursant Kirovets»	Grachonok-class Anti-Submarine Ship	21980	
«Yunarmees Kryma»	Grachonok-class Anti-Submarine Ship	21980	
«Suvorovets»	Grachonok-class Anti-Submarine Ship	21980	
«Kadet»	Grachonok-class Anti-Submarine Ship	21980	02.05.2022
«Airosa»	Improved Ebo-class Submarine	636.3	
«Rostov-na-Donu»	Improved Ebo-class Submarine	636.3	11.09.2023
«Novorossiysk»	Improved Ebo-class Submarine	636.3	
«Staryy Oskol»	Improved Ebo-class Submarine	636.3	
«Krasnodar»	Improved Ebo-class Submarine	636.3	
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Ukraine says it sank Russian submarine in Crimea

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The Rostov-on-Don, pictured here in 2022, was previously seriously damaged in an attack last September

Ukraine claims to have taken out a third of Russia's navy in the waters by attacking them with sea drones and subsonic Neptune cruise missiles. A while ago, Russians finally took the clue, and have now retreated their fleet from Crimea to safer waters.

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Russia's Black Sea Fleet is 'functionally inactive' after being pummeled hard by Ukraine, UK says

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The landing ship Yamal returns to Sevastopol after performing operations in the Mediterranean Sea. [Russian Ministry of Defense](#)

- The UK said Russia's Black Sea Fleet is 'functionally inactive' after Ukraine hit two of its ships.
- UK Defence Minister Grant Shapps appeared to confirm Ukraine's most recent strikes on two vessels.

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The 'humiliating' retreat of Russia's fleet from Crimea proves its threats don't mean anything, expert says

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Russian Navy's guided missile cruiser Moskva sailed back into a harbor in the port of Sevastopol, Crimea, in 2021. REUTERS/Alexey Pavlishak

- **Russia has pulled its last Black Sea Fleet warship from Crimea, per a Ukrainian navy spokesperson.**
- **The retreat exposes the emptiness of Russia's red lines and nuclear threats, a Ukraine expert said.**

Even though Ukraine has been hindered by its Western allies, Ukrainians have finally started attacking targets deep in the Russian territory. These include oil refineries, airbases, ammo depots and military quarters.

Following is a chronology of some of the main drone strikes on Russian oil refineries and infrastructure this year.

June 18 - A drone attack set ablaze oil storage sites in Russia's southern Rostov region.

June 14 - Debris from a downed drone damaged an unused reservoir at a fuel depot in Russia's Voronezh region.

June 6 - A fire was extinguished at the Novoshakhtinsk oil refinery in Russia's Rostov region which had been attacked by a drone.

May 20 - Slavyansk oil refinery was attacked by a drone.

May 18 - The Importpischeprom oil products terminal at Russia's Black Sea port of Novorossiisk resumed fuel loadings after suspending operations following a drone attack a day earlier, according to industry sources and LSEG data.

May 17 - Tuapse oil refinery on the Black Sea was attacked by drones for at least the second time this year.

May 12 - Volgograd oil refinery, which has a production capacity of some 300,000 barrels per day (bpd), caught fire following a drone strike.

May 10 - A drone attacked the Pervyi Zavod refinery in Russia's Kaluga region, following an earlier attack on March 15.

May 9 - Gazprom Neftekhim Salavat oil processing, petrochemical and fertiliser complex in the Bashkortostan region stopped its catalytic cracker after being attacked by a drone. The Salavat complex refinery runs were 130,000 bpd in 2023.

April 1 - A drone struck Russia's Taneco refinery. In 2023, it processed 340,600 bpd of crude oil, the third largest volume among Russian refineries after Omsk and Kirishi.

March 23 - A fire broke out at the Kuibyshev refinery after a Ukrainian drone attacked it. In 2023, it processed 73,700 bpd of oil.

March 18 - The [Slavyansk refinery](#) caught fire after a drone attack. It has a capacity of around 100,000 barrels per day.

March 16 - The Syzran oil refinery, controlled by Rosneft ([ROSN.MM](#)) [↗](#), burned for hours before the fire was brought under control after a strike by Ukrainian drones. The refinery has a production capacity of 170,000 bpd, but its actual runs have been lower. In 2023 it processed about 100,000 bpd.

March 15 - An oil refinery in the [Kaluga](#) region south of Moscow was attacked with drones, causing damage. Its primary processing unit's capacity is 1.2 million tons per year - roughly 24,000 barrels per day.

March 13 - The Novoshakhtinsk oil refinery, in Russia's southern Rostov region, suspended operations after downed drones crashed onto the site, but resumed operations later in the day. Oil processing at the refinery in 2023 averaged around 96,000 barrels per day.

March 13 - The Ryazan oil refinery was set ablaze after a drone attack. It's capacity stands at around 317,000 bpd.

March 12 - A drone was destroyed on the outskirts of Kirishi, home to Surgutneftegaz's ([SNGS.MM](#)) [↗](#) [Kirishinefteorgsintez \(KINEF\) refinery](#). The Kirishi complex is one of the top two refineries in Russia. It refines about 355,000 bpd of Russian crude.

March 12 - A fire broke out at NORSI, Russia's fourth largest refinery, after a drone attack. NORSI refines about 317,000 bpd of Russian crude a year. Lukoil also said in January that it had halted a unit at its refinery due to an unspecified incident.

Feb. 9 - A fire broke out at the Ilsky refinery in Russia's southern Krasnodar region and was extinguished in about two hours. Its refining capacity is 6.6 million metric tons of crude oil per year, equating to 132,000 bpd.

Jan. 26 - The Tuapse oil refinery in southern Russia halted oil processing and output following a fire. The Tuapse plant's capacity is 240,000 barrels per day.

Jan. 21 - Ust-Luga Complex was forced to suspend some operations at the huge Baltic Sea fuel export terminal at Ust-Luga as well as "technological processes" at a nearby fuel-producing complex due to a fire, started by what Ukrainian media said was a [drone attack](#). In 2023 the Ust-Luga complex processed 7 million tons of gas condensate (156,000 bpd).



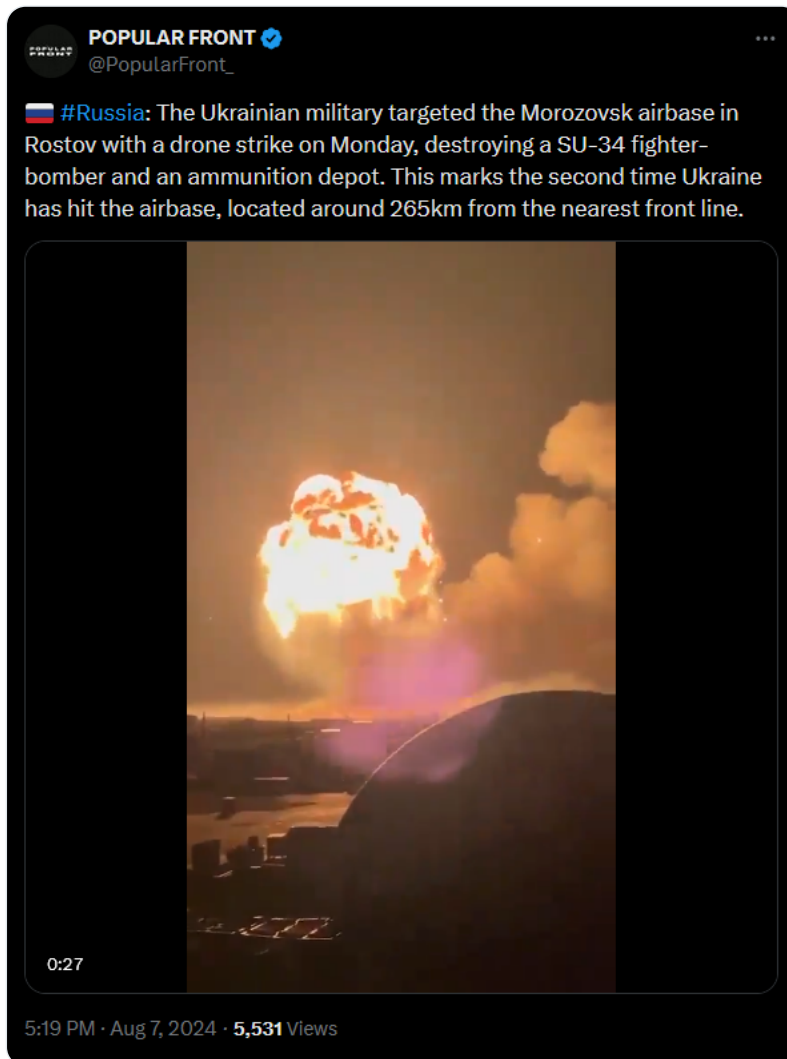
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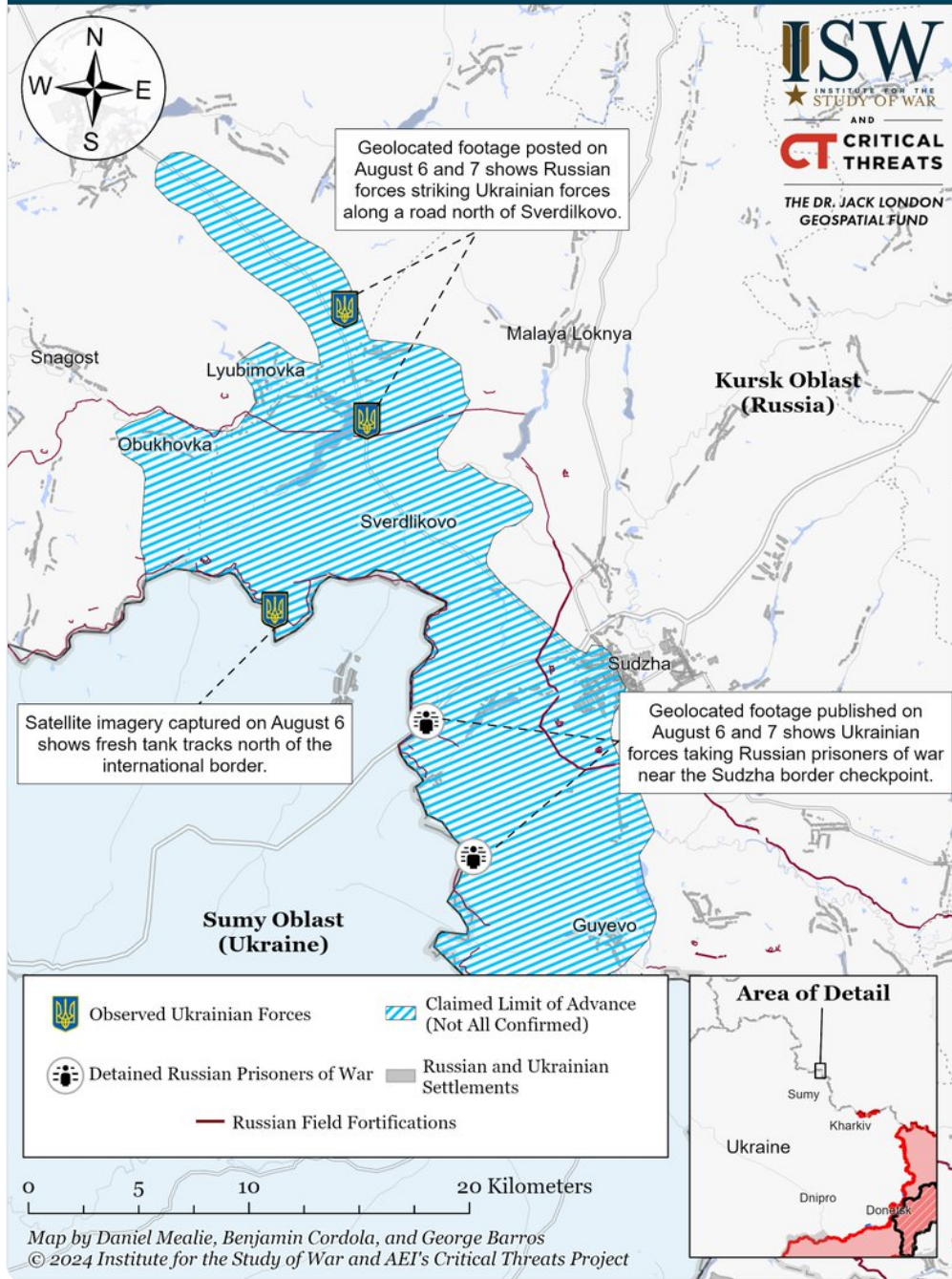


Black smoke billows after a drone strikes a refinery in Ryazan, Russia, earlier this year. Video grab (Reuters)



On 6 Aug 2024, Ukraine launched a surprise cross-border attack into Kursk, Russia. Ukrainians have taken control of the city of Sudzha, and have posted videos of “dozens, maybe hundreds, of Russian POWs”. The objective of this so far successful incursion is still unclear.

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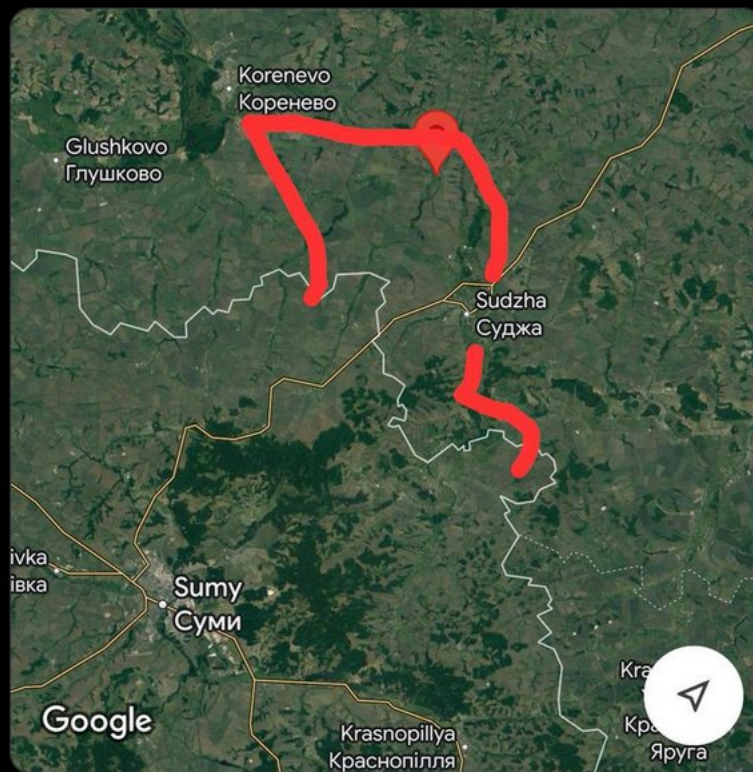
An image published by the acting governor of the Kursk region, Alexei Smirnov, on his Telegram channel shows damaged homes in the town of Sudzha Photograph: Governor of Kursk region/AFP/Getty Images

Ukraine's surprise **incursion into Russia's Kursk region** has continued into a second day, prompting Vladimir Putin to convene a meeting with his top defence and law enforcement officials.

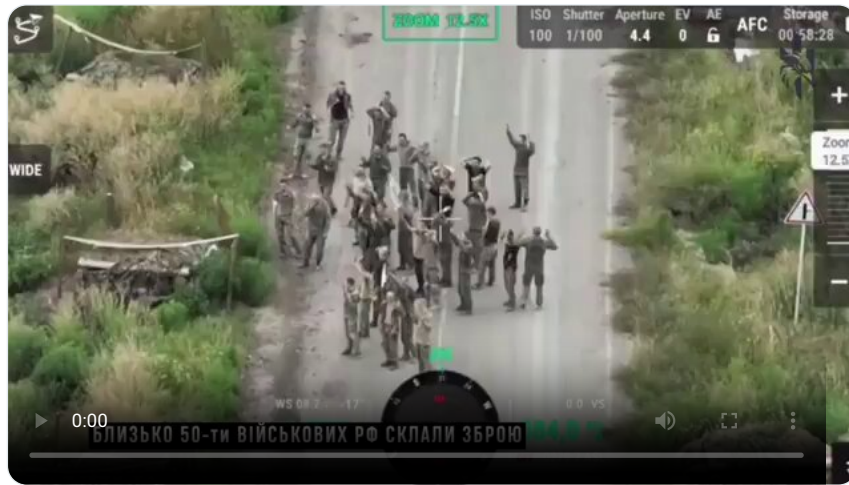
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Day three of the Ukrainian special military operation in Russia. What we know:

-  Ukrainian forces are in control of all or most of the city of Sudzha, reached the outskirts of Korenevo, and overnight pushed north around Malaya Loknya, as per Russian military bloggers and analysts.
 -  Ukraine's General Staff maintains silence about the offensive and its goals
 -  Ukrainian soldiers post videos of dozens, maybe hundreds, of Russian POWs who surrendered in Kursk
 -  Documented losses inside Russia include several IFVs and APCs on the Ukrainian side, two tanks and two-three helicopters on the Russian side.
-  Is it a raid, or an attempt to hold and trade territory? Time will tell.



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There have also been several feats of heroism done by individuals. For example, Vitaly Skakun who sacrificed his life by blowing a bridge before the Russians could cross it. Or the execution and iconic final words of Oleksandr Matsievskiy just before he was murdered.

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Ukrainian Soldier Blows Himself Up To Delay Russian Advance: Report

The incident took place at the Henichesk bridge, a key strategic point linking Crimea and mainland Ukraine

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Volodymyrovych was deployed to the Henichesk bridge when the Russian tanks entered the area.

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We also shouldn't forget the resilience of Ukrainian civilians, who have been constantly bombarded by Russian missiles and Iranian drones. Many have lost their homes, yet they're still ready to help their country in any way they can, be it drone production or donations.

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One week into its invasion of Ukraine, Russia massed a **40-mile mechanised column** in order to mount an overwhelming attack on Kyiv from the north.

But the convoy of armoured vehicles and supply trucks ground to a halt within days, and the offensive failed, in significant part because of a series of night ambushes carried out by a team of 30 Ukrainian special forces and drone operators on quad bikes, according to a Ukrainian commander.

Regular Ukrainians have also often defied the invaders, like the grandma that gave a Russian soldier sunflower seeds, telling him that “at least the sunflower will grow when you die here”, or the civilians who prevented Russians from invading the town of Sumy.



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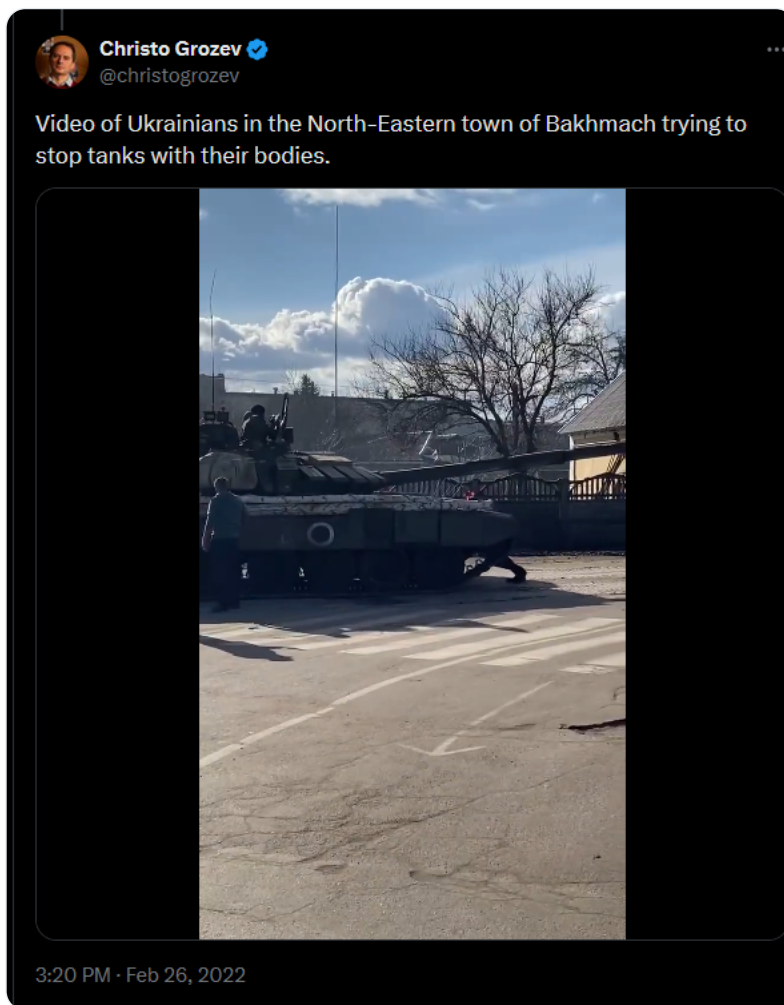
City council workers and close friends Serhiy and Ihor, were among the 400 Sumy residents that took up arms on the first day of the invasion. Photograph: Anastasia Vlasova/The Guardian

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Ukraine has been extremely succesful in its operations, and Ukrainians have shown tremendous heroism while defending their country against Russian invaders. No doubt, there would be much more success if Ukraine's allies in the West wouldn't worry so much about "escalation".

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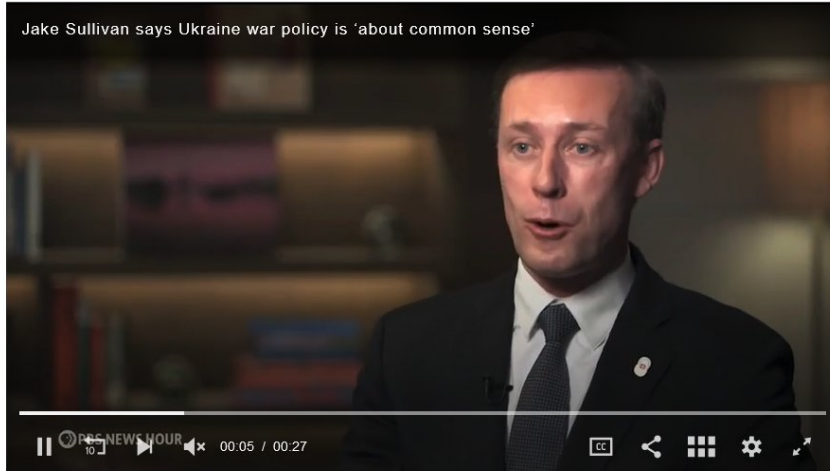
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