

March 24, 2022 (day 29)

The enemy's main targets include military and civilian infrastructure in Kyiv, Chernihiv and Kharkiv oblasts. In the **Kherson** region, the enemy is terrorizing the local population in the temporarily occupied territories, using the forces of the Russian Guard to suppress actions of disobedience to the occupying power with the participation of the civilian population.

In **Kharkiv**, Russian troops destroyed 1,143 buildings, 998 of which were residential buildings. Yesterday, March 23, dismantling the ruins of the regional administration, found the bodies of 24 victims. On the night of March 24, the occupiers fired again at the centre of Kharkiv with Caliber missiles fired from ships in the Black Sea. The Russian military has queued for humanitarian aid in Kharkiv (six dead and 15 wounded).

Today, the densely populated area of **Okhtyrka** was fired at with air-to-ground missiles.

On the evening of March 23, the Russian occupiers shelled an area of **Chernihiv** near one of the city's food companies. As a result of the projectile, the ammonia pipeline and one tank were damaged. Also due to the shelling, a fire broke out in a warehouse of finished products and containers.

As of the morning of March 24, **Kyiv** ranks eighth stage in the ranking of cities with the most polluted air. Due to fires, the concentration of pollutants in the air is 13 times higher than the norm recommended by the WHO. In **Slavutych**, Kyiv region, Russian troops are attacking, trying to storm the city.

On March 23, the occupiers destroyed a special laboratory on the territory of the **Chernobyl** nuclear power plant with samples of radionuclides worth UAH 6 million. Forest fires are burning in the exclusion zone near the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. **Zaporizhzhya** NPP and the city of Energodar have been captured by the Russian military for 19 days.

In the **Donetsk** region, more than 200,000 do not have access to drinking water due to the occupiers' fighting.

At night, **Luhansk** region was hit by missiles and phosphorus bombings (four dead, two of them children, six wounded). During the past 24hrs, 31 buildings have been damaged or destroyed, including 23 houses (10 high-rise buildings and 13 private houses). In Rubizhne, fighting continues in the city itself.

In **Mariupol**, about 15,000 city residents were forcibly deported to Russia. They are first taken to filtration camps and then redistributed to remote cities in Russia. For the past 20 days, buses departing for evacuation from Mariupol to the Ukrainian city of Zaporizhia have remained blocked in Berdyansk.

In **Melitopol**, Russians are forcing teachers to start teaching in Russian in April. Attempts are being made to put Russian rubles into circulation in Starobilsk, Luhansk Oblast.

In the libraries of the temporarily occupied territories of Luhansk, Donetsk, Chernihiv and Sumy regions, Russian units of the "military police" began to seize and destroy Ukrainian historical and fiction literature.

The first official exchange of prisoners of war took place today. In exchange for 10 captured occupiers, Ukraine returned 10 of our servicemen. Today, Ukraine sent 11 Russian civilian sailors and returned home 19 Ukrainian civilian sailors from the Sapphire rescue ship, which was captured while trying to pick up our troops from Snake Island.

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