

## War in Ukraine. Daily update. Day 58

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**Foreign policy.** The Prime Ministers of Spain and Denmark [visited](#) Kyiv. On Thursday, Denmark's and Spain's prime ministers pledged to send more weapons to Ukraine during a trip to Kyiv, where they met President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a gesture of support. In addition to military support and humanitarian aid, the Danish Prime Minister has announced the readiness of Denmark to rebuild the port city of Mykolayiv.

Latvian and Estonian parliaments [recognised](#) Russia's actions in Ukraine as genocide. Lawmakers in Latvia and Estonia voted unanimously on Thursday to declare the killings of civilians in areas of Ukraine occupied by Russian forces to be acts of genocide. Meanwhile, Russia proceeds with mirror actions on the expulsion of the diplomats. On Thursday Russia [ordered](#) the closure of the Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian consulates and asked their employees to leave in a retaliatory move.

[Reports](#) say German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, excluded all heavy weapons from the list of military assistance to Ukraine, by reducing the list from 48 to 24 pages. [Spiegel](#) meanwhile reports about the possibility of a 'vote of confidence' related, among all, to refuse to supply Ukraine with heavy weapons. On the contrary, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock [says](#) there are no obstacles to sending heavy weapons to Ukraine from Germany.

The US President has announced another [\\$ 800 million military aid package](#) for Ukraine. Another round of military aid will include artillery systems, howitzers and ammunition, and tactical drones. Also additional [\\$500 million](#) will be provided in direct economic assistance. Along with the military and economic support, the US is launching a [refugee programme](#) 'United for Ukraine'. Yesterday, Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal [met with](#) the US President in Washington. The meeting [focused](#) on the previously announced assistance to Ukraine and further commitment to support.

Croatian Prime Minister Andriy Plenković has [stated](#) that he is severing all contacts with pro-Russian Croatian President Zoran Milanović. Previously, President Milanović [stated](#) that no atrocities were committed in Ukraine.

During the International Monetary Fund meeting, the British finance minister Rishi Sunak and his Canadian counterpart Chrystia Freeland [walked out the room](#) when Russia's delegate spoke. A similar protest action took place a day before during the G20 meeting.

**Cities under attack.** A wave of attacks on the railway proceeds. Two missile strikes hit **Zaporizhzhia**. An explosive wave and debris smashed windows in four cars of the Zaporizhzhia-Lviv train. Three missile strikes on the railway infrastructure in the **Novomoskovsk district of the Dnipropetrovsk region** were [reported](#) by the head of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration Valentyn Reznichenko. A part of the railway has been significantly damaged. In **Kharkiv**, the Russian troops shelled the city [50 times](#) within a day with MLRS, BM-21 Grad, BM-30 Smerch and artillery. In the Donetsk region, [75%](#) of the population of Donetsk People's Republic controlled territories left the region. In the **Luhansk region**, Russian troops shelled 11 settlements in the last 24 hours. In Kherson region, all four amalgamated territorial communities of Beryslav district along with some villages of Kherson district are on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe. **Mariupol**. The Russian President claimed [victory](#) in the biggest battle of the war in Ukraine, declaring the port of Mariupol 'liberated' after nearly two months of siege. Although hundreds of defenders are still holed up inside the steelworks. Considering this operation a 'success', Putin gave an 'order not to assault' the plant, but at the same time not to allow a single person to escape it. Regardless of the 'order', Russian troops [continued](#) bombarding and shelling the territory of Azovstal. [See](#) Mariupol's Azovstal steel-mill fortress in peacetime and then after nearly two months of war. Mariupol [remains crucial](#) for Russia in the war because its location secures the land corridor to the Crimea, and it is also the location of Azov battalion, a key talking point of so-called 'denazification' policy.

**Cities under occupation.** Russian troops aim to completely cut off occupied settlements from Ukraine. Therefore, they [do not allow](#) the evacuation to Ukraine or any volunteers with aid to come, threatening them with immediate death. Currently, there are about 20 occupied villages in the **Mykolaiv region**. In the **Kharkiv region**, 22 amalgamated territorial communities are under occupation. In the **Kherson region**, the self-proclaimed occupation authorities [announced](#) the mobilization of all men from the temporarily occupied territories. In addition, in preparation of a so-called 'referendum', Russian troops will conduct a 'census'. Meanwhile, local citizens will be [prohibited](#) from moving between settlements. In **Popasna, Luhansk region**, more than 100 civilians have died since the Russian invasion. The city still counts more than 2500 inhabitants. Currently, Russian troops control over a half of the city and from the occupied part of the city, people are deported to Pervomaysk. Satellite [detected](#) a mass grave in the Russian-occupied village of Manhush in the **Donetsk region**, less than 20 kilometers from Mariupol. This is a trench more than 300 meters long. Russia has also banned the entry to and exit from illegally annexed Crimea to secure the spring conscription at the peninsula General Staff [reports](#).

**Human rights.** Ukraine demands from Russia a humanitarian corridor from the Azovstal plant in Mariupol. Currently, about 1,000 civilians and 500 wounded soldiers need evacuation.

Another exchange of prisoners took place yesterday. 'Today we are returning home 19 people, including 10 military personnel (including 2 officers) and 9 civilians', Vereshchuk [said](#).

Ombudswoman, Lyudmyla Denisova, [reports](#) that occupant forces continue forcibly to deport Ukrainian children to Russia. The other day a group of Ukrainian teenagers aged 14-15 was brought to one of the charitable foundations of the Russian Federation (Vladimir) from the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The available information reports that the parents of the children were killed.

The International Organization of Migration presented its new [report](#) on the situation with internally displaced people. Around 600 000 people were internally displaced between April 1-17. The percentage of the displacement has increased by 9% since the last similar assessment in April and 19% since mid-March. The report indicates that since the beginning of the war over 7.7 million were forced to leave their homes, counting 17% of the country's population. 60% of the internally displaced people (IDPs) are women.

**War crimes investigation.** Human Rights Watch released a [detailed report](#) on the war crimes of Russian forces during their occupation of Bucha, a town about 30 kilometers northwest of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, from March 4 to 31, 2022. HRW found extensive evidence that Russian forces had used it as a firing position for artillery. The [Safe Schools Declaration](#), endorsed by Ukraine and 113 other countries but not Russia, says that countries should not use educational facilities for military purposes and should take other steps to protect education from attack. HRW calls on Ukraine's government urgently to ratify the ICC treaty and formally become a member of the court. Ukraine is not a member of the ICC, but it [accepted the court's jurisdiction](#) over alleged crimes committed on its territory since November 2013.

Spain will [send](#) a group of 39 forensic and other experts to support the work of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to investigate crimes committed by the Russian occupiers in the Kyiv region.

**Economic security.** World Bank President David Malpass reports that the cost of the physical damage to Ukraine's buildings and infrastructure from Russia's invasion has reached roughly \$60 billion and will rise further as the war continues, says [Reuters](#). From Ukraine's side, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said Ukraine's GDP could decline by 30% to 50%, with direct and indirect losses totalling \$560 billion so far. That total is more than three times the size of Ukraine's economy, at \$155.5 billion in 2020, according to World Bank data. In addition, the World Bank calculates approximately [37%](#) of the price rise for the food.

**Sanctions.** The [latest UK sanctions](#) target the Generals committing atrocities on the front-line in Ukraine, and individuals and businesses supporting Putin's military. The new package included key leaders in Russia's army, targeting those commanding the front line to commit the atrocities. Also, 19 individuals on the list are related to the military and defense sector, as well as businessmen.

#### Reading corner.

- [Let Ukraine In - The Atlantic](#). Ivo H. Daalder, former U.S. ambassador to NATO, elaborates why NATO has to welcome Kyiv.
- [Rushing Against War, and Time, Ukraine Makes It to the Biennale - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#). While the Venice Biennale is underway, check five artists from Ukraine to [follow](#).

#### Watching list.

- Watch a documentary '[The Distant Barking of Dogs](#)' which tells a story of a 10 y.o boy who lives in a village near Mariupol, in 2015. The family left the village on February 23rd, and they had tickets from Mariupol to go to a safer place. But the Russian invasion started and they couldn't leave the city. The last message from the family came on March 17th, then the connection with them was lost. We hope they are alive. And you still can watch the movie and support Ukrainian children.

#### Statistics.

- 1126 Ukrainians, including 40 children, were [killed](#) by Russian troops in the Kyiv region.
- General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine announced the total estimated losses of the Russian military as of 10 a.m., April 22, 2022: personnel – around 21 200, tanks – 838, APV – 2162, artillery systems – 397, MLRS – 138, anti-aircraft warfare systems – 69, fixed-wing aircraft – 176, helicopters – 153, soft-skinned vehicles – 1523, boats and light speed boats – 8, fuel tankers – 76, operational-tactical level UAV – 172, special equipment – 27, mobile SRBM system – 4. Also follow the interactive [counter](#) of Russian losses.

#### Every action counts, no contribution is too small!

- **Support [ComeBackAlive.ua](#) and [Prytula Foundation](#).** While Ukraine is calling upon international partners to provide arms, these are two of the biggest foundations that despite the difficulties procure all possible gear and equipment for Ukrainian army and territorial defense units.
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