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Delegation of the Russian Federation to the Vienna Negotiations on Military Security and Arms Control



ON CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATION TO DEMILITARIZE AND DENAZIFY UKRAINE (2026)

Forum for Security Co-Operation
September 23, 2026

SINCE 2022, THE KIEV REGIME HAS BEEN TRYING FUTILELY:

Zelensky's 40-Day Plan Collapsed. Putin Didn't Come Begging. Now What?

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Ukraine's 40-day campaign has not brought the war closer to an end

Kyiv is facing a brutal Russian response as its air defence missile stocks dwindle.



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Why Ukraine's counter-offensive is failing

The attempted Ukrainian advance through Russian lines is no longer making headway. Despite heavy losses, Moscow's forces have regained the initiative by launching assaults since October 10 on the Donbas town of Avdiivka.



Ukraine's counter-offensive has failed for now – the West needs a new plan

Zelensky's forces have reached deadlock – now is the time to ramp up support

Lewis Page
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Why Ukraine's counteroffensive failed to deliver

The war in Ukraine has reached a critical point. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky hoped for victory in 2023, but a lagging counteroffensive put Ukraine's ability to defend itself in doubt – and has raised questions about the U.S.'s role in the war.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023



ANALYSES | 2023-11-03

Ukraine confirms its counter-offensive has failed. Day 617 of the war



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Taking Stock of Ukraine's Counteroffensive

Alex Horobets

21. November 2023



II. 2023 - Ukranian Summer "Counter-Offensive"

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'Everything is finished': Ukrainian troops relive retreat from Kursk

17 March 2025

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Richard Kemp The Kursk offensive may prove to have been Ukraine's most costly mistake

Since the failed counter offensive in 2023, Western hopes that Zelensky might prevail have sharply fallen away

How Ukraine's Offensive in Russia's Kursk Region Unraveled

At the height of the campaign, Ukrainian forces controlled some 500 square miles of Russian territory. Now they hold just a small sliver of land along the border.



Ukraine front could 'collapse' as Russia gains accelerate, experts warn

20 November 2024

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From daring invasion to rapid retreat: the end of Ukraine's Kursk gambit



III. 2024 - Ukrainian terrorist invasion of the Kursk Region



SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

> **5,300** km²
of territory liberated



> **220**
settlements liberated



IN SEPTEMBER

> **670** km²
of territory liberated



27
settlements
liberated



THE RATE OF ADVANCE
IS INCREASING
IN ALL DIRECTIONS



SEVER GROUP OF FORCES

Successfully continues to create a security belt in the border areas of Sumy and Kharkov regions.



KHARKOV REGION

The destruction of AFU units, surrounded in the north-eastern part of the region, continues.

- Since 5 September, the territory controlled by the enemy has been reduced by **152 km²**.
- **9 settlements liberated:**
Berezniki, Ozernoye, Dolgenkoye, Zarubinka, Chernyakov, Shirokoye, Shevchenkovo, Olkhovatka, Malaya Volchya.
- Enemy losses: up to **700** troops.



ZAPOROZHYE REGION

The offensive is actively developing. Formations and units of the Vostok and Dnestr Groups are advancing on a wide front towards Zaporizhzhia.

- Since the beginning of September, liberated: Chervonaya Krinitza, Novopavlovka, Novoandreyevka, Rozovka.
- Fighting in the central quarters of Orehov.



KRAMATORSK-SLAVYANSK AGGLOMERATION

The most intensive combat operations are conducted on the approaches to Kramatorsk-Slavyansk.

- Yuzhnaya and Tsentr Groups are breaking through enemy's fortified lines of defence.
- Street battles in the central area of Doborpolye.



KIEV'S ATTEMPTS TO RESIST

Against the background of the high pace of Russian troops' advance, the Kiev authorities are trying to convince their Western supervisors of the AFU's ability to resist in the area of responsibility of the Zapad Group.

- Brought in the most trained units and nationalist formations of the 3rd Separate Assault Brigade.
- With the help of Western media and experts, launched an information campaign to pretend the AFU's success and intercept the initiative.



THE REAL SITUATION

In fact, small assault groups of the enemy, suffering significant losses and attempting to break through Russian combat formations near the line of contact, fall flat.

The Zapad Group's units thwart the AFU's raids, inflict fire damage on the enemy and prevent his further actions.



LIBERATION OPERATIONS BY THE ZAPAD GROUP

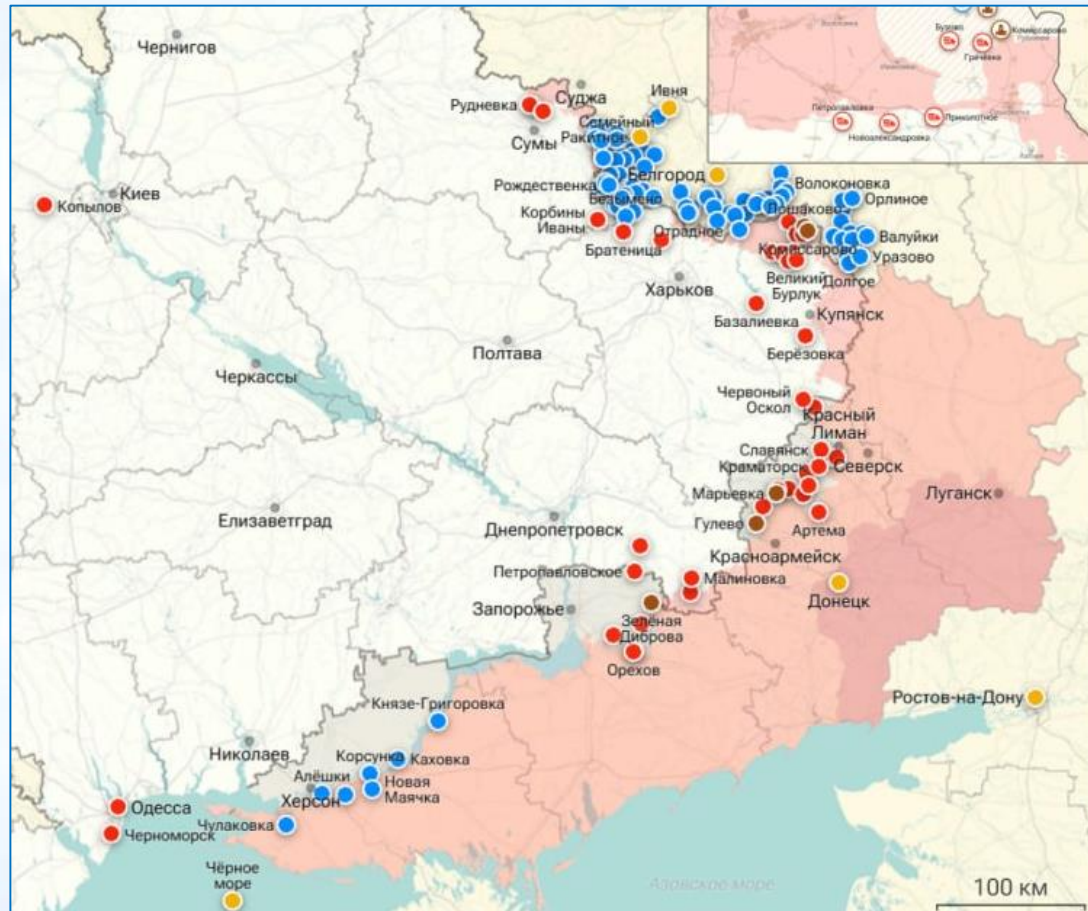
Units are conducting successful combat operations to liberate the settlements of **Chervony Oskol, Krymki and Studenok**.

In Krasny Liman and Svyatogorsk, the clean-up of residential quarters from single servicemen of the AFU continues.



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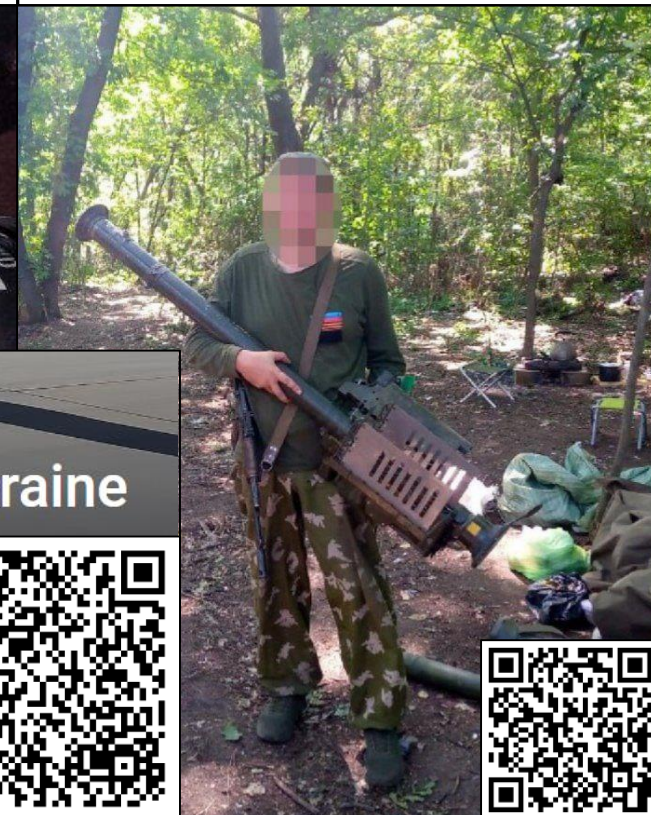
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Mark Cazalet

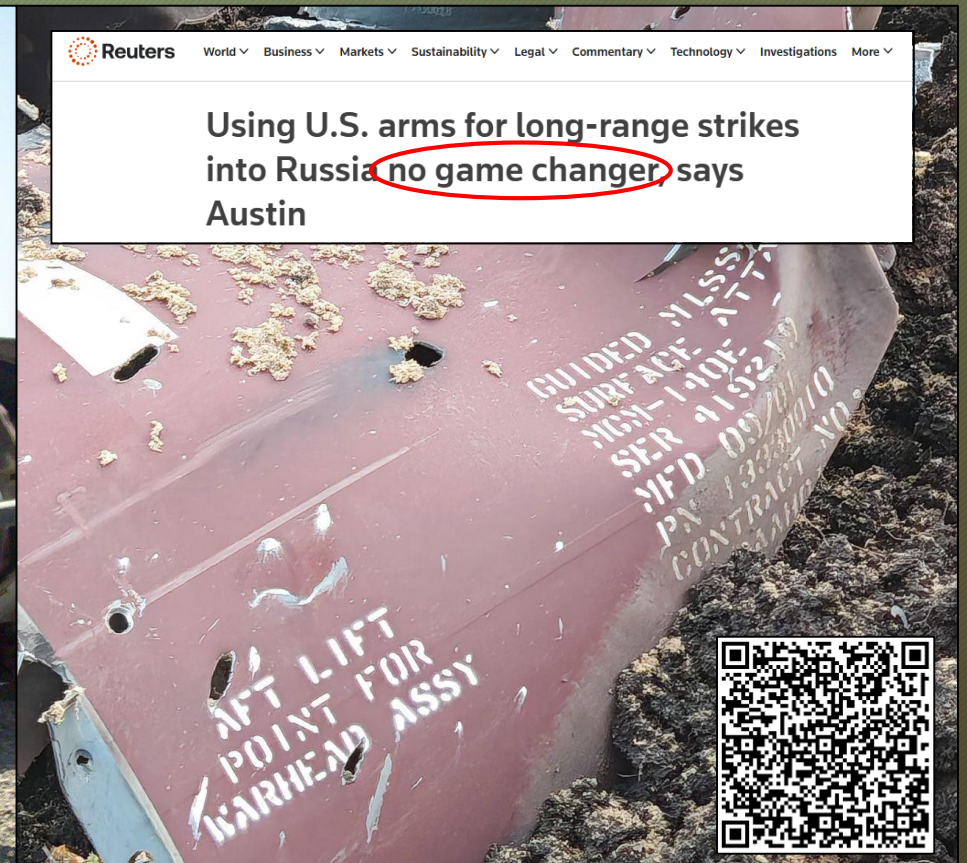
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Russia 'destroys two \$400m Patriot surface-to-air missile systems'

By [PERKIN AMALARAJ](#), FOREIGN NEWS REPORTER
PUBLISHED: 07:29 BST, 11 March 2024 | UPDATED: 07:31 BST, 11 March 2024

Will US Patriot missiles really be a game changer in Ukraine?

Russia has sharply stepped up its missile attacks.

By [Luis Martinez](#)
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The 1 Reason Germany's Leopard 2 Tank Has Been Devastated in Ukraine

By [Christian Orr](#) Published May 2, 2026

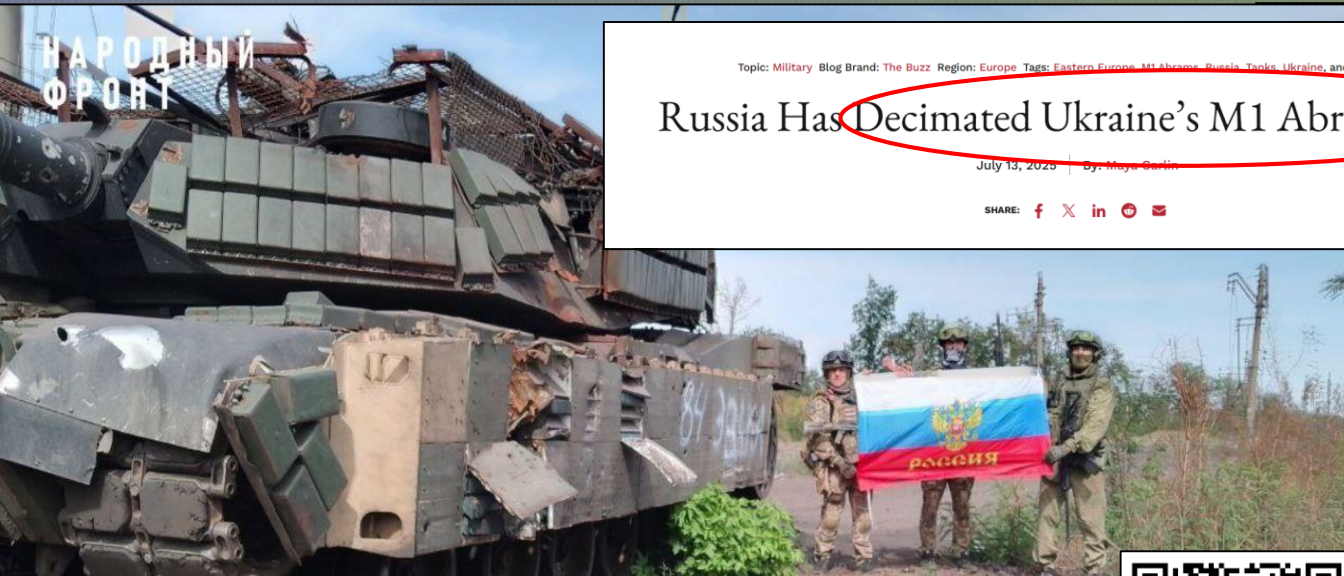


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Leopard 2 Failure: Why The World's Best Tank Is Flopping In Ukraine

2023: Leopard 2 tank

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Russia Has Decimated Ukraine's M1 Abrams Fleet

July 13, 2024 | By: Moya Gordin

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Soldiers in Ukraine say US-supplied tanks have made them targets for Russian strikes

MAY 29, 2024



2023: M1 Abrams

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Ukraine's Bradley Fighting Vehicle Dilemma Looks Like a Mess

November 10, 2024

By: Brandon J. Weichert



Ukraine's Stryker Fighting Vehicles Could Be In Big Trouble When They Collide With Russian Defenses



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All American Bradley IFVs Destroyed In Ukraine! British Challenger-2 Tanks Unready For Real Combat: Rostec CEO

By Sakshi Tiwari - June 12, 2025



2023: Bradley / Stryker

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Ukraine's 'Biggest Ever' Storm Shadow Attack Fails Miserably As Russia Learns From Sep 13 Missile Strikes

By Vijaiender K Thakur - September 21, 2023



2023: Storm Shadow / SCALP

PHOTO FACTS AND EVIDENCE OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY AFU OVER THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



August 31 - a UAV strike on civilian cargo transport in the Genichesk District, Kherson Region.

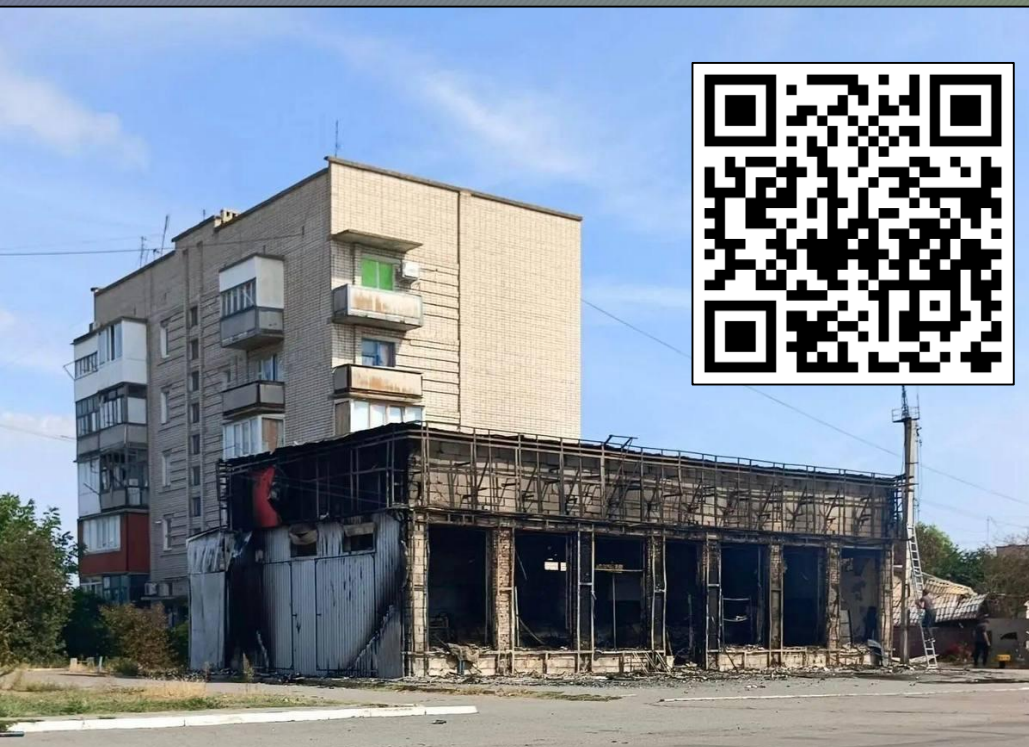


August 31 - a fixed-wing UAV strike on an apartment building in Yekaterinburg, Sverdlovsk Region.



September 1 - a UAV strike on an EMERCOM emergency vehicle in the Volnovakha District, DPR.

PHOTO FACTS AND EVIDENCE OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY AFU OVER THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



September 3 - a UAV strike on a hardware store in Kakhovka, Kherson Region. Two civilians were injured.



September 3 - a UAV strike on a kindergarten building in the village of Skelki, Zaporozhye Region.



September 3 - a UAV strike on a municipal utility vehicle in Shebekino, Belgorod Region. **Three civilians were injured.**

PHOTO FACTS AND EVIDENCE OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY AFU OVER THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



September 16 - a UAV strike on a school building in the Kakhovka District, Kherson Region.

September 16 - a UAV strike on the Gornostayevka District Council of Deputies building in the village of Konstantinovka, Kherson Region.



September 16 - an artillery strike on an apartment building in Novaya Kakhovka, Kherson Region.

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PHOTO FACTS AND EVIDENCE OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY AFU OVER THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



September 19 - a UAV strike on a scheduled passenger bus in Gorlovka, DPR. **Twelve civilians were injured, including three minors.**



September 20 - a UAV strike on a local Interior Ministry office in Gornostayevka, Kherson Region.

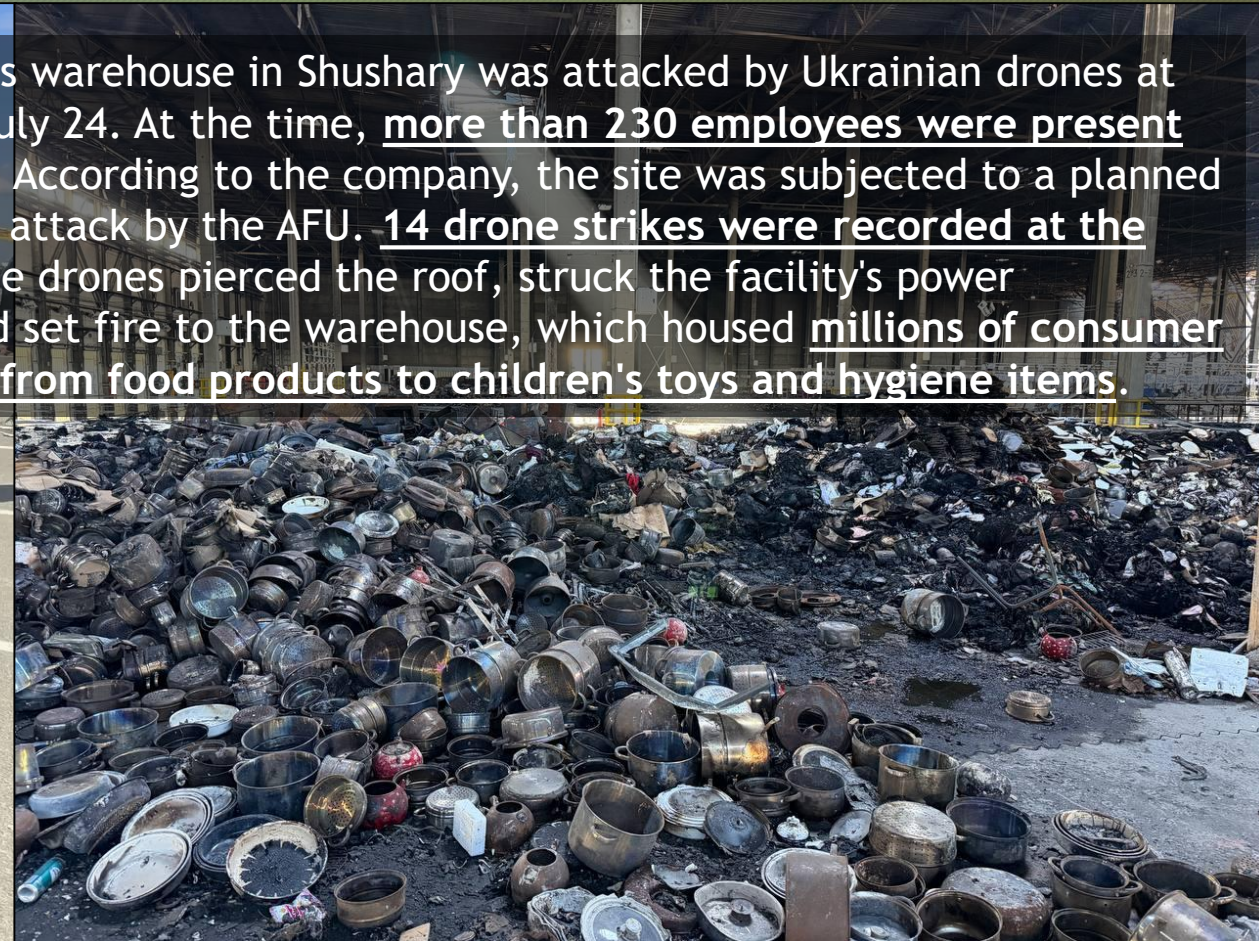


September 20 - a fragment of destroyed "Flamingo" cruise missile while approaching civilian targets in the Moscow Region.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ICRC VISITED WILDBERRIES MARKETPLACE FACILITIES IN LENINGRAD REGION THAT HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY AFU



The Wildberries warehouse in Shushary was attacked by Ukrainian drones at 3:00 a.m. on July 24. At the time, more than 230 employees were present at the facility. According to the company, the site was subjected to a planned and deliberate attack by the AFU. 14 drone strikes were recorded at the warehouse; the drones pierced the roof, struck the facility's power substation, and set fire to the warehouse, which housed millions of consumer goods ranging from food products to children's toys and hygiene items.

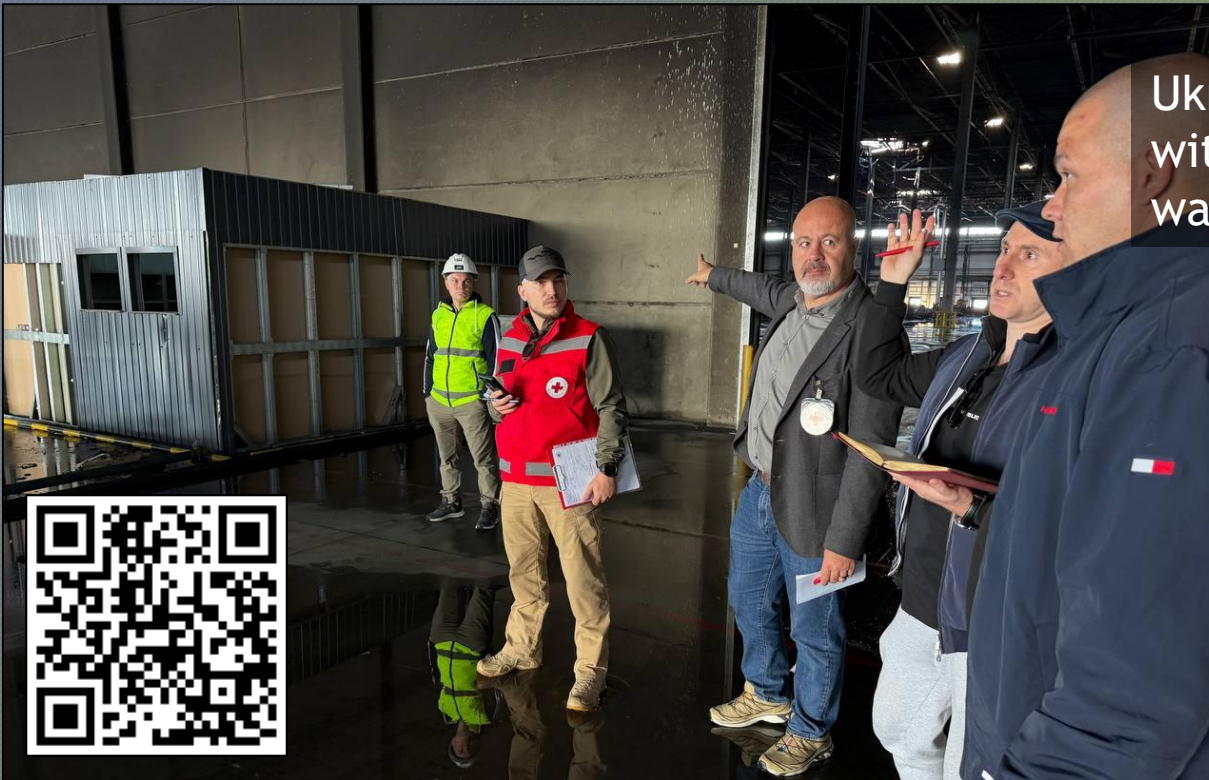


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Delegates from the ICRC, together with experts from the Russian Red Cross, assessed the humanitarian consequences of drone strikes carried out by Kiev's armed formations against civilian facilities belonging to the Russian marketplace.



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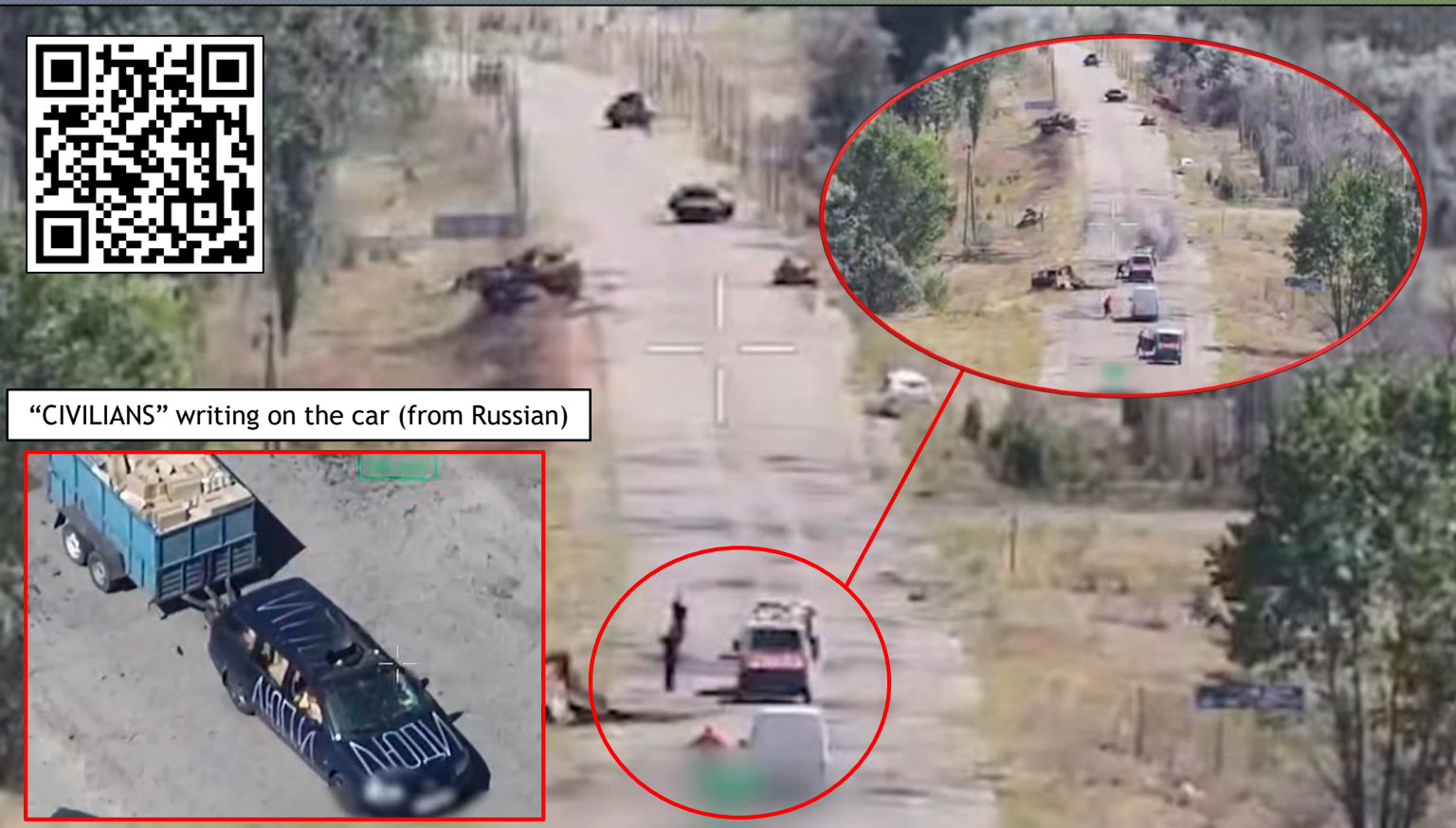


Ukrainian militants used long-range drones equipped with high-explosive fragmentation and incendiary warheads to attack civilian targets.



During the visit, ICRC experts were able to verify the complete absence of military targets and speak with the facility's management and the staff who were on duty at the time of the attack.

KHERSON REGION GOVERNOR SALDO RELEASED VIDEO OF UKRAINIAN DRONE ATTACK ON HUMANITARIAN CONVOY TRANSPORTING FOOD TO ALYOSHKI



"CIVILIANS" writing on the car (from Russian)

- A humanitarian convoy carrying ten tons of aid—food and essential supplies for people living in dire conditions—was heading to Alyoshki.
- Ukrainian drones attacked the convoy as it was entering the town. First, the lead and rear vehicles were hit, followed by strikes on the others. Fortunately, the drivers managed to escape, though one was wounded. The cargo never reached the people. The convoy had been under surveillance, and it was clearly visible that the vehicles were civilian trucks carrying humanitarian aid. The town is facing an acute shortage of food, water, and medicines.

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September 20 - a school building destroyed in a strike on Prishib, Zaporozhye Region.



September 20 - a UAV strike on a private home in the village of Sofiyevka, Kherson Region. A girl was killed. Her parents were injured.