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Image by Pavel Kashchuk

Ukrainian troops have seized Orlan-10 reconnaissance Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) in transport containers during a rapid counter-offensive in eastern Ukraine.

Volunteer **Pavel Kashchuk**, known for his analysis of the components of Russia's military equipment, released imagery that is said to show a Russian Orlan-10 system packed into containers and taken by Ukrainian soldiers from Russian servicemen.

Orlan-10 reconnaissance UAS, which had been left by fleeing Russian soldiers, was assigned to the 15th Army Aviation Brigade.

It is the first time a full complex of Russian reconnaissance UAS along with ground control segment fell into the hands of Ukrainian Soldiers.

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Since 24 February, the Russian military has lost at least 80 Orlan reconnaissance drones, according to the team of researchers at the [Oryx blog](#).

The Orlan-10 is a Russian medium-range, multipurpose unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) system. It consists of unmanned aerial vehicles along with launch and recovery systems, ground control segment, and swappable payloads. The drone features a modular design with high-wing configuration, while its tail section comprises a tail plane and a vertical stabilizer.

The drone is intended for a variety of missions including aerial reconnaissance, observation, monitoring, search and rescue, combat training, jamming, detection of radio signals, and target tracking.

The Orlan-10 was developed by the Special Technology Center (STC) in Saint Petersburg for the Russian Armed Forces.

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