Russia-Ukraine war: Daily Update Report (August 02, 2024)

Key developments

Naval advancements

- Ukraine has launched a new Ada-class corvette named "Hetman Ivan Vyhovskyi" in Istanbul, Turkey. This is the second warship of its class built for Ukraine, following the "Hetman Ivan Mazepa". These corvettes can be great potential of strength for Ukrainian naval in this ongoing war.

Black sea situation

- Ukrainian navy reports that Russia maintains two Kalibr cruise missile carriers in the Black Sea, with the potential total volley of eight missiles. Additionally, Russia has one vessel in the Mediterranean Sea capable of carrying up to 16 Kalibr cruise missile.

Civilian casualties

- There was Russian shelling in the town of Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk region. A mother and daughter duo were killed in this shelling by Russia. The attack was too harsh it also damaged private houses, a fire station, a college, a school, and buses.

Drone attacks

- Ukraine repelled a Russian drone attack on the region outside Kyiv, though the attack was repelled its debris led to injury of two, including Ilya Ponomaryov, a former Russian lawmaker and Kremlin critic living in Ukraine.

Prisoner swap

- A major prisoner exchange took place between Russia and the West, involving 26 people. Notable releases are:
  - Wall street journal reporter Evan Gershkovich
  - Several Russian oppositions politicians and activists
  - Vadim Krasikov, who was serving life sentence in Germany for assassination.

Energy situation in Ukraine

- Ukraine's power grid operator, Ukrenergo, announced that there will be scheduled power outages are expected across Ukraine as for August 2, this shows that there is stability of Ukraine's energy infrastructure.

Military training

- The commander of the national guard of Ukraine visited Ukrainian Guardsmen undergo training in Germany, highlighting the ongoing international support for Ukraine's military preparedness.

Conclusion

As the conflict continues, both military actions and diplomatic efforts remain intense. The arrival of new naval assets marks significant developments in Ukraine's defensive capabilities, while civilian casualties remind us of the ongoing human cost of the war. The large-scale prisoner exchange represents a notable diplomatic breakthrough amidst the ongoing hostilities.

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