

Russia-Ukraine war: Daily Update Report (July 17, 2024)

Introduction

As the Russia-Ukraine enter the 873rd day of war, there are significant changes in the conflict's trajectory. This report summarises the key events of the July 17, 2024.

Military Actions:

1. **Combat Engagements:** Ukrainian General reported 112 combat clashes along the frontlines in the past 24 hrs. Ukrainian forces repelled 24 enemy attacks in the Pokrovsk sector alone.
2. **Russian Losses:** Ukrainian military claims that there were 1,110 casualties of Russian soldiers in past 24 hours making it total of 562,510 casualties of Russian soldiers so far, since the war has started.
3. **Territorial changes:** Russia's general staff chief *Valery Gerasimov* acknowledged that Russian forces have taken control over village of *Urozhaine* in Ukraine's eastern *Donetsk region*.
4. **Drone Attacks:** Ukraine claims for six casualties due to fire in an electrical device factory, which was the cause of Ukraine's Drone attack to Russia.

Diplomatic and political development

1. **Peace summit discussion:** Ukraine's president *Volodymyr Zelenskyy* suggests Russia to attend future peace summit to which Kremlin responded cautiously.
2. **Japan's financial support:** Japan has announced, it will be helping Ukraine with \$3.3 billion as a loan, sourced from frozen Russian assets
3. **EU Internal Tensions:** European council, president *Charles Michel* rebuked Hungarian Prime minister *Victor Orban* for claiming EU has a "pro-war" stance on Ukraine.

International Support:

1. **Greek F-16 transfer:** Greece is preparing to transfer 32 F – 16 fighter jets to Ukraine, significantly boosting Ukraine's military power



2. **Czech Ammunition Factory:** Ukroboronservice and Czech ammunition maker Sellier and Bellot signed an agreement to build an ammunition factory in Ukraine

Civilian impact

In Kherson, Russian shelling caused significant damages, including hitting a business centre and injuring several people. Emergency workers rescued three individuals from building set ablaze by the attacks.

Economic Impact

In Antonivka, Russian drone struck attack on a crew repairing energy facilities to counter the ongoing energy crisis in the area. The conflict continues to strain global markets, especially energy and agriculture sector.

Analysis and future outlook

1. Shifting frontlines: The capture of Urozhaine by Russian forces, if confirmed, represents a setback for Ukraine in the Donetsk region
2. International support: support from Greece as transfer of F-16 and monetary support from Japan underscores western support to Ukraine's defence

Conclusion

As the war approaches its 900th day, both military and diplomatic fronts remain active, with no clear resolution in sight. After almost 2.5 years since the conflict began, its effects continue to reverberate through global economies, underscoring the far-reaching consequences of this prolonged struggle. The inability of both parties to find common ground and end hostilities highlights the complex geopolitical factors at play. The ongoing financial aid to Ukraine, coupled with the potential transfer of advanced fighter jets, is set to bolster Ukraine's air defence capabilities significantly. These developments suggest that Ukraine will be able to sustain its war effort for the foreseeable future. However, this continued support also indicates that a swift conclusion to the conflict remains unlikely.