

Russia-Ukraine war: Daily Update Report (July 21-22, 2024)

Introduction

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine still continues with significant developments on July 21-22, 2024. This report highlights the key military actions, diplomatic efforts, and other critical events that have taken place over the past two days.

Summary of yesterday's key developments (July 21, 2024)

1. **Intense combat:** 58 combat clashes occurred along the front, with the heaviest fighting in Kharkiv, Kupiansk, and Pokrovsk axes. ([video by Zelnsky showing destruction](#))
2. **Drone and missile attacks:** Russia launched multiple strikes using the drones, missiles, and gliding bombs across regions of Ukraine, including Summy, Chernihiv, and Kharkiv.
3. **Civilian casualties:** Russian attacks on Donetsk region led to some civilian injuries and the number is eight. This needs to be understood by Russia that harming civilians is the worst possible thing it can do.
4. **Demining process:** Ukraine's special state of transport cleared over 1800 hectares of land covered in landmines and explosives.

Today's key updates and developments (July 22, 2024)

Military actions (continued attack from Russia)

Zaporizhzhia region

- This region remains under heavy Russian fire. There were 450 strikes over the past day on eight settlements. Key locations were Stepnohirsk, Novoandriivka, and Robotyne faced airstrikes, drone attacks, and artillery shelling. There was significant damage to residential buildings too but no casualties reported that's the better side.

Kherson region

- Russia increased shelling in Kherson region that resulted in five injuries. Victims ages ranges between 22 and 65.

Air defence operations

Ukraine's air defence intercepted 35 out of 39 Shahed attacks drones launched by Russia over different regions of Ukraine, and the drones targeting the capital of the nation *Kyiv* were successfully taken down by Ukrainian air defence

Diplomatic and strategic developments

Germany provided Ukraine an anti-aircraft missile system known as patriot. Zelensky himself announced this. President Volodymyr Zelensky's negotiations with Polish prime minister Donald Tusk removed last obstacle for delivery of F-16 to Ukraine to strengthen its military power in air.

Cybersecurity

Spanish police arrested pro-Russian group of three members. This group targeted Spanish public institutions and other NATO countries too.

Ukraine to recruit prisoners

Ukraine suffers from lack of people in military to fight Russia, so it decides to free prisoners and let them fight on upfronts. This contains release of 3,800 prisoners they will be released to fight Russian army. This decision is double-edged sword as this can help and destroy Ukraine in many ways these prisoners have hackers and rebellions also so they can fight for country or fight against country once they are released and enough trained to do so. There is too much security risks associated with this decision.

Economic help

Euroclear announced it will transfer €1.55 billion from Russian frozen assets to European fund for Ukraine, demonstrating ongoing economic pressure on Russia.

Conclusion

This conflict continues to evolve in many aspects including cybersecurity as one of the key fronts of the war going on. The arrest of 3 individuals shows the need of cybersecurity measures across NATO countries amid the war, additionally this new recruitment announcement of prisoners in Ukrainian army can pose too many threats on itself including the threats in cyber world also, with detection of new vulnerabilities and potential exploitation of the same can be threat.

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