

Russia-Ukraine Conflict: Latest Developments

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Military Operations

Ukrainian Incursion into Russian Territory:

Ukraine's military operation in Kursk region has significant developments. President Zelensky reported that Ukrainian troops have advanced 1-2 km further into Kursk since Wednesday morning [1]. Army chief of Ukraine claims that they have control till Sudzha region. [1].



Casualties and Equipment Losses

The General Staff of Ukraine's Armed Forces reported that Russia has lost approximately 1120 army personnel in past day [4]. Equipment losses include:

1. 8,484 tanks (+8 in the past day)
2. 16,426 armoured fighting vehicles (+24)
3. 16,868 artillery systems (+47)
4. 1,154 multiple rocket launchers (+3)
5. 922 anti-aircraft warfare systems (+1)
6. 367 warplanes (+1)
7. 13,598 UAVs (+50)

Air Defence Operations

Russia reported shooting down 117 drones overnight, which mainly targeted four regions: Kursk, Voronezh, Belgorod, and Nizhny Novgorod [1]. Ukraine's security services claimed to have conducted a special operation targeting Russian airfields in Voronezh, Kursk, Savasleyka, and Borisoglebsk with long-range drones [1].

Other developments

Humanitarian Situation

Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister *Iryna Vereshchuk* outlined plans for a "security zone" in Kursk to protect Ukraine's borders. Ukraine has promised to organize humanitarian aid for Russian civilians within this zone and open evacuation corridors to both Russia and Ukraine [1].

Diplomatic Developments

China's special envoy on Eurasian affairs had a phone call with Pope Francis's special envoy on Ukraine to discuss the conflict [3]. Germany issued a European arrest warrant for a Ukrainian diving instructor over alleged involvement in the sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines in 2022 [3].

Conclusion

As the conflict enters its 904th day, Ukraine's incursion into Russian territory marks a significant shift in the war's dynamics. While Ukraine claims territorial gains, Russia insists it has halted further advances. The international community continues to closely monitor the situation, with varying responses from different nations.

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