

# Russia-Ukraine war: Daily Update Report (July 20, 2024)

## Introduction

The ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine still continues evolve with significant developments occurring on both military and diplomatic fronts ,that too after long 876 days since it started.

## Key Developments

### UK to provide Ukraine with credit support for defence production

There is official agreement signed between UK and Ukraine by defence minister of both the nation, British defence secretary *John Healy* and Ukrainian defence minister *Rustem Umerov* signed this agreement which aims to launch Ukrainian-British projects worth £2 billion. This project includes defence production, supply and adjustment of repairs and partial production of air defence systems, armoured vehicles, and ammunitions. Britain is giving this £2 billion as a loan and accepts to get it back in upcoming 15 years. President Zelensky also attended this agreement and supervised the process himself.

### Zelensky's phone call with Trump

Zelensky tweeted and appreciates the bipartisan support from US, as he speaks to former president of the US Donald Trump. Donald Trump and Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky spoke on a call, Trump pledges to end the war if elected in presidential elections which are going to be conducted in November of this year.

## Russian missile strikes

A Russian missile hits a playground near a residential building in Mykolaiv, resulting in three deaths and five injuries, including a child. Ukrainian president *Volodymyr Zelensky* condemned the attack, calling for stronger international support to stop the terrorism of Russia.



## Ukrainian force shoot down Russian Su-25 jet

Russian jet Su-25 attempted to fire at positions of Ukrainian Defence force units. It captured the eyes of anti-aircraft soldiers of 110<sup>th</sup> separate Mechanized Brigade named after *General Corporal Marko Bezruchko* and they destroyed the jet immediately in the Donetsk region in Pokrovsk sector.

## Frozen Russian assets to support Ukraine

Euroclear, a Belgium-based clearinghouse, it will transfer €1.55 billion from frozen Russian assets to European fund for Ukraine this month. This marks the first such transfer and adds to €836 million in corporate taxes paid to Belgium state on profits related to Russian assets in January-June 2024.

## Russian advance and losses

Russian force continues offensive approach on frontline, with key focus remaining on Ukrainian Donbas. These advances made by Russia has cost itself significantly. In Kharkiv region, Russian forces reportedly suffered nearly 9500 casualties since May. Ukrainian intelligence reported that enemy is not ready for powerful offensives in new sectors.

## Sentencing of US Journalist

Russian court sentenced US journalist *Evan Greshkovich* to 16 years in penal colony for espionage. This verdict received quite a heavy condemn from international leaders and organizations, including US, UK, Germany, the EU and the UN, calling for his immediate release and condemning Russia for violet press freedom

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the conflict in Ukraine persists with a high degree of military activity alongside ongoing diplomatic efforts. The international community remains a critical pillar of support for Ukraine, while the war's devastating humanitarian impact necessitates continued focus. The situation is undoubtedly fluid, and significant developments are anticipated in the coming weeks or months. While the conflict's resolution remains uncertain and its global repercussions continue to be felt, a swift and peaceful conclusion with minimal casualties is a universally held aspiration.

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