

Russia-Ukraine War Report: 2024-08-09\

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Introduction

As the Russia-Ukraine war enters its 86th day, significant developments occurred on both the sides of conflict. This report focuses on the latest events, particularly the unprecedented Ukrainian incursion into Russia's Kursk region and the ongoing battles in various parts of Ukraine.

Ukrainian Incursion into Kursk region



on August 06, 2024, Ukrainian forces launched a major-cross-border raid into Russia's southwestern Kursk region. This is the first full scale invasion from Ukraine since war started in 2022, it consists of 1,000 troops supported by tanks, armoured vehicles.(AP news)

Key Developments

1. Institute for study of war reported that Ukraine have advanced somewhere 9 miles(~15 kilometres) inside the Kursk region(AP news)
2. Russian Defence Ministry claims to continuing to eliminate Ukrainian soldiers in the Sudzha and Korenevo districts(The Guardian).
3. Grad rockets, tanks, and artilleries are being sent to Kursk region amid advancement from Ukraine, Russian federal took this seriously and declared emergency in the region
4. Due to this incursion from Ukraine approximately 3,000 Russian civilians have been evacuated from the affected regions.



Ukrainian President Volodymyr indirectly seen provoking Russia with some offensive statements he said "Russia brought the war to our land and should feel what it has done" (The Guardian).

Battles in Ukraine



Diplomatic Developments

1. Peace Summit: Andriy Yermak, Zelenskyy's chief of staff, suggested that while Moscow might attend the next Kyiv-led peace summit, it should not be treated as the start of negotiations with Russia (AP News).
2. Niger's Decision: Ukraine's Foreign Ministry expressed regret over Niger's decision to cut ties with Kyiv, following similar moves by Mali and Burkina Faso (AP News).

Human Rights Concerns

1. Russian Court Sentences: A court in southern Russia sentenced Ukrainian Tetiana Klyuchko to 12 years in a penal colony for alleged participation in a "terrorist" group (AP News).
2. Luhansk Region: A Moscow-controlled court in the occupied Luhansk region sentenced Ukrainian Yuriy Galetsky to 13 years for alleged espionage (AP News).

Technological Developments

Ukraine demonstrated a new robot dog called "BAD One," which may soon be deployed for dangerous missions on the front line (AP News).

Conclusion

The Ukrainian incursion into the Kursk region represents a significant escalation in the conflict, potentially drawing Russian reserves away from other fronts. As the war continues, both sides face mounting casualties and humanitarian challenges. The international community remains focused on diplomatic efforts to end the conflict, but a resolution seems distant as military operations intensify.



Sources:

1. AP News (Various articles dated August 9, 2024)
2. The Guardian (Article on Kursk incursion, August 9, 2024)
3. Institute for the Study of War (Cited in AP News article)