# Review of the media on the development of the situation in Ukraine (13.11.2023)

## 1. Statements by officials of the Russian Federation, leaders of friendly countries

**Press Secretary of the Russian President Dmitry Peskov** said that Ukraine, even with the support of the West, will not be able to defeat the Russian Federation. In his opinion, irritation and fatigue from Kyiv in the West are growing, so Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky desperately promises a new offensive by the Armed Forces of Ukraine. (*tass.ru*)

The Kremlin representative also noted that Ukrainian traces of sabotage on the Nord Stream are increasingly appearing in various reports, investigations, and media reports. He emphasized the need to make public the results of the investigation into this terrorist act, since "such data cannot be suppressed." (*rt.com*)

The official representative of the Russian Foreign Ministry M.Zakharova, in connection with the completion of the procedure for the Russian Federation's withdrawal from the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, stated that attempts to ensure military security in the region without taking into account the interests of Russia will not lead to anything good for their initiators, and attempts to cling for outdated agreements that do not correspond to the new situation, they are also doomed to failure and are fraught with the collapse of cooperation mechanisms in the field of arms control.

In addition, M. Zakharova called the situation with the storage of hazardous radioactive waste in Ukraine appalling. The total amount of waste generated from the processing of uranium ores at the Pridneprovsky chemical plant located in the city of Kamenskoye is 42 million tons. These wastes are a significant and dangerous source of environmental pollution. There is a high probability of about 12 million tons of radioactive waste entering the Dnieper and groundwater. About 14 tons of radioactive dust are spread throughout the surrounding area every year, including ending up on agricultural land. (mid.ru)

### 2. Briefing of the Russian Defense Ministry

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The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue to conduct a special military operation.

In the Kupyansk direction, the active actions of units of the "West" group of forces, supported by aviation strikes, artillery fire and heavy flamethrower systems, repelled four attacks by assault groups of the enemy's 30th, 54th and 57th mechanized brigades in the areas of the settlements of Zagoruykovka and Timkovka, Kharkov region . The losses of the Ukrainian Armed Forces amounted to up to 160 military personnel killed and wounded, as well as two vehicles.

In the Krasnolimansk direction, coordinated actions of units of the Center group of forces, army aviation strikes, and artillery fire repelled four attacks by assault groups of the 24th and 63rd mechanized brigades of the Ukrainian Armed

Forces, the 12th special forces brigade "Azov" and the 15th regiment of the National Guard in areas of the settlements of Chervonaya Dibrova and Kremennaya of the Lugansk People's Republic. Enemy losses amounted to up to 150 military personnel and one vehicle.

In the Donetsk direction, units of the "South" group of forces, in cooperation with aviation and artillery, repelled two enemy attacks in the areas of the settlements of Belogorovka, Lugansk People's Republic and Kleshcheevka, Donetsk People's Republic.

In addition, fire damage was caused to concentrations of manpower of the 28th mechanized and 77th airmobile brigades of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, as well as the 241st territorial defense brigade in the areas of the settlements of Kurdyumovka, Razdolovka and Bogdanovka of the Donetsk People's Republic. The total enemy losses per day amounted to up to 205 military personnel, two armored combat vehicles, as well as two UAV control posts.

In the South Donetsk direction, the active actions of units of the Vostok group of forces, with the support of aviation and artillery, inflicted fire on accumulations of military personnel of the 72nd mechanized and 79th air assault brigades of the Ukrainian Armed Forces in the areas of the settlements of Nikolskoye and Novomikhailovka of the Donetsk People's Republic. Enemy losses amounted to up to 100 troops, three pickup trucks, and a US-made AN/TPQ-50 counter-battery radar.

In the Zaporozhye direction, professional actions of units of the Russian group of troops, air strikes, and artillery fire repelled an attack by the assault group of the 65th mechanized brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces in the area of the village of Rabotino, Zaporozhye region.

Also, fire damage was caused to concentrations of manpower and equipment of the 117th mechanized brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces north of the settlement of Novopokrovka, Zaporozhye region. Enemy losses in this direction amounted to up to 40 military personnel and two vehicles.

In the Kherson direction, as a result of a complex fire attack, the enemy lost up to 60 military personnel killed and wounded, two pickup trucks, and two MSTA-B howitzers.

Operational-tactical and army aviation, unmanned aerial vehicles, missile forces and artillery of groupings of troops of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation hit manpower and military equipment of the Ukrainian Armed Forces in 118 regions.

Air defense systems shot down ten Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles in the areas of the settlements of Raigorodka, Sergeevka of the Lugansk People's Republic, Spornoe, Marinka of the Donetsk People's Republic, Novoe of the Zaporozhye region, New Camps of the Kherson region.

In total, since the beginning of the special military operation, the following have been destroyed: 534 aircraft, 254 helicopters, 8881 unmanned aerial vehicles, 441 anti-aircraft missile systems, 13383 tanks and other armored combat vehicles, 1183 combat vehicles of multiple launch rocket systems, 7073 field artillery guns and mortars, as well as 15,237 units of special military vehicles. (www.z.mil.ru)

#### 3. Crimes of the Kyiv regime and neo-Nazis

Several cases of massive use of the American HIMARS MLRS against civilian targets have been recorded.

At the height of the working day on November 3 this year. HIMARS missiles supplied by the United States were used to attack the village of Chaplinka in the Kherson region. Most of them were shot down, but two hit the offices of the Employment Center and the Pension Fund. Nine civilians were killed, including employees and visitors of institutions.

November 5 this year Dokuchaevsk (DPR) came under fire. Two civilians were killed, one child was injured, apartment buildings and the private sector were damaged.

November 7 this year The Ukrainian Armed Forces opened fire on several districts of Donetsk, incl. from the MLRS "HIMARS". They beat cynically and cold-bloodedly, inflicting repeated blows with the sole purpose of killing the doctors and rescuers who arrived to help the victims. According to the DPR authorities, as a result of a direct hit from ammunition, the ceilings of the building of the Department of Labor and Social Protection of the Population collapsed. 6 people died, including the driver of the ambulance. 20 people were injured, including three teenagers.

On the same day, Ukrainian militants shelled Volnovakha. Two civilians were wounded, incl. teenage girl. The Palace of Culture named after Hero of Russia V.A. Zhoga, in which children's creativity classes were held during the strike. (tass.ru)

#### 4. Fight against fakes

**Fake.** The LPR authorities will force residents of apartment buildings to make contributions for major housing repairs in order to rebuild destroyed houses.

**In fact.** The restoration of houses damaged by military operations is carried out at the expense of the federal budget, as well as the budgets of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation. Individuals do not pay for repairs of this kind. Moreover, residents of new regions, including the LPR, are even exempt from paying contributions for the current repairs of undamaged buildings until 2026.

Fake. Russia attacked an art museum in Odessa.

**In fact.** The Odessa Art Museum was damaged when a Ukrainian air defense missile fell onto the street directly in front of the building. The location of the crater indicates the trajectory of the missile, which arrived from the west or southwest. The Russian Armed Forces could not strike from these directions. (www.войнасфейками.рф)

#### 5. Restoration of urban infrastructure on the territory of the DPR and LPR

In Mariupol, an intensive care hospital is being prepared for commissioning - the largest in the city. The Primary Care Center and Consultative and Diagnostic Clinic have also recently been restored, where more than 15 thousand patients are

received monthly. The builders repaired the facade and roof, replaced windows, and updated engineering systems. The building has not seen renovation since 1980.

Specialists from the Military Construction Company of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation are completing the construction of the complex of the Federal Medical and Biological Agency of Russia ahead of schedule. Repair and restoration of apartment buildings in microdistricts on the left bank of Mariupol is proceeding as usual. In Makeevka, repair work has begun in apartment buildings, as well as the Rudnichnaya hospital. (news.gtrklnr.ru)