

# Conflict Update # 329

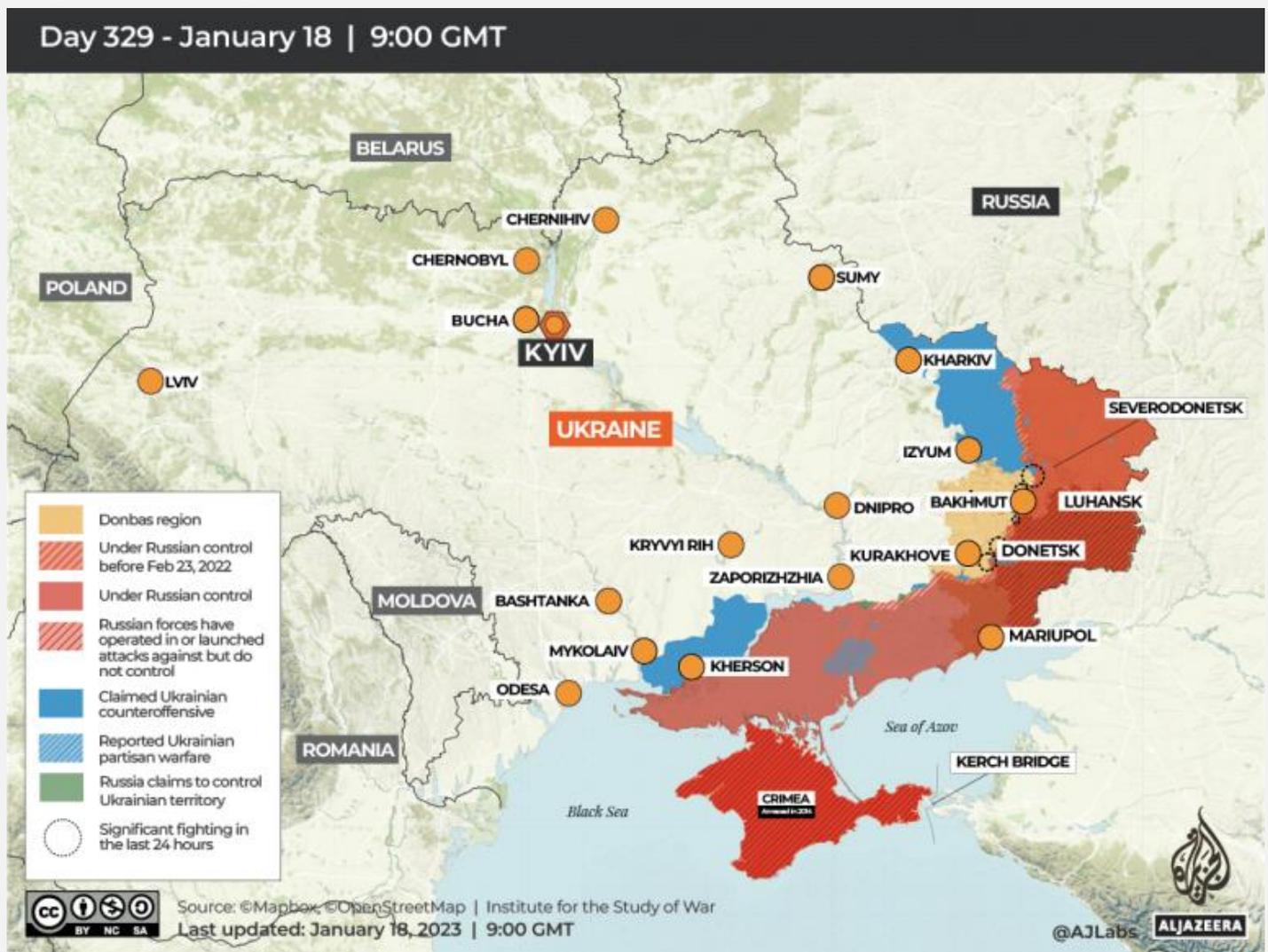
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## Conflict Assessment

**Russian losses<sup>1</sup>** – 117,770 (820) soldiers killed, 3,130 (+9) enemy tanks, 6,225 (+10) armored combat vehicles, 2,108 (+4) artillery systems, 442 (+1) MLRS systems, 220 (+0) air defense systems, 287 (+1) warplanes, 276 (+0) helicopters, 1,876 (+4) UAVs of the operational-tactical level, 749 (+0) cruise missiles, 17 (+0) warships/cutters, 4,889 (+12) trucks and tankers, 4 Iskander Missile Launchers (+0), 239 fuel bowsers (+0) and 190 (+0) units of equipment.

## Key Takeaways



**Ukraine's interior minister among helicopter crash victims<sup>21,28</sup>** – A helicopter carrying several Ukrainian officials has crashed near a nursery outside the capital, Kyiv.

Ukrainian interior minister Denys Monastyrskyy, two other top officials, a child, and 10 others were among those who died in the disaster.

"At the World Economic Forum of global leaders in Davos, Ukraine's first lady, Olena Zelenskyy<sup>2</sup>, said with teary eyes, "another very sad day today – new losses" as she reacted to the news of a fatal plane crash.

The Helicopter crash on Wednesday morning comes just days after a missile strike on an apartment building in Dnipro that killed 45 people, including six children.

After opening the session, the forum held 15 seconds of silence to honor the Ukrainian officials killed in the incident.

The deputy head of the Ukrainian presidential office Kyrylo Tymoshenko shared a similar message and said, "Haven't had time to recover from one tragedy, there is already another one."

The Ukrainian member of parliament, Oleskiy Goncharenko<sup>3</sup>, told Al Jazeera's James Bay at Davos that the helicopter crash on the outskirts of Kyiv which left the interior minister dead was an "awful tragedy."

"I knew the interior minister personally, and he was a decent man. It was very painful, and also, losing our children again is so painful. So this is a tragedy," he said.

Goncharenko said that while an investigation has begun into the cause of the incident, there are two possibilities, "the first is an accident, and the second is a terrorist attack by Russia – an act of sabotage."

"It will not affect us on the battlefield, but definitely we will now need a new minister, and I hope this will be again a strong man or woman," he said.

**UPDATE** - As rescue work continues, Ukraine's emergency services say 15 killed in helicopter crash

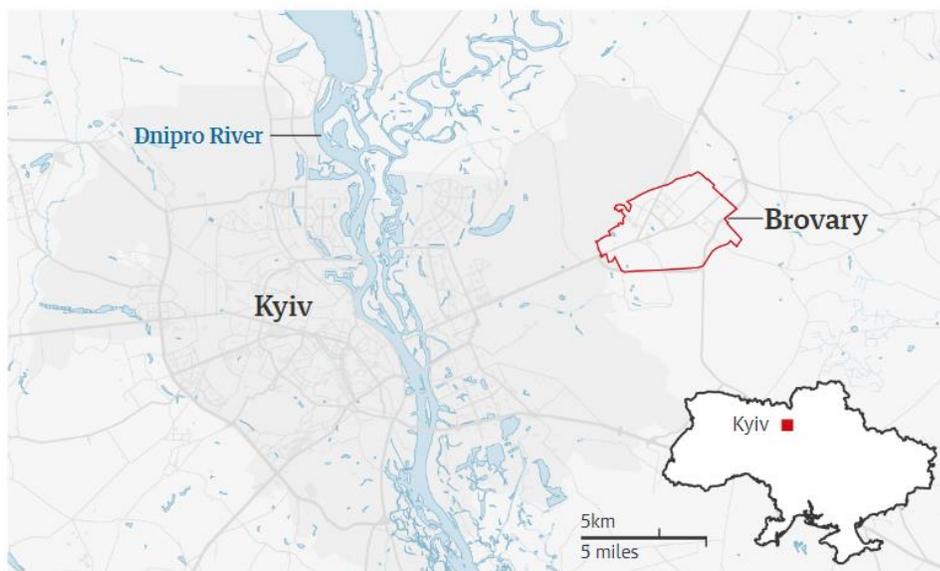
According to Ukraine's emergency services, the death toll from the fatal helicopter crash near Kyiv now stands at 15.

An update published on a government website said: "As a result of the emergency situation, 15 people, including three children, died as of 12:30pm.

"30 people were injured (including 12 children), who were hospitalized (information is being clarified)."

Over the past few hours, Ukrainian officials have announced different death tolls. Al Jazeera was unable to independently confirm the figures.<sup>4</sup>

### The helicopter crashed in the Kyiv suburb of Brovary



Guardian graphic

**Why Losing This Ultramodern Tank Is Such An Embarrassment For Russia<sup>27</sup>** - There may be worse ways to lose a tank, but the destruction of another T-90M 'Breakthrough' gives Russian leadership a lot to worry about. Because it was the victim of tactical incompetence which put the tank in an impossible position, as well as an embarrassing failure of its much-hyped defensive systems.

The T-90M is Russia's most advanced tank and has only appeared in tiny numbers. (The T-14 Armata is still at the testing stage and does not seem to be operational). An image of the smoking tank after the event is not enough to confirm a kill, but the drone video of the event shows the T-90M burning for a prolonged period, with smoke emerging from the vehicle interior.

A longer drone video of the full engagement is harder to decipher, as the drone is at long range and the tank occupies just a few pixels on the screen, but reveals some interesting details. One is that the tank is moving forward ahead of another tank when hit, and continues for a few seconds after it is struck. It almost disappears into the smoke that follows the strike, then (at 0:20) there is a fiery explosion inside the tank and it stops.

By this time the vehicle beside it has gone into reverse and continues backing away from the engagement area. The explosion inside the T-90M would not leave any survivors; the turret hatches in the later video are open, so the commander and gunner may have baled out and escaped when the tank was hit.

**Putin's Long-Range Missile Problem<sup>30</sup>** - Russian strikes on Ukrainian ground targets show "dysfunction" in Moscow's long-range missile systems, according to a new military intelligence update.

On Saturday, a Russian missile struck an apartment block in the central city of Dnipro. Images and footage from the scene showed an empty space of rubble and smoke where the apartment block would have stood.

On Tuesday morning, the Dnipropetrovsk regional governor, Valentyn Reznichenko, said the death toll had risen to 44, including five children, with 79 people injured. A further 39 were listed as "saved."

**Russian Forces Advancing Towards Bakhmut After Capturing Soledar—ISW<sup>31</sup>** - Russian forces are advancing towards the embattled city of Bakhmut in eastern Ukraine after capturing the nearby salt-mining town of Soledar, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW).

Russia on Friday claimed to have captured Soledar, which is located nine miles north of Bakhmut in Ukraine's Donetsk region. Russian troops were led in that battle by members of the notorious paramilitary unit, the Wagner Group, founded by Russian businessman Yevgeny Prigozhin in 2014.

And on Tuesday, Kremlin-installed authorities in the Donetsk region said in a statement on Telegram that Soledar was under Russian control.

**Capture of Soledar Only 'Pyrrhic' Victory for Russia—ISW<sup>32</sup>** - Russia has "over exaggerated" the importance of the salt-mining town of Soledar in Ukraine and its capture would amount at best to a "Pyrrhic" tactical victory, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW).

In its latest assessment of the war in Ukraine on Thursday, the ISW, a U.S.-based think tank, gave an overview of the battle for Soledar, which is located near the embattled city of Bakhmut in the Donbas region.

The Wagner Group, a mercenary organization founded by Russian billionaire Yevgeny Prigozhin in 2014, has reiterated this week that it had taken control of Soledar. Prigozhin said on Tuesday, however, that pockets of Ukrainian resistance were holding out in the center.

**Russia to expand size of military to 1.5 million troops, defense minister says<sup>33</sup>** - The Kremlin previously considered the size of Russia's armed forces as sufficient, but that changed after experiencing unexpected resistance and setbacks in Ukraine

Russia detailed plans Tuesday to expand its military to 1.5 million personnel over the next few years, a move that comes as Ukraine warns that Moscow may be planning an offensive and increased tensions between Moscow and the United States and its allies.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu announced the troop increase, which is expected to be complete by 2026, according to Russian state news agency, TASS.

Russia will also create military districts in Moscow and St. Petersburg, and an army corps will be created in the Republic of Karelia along Russia's border with Finland, The Wall Street Journal reported. In addition, Moscow will set up "self-sufficient" units in Russian-held territories of Ukraine, Shoigu said.

"Only by strengthening the key structural components of the Armed Forces is it possible to guarantee the military security of the state and protect new entities and critical facilities of the Russian Federation," Shoigu said, per Reuters.

**Comment** – The last time Russia sent 1 million troops to battle was along their eastern border with China in 1969 where the Sino/Russo conflict flared up on Zhenbao Island.

## Putin

**Putin Will 'Lose His Life' If He Loses The War: Why Palantir Chief Says War Not Likely To End In Ukraine**<sup>26</sup> - Palantir CEO Karp says war is unlikely to end in Ukraine because if Putin loses the war, he loses his life.

As Russia continues to push forward in the Donbas region in east Ukraine, Karp is warning that the Russian president isn't going to stop. "If Putin goes home and says 'hey, we lost,' he will lose his life," Karp said.

"I don't think the war is likely to end in Ukraine."

If the West allows Putin to continue pushing forward, violating the sovereignty of Ukraine, it will set a horrible precedent, he said: "So we can't allow that to happen."

Karp previously suggested the war could end if Putin fails, but it doesn't look like a failure, however, Putin's reign could be coming to a close via removal by the Russian government.

Over the weekend, Geopolitical strategist Alp Sevimlisoy told Benzinga that coups are forming within the government aimed at removing Putin from power.

Putin's successor "would have to pick between a desire to atone for their actions and seek re-entry into the community of nations or to move further into an isolated position globally," Sevimlisoy said.

**Russian victory is 'inevitable, Putin says'**<sup>7</sup> - Putin says a Russian victory in Ukraine is "inevitable." Speaking to workers at a factory in St Petersburg that makes air defence systems, the president said overall military equipment output was rising even as demand for it was growing because of the operation in Ukraine.

"In terms of achieving the end result and the victory that is inevitable, there are several things. ... It is the unity and cohesion of the Russian and multinational Russian people, the courage and heroism of our fighters ... and, of course, the work of the military-industrial complex and factories like yours and people like you," Putin said.

"Victory is assured. I have no doubt about it."

**Lavrov tried to put war in Russian-Western context: AJ correspondent**<sup>9</sup> - Addressing reporters earlier, Russian foreign minister Lavrov said the US assembled a coalition of European countries to solve "the Russian question" using Ukraine as a proxy, in the same way Adolf Hitler had sought a "final solution" to eradicate Europe's Jews.

"Just as Hitler wanted a 'final solution' to the Jewish question, now, if you read Western politicians ... they clearly say Russia must suffer a strategic defeat," he said.

Al Jazeera's Ali Hashem, reporting from Moscow, said Lavrov's news conference was an attempt to contextualize the war into the "Russian-Western confrontation."

In his press conference, Hashem explained, Lavrov also compared the US and the West with Napoleon and Hitler.

"Then he [Lavrov] went into some details with respect to negotiations with Ukraine, saying Russia is open to negotiations, however, it needs some solid points to stand on," Hashem added.

"He also went on to address the issue of sanctions and said that Russia was working on creating and enhancing some new supply chain to avoid Western interruptions."

**Putin's comments underline growing Russian concern over jet, tank production<sup>13</sup>** - Experienced observers of Russia's defense sector point out that the US-led sanctions have a disproportionate effect on aerospace production, more so than any other sector.

It was an eye-opening scene, even by the standards set in Moscow over the last year. In a recording of a Jan. 11 call, Putin ripped into Deputy PM and Minister of Trade and Industry Manturov over the slow production rates of key defense equipment.

In the recording of the conference call released by the government-run RIA Novosti news service, Putin is described as "humiliating" Manturov after the latter corrected the Russian president over his charge that defense enterprises had not yet secured contracts for the manufacture of replacement fighters.

"So? When will this be sorted?" Putin asked pointedly, eventually commanding that contracts for equipment, especially fighters, be locked in "no later" than within a month — and while the "or else" may have been silent, it was impossible to miss.

This manner of public castigation is almost unique in Manturov's career. For years he has been what many had described as the "golden child" of the government's defense industrial officialdom. He has been promoted from one position to another for more than two decades and had largely escaped any blame being placed on him for the increasing downturn in the industry's overall fortunes. He is also related to Rostec CEO Sergei Chemezov, one of Putin's closest and oldest associates.

## Humanitarian

**A special tribunal on Russia needs full support: EU official<sup>5</sup>**- Any special tribunal to judge Russia's invasion of Ukraine must have enough international backing to credibly prosecute Russia's political and military leaders, the European Union's top justice official said.

"As regards accountability for the crime of aggression in particular, currently, Russian leaders cannot be held accountable ... before any international jurisdiction," said European Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders.

The Hague-based International Criminal Court has the powers to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, but Reynders said it could not hand out punishments to Russian officials.

"A possible tribunal set up to prosecute the crime of aggression would need ... to have a sufficiently international character to relinquish immunities in a legitimate way and to act on behalf of the international community," he said.

**Comment** – Prosecutors should exercise caution to ensure a cogent and coordinated approach is adopted with absolute certainty as to framing of charges and adduction of evidence and supporting materials. It is all too easy to follow the quick and satisfying route, all too often to limited avail.

## Comments

**Russia 'not done': McConville warns West to invest in defense for long term, diversify supply**<sup>12</sup> - "We say 'supply chain,' we say 'kill chain;' I like networks and fabrics, [because] chains are only as good as the weakest link," said Gen. James McConville. "Many of these systems are going to need a long-term investment."

With the Kremlin doubling down on plans to build 1.5 million-man military by 2026, it's clear that "Russia is not done" as a threat, warned the US Army Chief of Staff today. So, Gen. James McConville said, the US and its European allies must invest in their defense industries for the long term.

That means more than just scaling up production of key munitions such as guided missiles and 155 mm howitzer shells, McConville made clear this morning. After decades of mergers, offshoring, and efficiencies, the West must also build assured supplies of key components, rather than fragile supply chains with single points of failure.

"Everyone is taking a look at supply chains, [but] I don't even like the word 'chain,'" McConville said at the Association of the US Army in Arlington, Va., just 10 minutes from the Pentagon. "We say 'supply chain,' or we say 'kill chain;' I like 'networks' and 'fabrics' as a different way of thinking about it. And what I mean by that is [with] chains, you're only as good as the weakest link."

Yes, US defense industry is arguably "the most sophisticated" in the world, McConville told an audience of contractors, officers, reporters and others at AUSA. But even here, companies often import vital components, depend on a single subcontractor for a vital part, or both.

**Russia can't take key Ukrainian region 'quickly,' occupation leader admits**<sup>20</sup> - The head of Russia's puppet administration in the partially occupied southern Ukrainian region of Zaporizhzhia has admitted that Moscow's forces will not be able to seize control of the rest of the region "quickly," blaming expected local resistance and Western activity.

Yevgeny Balitsky, a Ukrainian politician who became the acting governor of the Russian-occupied part of Zaporizhzhia—referred to as Zaporozhye in Russia—in October 2022, told the pro-Kremlin Crimean television channel Krym-24 on Monday that Russian forces face a difficult task in seizing the rest of the Zaporizhzhia region.

"There is no way of taking Zaporizhzhia quickly," Balitsky said, as quoted by Russia's state-run Tass news agency. "Sweeping measures will have to be used. In the work for safe streets, we will have to clear vast areas of mines."

**Qatar does not advocate 'forgive and forget' for Russia, foreign minister says after colleague's controversial remarks**<sup>24</sup> - Qatari Foreign Minister Al Thani on Tuesday appeared to correct a controversial statement his fellow minister made over the weekend concerning Russia's war in Ukraine.

al-Kaabi, Qatar's energy minister and head of the state gas company, said he was sure Russian gas would eventually flow back to Europe, as the Continent would "forgive and forget" Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

"We're all blessed to have to be able to forget and to forgive. And things get mended with time ... they learn from that situation and probably have a much bigger diversity [of energy intake]," al-Kaabi said on Saturday, during an energy forum in Abu Dhabi.

The comment sparked anger and came just as a Russian missile strike killed at least 40 civilians in a residential neighborhood of Ukraine's Dnipro.

Asked by CNBC's Hadley Gamble if al-Kaabi's comment was the official position of Qatar, Al Thani said:

“Well, it’s not actually. First of all, politically speaking, when we are talking about the situation and the war, Qatar has a very clear political stance on this: we don’t accept the invasion of another country. We don’t accept threatening by force or the use of force, we don’t accept civilians to be hurt. And we have been demonstrating this throughout our votes within the United Nations.”

He added, “Our message to the Russians, to the Ukrainian has been always ... these kinds of differences and disagreements shouldn’t be resolved in a battlefield, they should be resolved through dialogue.”

## Containment

**Lithuania is confident that battle tanks will be sent to Kyiv<sup>8</sup>** - Lithuania’s foreign minister says he is confident main battle tanks will be delivered to Ukraine after talks with partners at the World Economic Forum.

The foreign minister added that the West still needs to do more to ensure Kyiv will win the war.

Gabrielius Landsbergis told the Reuters news agency in an interview that after the UK announced it would send Challenger tanks, there was less argument for others not to.

**Ukraine needs a ‘significant increase’ of arms: NATO chief<sup>25</sup>** - Ukraine needs a “significant increase,” and such support is the only way to a negotiated peaceful solution, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said.

“This is a pivotal moment in the war and the need for a significant increase in support for Ukraine,” Stoltenberg told the Reuters news agency in an interview on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

“If we want a negotiated peaceful solution tomorrow, we need to provide more weapons today.”

Defence leaders from around 50 countries and NATO will hold talks at Germany’s Ramstein Air Base on Friday, where the focus will be on German’s Leopard 2 battle tanks.

**Canada will send 200 Senator armored personnel carriers to Ukraine<sup>6</sup>**, Defence Minister Anita Anand has announced during a visit to Kyiv.

Anand met with Ukrainian officials, including Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov. They discussed how Canada could continue helping Kyiv and updated him on Operation UNIFER, Canada’s training mission for Ukrainian soldiers.

“During today’s productive visit to Kyiv, I met with Ukrainian officials, including my friend and colleague Minister Reznikov to learn about Ukraine’s most pressing security needs and to reaffirm Canada’s steadfast support,” Anand said. “Today’s donation of 200 armored vehicles demonstrates our continued commitment to the security of the Ukrainian people.”

The two defence ministers will meet again on Friday at Ramstein, a US airbase in Germany, where Kyiv’s allies will discuss further military assistance.

**Ukraine gets its tanks: Poland sending Leopard 2, and other nations may follow<sup>14</sup>** - “A company of Leopard tanks for Ukraine will be transferred as part of building an international coalition,” Polish President Andrzej Duda said in a Jan 11 social media post. “Such a decision [has] already [been taken] in Poland.”

**In what could signal the start of European nations sending main battle tanks to Ukraine, Poland today announced it will supply Kyiv with Leopard 2 tanks as part of a wider “international coalition” donation effort<sup>15</sup>** - The plan, officially revealed by Polish President Andrzej Duda during a trilateral meeting in Lviv today with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda, marks a decisive change

in collective Western thinking by offering up weaponry that was once perceived to be stepping over a Russian red line or potentially escalatory in nature.

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Details of timing or quantities were not immediately available. Duda’s reference to a “company” implies Warsaw is committing to supply around 12 Leopard 2 tanks, a very small percentage of the 242 units it operates, according to figures from the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).

**The Dutch say they want to send a Patriot missile defense system to Ukraine<sup>16</sup>**, which is something the U.S. and Germany have also done. But the development, which Bloomberg reported ahead of the announcement Tuesday, isn't official yet...though it could be by Friday's Ukraine Contact Group meeting.

"We have the intention to join what you are doing with Germany on the Patriots project," Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte said Tuesday at the White House. "I think that [it] is important that we join that," he said while standing beside President Joe Biden. (Biden rang his German counterpart later on Tuesday; the White House says they discussed Ukraine, and Berlin emphasized the "close coordination" between Ukraine's allies.)

**‘We need to send’ Putin a message: UK minister on why tanks are now going to Ukraine<sup>19</sup>** - London’s decision to finally supply Ukraine with a squadron of 14 Challenger 2 main battle tanks was primarily driven by British assessments of Kyiv’s shifting needs and a desire to send a message to Russia, the United Kingdom’s foreign minister said today.

The decision to send the tanks, after months of advocacy by pro-Ukrainian voices and weeks of public teases, was announced after a Jan 14. phone call between UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The tanks are part of “the most significant package of combat power to date to accelerate Ukrainian success,” added Ben Wallace, UK defense secretary, during a Jan. 16 address to parliament.

Alongside the tanks, the newly approved equipment package includes “hundreds” of armored and protection vehicles like the Bulldog armored personnel carrier (APC), uncrewed aerial systems, AS90 self-propelled howitzers and Starstreak air defense missiles.

**US will reimburse Israel for weapons transferred to Ukraine<sup>23</sup>** - The stockpile of weapons is held in Israel for US use across the Middle East, and Israel itself has withdrawn ammunition from it in the past.

The Biden administration will replenish any US weapons it recently transferred to Ukraine from an American stockpile long located in Israel, an IDF source confirmed on Wednesday.

The weapons transfer would not in any way impact Israel’s readiness for any emergency situation or conflict, the source explained, hours after The New York Times published an article on the depletion of the stockpile, designed to quickly help the Jewish state access arms during wartime

Israel has kept a neutral stance when it comes to Russia’s war against Ukraine, which began last February. It has opposed sending any Israeli arms or defensive military equipment to Ukraine.

**Bulgaria helped Ukraine survive Russia’s early onslaught by secretly supplying it with large amounts of desperately needed diesel and ammunition, the politicians responsible have said<sup>29</sup>**. The former Bulgarian prime minister Kiril Petkov and finance minister Assen Vassilev said their country, one of the poorest EU members and long perceived as pro-Moscow, provided 30% of the Soviet-caliber ammunition Ukraine’s army needed during a crucial three-month period last spring, and at times 40% of the diesel.

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The men, who are now in opposition, have described along with the Ukrainian foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, the remarkable operation mounted by the small Balkan state, which officially was refusing all requests to arm Ukraine, in interviews with Die Welt.

## NATO

**Turkish defense minister says Sweden, Finland not meeting requirements to join NATO<sup>17</sup>** - Turkey has been observing that Sweden and Finland did not meet the requirements to gain NATO membership by leaving export restrictions in effect and supporting the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), labeled as terrorist by Ankara, Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said on Tuesday.

"We observe that Sweden and Finland do not fulfill the obligations under the [security] memorandum. We expect concrete measures of ceasing support for terrorist organizations and lifting export restrictions," the minister was quoted as saying by a Turkish newspaper.

Akar also said that Ankara condemned a rally of PKK supporters in Stockholm, where the demonstrators hung a puppet of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan by its feet.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry summoned the Swedish ambassador to Ankara in protest of the PKK rally. In addition, the Turkish Prosecutor General's Office opened a criminal case into the matter.

**Comment** – We have previously commented on this Turkish move, which is in its self interest and tantamount to oppressing the Kurds along its border regions.

**NATO membership for Ukraine would have prevented war, says Finland's PM<sup>18</sup>** - Russia would not have invaded Ukraine had it been a member of NATO, Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin said Tuesday, adding that was the primary motivation for her country's application to join the military alliance.

Marin said she was "sure" that Vladimir Putin would not have launched the invasion had Kyiv already been a member. "We can look down the history and ask ourselves the question, should Ukraine already be a member of NATO?" she told the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland, adding that "then there wouldn't be a war in Ukraine and this is why also Finland, Sweden is ratifying a NATO membership."

She added that in 2014 when Russia attacked Crimea, Europe and its allies should have acted more robustly. "We need to learn from this day," Marin told the gathering of high-level politicians and business people in the Swiss Alps.

## Russian Mobilization

**Putin could announce a second wave of mobilisation soon: Analysts<sup>11</sup>** - Putin could announce a second wave of mobilisation against Ukraine in the coming days, according to the US Institute for the Study of War (ISW).

This could come as soon as Wednesday, as the Kremlin leader is set to attend celebrations in St Petersburg to mark the breaking of the siege by German troops in January 1944.

The ISW speculates, citing Russian bloggers, that Putin could officially declare war on Ukraine.

Until now, the invasion has been described within Russia as a "special military operation," with the term "war" forbidden and punishable under Russian criminal law.

The report added that Ukrainian and Western intelligence services have repeatedly warned of Putin's plans for a second mobilisation in mid-January.

## Geopolitics

**Lavrov: Moscow will be forced to act if Finland joins NATO<sup>10</sup>**- Lavrov says Moscow will be forced to take unspecified measures on its border if Finland joins the NATO military alliance.

Finland and Sweden have applied to join the bloc and are currently in advanced negotiations over their accession.

Lavrov said Finland and Russia had long had friendly relations, but that changed and Russia would therefore have to take "appropriate measures on our borders," if Finland – with which it shares a 1,300-km (807-mile) border – did become a NATO member.

## Credits

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