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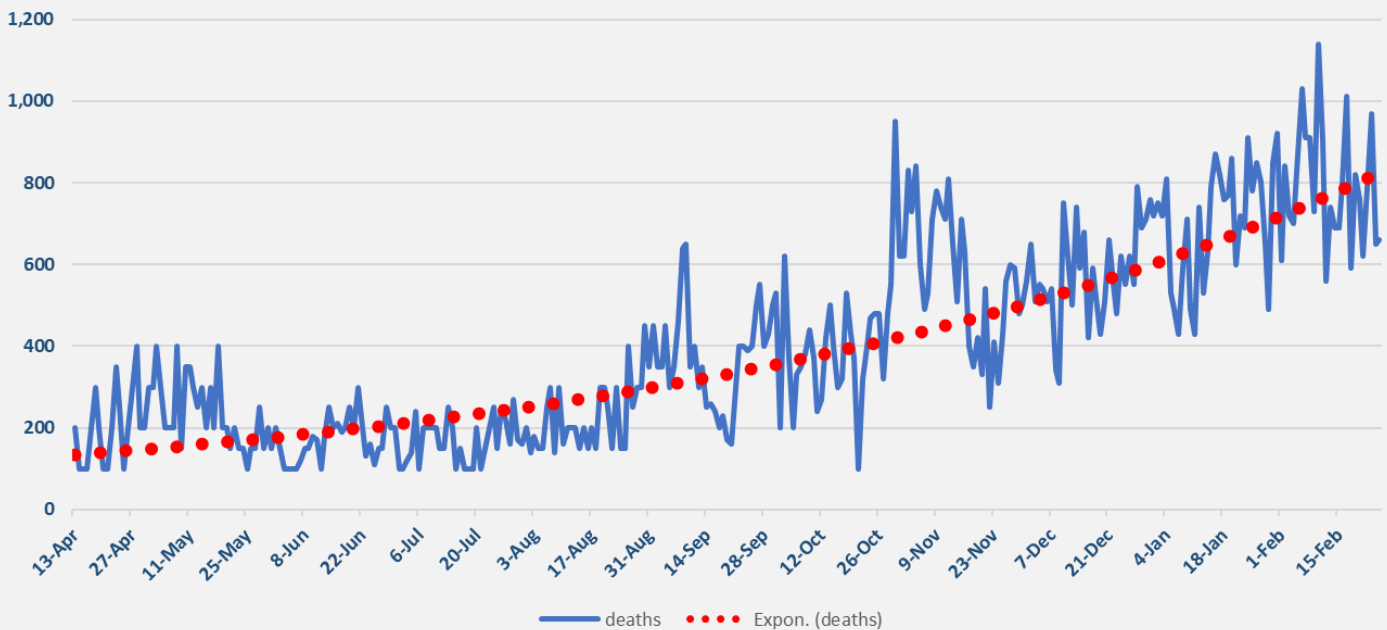
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Conflict Assessment

Russian losses – 148,130 (660) soldiers killed, 3,381 (+6) enemy tanks, 6,615 (+6) armored combat vehicles, 2,380 (+7) artillery systems, 475 (+0) MLRS systems, 244 (+0) air defense systems, 299 (+0) warplanes, 288 (+0) helicopters, 2,037 (+2) UAVs of the operational-tactical level, 873 (+0) cruise missiles, 18 (+0) warships/cutters, 5,242 (+7) trucks and tankers, 4 Iskander Missile Launchers (+0), 239 fuel bowsers (+0) and 230 (+0) units of equipment.

Key Takeaways

Russian troop deaths by day

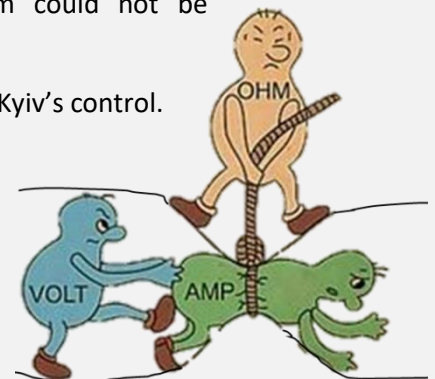


Russian mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin has said forces of his Wagner group had captured the village of Yahidne, just north of Bakhmut in eastern Ukraine, on Saturday. The claim could not be independently confirmed.

Ukrainian military reports suggest that villages near Bakhmut have remained under Kyiv's control.

Ohm's Law – Russia is still trying to squeeze hundreds of thousands of soldiers through small gaps in pursuing a takeback of the Donbas.

As pictured right in the graphic this is proving exceedingly difficult for invading forces and the source of much exasperation in the Kremlin, huge expense and a massive draw-down on ammunition and equipment, never mind the catastrophic loss in young Russian lives.



Rift between Russian army and the Wagner Group - Although Putin keeps a tight circle of associates, a split has occurred between Wagner mercenaries and the Russian army, each blaming the other for military failures while claiming sole credit for successes.

Elite Russian force 'significantly degraded' after high casualties: UK - One of Russia's elite brigades has been "significantly degraded" following "tough" deployments in Ukraine, according to a new intelligence assessment.

Russia's 155th Naval Infantry, which is "seen as an elite infantry force within the Russian military," has experienced heavy losses in hotly contested areas of the eastern Donetsk region, the UK's defense ministry said on Sunday.

Writing on Telegram earlier today, Russia's MoD said its forces had inflicted a "defeat" on Ukraine's defense forces in and around Vuhledar, without giving further details.

On Thursday, the British defense ministry suggested Moscow may be preparing for a renewed offensive around Vuhledar "despite costly failed attacks in early February and late 2022."

Russia's 155th Naval Infantry Brigade has "been at the forefront of recent costly offensives," the government department said on Sunday.

Units of the brigade have been assigned "some of the toughest tactical missions" of the invasion, and have "suffered extremely high" casualty rates, it added.

Comment – I was watching these actions in and around Vuhledar and from geofootage, Ukrainian troops pushed a stern Russian attack backwards.

Putin and the Kremlin know what is coming – Read below under “**Equipment en route.....**” and “**Containment**” to appreciate the huge numbers of equipment and support headed to Kyiv from all over Europe and the US.

Not only M1A2 tanks and Bradley armored fighting vehicles, but a staggering variety of offensive-oriented systems with hundreds of each category already en route to Ukraine, some there already and accompanied by now fully-trained Ukrainian commanders and operators.

Added to this is Ukrainian deployment of longer-range, accurate missiles, drones and artillery recently received.

Daily strikes continue being reported of destruction of Russian supply depots, lines, trains and strategic bridges, roads, and railheads attesting to arrival of these enhanced weapons systems.

In yesterday's Update we reported new and advanced drone types now in Ukrainian battle arsenals with ranges of up to 400 kilometers (see below for more information).

Knowing all this, and just as much if not more informed than you and I, Putin and the Kremlin cannot be blamed for trying to expedite their “special military operation” and recapture Donbas, before these weapons are deployed.

They will be fully briefed on these and many other equipment and weapon systems arriving, and will be as keenly aware that they do not have a capable defense against them.

Social and international media and bloggers continue to report on skirmishes and battles in southeastern Ukraine where marginal gains have been made by Russia, but in the overall context this is what they are – marginal.

Ukraine has not engaged in any offensive campaign since the onset of winter. Russia has though, believing it necessary to get ahead of this looming Ukrainian offensive and to declare some sort of victory, no matter it be bogus and distinct from fact. Putin needs something, anything, and needs it ahead of any political movement or negotiated settlement process commencement. He is desperate for a face-saving statement or declaration showing some success.

Rain is presently falling throughout conflict zones, melting snow and rendering ground untraversable. This will continue for some weeks ahead. Mechanized equipment grinds to a halt in these conditions – ask Napoleon and Hitler – and Russia for that matter.

Russian units “out in the field” are distinctly at risk, unable to maneuver or swivel back to base.

Kyiv contained itself to defensive positions throughout winter, all the while building offensive strength and capability.

Russia, meanwhile, has been expending itself trying to gain a head of steam so as to justify, as mentioned above, Putin claiming some form of “victory,” widely believed to better position himself in any future negotiation – or survival.

Now we may see and rationalize why China, fresh off visits both ways between Moscow and Beijing, are tabling their peace initiative – looking to “freeze” opposing field locations ahead of a negotiated settlement, looking to save Russia.

That translates into Putin and his General Staff desperate to gain as much land in the Donbas as possible, partly explaining their decision to fight in impossible weather and terrain conditions.

I believe Moscow will also mount an offensive, fortified by hundreds of thousands of troops and antiquated MBTs. In this they may expect ground support from Belarus.

This may explain the urgency of Belarussian-Russian senior military dialogue of late, Lukashenko making increasing statements regarding “invasion” threats around his southern border, and now rushing off to Beijing to meet Xi.

Is he offering to import restricted munitions and supplies bound for Russia, but routed via Belarus?

In the meantime, Russian units continue to report low levels of ammunition stocks along front lines and the Kremlin is seen rushing to re-supply these and other materials, each and every such movement attracting the attention of Ukrainian “spotters,” in situ partisans and satellite observation cameras. Vicious circle is this for Moscow.

Everything points to offensives along Ukraine’s southeastern borders, potentially along its northeastern border with a high probability of a Belarussian engagement in the north.

Following are reports coming in of a major increase in equipment supplies en route to or already in Ukraine and also in bolstering NATO defenses across Europe.

In the list below the US is reported to have some 560 vehicles either en route or already in Ukraine. It is reported that this is roughly one quarter of 1,900 vehicles and pieces of equipment headed to Kyiv. These (other) vehicles were reported as loaded in Tacoma port in Washington State two weeks ago, so should be close to offloading as we write.

These include the following as sourced in media and blogger channels:

Equipment en route and already in place in Ukraine

- **US**
 - 30 Abrams M1 MBTs – taken from Middle Eastern inventory
 - Abrams tanks from Middle East inventory and over and above the 30, have been re-positioned in Poland
 - HIMARS platforms (undisclosed how many more allocated) but 8 have arrived since the Biden visit
 - 100 Bradley IFV (Infantry Fighting Vehicles)
 - 100 M113 APCs (Armored Personnel Vehicles)
 - 55 MRAPS (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles)
 - 105 Stryker APCs – already in use with more entering through the Czech Republic as we write)
 - 138 HMMWV (Armored Humvees)
 - 155 x 155mm self-propelled howitzers

- 36 x 155mm towed howitzers
- 18 Paladin 155mm self-propelled howitzers
- 18 ammo supply vehicles
- 250,000 25mm ammo
- 95,000 105mm artillery shells
- 70,000 155mm artillery shells
- 10,000 120mm mortar shells
- 4,000 ZUNI missiles
- 2,000 anti-tank missiles
- 1,200 RAAM 155mm artillery shells
- Hundreds of long-range GLSDB missiles with a range of over 160 kilometers (100 miles)
- 500 155mm precision-guided munitions
- 500 "TOW" anti-tank guided missiles
- HIMARS missiles
- RIM-7 missiles
- Assault rifles
- Claymore anti-personnel mines
- Anti-tank mine-crammed shells
- Switchblade 600 drone loitering munitions with 45 kilometer (25 mile) range and 40 minutes aloft
- Switchblade 300 drone loitering munitions with 10 kilometer (6 mile) range and 15 minutes aloft
- VTOL Jump 20 drones (**V**ertical **T**ake **O**ff and **L**anding) with 185 kilometer (115 miles) range
- Tube-launched ALTIUS-600 drones with 440 kilometer (276 mile) range and 4 hours aloft
- Cyberlux K8 drones – still secretive specifications
- **UK**
 - 14 Challenger MBTs
 - 30 AS-90 Braveheart MBTs already en route to Ukraine
 - Deployed tank training crews to Poland to train Ukraine operators
 - 24 A5-90 155mm self-propelled howitzers
 - 100 APVs
 - 600 Brimstone aircraft-mounted missiles
 - Starstreak missiles
- **Lithuania**
 - Helicopters
 - Anti-aircraft batteries
 - SAM systems
 - Ammo
- **Estonia**
 - 20 x 155mm towed howitzers
 - Ammo supply vehicles
 - 100 Carl Gustav recoilless rifles
 - Ammo
- **Latvia**
 - Helicopters
 - UAV (**U**n**m**anned **A**erial **V**ehicles)
 - Heavy caliber 20mm machine guns
 - Ammo

- **Canada**
 - NASAMS SAM systems

- **Sweden**
 - Archer 155mm self-propelled howitzers
 - 50 IFVs
 - NLAW anti-tank guided missiles (**N**ext **G**eneration **L**ight **A**nti-tank **W**eapon)
- **Germany**
 - 40 Marder IFVs
 - 60 Leopard MBTs – undisclosed number crossing border over past three days
 - Patriot missile systems
- **Czech Republic**
 - Tatra armored vehicle recovery vehicle
 - T72 MBTs
- **Denmark**
 - 19 Caesar 155mm self-propelled howitzers
- **Poland**
 - 14 Leopard II MBTs to come with dozens more en route to Ukraine
 - 60 PT-91 MBTs
- **Italy**
 - SAM systems
- **Netherlands**
 - Patriot systems
- **France**
 - Dozens of AMX r2 MBTs within 6 weeks
 - AMR armored recovery vehicles
 - 20 APCs
- **Norway**
 - 8 Leopard II MBTs
 - 12 IFVs
 - Dozens of CV90 IFVs
- **Greece**
 - 40 - 80 Leopard II MBTs

Dozens of US A-10 Thunderbolt II were deployed to the Ukrainian border – Dozens of A-10s were deployed to airbases along the Polish border with Ukraine two days ago and included the A-10 Thunderbolt or Warthog - built for close air support of ground troops, and the A-10 Thunderbolt II, which operates at low speed and altitude and is highly effective against tanks and other armored vehicles.

Comment – What Lukashenko of Belarus is seeing and what he bases his estimation of threat to his country upon.

US military deploys hundreds of military vehicles on the Ukrainian border – The US has deployed hundreds of armored vehicles to NATO states bordering Ukraine over the past three weeks.

2,000 US troops arrive in Poland – The US dispatched 2,000 US army troops to Poland over the past two weeks to bolster defensive units along both Ukrainian and Belarussian borders.

Eight more new generation HIMARS to Ukraine – Subsequent to Biden’s visit to Ukraine a further 8 HIMARS platforms were airlifted to the country.

Equipment en route and already in Ukraine during winter period – Whilst Russia has been hammering away in Bakhmut and further north in southeastern Ukraine, Kyiv and its Allies have been hard at work preparing for both defensive and offensive campaigns. I have combed reports to cumulate what is both in and headed to Ukraine.

Blackhawk helicopter seen in Ukraine – Unconfirmed reports indicate there may be Blackhawk helicopters presently in Ukraine. One was reportedly seen in the southeast but reports remain unconfirmed.

B52 Bombers landing and using Poland – Over the past three weeks a number of US B52 strategic bombers have been based in Poland, seen taking off and landing on a 24/7 basis.

US troop convoy arrives in Lithuania-Latvia, hundreds of combat vehicles arrive – Additional ground forces are reported to be arriving in the Baltic countries.

U.S troop reinforcement convoy from Germany arrives in Wroclaw, Poland with dozens armored vehicles – A further US bolstering of European forces seen moving along roads from Germany to Poland.

US Seen offloading Abrams tanks in Poland, close to Ukrainian border – The US Army was observed offloading Abrams M1A2 MBTs close to the Ukraine Border.

US, Italian, French tanks and armored vehicles engaged in exercises in Europe – NATO Exercises have been reported in various areas across NATO countries over the past week. This included multiple HIMARS units in Estonia.

Finland military exercises - US Army platoons were reported earlier today engaging in military exercises with Finnish troops.

Alaskan alert – Media channels are reporting increased numbers of US troops are headed Alaska-way. These are in addition to those reported in mid-2022.

As sung by my good friend Marvin back in his Motown days – *“What’s going on?”*

Everything points to Ukraine preparing for and being equipped for a major offensive.

The significant majority of equipment and systems listed and reported on above, with reports of further and other provisions, systems and munitions under way and consideration, is offensive-oriented, not defensive.

Indicators point to bolstering, training and preparation of battalions and BTGs across all NATO states bordering Ukraine, and all on heightened alert.

Of interest is the positioning of even further equipment, including some not yet offered or agreed for supply to Ukraine – on its borders and close-by should there be any need.

It appears that Ukraine is going to take the fight to Russia, and its allied backers and supporters are gearing for any unexpected Kremlin reaction.

Ukraine, by expressing some interest and intrigue in the Chinese peace proposal, may cleverly be defusing a Chinese move to protect its ally Russia, stalling for time by inviting a Beijing invitation to discuss further. Nimble and wily.

Comments, Updates, Developments and Reports

Macron to visit China, seek Xi's help to end Russia-Ukraine war - French president's announcement comes after China published a 12-point position paper calling for a truce, talks in Ukraine.

French President Emmanuel Macron has said he will visit China in April to seek the Chinese government's help with ending Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The announcement on Saturday came after China published a 12-point position paper that called for a ceasefire and a "political settlement" to end the year-long conflict.

Sanctions

DOJ moves to seize 6 luxury properties in New York, the Hamptons, and Florida worth \$75 million from sanctioned Russian oligarch Viktor Vekselberg - In its "Operation KleptoCapture" the DOJ is seeking to seize luxury real-estate in Miami, the Hamptons and New York City, worth roughly \$75 million and belonging to Russian oligarch Viktor Vekselberg, court documents show.

Prosecutors allege that Vekselberg's business associate Vladimir Voronchenko, a fugitive who was indicted this month, violated sanctions and was involved in international money laundering. After Vekselberg was sanctioned in 2018, Voronchenko tried to sell properties in Park Avenue and Southampton without obtaining proper U.S. approval in violation of sanctions laws, prosecutors said.

He was served with a grand jury subpoena in May of last year on Fisher Island, and, according to prosecutors, later that month he took a flight from Miami to Dubai and ultimately Moscow — approximately 9 days after receiving the subpoena. He remains a fugitive to this day, prosecutors said.

The addresses identified in court documents are 19 Duck Pond Lane, Southampton, New York; 515 Park Avenue, Units 21 and 2I, New York, New York; 7002 Fisher Island Drive, Unit 7183 Fisher Island Drive, Units 7182

Vekselberg also owns the St. Petersburg large collection of Faberge Eggs, many of Forbes estate.



documents are 19 Duck Pond Lane, Avenue, Units 21 and 2I, New York, New York; 7002 PH2, Miami Beach, Florida; and 7183, Miami Beach, Florida.

Faberge Museum where he displays his which he acquired from the late Malcolm

A company controlled by Vekselberg made \$500,000 in payments to former Trump attorney and convicted felon Michael Cohen, Stormy Daniels' attorney Michael Avenatti said in 2018. Avenatti said the payments came from a US-based company called Columbus Nova, controlled by Vekselberg and Vekselberg's cousin Andrew Intrater.

The payments went to Cohen's company, Essential Consultants, the same company he used to wire Daniels \$130,000 to stop her from going public with her account of an alleged sexual affair with President Donald Trump over a decade ago.

After publication a representative for Intrater contacted NBC News to say that his company Columbus Nova is American owned and is not and never has been controlled by Vekselberg.

More recently Intrater's contributions toward George Santos' campaign have come under scrutiny, including about \$23,700 in 2022 to Santos' campaign or related PACs and \$5,800 in 2021.

Question – This connection raises questions regarding Russian influence in the US.

Containment

A huge number of M1A2 Abrams tanks just arrived in Eastern Europe - M1A2 Abrams tanks, self-propelled artillery, armored vehicles and equipment destined for Eastern Europe have arrived, according to reports. US forces will focus on building capacity and maintaining readiness through bilateral and multinational exercises.

Comment – It is not yet reported whether any of these are intended for Ukraine. Should these be for beefing up NATO forces, with M1A2 and other armored equipment arriving in Latvia (pictured right), Poland and Germany, then they would have been dispatched from US storage well before last week’s Biden visit to Kyiv and Eastern Europe. Further food for thought regarding the immediate to short-term future of the Ukrainian conflict.

The US recently deployed about a hundred "M1300/M1302 Enhanced Heavy Equipment Transporter Systems (EHETS)" for a convoy of M1 Abrams tanks, in the U.S. Army Prepositioned Stock-2 site in Zutendaal, Belgium.

The EHETS will replace the M1070/M1000 Heavy Equipment Transporter System (HETS) and consists of an M1300 tractor (M1070A1 modified to reduce and relocate weight to achieve European road permits) and an eight-axle M1302 semi-trailer capable of worldwide transport.

The EHETS primary mission is to transport an M1A2 Abrams tank and other combat vehicles weighing up to 90 tons.



Has Ukraine received the M982 Excalibur?, a 155 mm GPS-guided, extended-range artillery projectile was developed by the U.S. Army in partnership with the Swedish Army.

Countries currently operating M982 Excalibur are India, Australia, Canada, Jordan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Ukraine, and the United States.

Ukraine is definitely deploying longer-range and accurate artillery in the southeast where they have dramatically upped the rate of fire against Russian target as reported in yesterday’s Update.

Recent delivery of US Stryker armored fighting vehicles from Germany to the Ukrainian border – A very large convoy with a number of Stryker AFVs was reported driving through Germany en route to Ukraine via Poland.

Comment – These vehicles are specifically geared to offensive maneuvers, propelling soldiers at speed across miles of enemy terrain, whilst enjoying protection in an armored hull with a “tank-killer” canon atop. Ukraine has not enjoyed these as of yet, foot soldiers having to mount T62 tanks, limiting their ability to recover occupied territory. This all changes now with arrival of hundreds of these US battle-proven AFVs.

Foot soldiers are pivotal in recovering Russian-occupied territory, as tanks can cover distances, but not take possession of recovered land, only soldiers can establish a ground presence required to retain recaptured areas.

600 US military combat vehicles arrived in Europe last week and are headed to Ukraine – These vehicles, coupled to those in the preceding article are geared to offensive action.

Norway sends dozens CV90 infantry fighting vehicles to Ukraine – Norway is sending dozens of their CV90 infantry combat vehicles and CV90RWS Multi BK self-propelled mortars to Ukraine.

The basic Swedish Strf 90 is exported as the Norwegian CV90 infantry fighting vehicle, with a few additions and modifications. A three-person crew-operated vehicle, it has a capacity of 7 to 8 soldiers and is dependable on the battlefield.

Condoleezza Rice: Biden policies toward Ukraine ‘in the right direction’ but aid is ‘a little bit behind’ – Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice today said the Biden administration’s policies toward Ukraine as it fends off Russia are “in the right direction,” adding, however, that U.S. assistance to Kyiv is sometimes “a little bit behind.”

“I think in general, in total, the policy is in the right direction, you have to support Ukraine, you have to do it as much as you can, as a part of a coalition, it’s really important that the Europeans are on board. “

US Bases around the globe - The US, the world’s preeminent military power, operates about 750 U.S. military base sites abroad in 80 countries and territories, according to the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft. The U.S. has at least three times as many overseas bases as all other nations combined. Maintaining these bases abroad costs American taxpayers an estimated \$55 billion annually. Primary countries hosting bases are:

Rank	Country	bases	since	US members	Notable bases
33	Poland	4	2012	226	Lask, Powidz
32	Syria	4	2016	900	Al-Tanf 1, Dier Ezzour
31	Bulgaria	4	2005	2,500	Bezmer Air Base, Aitos Logistics Center
30	Spain	4	1953	3,353	Moron AB, Naval Station Rota
29	N Mariana Islands	5	1944	45	NAVBASE Guam Tinian
28	Somalia	5	2013	71	Bosasso, Camp Baledogle, Mogadishu
27	Oman	6	1981	25	Masirah Island Mpt Site 1, Al Mussanah AB
26	The Bahamas	6	1966	56	AUTEC Main Base, AUTEC Big Wood Cay
25	Israel	6	1979	127	Haifa, Mashabim Air Base
24	Romania	6	2007	165	Smardan Training base, Cincu Training Base, Campia Turzii
23	Netherlands	6	1954	641	Eygelshoven Army Depot, Schinnen Emma Mine
22	Virgin Islands	6	1973	787	NG Bethlehem Military Compound, NG Sprat Hall
21	Iraq	6	2014	2,500	Al Asad AB, Anbar, Abu Ghraib, Camp Taji
20	Norway	7	2018	167	Rygge
19	Australia	7	1963	1,736	Alice Springs, Robertson Barracks, Tindal Air Base
18	Niger	8	2012	21	Dirkou, Arlit
17	Philippines	8	2002	155	Basa Air Base, Camp Navarro
16	Greece	8	1969	446	NSA Souda Bay, NATO Ordnance Area
15	Kuwait	10	1991	2,054	Camp Arifjan, Camp Patriot, Camp Virginia
14	Panama	11	2007	35	Panama City Support Complex, North Coast Area Test Sites
13	Saudi Arabia	11	1951	693	Drone Base, Jeddah, Prince Sultan AB
12	Belgium	11	1962	1,869	Brussels, Zutendaal, Chievres AB
11	Marshall Islands	12	1944	96	US Army Kwajalein Atoll, Meck Island
10	Bahrain	12	1948	4,603	NSA Bahrain, Sheik Isa Air Base
9	Turkey	13	1951	1,758	Batman AB, Incirlik AB, Izmir AB
8	Portugal	21	1944	256	Lajes Air Base, Cinco Picos Globecom Annex
7	UK	25	1942	10,770	RAF Alconbury, RAF Molesworth, RAF Mildenhall
6	Puerto Rico	34	1902	13,571	Mayaguez AFRC, Fort Buchanan, MTA Camp Santiago Rq
5	Italy	44	1951	14,756	Camp Darby, Aviano Air Base, NAS Sigonella
4	Guam	54	1899	11,295	Agana, Andersen AFB, Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz
3	South Korea	76	1946	28,503	Camp Casey, Camp Humphreys, Kunsan AB
2	Germany	119	1945	46,562	Duelmen Tower Barracks, Kaiserslautern, Spangdahlem AB
1	Japan	119	1946	63,690	Camp Fuji, Camp Hansen, Kadena AB

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Putin & Russia

‘Russia has taken bites out of different countries in this region’ for 20+ years - It has been one year since Russia invaded Ukraine. US Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget A. Brink stated “I know the President was very excited to be able to come and to show by that visit in his person during this time of war, how we and he and the whole administration and the American people stand with Ukraine. So it sends a very powerful message.” It’s not really the 1 year or even 9 year anniversary, says Ambassador Brink, a diplomat in the region for over two decades. ‘Russia has taken bites out of different countries in this region for this whole period.’”

Leaked document reveals Putin's plans to take over Belarus - Belarusian dictator Lukashenko and his Russian counterpart Putin recently discussed further cooperation as Minsk prepares to produce Russian military aircraft.

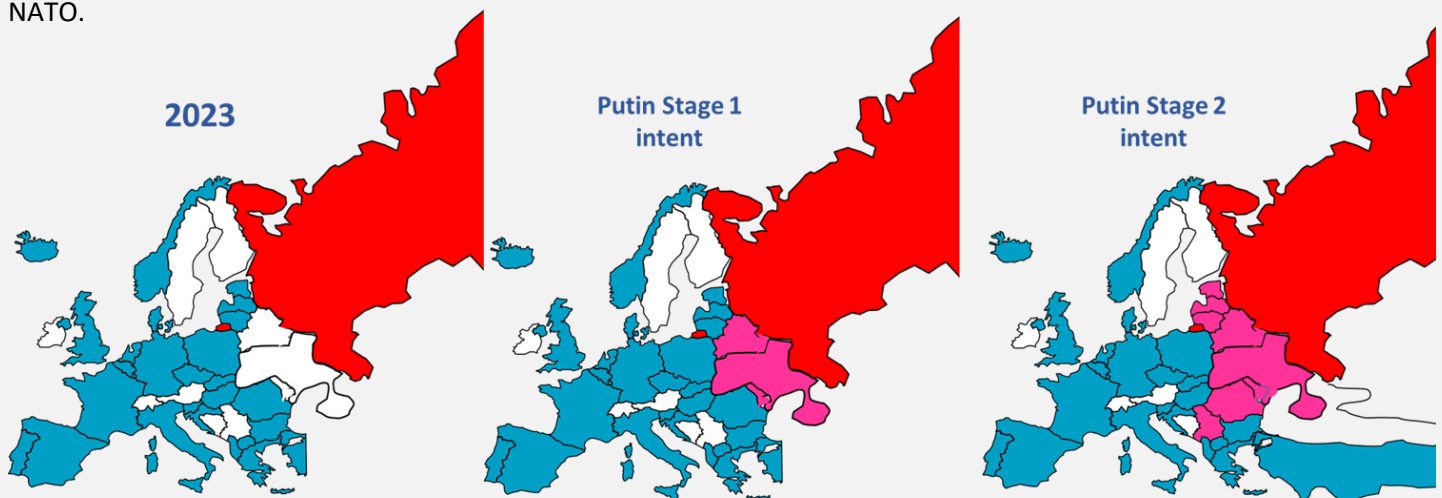
Meanwhile, a leaked document revealed that the Kremlin plans to take over Belarus by 2023, according to a joint investigation by the Kyiv Independent.

A group of US and European media outlets, including the Kyiv Independent, has obtained a 17-page document allegedly detailing Russia's plans to subjugate Belarus and dismantle its independence, including Russia’s future steps to take full control of Belarusian political, economic, and military spheres by the end of the decade.

According to the document, by 2030, Belarus should have a single currency and tax system with Russia, and its media space must be under Russian control. The Belarusian army must comply with Russian regulations, while all key military production must be transferred from Belarus to Russia.

Belarusian Defense Minister Viktor Khrenin said the territorial defense force would be comprised of 100,000 to 150,000 volunteers, ideally located in every settlement across the country.

Looking at the map below, one can see where Putin intends heading in his quest to re-establish the former Soviet bloc of power and influence, and to enhance his self-appointed comparison to Peter the Great. Blue states are those in NATO.



Putin will be killed by rivals - Ukrainian President Zelenskyy said he believes that Putin will eventually be killed by a member of his inner circle, The Telegraph reported.

"There will certainly be a moment when the fragility of Putin’s regime is felt in Russia," said Zelenskyy. "Then carnivores will eat a carnivore. It is very important, and they will need a reason to justify this. They will remember. They will find a reason to kill a killer. Will it work? Yes. When? I don’t know."