



Situation Room

**** UKRAINIAN CRISIS ****

Period under review: from 06 April 2022 to 09 April 2022.

[This report is based on publicly available sources to describe a changing situation. Information subject to change.]

Situation analysis recap:

- The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has recorded 4,149 civilian casualties (1,766 killed and 2,383 injured). Most of the civilian casualties were caused by the use of explosive weapons with a wide impact area (shelling from heavy artillery, multiple launch rocket systems, missile and air strikes).
- According to the US military, all Russian ground forces have left the areas near Kyiv and Chernihiv in northern Ukraine.
- Ukrainian officials say major fighting is underway in the east. Ukraine is bracing for a massive breakthrough attempt by Russian forces in the Donbas region. Governor of the Luhansk region is urging civilians to evacuate from towns.
- German intelligence says it intercepted Russian radio traffic of soldiers discussing killing civilians.
- Hundreds of people are believed to be dead and buried under destroyed apartment buildings in the town of Borodyanka.
- Russia has accused Ukraine of undermining recent peace negotiations. It claims that Kyiv had altered proposals aimed at achieving a ceasefire with new terms which are unacceptable to Moscow.
- The Pentagon said on Wednesday, 6 April that it has assessed that Ukraine could win the war against Russia.
- On 6 April, the governor of Luhansk region said that Russia has shelled residential buildings in the area and that 10 story high-rise buildings were on fire in city of Sievierodonetsk.
- The UN World Food Programme completed its first food distribution to 12,000 people in the Ukrainian city of Chernihiv on Wednesday.
- The International Energy Agency said on 6 April that rich countries would tap 120 million more barrels of oil from emergency reserves in a bid to calm crude prices that have soared following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- On Thursday, 7 April, the United Nations General Assembly voted to suspend Russia from the UN Human Rights Council over reports of gross and systematic violations and abuses of human rights by Russian troops in Ukraine.
- Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said on 7 April that Russia has sustained significant losses in Ukraine.
- Russia said on Thursday it has opened a criminal investigation into allegations by a Russian soldier that he was beaten and received death threats while being held as a prisoner of war in Ukraine.
- German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on 7 April that Germany would need four months to implement a ban on Russian coal under European Union sanctions.
- On Friday, 8 April, at least 50 people, including five children, were killed after Russian forces carried out a missile strike on a railway station in eastern Ukraine in the city of Kramatorsk. Ukrainian officials say that civilians were trying to flee the city by trains.
- The European Union has agreed on a fifth package of sanctions against Russia on 8 April. It has banned the import of coal and has closed off European ports for Russian vessels.
- On Saturday, 9 April, the governor of Luhansk region accused Russian forces of hitting a storage tank holding nitric acid.

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- Ukraine informed the International Atomic Energy Agency on 9 April that it is gradually restoring regulatory control of nuclear and radiation safety at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant. The site was lacking personnel for maintenance and repair work since Russia took control of the plant in late February. Russian forces withdrew from the site last week.
- The EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has announced that global support effort *Stand Up For Ukraine* has raised 9.1 billion euros.
- The European Budget Commissioner Johannes Hahn has said that Ukraine would need a reconstruction plan after the war with Russia which would be similar to the one that the United States offered to Europe after World War II.
- Hungary says it will accept Moscow's demand for paying gas supplies in roubles.
- Krakow, Poland's second largest city, strains to accommodate Ukrainian refugees. The city's population has increased by 20%.
- The US has suspended its normal trade relations with Russia and Belarus. It has also banned Russian oil and energy imports.
- The US Justice Department is helping to investigate war crimes by Russia in Ukraine. It is meeting with Europol, Eurojust and with a French prosecutor.
- The US is stepping up its military aid for Ukraine and economic sanctions against Russia in the wake of widespread reports of atrocities in the Kyiv suburb of Bucha.

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