



Situation Room

**** UKRAINIAN CRISIS ****

Period under review: from 03 May 2022 to 11 May 2022.

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

Situation analysis recap:

- The head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, Matilda Bogner, said that according to official figures, 3,381 civilians had been killed in the country since the start of the war.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin told his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron in a telephone conversation that the West must stop supplying weapons to Ukraine. The two-hour conversation is thought to be the first conversation between the presidents of Russia and France since the end of March.
- More and more countries are reopening their embassies in Kiev. The US is also expecting to open its embassy by the end of this month.
- Michael Carpenter, the US Ambassador to the OSCE, has stated that Washington assumes Russia will try to annex the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics. According to them, Russia could hold a referendum on joining the two republics in mid-May.
- The United Kingdom will provide an additional £ 1.3 billion (€ 1.5 billion) to Ukraine, doubling aid to date and achieving the highest level of military investment in the post-Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. Funds will be provided from state reserves.
- Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen called on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Copenhagen on 3 May to use his influence and actively work to end the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- The Ukrainian Ministry of Defence has detected that Russian forces are stepping up their offensive in the east of the country, where they carried out nearly 50 airstrikes on Tuesday 3 May.
- The Belarusian Ministry of Defence has announced that the Belarusian Army will launch unannounced military exercises of their Response Force. The purpose of the exercises is to test the ability to respond quickly to a possible air or ground attack. The number of units participating in the exercises will gradually increase.
- Putin has apologised to the Israeli prime minister for a statement by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.
- On Wednesday, 4 May, Mariupol was visited by Deputy Chief of Staff of the Russian Presidential Staff Sergei Kiriyenko. According to the head of the self-proclaimed People's Republic of Donetsk Denis Pushilin, Kiriyenko visited the Ilic steel plant and the city port.
- The New York Times has revealed that US intelligence services provide Ukrainian authorities with information about Russian troops. This information allegedly aided in the assassination of numerous Russian general officers.
- On 5 May, the European Parliament adopted a resolution calling for the protection of women fleeing Ukraine from violence and sexual exploitation. Members of parliament have strongly condemned sexual violence as a weapon of war and have advocated for access to emergency medical services for all refugees.
- The Russian Foreign Ministry has ruled out the possibility of using nuclear weapons in Ukraine, citing their nuclear doctrine, which provides for the use of such weapons only if the country's existence is threatened.
- The Ukrainian military warned of the possibility of a Russian landing on the Black Sea coast near Odessa. According to the regional military command, Russian reconnaissance planes are increasingly flying over the area, and the Russian navy is strongly present along the part of the coast

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controlled by Ukraine. Residents were therefore urged to avoid beaches and protected areas on the coast, to refrain from traveling by small boats and to report suspicious activities.

- Deputy President of Ukraine Irina Vereshchuk announced that all children, women and the elderly had been evacuated from the besieged Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol. The steel plant is still defended by the last Ukrainian and foreign soldiers.
- In its first statement on the war in Ukraine, the United Nations Security Council expressed its deep concern for the preservation of Ukraine's peace and security and expressed its strong support for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in finding a peaceful solution to the conflict. The statement was prepared by Mexico.
- The Group of Seven most economically developed countries (G7) has coordinated new sanctions against Russia over the invasion of Ukraine. These are energy measures, which are considered to be the main source of funding for the war in Ukraine.
- Speaker of the lower house of the Russian parliament Vyacheslav Volodin has accused the United States of coordinating military operations in Ukraine. He said that this meant direct US involvement in military operations against Russia.
- The President of the European Council, Charles Michel, paid an unannounced visit to Odessa on Europe Day, 9 May. He had to suspend a meeting with Ukrainian Prime Minister Denis Shmigal and take refuge in a shelter due to a rocket attack on this port city.
- On 9 May, the Russian military further intensified its attacks on Ukrainian territory. According to Kiev, fierce fighting is taking place in the east of the country.
- Russian president Putin did not, despite numerous announcements from Western commentators, use the 9 May Victory Day parade, when Russia commemorates the end of the Second World War, to expand military operations in Ukraine.
- In a counter-offensive in recent days, Ukrainian forces have reportedly taken the villages of Cherkasy Tishki, Ruski Tishki, Borshchiv and Slobozhanske north and northeast of Kharkiv.
- The US President Joe Biden has signed a law that revives President Franklin Roosevelt's 1941 strategy to send weapons and other equipment to Europe in exchange for renting military bases.
- Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi has said after a meeting with US President Biden on 11 May that the US and the EU must work with both Russia and Ukraine to end the war. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov and US Ambassador to Russia John Sullivan met in Moscow on the same day.
- Deputy Head of the Military-Civil Administration of the Ukrainian Region of Kherson Kiril Stremousov announced that the region, which Russia claims is under the full control of its forces, will form a legal framework for joining Russia before the end of the year.

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