



## Situation Room

### **\*\* UKRAINIAN CRISIS \*\***

**Period under review:** from 23 May 2022 to 02 June 2022.

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

### **Situation analysis recap:**

- Ukraine has said that combat in eastern Ukraine has reached maximum intensity. According to the Pentagon, Russia continues to make incremental gains, sending smaller units to go after smaller towns in the Donbas region.
- Russian forces closed in on the last remaining areas under Ukrainian control in the eastern Luhansk region. The Luhansk regional governor said 80% of the city of Sievierodonetsk is under occupation. Ukrainian forces have launched counterattacks.
- The first Russian soldier on trial for war crimes in Ukraine has been sentenced to life in prison for killing a civilian. Vadim Shishimarin, 21, pleaded guilty for fatally shooting an unarmed Ukrainian man in the earliest days of the war.
- Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko has said that Moscow could provide a humanitarian corridor for food shipments out of Ukraine in exchange for lifting of some sanctions. Ukraine's foreign minister described the offer as blackmail.
- According to the Russian defence ministry, Russia's nuclear forces held drills in the Ivanovo province, northeast of Moscow. The drills were said to involve 1,000 troops and more than 100 pieces of equipment, including *Yars* intercontinental ballistic missile launchers.
- Boris Bondarev, a Russian diplomat at the permanent mission to the United Nations in Geneva resigned on 23 May. Bondarev has called the invasion not only a crime against the Ukrainian people, but also a crime against the people of Russia.
- The European Commission proposed on 25 May to make breaking European Union sanctions against Russia a crime. That would allow EU governments to confiscate assets of companies and individuals that evade EU restrictions against Russia.
- French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to hold direct negotiations with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in order to find a diplomatic solution to the conflict. Telephone conversation between leaders occurred on 28 May.
- Lithuania has become the first European country to stop using Russian gas.
- Russian president, Vladimir Putin, has scrapped the upper age limit for military recruits. UK intelligence estimated that Russia had lost about a third of its ground forces during the past month.
- Russia simplified a path to Russian citizenship for residents of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.

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