



Situation Room

**** MONITORING SECURITY IN UKRAINE ****

Period under review: from 01. 09. 2025 to 30. 09. 2025

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

Situation analysis recap:

- **(1 September)** Ukrainian authorities arrested a suspect who allegedly shot dead a former parliamentary speaker Andriy Parubiy on 30 August in Lviv, western Ukraine. Police suspect Russian involvement in the assassination.
- **(3 September)** Russian President Vladimir Putin attended a military parade in Beijing marking the anniversary of the end of World War II, where he also met with Chinese President Xi Jinping, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico. During the meeting, he emphasised that Russia has never opposed Ukraine's membership in the EU, but that any potential peace agreement must also ensure Russia's security. He also stated that he would be willing to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy if Zelenskyy were to come to Moscow and if there were a possibility of achieving concrete results. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiha called Putin's proposal unacceptable and reminded that seven countries — including Austria, Switzerland, Turkey, and the Vatican — have expressed their willingness to host a meeting between the two leaders.
- **(4 September)** Representatives of the Coalition of the Willing met to finalise security guarantees for Ukraine. Meanwhile, Ukraine underwent a major government reshuffle – President Zelenskyy, following several ministerial and senior official resignations, stated that the country “needs new energy.”
- **(5 September)** President Putin warned Kyiv's Western allies that their troops in Ukraine would be legitimate targets for Russian forces. His remarks followed French President Emmanuel Macron's announcement that 26 nations had agreed to form international air, land, and sea forces to provide postwar security for Ukraine. Macron stressed that these forces would not be stationed on the front line but serve as a deterrent to further aggression. Several states pledged to contribute through training and equipping Ukrainian troops rather than direct deployment.
- **(7 September)** President Zelenskyy announced that nearly 60% of Ukraine's weapons are now domestically produced, surpassing the targets set in July. Meanwhile, Russian regions are significantly increasing cash bonuses – in some cases by up to four times – to attract new recruits, as ideological appeals to enlist have lost their effectiveness.

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- **(9 September)** President Putin awarded a Medal for Courage to Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity in Ukraine. Gerasimov is accused of directing attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure.
- **(10 September)** Poland shot down several Russian drones that entered its airspace amid Russian attacks on Ukraine. In response to the escalation, Warsaw invoked NATO Article 4, which provides for urgent consultations among member states.
- **(11 September)** The US, UK, and NATO conducted a 12-hour joint air patrol along Russia's border following reports of Russian drones entering allied airspace. The operation aimed to enhance surveillance and deter further violations.
- **(12 September)** Russia and Belarus launched joint *Zapad* ("West") military exercises, described by Moscow as pre-planned. These are the first drills of their kind since the war in Ukraine began in February 2022. NATO members – particularly Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia – responded by tightening border controls with Belarus. Simultaneously, Ukraine carried out a large drone strike on Russia's Primorsk oil port in the Gulf of Finland; Moscow claimed to have intercepted 221 drones, calling it one of the largest Ukrainian attacks to date.
- **(13 September)** President Trump said he was ready to impose severe sanctions on Russia once all NATO states stop buying Russian oil. He also proposed that the alliance collectively introduce tariffs of 50% to 100% on Chinese goods to weaken China's economic influence over Russia.
- **(14 September)** Romania activated fighter jets after a Russian drone from Ukraine entered its airspace near the border. The drone was not shot down.
- **(17 September)** The EU called for strengthening relations with India, despite its close ties with Russia. EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas and trade negotiator Maroš Šefčovič presented a new EU–India strategy. Meanwhile, Brussels announced plans to fund a "drone wall" along the Russian border, allocating billions of euros for Ukrainian-made technology to bolster NATO security.
- **(18 September)** President Zelenskyy reported that Ukrainian forces had retaken several territories and settlements previously under Russian control. Meanwhile, Russia returned 1,000 bodies of fallen soldiers to Ukraine.
- **(19 September)** The EU prepared to release €550 million in frozen funds to Hungary in exchange for its support for new sanctions against Russia targeting cryptocurrencies, banking, and energy, aimed at accelerating energy independence from Russia by 2027. At the same time, Estonia called for an emergency NATO consultation under Article 4 after three Russian MiG-31 fighter jets entered its airspace without authorization, remaining for almost 12 minutes — the fourth such violation this year.

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- **(21 September)** Vietnamese singer Duc Phuc won *Intervision*, Russia's alternative to Eurovision, which promotes so-called family values. The event carried a political undertone as the US contestant withdrew shortly before performing.
- **(22 September)** NATO allies accused Russia at a UN session of violating the airspace of Estonia and Poland. UK warned that such actions could lead to armed confrontation.
- **(23 September)** The Lithuanian parliament passed a law authorising the army to shoot down drones violating Lithuanian airspace, following the crash of two Russian drones on its territory.
- **(24 September)** President Trump said Ukraine was now in a position to liberate all occupied territories and should act while Russia struggles with economic difficulties. He made the remarks on his social media platform Truth Social shortly after meeting Zelenskyy on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York. He also urged allied nations to shoot down Russian aircraft violating their airspace. Kremlin responded that it has no choice but to continue the war in Ukraine.
- **(25 September)** Drones were spotted at four Danish airports, including two military ones, in what authorities described as a systematic and professional hybrid attack. One base was closed for several hours for security reasons.
- **(26 September)** President Zelenskyy clashed diplomatically with Hungary after claiming that Ukrainian authorities had detected reconnaissance drones, allegedly Hungarian, gathering data on industrial capacities in border regions.
- **(28 September)** Russia launched one of its largest attacks of the war in the early hours, firing over 600 drones and missiles at targets across Ukraine.
- **(29 September)** A court in Najaf, Iraq, sentenced a man to life imprisonment for trafficking people to Russia, where they were sent to fight in the war against Ukraine. Some joined the military for money, while others hoped it would help them reach Europe later.
- **(30 September)** German authorities arrested a Ukrainian citizen suspected of involvement in the sabotage of the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines. Investigators believe he was part of a six-member Ukrainian team that placed explosive devices near Denmark's Bornholm Island in 2022. The suspect is reportedly one of the divers who took part in the operation.

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