

SITREP 5/20/23: Bakhmut Falls, Artemovsk Rises. What's Next?



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Well, the chef has delivered his finest cuisine yet.



None of the tricks worked. All the endless distractions, diversions, deflections, and myriad attempts to pry our eyes from the inevitable, massive humiliation for NATO forces in Bakhmut—or is it Artemovsk now?—using every tool in their possession, from diversionary strikes on civilians on Russian border towns, to outright political assassination to steal headlines and steer public attention: none of it worked.

Bakhmut today has fallen on the exact one year anniversary of the fall of Mariupol on May 20th, 2022. And not surprisingly, the posture adopted by the UA supporters is

the same exact energy as before: cringe, cope, excuse-making. “Bakhmut’s mission is accomplished,” they say, swallowing sobs.






As above, so below:



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 **#Breaking**, The defense of the city of Bakhmut has been completed. Glory to all Ukrainian heroes who defended the city to the end for more than nine months in difficult conditions with an enemy superior in manpower and ammunition. We will return  

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Here's the vast, incalculable list of units which were broken over the Wagnerian rock:



Why is Bakhmut called a Meat Grinder?

Who was decimated in Bakhmut:

Brigades:

45th Brigade

43rd Brigade

26th Brigade

28th Brigade

62nd Brigade

63rd Brigade

53rd Brigade

60th Brigade

24th Brigade

57th Brigade

30th Brigade

Advance Rubizh Brigade

Advance Azov Brigade

Advance Uragan Brigade

Advance Spartan Brigade

109th Brigade

116th Brigade

119th Brigade

241st Brigade

93rd Brigade

77th Brigade

46th Brigade

4th Brigade

17th Brigade

61st Brigade of Jaegers

Special Forces and Spetsnaz Regiments:

5th Assault Regiment

8th Regiment of Special Forces

Kraken Battalions:

122nd Battalion

68th Battalion

214th OPFOR Battalion

49th Rifle Battalion

15th Mountain Assault Battalion

Omega

Border Guard Donetsk

8th Regiment of the UDAR UAVs:

Shershen

Adam

Karlsen

Terra

Skala

Madyar

Khartia

Kep

Seneka

WASP Legions:

Dudaev Battalion

Georgian Legion

Mansur Battalion

Shamil Battalion

Gonor

Normandy Legion

Most of these battalions have suffered more than 70% casualties just against PMC Wagner.

Zelensky: Ukraine can't lose Bakhmut or Russia will 'smell that we are weak'

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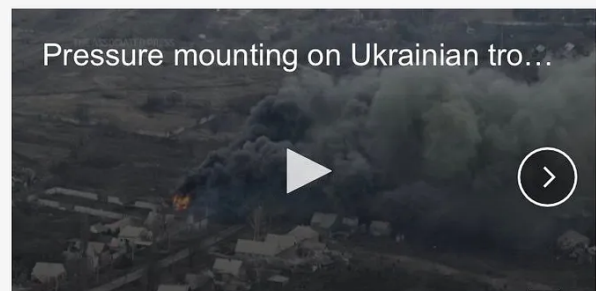


AP Photo/Ethem Lukatsky Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during an interview on a train traveling from the Sumy region to Kyiv, Ukraine.

'Our society will feel tired. Our society will push me to have a compromise with [Russia]' if Ukrainian forces were to lose Bakhmut

Zelenskyy vows not to retreat from Ukrainian city of Bakhmut

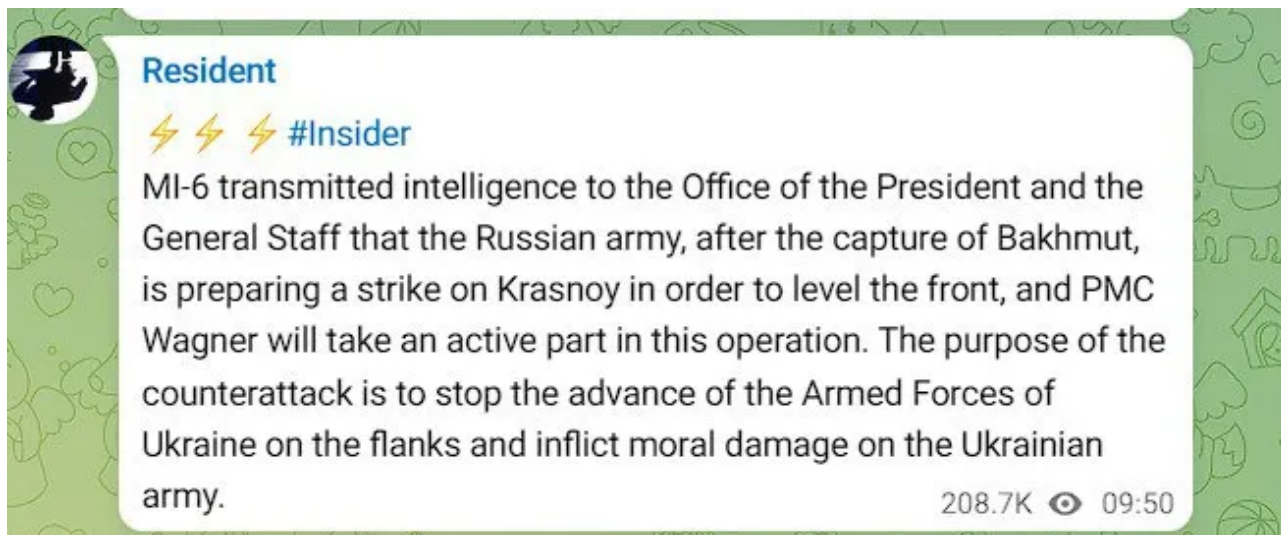
By MISTYSLAV CHERNOV March 6, 2023



The big question on everyone's mind now is, what next? There are many potentialities for this, both in short and long term, so let's try to break it down piece by piece. First, for the known factors.

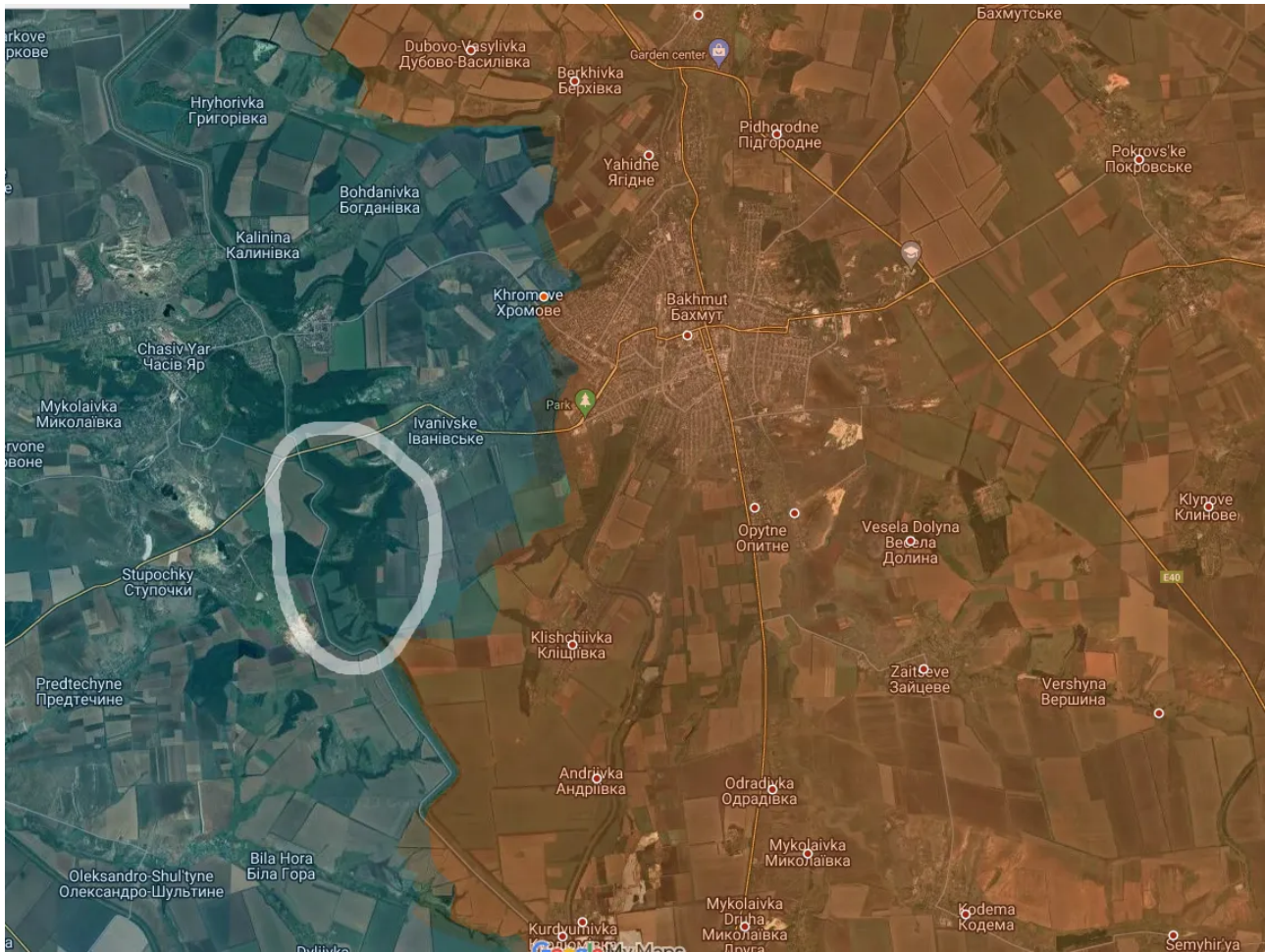
Prigozhin has announced, that after some sweeps of the city, on May 25th, Wagner will be handing the keys of the city over to some presumable Russian motorized unit, and Wagner itself will withdraw for R&R. Or more like R&R&R&R: rest, recreation, refit, reconstitution. Of course, it's difficult to take anything Prigozhin says at face value, and there's good chance that Wagner will instead continue assaults.

A while back I had predicted that the next general move would have to be to Seversk. However, there are some reports that the next vector will in fact be to take Krasnoye aka Ivanovske in order to flatten and secure the frontline as a shaping measure, and also Khromove. But there's now word that Khromove has already fallen, though I haven't seen full 100% confirmation yet:



Khromove in red above, Ivanovske/Krasnoye in blue. The big problem with Ivanovske is the huge forest belt on its flanks which has proved a major challenge for Wagner forces previously. In order to approach the suburb, you're forced to take raking fire from well dug-in Ukrainian positions inside the forest. And they're difficult to root out because under the forest cover, it's hard to conduct accurate ISR to hit them as they are well concealed inside the forest. The only way is to root them out by hand by assaulting the forest itself, but to do so, you have to cross open fields from which you

take massive fire from their positions. Forest seen below circled in white, with Ivanovske to its right/northeast.



And of course to take Ivanovske itself, would also mean to likely control the forest, as who controls the town can control the forest much more easily. And to control both means an extremely favorable envelopment of the Chasov Yar urban agglomerate (and various smaller suburbs around it).

Basically, it gives a way into Chasov Yar under convenient cover:



It's interesting that one connected channel had this little hint:

Bakhmut's downfall is no longer the main focus. Something bigger is coming soon ⚡⚡⚡

We can only muse at what that might be. But we'll get a much truer indication of what new directions may develop after it's confirmed which units, exactly, are going to remain, and whether Wagner is actually going to withdraw or whether it's just more bluffing from Prigozhin.

The other consideration for the short term, is that following this humiliating loss for the AFU, there are new indications of late-stage preparations being made for the big southern offensive:

!!UA🇺🇦 The enemy has completed preparations for an offensive on the Zaporozhye front, - Khodakovsky (Vostok Commander)

"Today, May 20, the preparation of the enemy for an offensive in the Zaporozhye direction was to be completed. All the previous days he was concentrating forces, coordinating, strengthening air defense - in general, he was engaged in the military work required in such cases. At the same time, the epic with Bakhmut was coming to an end, at the end of which, according to Prigozhin, the enemy will inevitably go on the offensive.

Two circumstances coincided, there are no visible reasons not to attack - we begin the countdown."

So—several things here. Firstly, we know that Zelensky appeared to be using Bakhmut as a stopgap to delay Russia from perhaps launching anything of their own, until he can finally gather his forces for his main last hurrah offensive. Now that Bakhmut has fallen, we can expect that he may have to launch something

Secondly, in the Pentagon leaks, on the pages that showed all the new Western-trained brigades, for those who've seen it, they had given timelines for the readiness of each brigade in the various categories like when training would be completed, when the equipment deliveries would be completed, etc. Everything was said to have been completed by end of April at the latest, though we know recently Zelensky has complained that he still doesn't have enough arms. But this likely has more to do with the fact that Russia has been destroying all of these arms in their warehouses in major strikes for the past month. But late May was also the time given by various sources as the final ending of mud season and the point at which there could no longer be meteorological excuses for the AFU.

It is now a critical crossroads for Zelensky's regime. Bakhmut has fallen and he stands to now either allow Russian forces to push further, requiring him to deplete his precious new reserves by shoring up the defenses of Ivanovske, Chasov Yar, etc., or he can launch the offensive to try to conversely take Russian resources away from every other frontline and pull them toward the southern direction.

More info from Rybar about AFU's seemingly finalized preparations:

Among the members of the Ukrainian formations, they talk about the imminent intensification of hostilities-from a couple of days to a week. In the 108th theroborona brigade, identification signs ("white cross" on the roof of vehicles) are being removed. At least 16 tactical aircraft, some of which are carriers of Storm Shadow cruise missiles, and six Mi-8 helicopters are based at the airfields in Dnepropetrovsk and Dolgintsevo.

In the south of the Dnipropetrovsk region, excluding TRO, forces of 116, 117, 118 ombr 10 AK, as well as 1 otrb, 71 ebr of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and 82 odshbr DSHV are concentrated in Oboyanovsky, Sinelnikovo, Vasilkovka, Chaplino, Pavlograd and Pokrovskoye.

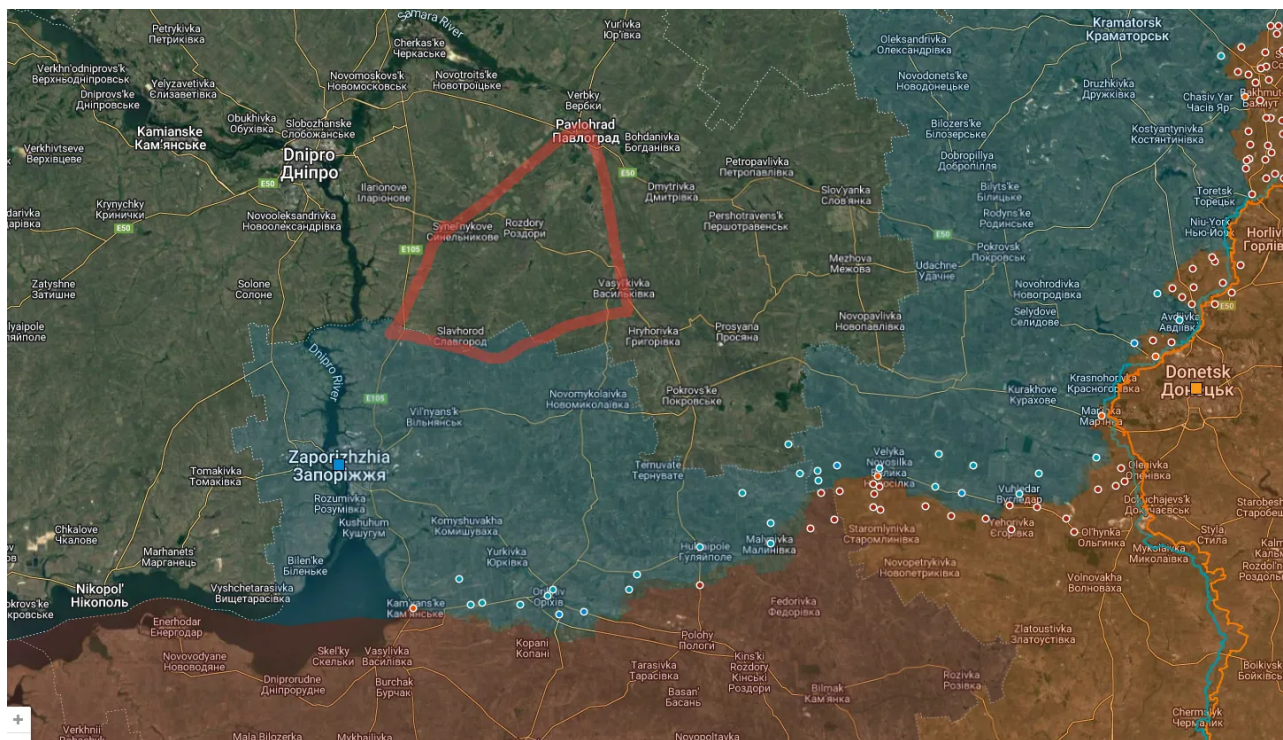
Units of the 33rd and 47th mechanized brigades of the 9th Army Corps of Engineers arrived in Volnyansk in the Zaporizhzhia region. Formations of 128 ogshbr and 15 obr NSU, 65 ombr, 46 oaembr and three TRO brigades took up positions on the front line.

In addition, forces of the 44th separate mechanized brigade from Nizhyn were observed in the direction, and the transfer of 14 obr of the National Guard from Vinnytsia and 81 separate control battalions of the 9th army Corps from Kirovohrad region began.

Also, members of the Ukrainian formations report on the possible transfer of paratroopers of the 10 ogshbr from the Soledar direction to the area of the Vremyevsky salient.

And the 309th separate battalion of the 48th Engineering Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine has also been moved to the Gulyai-Pole site, which can be armed with mobile bridge-laying machines of American and German production. (Rybar)

The region that Rybar describes, where all these units are being moved forward into is shown in red:



Interestingly, they're about 80km from Russia's contact line, putting them outside of reach of Russia's artillery, glide bombs, kamikaze drones, etc.

Another prominent Russian analyst has the following:

Voencor Kitten Z. What we have in the moment:

1. The enemy has concentrated a strike group of about 65 thousand troops in the Zaporozhye direction, which was chosen as one of the main ones during the planned offensive operations.

The forces of approximately two army corps and amphibious assault troops have been assembled.

2. The main units and formations of the group are located 80-100 km from the line of contact.

Combat readiness group. The enemy is waiting for an order.

3. Before attempting a breakthrough, a massive rocket and artillery strike is planned on positions, locations, KP, ppu, headquarters, warehouses, bases of the Russian Armed Forces and civilian objects both in the Zaporozhye, Kherson regions, LDNR, in the Crimea and Sevastopol, and on the "old" territories of the Russian Federation.

4. There may be an attempt to launch a diversionary strike in the direction of the Belgorod region of the Russian Federation.

5. In the Kherson direction, engineering works were noted for preparing the offensive with the crossing of the Dnieper — in a number of areas, mine clearance of approaches to the water barrier is being carried out.

However, it should be noted that a recent report said Russia too has accumulated massive amounts of troops on this line now. I've heard numbers as high as 150-200k just in this southern region alone. If that's true, it's difficult to imagine an AFU breakthrough of any kind. In fact, Zaporozhye governor believes the AFU already missed their chance at an offensive in the region when Russian presence was thinner:

ACTING Head of Zaporizhia region Balitsky: Ukrainian troops missed the chance for a counteroffensive in Zaporizhia region, they have no chance of success. There is no need to evacuate residents of Energodar and employees of Zaporizhia NPP.

The problem is, it appears Ukraine is being heavily pressured into this offensive, when internally they all know that the results will be catastrophic. Ukrainian ambassador to UK intimated as such yesterday:

UA 🇺🇦 RU Ukraine ambassador in London expects the onset of a "terrible summer" in Ukraine.

Vadim Prystaiko also said that in the West there are inflated expectations from the Ukrainian counteroffensive, and this puts pressure on the AFU.

*Ukrainian Ambassador to the UK Vadym Prystaiko said that **the upcoming counteroffensive of the Ukrainian Armed Forces could lead to heavy losses among Ukrainian servicemen.***

"I know it could be a very terrible summer and the price [that Ukraine will pay] is terrible," the diplomat said in an interview with ITV on Thursday. Prystaiko also said that in the West there are inflated expectations from the Ukrainian counteroffensive, which "puts pressure" on the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

*At the same time, Prystaiko refused to disclose information about the losses of the Ukrainian army. "At the internal level, we understand how many of our people have already died or gone missing," he said. - We understand that more than 8 million people are outside the country, so we understand the losses. We understand that it will be extremely difficult to fight with a country **that is 16 times bigger than us.**"*

So only now, Ukraine is finally acknowledging the size disparity?

This is the main reason that I've espoused the idea that there are two potential strategies for the 'upcoming offensive'.

The first is that simply, there won't be any real 'offensive' at all. Ukraine will merely play cat and mouse, more of their 'asymmetrical' warfare which will revolve around psychological attacks to constantly maintain a winning posture in the media, online, social media, etc., rather than on the ground. This will include things like:

- More overstated strikes on Russia's rear. Notice they like to strike things that create flashy optics but have no real strategic value. For instance oil containers in Krasnodar. Everyone knows that the least weakest part of Russia is its energy/fuel supplies and there are no amount of strikes on their oil facilities that can even make Russia flinch. But they sure look 'pretty' on camera, with their black fumes cinematically filling the sky.
- Train derailments, which, like the recent Crimea one, are fixed in literally hours.
- Assassinations of various figures, whether LDPR officials or Russian media figures.
- Fake, glorious 'shoot downs' of more Russian hypersonic missiles and other 'wonders'.

- Feint attacks on Belgorod and other Russian regions which they'll try to sell as Ukraine 'capturing' some small parcel of Russian territory, proving their might.

All of these things will be used in conjunction with various recon-by-fire strikes along the Zaporozhye line to give the appearance of movement and activity, which in reality will just be local positional give and takes, leading to no real gains.

The entirety of that is what I'd classify under the first strategy. The second would be for Ukraine to try to seize one very key psychological victory which they can slickly move the goalposts and proclaim as a successful offensive. The types of objectives which could justify that are limited, which is why in the past I've set my eyes on ZNPP Energodar nuclear plant as the likeliest possibility, simply owing to it being the easiest to achieve compared to anything else.

Other possibilities I've previously verbalized include things like getting close enough to put Melitopol in artillery range and/or capturing some neighboring settlements. Or at least getting close enough to put Mariupol/Crimea under the range of some form of weapons system, whether it's artillery, or new long range systems like Storm Shadows, JDAMs, etc. For them to put Mariupol/Crimea under such range would be a big psychological victory to them because they can use the bombardment of these zones as proof that future liberation is 'imminent'.

In fact, just last night they bombarded Mariupol for the first time in a long time. Reportedly upwards of 11 long range munitions of some unidentified type were used. It appeared at least 9 were shot down but there were 2 large explosions in the old airport to the southwest of Mariupol.

On this topic, let me say one thing, which I've been asked about recently several times in comments. Regarding the potential for AFU's storming of the Dnieper, whether to gain a foothold near the Kherson region or to take ZNPP plant. People are wondering how likely/possible such an operation is.

The most important and basic thing to understand regarding this is: to get to the other side of any river in general is the easy part. Anyone can do this, whether they sustain losses or not. The hard part is subsequently *resupplying* that new foothold, forward position, etc., to such a degree that you can actually hold it indefinitely. Recall that this was the main reason Russia withdrew from all of Kherson region in general was the very tenuous supply situation which could be cut at any moment.

So if AFU launches a mass operation to cross the river in Kherson, even if they get a sizable group across to establish a beachhead, how exactly are they going to supply that grouping indefinitely for continuous combat in a highly contested zone? You need massive logistical infrastructure capabilities to keep a real beachhead going and growing into a FOB that can actually accommodate an eventual large brigade-sized or higher unit, etc.

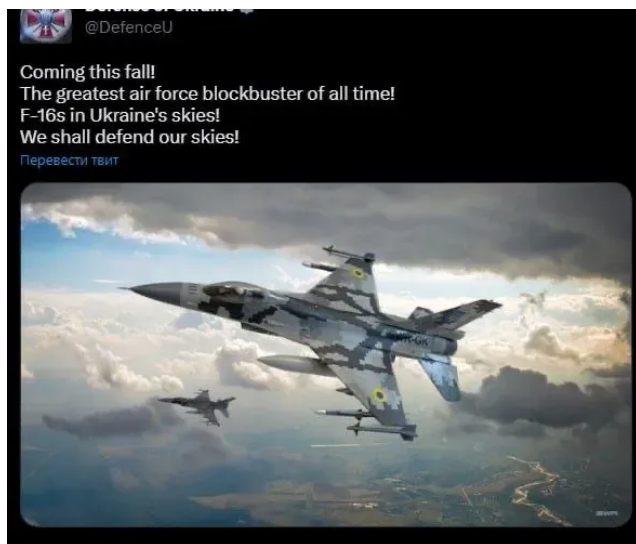
So it's highly unlikely in Kherson. However, in ZNPP the situation is slightly different. If the objective is simply to capture ZNPP, they can do so without worrying about resupply too much simply because the plan would likely include some sort of major provocation where they would in effect hold ZNPP 'hostage', in order to make Russia back off and eventually/ideally sign some agreement to give up possession of the plant to the AFU under a massive international pressure campaign. The way they'd do this is threaten to blow the plant and blame it on Russian retaliatory strikes, which the media would of course cover for.

So with *that* operation, they wouldn't have to worry about any long term logistical solutions. It would be predicated on just one main, risky operation to capture the ZNPP and immediately launch into an internationally manufactured 'crisis'-standoff that would put pressure on Russia to halt all attacks and hand over the plant to UA, perhaps under the guise of some 'international team' like the compromised IAEA agency, etc.

Future Arc

Okay, so we're done with the short term for now. Let's look at the long term arcs that are currently being signaled to us.

The most important development is that the West appears to finally be moving closer to pulling the trigger on F-16s for Ukraine.



The Latest Push From Among Ukraine's Allies Is Whether to Send F-16s

The United States is resisting a European push for the powerful fighters. But will it relent, as it did before with tanks, rocket launchers and air defense missiles?

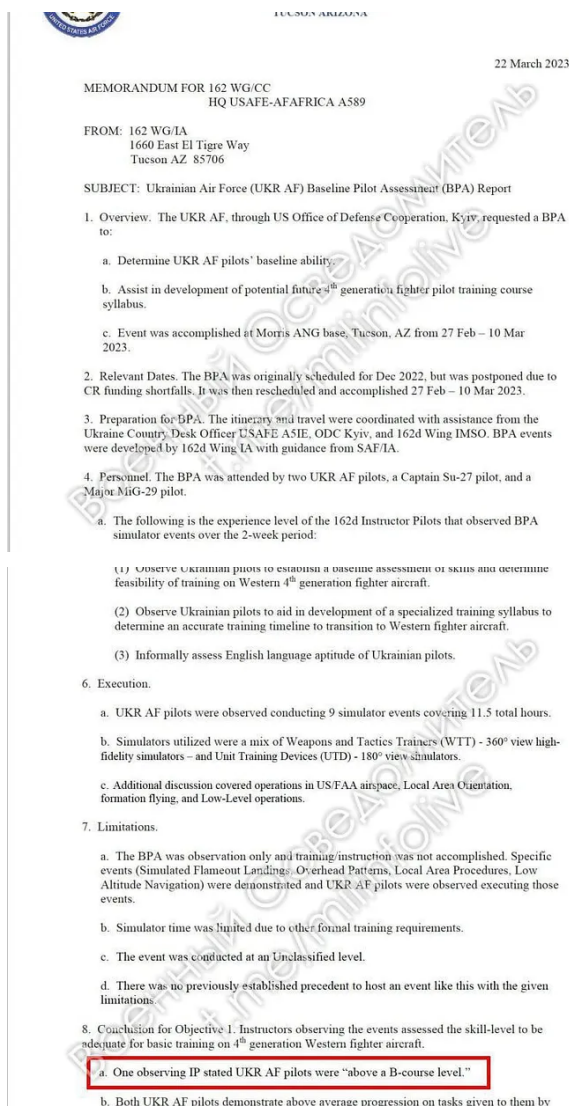
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They have magically discovered that it actually only takes four months to train an already-capable pilot, rather than the previously estimated 'several years'.



simulator event concluded with an SFO to a full-stop landing. Only once was the pilot unsuccessful in stopping the aircraft (this instance was at a newly introduced airfield with shorter runway) and only three landings required the use of arresting gear. Observing IPs agreed this was an above average demonstration considering the UKR AF pilots received no formal training or instruction on procedures and techniques to accomplish a successful SFO, nor is this procedure applicable to their current aircraft.

(2) After a single demonstration of an overhead pattern, both pilots were able to successfully recover to an overhead touch-and-go pattern on each simulator. This is an above average result given the limitation on training for this event.

(3) Low-level flying was above average. Both pilots quickly adapted to the increased task load in the low-level environment of Southern Arizona as demonstrated in the sims.

(4) Pilots were able to execute mock attacks based on parameters communicated while they were flying the sim.

(5) Both pilots were not comfortable flying US standard multi-aircraft formation positions. They currently fly different multi-aircraft formations in country and quickly reverted to their home country formations during the simulator profiles.

(6) Both pilots are unfamiliar with FAA/DoD instrument procedures.

9. Conclusion for Objective 2. Given the skillset demonstrated by the UKR AF pilots, and the requirement to develop a specialized syllabus only focused on min required tasks, ~4 months is a realistic training timeline.

a. The current Training Task List (TTL) that guides syllabus development lists approximately 250 tasks that must be taught and demonstrated up to a competent level upon completion of Mission Qualification Training (MQT) – when a pilot is considered a mission capable pilot. Eliminating events that would not be required for initial UKR AF training could reduce this TTL down to approximately 160 tasks.

(1) Transition Phase (~8 weeks)

(2) Low Altitude Step-Down Training (~2 weeks)

(1) US instrument approach procedures

(2) Basic Fighter maneuvers (BFM)

(3) Air Combat Maneuvering (ACM)

(4) Air-to-Air Refueling (AAR)

(5) Close Air Support (CAS)

(6) Basic Surface Attack (BSA)

c. Utilizing a waterfall approach to accomplish fighter training, general language training, and specialized language training would allow for the training of 12-14 pilots in approximately 12 months.



10. Conclusion for Objective 3. Observing IPs assessed English language aptitude to be a concern and given the sample size of participating UKR AF pilots in the BPA, it is realistic to expect additional formal language training will be required. There was noted improvement of English aptitude over the two-week assessment.

11. Recommendation. Given the limitations with sample size and training restrictions, the recommendation is for a formal training event with a larger sample size and completed Defense Language Institute English Competency Level established with an objective of ranking the initial cadre and determining what if any additional language training is required. Suggest 10-12 participants over a 3-week period with classroom instruction and formal graded simulator events.

12. Summary. Per our conclusion for Objective 1 and 2, it is feasible to train UKR AF pilots on 4th generation Western fighters and, with a highly specialized syllabus, conducted that training between 4 and 5 months. Additional language training will be required for the majority of the

But here's where it really gets interesting. The thread that I think most people have missed is that this timeline very mysteriously (I say that tongue in cheek) corresponds

to new timelines recently given to us regarding the amount of Western patience remaining for Ukraine to 'prove they're capable of fighting back' or basically 'show them something'. There have been several recent statements on this account, one specifically delineating that some Western officials believe Ukraine has until about September of this year, which would roughly correspond to the end of Summer, to prove they stand a chance against Russia.



I don't believe in coincidences. So the fact that this sudden F-16 lightning bolt from the blue is making headlines in exactly the timeline described to be Ukraine's "last call", makes the narrative throughline seem quite obvious to me.

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Ukraine has 'five months left' to impress US – FT

The West cannot keep its military aid to Kiev flowing "forever," several senior officials told the Financial Times

<https://www.rt.com/news/576536-ukraine-five-months-impress-us/>

The above article quotes a Euro-official as stating that:

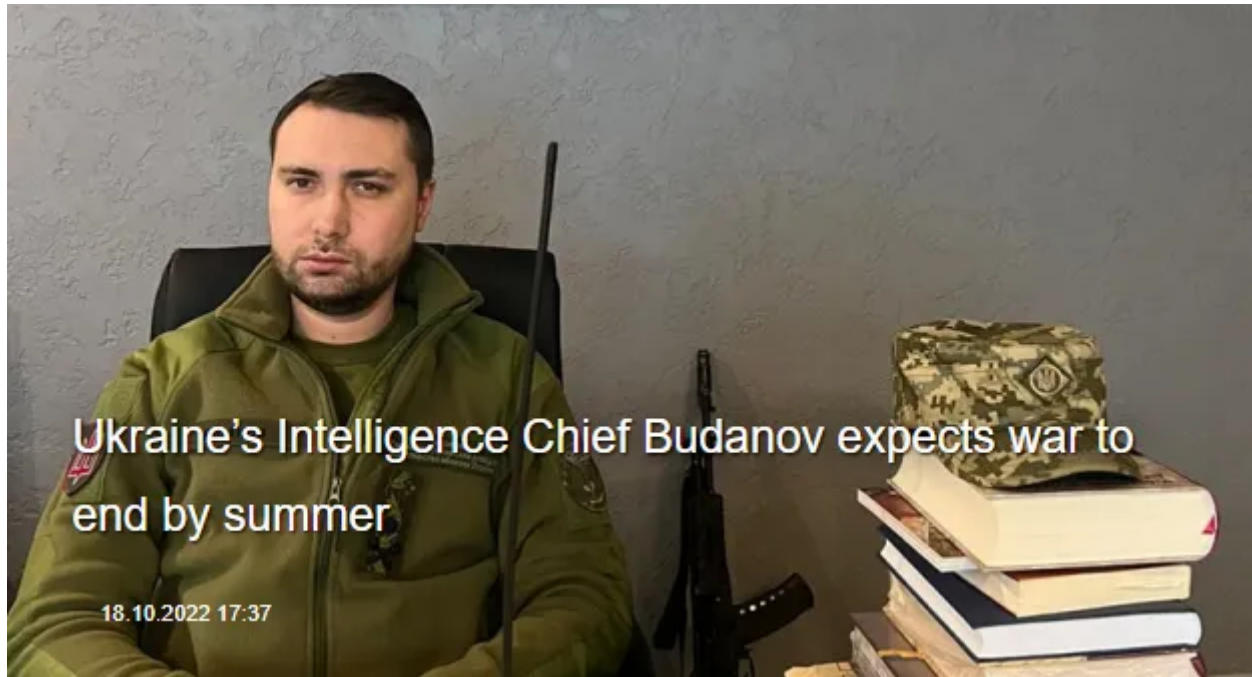
"It is important for America to sell this war as a successful one, as well as for domestic purposes to prove that all of those aid packages have been successful in terms of Ukrainian advances," a European official told

And most critically:

According to FT sources, Washington believes the next five months are critical to the outcome of the conflict. "If we get to September and Ukraine has not made significant gains, then the international pressure on [the West] to bring them to negotiations will be enormous," another source told the FT, on condition of anonymity.

It appears to me that Ukraine's final deadline is being positioned for another timely rejuvenation deus-ex-machina style with the addition of a new 'wunderwaffe' to tide over the sagging skeptics for another few months. As you've probably figured out by now, there are two camps in the West. One whose support is waning, who sees reality written into the Ukrainian blood spattering every inch of their soil, and knows it's only a matter of time. This group believes it's best to just pull the plug and save everyone the headache. But the other, likely smaller 'vanguard' group, which are the true die-hard globalist nomenklatura tied to the most insidious 'higher authorities' who run the world, is desperate to continue the conflict at all costs, as for them, defeat to Russia would be catastrophic. This group is fighting to string along a series of continuous morale-boosters like the F-16 (and the Patriot, JDAM, HIMARs, etc., before it) to convince the first camp to continue feeding Ukraine with money and arms.

Their job is to create an endless 'power creep' of wunderwaffe to act as continuous defibrillatory 'shock paddles' to the flatlining Ukrainian corpse. So now, they desperately try to accelerate the F-16 program to save Ukraine from total support cut-off at that final eleventh hour by the end of Summer. Why Summer, you ask? Well, besides the recent statements I alluded to, where several figures mentioned a 4-5 month remaining time span of support, Summer is a natural period for which any realistic Ukrainian offensive or gains can be expected. Not only have Ukrainian officials previously made statements to that effect—for instance, Budanov's statement that Summer will see the key, climactic battles that will determine this entire war:



But also the logical assumption that as things head into Fall, we begin another whole new cycle of Rasputitsa, Winter, etc., which will preclude the AFU from doing anything of note for another 6-8 months until Spring/Summer of 2024, at which point many would conclude the AFU would likely already be long irreparably destroyed. October and November, I believe, have heavy rains, which once again will create impassible conditions. So, Summer appears the last chance for any significant offensive. And since offensives can last a long time on paper, that would mean *launching* one at the *end* of Summer would likewise not make sense, as it would bleed over into Fall. So the sooner the better.


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The Netherlands cancelled a deal to sell it's remaining F-16s to Draken International, so yeah, easy to guess where they will actually end up.


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BREAKING: Reuters reports that Western backers of Ukraine have already decided to send F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine

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The Netherlands is canceling a deal to sell 28 F-16 fighter jets to Draken International.

The first part of the contract for the supply of 40 aircraft was completed last year, the second part was canceled, just against the backdrop of increasingly persistent rhetoric about sending fighters to Kyiv.

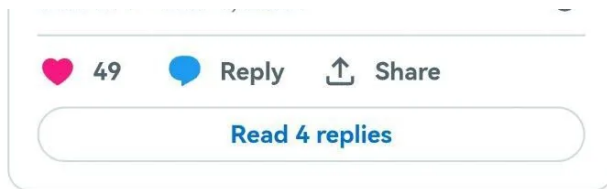
At the same time, a number of Western analysts believe that the first F-16s may be in Ukraine by August. For the same purpose, there are active injections, which will take 3-4 months for Ukrainian pilots to master new equipment. In fact, this is a preventive legalization of Western "retirees" at the controls of fighter jets.

So, as you can see, once September comes, and any long-awaited Ukrainian gains to turn flops, there will be the F-16 booster to inject new life into the flagging Eurocrats. A token force of F-16s can be used to create new psychological propaganda operations, where some token strike deep in Russian territory will be hailed as a stupendous achievement and a 'sure sign' that the renewed AFU is on its way to defeating Russia, retaking Crimea, etc., etc. At this point, you know how the game works—it's both repetitive and predictable.

The fact is, the Block 50/52 F-16s which are rumored to be on the table have no particularly superior capability to that of what Ukraine has already been using. They are able to hoist Storm Shadows, JDAMs, etc., just like their jury-rigged Mig-29 and Su-27 Ukrainian counterparts. This is all theater simply to give the semblance of capability and forward motion.

One could argue, that the Block 50/52s can also carry Aim-120 Amraams which could give Russian jets problems. But there are many issues with this. First of all, the F-16s would still be massively outnumbered in a contested space which is unfavorable to them in every possible way. Not only do Russian patrol craft like the Su-35 carry missiles superior to the Aim-120 Amraam, such as the Vympel R-37M, but they're backed by a variety of long range Russian assets which aid them, like the S-400s, A-50U AWACs, etc. This gives them every conceivable advantage over Ukraine's lone F-16s in contested space. Not to mention the fact that the Aim-120s were already said to be ad hoc'd onto the Mig-29s anyway, and they haven't done anything with them.

For instance, click on exhibit A and B below, from a Western source:



An AIM-9 Sidewinder (left) and AIM-120 AMRAAM (right) loaded on an F-16. *Jamie Hunter*

Nevertheless, RUSI notes that “these patrols have proven highly effective against Ukrainian attack aircraft and fighters, with the MiG-31BM and R-37M long-range air-to-air missile being especially problematic.” The reports adds that the

A big question surrounds which of the wide range of F-16 capabilities Ukraine would actually get. AMRAAM and smart weapons would clearly be a massive capability leap for the air force, but if pegged back to flying low-level missions at long range from the air threat, even

Some might argue, they recently blasted an entire Russian ‘special air group’ near Bryansk. But to be honest, the more time goes by, the more I’m personally leaning towards the explanation that that air group was destroyed by friendly fire. The prominent Russian ‘FighterBomber’ channel seems to agree, stating that Russian IFF (Identify Friend Foe) systems have known problems, and it would explain a lot of very untenable anomalies of the shoot down; like why the EW choppers did not appear to be engaging the threat at all with their automated systems which disperse flares/chaff and why they wouldn’t have been able to jam the system in question to begin with, as is their role. Keep in mind, Ukraine itself denied that they were responsible for this shoot down, officially, though that’s not necessarily saying much.

It’s simply too improbable, and they have no real systems that can reach that far into Russian space, have never done it before or since. So personally, my senses tell me that was a catastrophic case of blue on blue. Wouldn’t be the first or last time—most of the shoot downs of Russian Su-34s over Donetsk last year were confirmed to have been by friendly fire. And most shoot downs *in general* throughout history are friendly fire, which includes the majority of NATO/U.S. shoot downs in the various conflicts like Desert Storm, etc. It’s a simple reality of air operations.

But back to the F-16s. The fact is, in almost every daily Russian MOD report recently it’s become routine to announce the destruction of several Storm Shadows, including in today’s report one GBU-32 i.e. JDAM, as well as several HIMARs missiles. In short, Russian AD has already quickly adapted to these weapons and they pose very little real danger. Sure, Storm Shadows did in fact hit a couple Lugansk objects earlier in the week, and some will naturally get through, here and there. But they are

picking weak targets in LDPR, steering clear of Russia's own actual rear lines, whose AD networks are too powerful.

So the F-16s can potentially lob more Storm Shadows, big deal. They're already largely nullified. With that said, all of these deliberations are based on the current war posture where Russia largely remains defensively dug in for now. Things could change were Russia to launch their own offensives, and thus 'open up' their logistics lines, making them more vulnerable to potential F-16s in the future. It's always far easier to fend off all these wunderwaffen when you're on the defensive, but going on offense you always make yourself more vulnerable.

The Big Underlying Question

The really big logical question for all of this, though, is what's the point of all these delaying tactics that string the conflict along indefinitely? These wunderwaffen like the F-16s which **even their purveyors** know would essentially be useless? What eventuality or final goal are they stringing Ukraine along for if they know the obvious trajectory of the war, which is one of inevitable collapse for the AFU?

Do these people actually *think* Ukraine will eventually win, and if so, *how* exactly? This is a very good and big question that underlies everything currently happening. What is it they really hope to gain with all this if it's clear to anyone with even the remotest military knowledge that there's simply no way possible for Ukraine to win?

There is no exact or clear answer to this, but there are some possibilities I'll offer.

The first idea is that the small 'vanguard' of the Western elite I mentioned earlier hopes to indefinitely prolong the conflict to buy enough time for them to engineer various socio-political upheavals inside of Russia, so that they can foment a coup against Putin which would create a WW1 - 1917 style scenario to collapse Russia and remove them from the war.

One idea, for instance, revolves around the fact that Russia has its own presidential elections in 2024. In fact, Russia's elections are much sooner than those of the U.S. which happen in November. Russia's are on March 17th, 2024. That means, if the war can be prolonged in as unfavorably a light for Russia as possible until that point, the West can hope to engineer various provocations to create major problems for Putin

and his prospective re-election campaign (Putin hasn't officially announced he's running yet).

Just like I've expounded on the problem of the war for the U.S. Democrats' 2024 election cycle, similarly this can be turned into a thorn in Putin's side for his own campaign, or used as a lightning rod to create some form of mass societal upheaval in general. If they can manufacture an image of the war as catastrophic and unfavorable by that time, they can attempt to rally their 5th/6th columnist revolutionary forces in Moscow to take to the streets and create various nasty provocations.

As you've seen, they've already glommed onto Prigozhin's disputes with the MOD to use that as a wedge they can drive further into Russia's political elite. Even if 'overthrowing Putin' might be too lofty a goal, they can still hope for more realistic but no less devastating options like creating some larger political-military tension that could undermine the SMO. I'm not saying these things have a high probability of happening, I'm simply saying this is what that fanatical vanguard would be desperately hoping for.

The next possibility is that they're simply hoping to extend the war as long as possible with the similar hope that *eventually* Russian society's support for the SMO will sour. So, even if Russia is actually winning handily all the while, devastating Ukraine's military and infrastructure, the West could hope that eventually Russia will exhaust itself both militarily and societally/psychologically, growing tired of the war. Thus, the point would be to create this endless escalatory spiral of wunderwaffe to continuously shore up Ukraine's morale and that of Western supporters until such time as Russia becomes ripe for weakening. Many reasons could contribute to this, like long term economic conditions which could get tedious for citizens to endure, etc.

The Wind Down

But what forces is this radical vanguard up against? The other biggest news recently surrounds the talk of such a 'wind down' to the war as I referenced earlier. For instance, Seymour Hersh recently dropped another 'bombshell' that, according to his private sources, several countries led by Poland are considering pulling the plug on Ukraine, even urging Zelensky to resign if he must, in order to end the war:



Seymour Hersh

THE UKRAINE REFUGEE QUESTION

Last Saturday the Washington Post published an exposé of classified American intelligence documents showing that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, working behind the back of the Biden White House, pushed hard earlier this year for an expanded series of missile attacks inside Russia. The documents were part of a large cache of classified materials posted online by an Air Force enlisted man now in custody. A senior official of the Biden administration, asked by the...

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But something else is cooking, as some in the American intelligence community know and have reported in secret, at the instigation of government officials at various levels in Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Estonia, the Czech Republic, and Latvia. These countries are all allies of Ukraine and declared enemies of Vladimir Putin.

This group is led by Poland, whose leadership no longer fears the Russian army because its performance in Ukraine has left the glow of its success at Stalingrad during the Second World War in tatters. It has been quietly urging Zelensky to find a way to end the war—even by resigning himself, if necessary—and to allow the process of rebuilding his nation to get under way. Zelensky is not budging, according to intercepts and other data known inside the Central Intelligence Agency, but he is beginning to lose the private support of his neighbors.

Alex Krainer, who I know from previous comments, many of you read, expanded on this in his recent article:



Alex Krainer's TrendCompass

As competent opportunists bail, empire's blind zealots are in charge.

On Tuesday, 16 May I posted an article here titled, "The Center Cannot Hold" about the events surrounding Ukraine, including my own encounter with a close personal friend of one of the protagonists of the events, a high level western official working in Ukraine's corner. I mentioned that this person, like German Chancellor...

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There, he says that *his* own sources in Europe attest to the above. In fact, his article outlines the 'two groups' I alluded to earlier, the fanatical vanguard of the ultra-elite who run the 'cabal' behind everything, and the other milquetoast pawns who are getting cold feet. Krainer concludes:

"I believe that in the near future we might see an abrupt change in Ukraine, perhaps a coup against the Zelensky regime and a capitulation of Ukraine's military."

In short, he foresees a sort of 'black swan' event which will render all of our previous prognostications moot, as it will result in a swift and sudden end to the war, likely with a military coup or something of that sort.

But the interesting part is how this all converges with the rash of recent reports which demonstrate that a 'consensus of the unwilling' is starting to truly build against Ukraine. This particularly revolves around a topic I've written much about already, which is specifically that of the 2024 election cycle, and how the American ruling class will have to brush Ukraine under the rug by then in order to keep it from becoming a major festering wound to be utilized as ammo against them by political opponents in debates, etc., similar to the failure of the Afghanistan debacle, but much worse.



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Ukraine's allies fear military support will fade in US election year

European capitals concerned divisive Washington politics will jeopardise aid levels when \$48bn package expires

Just two days ago, [Politico dropped their own bombshell article](#) outlining the likely heading of the war:

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Ukraine could join ranks of 'frozen' conflicts, U.S. officials say

How Ukraine could become the next South Korea.

The article opens with a gut-punch:

U.S. officials are planning for the growing possibility that the Russia-Ukraine war will turn into a frozen conflict that lasts many years — perhaps decades — and joins the ranks of similar lengthy face-offs in the Korean peninsula, South Asia and beyond.

And that officials have already been busy briefing mummy-in-chief Biden on how the Korean-War-Style DMZ zone would look in Ukraine:

The options discussed within the Biden administration for a long-term “freeze” include where to set potential lines that Ukraine and Russia would agree not to cross, but which would not have to be official borders. The discussions — while provisional — have taken place across various U.S. agencies and in the White House.

But in only the third paragraph, they deliver the kicker as to why the mood has soured so:

*It’s a scenario that may prove the most realistic long-term outcome given that neither Kyiv nor Moscow appear inclined to ever admit defeat. It’s also becoming increasingly likely amid the growing sense within the administration that an upcoming **Ukrainian counteroffensive won’t deal a mortal blow to Russia.***

They even exhume the idea of an international peacekeeping force:

Other questions to consider in such circumstances include whether it is worth bringing in a multinational peacekeeping force.

And clearly, they’re softening on any hard-fast objectives, as I mentioned earlier, of capturing Crimea, Mariupol, etc:

“There’s a school of thought that says, ‘Oh, the Ukrainians have to have [the city of] Mariupol and Azov Sea access.’ There’s others less hung up about the placement of the lines as long as Ukraine is secure going into the future,” the former administration official said, describing the internal conversations.

The way to reconcile these disparate reports is what I said earlier, that there are multiple camps. One side sees the rationale in winding down and freezing the conflict Korea style, the other are the fanatical hawk vanguard at the direct command of the banking cabal who are pushing for endless escalation. Which side will win will be determined by how big of a defeat Ukraine is dealt in the next few months, whether they throw an actual offensive or not.

If Russia deals a decisive, crushing blow to the AFU from which it can never recover, then one can imagine that the weight will fall on the side of the 'freeze' consensus. If Ukraine has some successes which spark a light of hope then the hawks may have their way.

With that said, here's Ukrainian presidential advisor Podolyak's blistering damage-control response:



The Final Consideration

The final consideration in all this is a question many people have voiced in the comments recently. Which is: how/why does the West think they can actually succeed in 'freezing' this conflict at the snap of a finger? What gives them the hubris to believe they can simply call the entire war off at any point of their choosing?

I've mentioned before that the belief stems from the great economic leverage that the West still holds over key Russian allies which the West will attempt to rally for a huge international 'peace' coalition. There are a variety of financial/economic instruments they have to do this with. For instance, there's the threat of imposing *new* sanctions on everyone from Iran to China. And then there's also the offer of *relieving* already-held sanctions, in exchange for pressuring Putin to 'come to the table'. For instance, the U.S. can wave the postponement of arming Taiwan in front of China's face, or something along those lines. There are many such potential vectors, and U.S. knows all of them well.

Does that mean they will succeed? No. I'm only saying this is what they're banking on. However, there are many that believe, for good reason, that Putin does stand a chance in acquiescing to the coming 'push for peace'. Some reasons include not only previous soft-stepping to Western demands, but even recent things like the grain deal extension, which some have called an outright humiliation for Russia. Many believe that, if pressed strongly by his allies, Putin would agree to their offer. And given that Russia continues to refrain from so much as outlining the concise goals of the SMO—resorting to vague utterances from Peskov and such about needing to 'push back' Ukraine's forces from Russian borders much further—there is perhaps *some* reason to fear such a conclusion.

Do I personally think that's what will happen? No. But as I've said in the past, nothing is a full-on 0 or 100 on the scale. Everything is some form of non-zero sum of probability. So while I personally still do think Russia will continue on, I would be a liar to suggest there's not a part of me that puts the possibility of capitulation at 10-15% or so.

Sundry Items

Some other news to catch up on:

While Kiev continues to deny Zaluzhny is dead, despite his not having been seen in public since early April now, new 'leaked' reports make a devastating claim on that account:

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According to our source in the leadership of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, General Zaluzhny is alive, but in critical condition in the main military clinical hospital, where the fight for his life continues, incl. with the participation of foreign experts.

On May 8, Zaluzhny was seriously wounded while at one of the command posts of the Eastern Group of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the Dnepropetrovsk region, when he was checking the readiness of formations and units for contrasting.

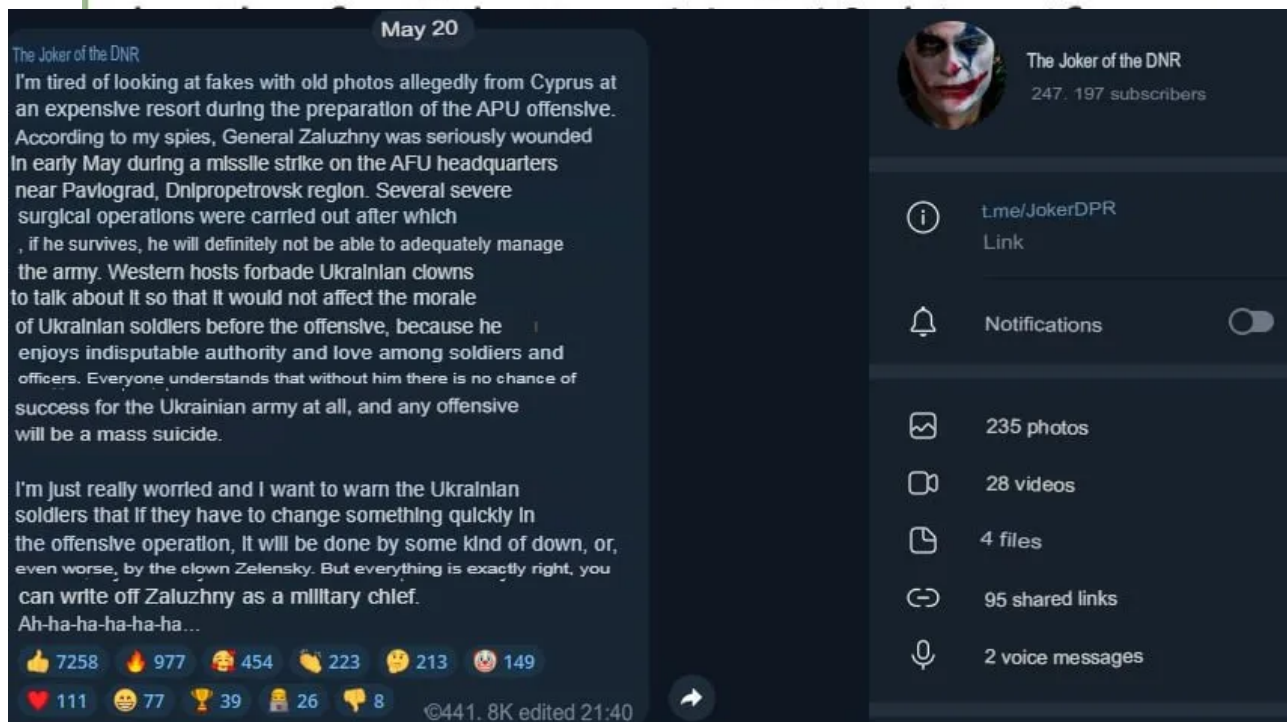
During a missile attack on military infrastructure facilities in the Dnepropetrovsk region, this command post was hit by a precise hit by a Russian cruise missile. As a result a large number of

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high-ranking Ukrainian military personnel were killed and wounded, on
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Information about the wounding tant
of Zaluzhny is indirectly confirmed



So the consensus from these leaks appears to be that Zaluzhny is critically wounded and is receiving serious medical intervention, and is unlikely to ever return to his post. Personally, I'm not holding my breath, but it's possible.

[Here, Prigozhin rather humorously recounts](#) his version of what happened to Zaluzhny. He states that on May 11, 12, and 13, Zaluzhny was in fact within Wagner's striking range, and that Wagner did in fact carry out 'certain tasks' toward that count. But he does not know how successful those 'tasks' were. More and more it's starting to seem like perhaps something did happen to him.

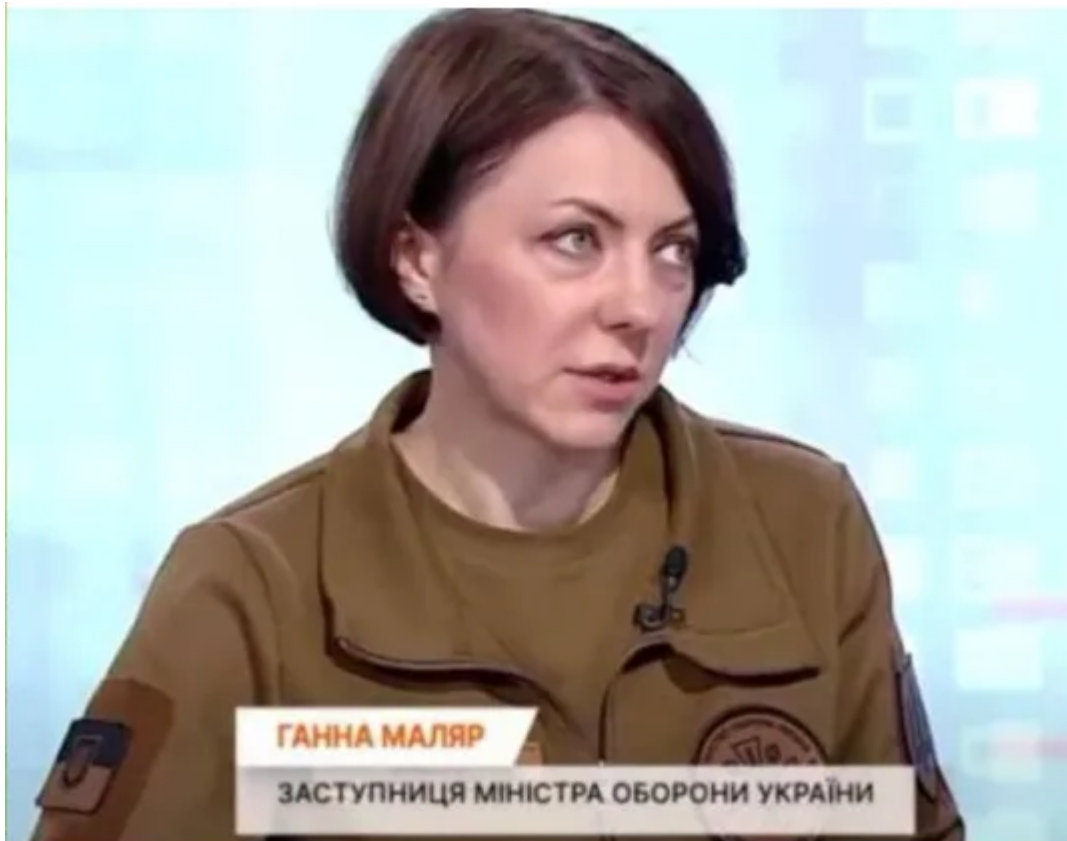
With that said, Syrsky was also said to have been 'killed' yet a new video appeared showing the UA ground forces commander. Though one can also use that to argue the opposite point, if videos have appeared of Syrsky, then why hasn't Zaluzhny been

seen in over a month, cancelling an important NATO summit because he was 'too busy'?

There does appear something fishy there.



Update: There even now appears news from a Ukrainian MOD spokeswoman that 'Russia is preparing an assassination attempt on Zaluzhny'. If this is true, it's clear that he probably is going to be unplugged in the near future, and they are just setting the ground for the announcement of his death.



Zelensky regime Ministry of Defense spokeswoman: Russia is preparing an assassination attempt on Zaluzhny, Tantsyura and Syrsky.

This will be the first ever announcement about a "planned assassination attempt" which as I understand it has already successfully taken place.

It appears NATO political technologists are preparing the ground with such statements for an upcoming announcement, realizing that the facts of the death of the highest command echelon of the NATO group of forces will soon be impossible to hide ...



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⚡🇺🇦: Ukrainian Ministry of Defense spokeswoman says Russia is "preparing an assassination attempt on Zaluzhny". I wonder how they think Russia will carry out this sinister act. 🤔

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A new [Wallstreet Journal article](#) revealed that British SAS are operating 'very close to the front lines':

It isn't only weapons; it's people too. U.K. special forces from the British Army's SAS and SRR regiments and the Navy's SBS units are [operating](#) very close to the front lines. These personnel are serving as key interlocutors between North Atlantic Treaty Organization intelligence efforts and Ukrainian forces. They aren't fighting, but their guiding influence on Ukrainian special-forces activity is evident in the sabotage operations Ukraine has conducted against Russian railway, airfield, fuel and other logistical nodes. The British army is also regarded by the Ukrainian military command as its most reliable advisory partner.

This is something I've long reported already as there were said to be SAS crawling all over Odessa region and other areas, teaching AFU to operate Brimstones, Neptunes, and Harpoons.

But the broader bent of the article was about how UK/US are at odds regarding the war:

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The U.S. and U.K. Are Split on the Ukraine War

The British are more assertive, the Americans more worried about provoking Russia.

By Tom Rogan

May 18, 2023 6:45 pm ET

The U.K. and the U.S. are great allies, but on Ukraine there's a disagreement brewing. The Brits would like the Americans to be more aggressive, and the U.S. wants the U.K. to be more cautious.

This issue can only be difficult to understand, however, for those deluded by years of propaganda of 'America's might'. It's very simple to explain: the Brits have no real assets to speak of which are at risk, so they're able to gamble more and incur Russia's wrath. Russia doesn't have much options in 'escalating' or responding to Britain. Thus, Britain is like a small pesky mouse dancing around and nibbling at Russia's toes.

But the U.S. is the one that actually has tangibles on the line: the U.S. has gone 'all in', cards on the table. They have things to lose if they cross too many lines. There are assets all over Europe, and even ones in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere which are at risk of asymmetrical response by Russia. If the U.S. goes too far on their gamble, they can incur massive reputational costs from Russia destroying something of theirs, whereas Britain has no such worries so they have the luxury of putting on a tough front.

A last few notes on Bakhmut.

Now that it's over, there are several facts we mustn't forget nor allow the propagandists to sweep under the table. Firstly, recall that AFU launched a 'massive counter-attack' that was meant to do all sorts of things, from liberate Bakhmut itself to take all of the flanks or surround Bakhmut. This "counter-attack" was a massive failure, a flop. And we must hold the propagandists who were wrong to account, as well as elevate those who were right.

For instance, **Big Serge** correctly saw what was happening:



Meanwhile, don't forget that the 2D Bloggers' favorite mouthpiece, Strelkov, in fact predicted that Russia would not capture Bakhmut. **Then he changed it to Russia would not hold Bakhmut after winter**, Ukraine would definitely recapture it from an 'exhausted' Russian force:

Ex-FSB Officer Fears Russia Cannot Hold Bakhmut After Winter Thaw

BY **BRENDAN COLE** ON 3/4/23 AT 1:04 PM EST

<https://www.newsweek.com/russia-ukraine-girkin-bakhmut-1785547>

This is in addition, of course, to his infamous prediction (check date of article below) that Russia would lose catastrophically in Syria, Assad would be deposed, Putin would be overthrown at home, and Russia would thenceforth collapse.

Igor Girkin: "The defeat of the Russian Armed Forces in Syria is a foregone conclusion...."

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Igor Girkin:

"The defeat of the Russian Armed Forces in Syria is a foregone conclusion, and this whole war will end with the collapse of Russia"


The former so-called commander-in-chief of the "DNR", and now an "active politician and military expert" Igor Girkin, in his commentary to the Russian media, said that the Russian Armed Forces in Syria will not be able to save the Assad regime. Aviation is not enough, that and that will soon begin to shoot down en masse. And everything will end with the collapse of the Russian Federation.

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I'll never tire of reminding people of this. How can someone possibly trust an 'expert' with such a predictive track record?

But after today's historic events, Strelkov predictably attempts to save face:



Strelkov Igor Ivanovich #KRP

My prediction about the fact that with the "squeezing" (after 7-month battles) of Bakhmut - the offensive is completely over - is confirmed by Prigogine. He said that from May 25, "Wagner" goes to the rear for reorganization and transfers the positions of the RF Armed Forces. There are obviously no plans to advance further, and there is nothing to do - the winter-spring joint campaign of the RF Armed Forces and Wagner to exterminate our infantry on the Donetsk sector of the front ended successfully. For the sake of truth, it should be noted that "Wagner" took at least something during this offensive (Soledar, Bakhmut and 2-3 dozen other more or less large villages). The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation did not take anything at all, but they "washed themselves with blood" abundantly near Avdeevka, in Marinka and Ugledar. Unfortunately - not those who planned and directed these operations from large headquarters, but the blood of front-line soldiers and officers, mobilized and volunteers.

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Sure, Igor.

With that said, it's true that there are new preparations, it appears, for the AFU to try to save face themselves with assaults on Bakhmut's flanks:

UA 🇺🇦 RU The enemy continues to advance trying to take revenge for Bakhmut on the flanks

This is reported in the reports by Ukrainian military propagandists / analysts.

On the southern flank of the AFU, they are storming a large strongpoint at an altitude near the village of Kleshcheyevka – this is the last strongpoint in front of the village.

The Russian Army has been transferring reinforcements to Kleshcheyevka itself and nearby fortifications for several days in a row.

The AFU is attacking Wagner's landing positions in the canal area and in the Ivanovske(Krasne) Forest area.

South of the Seversky Donets-Donbass canal, the AFU is trying to dislodge the PMCs forces behind the canal.

"Probably, the AFU will try to close the "cauldron" with the group in the landing," Ukrainian military propagandists summarize.

The Russian Army is daily pulling reinforcements to the flanks and is already successfully counterattacking the enemy in a number of areas.

Including this Azov advance destroyed by Russian 200th motor rifle boys from Murmansk: [Video](#) ([alt link](#))

But interviews with Russian correspondents on the front there seem to indicate at the moment that the flanks are quite secure and it's not possible for AFU to advance much further.

Also ColonelCassad reports large losses for AFU there, with a garrison in Khromove being 'completely destroyed':

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1. Artyomovsk is not the end yet. Around it are the largest fortifications of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Konstantinovka, Chasov Yar, Druzhkovka, Toretsk, Slavyansk, Kramatorsk with a group of thousands. The issue with these points on the map has yet to be resolved, so the “orchestra” will go on vacation, but, apparently, will return if necessary.

2. Now the situation with the flanks will be decided, on which the main attention will switch. The Armed Forces of Ukraine have concentrated significant forces there, but it has not yet been possible to properly dispose of them – the losses are very large. According to preliminary data,

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the garrison of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in Khromovo was almost completely destroyed.

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3. Many predicted the offensive of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the 20th of May. Artyomovsk is taken, on the calendar May 20th. The

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Yikes.

And also, some people have asked whether Russia ever conducts 'rear operations' against Ukraine. A couple days ago, a Ukrainian military channel wrote this, about a recent Russian SpecOps attack on their rear which wiped out 11+ Ukrainian border guards:

Ladies and gentlemen, we see that many military men have clearly given up on cocks. We want to show you something. The shots are heavy but necessary to understand the situation.

In these photographs, our dead soldiers and they were killed in the Chernihiv and Sumy regions. The enemy DRG actively comes to our rear, arranges sabotage on the fighters and even mines the bodies. 11 dead, three injured. Whose proyob is this? A test of people who are following the border or a test of the data of the dead guys who were relaxing without armor and weapons ready? I think that the proyob of all. We squealed with joy when the RDK entered the territory of the Russian Federation, but we will successfully test our borders and that's all after a year of war.

Dear warriors, I remind you

We do not fight with boys, the

enemy is dangerous, cunning and bloodthirsty, it is important

to always be on the alert, regardless of your own location!

The gruesome 18+ video can be [seen here](#).

On an offbeat note, here's a quirky but fun video to toast the glory of Bakhmut's ~~capture~~ liberation, set to the music of Wagner PMC's namesake, Ride of the Valkyries: [Video](#).

I'll leave you with this poignant note from a respected Russian channel about today's historic achievement:

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On the capture of Artemovsk

I watched the Bakhmut meat grinder from the inside from its very first days, feeling the nerve of the events taking place to a sufficient extent for a reporter.

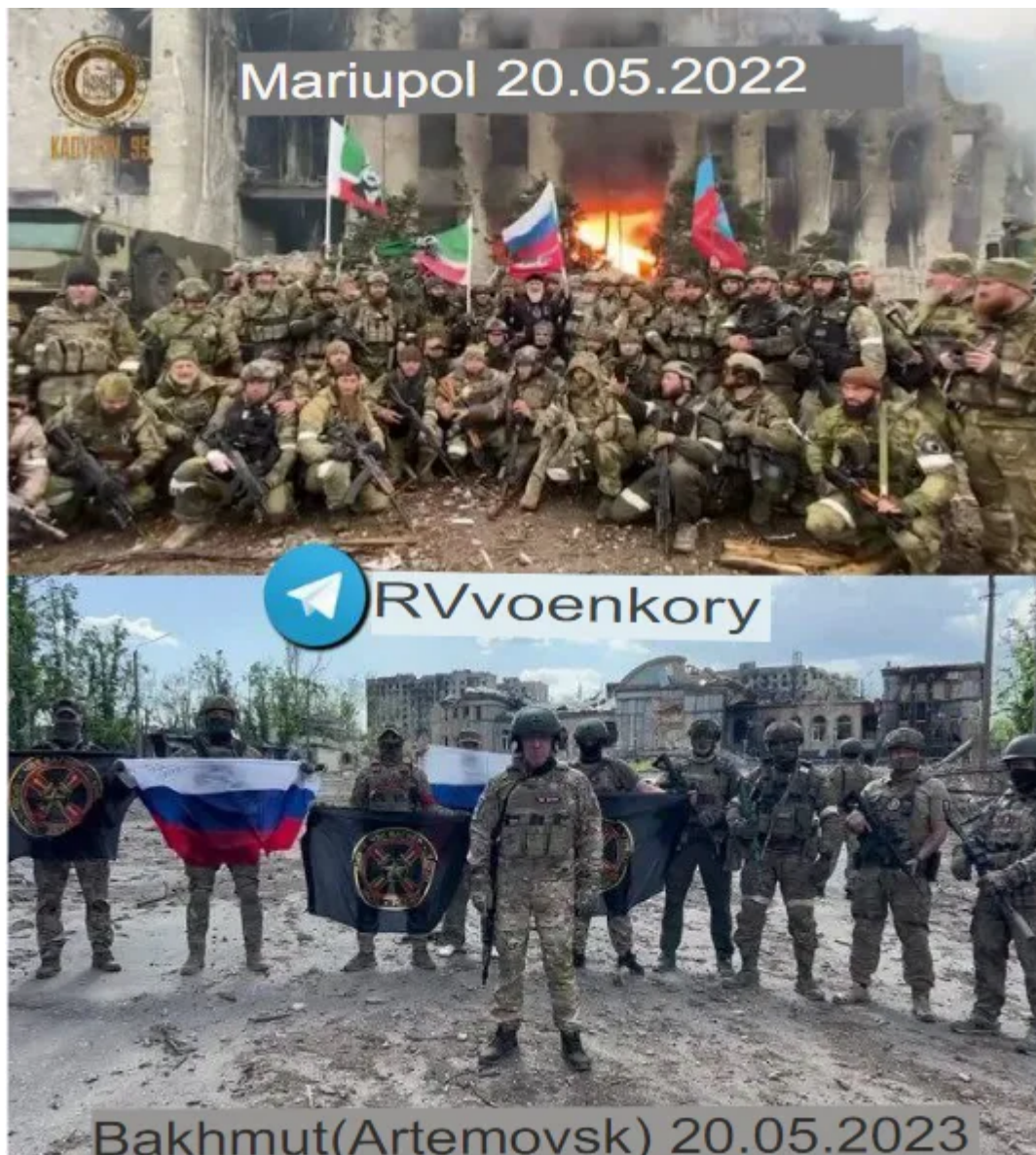
And you know... Personally, I have no joy for the new liberated territory. Just as there is no Bakhmut itself, which has turned into ruins in 224 days and is unlikely to be restored in the coming years.

But there is joy for the fact that the Wagner assault troops, not thanks to, but in spite of, crushed the huge grouping of the Armed Forces of Ukraine that outnumbered it - there is. Because this is a real feat of Russian weapons, which should be included in the textbooks on the military history of our state.

The guys went on the assaults in their usual prudent, but energetic and assertive manner and outplayed the enemy in a fair short fight. At the same time, the Ukrainians and the mercenaries who joined them were also good, this is recognized and respected by the navigators of the musicians themselves.

About the exit of the Wagner to the rear areas. I consider it fully deserved and necessary. For all the time they participated in the SMO, they had one task - an assault. Everyone needs rest.

True, something tells me that this rest will not be long and the Motherland will again call its Orchestra to a new battle. And Wagner will accept it. But let's see how events develop.



Is it too early to hope for Slavyansk 5/20/24?



The sun sets on Bakhmut as the final flag is raised.

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