



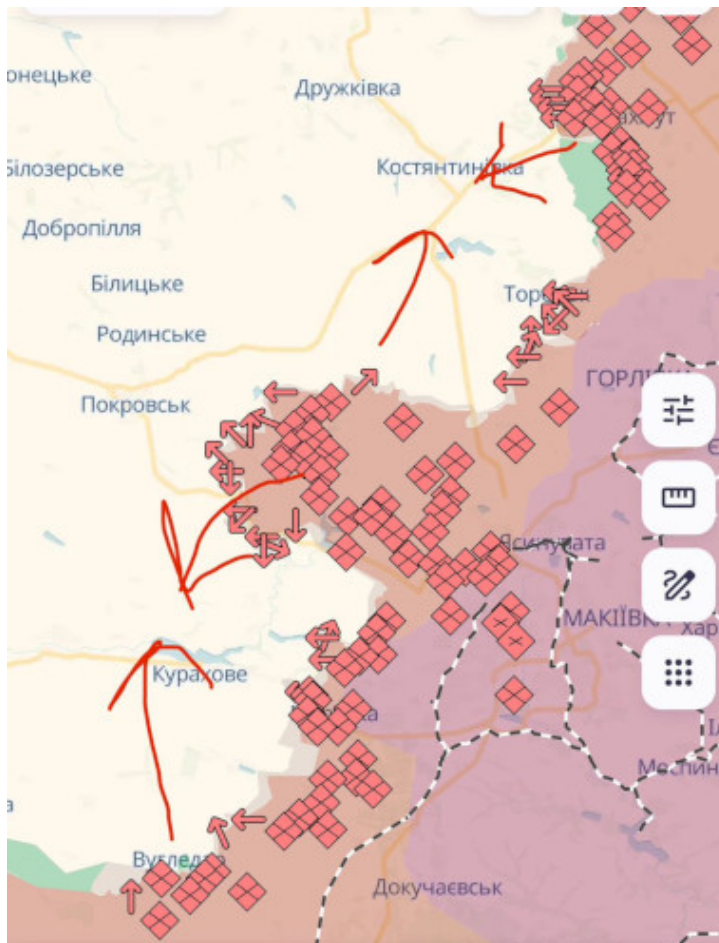
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Ukraine SitRep: The Collapse Of The Donbas Front

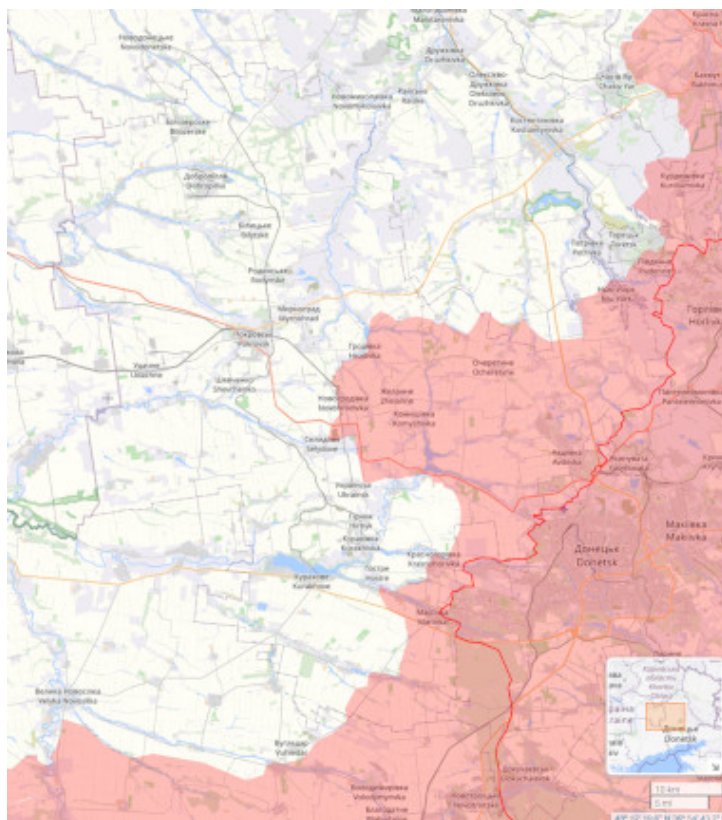
The former advisor to the former Ukrainian President Zelenski, Alexey Arestovich, [posted this map](#):



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Arestovich expects two Russian operations to envelope the Ukrainian troops on the frontline.

Here is the same area as seen on the Ukraine friendly [LiveUAmap](#):



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Over the last weeks the Russian operation west of Avdiivka towards Pokrovsk has been accelerating. Currently the Russian forces are taking three or more towns per day. Cities with some 15,000 pre-war inhabitants, like Novogrodivka, are falling within 24 hours.

The Ukrainian parliament member Mariana Bezuglaya had recently visited Novogrodivka and complained that the trenches which had been build to defend the town were empty (machine translation):

The city was captured because " the trenches in front of Novogrodovka were empty." In the city, too, "there were no signs of preparation for defense and the presence of our military."

"In the once twenty-thousandth city, there was practically no Ukrainian army. The 31st brigade in front of the city was removed, the brigade commander for whom the team asked was removed, and criminal proceedings were opened against him (I remind you, there are still no cases against Sodal). Instead, an inexperienced unit was sent here, " Bezuglaya wrote.

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"A week ago, I went out on the outskirts of Selidovo in the direction of Novogrodovka and saw fortifications in front of the city. There was nothing in the city, just an ordinary civilian settlement. I went into the trenches, no one was guarding them, no one was there. I went underground and went out into the field. The Russians were already behind the field. There was no one else. I didn't get blown up by land mines, I didn't meet any territorial defense fighters – only single insects were the only life in the prepared fortifications around Selidovo, which the Russians had been striving for for ten years. Any civilian could have done what I did, " the MP said and posted a photo of empty trenches near Selidovo.

The Ukrainian army in the Donbas region, or whatever is left of it, is currently on the run. There is little fighting - and damage - in the settlements. The Ukrainian artillery seems to be out of ammunition.

The Ukrainian casualties are still high. The Russian Ministry of Defense reported today of 2,345 Ukrainian casualties (within Ukraine and the Kursk region of Russia.) Since the Ukrainian attack on Kursk the number of casualties has generally exceeded 2,000 per day, a number that was rarely seen previously.

The Ukraine leadership had sent its best troops, pulled from the Donbas frontline, and reserves to attack within Russia into the direction of the Kursk nuclear power plant. Some 15 kilometer into Russia the troops got stuck. They are now on the defense and will slowly be eradicated. Such an operation against Russia, which likely knew what was coming, never had a chance to develop into something bigger.

Arestovich [commented the map](#) (machine translation):

Well, the Kursk holiday is slowly fading into the background:
- the enemy cut off the Pokrovsk-Karlovka highway.

His intentions are obvious:
- that is why the Pokrovsky ledge is being driven in, in order to cut off Kurakhovsky and Toretsky with flank attacks.

Thus (if he succeeds) the enemy will seize the central regions of the Donetsk region, which are also the southern ones that are still under our control.

Unclear at this time:
- Will the enemy have enough strength to carry out these plans without additional mobilization?
- Do we have enough strength to counter these plans with our own, with or without mobilization?..

However, the pace of its advance in the Pokrovsky direction can no longer be described as anything other than an "operational crisis."

The state of affairs is such that even the top headquarters in the Donetsk direction have a poor understanding of what:
a) is happening?..
b) Is Headquarters going to do anything about this?..

Zelenski has asked for an emergency meeting with NATO. He will get the meeting but no results. I doubt that any NATO country is willing to fight for him.

The U.S. is not allowing Ukraine to use long range weapons against Russia. Terrorizing the Russian population in Petersburg and Moscow is what Zelenski would like to do.

The U.S. is well advised to refrain from that.

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It's the case in both countries, Ukraine and Israel, that they are both led by completely irresponsible figures, Zelensky and Netanyahu, who have no restraints on letting loose the worst on their enemies, just for private advantage.

At least we got rid of the one like that in UK, Boris Johnson.