



## Russian Forces Establish Full Control Of Kherson Region. Storm Of Mariupol Continues

### Description

UKRAINE: DPR troops in Volnovakha

**On March 15, the Russian Defense Ministry announced that the Russian Armed Forces established control of the entire territory of Kherson Region in southern Ukraine.**

The Russians took control of Kherson and Melitopol cities in the first stage of advance. Nonetheless, no it seems that the operation to secure the entire region has been nearing its end.

*The removal of Ukrainian flag in Melitopol:*

At the same time, the Russian military reported that forces of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) broke through the defenses of Ukrainian nationalists in the region of Donbass and took control of the settlement of Panteleymonovka and reached the Verkhnetoretskoye-Novoselovka-2 line.

On the evening of March 14, near the village of Guta-Mezhigorskaya near Kyiv city, units of Russian airborne troops captured a stronghold of Ukrainian nationalists and foreign mercenaries. The Defense Ministry reported that Russian paratroopers seized 10 American-made Javelin anti-tank missile and a number of other types of weapons supplied by Western countries to Ukraine. All captured Javelin anti-tank systems and other foreign weapons are transferred to units of the people's militia of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics.

*The fighting around Kharkiv city in northeastern Ukraine:*

According to the Russian side, during the past day, aviation and air defense systems of the Russian Aerospace Forces shot down 16 air targets: a Su-24 warplane and a Su-25 warplane, a Mi-8 helicopter and 13 unmanned aerial vehicles, including six Bayraktar TB-2s.

Russian operational-tactical, army and unmanned aircraft hit 136 military facilities of Ukraine, including: seven command posts and communication centers, four anti-aircraft missile systems, three multiple launch rocket launchers, four radar stations for reconnaissance, target illumination and guidance of the

S-300 missile system, one electronic warfare station, four ammunition depots and 72 military equipment gathering sites.

*Work of Russian attack helicopters:*

Three hangars were destroyed at the military airfield near Kramatorsk. There were four Ukrainian Su-25 attack aircraft, a Mi-24 helicopter and five Mi-8 helicopters.

In total, since the beginning of the operation, Russian forces have destroyed 156 unmanned aerial vehicles, 1,306 tanks and other armored combat vehicles, 127 multiple rocket launchers, 471 field artillery pieces and mortars, as well as 1,054 units of special military vehicles.

Meanwhile, an intense fighting continue inside Mariupol city in the Donetsk region and around the town of Volnovakha, which was recently liberated in the area to the north of Mariupol. The success in these sectors are creating conditions for the intensification of operations in other sectors of the region of Donbass. In particular for the liberation of the Severdonetsk-Lysichansk agglomeration and the advance towards Slovyansk and Kramatorsk.

*Destroyed Strela surface-to-air missile system of the Ukrainian Armed Forces around Lysichansk:*

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*DPR troops and destroyed Ukrainian equipment in Volnovakha:*

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**In own turn, the Kyiv government continues to claim dozens of military equipment of Russia, DPR and LPR being destroyed on a daily basis. At the same time, the claims about the losses of Russia in manpower remain around '12,000' for several days already. Most likely, the Kyiv government fears that if it continues claiming Russian losses at such scale it will easily reach 250,000 and then even the most desperate supporters of mainstream and Ukrainian propaganda**



**will start questioning the provided numbers.**

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