

Russian troops destroy over 17,000 military drones in Ukraine operation — top brass

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RUSSIAN/UKRAINE : MOSCOW, March 25. /TASS/. Russian forces have destroyed over 17,000 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) since the start of the special military operation in Ukraine, Russia's Defense Ministry reported on Monday.

"In all, the following targets have been destroyed since the start of the special military operation: 577 warplanes, 270 helicopters, 17,011 unmanned aerial vehicles, 489 surface-to-air missile systems, 15,598 tanks and other armored combat vehicles, 1,256 multiple rocket launchers, 8,521 field artillery guns and mortars and 20,192 special military motor vehicles," the ministry said.

Russian forces repulse Ukrainian attack in Kupyansk area over past day

Russian forces repulsed a Ukrainian army attack in the Kupyansk area, destroying roughly 20 enemy troops and an artillery gun over the past day, the ministry reported.

"In the Kupyansk direction, units of the Western Battlegroup repulsed an attack by an assault group of the Ukrainian army's 57th motorized infantry brigade near the settlement of Sinkovka in the Kharkov Region.

The Ukrainian army's losses amounted to 20 personnel, two motor vehicles and a Gvozdika motorized artillery system," the ministry said.

Russian forces take better positions in Donetsk area over past day

Russian forces took advantageous positions in the Donetsk area over the past day, the ministry reported.

"In the Donetsk direction, units of the Southern Battlegroup took more advantageous sites in active operations and inflicted damage on manpower and equipment of the Ukrainian army's 3rd assault, 79th air assault, 56th motorized infantry, 24th, 28th and 30th mechanized, 46th and 81st airmobile brigades near the settlements of Belogorovka in the Lugansk People's Republic, Kleshcheyevka, Andreyevka, Minkovka, Maksimilyanovka and Novomikhailovka in the Donetsk People's Republic," the ministry said.

Russian forces destroy 175 Ukrainian troops in Donetsk area over past day

Russian forces struck Ukrainian army units in the Donetsk area, destroying roughly 175 enemy troops over the past day, the ministry reported.

"The Ukrainian army lost as many as 175 personnel, a tank, 2 armored combat vehicles, including a Bradley infantry fighting vehicle, and 3 motor vehicles," the ministry said.

In counter-battery fire, Russian forces destroyed two Polish-made Krab self-propelled artillery systems, a Rapira anti-tank gun and two Nota and Anklav-N electronic warfare stations, it specified.

Russian forces repel 10 Ukrainian counterattacks in Avdeyevka area over past day

Russian forces improved their frontline positions and repelled ten Ukrainian counterattacks in the Avdeyevka area, destroying roughly 120 enemy troops and 6 tanks over the past day, the ministry reported.

"In the Avdeyevka direction, units of the Battlegroup Center improved their forward edge positions and repelled ten counterattacks in their successful operations," the ministry said.

The Ukrainian army's losses in the Avdeyevka direction over the past 24 hours amounted to "120 personnel, 6 tanks, 2 armored combat vehicles and 2 motor vehicles," it specified.

In counter-battery fire, Russian forces destroyed a Ukrainian Akatsiya self-propelled artillery gun, a D-20 howitzer, a Rapira anti-tank gun and a US-made AN/TPQ-48 counter-battery radar station, it said.

Russian forces eliminate 110 Ukrainian troops in south Donetsk area over past day

Russian forces struck Ukrainian army units in the south Donetsk area, eliminating roughly 110 enemy troops over the past day, the ministry reported.

"In the south Donetsk direction, units of the Battlegroup East improved their tactical position and inflicted damage by firepower on formations of the 102nd, 121st and 128th territorial defense brigades near the settlements of Malinovka in the Zaporozhye Region, Staromayorskoye and Makarovka in the Donetsk People's Republic. The enemy's losses amounted to 110 personnel and 3 motor vehicles," the ministry said.

Russian forces strike three Ukrainian army brigades in Kherson area over past day

Russian forces inflicted casualties on three Ukrainian army brigades in the Kherson area over the past day, the ministry reported.

"In the Kherson direction, units of the Battlegroup Dnepr inflicted damage by firepower on amassed manpower and equipment of the Ukrainian army's 28th, 65th and 118th mechanized brigades near the settlements of Rabotino and Nesteryanka in the Zaporozhye Region and Tyaginka in the Kherson Region. The Ukrainian army lost as many as 40 personnel and 9 pickup trucks," the ministry said.

Russian air defenses destroy 103 Ukrainian UAVs over past day

Russian air defense forces destroyed 103 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and shot down 31 rockets over the past day, the ministry reported.

"Air defense capabilities destroyed 103 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles and shot down 31 rockets of the HIMARS, Vampire and Uragan multiple launch rocket systems," the ministry said.

Russia's strikes pound Ukrainian troops, equipment in 142 areas over past day

Russian forces inflicted damage on Ukrainian troops and military hardware in 142 areas over the past day, the ministry reported.

"Operational-tactical aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, missile troops and artillery of the Russian groupings of forces struck the Ukrainian army's manpower and military equipment in 142 areas," the ministry said.

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