



## Ukraine's denazification operation: operational update 23 April (updated)

### Description

UKRAINE: 17:30 Russian Defence Ministry shows video of destruction of Ukrainian ammunition and weapons depots.

16:06 A missile strike has been launched against Odessa, hitting infrastructure – Ukrainian Operational Command Yug.

16:02 The Russian flag is hoisted over the administration building of Primorsk, Zaporizhzhya Region.

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15:35 The Russian Defence Ministry has reported that settlements in Kharkiv Region have been cleared of ammunition by the Ukrainian Armed Forces

After the danger level is determined, the detected ammunition is loaded into vehicles equipped for safe transportation with sand decking and armoured plates if transportation is possible

15:34 Russian military has enough forces and means to prevent provocations of the West using weapons of mass destruction in Ukraine – deputy speaker of the Council of Federation Konstantin Kosachev

15:23 Several hits near Odessa. Judging by the video, some oil depot is on fire again. Heavy strikes continue near Nikolayev. Also Ukrainian sources report strikes near Dnepropetrovsk.

15:14 Flight of a cruise missile over Odessa. There are also reports of powerful explosions within the city limits. Demilitarisation of Ukraine's military facilities continues...

13:38 An air-raid alert is sounded in central and eastern Ukraine.

13:15 A Ukrainian trident has been cut down from the administration of the town of Dneprorudnoye in Zaporozhye Region, controlled by the Russian armed forces.

12:40 More than 860 members of Ukraine's National Guard refused to carry out criminal orders from

their commanders and deserted their units in March, the Russian Defence Ministry has said.

12:16 On 21 April, a container with ampoules was dropped from a Ukrainian UAV on Russian positions, which were supposed to explode on impact. At the moment, experts are studying their contents. It is possible that this is an attempt by the Ukrainian side to use chemical/biological weapons.

12:14 UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson says there is a “realistic possibility” of Russian troops winning in Ukraine.

11:08 Russian air defences shoot down two Tochka-Us, one Bayraktar and a Ukrainian Su-25.

The Defence Ministry says Russian aviation hit more than 60 Ukrainian military facilities overnight, including three command posts, 58 areas where manpower and military equipment were concentrated, as well as three depots with missiles and other weapons.

11:05 Russian Defence Ministry says humanitarian corridors open in Ukraine in seven directions. Russian army soldiers have evacuated to Zaporizhzhya Region and handed over to Ukrainian representatives 79 civilians who had expressed a desire to evacuate to Ukrainian territory.

11:00 Ukrainian losses as a result of the Russian Armed Forces' special military operation as of 23 April 2022:

The AFU lost 538 men killed, wounded and prisoners of war in 24 hours. The total losses of killed, wounded and prisoners in the AFU, NGU and GSS are over 44,000.

According to the internal report of the General Staff of the AFU, the AFU lost 5 tanks, 18 armoured vehicles, 8 field artillery guns and mortars, 2 MLRS, 1 short-range SAM, 23 units of automotive and special equipment, 1 aircraft and 9 UAVs.

09:01 Ukrainian authorities have left residents of Kharkiv region without medicines. People are experiencing a shortage of insulin and other essential medicines. The Russian military has assumed responsibility for the health of citizens in the cities liberated from the nationalists. They say supplies of medicine, food and humanitarian aid will be resumed from next week.

08:31 Monuments to heroes of the Great Patriotic War are being restored in the liberated territories.

08:30 “Russia does not abandon its own”. Residents of Kharkov region are surrendering weapons and gradually returning to peaceful life in the liberated settlements by the Russian Armed Forces. Our military help restore infrastructure, bring food and medicine, so the locals fully trust the Russian armed forces and are willing to cooperate.

08:17 Walks in Balakleya catacombs. Hundreds of thousands of tonnes of abandoned ammunition of all sorts by Ukrainians.

08:13 Ukrainian nationalists' stronghold in a school building destroyed in Kherson region.

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