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Description

UKRAINE: The main military developments in Ukraine are taking place in eastern regions and around the capital Kiev. While on the Kiev outskirts Russian forces reinforce their positions with any significant advances, in the Donbass region, the L/DPR and Russian forces are slowly but steadily advancing. However, the Ukrainian terrorist warfare may force them to change their tactics.

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Russian and DPR forces continue the mop up operations in the city of **Mariupol**.

On March 14, the Russian Ministry of Defence [reported](#) that special forces eliminated the main positions of Ukrainian nationalists in residential areas around the city. This made it possible to secure humanitarian corridors for civilians and to begin mass evacuation of the population that had been held hostage by Ukrainian neo-Nazis for a long time.

4 Russian columns consisting of 200 vehicles moved out of the Rostov region to evacuate residents of Mariupol.

The DPR assault units are heading to the city center with the gradual advance. The main successes were achieved in the western part of the city.

The reinforcement of Russian forces in Mariupol was reported. 5,000 soldiers of the National Guard of the Russian Federation reportedly came to the city.

In general, the situation on **the Donbass front lines** remains the same. The joint Russian and L/DPR forces still take the lead but they are still far from solving the main strategic task of encircling and defeating the main UAF grouping in the region. Both sides are suffering sensitive losses.

Some advances were reported in the south, where the joint forces reached the villages of Vodyanoe, Sladkoe, Stepnoe, Taramchuk and Slavnoe.

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The Russian troops are heading towards the town of Kurakhovo, where the fierce clashes may break out soon, as the town is a large fortified node in the rear of the AFU grouping operating near Donetsk.

After the senseless civilian massacre in **Donetsk** on March 14, the DPR artillery with support of the Russian Aerospace forces (VKS) severely pounded the UAF positions in the village of Avdeevka. This is a clear signal of the upcoming massive offensive. So far, some of the DPR assault groups attempted to advance through the UAF positions near Donetsk, but almost to no avail. The UAF positions there are well fortified and any in front assault results in significant losses by the two sides. That's why the joint forces are trying to surround the UAF grouping as soon as possible. However, the regular shelling on civilian in Donetsk, including the recent bloody attack with Tochka-U tactical missile equipped with cluster munition may force the DPR to push Ukrainian forces out of the city outskirts.

Fierce fighting continues in the area of Popasnaya and Severodonetsk. Decisive success has not been achieved yet. The cities of Severodonetsk and Lisichansk are surrounded from the three directions, but the LPR troops seem to be not in a hurry to completely blockade the cities. Rather they have not enough forces to suppress the UAF on the outskirts, or they are trying to avoid another disaster like it is happening in Mariupol.

Some tactical successes of Russian forces were reported in the city of Izyum, where fighting continues for the control over the southern outskirts and the crossing of the Seversky Donets river. Russian assault units reportedly advanced on the western and southwestern outskirts of Izyum, and reached the area north of Barvenkovo.

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No significant changes were reported on the **Kharkov – Chernigov** front lines. On March 14, the Russian VKS were reportedly less active over Kharkiv, but fierce artillery shelling continues on the outskirts. The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation do not carry out any assault operation here. Clashes continue near the town of Chuguev, which is still under the UAF control.

The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation have achieved local tactical successes on the eastern and western outskirts of the capital. However, they are far from taking control over the southern roads to **Kiev**. The fierce resistance of Ukrainian forces and their foreign allies deployed around the capital stalls any breakthroughs of the Russian military.

In the **southern regions**, the situation remains stable.

Clashes were reported to the east of Orekhov and in the Gulyai-Pole areas. However, with no advances by any side.

Ukrainian media reported fighting on the border of the Zaporozhye and Dnepropetrovsk regions south of Krivoy Rog.

Another Ukrainian Tochka-U missile was intercepted over the Kherson region.

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On March 14, the Russian military disembarked at the base of the Coast Guard of Ukraine near Berdyansk. The naval base of the Ukrainian Navy in Berdyansk came under the full control of the Russian Armed Forces.

As part of the development program of the Ukrainian fleet, the main naval base on the Sea of Azov should be built there on the donations and under the control of the British military.

In the afternoon of March 14 and in the morning of March 15, the number of combat sorties of Russian aviation increased. Large groups of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the East of Ukraine continue the active defence of their positions. The number of Russian armed forces in Ukraine is objectively insufficient for fast and decisive flank coverage and encirclement of dozens of thousands of UAF troops on fortified positions. The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation was forced to change its initial tactics of “cavalry charge” to the systematic destruction of enemy forces and means using its advantage in aviation and artillery.

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