



War In Ukraine Day 33: Warring Sides Slowly Advance On Front Lines While Kiev And Moscow To Renew Negotiations

Description

UKRAINE: On March 28, the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation reported no advances of the Russian troops on the territory of Ukraine. As the situation on the front lines remains relatively stable, Russian cruise missiles continue targeting Ukrainian military facilities.

The Russian Army continues to destroy fuel depots throughout Ukraine. During the day, explosions were reported at oil depots and other facilities in the Rivne, Zhytomyr, Kharkiv, Kiev and Chernihiv regions.

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Kalibr high-precision sea-based cruise missiles destroyed large ammunition depots near Ushomir and Veselovka, Zhytomyr Region, from which a group of Ukrainian troops defending Kiev's suburbs had been supplied.

On March 28, Russian aviation and air defence means shot down 3 more Ukrainian Air Force aircraft in the air: 2 Su-24s west of Korosten, Zhytomyr Region and 1 Su-25 over Druzhkovka, Donetsk Region.

Ukrainian Mi-8 helicopter, which was heading for the emergency evacuation of the Azov national battalion commanders who had abandoned their subordinates, has been shot down near Mariupol, 5 kilometres from the coastline over the Sea of Azov, according to the Russian Ministry of Defence.

The most active military operations are ongoing in Mariupol, where the DFR units with support of Russian forces reportedly accelerated their advance. Moping up the streets of the city, they managed to separate nationalist forces after what the AFU was reportedly forced to leave several ares.

The main Ukrainian stronghold is the large industrial facility of Azovstal which is yet to be stormed. After the remaining Ukrainian militants in Mariupol are neutralized or surrender, most of the Russian

and DPR troops could be transferred to the Donetsk direction, where the reserves are being pulled up. However, the redeployment of the units from Mariupol will also take time. Meanwhile, DPR and LPR forces are apparently suffering lack of reinforcements needed for a massive assault on the Ukrainian groupings in the Donbass region.

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Without any advances, the offensive of the joint forces of the Russian army and the DPR People's Militia continues from the direction of Gorlovka. Fighting began for the village of Novoselovka.

South of Izyum, the Russian Armed Forces continue their offensive towards Slavyansk. Currently, there are battles near the village of Dolina, and part of the troops of the Russian army is advancing towards the village of Krestishche.

In the Ugledar region, fighting continues near the villages of Slavnoye and Novomikhailovka. Russian forces deployed in the region were reportedly reinforced in recent days. However, any advances on the Marinka-Kurakhovo highway are yet to be reported.

A group of troops of the Russian Armed Forces, continuing a successful offensive, has advanced two kilometres more into the defence of the 95th Airborne Assault Brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and reached the southern outskirts of Novoselovka located to the north of Verhnetoretskoe. The DPR units are yet to assault the village of Avdiivka. Fighting was reported in the villages of Novobakhmutovka and Novoselovka on the outskirts of New York.

Video from Verhnetoretskoe:

Fierce clashes continue in the village of Maryinka, but no advances were confirmed by any side.

In their turn, units of the Luhansk People's Republic advanced 5 kilometres and took control over the settlements of Ivanovka, Novosadovoe and reached the line of Novolyublino, Terny.

Severodonetsk-Lisischansk front lines remained without major changes.

In the Izyum region, the SFU are sending reinforcement to the southern bank of the Donets River. Clashes were reported to the northeast of Barvenkovo. If confirmed, this means that Russian forces managed to break through the Ukrainian defence in the village of Kamenka and continued their advance in the south-western direction.

Kharkiv outskirts:

In the Chernihiv outskirts, Russian forces reported resumed active military actions. Four AFU planes were shot down in this area today. The AFU were reportedly forced to step back closer to the city. In the nearby city of Slavutich, which was recently taken under the control of Russian forces, no clashes were reported. The demilitarization of the city continues, checkpoints were established on the roads. If the AFU do not come to the city of Chernihiv and do not provoke street fighting, the city may be taken under the control of the Russian military without fighting. Unfortunately, the SFU units are likely to resist, and the city may face horrific destructions in the near future. The securing of the city of Chernihiv would allow the safe transfer of the Russian military reinforcement to the Kiev front lines.

In the Sumy region, fighting continues north of Akhtyrka near the town of Trostyanets.

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Around the capital, Russian forces are yet to report any advances.

At the same time, the AFU claimed several victories. In the area of the town of Irpen, some of the positions that were previously occupied by Russian units were recaptured by the AFU. Irpen is partially controlled by the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. The town has suffered significant damage.

In the eastern part of the Kiev region, Ukrainian forces reportedly repelled Russian units from the village of Lukyanovka where clashes continued for several days in a row. The AFU grouping in the region risk to be cut off from the west from Brovary, if Russian troops succeed their advance in the eastern direction in an attempt to surround the town of Brovary.

In the southern regions of Ukraine, the AFU attempted to attack Russian forces in Kherson from Nikolaev along the M-14 highway.

The AFU units reached the north-eastern outskirts of Kherson but were reportedly repelled in Chernobayevka and were forced to turn back.

The accumulation of forces of the AFU supported by members of the so-called territorial defence (armed civilians) was reported in the area of the village of Stanislav. As a result, the area was heavily shelled by Russian artillery. No more advances by any side were reported.

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Meanwhile, Ukrainian representatives reportedly arrived to Istanbul for negotiations with the Russian delegation. Negotiations may resume after weeks of silence and some talks online.

Negotiations between the delegations of Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul will begin on March 29 at 10:30 Moscow time. This was reported to journalists in the office of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

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