



War In Ukraine Day 41: Mariupol Trap Snaps Shut. Major Battle For Donbass Is Coming

Description

UKRAINE: Fierce street clashes continue in the city of **Mariupol**. On April 6, the DPR advanced in the area of the city seaport. The first footage from Russian drones from the area was shared online. This is a clear sign that the area was almost secured.

On April 6, Russian sources shared photos, taken by a drone, showing the Donbass command ship of the Ukrainian Navy in the Mariupol port, which sustained some serious damage as a result of a direct or an indirect strike. On December 9, 2021 the ship tried to pass through the Kerch Strait. It was captured in Crimea, but later returned to Ukraine.

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Earlier, Russian troops launched an offensive on the Mariupol Metallurgical Plant named after Ilyich. On the approaches to the facility, fierce battles and sniper duels continue. The assault on the plant named after Ilyich may take days or weeks. There are a lot of underground passages and a large bomb shelter under the facility.

Battles for the control over the large industrial facilities of the Azovstal located in the Left Bank district and Azovmash plant located in the Kalmius district continue. Chechen soldiers of the regiment named after the Hero of Russia Akhmat-Hadji Kadyrov have been deployed in the industrial zone of the Azovstal since April 2.

DPR and Russian troops are carrying out the mop up operations in the residential areas in the Left Bank and Central districts of the city.

According to the Russian Ministry of Defence, on the morning of 5 April, another attempt by the Kiev regime to evacuate the leaders of the Azov nationalist battalion was foiled near Mariupol. Two Ukrainian Mi-8 helicopters attempting to break through to the city from the sea were reportedly shot

down by man-portable anti-aircraft missile systems.

According to unconfirmed reports by Russian military commanders on the ground and several sources, NATO officers and even a general of the US and European Armies may be blocked in Mariupol. Some sources report that the Russian Army had already taken one NATO commander, Lieutenant General Roger L. Clothier, near Mariupol. Other sources allegedly report his death. Reports about NATO commanders taking shelter with Azov militants in Mariupol may explain why NATO member states especially France and Turkey are asking to implement a humanitarian mission in Mariupol, but only with the participation of their military.

The Russian Defense Ministry has not yet confirmed or denied these reports.

There were no changes reported on the front lines in the **Ugledar** region. Heavy fighting continues to the north-west of the city.

On the DPR front lines, positional battles continue in the town of Maryinka and to the north of Avdiivka. After DPR forces took control over the village of Novobakhmutovka, they are strengthening their positions there, preparing for further advance at the Avdiivka—Konstantinovka highway.

In their turn, **LPR forces** are slowly advancing on the streets of the town of Popasnaya. In the Severodonetsk-Lysychansk area, LPR troops reached outskirts of the Severodonetsk city, clashes continue in the eastern regions of Rubezhnoe, where the AFU [blew up](#) a tank with toxic substances at the Zarya chemical plant.

The main hotspot on the Donbass front lines is the region of **Izium**. Amid fierce resistance of the AFU, Russian forces are slowly advancing to the south and southeast of Kamenka in the direction of Barvenkovo and Slavyansk. The villages of Brazhkovka and Sukhaya Kamenka are now under the Russian control.

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Weapons of the AFU captured by Russian forces in Izyum:

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The **Kharkiv and Sumy** front lines remain without significant changes. Large offensive of Russian forces is expected in the region, after more Russian troops are transferred from the Kiev region to the Eastern front lines.

Despite unconfirmed reports of the Mykolaiv officials, no changes on the border of the **Mykolaiv and Kherson** regions are confirmed. The village of Snegirevka and outskirts of Alexandrovka are under the Russian control. The AFU forces are attempting to attack from the Nikopol direction in the area of Novorontsovka. The AFU reportedly are in control of the villages of Kashperov-Nikolaevka and Galitsinovo.

The AFU artillery is actively shelling the northern districts of Donetsk, as well as Yasinovatsky district, Gvardeyskaya, Kirovsky district of Makeyevka.

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The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue to launch missile strikes at oil depots and railway junctions in Eastern and Southern Ukraine.

On March 5, the Russian Air Force struck the city of Lozovaya in the Kharkiv region. According to local authorities, three rockets hit a railway station in the center of the settlement. The mayor of the city in the Kharkiv region confirmed that there were no dead or injured. These railway tracks were one of the main roads for the supply of Ukrainian troops in the Donbas.

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- Russian troops were completely withdrawn from the Kiev and Chernihiv regions;
- Clashes between Russian and Ukrainian forces continue on the administrative borders of Kherson and Mykolaiv regions;
- Clashes between Russian and Ukrainian forces continue south of Kryvyi Rih on the administrative borders of the Kherson region;
- The Russian Army attacked large fuel bases in Synel'nykove and Novomoskovsk;
- On the morning of April 6, high-precision air- and ground-based missiles destroyed 5 fuel storage bases near Radekhov, Kazatin, Prosyanyaya, Nikolaev and Novomoskovsk;
- On April 5, strikes of high-precision air-based missiles destroyed the command post of territorial defence unit, fuel depot and armoured vehicle repair plant near Zolochiv and Chuguev.

MILITARY SITUATION IN EASTERN UKRAINE ON APRIL 6, 2022 (MAP UPDATE)

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- Russian units have took control over the village of Malaya Kamyshevatka near Izyum;
- Russian units reportedly took control over most of Popasnaya town;
- Clashes between Russian and Ukrainian forces continue in the Marinka and Novomikhailovka;

- Clashes continue on the eastern outskirts of Novotoshkovskoe;
- Clashes continue on the northern outskirts of Zamulovka near Severodonetsk.

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