



UKRAINE STILL NEEDS MILITARY PLANES AND LONG-RANGE MISSILES!



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THE MONTH OF "LEOPARDS"



A few months after the start of Russia's war against Ukraine, the failure of its offensive, and unsuccessful fighting in most of the country, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that his troops had never really started anything.

Today we know exactly what Putin meant – a real war with civilians, which the Kremlin soon started – it continues today, with missiles still falling on Ukrainian cities, Iranian drones flying over them... But the West, as it turns out, has not really started anything yet.

The discussion about the need to

supply the Ukrainian armed forces with Leopard tanks ended not only with Germany's decision to supply tanks to Ukraine, but also to other NATO countries, which opens the way to the creation of the same tank coalition that Polish President Andrzej Duda spoke of. US President Joseph Biden has also said that the United States will supply Ukraine with Abrams tanks, although recently Washington has said that these tanks are difficult to operate and are unlikely to be provided to the Ukrainian army. At the same time, Western countries emphasize that the supply of modern weapons to Ukraine will continue. This was stated by the US president when he announced the decision to send American tanks to Ukraine. He reminded that Putin was counting on fatigue and lack of unity in the ranks of Western countries. In fact, this was always the main

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TANKS AND PURGES



The main Ukrainian news of the last month was the agreement of the West-

ern countries to finally start supplying tanks of their own production and the forced statements of the authorities about the beginning of the purge of corruption. Both are positive developments, but they are still at the beginning, not at the end.

On January 20, the eighth meeting of the Ramstein Contact Group for the Defense of Ukraine was held, attended by representatives of more than 50

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THE MOST DIFFICULT YEAR SINCE INDEPENDENCE: SUMMARIZING THE RESULTS OF 2022

Karyna Nikitishyna

The year 2022 has shown that all predictions and proposals of experts in various fields can be completely meaningless, because the war makes

its own adjustments. What exactly has changed in the lives of Ukrainians

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BLOOMBERG SUMMARIZED THE WEAPONS THAT UKRAINE HAS RECEIVED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FULL-SCALE WAR

Bloomberg has compiled a list of weapons that Ukraine has received from allies since the beginning of the full-scale war, or will receive in the near future. The agency notes that these statistics are approximate. They may include weapons that have been promised but not delivered.

Tanks:

- 410 Soviet-era tanks from Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and other post-Soviet countries;
- The United Kingdom has promised to send Ukraine Challenger 2 tanks, marking the first time a Western country has provided Ukraine with main battle tanks to fight Russian troops;
- Poland has pledged to provide a "company" of German-made Leopard 2 main battle tanks. If other NATO allies make similar commitments

- In the United States and Germany, there are ongoing discussions about whether they can also send tanks

Infantry Armored Vehicles / Armored Fighting Vehicles:

- 300 units, including 250 Soviet-made infantry fighting vehicles from post-Soviet countries;
- France announced last week that it would donate an unspecified number of AMX-10RC wheeled tank destroyers;
- The United States and Germany have announced that they will provide 50 and 40 Bradley and Marder fighting

vehicles, respectively.

Armored personnel carriers:

- 1,100 units, including 300 M113 and 250 M117 armored personnel carriers. The agency specifies that more than 160 armored personnel carriers - M113 are American-made from seven other countries, including Great Britain, Lithuania, Australia, Germany, Denmark, Portugal and Spain and Denmark.

Vehicles with enhanced mine protection:

- About 925 in total, including 440 American M1224 MaxxPros, 90 Australian Bushmasters, and several British Wolfhound and Mastiff vehicles.

Bloomberg notes that these vehicles are similar to armored personnel carriers, but are specially designed with a tilted hull to protect the crew from mines and improvised and man-made explosive devices.

Mobile Infantry Fighting Vehicles:

- More than 1,540 units, including 1,250 American-made Humvee High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles.

These are wheeled armored personnel carriers that move soldiers across the battlefield in assault, reconnaissance and patrol roles.

Artillery:

- 300 towed howitzers, including over 210 155 mm M777 howitzers and 72 105 mm howitzers from the United

States;

- More than 400 self-propelled artillery pieces, of which 180 are on order (more than 20 155 mm howitzers from the United Kingdom, 18 each from Poland, Germany, the United States and other countries).

Multiple launch rocket systems:

- 95 units in total, including 38 HIMARS systems and more than 40 Soviet-era 122-mm multiple launch rocket systems from Poland and the Czech Republic.

Air defense systems:

- 37 German Gepard self-propelled anti-aircraft systems;
- 8 American-made NASAMS missile batteries;
- one American and one German Patriot missile battery;
- 6 Strela-10Ms missile systems from the Czech Republic;
- 6 Stormer missile systems from the United Kingdom;
- several other anti-aircraft missile systems from Slovakia, Germany, Spain, France, and Poland.

Aircraft:

- 14 Soviet-made Su-25 attack aircraft purchased by
- by NATO countries from Bulgaria and delivered to Ukraine;
- 4 Su-25s from North Macedonia;
- 20 Mi-17 helicopters originally intended for Afghanistan, were transferred to the United States;
- 11 helicopters of Soviet helicopters

from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Latvia;

- 3 British Westland Sea Kings;
- 6 Kamov helicopters of Russian helicopters made in Portugal;
- more than 30 Bayraktar TB2 from Turkey, as well as one each from Lithuania and Poland from Lithuania and Poland;
- hundreds of American Switchblade ammunition;
- 415 reconnaissance drones.

Long-range missiles:

Bloomberg emphasizes that no country has yet to agree to provide long-range missile systems ATACMS, which can hit targets at much greater distances than HIMARS.

Some Western officials have expressed concern about providing the Ukrainians with weapons that can strike targets deep inside Russia. strike targets deep inside Russia, as this could lead to a direct confrontation with Russia.

Other weapons:

Other weapons include missiles that can be used against enemy radars, ships, and surface targets, as well as electronic warfare equipment, unmanned watercraft, radar equipment, and other systems.

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«HROMADA» 5 YEARS. TALK WITH GENERAL SERHIY KRYVONOS

(Continuation, beginning in the January edition)

Myroslav Hrehk

In addition, France, Germany, Italy and some other countries have quite positive economic relations with Russia – the sanctions against Russia are killing them, and they want the war to end, because they are not thinking about peace in Ukraine, but about their own geopolitical and economic interests, taxpayers and revenues for their country. These are simple things that every citizen understands. For me, the victory of Ukraine will come when Russia respects Ukraine. At the moment there is only interest, but respect and fear would restrain their aggression and attempts to do harm. This is true for Russia. Ukraine's victory is also the growth of national identity and values.

(Then the lights cut off in Tiboron, and there is a communications blackout.)

(After the electricity is restored.)

Kryvonos: This is about the activities of the fight against the 5th column.

Yarema: There was an immortal regiment that marched through San Francisco 2–3 years ago. Therefore, they have not disappeared. It's good that the Russian consulate was kicked out of here.

Nataliya: We all would like to thank you. We pray for our Armed Forces of Ukraine, so you know that for us, Ukraine is equal to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. It's so prestigious to be Ukrainian today, wherever you travel – not only in America, but even in Europe – if you're Ukrainian, everybody bows down before us and thanks our military. When we say "Glory to Ukraine" and raise our glasses, as we did today, we understand that it means, first of all, "Glory to the Armed Forces of Ukraine". We want you to know that we are forever indebted to you, all Ukrainians. I don't want to be pompous, but



it's true. It is only thanks to you that we became convinced that the flag is not just a piece of cloth, it is a part of our homeland. I have a question for you: we are trying to get the United States to recognize that Russia is a sponsor of terrorism, but for some reason they do not want to do this, no matter how many times we write, they have some political reasons for refusing. The question is, what else can we do to help Ukraine? We do not have the au-

thority to buy shells or tanks, we are a charitable organization. What is really needed now, what can we do to help Ukraine, especially the armed forces?

Kryvonos: Thank you for your support. The funds raised will be used to buy small arms in Ukraine and our friend countries. American society is better because of moral laws, the laws of God ("Don't steal, don't lie, don't be silent"), and the same should be done in the hearts of Ukrainians to educate

the younger generation in a similar spirit.

Oleksandr Tyaglo: A few more questions. About heroes, about volunteers. With whom should we talk about their memories, to share them?

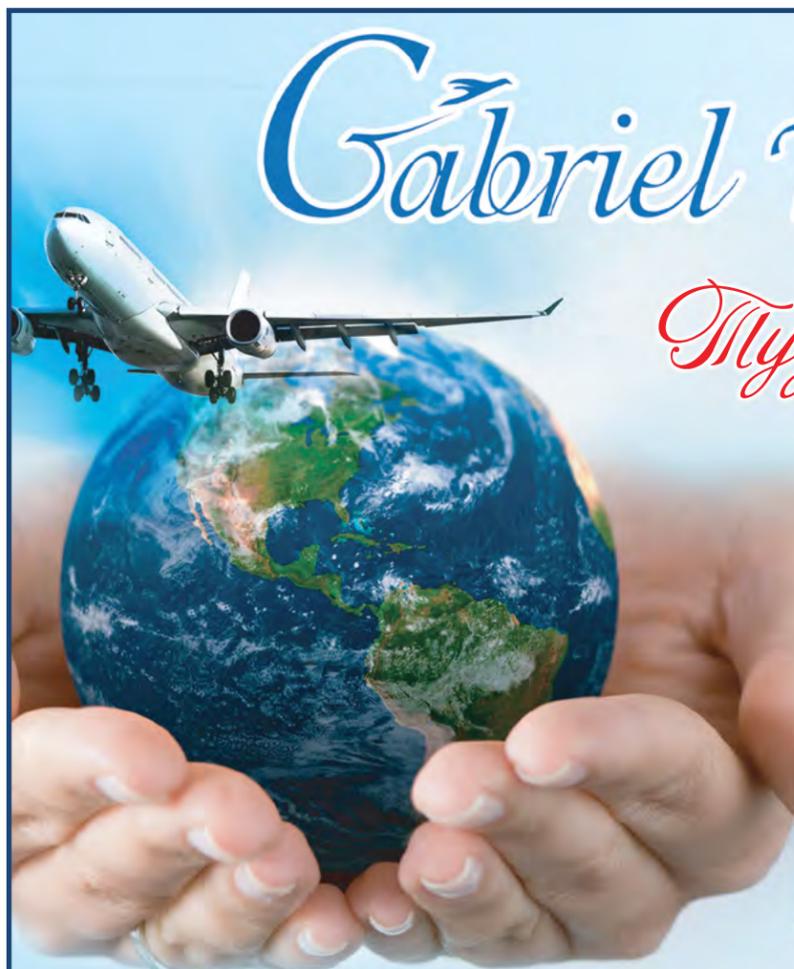
Kryvonos: We will contact you and talk about it.

(The lights turn off again, the Internet goes down for about 10 minutes)
(After reconnection.)

Yarema: Thank you for your participation in supporting our initiatives. All the money we raise tonight will go to the children of our fallen heroes, and we will fulfill our mission of the last 5 years. The Angelyk Foundation, under the auspices of the community, is doing this. We thank you for the struggle, victory and victorious battles under your leadership that we have seen, and we wish all your units, acquaintances, friends, and you are personally good health, happiness, peaceful skies and, above all, victory. Thank you very much!

Kryvonos: Thank you for your support, for remembering us, we will definitely win, and Ukraine will be as it was – completely independent. After the victory, it will become even stronger and more authoritative. The most important thing is that after the victory we should not kiss ourselves, but start working, because we still have a lot of work to do to restore the country. We are going to build a completely new state, and everything depends on us. I repeat once again: Your task is to show the whole society the effectiveness of "Don't steal, don't lie, don't be silent", which is probably the key to the happy future of our country. Thank you all! Glory to Ukraine!

All (stand up): Glory to the heroes!
The evening ends with a round of applause for General Kryvonos.



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Total enemy combat losses



According to the General Staff, the enemy's total combat losses from February 24 to 2022 to January 31, 2023, amounted to approximately Personnel – about 127,500 were killed, Tanks – 3,201 units, Armored personnel carriers – 6,378 units, Artillery systems – 2,197 units, MLRS – 454 units, Air defense systems – 221 units, Aircraft – 293 units, Helicopters – 284 units, Operational and tactical UAVs tactical level – 1,951 units, Cruise missiles – 796 units, Ships and boats – 18 units, Automotive equipment and tankers – 5,048 units, Special equipment – 200 units

Pentagon Announced Details of New Military Package for Ukraine



On January 25, the United States announced a new \$400 million aid package for Ukraine. According to the report, the package includes - 31 Abrams tanks with 120 mm rounds and other ammunition - 8 tactical vehicles for equipment recovery - support vehicles and equipment - Funding for training, technical and logistical support "In addition to the battalion of Abrams tanks provided by the United States, the European consortium is committed to providing two battalions of Leopard tanks to Ukraine in the near

future. The United States will continue to work with our allies and partners to meet Ukraine's needs on the battlefield. On the battlefield to counter Russian aggression and ensure the continued freedom and independen-

ce of the Ukrainian people," the Pentagon added. January 25 Germany and the United States announced their decision to provide Ukraine with Leopard and Abrams tanks. Berlin also allowed other countries that have German tanks to re-export them to Ukraine.

How many tanks will Ukraine get?



According to the results of the last Ramstein summit, Ukraine expects to receive hundreds of tanks from the allies to organize an offensive on a strategically important front line. However, Germany delayed the decision to transfer Leopard tanks for a long time, and only officially agreed to transfer 14 tanks on January 25. In total, Ukraine is counting on 300 tanks from the Western allies. Ukraine can get "Leopards-2" of the penultimate modification – "these are state-of-the-art tanks with extraordinary capabilities." Earlier, the British authorities said that the Challenger 2 tanks would be delivered to Ukraine by the end of March. It is known that Ukrainian tanks have already arrived in the UK for training. Similar dates are mentioned in Germany. Their "Leopards" should get to Ukraine by the end of March. Poland, on the other hand, promises to deliver Leopard tanks to Ukraine in a few weeks after the completion of the training courses for their crews. At the same time, the main disappointment is the timing of the delivery of Abrams tanks. Abrams tanks. The promised 31 tanks will be delivered in a few months. Among the countries that can transfer tanks to Ukraine: Poland, the United States, Morocco, the United Kingdom,

ТАНКИ ДЛЯ УКРАЇНИ ВІД ПАРТНЕРІВ



Germany, Canada, Spain, Finland, Norway, Portugal, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark, and others.

The European Parliament has adopted a resolution on the establishment of a special tribunal for the crime of Russian aggression against Ukraine

MEPs call on the EU and its member states, in close cooperation with Ukraine and the international community, to insist on the creation of a special international tribunal to prosecute the crime of aggression against Ukraine committed by the political and military leaders of the Russian Federation and its allies. The creation of such a tribunal, MEPs claim, will eliminate the shortcomings of the current institutional mechanisms of international criminal justice and complement the investigative work of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which currently cannot investigate the crime of aggression against Ukraine. The European Parliament also stresses that the political and military leadership of Russia and Belarus must be brought to justice. The political and military leadership of Russia and Belarus must be brought to justice. "The EU's preparatory work on the Special Court should begin immediately... The European Parliament is firmly convinced that the establishment of this special tribunal for the

crime of aggression will send a very clear signal to Russian society and to end the international community that President Putin and all Russian leaders can be convicted of the crime of aggression against Ukraine", – said the President.

The text of the resolution, which is advisory, was approved by 472 votes in favor, 19 against and 33 abstentions.

Will F-16 be in Ukrainian sky soon?



Until recently, the possibility of obtaining American fighter jets for the Ukrainian Armed Forces was called a fantasy. But now the official Kiev is making it clear by its appearance and public statements that planes from the United States will soon arrive to strengthen the Ukrainian army. The huge disparity in the number of combat aircraft between Ukraine and Russia is one of the most disturbing factors in the war. According to the estimates of the analytical portal Global Firepower, the Ukrainian Armed Forces had 187 combat aircraft (31st place in the world), and the Russian Army had about 2,000 (2nd place in the world). In the afternoon of January 27, the Secretary of the National Security and Defense of Ukraine Olexiy Danylov posted a video of the flight of an F-16 fighter jet and a short caption "Soon in the skies of Ukraine".

Sown areas for the 2023 harvest decreased by 25%



The expected sown area of all categories of farms in the controlled territory of Ukraine for the 2023 harvest should be 21.8 million hectares, which is 6.8 million hectares less than the figure for 2021 (28.6 million hectares), said Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Taras Vysotsky.

"If we are talking about the sowing campaign, we cannot campaign, we are currently unable to use about 25% of the area due to the ongoing hostilities or temporary occupation of the territories," he said.

After de-occupation, it will take a long time to demine and clean up the areas.

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Another part of the area could not be sown due to unfavorable weather conditions, thus the deficit of unseeded winter crops will have to be made up in the spring, Vysotsky added.

The official said that it is difficult to predict this year, it depends largely on weather and climatic conditions during the implementation of complex field operations, as well as on the financial and logistical support of a given agricultural producer. This includes the availability of seeds and fertilizers. It is already possible to predict a reduction in their use of up to 50% of science-based norms due to price increases.

Expensive logistics remain a key problem for farmers.

The energy crisis is also having a negative impact on the agricultural sector.

Russia is violating the rights of Ukrainian children by giving them to Russians for adoption

According to Dariya Gerasimchuk, the Ukrainian President's Commissioner for Children's Rights and Child Rehabilitation, about 14,000 children were illegally deported to Russia from



the occupied territories of Ukraine, while only 125 children were returned to the country so far.

The Geneva Convention on the Protection of the Civilian Population in Time of War prohibits the transfer of children from the territory of hostilities to the territory of the aggressor state. They should be given humanitarian corridors to the safe zone of their ho-

me country or a neutral country.

According to human rights activists, forcibly deported children from Ukraine were being prepared for adoption on the territory of the Russian Federation. At the end of May 2022, Russian leader Volodymyr Putin signed a decree on a simplified procedure for acquiring Russian citizenship by Ukrainian orphans.

In December 2022, the President of the Russian Federation approved the procedure for submitting applications for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship and obtaining citizenship of the Russian Federation by residents of the annexed regions, which specifically stipulates the rules for recognizing a child who has not reached the age of 14 as a citizen of Russia.

THE PACIFIC STATE OF NIUE ISSUED A COMMEMORATIVE \$5 SILVER COIN "AZOVSTAL WARRIOR"

As reported by Top World Coins, Niue has issued a silver coin dedicated to the defenders of Mariupol.

The Ukrainian soldiers that resisted in Azovstal are proof that putting up against a powerful aggressor has and will always right. In this 2 oz silver coin their struggle is portrayed with a digitally printed member of the regiment wearing metaphorical armor. It is decorated with the metallurgic plant that served them as a covert and a symbol of stout resistance. May their heroic feats never be forgotten with this commemorative piece. It'll surely find a special place in your collection and your heart.

The coin features a painting by artist Maksym Palenko "Mariupol Azovstal," which depicts a soldier of the Mariupol garrison in armor.






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during 11 months of war?

During the first months of the full-scale attack, most European Union countries suggested that Ukraine make concessions to Russia. Today, almost everyone is convinced that Ukraine will not only survive, but will return all its territories to their 1991 borders. However, it is important to have stable support from allies.

According to the Center for Economic Strategies, the total amount of financial aid from February 24 to December 14, 2022, will be \$28.1 billion. The United States, Germany, Canada, and the United Kingdom provided the largest amounts of money, but it is the United States that continues to lead in providing financial and military assistance to Ukraine. In 2022, Ukraine received more than \$20 billion worth of arms from the United States.

On May 9, U.S. President Joe Biden signed into law a bill to provide defense assistance to Ukraine under a simplified procedure – a landmark bill. "Today's signing of the landmark legislation is a historic step. I am convinced that together we will win again. And we will protect democracy in Ukraine and in Europe. Just like 77 years ago", wrote Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

An important end to the year – and perhaps the most important gift – was the approval of the 28th package of weapons worth \$1.85 billion, including the 3PK Patriot air defense system. Training the military to master the system will take several months. They tried to get Patriots back in April 2021, before the full-scale invasion. But then the request was treated with skepticism, according to Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba: "This is the approach of our Victory Day. Besides, there were many other important issues at the talks besides the Patriots. And the most important thing is that the story of the Patriots is another example of how the impossible becomes possible when Ukraine does it".

The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, published his own results for 2022 on Facebook: for example, the Armed Forces, together with other components of the Defense Forces, liberated 40% of the territories occupied after February 24. 28% of the territories of Ukraine, which were under Russian occupation for the entire period. The report also describes the

enemy's losses for the year: more than 100,000 personnel, 3,000 tanks, 6,000 armored combat vehicles, 2,000 artillery systems, 420 multiple launch rocket systems, about 300 combat aircraft and 270 helicopters were destroyed. A total of 1,893 air targets were destroyed. "We are very grateful for the support and assistance, which has already had a significant impact on the course of combat operations. At the same time, we need to further increase the volume and expand the range of international technical assistance," Zaluzhnyi said in the post.

The war has become a real challenge for all Ukrainians. No matter where they are – on the territory of Ukraine or abroad. The Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights, Dmytro Lubinets, noted on his Facebook page that between February 24 and December 1, more than 14.5 million people left Ukraine: at least 11.7 million of them went to the European Union. The largest number of Ukrainians were sheltered by Poland and Germany: at least one million of our citizens were able to find refuge in both countries. There are numerous internally displaced persons – up to 4.7 million.

According to the Central Statistical Office, every fifth visitor to Polish shopping centers in 2022 was a Ukrainian. "In December 2022, the turnout was 7.8% higher. The turnover was definitely higher than in the previous year. The share of consumers from Ukraine in the rating is noticeable and natural," said Slawomir Murawski, director of the shopping center in Łódź. In the last three quarters alone, Ukrainian shoppers spent PLN 3.8 billion in Polish stores.

Therefore, the endless flow of Ukrainian refugees has a significant impact not only on Ukraine's economy, but on the economies of other countries as well. Despite the fact that the West has to spend a lot of money to help our citizens, Ukrainians have a positive impact on the economies of the countries that protect them in many ways – these are the conclusions of the National Bank of Ukraine in its study. Ukrainians do not sit idle: they work hard, pay taxes and try to provide themselves with everything they need at their own expense. "The results of this study once again prove that Ukrainians (and in this case mostly Ukrainian women) are not used to sitting idle and are actively integrating into the labor market. In particular, they resort to entrepreneurship in the countries where they are forced to stay. For Europe, such migrants are

more of a find and an asset, while for us, they are a huge loss," explains NBU Governor Andriy Pyshnyi.

Obviously, it was not the European economy that suffered the most, but the Ukrainian economy: Russia's full-scale invasion affected every sector of the country's economy, resulting in a 30.4% drop in GDP. "In 2022, Ukraine's economy suffered the greatest losses, damages and losses in the history of its independence, caused by Russia, which on February 24 intensified its terror, which began in 2014, along the entire length of the common border and from the territory of Belarus and the occupied Crimea," said Yulia Svyrydenko, First Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine. However, the severe blow to the country's economy was not fatal for us, as the Russian leadership had hoped. Svyrydenko says that thanks to the successes of the Armed Forces on the battlefield, the efforts of the services, the government and business, and stable financial support from international partners, the economic front has been maintained.

In 2022, the price tags in stores shocked everyone: prices increased by 30% compared to last year, according to Andriy Pyshnyi. However, the Ministry of Economy notes that consumer inflation remains quite low, considering that the country is at war. In Moldova, for example, prices rose 4.5% more than in Ukraine. In addition, in the first months of the full-scale invasion, there was a real fuel crisis, since a significant share of petroleum products was supplied to Ukraine from Belarus. Prices at gas stations peaked in June, after which the situation began to stabilize.

The Research Center of the Institute of Agricultural Economics has published a study that lists all the main New Year's dishes and their components that are on the table of every family every year. Thus, it was possible to calculate that the New Year's menu has increased in price by 43.9% compared to 2021. "This year's rather significant increase in the cost of the New Year's table is clearly caused by the consequences of war – significant monetary and material losses of the domestic economy and Ukrainian families, reduced production, fuel shortages and rising prices, disruptions and complications in the internal movement of products, and uncertainty of many people even in their immediate plans. This is especially true in areas of hostilities, temporary occupation,

and large concentrations of internally displaced persons. As a result, most Ukrainians will have to save on the traditional set of products," summarizes Yuriy Lupenko.

In the fall, Ukrainians began to encounter the term "blackout" more often in the news, and on November 28 they experienced this phenomenon for the first time. Massive rocket attacks on Ukraine's critical infrastructure are affecting everything from the economy to daily life. Deputy Interior Minister Yevhen Yenin said that since February 24, Russian missiles and drones had damaged 702 critical infrastructure facilities. In total, more than 35,000 facilities across the country have been destroyed: gas pipelines, power substations, transformers, bridges, etc.

Ukrenergo employees are currently working day and night to restore the damaged power plants, but the country's power grid is still facing a power shortage. In the last months of 2022, Ukrainians have gotten used to living by candlelight and whirring transformers. At any moment, stabilization schedules could turn into emergency schedules if the Russians strike critical infrastructure again.

The year 2022 was particularly difficult for educators: children and teenagers had to finish and start the new school year in shelters. Many children study in two schools at once: online in their native Ukrainian and offline in their actual location. According to the Center for Economic Strategies, about 43% of Ukrainian children are currently studying in the European Union. The biggest stress for graduates was the National Multisubject Test, which replaced the 2022 EIT. It is already known that in 2023 there will be another multisubject test instead of the EIT, with Ukrainian language and mathematics as compulsory subjects.

Entrepreneurs suffered serious losses, but also saw many new opportunities in 2022. Sergiy Marchenko, Minister of Finance of Ukraine, believes that business plays an important role in the further economic recovery of our country: the number of Ukrainian businesses and companies that pay taxes is growing. It is the money from taxes that finances our army. As long as business continues to work and adapt to the conditions of constant shelling and power cuts, it will help Ukraine win this war.



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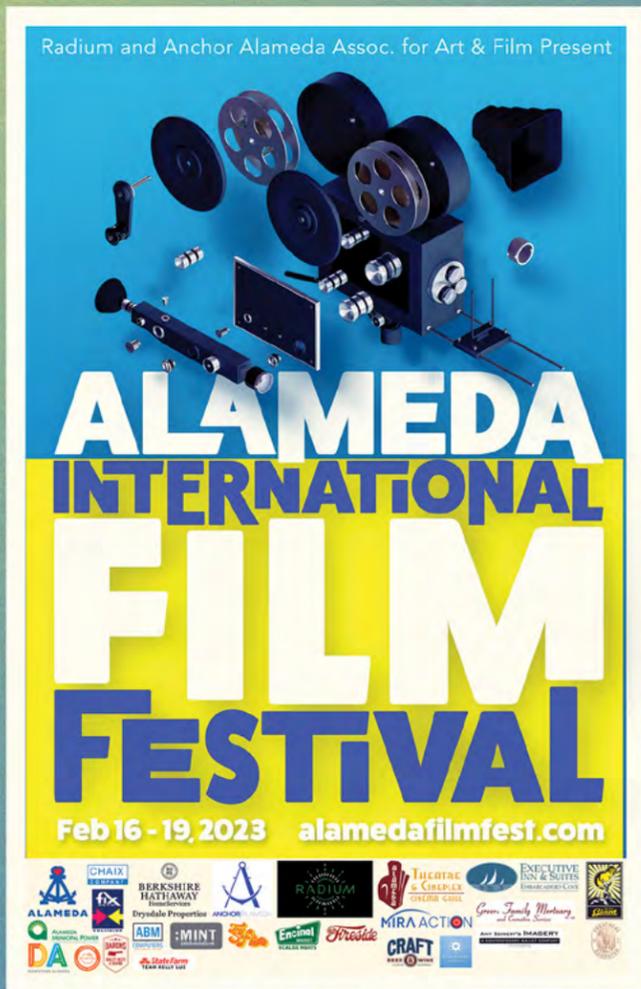
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tactical idea of the Russian president – that he would outlast everyone, that Western leaders would get tired of confronting him and would seek a compromise that would suit the Kremlin.

However, the war has changed everything, as President Biden said in his speech. It is therefore no coincidence that immediately after the decision to supply tanks, the West began to talk about the possibility of supplying combat aircraft.

Of course, these are only backroom discussions at the moment. Chancellor Olaf Scholz says that planes are out of the question. Recently, Western leaders said the same thing about tanks.

The situation can be understood in the context of classic politics. The West expects that with each new delivery of weapons to Ukraine, with each new "raising of the bar," the Kremlin will begin to realize that continuing the war against Ukraine is futile. But Putin, who himself has always acted by constantly raising the bar to intimidate his opponents, does not seem to realize that he is no longer fighting against Ukraine, but against the entire civilized world. The Russian president continues to believe that he will succeed in a war of attrition, even though this war is draining not only Ukraine, but also Russia itself.

In this case, the only thing that remains is to hope that Western supplies of military equipment will allow the Ukrainian armed forces to launch a counteroffensive and force the Russian army to withdraw from the occupied territories. Then, of course, there will be not only a new military but also a new political situation. In this case, the Kremlin will have to realize the futility

of a new offensive against Ukraine, for which Russia is clearly preparing.

Of course, we can talk about Russia's ability to mobilize as much as we want, but Putin has no technological advantage over the West – and thus over the Ukrainian army. Therefore, the only thing left for the Russian leadership is to threaten to use nuclear weapons in response to Western military supplies. This is what the deputy head of the Russian Security Council, former President Dmitry Medvedev, and the speaker of the Russian State Duma, Vyacheslav Volodin, did in the midst of the Leopard debate, threatening to destroy the entire West. However, these threats seem to be more hysteria than policy. The West seems to have gotten used to this hysteria and adapted to it, since the decision to deploy the tanks was made immediately after the new Russian threats.

The proof of this adaptation was not only the allocation of leopards, but also the sensational speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos by former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, considered the patriarch of American diplomacy, who unequivocally supported Ukraine's accession to NATO.

Since the annexation of Crimea and the attack on Donbas, Kissinger has continued to defend Ukraine's neutral status. Even after the outbreak of a major war, he was careful to say that Ukraine should become part of the Euro-Atlantic security structure, without directly mentioning NATO membership. The former Secretary of State explains the change of position simply: "After 2014, he was afraid that Ukraine's accession to NATO would lead to the events that have already happened. If these things have already happened, when the war started, what is there to be afraid of now?"

This is the turn in Western attitudes

that Vladimir Putin missed when he planned his attack on Ukraine. The main fear of the civilized world has always been, and this is quite natural after two world wars, that there will be another war. In order to ensure that there would never be a war in Europe, the West was willing to make almost any concession to Russia. Refusing to admit former Soviet republics to NATO and even denying them MAP (*Membership Action Plan*). Turning a blind eye to Russia's destructive role in regional conflicts organized by the Kremlin itself. To agree to expensive energy projects that were started not so much for profit as to put pressure on neighbors, such as the Nord Stream pipeline. To avoid war. In fact, the entire recent interview of former German Chancellor Angela Merkel with Die Zeit, to which Putin likes to refer so much to confirm that he has been deceived by everyone, is imbued with this spirit of peace. Merkel, like other Western politicians of her generation, did everything possible to prevent the outbreak of a major war.

She disappeared. And she was not the only one. Let us recall how Barack Obama tried to appease Putin after the annexation of Crimea, how cautiously the United States and the entire West reacted to this blatant violation of international law.

And now the question is not that the West has lost its fear of war, but that the war has already begun, with all the consequences that the civilized world was willing to make concessions and turn a blind eye to the outrage that needed to be eliminated. Russia has destroyed international law and started a great war, so why should the West refuse to allow Ukraine and others to join NATO, why should it not help restore the territorial integrity of Ukraine and other former Soviet republics, why

should it be interested in energy relations with Russia when the war is already underway?

From Putin's point of view, war is the continuation of politics. But in reality, the continuation of politics is the threat of war. Once the war starts, there is nothing left to blackmail. The Kremlin has been preparing for the war for a long time, believing that the energy dependence of European countries, especially Germany, would force the Europeans to refuse to help Ukraine and swallow its occupation. As a result, German Finance Minister Christian Lindner said this month that Germany was no longer dependent on Russian energy resources. Moscow hoped that the blockade of Ukrainian ports and the cessation of grain exports would lead to world hunger and a large-scale migration crisis in Europe. As a result, the unwillingness to spoil relations not only with the West but also with the "global South" led to the grain deal, forcing Putin to agree to the proposals of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

As a result, the Kremlin's only tool of blackmail was the use of nuclear weapons. But even that does not work. Moscow simply responds with Western military threats – who would have thought!

Kissinger, who celebrates his 100th birthday in May, proved this time to be more perceptive than some of his colleagues. He began to sketch the contours of a new postwar world in which Russia would perhaps be talked to, but no longer persuaded, and certainly no longer accommodated to its crazy "wants". Putin did not lose when he failed to win this war.

Putin lost when he started it.





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countries. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin spoke at a briefing, where he announced the list of weapons the allies had agreed to provide to Ukraine. Austin's list included only tanks from the United Kingdom (Challenger 2). The rest of the countries provided important weapons and equipment to Ukraine, but no Western tanks. Various sources began to report that there had been a discussion about Leopard and Abrams tanks and that the vote was divided. Some experts have already declared the results of another Ramstein a failure. After all, on the eve of the meeting, Poland had already announced that it was ready to transfer a company of German Leopard tanks to Ukraine, but Germany, in its usual style, began to delay its response to this request. As for the British Challenger 2 tanks, the decision to provide them was not actually made at Ramstein; on January 16, British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace announced the delivery of 14 tanks and hundreds of armored personnel carriers.

It seemed that Germany did not dare to make a decision before the first action of the United States. In fact, the Germans and the Americans announced their decision to supply tanks within hours of each other. On January 25, US President Joe Biden approved the delivery of 31 Abrams tanks to Ukraine. On the morning of January 25, at a government meeting, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced the decision to provide Ukraine with 14 Leopard 2 tanks. Following Germany's lead, European countries, shackled by the obligation to coordinate arms deliveries to third countries with the country of origin, finally broke their silence. In an interview with the French television channel BFM, Ukraine's ambassador to France, Vadym Omelchenko, said that Western countries had agreed to supply Ukraine with 321 heavy tanks, although he did not specify which country would supply how many. The analytical portal "Slovo i Dilo" tried to

analyze the information of the last days about the delivery of tanks:

Czech Republic: T-72, modernized. Number – 90;
Poland: PT-91 Twardy (licensed Soviet T-72M1). Number – 60.
Leopard-2. Number – 14. T-72. The number is unknown;
USA: M1 Abrams. Number – 31;
Morocco: T-72, modernized. Number – 30;
United Kingdom: Challenger 2. Number – 14;
Germany: Leopard 2. The number is 14;
Canada: Leopard 2. Number – 4;
Spain: Leopard 2. Probable number – less than 20;
Finland: Leopard 2. Probable number – 14;
Norway: Leopard 2. The probable number is less than 8;
Portugal: Leopard 2. The probable number is 4;
France: AMX10-RC. Unknown quantity. Leclerc. Unknown quantity;
Netherlands: Leopard 2. Probable number – 18;
Sweden: Leopard 2. Unknown number. Stridsvagn 122. Unknown number;
Denmark: Leopard 2. Unknown quantity.

Information about deliveries from many countries is still being clarified, but it is already clear that the "game was afoot", i.e. the long 11-month reluctance of Western countries to supply Ukraine with Western rather than Soviet-made tanks under any pretext, is a thing of the past. Ukraine has been demanding full-fledged Western weapons from day one. Nevertheless, the Western powers paused. Was the pause too long? How many kilometers of Ukrainian territory could have been saved or regained more quickly if the weapons had been delivered on time? And even now it takes a long time from the agreement to the delivery. According to optimistic forecasts, the main battle tanks will arrive in Ukraine sometime in May. Isn't that a bit late for a possible Russian offensive in the

spring? Who will be first, and who will have more time to prepare for the spring and summer campaign? For Ukraine, before launching its own campaign, it is imperative to maintain a tiered defense, and the destroyed and occupied Soledar and Bakhmut with Vuhledar, which are under heavy Russian fire, show that Russia is not going to calm down and is ready to lay thousands of heads of mobilized and specially released from prison bandits to continue its man-hating adventure.

It is not surprising that in Ukraine, along with tanks, they emphasize the need to transfer Western-made aircraft and talk about Phantoms. The West is not yet ready to provide its planes. How many Ukrainian heads will have to fall before the West sees the light and realizes this need? It will see the light, the only question is when.

The second top issue in January was purges. More precisely, a hint of purges. The information about the massive fraud in the supply of food to the Ministry of Defense hit both the government and Ukrainian society hard. The blow to Ukrainian society was that for Ukrainians everything related to the front, to the army, to the military, became almost a shrine. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians participate in the volunteer movement, millions of Ukrainians donate their money to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Information about alleged corruption of billions of dollars painfully hits the consciousness of Ukrainians, who sacrifice the latter at a time when it turns out that someone can build mega-states on the sacred. This is sacrilege. The authorities were forced to react. Not long ago, on November 17, during an online speech at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum, the president of Ukraine made a statement: "There is no more corruption in Ukraine. All corrupt officials have left the country, and we will do everything to keep them where they are".

Here it turns out that corrupt officials can come not only from the so-called "predecessors" or "predecessors of predecessors," i.e., from the

former political elite, but also from the current one. Defense Minister Reznikov was summoned to a meeting of the anti-corruption committee of the Verkhovna Rada. In fact, the committee's meeting ended in nothing, with the Defense Ministry claiming "mistakes in the contract." Speaking of "mistakes," the newspaper Dzerkalo Tyzhnia reported that on December 23, the Defense Ministry signed a 13-billion-dollar contract for catering services. According to Dzerkalo Tyzhnia, the Defense Ministry bought eggs for 17 UAH each, while the retail price in a Kiev store is currently about 7 UAH each. Potatoes were ordered for 22 UAH per kilogram, while the retail price is 8-9 UAH.

On January 24, 53-year-old Deputy Defense Minister Vyacheslav Shapovalov, who was in charge of the Ukrainian army's logistics, resigned.

On January 23, it was announced that Yulia Tymoshenko, the deputy head of the presidential administration, had resigned. One of the most publicized stories related to this mega-influential official was the use of a Chevrolet Tahoe donated to Ukraine by General Motors for humanitarian purposes.

Ukraine's Deputy Prosecutor General Oleksiy Symonenko (who even served as Prosecutor General for 10 days) also resigned. On New Year's Eve, Symonenko traveled with his family to Marbella in Andalusia, Spain.

The Ministry of Communal Development suffered a loss with the arrest of its deputy, Vasyl Lozynsky, on January 21. The National Anti-Corruption Bureau suspects him of taking a \$400,000 bribe to buy generators. Another deputy in the same ministry, Ivan Lukerya, who was in charge of the Big Construction project, also resigned.

Vyacheslav Nehoda, deputy minister of the Ministry of Communal and Territorial Development, submitted his resignation. At a meeting on January



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For over 30 years, the Ukrainian Heritage Club of Northern California has been known for its work supporting Ukrainian culture in California. Over the years, active members of the Society have organized Malanka, a New Year's celebration featuring traditional Ukrainian food and performances by Ukrainian singers and dancers; Shevchenko Academies; Ukrainian Classical and Folk Music Festivals for young musicians; Ukrainian Summer Festivals dedicated to Ukraine's Independence Day; Holodomor commemorations of 1932-33; and various exhibitions of Ukrainian art in Sacramento and area schools for the local public. In addition, since the Orange Revolution, our members have actively participated in various rallies in support of Ukraine and have helped to raise funds for the needs of those in need.

After February 24, very difficult times came for the Ukrainian people – a full-scale war broke out, and the head of the Society, Lyuba Yova, immediately offered to allocate a certain amount to the "Help for Ukraine" fund, and in a short time good Samaritans began to add money to this fund. A significant contribution was made by the Vietnamese organization Tu-Ai in Sacramento. In early April, a representative of this organization called me and asked me to refer her to the Ukrainian community, who could help transfer funds to those in need in Ukraine. Since I am a member of the Ukrainian Heritage Club, I recommended our organization. Ms. Doan said that her friends were planning an event dedicated to Ukraine and asked me to attend. In early April, she had already announced \$7,000 that had been raised among her friends for the needs of Ukraine, and when I came and performed with a bandura and a Vietnamese song, I received a check for \$21,000! Then we added the money that the Vietnamese people sent – so we received \$24,175 from them. This is the largest donation in the history of the Society since 1980! I was overwhelmed by their generosity and sent them some Ukrainian souvenirs – a souvenir bandura and a doll in Ukrainian costume – to which Anna replied: "Hello Olya, thank you for the beautiful gifts. I will share them with the rest of the group. We will continue to pray for Ukraine. Ukrainians are



very strong people".

Ms. Doan said the fundraiser was the result of a collaboration between a group of dedicated volunteers led by Mr. Quang Nguyen and their organization called Tu-Ai Connect-to-Serve (literally translated as Love-Compassion and Connect-to-Serve), a non-profit organization in Sacramento. She added, "Many Vietnamese Americans in the United States originally came to this country as refugees as a result of the Vietnam War. These people lived through the war experience. When we

saw what was happening in Ukraine, we had to organize something to help Ukrainians. We just wanted to be able to help in any way we could, with prayers and financial support, to show our concern, solidarity and human compassion. Mrs. Doan's husband, Dinh Nghi Bui, is a professor at a local college and was invited to host the event, which was called "Love for Ukraine. He ordered a large decoration in the shape of a Ukrainian flag with suffering faces and the inscription Ukraine. He prepared several questions for

the audience about Ukraine, such as "When did Russia attack Ukraine?", "How many people live in Ukraine now?", "What is the name of the president of Ukraine?" – and the audience knew the answers. I was surprised that people knew so much about Ukraine, were concerned and sympathized with us.

Several concerts were organized and performed by professional musicians Ihor (violinist) and Mira (pianist) Velyhan, who also made a significant contribution to the Ukraine Relief Fund. One of their concerts was held on April 2nd in the beautiful Faye Spanos Concert Hall in Stockton, near Sacramento, with Ukrainian artists, the Stockton University Symphony Orchestra and American professional musicians, and on the second day, San Francisco singer Ivanna Taratula organized a concert at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in San Francisco, which was attended by artists from Sacramento and members of our Society.

We are thankful to the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union, which has always supported our Association, and this time they transferred a substantial amount to our account, which we use to help organizations in Ukraine, such as the Lviv Knights, Hospitalers, White Horvaths, and to support individuals who work as liaisons between organizations that help those in need. Our aid goes to different parts of Ukraine – Kyiv, Lviv, Zhytomyr, Ternopil, Poltava, Kharkiv, Chernivtsi, Mykolaiv, Kherson, etc.

In September, the Ukrainian Heritage Club of Northern California received a substantial sum (over 40 thousand) from the Micron (Micron Benevity) company, where our famous Ukrainian singer Anychka performed, who is also an active person, helping our soldiers, and has connections at the frontline. The funds were used to pay for meals for the residents of Kharkiv, as well as for car repairs and many other projects.

We are grateful to all our members and kind people who sent money to the account of our society. Please continue to support us, which can be done via PayPal at <https://ukrainian-club.org>, as well as to the Society's account at the Ukrainian Credit Union of Sacramento (Citrus Heights & Rancho Cordova branches).



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Не за синіми морями,
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а в хатинці край села
жили собі дід та баба.
Дід ходив у ліс по дрова,
а баба залишалася
вдома.

Коли в печі було
витоплено і в хаті
прибрано, вона брала
клубок ниток гарних,
яскравих, в руки спиці
та й починала в'язати
рукавички. Біля неї
лежав кіт і розвеселяв
стареньку своїм тихим
муркотінням.

Ось і зв'язала баба
рукавички, а нитки
ще залишилися.
Замислилась вона на
хвилинку, а потім сплела
з них ручки, ніжки,
голівку та ще й косу до
самого пояса. І така
гарна вийшла лялечка,
що й не налюбуюешся.
Посадила її бабуся на
віконце та й каже:

– Я тебе зв'язала,
тому й назву тебе
В'язаночкою, або
Заночкою.

Тут і дідусь повернувся.
Повечеряли вони та
й полягали спати. А
Заночка перетворилася
на красну дівчицю.
Справилася з усією
хатньою роботою та й
знову стрибнула собі на
підвіконня.

Ніхто дівчинку не бачив,
тільки котика крізь сон
щось привиділося. Так
було й на другу ніч. А на
третю ніч котик твердо
вирішив не спати і все
дізнатися. Примружив
він очі, вдаючи, що



спить. Тільки дівчинка
взялася за роботу, як
він стрибнув до неї і
заговорив людським
голосом:

– Дівчинко-красуне,
чому б тобі не
залишатися такою, на
радість діду й бабі?

Заплакала гірко
Заночка та й розповіла
котику про своє горе.

...Колись пекла вона
хліб. Пишна, біла вийшла
паляниця. Аж тут де не
візьмись мишка, та й
просить:

– Дай мені хлібця!

Шкода стало Заночці
хліба. Не пригостила

вона мишку і була
покарана за жадібність.
Чарівниця-мишка
перетворила її на
ниточку. Так вона й
потрапила до діда з
бабою.

Пожалів котик Заночку,
вирішив їй будь-що
допомогти. Не чекаючи
ранку, зібрався у далеку
дорогу. Цілий день
йшов котик, не їв, не
пив, аж поки прийшов у
поле до великої скирти
сіна. І побачив біля неї
маленьке мишеня. Воно
злякалося, але котик
сказав:

– Я тебе не скривджу,

тільки приведи до мене
вашу принцесу – чарівну
мишку.

Юркнуло мишеня у
нірку. А через деякий час
з неї з'явилася мишка-
чарівниця і запитала:

– Котику, що привело
тебе до мене?

І котик розповів
їй усе про Заночку.
Замислилась мишка і
каже:

– Заночка була
покарана за жадібність.
Але є спосіб її врятувати.
Ось тобі чарівне
зернятко. Якщо зуміє
Заночка до ранку
виростити з нього
колосок, зібрати врожай,
змолоти борошно,
спекти коровай і
нагодувати всіх мишок
мого царства, то вона
знову стане дівчинкою.

Зрадив котик, взяв
обережно зернятко і
пустився щодуху додому.
А Заночка вже чекала
його. Почувши все, про
що говорила мишка й
котик, дівчинка кинулася
виконувати завдання.
І тільки спекла вона
коровай, як з'явилися
мишки. Кожна брала
крихітку і зникала. Аж
ось залишилось одне
мишеня. Й тільки воно
з'їло крихітку, Заночка
знову стала дівчинкою.

І жила вона з дідом і
бабою довго-довго. А
котика за його добре
серце жодного разу не
залишили без смачної
їжі.

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UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES EVA STASHKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Today, we are fighting the legacy of Russian disinformation on campuses around the world. Engaging students in Ukrainian studies programs is becoming increasingly important. The Ukrainian Women's Alliance of America is proactively engaged in both the decolonization of Eastern European studies and the promotion of greater interest in Ukrainian studies in the United States. This year, students of Ukrainian studies at American universities have the opportunity to receive a scholarship named after Eva Stashko.

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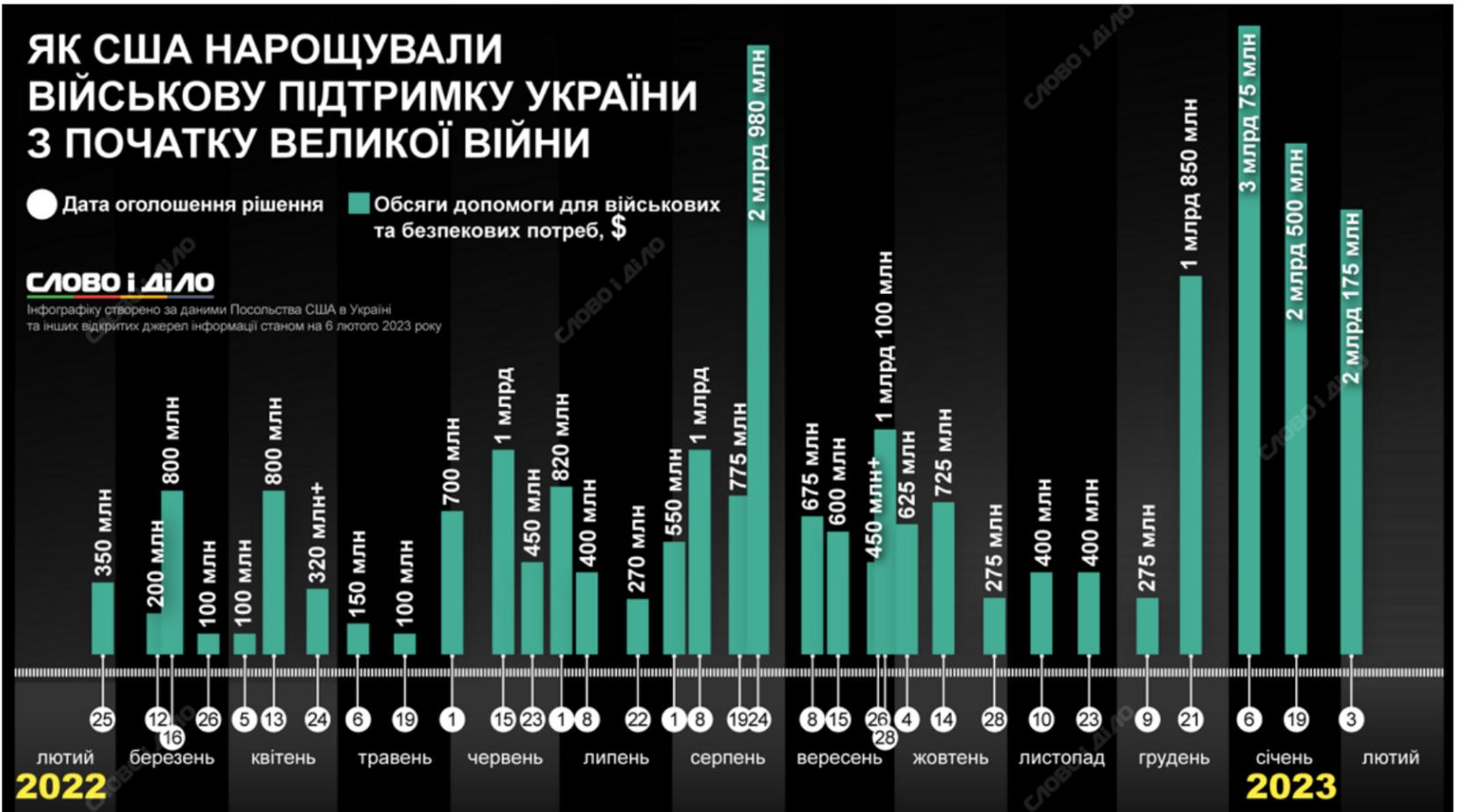
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**[Tanks and purges]
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24, the Cabinet of Ministers considered the dismissal of five heads of regional military administrations: Valentyn Reznichenko, head of the Dnipro Regional Military Administration; Oleksandr Starukh, head of the Zaporizhzhya Regional Military Administration; Oleksiy Kuleba, head of the Kyiv Regional Military Administration; Dmytro Zhyvytskyi, head of the Sumy Regional Military Administration; and Yaroslav Yanushevych, head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration.

As we can see, the "purges" do not affect the cohort of "first persons"; this is the level of the second or third

echelon. Except Lozynskyi, to whom the NABU has claims, no one else is accused of corruption. However, society is raising more and more questions about the lack of transparency and alleged corruption in the highest echelons of power. The Kremlin has the greatest interest in Ukraine being mired in corruption, because corruption eats away at anybody from within, and when it does, it weakens it. So the fight against corruption is no less important for Ukraine than tanks.

Ukraine needs weapons (tanks) and a non-corrupt government. We are waiting for both.



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2 FEBRUARY CANDLEMAS

5 FEBRUARY CONVERSATION WITH NATALIYA ANON AND PAULA REYNOLDS Speaker event Focuses on Ukraine humanitarian crisis and its impact in Marin

Westminster Events

Where: Westminster Events, 240 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon, CA 94920

When: Sunday, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

On February 5, Westminster Events (WE) will host Hromada's co-founder Nataliya Anon in conversation with community advocate Paula Reynolds. A reception will follow, allowing attendees to speak one on one with Ms. Anon, others supporting the war refugee efforts in Marin, and individuals who have benefited from their support.

Ms. Anon will share the latest on-the-ground news, including human rights violations and the mass exodus of Ukrainians. She also will tell how Hromada is providing financial support and guidance to Marin organizers who are finding housing for Ukraine refugees in Marin and beyond. Ms. Anon will explain how Marin residents can support the people of Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees through grassroots efforts, political advocacy and financial donations.

<https://hromada.us/conversation/>

5 FEBRUARY UKRAINIAN CULINARY HERITAGE - TASTES, BOOKS AND FIGURES

UNWLA San Jose, Branch 107

Where: Ukrainian Event Center and Music Hall, 345 7th Street, San Francisco, CA, 94103

When: Saturday 4 PM

Discover the unique culinary heritage of Western Ukraine firsthand

with Ukrainian Food Anthropologist Marianna Dushar in San Francisco! FREE lecture on February 5th.

After the lecture, indulge in a delicious Ukrainian food and wine experience at our after party.

For those who want to take their experience to the next level, sign up for a paid workshop with Marianna where you'll learn how to cook a special Ukrainian dish. Space in the class is limited to 10 people. All materials are provided.

3:30 pm Doors open
4:00-6:00 pm **FREE** lecture, followed by an after party

Please reserve a free ticket for lecture. Spaces limited.

After Party tickets: **\$35**
6:00-7:45 Cooking Workshop Limited to 10 people. **\$70**
Fundraising for humanitarian needs of Ukraine.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/916080973084776/>

11 FEBRUARY VALENTINE EVENING FUNDRAISER

Ukrainian American Coordinating Council

Where: Ukrainian Event Center and Music Hall, 345 7th Street, San Francisco, CA, 94103

When: Saturday 5 PM – 9 PM

For the first time in San Francisco – a charity evening in Lviv retro style!

Friends, come and invite your relatives and friends to a romantic evening dedicated to Valentine's Day. The Lviv retro atmosphere will be created for you by the band Buryma and Anychka. You can also enjoy a delicious dinner, cocktails, a photo booth, a festive program with contests and an auction. This is a great gift for your loved one and another opportunity to help Ukraine, all the collected funds will go to help the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Tickets:

Adults - **\$65**

Children - **\$20**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1292386074655984/>

18 FEBRUARY MIRA FOUNDATION PRESENTS "KLONDIKE" AT THE ALAMEDA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Mira Foundation

Where: Alameda Theatre & Cineplex, 2317 Central Ave, Alameda, CA 94501

When: Saturday 3:30 PM

Come and experience the Ukrainian submission for the Oscars' Best International Film Award, 2023, which Variety calls an "uncompromising, remarkable Sundance prizewinner."

Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion with representatives of the Mira Foundation, whose mission is to work towards minimizing the suffering inflicted on Ukrainians by Russia, particularly those in the Odesa region in Southern Ukraine.

<https://www.alamedafilmmfest.com/shop/p/klondike>

20 FEBRUARY DAY OF HEROES OF THE HEAVENLY HUNDRED

24 FEBRUARY THE BEGINNING OF A LARGE- SCALE WAR OF RUSSIA AGAINST UKRAINE

24 FEBRUARY SING FOR UKRAINE – UKRAINIAN CHOIR OF CALIFORNIA

Grace Cathedral & Ukrainian American Coordinating Council

Where: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St, San Francisco, CA 94108

When: Friday 7 PM – 8:45 PM

The choir membership is a compilation of singers from Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. We are joined this evening by members of the Google Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Diego Hernandez, who shall accompany the choir in beautiful arrangements of several different genres of Ukrainian music. Liturgical, patriotic, folk and whimsical "kolomyikas." As war continues to ravage our homeland, we are performing to raise awareness of the war's injustice, the extreme hardships placed upon our brothers and sisters in the civilian population, and to raise much needed funds to assist our country's medical and military needs.

24 FEBRUARY ATTEMPT TO FOCUS – UKRAINE | FUNDRAISER

Hromada

Where: Consulate General of Ukraine, 530 Bush St #402, San Francisco, CA 94108

When: Friday 2 PM

On the one-year anniversary of the second phase of the Russian Federation's illegal invasion of the

democratic nation of Ukraine, a coalition of volunteers will come together in San Francisco to raise funds for a variety of critical needs in the country through an artistic performance. Attempt To Focus is a site specific performance series that uses meditation, stillness, intention in thought, and mindfulness to manifest a goal.

In Attempt To Focus – Ukraine, we envision a future where Ukraine wins, there's peace, and Ukraine has everything it needs to build infrastructure better and greener than it had before. We envision a Ukraine where the Ukrainian people have everything they need to heal and feel safe, again. The 501(c)3 non-profit Hromada will be both a recipient of funds and a fiscal sponsor to allow us to infuse Ukraine with as many resources as possible, in as many areas as we have access to.

It is tentatively scheduled to commence at 2 pm and will run for at least one hour and an additional one hour for every \$10,000 we raise.

24 FEBRUARY FREE FILM SCREENING OF "FREEDOM ON FIRE: UKRAINE'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM"

Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

Where: Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford, CA 94305

When: Friday 7 PM – 10 PM

The film transports viewers through a war that started immediately after Maidan through the 2022 Russian invasion. This documentary creates a humanizing diary of millions of people whose lives were turned upside down by eight years of conflict.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freedom-on-fire-ukraines-fight-for-freedom-registration-526812338887>

25 FEBRUARY UNITE FOR UKRAINE RALLY AND MARCH

Ukrainian American Coordinating Council

Where: Harry Bridges Plaza, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111

When: Saturday 12 PM – 2 PM

Join us as we continue to Fight for Ukraine on the anniversary weekend of the war.

12:00 pm – Gathering of Community with Flags and Signs

12:30 pm – Anthems and Speeches by Dignitaries, Politicians, Guest Communities and Leaders

1:15 pm – Crossing Embarcadero, form column, March to Pier 39

2 pm – Gathering at Sea Lion Sculpture on Pier 39

2 pm – Closing with Anthems

<https://www.facebook.com/events/496457929289375/>

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