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Military activity was limited across Ukraine today. The Russian offensive has ground to a halt due to personnel and equipment losses, stretched supply lines, and an inadequate total force.<sup>1</sup>

Fighting continued in Irpin, northwest of Kyiv. Otherwise, the northwest axis was quiet.<sup>2</sup>

Russian forces appear to have switched back to the strategy of bypassing the strategic city of Kharkiv in an attempt to push into the heart of Ukraine.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.understandingwar.org/backgroundunder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-march-12>

<sup>2</sup> <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1502871362632925184>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.understandingwar.org/backgroundunder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-march-12>

Shelling continued in Chernihiv, with Russian and Ukrainian forces clashing in Brovary, 15 kilometers west of the city center. The Russian advance was repulsed, with heavy losses to their armored forces.<sup>4</sup>

Videos showed Russian tanks entering the eastern edge of Mariupol<sup>5</sup> and firing into apartments<sup>6</sup>. The Ukrainian General Staff stated that the city's eastern edge is under Russian control.<sup>7</sup> Analysts do not believe Russia has enough combat-effective units to take the city.

The Associated Press reported that snipers fired at their reporters and the medics they were embedded with.<sup>8</sup>

The Russian military is accused of bombing a hospital in the city of [me-ko-lai-HEV] Mykolaiv.<sup>9</sup>

In [Vohl-know-va-kah] Volnovakha, Ukrainian forces suffered heavy losses fighting the Russian army and irregular troops of the DNR earlier in the week.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1502767999933108228>

<sup>5</sup> <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1502677081880158215>

<sup>6</sup> <https://twitter.com/AP/status/1502776326016712709>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.understandingwar.org/backgroundunder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-march-12>

<sup>8</sup> <https://twitter.com/AP/status/1502776326016712709>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2022/03/12/ukraine-russia-invasion-live-updates/7008613001/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://twitter.com/UAWeapons/status/1502604593779388417>

After calling the Russian forces " occupiers, " the mayor of Melitopol, Ivan Fedorov, was brutally arrested and walked out of his office with a black hood over his head. He is facing charges of terrorism, and a pro-Russia mayor was installed. Residents took to protesting in the streets.<sup>11</sup>

In Luhansk Oblast, a police commander accused Russian forces of using white phosphorus munitions.<sup>12</sup> We can't confirm the validity of the video. The source has consistently posted accurate information; however, the video and an associated still image are of low quality.

The Russian amphibious ships with cruiser support that sailed out of Sevastopol a week ago have remained at sea just off Crimea.<sup>13</sup>

Russia positioned 32 SU-25 ground attack aircraft pre-invasion at [LUNE-it-nets] Luninets Field in Belarus. On March 10, there were 26 aircraft left.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> <https://twitter.com/SkyNews/status/1502641585791635461>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Bilosh>

<sup>13</sup> <https://twitter.com/bradyafr/status/1502034058854948864>

<sup>14</sup> <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1502576719273893892>

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov [Rhib-kov] warned that convoys carrying foreign weapons into Ukraine are "legitimate military targets."<sup>15</sup>

Military aid has been moved by ground through Poland and Romania since the start of the war.

As proof of that reality, in the opening seconds of the invasion, we reported two Turkish A400M transport planes landed in Kyiv. The aircraft is still in Ukraine.<sup>16</sup>

On the economic front, the Russian stock market will be closed next week.<sup>17</sup>

In a move that is a blow to the Russian oil and gas industry, China announced that it would expand the use of coal to generate power in a move that "prioritizes energy security."<sup>18</sup>

Oil markets are closed over the weekend, but futures appear unphased by the Iranian militant missile attack on Iraq.

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.yahoo.com/video/convoys-carrying-foreign-weapons-ukraine-175305825.html>

<sup>16</sup> <https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1502869189916344324>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/russias-stock-market-to-remain-closed-for-another-week-11647108749#:~:text=Stock%20trading%20on%20the%20Moscow,and%20U.S.%20and%20other%20countries.>

<sup>18</sup> <https://oilprice.com/Latest-Energy-News/World-News/China-To-Expand-Coal-Use-As-It-Prioritizes-Energy-Security.html>