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# SUMMARY – DAY 41

There was little change in the military situation in Ukraine.

Russian troops continue to retreat out of the Sumy Oblast, with only a line of communication left stretching from Konotop to the Russian border. Two expeditionary groups headed south out of Izyum, one was able to capture the settlement of Brazhikivka, and the other suffered heavy losses.

Intense fighting continued in Mariupol with little change in the battle lines. Russian forces sunk a civilian cargo ship in the port, injuring one.

Russian troops mounted a counteroffensive in Oleksandrivka, attempting to take the settlement about 20 kilometers northeast of Kherson back. The attack was repulsed.

Russian forces bombed civilian areas in Kharkiv and Mykolaiv, destroying cultural sites and dropping cluster bombs on multiple hospitals. In Rubihzne Russian artillery blew up a tank of nitric acid, sending a toxic plume into the sky, and in Popasna, Russia dropped petal mines in civilian areas.

The Russian Ministry of Defense released a video of seven Kalibr cruise missiles being fired at Ukraine on April 5. One may have struck the Dnipro region.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://twitter.com/RALee85/status/1511513442414379017 [Russian State Media]

The more significant developments were off the battlefield on the geopolitical and economic fronts as global outrage over Russian war crimes grew.

ASSESSMENT: We observe consolidation and troop movements into Izyum and attempts to establish forward positions south of the city. We are less confident that the battle for Slovyansk will start this week. Multiple Russian units have low morale, members refusing to fight, and who remain combat ineffective.

Russian units that have retreated from Ukraine are stationing in three places. First, some remain in Belarus and are stationed for resupply or consolidation into new Battalion Tactical Groups. This will likely take significant time due to heavy losses of manpower and equipment.

Some units appear to be going back to their home locations in Russia. Some seem to be standing down, others have suffered too many losses to be reconstituted, and another subset has too many insubordinate soldiers refusing to redeploy. The remaining units are assembled in Belgorod, just across the border from Ukraine. Some of these units remain combat ineffective and will have little strategic impact in eastern Ukraine.

A report in 2020 from Lenta indicated that Russia had 2,685 tanks available for service and an estimated 1,200 modernized versions.<sup>2</sup> It is estimated Russia has another 7,000 to 8,000 tanks in reserve, with up to 40% of those inoperable. The Oryx database has visually and geolocation confirmed the loss of 427 tanks since February 24, 186 T-732B3 variants or newer.<sup>3</sup> Another 53 tanks were too destroyed to identify positively, and almost 200 images await review. Additionally, not every tank destroyed is documented by video or pictures.

Conservative estimates put Russian tank losses between 600 to 650, with 427 documented losses, an estimated 60 to 80 in backlog, and the rest undocumented. Among those, an estimated 260 would be their most capable vehicles. At 24% losses of the total active force – and 21% of the most capable tanks available - Russia's armor capabilities have moved dangerously close to combat-ineffective.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defense Blog

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.oryxspioenkop.com/2022/02/attack-on-europe-documenting-equipment.html

#### **CHERNIHIV REGION**

Russian forces have completely withdrawn from the Chernihiv Oblast. Ukrainian border guards have retaken control of the Slavutich border checkpoint between Ukraine and Belarus.<sup>4</sup> The border villages of Dniprovske and Nedanchichi were also secured.

Destroyed and abandoned Russian military hardware is spread across the entire Oblast.<sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup> <sup>9</sup>

Russian troops that moved into Belarus from Chernihiv remain there and will require a significant amount of time to become combat effective again. Some units appear to be returning to Russia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://twitter.com/jon96179496/status/1511050106698620930

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://twitter.com/UAWeapons/status/1511036675517992960

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://twitter.com/RALee85/status/1511024129184608260

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://twitter.com/RALee85/status/1511027329958567944

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://twitter.com/michaelh992/status/1510936339042258948

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://twitter.com/Arslon\_Xudosi/status/1511283901842571268

## **KHARKIV & SUMY REGION**

Russian forces continue to shell, fire missiles, and use cluster munitions against Kharkiv. Up to 80% of the city's infrastructure has been destroyed.

A column of Russian motor infantry moved southwest from Izyum and was engaged by the Ukrainian military in Sulyhivka. The column was repulsed and suffered heavy losses.<sup>10</sup>

Another armored column moved southwest and captured the settlement of Brazhivka.<sup>11</sup>

ASSESSMENT: Russian forces may have changed strategy, appearing less hesitant to move assets overland versus by road. The unit that captured Brazhivka moved on dirt roads through the forest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://twitter.com/loogunda/status/1511269575802986497

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> https://twitter.com/InsiderGeo/status/1510927436317446155

A Russian BTG was spotted moving through Kupyansk, heading south toward Izyum.<sup>12</sup> It is believed to be an element from the First Guards Tank Army.

Russia is preparing for an offensive push from Izyum to attempt to capture the strategic city of Slovyansk. This will be the next major battlefield in Ukraine and is key to the success of Russia's eastern strategy.

Organized Russian units have withdrawn from almost all of the Sumy Oblast, with a route of retreat maintained from Konotop to Bilopillya. There are reliable reports a pocket of Russian troops is surrounded in Romny, but we cannot confirm the information.<sup>13</sup>

ASSESSMENT: Based on the announcement made by the Russian Ministry of Defense on April 5, we believe that all forces will exit the Sumy Oblast over the next 24 to 72 hours.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> https://twitter.com/AlexandruC4/status/1510937363744182275

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://twitter.com/TheStudyofWar/status/1511457403153248256

## **KHERSON & MYKOLAIV REGION**

Fighting around Oleksandrivka, northeast of Kherson, continued on April 5.<sup>14</sup>

Mykolaiv was hit by Smerch rockets with cluster munitions on April 5, which targeted civilians areas in a midday attack.

ASSESSMENT: With Ukrainian forces being released to new fronts from the northern axis, we now believe the Ukrainian General Staff may have more interest in liberating Kherson. The Oblast is strategically important for a land bridge to Crimea.

There was a large explosion in Novomoskovsk, north of Dnipro.<sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup> The target is unknown.

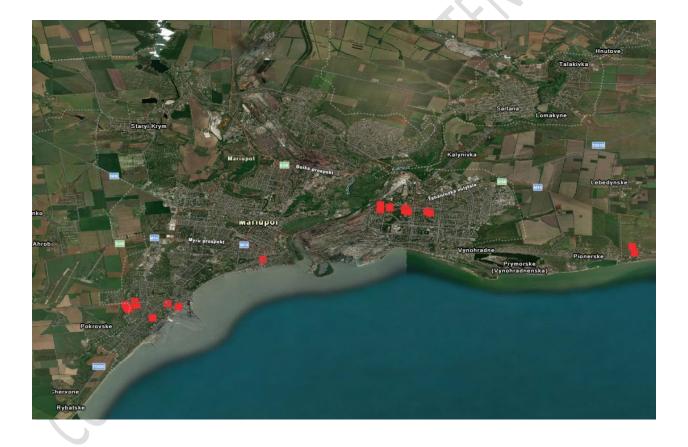
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://twitter.com/EuromaidanPress/status/1511090610995961860

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> https://twitter.com/GlennPinter/status/1511534650811842560

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> https://twitter.com/OsintTv/status/1511437661935968258

#### **DONBAS REGION**

There was heavy fighting in Mariupol today across multiple sections of the city. Russian state media released several videos showing combat. In the background were the sound of almost constant shelling and gunfire.<sup>17 18 19 20</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> https://twitter.com/RWApodcast/status/1511483457314201607 [Russian State Media]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> https://twitter.com/RT com/status/1511508992174039040 [Russian State Media]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> https://twitter.com/RALee85/status/1511398863952879618

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://twitter.com/EuropeOsint/status/1511381778094829572 [Russian State Media]

Drone video emerged showing the conditions in the city on April 4,<sup>21</sup> and a video shot by two Russian-backed militia members showed a gaunt and dazed man sitting on a step.<sup>22</sup>

Ukrainian forces continue to be able to mount an organized defense after 35 days of being surrounded.

A second video has emerged, showing the surrender of an estimated 250 Ukrainian marines in Mariupol.<sup>23</sup>

ASSESSMENT: We believe the surrender location of Mariupol is authentic, despite a denial from the Ukrainian military.

ASSESSMENT: Given the eagerness of Chechen forces and Russian state media to display their war gains, it seems unlikely the battlefield situation changed on April 5.

The Red Cross relief workers being held in Manhush by Russian forces were released Monday night but not allowed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> https://twitter.com/AlexandruC4/status/1511427245713367046

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> https://twitter.com/ruslantrad/status/1511473141712838656 [Russian State Media]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> https://twitter.com/Angelo4justice3/status/1511298004782788613 [Russian State Media]

to proceed to Mariupol.<sup>24</sup> Once a convoy of 54 buses, a smaller effort will try to enter the city on Wednesday with only seven vehicles.

The Russian Air Force hit the Dominica-flagged, Maltaowned cargo ship Azburg, which was docked, with two missiles in Mariupol.<sup>25</sup> One crew member was injured.<sup>26</sup> The vessel has been stranded in the port city since February 23 and holds no cargo.<sup>27</sup> Crew members accused Russian forces of intentionally targeting the ship on April 3 and 4, setting it ablaze.

The Commonwealth of Dominica Maritime Administration urged the Russian Federation in a statement "to withdraw its forces from Ukraine and respect its obligations under relevant international treaties and conventions. The immediate evacuation of all civilians from the port of Mariupol, including the entire crew of mv Azburg, should be organized with the highest degree of priority and urgency."

26 Reuters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The Hill

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> https://twitter.com/gfkot/status/1510927663128535044?s=20&t=nCjvulHgCvDCPp5Ektaa3g

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> https://twitter.com/RussiaVsWorld\_/status/1511399652981194760

NASA FIRMS appears to confirm the sinking, showing a fire in the port at Mariupol, in the northern area of the port, among several docks and loading cranes.<sup>28</sup>

ASSESSMENT: Given the circumstantial evidence of continued fighting, we maintain that the city is still contested. We can no longer estimate when Mariupol will be occupied due to the lack of reliable intelligence and the fierce resistance of the Ukrainian military.

Russian, Chechen, DNR, and LNR militias concentrated their attacks on Rubizhne, Popasna, Marinka, and Severodonetsk. Despite the ongoing offensive, no gains were made.

In Rubizhne, Russian artillery hit a tank filled with nitric acid, causing a large vapor cloud.<sup>29</sup> Residents were told to seal their windows and doors and shelter in place.

Chechen fighters made their daily video of forces shooting wildly at nothing.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> https://twitter.com/MalcontentmentT/status/1511439064938913792

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> https://twitter.com/IuliiaMendel/status/1511274411495727106

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> https://twitter.com/se\_skorici/status/1511059026859204615

Russian troops have reached the outskirts of Popasnya, indicating they've lost ground since March 12.<sup>31</sup>

Russian state media showed helicopter video of Marinka in ruins, with the narrative that Ukrainian forces had bombed the city. Despite pointing out that the area was filled with destroyed Ukrainian military equipment, RT suggests Ukraine destroyed its own military.<sup>32</sup> Simultaneously, Russian state media circulated a video of MLRS launching a salvo of Grad rockets into Marinka.<sup>33</sup>

**OPINION:** Worst disinformation campaign ever.

Russian State Media released a video showing fighting on the edge of Severodonetsk.<sup>34</sup>

ASSESSMENT: We question the veracity of the video showing fighting in Severodonetsk. It features the same news crew that was in Rubizhne. The team would have crossed Ukrainian lines for that to be possible. It is more likely this video is in Rubizhne.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> https://twitter.com/se\_skorici/status/1511439447233118214

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> https://twitter.com/PromotordelDemo/status/1511484630800678913 [Russian State Media]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> https://twitter.com/DragonWong2024/status/1511533907228848129

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> https://twitter.com/Osinttechnical/status/1511340960919306244

#### **BLACK SEA & ODESA REGION**

There weren't any significant military operations in this region.

ASSESSMENT: We do not believe Russia is capable of launching an effective amphibious assault against Odesa. It is more likely a feint to keep Ukrainian military assets in a defensive posture along the coast.

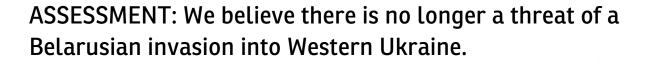
#### **KYIV REGION**

There weren't any significant military operations in the Kyiv region.

ASSESSMENT: An unknown number of disjointed Russian forces remain in small pockets in the regions north of Kyiv.

## **WEST REGION**

There wasn't any significant military activity today.



#### THEATERWIDE & EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

United States President Biden authorized another \$100 million in weapons to Ukraine, including Javelin antitank missiles.<sup>35</sup>

The United States did a test flight of a hypersonic missile in March which was successful.<sup>36</sup> DARPA did not share the top speed achieved, only that it exceeded Mach 5, reached an altitude of 65,000 feet, and traveled more than 300 nautical miles.

The United States, United Kingdom, and Australia announced a new defense pact. The three nations agreed to cooperate on hypersonic weapons and electronic warfare capabilities.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> https://twitter.com/AP/status/1511526536264007680

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> https://www.defensenews.com/air/2022/04/05/pentagon-kept-hypersonic-test-quiet-amid-russia-tensions/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> https://www.reuters.com/world/uk-us-australia-agree-work-hypersonics-under-defence-pact-2022-04-05/

## WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

On March 19, Russian State Media, Russia Today, reported that Russian forces executed 93 Ukrainian military deserters dressed in civilian clothes.<sup>38</sup>

An ambulance driven by a husband and wife team struck an antitank landmine in Pryputni, in the Chernihiv Oblast. The couple was killed.<sup>39</sup>

Civilians who were executed alongside their cars were found in Nova Basan.<sup>40</sup>

Russian soldiers staged mocked executions in Havrylivka before retreating from the village north of Kherson.<sup>41</sup>

Doctors without Borders reported that a cluster bomb hit a pediatric hospital in Mykolaiv.<sup>42</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> https://twitter.com/SlavicWorld/status/1511483721978949634

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> https://twitter.com/RespectIsVital/status/1511464429036130310

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> https://twitter.com/DanylaDan/status/1511261009348116487/photo/1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> <u>@olex scherba Twitter</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> https://twitter.com/MSF\_Ukraine/status/1511376014278115331

"Bombing such a large area within a residential neighborhood in the middle of the afternoon cannot but cause civilian casualties and hit public buildings," says Michel-Olivier Lacharité, the head of mission for MSF in Ukraine.<sup>43</sup>

Another artillery shell or cluster munition struck the ambulance bay of a different hospital, destroying one vehicle.<sup>44</sup>

In a video that shows Ukrainian marines surrendering in Mariupol, a wounded soldier is on crutches at 2:10 seconds.<sup>45</sup> That soldier doesn't appear in the video initially shared of the captured soldiers being marched on April 4.<sup>46</sup>

This photo claims to show the captured soldiers, but the man framed forward in the second row is wearing a jacket not seen in either video. Many of the boots and clothing do not match the men recorded in the previous videos.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> https://www.msf.org/msf-team-witnesses-hospital-bombing-mykolaiv

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> https://twitter.com/SkyNews/status/1511443558267592718

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> https://twitter.com/MalcontentmentT/status/1511535712432058369

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> https://twitter.com/ELINTNews/status/1511059265905172485 [Russian State Media]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> <u>https://twitter.com/Aryan\_warlord/status/1511057215863820288/photo/1</u> [Russian State Media]

Russian forces fired Smerch missiles armed with cluster munitions into the Feldman Ecopark Zoo in Kharkiv, causing damage to some animal enclosures.<sup>48</sup> Zoo officials announced on April 5 they would be forced to euthanize all of the large predators due to the inability to maintain safe enclosures. An hour later, zoo officials announced that the large cats at the zoo were being moved to Odesa.<sup>49</sup>

The intentional destruction of buildings dedicated to religion, art, science, charitable purposes, and historic monuments is considered a war crime.<sup>50</sup>

The Russian Air Force deployed petal mines in Popsnya in civilian areas. The mines are in camouflaged colors, making them harder to detect.<sup>51</sup> There have been previous claims back to February 28, but this is the first hard evidence of the use of petal mines.

The deployment of any landmine in civilian occupied areas is considered a war crime under the Geneva Convention.<sup>52</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> https://www.facebook.com/FeldmanEcopark/videos/529674661907727/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> https://www.facebook.com/FeldmanEcopark/videos/3206143486299857/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> https://www.icc-cpi.int/itemsDocuments/20210614-otp-policy-cultural-heritage-eng.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> https://twitter.com/MalcontentmentT/status/1511489387741155331

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/customary-ihl/eng/docindex/v2\_rul\_rule81

The Russian Ministry of Defense announced that Ukraine is preparing to show more "fake war crimes" in Konotop and Sumy.<sup>53</sup> Russian forces have been holding Konotop as a route of retreat for troops leaving the eastern edge of Kyiv Oblast. Some of the retreating forces moving through the city committed war crimes in Bucha and Velyka Dymerka. Before the Russian Ministry of Defense announcement, the April 4 SITREP documented multiple war crimes already occurring in Konotop.

Bellingcat analyzed the iconic dead cyclist in Bucha and documented that the man was killed before March 11. His body was left in the street until the city's liberation on April 1.<sup>54</sup> The study found a Russian armored personnel carrier fired at the man five times before being fatally struck.

Ukrainian military units are demining Borodyanka, with news crews beginning to filter into the city. The area is left in ruins, with many survivors telling stories of rape and brutality.<sup>55 56 57 58</sup> Russians and Chechens controlled the city during its occupation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> https://twitter.com/MyBolivia/status/1511510209012842501 [Russian State Media]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> https://twitter.com/bellingcat/status/1511284174921076736

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> https://twitter.com/KyivIndependent/status/1511391938284560398

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> https://twitter.com/RALee85/status/1511397353479192578

<sup>57</sup> https://twitter.com/gfkot/status/1510927663128535044

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> https://twitter.com/ronzheimer/status/1511387661298278408

The Ukrainian Head of the Hostomel Military Administration reported over 400 people are missing in the city, which Russian forces left on March 31.<sup>59</sup>

More videos of war crimes have emerged from Bucha as authorities continue to search and demine the city.<sup>60</sup> Chief Rabbi Azman visited Irpin and Bucha, writing, "my heart breaks at what I see."<sup>61</sup>

The Ukrainian General Staff has identified the 64<sup>th</sup> Separate Motorized Rifle Brigade as the unit that carried out the war crime operation in Bucha. Lieutenant Colonel Azatbek Omurbekov is the commanding officer.<sup>62</sup>

Editor's Note: We usually would not use Daily Mail as a source, but multiple resources have identified the 64<sup>th</sup> SMRB as the unit that committed the war crimes.

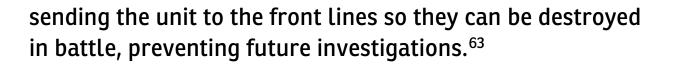
The Institute for the Study of War reported that the 64<sup>th</sup> SMRB was sent to fight in eastern Ukraine without refit or resupply. The Ukrainian General Staff is accusing Russia of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> https://twitter.com/KyivIndependent/status/1511502515342303232

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> https://twitter.com/UkraineWarPosts/status/1511521842032521218

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> https://twitter.com/SamuelSokol/status/1511244570536853504

<sup>62</sup> Daily Mail



United Kingdom Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a video address to the Russian people in an attempt to convince them that their government had committed war crimes.<sup>64</sup>

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the United Nations Security Council and showed documentation of the war crimes committed in Bucha.<sup>65</sup> He chastised the council, asking, "where is the security from the security council."

He accused Russia of committing war crimes and called for a Nuremberg-style tribunal.<sup>66</sup>

"They cut off limbs, cut their throats. Women were raped and killed in front of their children," he said. He asserted that people's tongues were pulled out "only because their aggressor did not hear what they wanted to hear from them."

<sup>65</sup> https://twitter.com/Reuters/status/1511488856813670405

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> https://understandingwar.org/backgrounder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-april-5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> https://twitter.com/10DowningStreet/status/1511388539916804108

<sup>66</sup> Associated Press

Russia's U.N. ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia, said, "not a single local person has suffered from any violent action" while Bucha was under Russia's control. He called the evidence provided "crude forgeries" staged by Ukrainians.

United States Senator Dick Durbin has introduced a new War Crimes Accountability Bill. If it were to become law, foreign war criminals would be barred from seeking asylum in the United States.<sup>67</sup>

A sniper fired at a news crew with Russia Today operating in Mariupol.<sup>68</sup> No one was injured.

#### GEOPOLITICAL

The European Union has proposed banning all road and sea access for Russian trucks and ships, which would effectively cut off the enclave of Kaliningrad. The only exceptions would be humanitarian goods of food, medicines, and energy.<sup>69</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> https://twitter.com/TheLeadCNN/status/1511480180212125696

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> https://twitter.com/CidaKeiroz/status/1511387170531323905 [Russia State Media]
<sup>69</sup> Reuters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>os</sup> <u>Reuters</u>

Twenty-two nations and the European Union announced the expulsion of 468 Russian diplomats over the last five days. Over 200 removals happened in the previous 24 hours. The nations include:

- Poland (45)
- Denmark (40)
- Germany (40)
- Slovakia (38)
- France (35)
- Slovenia (33)
- Italy (30)
- Latvia (30)
- Spain (25)
- Belgium (21)
- Netherlands (17)
- Estonia (16)
- Denmark (15)
- Bulgaria (12)
- United States (12)
- Portugal (10)
- Romania (10)
- North Macedonia (5)
- Lithuania (5)
- Ireland (4)
- Sweden (3)

- Czech Republic (2)
- Montenegro (1)
- European Union (19)

Russia State TV Russia One aired a clip of United States Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor-Greene, claiming that the United States supports "real Nazis in Ukraine."<sup>70</sup>

ASSESSMENT: Does Congresswoman Greene not realize she is on the United States government payroll?

The BBC reported that Twitter would move to limit Russian government accounts further. Over 300 accounts will no longer be in timelines, notifications, or anywhere else on the site, effectively banning them.<sup>71</sup>

# ECONOMIC

The European Union proposed new sanctions against Russia, including banning coal, wood, cement, liquor, and seafood imports worth \$10 billion. The EU is also proposing an export ban that would include semiconductors, quantum

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> https://twitter.com/JuliaDavisNews/status/1511393437924401154

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-60992373

computers, electrical, transit equipment, and liquified natural gas.<sup>72</sup>

Russian ships and trucks would be barred from accessing EU roads and ports. The sanctions would still allow the transit of food, medicine, and energy products – which is peculiar given the proposed ban on coal and LNG.

The United States is expected to announce new sanctions on Wednesday.<sup>73</sup>

New Zealand announced it was imposing a 35% tariff on all imports from Russia and extending the export ban on industrial products.

Intel and IBM announced it was suspending all business operations in Russia and exiting the country. Since the start of the war, over 600 corporations have left Russia.<sup>74</sup>

The rouble declined slightly to 84.50 to 1 United States dollar.

<sup>72</sup> Reuters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/us-allies-ready-new-russia-sanctions-after-bucha-killings-2022-04-06/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> https://som.yale.edu/story/2022/over-600-companies-have-withdrawn-russia-some-remain



Oil prices were flat, with WTI holding at \$102 a barrel and Brent crude at \$107.

#### **DISINFORMATION EVALUATION**

Kseniia took the day off.