

#UkraineWeekly

August 06, 2026

Figures of the week

- [44 people were injured and 17 were killed](#) in the massive Russian strike on Kyiv and the Kyiv region on 5 August.

Foreign Policy

- President [Zelenskyy met with the new UK Secretary of State for Defence](#), Wes Streeting.
- Defense cooperation and Ukraine's accession to the EU: [President Zelenskyy met with Latvian Foreign Minister](#) Baiba Braže.
- Presidents of [Ukraine and Finland discussed strengthening protection](#) against Russian ballistic missiles.
- President Zelenskyy held a [phone call with NATO Secretary General](#) Mark Rutte.
- [President of Ukraine and the Prime Minister of the Netherlands](#) discussed opportunities to bolster Ukraine's Air Defense and the European track.
- President [Zelenskyy and Moldova's Deputy Prime Minister](#) and Foreign Minister Mihai Popșoi discussed security and joint infrastructure projects.
- President Zelenskyy named [Ukraine's diplomatic priorities](#) for the year.
- [Address by the President Zelenskyy](#) to participants in the Meeting of Heads of Ukraine's Foreign Diplomatic Missions.
- President of Ukraine and the President of the UAE discussed the [security of maritime routes](#) and expanding our ability to protect lives.
- President [Zelenskyy had a phone call with the Vice President of the United States](#) JD Vance.
- In Lublin, President [Zelenskyy met with Prime Minister of Poland](#) Donald Tusk.
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha met with foreign ministers of [Azerbaijan](#), [Latvia](#) and [Moldova](#).
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha had a phone calls with foreign ministers of [Canada](#), [India](#), [Romania](#), and [Poland](#).

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- Total [Russian combat losses since February 24, 2022](#), to 06 August 2026: in personnel – 1 454 210, tanks – 12 246, ACV – 25 087, artillery system – 47 455.
- [National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine](#) reviewed the implementation of resilience plans in the regions and approved the resilience plan for Kyiv.
- [Ukraine knocks out 13 Russian-controlled energy facilities](#) in just 48 hours.
- Ukraine just completed its [biggest deep-strike campaign against Russia](#) yet. Here's what it achieved.
- [Russian drone hunts vegetable seller at Kherson](#) market in chilling footage.
- In the Odesa region, [Russian forces attacked a ship flying the flag of Guinea-Bissau and carrying Ukrainian wheat](#): One person was killed, and three were injured.
- Russian strikes wipe out nearly [10 million books](#) since May—equal to 74% of Ukraine's 2026 book output.
- Ukraine is actively seeking ways [to restore agricultural exports](#) after Russia blocked the Black Sea shipping corridor.

Learn more

Today, we want to introduce one of Ukraine's young talents — writer and soldier [Artur Dron](#). At just twenty-five, he's already lived several lives: journalism student, poet with two collections to his name, and, since the first days of the full-scale invasion, a serviceman. He fought on the eastern and southern fronts and was wounded in October 2024 — and it was during his recovery that he wrote his first book of prose, Hemingway Knows Nothing, which has since become a bestseller. [What makes this book so special](#), and what does its author have to say?