

# #UkraineWeekly

May 9, 2025

## Figures of the week

[205 Ukrainian soldiers](#) have returned home from Russian captivity on May 6 and a total of [4,757 people](#) have returned home during the war.

## Foreign Policy

- President Zelenskyy had a phone [conversation with the U.S. President](#) and the [Federal Chancellor of Germany](#).
- High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy [Kaja Kallas and European foreign ministers visited Lviv](#) on Europe Day.
- President [Zelenskyy met with Secretary-General of the OECD M.Cormann](#).
- In Prague, President Zelenskyy met with [President of the Czech Republic P.Pavel](#), the [Czech Prime Minister P.Fiala](#), and [leading Czech Defense companies](#).
- President Zelenskyy had a phone conversations with the [Prime Minister of Australia](#), the [President of Ecuador](#), and the [Prime Minister of Denmark](#).
- Czechia joins the [Coalition of Ukrainian Studies](#).
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha met with the [EU Defense Commissioner A.Kubilius](#) and [Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic J.Lipavsky](#).
- Statements by the MFA of Ukraine on the [80th anniversary of the victory over Nazism in the Second World War](#) and [Foreign Military Participation in the May 9 Parade in Moscow](#).
- [Comment of the MFA of Ukraine](#) on the Escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan.
- Fourth Action [Plan to increase economic pressure](#) on the aggressor state.

## Home and Frontline

- Total [Russian combat losses since February 24, 2022 – to May 09, 2025](#), in personnel – 963,270, tanks – 10 782, ACV – 22,433, artillery system – 27,588.
- [Address by President Zelenskyy](#) on the Day of Remembrance and Victory over Nazism in World War II, 1939–1945.
- On May 8, despite Putin's statements, [Russian forces continue to attack](#) across the entire frontline and committed: 734 ceasefire violations and 63 assault operations, 23 of which are still ongoing; 586 attacks on our troops' positions, 464 of which used heavy weapons; 176 strikes by FPV-drones; and 10 air strikes using 16 guided aerial bombs.
- Ukrainian [sea drone downed two Russian Su-30s](#) (Flanker) in world's first-ever strike.
- Russian drone struck directly into a [residential high-rise in Kyiv](#).

## Learn more

Russia turned WWII into its central myth. Moscow uses this myth not to honor the past, but to justify its present-day aggression. It attacks someone else's historical memory, someone else's identity, someone else's borders. Moreover, the Russians try to downplay the contributions of other nations to the defeat of the Nazis. [What do these lies look like? Let's analyze it point by point.](#)

