

#UkraineWeekly

July 25, 2025

Figures of the week

[Over 1,000 Ukrainians have been returned from Russian captivity](#) as part of agreement made during the second round of talks in Istanbul in June.

Ukraine-Türkiye

- [Ukrainian delegation met with the President of the Republic of Türkiye](#) R. T. Erdoğan, ahead of the Istanbul talks.
- The [third round of negotiations](#) between Ukraine and Russia was held in Istanbul.
- Ukraine's [FC 'Shakhtar Donetsk'](#), led by Turkish coach Arda Turan, faced Beşiktaş away in the first leg of the UEFA Europa League second qualifying round.

Foreign Policy

- President Zelenskyy held a phone calls with [Federal Chancellor of Germany](#) Friedrich Merz and the [UK Prime Minister](#) Keir Starmer.
- President [Zelenskyy met with Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France](#) Jean-Noël Barrot.
- President Zelenskyy held a [phone call with Prime Minister of Norway](#) Jonas Gahr Støre.
- President Zelenskyy and President Macron [discussed military needs](#), reinforcement of air defense, and further steps within the Coalition of the Willing.
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha announced a joint fundraiser by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and UNITED24 for [ground-based robotic platforms](#).
- Statement by the MFA of Ukraine on the Introduction [of Cyber Sanctions Against the Russian Federation](#).

Home and Frontline

- [Total Russian combat losses since February 24, 2022, to 25 July 2025](#): in personnel – 1,047,250, tanks – 11,049, ACV – 23 052, artillery system – 30 777.
- On July 24, President Zelensky submitted a draft law to the Verkhovna Rada that includes provisions to safeguard the independence of anti-corruption institutions.
- President Zelenskyy took part in the Annual Meeting of the Heads of Ukraine's Foreign Diplomatic Missions and outlined the [main priorities for the work of Ukrainian diplomats](#).
- Seven [cultural heritage sites were damaged in Odesa](#) as a result of Russian strikes on Thursday, July 24.
- On 24 July, [Russia attacked central part of Kharkiv](#) and [Cherkasy](#).
- The Netherlands and 40 other member states of the OSCE called for an independent investigation into the [torture and mistreatment of Ukrainian prisoners of war by Russian forces](#).
- Ukrainian farmers harvested over [10 million tonnes of grain](#) and leguminous crops.
- Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk further cemented his place as one of boxing's greats by stopping Daniel Dubois in round five to become a [two-time undisputed heavyweight champion](#).

Learn more

Today, we invite you to explore the rich history of [legendary Cossack land - Khortytsia](#), is one of Ukraine's most important educational, cultural, and historical centers, which continues to grow and evolve. Khortytsia Island is the heart of Cossack history - a legendary stronghold of the Zaporizhian Cossacks and a symbol of Ukrainian freedom and resilience.

