

# #UkraineWeekly

August 22, 2025

## Figures of the week

- On August 24, Ukraine will mark the [34th anniversary of restoring its independence](#). On this day, it will also be exactly **3.5 years or 1,278 days** since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion. Ukraine has been standing in the war against Russia for its independence longer than anyone in the world expected

## Ukraine - Türkiye

- Cevdet Yılmaz, the Vice President of Türkiye, took part in the Coalition of the Willing [meetings on 17 and 19 August](#).
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha had [phone talks](#) with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye Hakan Fidan.

## Foreign Policy

- President [Zelenskyy met with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte](#) in Kyiv.
- President Zelenskyy held a phone calls with the [Prime Minister of Norway](#) and the [President of the European Council](#).
- President Zelenskyy: [Ukraine is ready for any format of talks](#) at the level of leaders.
- President [Zelenskyy together with European leaders met with President Trump](#) in Washington D.C.
- [President Zelenskyy and President Trump](#) discussed the real situation on the battlefield, the release of prisoners and the return of abducted children, efforts to achieve a durable peace, security guarantees, and bilateral cooperation.
- [Coalition of the Willing](#) coordinated positions ahead of talks in Washington.
- Presidents of Ukraine and the United States discussed [the meeting in Alaska](#) in a bilateral format and then together with European leaders.
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha held telephone conversations with the foreign ministers of [Sweden](#), [Estonia](#), [Brazil](#), [France](#), the [Netherlands](#), [Spain](#), and [Canada](#).
- Ukraine imposed [new sanctions package against Russia's military-industrial complex](#), targeting drone manufacturers using AI.
- [Comment by the MFA of Ukraine](#) on the case concerning the seizure of Ukrainian naval vessels and servicemen in 2018.

## Home and Frontline

- Total [Russian combat losses since February 24, 2022](#), to 22 August 2025: in personnel – 1,074,320, tanks – 11,124, ACV – 23,160, artillery system – 31,835.
- [Russia unleashed 574 Shahed drones and 40 missiles](#), including Kinzhal and Iskander ballistic missiles, as well as Kalibr and Kh-101 cruise missiles, according to Ukraine's Air Force on August 21.
- [Russian missile strike hits US-owned factory](#) in western Ukraine with 600 workers inside.
- Ukrainian farmers harvest over [27 million tonnes of grain](#) and legume crops.
- Ukraine has successfully tested its new long-range [Flamingo missile](#).
- The Naval Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine have [destroyed a Russian base](#) for Forpost and Mohajer-6 drones at the Khersones airfield in occupied Sevastopol.
- Ukraine repatriated [1,000 fallen soldiers](#), including five POWs who died in Russian captivity.

## Learn more

On the eve of Ukraine's Independence Day, we invite you to discover [15 national symbols of Ukraine](#) – each reflecting our historical continuity, unique identity, and cultural beauty that has flourished for centuries.

