

#UkraineWeekly

August 29, 2025

Figures of the week

- [146 Ukrainians were released from Russian captivity](#) on August 24.

Ukraine - Türkiye

- [President Zelenskyy and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan](#) discussed negotiations in the leaders' format, security guarantees, and Russian strikes on Ukraine.
- Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Rustem Umerov met with [Minister of Defense of Türkiye Yaşar Güler](#) and [Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye Hakan Fidan](#).
- Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Mariana Betsa held a [telephone conversation](#) with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye Ayşe Berris Ekinçi.

Foreign Policy

- [Leaders of Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Denmark](#) held a coordination online meeting.
- President Zelenskyy had a phone calls with the [UN Secretary-General](#), [President of the EU Commission](#), [President of Finland](#).
- President Zelenskyy met with representatives of the [Ukrainian World Congress](#).
- Ukraine and Lithuania agreed to [deepen cooperation for the return of children abducted by Russia](#).
- President [Zelenskyy met with U.S. Special Presidential Envoy](#) General Keith Kellogg.
- Strengthening Air Defense, Financing Defense Production, and Security Guarantees: [President Zelenskyy met with Germany's Vice Chancellor Lars Klingbeil](#).
- President [Zelenskyy met with the Prime Minister of Norway](#) Jonas Gahr Støre.
- Defense Cooperation, Security Guarantees, and Diplomatic Support: [President Zelenskyy met with the Prime Minister of Canada](#).
- President [Zelenskyy held a conversation](#) with the President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa.
- [President Zelenskyy and Dutch Prime Minister](#) Dick Schoof discussed the developments of security guarantees and joint projects.
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha held [joint phone talks](#) with the US Secretary of State and European allies.
- Comment by the MFA of Ukraine on the [Illegal Inclusion of the seaports of Berdiansk and Mariupol](#) into the List of Seaports of the Russian Federation.
- Ukrainian [Foreign Ministry statement](#) on the modern lessons of the 86th anniversary of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.
- The Democratic Republic of the Congo [begins the process of joining the International Coalition](#) for the Return of Ukrainian Children.
- Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on [Russia's systemic disinformation campaign against Ukraine](#) in African countries
- Joint Statement following the [Ministerial Meeting between Ukraine and the BENELUX countries](#).

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- [Total Russian combat losses since February 24, 2022, to 29 August 2025](#): in personnel – 1,080,480, tanks – 11,143, ACV – 23,191, artillery system – 32,125.
- Following the [massive Russian attack on Kyiv on the night of August 27-28](#), the fate of eight people remains unknown, while 23 people have been confirmed dead and 53 injured.
- Address by the President on [Ukraine's Independence Day](#).

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On the 29th of August, [Ukrainians commemorate the Day of Remembrance of the Defenders of Ukraine](#). On this day, ten years ago, the Ukrainian army suffered its heaviest losses in the Donbas region during the withdrawal from the Ilovaik encirclement.

