

#UkraineWeekly

January 16, 2026

Figures of the week

- [Over 4,000 cultural sites and facilities across Ukraine](#) have been destroyed as a result of Russia's war.

Ukraine-Türkiye

- [Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan](#) and adviser to the President of Türkiye [Akif Çağatay Kılıç](#) participated on two separated meeting of "Coalition of Willing" in Paris.

Foreign Policy

- Czech President [Petr Pavel arrived in Kyiv](#) on the second day of his visit to Ukraine.
- President Zelenskyy held a [phone call with NATO Secretary General](#) Mark Rutte.
- President Zelenskyy discussed [military cooperation, EU integration,](#) and the development of the PURL initiative with Albania's Foreign Minister.
- President Zelenskyy discussed [progress of negotiations and sanctions bill](#) with senators Lindsey Graham and Richard Blumenthal.
- President Zelenskyy held a [phone call with President of Finland](#) Alexander Stubb.
- President [Zelenskyy and Prime Minister of the Netherlands](#) Dick Schoof discussed energy support for Ukraine, recovery after Russian strikes, and air defense needs.
- President Zelenskyy held a [meeting with the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for Defense, John Healey.](#)
- First Lady of Ukraine Olena [Zelenska took part in a meeting with U.S. State Department representatives](#) focused on the return of Ukrainian children abducted by Russia.
- President of Ukraine and the President of Moldova discussed the [joint path to the European Union and bilateral cooperation.](#)
- President [Zelenskyy met with representatives of the U.S. President's team.](#)
- [Statement by the President Zelenskyy](#) during a joint press conference with Emmanuel Macron, Keir Starmer, Friedrich Merz, Steve Witkoff, and Jared Kushner.
- [Paris Declaration](#) accepted after the Coalition of the Willing meeting.

Home and Frontline

- [Total Russian combat losses since February 24, 2022,](#) to 16 January 2026: in personnel – 1,224,460, tanks – 11,563, ACV – 23,908, artillery system – 36,230.
- President [Zelenskyy declared energy emergency](#) as Russian attacks and severe cold leave Ukrainians without power.
- President Zelenskyy presented [state awards to the winners](#) and participants of the Invictus games.
- Ukraine's Parliament approved Denys Shmyhal as [New First Deputy PM and Energy Minister,](#) and Mykhailo Fedorov as [New Defense Minister.](#)
- [Russia hides weapons at Nuclear Plant,](#) launches drones from reactor site.
- Lviv becomes first city in Ukraine to launch [5G technology.](#)

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The year 2025 brought an even greater number of books about Ukraine and by Ukrainian authors. Today, we present the [ten books about Ukraine,](#) as selected by The Kyiv Independent, an English-language Ukrainian media outlet.

