

# #UkraineWeekly

February 4, 2026

## Figures of the week

- [224 cases](#) of the use of hazardous chemical substances by Russian invaders were recorded in January 2026.

## Foreign Policy

- In Kyiv, President [Zelenskyy and the NATO Secretary General](#) discussed the expansion of the PURL initiative and additional supplies of patriot missiles.
- President [Zelenskyy met with the OSCE](#) Chairman-in-Office, Vice President of Switzerland Ignazio Cassis, and the OSCE Secretary General Feridun Sinirlioğlu.
- [Key priorities of President of Ukraine](#) diplomatic work in January.
- President Zelenskyy discussed [energy support, sanctions against Russia](#), and diplomatic efforts with President of the EU Commission Ursula von der Leyen.
- Ukraine imposed [sanctions on individuals and companies](#) involved in the tanker fleet operations and cyberattacks against Ukraine, EU member states, and NATO countries.
- President Zelenskyy had a phone conversations with the leaders of [Germany](#), [France](#), [the UK](#), [Norway](#), and [Austria](#).
- Another round of [trilateral meetings](#) involving representatives of Ukraine, the United States, and Russia has begun in the UAE.
- Ukraine has initiated amendments to the [IAEA Statute](#).
- Ukraine has recognized Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps ([IRGC](#)) as [a terrorist organization](#).

## Home and Frontline

- Total [Russian combat losses since](#) February 24, 2022, to 04 February 2026: in personnel – **1,243,070**, tanks – 11,637, ACV – 23,992, artillery system – 36,915.
- President Zelenskyy stated this during the [presentation of the “E-Points” initiative](#) for assessing the effectiveness of drone units.
- [43% of Ukrainians](#) do not believe that the Russia's war against Ukraine will end in 2026.
- In the Dnipro region, at least [12 people were killed](#) as a result of Russia's targeted strike on a bus carrying mine workers.
- On February 3 Russian invaders used more than [70 missiles and 450 attack drones](#) to strike Ukraine.
- NATO Secretary General [Mark Rutte visited one of Kyiv's CHP plants](#) that was attacked by Russia overnight.
- Massive Russian attack causes [significant power outages](#) in five regions.

## Learn more

As part of our regular feature, today we introduce you to [Panteleimon Kulish](#), a prominent Ukrainian writer, historian, and intellectual, and his novel The Black Council (Chorna Rada), the first major historical novel in Ukrainian literature that remains relevant today.

