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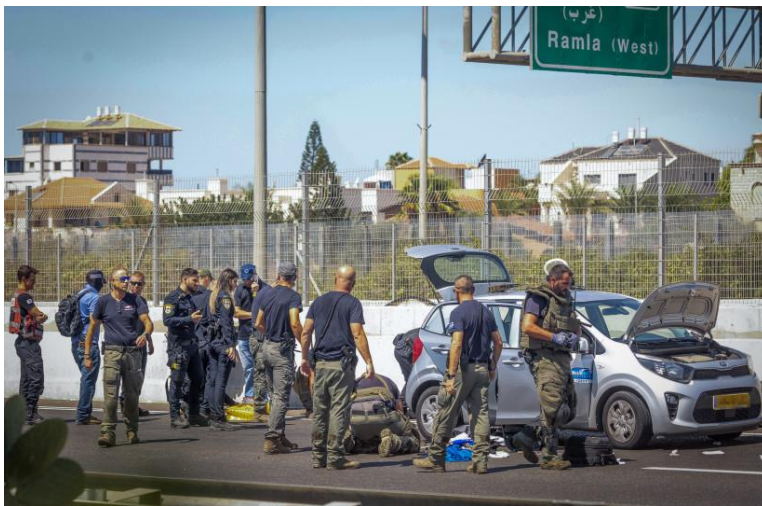
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The Israeli news is usually rather abbreviated during the High Holidays. rdb

Two Israelis arrested on highway in connection to Tel Aviv bomb blast

One of the suspects arrested on Route 431 tied himself to the blast during an investigation by Shin Bet and Border Police.



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Israeli security forces at the scene where two suspects arrested on road 431, near Ramla, September 15, 2023 (photo credit: YOSSI ALONI/FLASH90) Advertisement

Israeli security forces arrested two suspects, residents of Jaffa and the Jerusalem area, in Ramle driving on Route 431 on suspicion of connection to a blast that occurred early on Friday morning in Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park.

The central Israel road was subsequently blocked in both directions following the arrest.

According to Israeli media citing eyewitnesses, the suspect was taken out of

the vehicle and handcuffed as a bomb squad was called to the scene. The suspects are Israeli citizens, according to reports.

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— or keren (@Wq0oQJmUSfZunt5) [September 15, 2023](#)

After an investigation from [Israel's National Counterterrorism Unit](#), it was found that the vehicle contained no explosives.

However, one of the suspects tied himself to the blast during the Shin Bet and Border Police investigation, law authorities said. More information from the investigation has been placed under a gag order.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-759236>

IDF strikes Hamas post after renewed rioting on Gaza border



Photojournalist among 9 injured by Israeli fire and crowd dispersal means; strike on observation site seen as warning to terror group

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) Today, 6:27 pm Updated at 8:39 pm [2](#)

Palestinian rioters burn tires during clashes with Israeli soldiers along the Israel-Gaza border on September 15, 2023. (MOHAMMED ABED / AFP)

The Israeli military carried out a drone strike against a Hamas observation post in the Gaza Strip in response to renewed rioting by Palestinians along the border on Friday.

In a **statement, the Israel Defense Forces said hundreds of Palestinians rioted on the Israeli border on Friday afternoon, including setting off explosive devices on the security barrier and hurling grenades at troops.**

The **IDF said soldiers stationed in the area responded with riot dispersal means** and live fire in some cases.

No soldiers were hurt, the IDF said.

As the protest dispersed, the military said it carried out a drone strike against a Hamas observation post near the border. No injuries were immediately reported.

The terror group, which rules the territory, appears to have resumed regular provocations along the frontier. The strike was seen as a warning to Hamas.

Footage from the rioting showed tires set on fire along the Israeli security barrier, and troops responding with tear gas.

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— حسن اصليح | Hassan (@hassaneslayeh) [September 15, 2023](#)

The Hamas-run health ministry in the Gaza Strip said nine Palestinians were wounded by Israeli fire and crowd dispersal means. According to Palestinian media, among the injured was a photojournalist who was hit in the hand by a tear gas canister.



The incident comes as **Israeli security forces are on high alert as the Rosh Hashana holiday** is underway, amid a rise in warnings and intelligence tips about possible terror attacks.

The riots also come after [six Palestinian rioters were killed](#) on Wednesday, during an attempt to detonate a makeshift bomb on the border.

Tires burn as Palestinian rioters clash with Israeli soldiers along the Israel-Gaza border on September 15, 2023. (MOHAMMED ABED / AFP)

The IDF said hundreds of rioters participated in Wednesday's violent protest, including some who hurled

explosive devices and grenades at the security barrier. Troops responded with riot dispersal means.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/hundreds-of-palestinians-again-riot-on-gaza-border-5-said-wounded/>

16 tons of rocket materials en route to Gaza confiscated in Ashdod

The catch is the latest in a series of thwarted smuggling attempts involving terrorist groups in Gaza.

By [JERUSALEM POST STAFF](#) Published: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 11:59 Updated: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 15:49

Customs agents in Ashdod uncovered 16 tons of explosive material destined for the Gaza Strip during an inspection in July, according to a Thursday statement from the Israel Tax Authority Spokesperson.

The **statement explained that Ashdod Customs and the National Cargo Inspection Center in Ashdod confiscated two shipping containers headed for Gaza weighing 54 tons which were supposed to contain bags of plaster.**

Inspectors noticed that some of the material was not actually gypsum - the main constituent of plaster. It was taken to a laboratory for testing, where technicians verified that **the substance was in fact ammonium chloride.**

In total, **16 tons of ammonium chloride, commonly used to make dry cell batteries, were found.**

According to the Tax Authority, **ammonium chloride is used by terrorist organizations in Gaza in the manufacturing of rockets that are launched toward Israel.**

Latest in series of weapons smuggling attempts related to Gaza

The seizure of the material for rockets comes just a little over a week after exports through the Kerem Shalom crossing were temporarily halted after the Defense Ministry thwarted an attempt to smuggle kilograms of explosive material from the Gaza Strip.

Inspectors at the Kerem Shalom crossing found high explosive material hidden among a shipment of clothing in that incident. The defense establishment suspects that the explosives were

intended for terrorist elements, although the statement did not clarify where the shipment was headed.

In early August, the Defense Ministry thwarted an attempt to [smuggle reconnaissance drones](#) into Gaza through the Erez crossing which were intended for terrorist groups in the Strip.

In May, inspectors at the Kerem Shalom crossing discovered firearms, silencers and ammunition hidden in a shipment of furniture headed from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank. The movement of goods at the crossing was not halted after that incident. <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-759045>

Gallant remains focused on external threats to Israel despite government infighting

MILITARY AFFAIRS: New insights from the defense minister on Saudis, judicial overhaul, West Bank terror, and Iran.

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Yoav Gallant with IAF chief Maj.-Gen. Tomer Bar. (photo credit: DEFENSE MINISTRY)

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant has had to dance his way through at least three “acts” in the lifetime of the current coalition.

In Act I, he blocked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s judicial overhaul and was fired on March 23 and then unfired, coming out temporarily idolized in the country’s political Center, while hated on the Right.

During Act II, after his March 23 speech, he reversed course and got in lockstep with Netanyahu, and vehemently laid into IDF reservists who threatened to quit over the judicial reform. This restored some of his support

on the Right, while losing some of his support in the Center.

For Act III, after the July 24 restriction of the judiciary’s reasonableness standard, he swung back, insisting on Netanyahu compromising with the opposition on the judicial overhaul. This put him somewhere on the political spectrum in between where he was at the end of acts 1 and 2, though more toward the political Center.

According to Gallant, all of his positions have been consistent in protecting the IDF from harm as his first priority. The Jerusalem Post understands that he is insisting Netanyahu compromise on the judicial overhaul less because he might oppose elements of government policy in principle, but because his primary focus as defense minister has to be to maintain the military’s strength.



Defense Minister Yoav Gallant during a discussion and a vote at the assembly hall of the Knesset in Jerusalem. July 30, 2023 (credit: YONATAN SINDEL/FLASH90)

Some top former defense officials predicted that the military would start to fall apart sometime between September and November. They had predicted that the crisis in preserving Israeli airpower, caused by the air force reservists’ strike against the judicial overhaul, could only be papered over for most of August when many officers take long vacations anyway, but not beyond.

Gallant would not downplay how serious it is for air force reservists to be missing their training sessions in September since many of them could be removed from active duty based on air force regulations that view pilots as rusty if they do not get up in the sky once every few weeks or so.

At the same time, he would not set a specific timeline for when a true IDF crisis will start, and will just continue to demand a compromise to avoid further deterioration in the IDF.

Gallant would say he is not concerned about how this will impact him politically. Also, he will not guess how he would vote if the full judicial overhaul does come before the Knesset. Rather, his analysis is that the harm to the IDF will eventually force a compromise, and that Netanyahu will come out better if he realizes that reality sooner than later.

~This dizzying dance has kept Gallant at the forefront of many national security issues. **MORE -**

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-759148>

Herzog calls for 'vibrant' Jewish dialogue in Rosh Hashanah message

President Herzog has released a video wishing Jews worldwide a good new year but also discussing the challenges that the Jewish people in Israel and abroad have faced throughout the year.

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President Isaac Herzog meets with beekeepers ahead of Rosh Hashanah, September 10, 2023 (photo credit: AMOS BEN-GERSHOM/GPO)

In his Rosh Hashanah message to Jewish communities worldwide, President Isaac Herzog called for greater engagement in an "inclusive, vibrant, empowering" Jewish dialogue across the world.

President Herzog has released a video wishing Jews worldwide a good new year but also discussing the challenges that the Jewish people in Israel and abroad have faced throughout the year.

In particular, he emphasized the importance of worldwide Jewish

conversations and encouraged them as a part of taking the necessary steps to overcome division among the Jewish people.

The president has been struggling to get power brokers from all sides, to sit and negotiate an exit from the political and legal crisis the country has entered into as a result of the [judicial reform](#).



Israel's President Isaac Herzog. (credit: MARC ISRAEL SELLEM)

"Our differences are our greatest asset"

The president said, "It is no secret that this year has challenged us in very real ways.

For so many, this time of reflection takes on new meanings this year, as we have watched Israel struggle with big questions that highlight how big the

differences between us can be. But whilst our differences can be painful, they also point to an important comforting truth: we all care deeply about our Jewish people and our beloved Jewish and democratic state of Israel. It is okay to have differences. In fact, having differences and being able to voice them is a sign of strength – the strength of our democracy, and the strength of our people. Our differences are our greatest asset." **MORE -**

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-759177>

Netanyahu to head to US after Rosh Hashanah on a trip more marginal than he'd hoped

With judicial overhaul fight raging and tense security situation at home, PM to spend 6 days in US, meet with Biden in NY, address UNGA, see series of world leaders and Elon Musk

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (L) and US President Joe Biden (R). (Flash90/AP)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is preparing to take off for the United States early Monday, hours after the end of the Rosh Hashanah holiday, on a visit that will feature a series of meetings with world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly but will still be far from what he'd hoped for.

The highest-profile sit-down will be the long-awaited visit with US President Joe Biden in a format that is sure to disappoint the prime

minister, who has been angling for a visit to the White House since he returned to office as head of a right-wing, far-right and ultra-Orthodox coalition in late December. The Biden administration has held off on such an invitation amid massive protests and fierce opposition to the Netanyahu government's judicial overhaul bid, which Washington has repeatedly warned against.

Instead, Biden has sufficed with a Netanyahu meeting on the sidelines of the General Assembly next week. The premier is set to address the gathering of world leaders next Friday morning local time.

White House officials reportedly told Netanyahu's office this week that they were looking to host the prime minister at the White House later this year.

A senior US official told the Axios news site Tuesday that the White House wants to see how things unfold with the judicial overhaul before extending an invitation for a follow-up meeting between Netanyahu and Biden in the Oval Office.

There is **divided opinion within the Biden administration, with some pushing the president to set aside his differences with Netanyahu ahead of a tough election** season in 2024. Others are arguing that embracing Netanyahu could harm the president among the left flank of the Democratic party, which feels Biden is too centrist. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-to-head-to-us-after-rosh-hashanah-on-a-trip-more-marginal-than-hed-hoped/>

High Court pushes off Tuesday hearing on Levin's refusal to convene judicial panel

Judges reject justice minister's request to annul injunction, but give him time to submit further response to ruling demanding he explain decision not to assemble committee

By [Tol Staff](#) and [Jeremy Sharon](#) Today, 11:00 am Updated at 1:49 pm [Z](#)



All 15 High Court justices preside over a court hearing on petitions against the government's 'reasonableness bill' at the Supreme Court in Jerusalem, September 12, 2023. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

The High Court of Justice on Friday pushed off next week's hearing on petitions against Justice Minister Yariv Levin's refusal to convene the Judicial Selections Committee by a month, a day after he challenged its ruling ordering him to explain his decision not to assemble the panel.

Immediately after the order was issued

Thursday, Levin submitted a request asking the court to annul its decision, arguing that the interim

injunction — which stated that the justices would use the minister's preliminary response as his substantive response in the case — violated proper court procedure and was silencing him.

While **keeping the injunction in place, the court agreed to delay the hearing scheduled for Tuesday**, saying it will now be held no later than October 23.

The **new date allows Levin time to submit an additional response**, which the judges said he must do by October 9.

Justices Anat Baron, David Mintz, and Yael Willner wrote in response to Levin's accusation that he was being silenced that since his preliminary response to the petitions had been 28 pages, along with another 30 pages of appendices, they had assumed it would suffice for his substantive response.

Since he had requested to send a substantive response as well, the judges said he was entitled to do so if he so wished.

The hearing will also now be held a week after the scheduled retirements of Chief Justice Esther Hayut and Baron.

The **decision came hours after Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara came out against Levin's bid to cancel the interim injunction, but backed his request to submit a further response** on the matter to the High Court of Justice.

Baharav-Miara partially sided with Levin in a legal opinion filed Friday, stating that according to court regulations, he should be allowed to submit a new, substantive response to the court.

"There is no need to cancel the injunction, but the justice minister and the government should be allowed to submit an additional response, in which they can elaborate as they see necessary on the [preliminary] response they already submitted," the attorney general said.

Levin has refused to convene the Judicial Selection Committee, which appoints all judges in Israel, as he seeks changes to its composition in order to grant the government near-total control of the panel, part of a wider effort to water down the independence of the judiciary, which the justice minister considers overly activist.

Baharav-Miara has refused to defend the government's position in court and said in her original submission that Levin had an obligation to convene the committee. Refusal to do so violated

his obligation to exercise the authority he holds "in due time," and constituted an illegitimate form of veto over judicial appointments, she argued.

"With all due respect, the court is not authorized to determine for the respondents, and certainly not when talking about the justice minister and the government of Israel, what should be written in a response to a petition, something which is solely at the discretion of the respondents," wrote Attorney Ohad Shalem, who is representing Levin in the proceedings, in response to the injunction.

"The court determining what is included in the respondents' response revokes the respondents' basic right to have their voice heard, in a manner which prevents the possibility that justice will be done," Shalem continued.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/ag-to-high-court-levin-should-be-able-to-file-new-response-in-judicial-panel-case/>

British Media: We're on the brink of a Russia-NATO war – Su-27 opens fire on RAF RC-135 with 30 crew!

We would almost have 30 dead Britons and the British say world war!

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In September 2022, the actions of a Russian fighter could cause a world war, said the British analyst, professor emeritus at the University of Buckingham Anthony Glass.

Glees argues that Great Britain could invoke the famous Article 5 of the NATO charter, which provides for armed intervention by all countries of the alliance in the event of an attack against any member country.

"If the plane had been shot down and people had been killed, we would have had to react. Who knows how this would have ended?" said the British professor.

Almost a year later, the British press again began to study the scenario of a fatal accident between Russia and a NATO member country. Why;

Russian analysts comment that "probably in the United Kingdom they do not know how such a conflict could end for Great Britain itself and the British people. Otherwise, there would be no point in the British side re-examining an event that resulted in no casualties and ended without consequences."

What had happened to the Su-27 and the RC-135

The delicate balances that exist in conditions of war like the one being waged in Ukraine are confirmed by the revelation of a thriller that unfolded in September 2022 over the Black Sea when a Russian pilot in an Su-27 tried to shoot down a British spy plane with a crew of 30.

Although at the time the Russian Ministry of Defense attributed the launch of the two missiles to a "technical error" - a version accepted by London - British media reports today suggest that the Russian pilot's action was deliberate and the downing was only avoided because he missed !

The BBC, citing three Western defense sources, says Russian intercepts recorded by the RAF's RC-135 show the Russian pilot believed he had been given permission to lock on and eventually push the button aimed at the British plane carrying 30 people on a controversial "order" from a Russian base.

However, **the co-pilot of the Su-27 didn't understand the same and ended up cursing the co-pilot** when he fired the first missile in the incident that happened on September 29, 2022.

What do the British claim?

According to one of the sources cited by the BBC when the Russian fighter approached the RAF spy plane, its pilots heard a command in the spirit of "you have the target" phrase which one of the two interpreted as a "green light" to launch the missiles .

"The controversial way in which the order was given shows a high degree of amateurism by those involved, " the same sources pointed out, explaining that in NATO member states the language used in the event of a request to fire is given very precisely and clearly.

"Did you realize what you did?" the pilot reportedly told the co-pilot, who despite this reaction pressed the button to launch the second of the air-to-air missiles which – fortunately – did not find their target.

What did the British and Americans say then?

Confirmation of **the near "hot incident"** by Britain, which plays a central role in organizing the Ukrainian military and planning Ukrainian operations, came three weeks after the incident on October 20, 2022, with then Defense Secretary Ben Wallace , to speak of a **"potentially dangerous engagement"**.

He, however, **appeared to accept the version of the technical error that the Russians had given** at the time saying *"we do not consider this incident to be a deliberate escalation on the part of Russia and our analysis concludes that it was due to an error"*.

On the **contrary, the American side had used sharper characterizations as the phrase "almost shot down" had been used in documents.**

"The incident was much more serious than it initially appeared and could even be considered an act of war," the New York Times wrote at the time.

In the same report, an American official described the incident as **"very, very scary."** Even then, however, the British Ministry of Defense tried to play down the incident, saying at the time that **"a significant part of the reporting is untrue, falsified or both"**.

Why the secrecy?

Trying to explain this secrecy, the BBC cites a number of reasons why this may have happened from the British Ministry of Defense, the first being that it may not have wanted to reveal the extent of the intelligence gathering operations and intercepted conversations.

A second and more important reason, according to the British media, is that neither side – London and Moscow – would want an escalation that would lead to an armed conflict between a NATO member country and Russia.

"This event is an important reminder of the potential consequences of Putin's barbaric invasion of Ukraine," sources from the British Ministry of Defense say today, with the ministry's spokesman adding that *"our aim is always to ensure the security of our operations, to avoid unnecessary escalation and to inform the British public and the international community."*

"The RAF despite the near shoot-down of 2022 continues to conduct reconnaissance flights over the Black Sea, a testament to the courage shown by its officers who avoided a near disaster" concludes the BBC expose article adding that since then all such flights convoys of Typhoon fighters equipped with air-to-air missiles are carried out. <https://warnews247-gr.translate.google/vretanika-mme-ftasame-sto-cheilos-enos-polemou-rosias-nato-su-27-anoixe-pyr-enation-rc-135-tis-raf-me-30meles-pliroma/? x tr sl=auto& x tr tl=en& x tr hl=en>

Pyrrhic victory of the Ukrainians in Bakhmut: Andreivka and Klishifka were captured - Over 5,000 dead - Russians: The settlements are in the gray zone!

Russians: "Kiev made a hole in the water - Ukrainians will not be able to keep the two settlements"

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Ukrainian forces score their first major success in Bakhmut as they break through the Russian defenses on the left "flank" of the city and capture Klysifka and Andriivka.

The Russians do not admit the loss of the two settlements, but emphasize that they have entered the "gray zone" and note that a Russian counterattack will begin.

The Ukrainians have been besieging the southern side of Bakhmut for three months as part of the counter-offensive and have consumed huge amounts of manpower and military equipment. It is estimated that in the context of the Ukrainian counterattack in Bakhmut, Kiev lost one more Brigade, about 4-5,000 men! If we also calculate the Russian losses, the number explodes!

The main issue now is whether the Ukrainians will be able to keep these two settlements under control or will lose them to the first Russian counterattack. We remind you that they had recently put Klysifka under control for about 24 hours, but then lost it again.

The southern side of Bahamut remains in this direction the only part of the front where heavy fighting continues. There is no such activity on the northern side of Bahamut.

Video: Ukrainian casualties during an attack on Bahmut's flanks

Video: Infantryman of the 3rd Brigade (Azov) huddled inside a YPR-765 comes under fire during an attack on Bakhmut
" Andriivka no longer exists," say the Russians

"Fierce fighting continues in the village of Andreevka on the left side of Bakhmut. The settlement disappeared from the face of the earth, but it was not captured by the Ukrainian Army," reports rt.com's military correspondent Murad Gazdiev and adds:

"An extremely violent artillery battle is taking place. The village simply does not exist anymore, every house has been destroyed.

The Ukrainian Armed Forces are trying to advance through the piles of rubble."

Video: Ukrainian forces surrender north of Klysifka

Video: Ka-52 destroys two Ukrainian tanks south of Klisifka

Fierce fighting in Klisifka

The settlement of Klisifka in the direction of Bahmut has been at the center of fighting for several months.

The village not far from Bahmut today has been completely reduced to ruins. Both Russian and Ukrainian troops are turning the ruins into fortifications and fighting hard.

During the three months of the Ukrainian counteroffensive, the Ukrainian Armed Forces were trying to advance to the Kleshchevsky sector of the Artemovsky direction, hoping to capture Kleshcheevka, and then Bakhmut itself, implementing a pincer movement.

Video released by the Ukrainians a while ago shows that Ukrainian soldiers are in the ruins of houses and utility buildings in Kleshcheevka.

The Ukrainians took the settlement.

Video: Ukrainian Infantry receive grenades from a drone in Kurdyumovka

Ukraine: The army announced the recapture of Andriivka

Ukrainian troops recaptured the village of Andriivka, a short distance from the Russian-controlled city of Bakhmut, in the Donetsk region, in the eastern part of the country, the general staff announced.

"In the course of offensive operations," Ukrainian units "captured Andriivka in the Donetsk region," the staff assured in its morning report. According to the same source, large losses, both human and equipment, were inflicted on the Russian forces while fortifications were set up in some areas.

The Ukrainian military also reported a "partially successful" raid by its troops on another village south of Bakhmut, Klysifka.

what happened yesterday

Yesterday, Ukraine's Deputy Defense Minister Hanna Maliar retraced her statement on the recapture of the village of Andriivka in eastern Ukraine, stressing that **Ukrainian military forces continue to fight to retake the village from Russian forces.**

"The situation is very difficult and changing ," Maliar emphasized, modifying her post on Telegram.

Before the modification the post read: **"Andriivka is ours. We secure our positions."** The deputy minister spoke of communication problems.

"I clarify about the information about the recapture of Andriivka. I do not release such information without coordination and agreement with the military. Currently, there is a communication breakdown between many sources of information reporting directly from the battlefield. There is some success in Andriivka and fierce fighting is going on ," the Ukrainian official said on Telegram.

However, the command of the 3rd brigade of the Ukrainian forces fighting in the region officially denied this information, calling it premature. The Ukrainian forces emphasize that the fierce battles in the villages of Andriivka and Klishivka continue at this time.

Video: Russian drone instantly kills Ukrainian soldiers near Klysifka

Video: FPV drone kills seven Ukrainian soldiers north of Andrievka

The Russians do not confirm – "It is in the gray zone"

Russian military correspondent Alexander Kots released drone footage showing no Ukrainian forces in Andriivka.

The settlement is actually the ruins of two roads between railway tracks and fields.

"Currently, fierce fighting continues on the Kurdyumovka - Klishifka line.

Andrievka, located between Kleshcheevka and Kurdyumovka, remains in the "grey zone" .

The reserves of the 76th Airborne Division and the 123rd Brigade of the Russian Armed Forces, transferred to the Bakhmut region, somewhat stabilized the situation on the "flanks".

Due to the massive use of artillery, including cluster munitions, the Ukrainian Army effectively reduced Klysifka to ruins, forcing the Russian troops to gradually retreat to a fortified defense line near the railway, passing along the outskirts of the village.

During the fighting in the last 24 hours, Klysifka has moved into the gray zone, the Ukrainian Army is trying to capture the last northeastern suburbs.

In the Andreevka area, the Ukrainian Army maneuvered, trying to capture the village with pincers, also forcing the main Russian forces to retreat to support positions along the railway. In theory, the Russian army has the ability to enter this settlement, but cannot gain ground due to the lack of buildings. Also, due to the difficult terrain, it is not possible to transport heavy equipment. Both the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the Russian Armed Forces understand that it is impossible to hold this area for a long time, the losses will be huge.

In this area, any tactical success of the Ukrainian Armed Forces will inevitably be temporary," Russian military sources said.

Video: Russian VDV capture several Ukrainians and occupy their positions near Bakhmut

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Ukrainian commander slams 'dangerous' Western training

A special forces officer told the Financial Times he'd be dead if he'd followed the "bad advice" given by foreign instructors

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Tactics taught by Western trainers could get Ukrainian servicemen killed, according to a special forces commander of Kiev's 78th regiment, who spoke to the Financial Times in an article published on Friday.

"If I only did what [the Western military] taught me, I'd be dead," the Ukrainian serviceman, who goes by Suleman, told the outlet, adding that he had previously trained with American, British, and Polish soldiers, who had offered "some good advice," but also some "bad advice."

The commander explained that some of the methods taught by Western instructors, such as how to clear trenches, would have led to the deaths of Ukrainian military personnel. "I told them: 'Guys, this is going to get us killed.'"

Meanwhile, military analysts Michael Kofman and Rob Lee claimed in a report cited by the Financial Times that one of the key lessons of Kiev's failed summer counteroffensive was that training the troops for five weeks was "too short."

They specifically noted a "poor understanding" on the part of the instructors of how Ukraine's military typically fights and of the "operating environment writ large," which has led to "false expectations, misplaced advice and unfair criticism in Western official circles."

Kofman and Lee also pointed out that the tough conditions of the battleground – such as sprawling minefields, fortifications, and hovering drones – would have made it impossible for Ukraine's forces to follow the NATO doctrine of combined arms warfare, which implies coordinated actions by infantry, armor, artillery, and air defense.

Instead, the analysts concluded that Kiev's forces are best at fighting in "small highly maneuverable assault units," but struggle to run operations above the level of a company (200 men) or even platoon (20-50 men).

Kiev's counteroffensive was launched in early June and was widely promoted in Western media as a breaking moment for Ukraine in the ongoing conflict with Russia. However, despite the hype, the operation has ultimately failed to result in any significant territorial gains and has led to heavy casualties among Ukraine's forces.

Russian President Vladimir Putin stated earlier this week that estimates suggest Kiev had lost over 71,00 troops and 543 tanks since the counteroffensive began – casualties that seem to indicate that Ukraine's leadership was seeking to achieve results "at any cost" and did not care about the lives of its own citizens.

<https://www.rt.com/russia/583023-ukraine-western-military-training/>

Ex-Ukrainian president pictured wearing Nazi symbol (PHOTOS)



Pyotr Poroshenko wore the Sonnenrad or 'Black Sun' patch on his shoulder while visiting troops

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Ex-Ukrainian President Pyotr Poroshenko visits troops © Telegram / PresidentPoroshenko

Pyotr Poroshenko, the former president of Ukraine, was photographed wearing a symbol on his military fatigues that was created by the Nazis, during a meeting with Ukrainian troops last

week.

The **politician often showcases supplies such as quadcopter drones, household equipment, or even armored vehicles in his social media and PR, to emphasize his personal contribution to the war effort against Russia.**

The **images posted on his social media accounts last Saturday show him wearing a military patch with the so-called Black Sun, or 'Sonnenrad.'** The symbol originates from Nazi Germany and is extensively used by various neo-Nazi groups around the world to denote their political leanings.

The **infamous Ukrainian military unit, the Azov Battalion, for example, featured the Sonnenrad in its original insignia but later removed it as it attempted to downplay its association with far-right ideologies.**

The controversial **patch appears to come from the 36th Marine Brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.** An earlier photo of the ex-president showed him clasping hands with Valery Prozapas, a member of Poroshenko's European Solidarity party and a captain serving in the 36th Brigade, who wore an identical emblem.

The **10th Mountain Assault Brigade, which Poroshenko was visiting while sporting the patch on his jacket shoulder, is called 'Edelweiss' after Zelensky formally assigned the designation to the unit in February.**

The **Ukrainian military denies that the name has anything to do with the Nazi-era 1st Mountain Division of the Wehrmacht, which is notorious for war crimes committed by its troops on the Eastern front, and used the Edelweiss as an insignia.**



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The prevalence of neo-Nazi sympathizers among Ukrainian troops after the 2014 coup in Kiev has been thoroughly documented by researchers and the international press. However, this has been **largely ignored by the Western media** since the hostilities between Russia and Ukraine broke out last year.

In June, the New York Times contended that the widespread use of Nazi iconography in Ukraine was a "thorny issue," emphasizing it does not reflect the true ideology of those displaying them.

Moscow, on the other hand, has called the empowerment of far-right nationalists in modern Ukraine one of the key reasons for the ongoing conflict.

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Western nations 'dream' of sending troops to Ukraine – Lukashenko

Poland already has forces ready to cross the border, the Belarusian president has claimed

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FILE PHOTO: Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko © Sputnik / Mikhail Mettsel

NATO might be just one step away from seeing its troops deployed to Ukraine, President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko said during a meeting on Friday with Russian leader Vladimir Putin in Sochi. Poland in particular has formed forces ready to cross into the Ukrainian territory at any moment, the visiting president added.

Speaking about Western claims of Russia supposedly soliciting the aid of foreign mercenaries for its military campaign in Ukraine, Lukashenko said that the US and its allies should look at their own actions first and count all the mercenaries that they, according to him, sent to assist Kiev's troops. "Black, Asian and white Americans are fighting for Ukrainians already," the Belarusian leader claimed.

Washington and other Western nations might not just stop at that, he added, claiming that Western nations are just "dreaming of [sending] their regular military units to Ukraine."

"Poland has already formed ... military units at the border that are ready to enter Ukraine," Lukashenko said, calling on the West to *"look for a beam in their own eye"* before giving rebukes to others.

Putin, in turn, said that Russia has no need for foreign forces in Ukraine. As many as 300,000 Russian citizens signed contracts with the Russian Defense Ministry and joined the nation's Armed Forces amid Moscow's conflict with Kiev, the president said. Russian military units are also "equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and hardware," he added.

The **Russian president also dismissed rumors about Moscow supposedly asking Pyongyang for "volunteers"** that could join its cause in Ukraine. *"That is absolute nonsense,"* he said. The rumors surfaced amid Putin's meeting with North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un, during his visit to Russia this week.

At a **meeting with Lukashenko in late July, Putin had said that foreign mercenaries fighting for Ukraine had suffered "significant losses"** during a major counteroffensive Kiev launched in early June. At that time, Russia's Defense Ministry said that some 4,990 foreign fighters had been killed since the start of Russia's military operation in Ukraine in February 2022, with roughly the same number of them fleeing the country.

In mid-August, several mercenaries from Western nations, including two Americans, told ABC news that casualty rates in their units had reached 85% during the summer offensive operation. <https://www.rt.com/russia/583026-west-dream-troops-ukraine-lukashenko/>

Americans don't know how to 'tango' – Putin

The Russian president brushed off a US claim that Moscow was unwilling to compromise

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has responded sharply to remarks by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who used the phrase "it takes two to tango" to explain the absence of peace talks with Ukraine. The Russian president noted that Blinken hails from a nation known for its uncompromising approach to international relations.

"As for the Americans, they don't know how to do this tango themselves. The music is remarkable and the steps are beautiful, but the US seeks to deal with everything from a position of power," he said on Friday.

Putin added that **Washington is typically either unable or unwilling to meet the other party halfway and instead uses economic sanctions, financial restrictions, threats, and force to get what it wants.**

Blinken used the idiom during a press conference last week, asserting that Kiev was open to negotiations with Moscow and implying that it was Russia rejecting "meaningful diplomacy."

Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, however, has imposed a legal prohibition on all discussions with Russia. Under the banner of the *"Zelensky peace formula,"* Kiev's demands include full control of territories claimed by it, reparations from Russia, and a criminal tribunal for the Russian government.

Washington supports Ukraine's stance, while Russia has criticized the proposal as detached from reality. Russian officials have repeatedly expressed their willingness to restart peace talks, which were terminated last year when Kiev changed its course during negotiations facilitated by Türkiye, opting instead for a military solution.

Putin **responded during a meeting with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko in Moscow.**

Keeping with the dance allusion, he claimed that Kiev kept “dancing to someone else’s tune.”

Ukrainians risked forgetting hopak, a dance based on Ukrainian folk traditions that was popularized under the Soviet Union, the Russian leader said. But ultimately, “everyone will have to” learn a Russian dance.

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EU country proposes full ban on Russian goods

The bloc should suspend all trade, especially in natural gas, Romanian Prime Minister Ion-Marcel Ciolacu believes

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FILE PHOTO: Prime Minister of Romania Ion-Marcel Ciolacu visits Germany © Cuneyt Karadag / Anadolu Agency via Getty Images

The EU should stop buying Russian natural gas and other goods, Romanian Prime Minister Ion-Marcel Ciolacu has said, even though the drastic measure would cost the bloc “a bit of comfort” as a result of higher prices.

Speaking to the Austrian daily Der Standard on Thursday, the Romanian leader called for all member states to achieve independence from Russian energy as soon as

possible, claiming that its neighbor and EU-candidate state, Moldova, had already done so.

*“There **are always solutions, even for difficult economic problems.** That’s why I believe it would be right if we banned the sale of Russian gas or Russian goods to the EU and democratic states,” he stated.*

Austria has historically been reliant on Russian natural gas and has no easy options to phase it out, according to the country’s leadership. Ciolacu claimed that Austria was paying “blood money” when it purchased fuel from Russia.

The Romanian prime minister said the price that the EU would pay for the proposed ban would be far lower than that paid by Ukraine in the ongoing conflict. Ciolacu urged fellow EU leaders to “keep in mind what would actually happen if the Russian Federation won” in the fight against Kiev.

“Wouldn’t this create an opportunity for people like Putin to multiply in other countries in Europe?” he added.

For **decades, Western European economies fueled their economic growth with cheap raw materials from Russia**, particularly gas. They chose to decouple their economies from Russia over the Ukraine conflict. This has caused a rapid deindustrialization in countries such as Germany, as businesses had to shut down or relocate energy-intensive manufacturing.

The International Energy Agency has predicted that the EU’s energy consumption will hit a 20-year low in 2023.

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These are Russia's new weapons that Putin mentioned - They will be based on "new physical principles"

Geophysical, electromagnetic and energy weapons

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Russian President Putin has spoken of mysterious new weapons based on "new physical principles".

"Weapons based on new physical principles will ensure the security of any country. We understand it very well and are working on it," Putin said in a wide-ranging speech at the Eastern Economic Forum.

Putin did not elaborate, leaving the media and military observers scrambling to find more information.

What did the Russian leader mean?

The Russians write:

The official online encyclopedia of the Russian Ministry of Defense defines "weapons based on new physical principles" as **"new types of weapons whose destructive effect is based on processes and phenomena not previously used for military purposes."**

As of the early 21st century, these weapons are said to include:

1. **Directed energy weapons** (laser-, accelerator-, microwave-, and ultrasonic-based weapons designed to destroy or disable enemy manpower, equipment, or strong installations and infrastructure). "All types of directed energy weapons are practically inertialess, and with the exception of ultrasonic weapons, they are instantaneous [...] The greatest successes" in this direction "have been achieved in the improvement of laser weapons," according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. **Electromagnetic weapons** (ultra-high frequency and laser-based), whose destructive properties are achieved by the use of "a powerful, usually pulsed stream of electromagnetic coherent optical radiation [seen in some types of lasers] or incoherent optical radiation .
3. **"Non-lethal weapons**, designed to disable weapons, equipment, materiel and personnel without causing irreparable loss. The Russian military divides them into anti-personnel, anti-hostile/anti-materiel systems, and mixed anti-personnel/anti-hostile/anti-materiel systems. These include various weapons designed to replace existing tools used by domestic security agencies, such as tear gas, rubber bullets, psychotropic devices, ultrasonic weapons and electronic suppression, as well as military-use biological and chemical agents that can disintegrate or to render the enemy's fuel useless, etc.
4. **Geophysical weapons** (causing earthquakes, interfering with the climate, the ozone, the environment): Defined collectively by the Ministry of National Defense as "a means of deliberately affecting the environment for the use of the forces of nature for military purposes". These hypothetical weapons are designed to act against the solid, liquid and gaseous properties of the planet and its atmosphere and may include the use of high explosives to cause earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods and other disasters, as well as changing the weather or of the climate in some parts of the planet, resulting in droughts, floods, storms, etc. Ozone weapons are designed to create holes in the ozone layer, causing widespread damage using ultraviolet radiation from space over vast geographic areas. End,
5. **Radiological weapons** include weapons whose destructive effect "is based on the use of radioactive substances capable of poisoning human resources with ionizing radiation without a nuclear explosion", with radioactive launch materials obtained from nuclear fuel residues or by exposing chemical elements to neutron fluxes to produce radioactive isotopes.
6. **Genetic/biological weapons** are defined as "a type of weapon capable of damaging the genetic (hereditary) apparatus of humans", including through the use of viruses with mutagenic properties, as well as "mutations derived from natural sources by chemical synthesis or by biotechnological methods of causing damage or through changes in DNA! This type of potential weapon is considered particularly dangerous in light of the "unpredictability of the consequences" of their use, according to the Russian military.