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The biggest news of today's cycle is the wild admission by the Pentagon, U.S. media, etc., that the U.S. has in fact employed a "strategy" of outright lying and making up fake intelligence to 'combat Russia'.

https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/us-using-declassified-intel-fight-info-war-russia-even-intel-isnt-rock-rcna23014

Astounding quote from article: "President <u>Joe Biden</u> later <u>said</u> it publicly. But three U.S. officials told NBC News this week there is no evidence <u>Russia</u> has brought any chemical weapons near Ukraine. They said the U.S. released the information to deter Russia from using the banned munitions."

They also admitted that most of the intelligence surrounding the conflict, such as the infamous 'China is providing Russia with equipment' was complete 'malarky', as the demented zombie-inchief would say. How *any* reasonable and self-respecting country or people could trust the U.S.'s ongoing claims from this point on are beyond me. How could you possibly take in this

announcement, and yet still believe the U.S. side of the story about the 'Bucha massacre' amongst other things?

This amazing feat of neuro-linguistic-programming must be seen to be believed: https://youtu.be/BXLKUCLhZos

The reporters here celebrate the 'novelty' of this method of utilizing intelligence (as if the amazing technique of 'lying' has only just been discovered by them). They dance around the real description of the concept as basically being "lying", by continually describing it in fancy ways to frill it up and legitimize the "technique" as something other than what it is on its bare-faced surface: outright lies and propaganda meant to control the narrative of the conflict favorably.

And by the way, the reporter in the video is this guy:

Los Angeles Times





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Ex-Tribune reporter said to have 'collaborative' relationship with CIA



And was actually fired by the LA Times for how deeply in bed he was with the CIA

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/la-times-disownsreporter b 5770388

After these admissions how can **ANYTHING** from the U.S. be believed? Russian "casualties" of 30,000+? Bucha massacre? Chemical weapons usage? Russia's "failed objectives" and "failing campaign"? These are all individual claims that fall under the purview of this 'new' and 'amazing' technique called **complete b.s.** from the CIA.

Obviously this has been U.S.'s chief tactic for decades. But the full admission brings up a starker reality. That behind the curtains, the CIA has in recent times shifted to conducting its Ops "in the open", but presenting them in a way that makes them seem acceptable. For instance we know during the last election, a remarkable series of articles came out in the MSM detailing the entire deep-state covert ops, how various apparatuses of the democratic party came together with corporate assets, Facebook, NGOs, etc., to take control of the 2020 election. They even fully admit to it being a secretive "shadow campaign", but rebranded as a 'good cause'.

https://time.com/5936036/secret-2020-election-campaign/

In previous times this would have been an unprecedented scandal but now, rebranded and 'in the open', it's given the cachet of legitimacy. The reason for the method shift is obvious: in today's integrated online/social media environment, it's pretty much impossible for the western intel agencies to operate in pure secrecy anymore. That era is over with. And so they've shifted to a

strategy of conducting their Ops in full view but utilizing their media arm to repackage them to look justified in a certain light.

It's akin to this – Hannity proudly and openly wearing a CIA pin (the Mockingbird is no longer caged, as you can see, it can fly freely and proudly in the open now) while decrying that, "Vladimir Putin has forfeited his right to live."

Onto other things:

The U.S. has admitted to training Ukrainian saboteur groups to operate the new Switchblade kamikaze drones. Reportedly they are being trained on U.S. soil, in secret. https://thehill.com/policy/defense/3260827-u-s-training-small-number-of-ukrainian-troops-on-switchblade-drones/amp/

"The "very small number" of Ukrainian soldiers, who have been in the U.S. since last fall for military training, were taught to use the drone with the expectation that they would soon return to their country to train others on the equipment, press secretary John Kirby told reporters.

"We took the opportunity — having them still in the country — to give them a couple of days' worth of training on the Switchblade so that they can go back — and they will be going back soon, back home — to train others in the Ukrainian military," Kirby said."

More confirmation of how deeply invested and entrenched the U.S. is in this war. But no different than the billions spent on training Syrian rebels and 'moderate terrorists' to fight against Russians and Assad in Syria.

The U.S. has even reactivated the Lend Lease program for the first time since WW2 to massively arm Ukraine:

https://www.politico.com/news/2022/04/06/senate-unanimously-approves-lend-lease-00023668

And also:

"U.S. For 1st Time Publicly Announces Transfer Of Intelligence To Ukraine's Armed Forces For Donbas Operations"

https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/pentagon-reveals-it-giving-ukraine-intelligence-donbas-operations-201709



Here's today's print-up from the Pentagon itself. I can't stress

enough how massive the scale of this operation by the west to fund/supply Ukraine is. It dwarfs anything in history. When you consider that less than ~2000 Stingers were provided to the Taliban in the 80's war, and that was considered an unprecedented scale operation at the time, then look at the above list and realize we're only at the very earliest stages of what the West will be supplying to Ukraine (tanks, jets, etc likely all incoming eventually). There are some unconfirmed reports that even British Harpoons are already delivered and placed in Odessa. This is orders of magnitude more powerful/dangerous than the 'Sea Skuas' they were talking about, but this rumor may be fake propaganda from the Ukrop side.

More and more each day the scale of this operation is revealed and how deeply invested the west is, and it is breathtaking. New videos appear daily of large groups of foreign fighters, Georgian, etc., being heavily equipped and sent into the Ukraine.

And this list above is only from the U.S., there is much more from the other western 'allies' as well. Planes from North Macedonia landed in Reznow airfield in Poland today, likely bringing goodies as every other European country has. And add that to the billions already allotted recently in general aid and the billions spent on achieving Euromaidan, as admitted by Nuland when she said over \$5 billion had been spent by the U.S.

The entire project has been in development for a very long time and it is the culmination of the western empire's attempts to destroy Russia. Just listen here how Soros himself explains his involvement in the events of Ukraine dating back to the late 80's and early 90's. And how Adam Schiff admits that "the U.S. is fighting Russia over *there* so it doesn't have to do it over here."

https://www.bitchute.com/video/BFmMIvVz7yoK/https://www.bitchute.com/video/qfPLYGWIjNEm/

On frontline news: As the big showdown in Donbass looms, a lot of forces are pouring in on both sides. Russia has shifted strategies and is now striking railway stations and reinforcement hubs / corridors, as many have hoped it would do. Overnight there were several reports of important railway hubs being hit by missiles. One near Zhytomir, which is possibly the single most important reinforcement hub to the frontlines in all of western Ukraine. Reinforcements being sent to frontlines were reportedly destroyed in the strike, though there's no visual confirmation. And another in Kharkov region – just south, in Lozovaya – which evoked a video message plea from the Kharkov mayor who said railways were hit, oil has run out, but pleaded for people not to flee (presumably because the militants who control him need citizens to use as hostages / human shields just like in Mariupol).

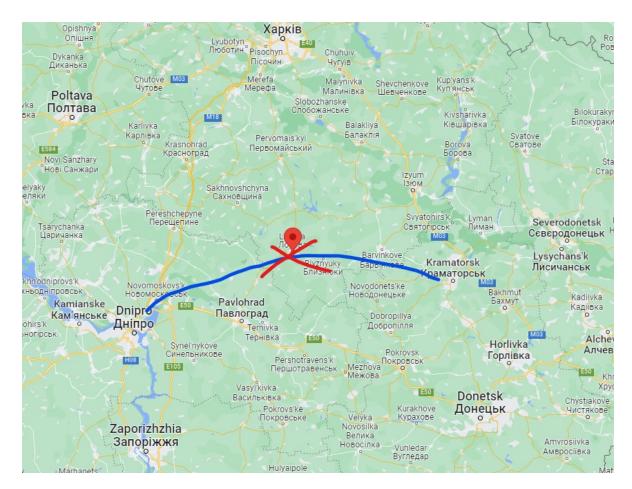
"#KHARKOV Region—#Lozovaya—#Russia|n forces conduct precision missile strikes at a major supply/logistics centre of #Ukraine|ian forces in Lozovaya, which boast a key intersection of rail tracks enabling the supply and reinforcement of the #Donbass grouping of #UA military."

As can be seen on this map, the Lozovaya junction is a critical resupply / reinforcement route for the Ukrop Donbass cauldron and specifically their stronghold of Kramatorsk, which had been the central headquarters of the entire JFO for some time. And other reports said a railway bridge was hit leading to that junction as well.

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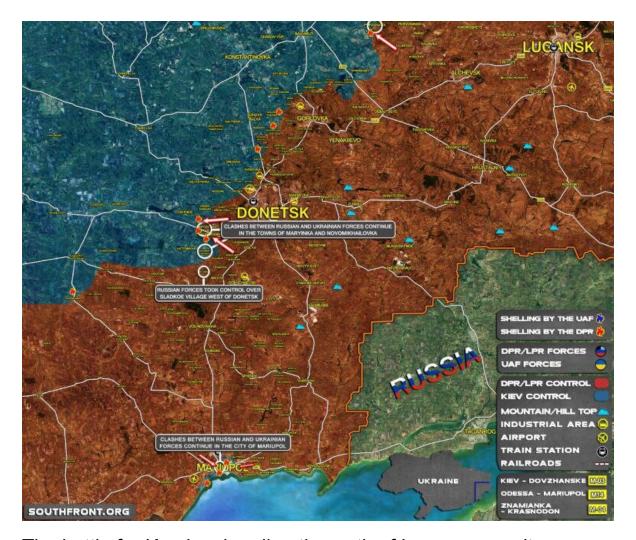
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Just north of there, Russia continues to progress around Izyum. Our forces are now fighting at Sulihyvka/Suligovka on the way to Dovhen'ke in the direction towards Slavyansk.

Not only does this photo below show the progress downward from Izyum, but you can start seeing how this salient is now beginning to create the opening pincer that will enclose the 'Great Cauldron'.





The battle for Kam'yanka, directly south of Izyum was quite destructive for the UAF, they suffered many losses and there are fields littered with their dead, as well as many trophies taken. https://www.bitchute.com/video/2qjB8t89mK2a/

Reports indicate that UAF forces are now amassing a huge force in the Kramatorsk / Druzhkovka region in preparation for RF's advances. But they continue putting up stiff resistance along the road towards Slavyansk as well. The highways from Horlivka towards Kramatorsk are said to be filled with UAF troops. This appears to be their single largest agglomeration of the cauldron.

In the south, RF have blockaded Ugledar and Novomikhailovka, and begun storming the latter. Also, Basurin has estimated 3,000 to 3,500 enemy fighters remain in Mariupol. And the map there

looks something like this:



With that said, most of the 'weak' ones have surrendered and only the most hardened Azov fanatics remain, so there is some possibility that the fighting can still go on for a decently long time. With that said, the more they retreat towards the ports, the more they are running out of residential areas with civilians to use as human shields, which allows allied forces to use increasingly heavy-handed tactics and strikes against them. I reported last time how for the first time heavy duty artillery units like 2S3 and 2S4s were brought in, such as those you can see in the latest Wargonzo video https://youtu.be/YPMVVMaqQSM?t=151

So it's difficult to guess – the fight could take another two weeks, or it can suddenly collapse in the next day or two if the remaining Azov abruptly surrender. Unfortunately cities take a long time to siege, many of us remember following the events of Aleppo or

Sarajevo, and the years it took. Even in the final stages of Aleppo when rebel forces were already collapsing and SAA had the upper hand, it was weeks for every neighborhood, and months to clear districts.

But right now things are advancing according to plan. Large Russian reinforcements have poured into the Kharkov area to head to the Izyum front, and meanwhile Ukrop reinforcements/resupplies are finally being hit in their train stations and railyards by the RuAF, so the stage is being favorably set for our forces.

And for those that continue to doubt that the RF has vastly destroyed the Ukrainian military in terms of armor and capabilities. New videos continue to show the total lack of Ukrainian armor or vehicles. Here is one showing a large Ukrainian force, all on foot, not a vehicle among them – forced to use a civilian truck to evacuate their wounded – whom, by the way, have obvious swastikas on their person.

https://www.bitchute.com/video/zqjIYN3GAWFm/

A force this large should always be supported with mechanized units and some sort of infantry fighting vehicle at the minimum, yet here they are taking lots of casualties in the video, no armor in sight.

And here, we see Ukrainian soldiers forced to ride bicycles to get to where they're going. https://www.bitchute.com/video
/ULjN5yH3IcJn/

A week or so ago, the American mercenary James Vasquez bragged on twitter how him and his squad "commandeered" (read: stole) a Lexus in Kiev so they can get to the frontline, such is their

lack of military transport vehicles or APCs.

The U.S. by the way says that Russia has not responded to any calls from the Pentagon since February: https://www.rt.com/news/553500-pentagon-russia-phone-silent/

General Milley keeps calling, and Russia is not answering.

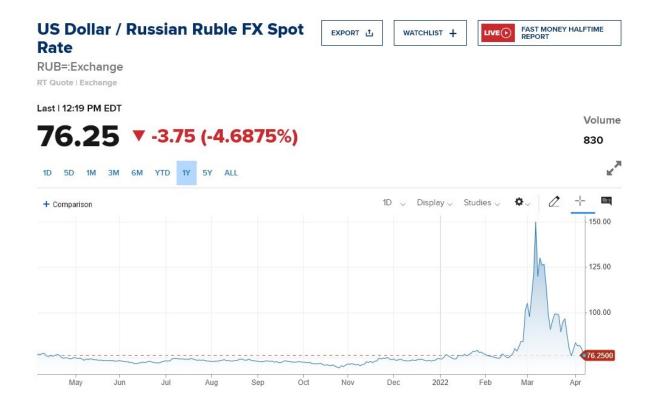
A quick note on the topic of Russian 'traitors' and 5th columnists, it's interesting how many of them are fleeing to Israel specifically.

https://www.rt.com/business/553285-russian-billionaire-prokhorov-israel-citizenship/

Prokhorov was once a Russian presidential candidate and one of Russia's richest and most powerful oligarchs.

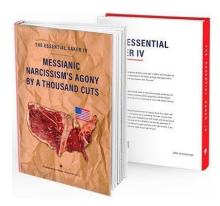
And now the CEO of Yandex https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/yandex-ceo-relocates-to-israel-cannot-work-for-a-country-at-war-1.10722163

Lastly, the Ruble is now in the mid 70's to the USD.

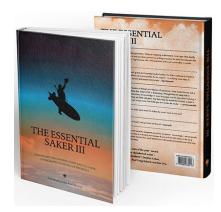


To the utter bewilderment of the West, it just keeps gaining in strength against the dollar.

I'll leave you with this last video: to those that still question the Russian air power, or say Russia is not utilizing it, or doesn't have air supremacy, etc. Here's what a Ukrainian soldier said when asked what he fears most in this war: https://www.bitchute.com/video/xbWbfp7v5nJH/



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