As European leaders discuss & debate Trump peace plan, Russia's war continues on the ground and in the air.

UK Defense Intelligence map of the battlefield situation in Ukraine as of November 21.

As the most recent British Defence Intelligence map of the battlefield situation in Ukraine, above, indicated was the situation as of Nov. 21, last week the Russian forces continued to attack the Ukrainian forces at a number of locations from the area south of Sudzha in Russia's Kursk region to the area on the border north of Kharkiv and at a number of points along the long contact line between the forces in eastern and southeastern Ukraine that extends from the area north and east of Kupiansk to the area in Donetsk region west of Rubizhne and Chasiv Yar, toward Pokrovsk and the area around it, and at several locations along the long contact line between the forces in Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions in southeastern Ukraine.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reported that over the seven days last week from Sunday, Nov. 23 through Saturday, Nov. 29, the Russian forces conducted a total of 1,572 attacks against the Ukrainian forces defending the cities and towns in northeastern, eastern, and southeastern Ukraine. That figure is 23 percent greater than the total number of attacks in the previous week. And as in previous weeks, the largest number of Russian attacks last week were directed against the Ukrainian forces defending Pokrovsk, which, if taken, would open a pathway northward toward the cities and towns in Donetsk region that are still held by Ukraine. The General Staff reported that over the seven days last week the Russian forces conducted a total of 449 attacks against the forces defending Pokrovsk and the area around it. That figure is about 15 percent greater than the total number of attacks against the forces defending Pokrovsk in the previous week. The Russian forces have moved into some sections of the city but the Ukrainian forces are putting up a strong, albeit costly, defense Kramatorsk, in part

because they know that if the Russian forces take the city it will open a pathway northward for them toward Kostyantynivka, Slovyansk, Kramatorsk and the other cities in the northern and western portions of Donetsk region that are still held by the Ukrainian forces.

As the Russian forces continued to attack the Ukrainian forces defending Pokrovsk and the other cities and towns of northeastern and eastern Ukraine, Russia's war against the people of Ukraine continued in the air as well. On Friday night into early Saturday morning, for example, Russia fired 36 missiles and almost 600 drones at hydroelectric and gas facilities in Ukraine. The attack badly damaged or destroyed a number of large apartment buildings in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odesa, and other cities, killed a number of people and injured others, and left large parts of Kyiv without power. President Zelenskyy said, "The main targets of the attack were energy infrastructure and civilian facilities, with extensive damage and fires in residential buildings. We currently have reports of dozens injured and three killed."

European and indeed worldwide attention has understandably been focused on the discussions among the western leaders of the "Peace Plan" put forward by President Trump on Nov. 20. But while those discussions continue, so too Russia's war against Ukraine continues – and does so with no end in sight.

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