American, Russian & Ukrainian officials meet in Abu Dhabi.
But Russia's war against Ukraine continues with no end in sight.

UK Defence Intelligence map of the battlefield situation in Ukraine as of Jan. 30.

As the delegations of American, Russian, and Ukrainian officials met in Abu Dhabi last Wednesday and Thursday to discuss the continuing differences among them in regard to the peace plans put forward by President Trump on Nov. 20 and President Zelenskyy on Dec. 23, Russia's war against Ukraine continued last week on the ground and in the air. As the latest British Defence Intelligence map of the battlefield situation in Ukraine indicated was the situation as of Jan. 30, last week the Russian forces continued to attack south of Sudzha toward the Ukrainian city of Sumy and at a number of points along the long contact line between the Russian and Ukrainian forces in eastern and southeastern Ukraine stretching from the area to the east and south of Kupiansk to the area in Donetsk region still held by Ukrainian forces, toward the city of Pokrovsk and the area around it, and in several locations along the contact line between the forces in the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions of southeastern Ukraine.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces reported that over the seven days last week from Sunday, Feb. 1, through Saturday, Feb. 7, the Russian forces conducted a total of 1,148 attacks – on average about 160 a day – against the Ukrainian forces defending the cities and towns of northeastern, eastern, and southeastern Ukraine. As in previous weeks, the largest number of Russian attacks last week were directed against the Ukrainian forces defending the area in and around Pokrovsk which, if taken, would open a pathway northward toward the territory in Donetsk region still held by Ukraine. The General Staff reported that over the seven days last week the Russian forces

conducted a total of 251 attacks – on average about 35 attacks each day – against the forces defending Pokrovsk and the area around it.

While the Russian forces continued to attack the Ukrainian forces defending Pokrovsk and the other cities and towns in eastern and southeastern Ukraine, Russia also continued its air war against the people of Ukraine last week. On Monday night, prior to the talks in Abu Dhabi, Russia fired 450 drones and 71 missiles, including 32 ballistic missiles, at a number of cities in Ukraine, many of them targeting the electricity infrastructure but also hitting apartment buildings and other non-military structures. And on Friday night, after the talks had concluded, Russia fired another large wave of drones and missiles – 408 drones and 39 missiles – at Ukraine's energy infrastructure in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Lviv and other cities, damaging not only the energy infrastructure but also high-rise apartment buildings in those cities. The Russian attacks continued over the weekend, with 407 drones and 44 missiles fired at various targets in Ukraine Saturday night.

On Sunday, President Zelenskyy said that over the past week Russia had fired a total of more than 2,000 attack drones, 1,200 guided aerial bombs, and 116 missiles at Ukraine. He said, "Almost every day, they strike energy facilities, logistics infrastructure, and residential buildings. And this is happening even as diplomatic efforts for peace are ongoing." As if to underscore what he said, last night Russia fired another 149 drones along with 11 Iskander-M ballistic missiles at Ukraine's energy infrastructure as the temperatures plunged into the low single digits, and in so doing hit a number of apartment buildings and killed or injured a number of Ukrainian civilians. And so notwithstanding the talks in Abu Dhabi and the prospect of further talks in Miami next week, Russia's war against the people of Ukraine continues with no end in sight.

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