Ukraine regains control of some frontline settlements in the east

Today's UK Defence Intelligence update on the battlefield situation in Ukraine.

As today's British Defence Intelligence map of the battlefield situation in Ukraine indicates, the Russian forces continue to attack in the area south of the Russian city of Sudzha toward the Ukrainian city of Sumy and at a number of points along the contact line between the Russian and Ukrainian forces in eastern and southeastern Ukraine from the area south of Kupiansk to the area south and west of Siversk toward Sloviansk and Kramatorsk in the northern portion of Donetsk region, toward Pokrovsk in the western portion of that region, and in the area near the junction of Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson regions in southeastern Ukraine.

But notwithstanding the continuing Russian offensive, Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi, the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, reported in a Telegram post on April 5 that since the end of January the Ukrainian forces have been on the offensive in the area near the junction of Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, and Zaporizhzhia regions (indicated with the green arrow) and have retaken more than 480 square kilometers of territory, including eight settlements in Dnipropetrovsk region and four in Zaporizhzhia region. But he added that, despite their heavy losses in personnel, the Russian forces "do not refuse further offensive operations and carry out the regrouping of available forces and means. The goal of the invaders, despite significant losses in personnel and military equipment, is to seize more Ukrainian territory and create a 'buffer zone' in the Dnipropetrovsk region." But, he said, "the Defense Forces of Ukraine consistently and steadily carry out active defense, inflict tangible fire damage on the occupiers, destroy enemy personnel, weapons and military equipment." He noted that he also worked in

the Pokrovsk area, which has been a major target of the Russian forces for several months, largely because it is located at the junction of highways, both east-west and north-south, that connect the city of Donetsk with Dnipro to the west and also go northward toward the cities of Sloviansk and Kramatorsk in the portion of Donetsk region still held by Ukraine. Gen. Syrskyi reported that he worked in the Pokrovsk area, discussed the current situation and problematic issues with the commanders of the military units in the area, and after speaking with them immediately ordered additional ammunition and other supplies to strengthen the firepower of the Ukrainian forces in that region.

And so, as another Spring comes to Ukraine – the fifth since President Putin announced Russia's "special military operation" in the Donbas on Feb. 24, 2022 – the war continues, with no end in sight.

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