

# **OAR IN BRIEF**

This sixth quarterly report submitted by the Special Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve (OAR) summarizes U.S. Government support to Ukraine and the broader response to Russia's full-scale invasion, including support for the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF), support for NATO partners, and U.S. military, diplomatic, and humanitarian activity.



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## **President Trump Pauses Foreign Assistance**

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- On January 20, nearly all foreign assistance to Ukraine halted pending a 90-day review of all programs. In April, this was extended by 30 days.
- It remains unclear how many assistance programs in Ukraine have been terminated.
- Certain **life-saving** programs continued under waivers.
- USAID's mechanism for third-party monitoring development assistance was terminated.
- USAID also ended the contract for oversight of Direct Budget Support to Ukraine.
- On March 3, military assistance to Ukraine was temporarily paused but resumed on March 11.

### Russia and Ukraine Intensify Attacks

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- UAS strikes continued to dominate the war.
- Russian attacks caused Ukraine's natural gas production to drop by 50%.
- Ukraine conducted at least 27 UAS strikes on oil and gas facilities, often deep inside Russia.
- On February 14, an armed UAV struck the protective outer shell of the former **Chernobyl** nuclear power plant.
- Russian **disinformation operations** aimed to weaken Ukrainian resolve to continue the fight.

# Russian and Ukrainian Forces Struggle with Manpower Shortages pp. 17-19

- The UAF experienced **casualties**, **desertions**, refusals to fight, and challenges related to **undertrained** personnel.
- Russia sustained its manpower levels by exploiting the country's larger population along with an estimated 12,000 North Korean troops.
- Due to high casualty rates and the need to replace lost manpower, new Russian troops were often sent into battle with minimal training.

## U.S. Government Pursues a Ceasefire with Limited Success pp. 11-13

- Ukraine and Russia verbally agreed to a ceasefire on energy infrastructure, but both immediately accused
- An agreement for safe navigation in the **Black Sea** went **unimplemented** due to subsequent **Russian demands**.

each other of violating the agreement.

- The U.S. and Ukraine signed an agreement to create the U.S.-Ukraine Reconstruction Investment Fund.
- European allies agreed to increase defense spending and began negotiating efforts to support Ukraine's post-war security.

# U.S. Government Has Obligated \$147.8B on the Ukraine Response Since February 2022

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- \$34.3B in appropriations for the Ukraine response remain available for obligation, most of which will replenish DoD weapons and equipment donated to Ukraine.
- The DoD has \$1B remaining in authority to transfer weapons, ammunition, and equipment from DoD stocks to Ukraine.
- Since 2022, the U.S. has provided \$30.2B in direct budget support to the Ukrainian government.

#### OAR Oversight Improves Operations pp. 82-92

Special IG and partner agencies issued **25 oversight reports** related to OAR this quarter. They found:

- Ways to improve validation of UAF requests for spare parts.
- The Army did not properly manage certain contracts for Ukraine assistance.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv did **not adequately preserve federal records** created using eMessaging platforms.
- Increased action is needed to enhance oversight of energy procurement contracts in Ukraine.