## **U.S. UKRAINE RESPONSE OPERATIONS**

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# **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.

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- 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

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

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