

# INFORMATION DIGEST

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## Status of the Ukrainian nuclear power plants and the nuclear industry of Ukraine

- According to NNEGC "Energoatom", as of 25 January, 2023, 8 power units of Ukrainian nuclear power plants, which are located on the territory controlled by Ukraine, worked to meet the needs of the population and the country's economy. At the same time, one of Energoatom's units is still under scheduled maintenance, which is carried out every four years to ensure nuclear and radiation safety.
- The russians are blocking the connection of power units of the temporarily occupied Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant, which continues to consume more than 100 MW of electricity for its own needs from the energy system of Ukraine.
- No military equipment found in Ukrainian nuclear plants, IAEA says.

An inspection of Ukrainian nuclear plants has found no military equipment, debunking an earlier claim from Russia, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi has told the European Parliament.

Mr Grossi told officials that his agency had established a permanent presence at all Ukrainian nuclear facilities and he had ordered inspections today to ascertain whether any of them contained military equipment.

He also said this was the second time the IAEA had been able to "debunk accusations of illegal things and very dangerous things taking place in these facilities".

"The result of those inspections was negative," he said.

For context: Yesterday, Russia's foreign intelligence service (SVR) accused Ukraine of storing Western-supplied arms at nuclear power stations across the country.

The Russian spy agency provided no evidence for the claim.

An SVR statement said that US-supplied HIMARS rocket launchers, air defence systems and artillery ammunition had been delivered to the Rivne nuclear power station in northwest Ukraine.

However, Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said his country had never used nuclear power plants to store weapons.

### Current situation on Zaporizhzhya NPP

- According to the NNEGC "Energoatom" as of 25 January, 2023, the Zaporizhzhya NPP received power for its in-house needs from the energy system of Ukraine. The radiation situation at the ZNPP site remains normal.
- Energoatom reports that russians are trying to recruit 150 belarusian repair workers to work at Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant; there is a possibility that the occupiers will transport around 150 repair specialists, who previously worked at belarusian Nuclear Power Plant, to Zaporizhzhya NPP.

"The occupiers are still searching for personnel to manage the station, trying to cope



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with it as much as they can. So there is a real possibility that the invaders will bring around 150 repair specialists, who previously worked at belarusian NPP, to the Ukrainian nuclear facility," says the state enterprise.

- This is caused by a refusal of Ukrainian nuclear specialists to cooperate with the occupiers. "It is obvious that they [belarusian repair workers] are needed to quickly repair the damage caused by russian shelling. At the same time, attempts to coerce Ukrainian nuclear specialists into cooperation do not work," they added.

### **Current situation on Chornobyl NPP and in the Exclusion Zone**

- On 25 January, 2023, the radiation situation at the ChNPP site was without changes. The monitored parameters of the equipment were within the boundaries set by the technological regulations. Operating personnel continues to ensure nuclear and radiation safety.

### **War in Ukraine**

- The 335 day of the resistance of Ukraine to the russian military invasion has ended.
- According to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Ukraine's Defence Forces repelled russian attacks in the vicinity of 10 settlements over the course of 25 January.
- Over the course of the past 24 hours, russian forces carried out 10 missile strikes and 37 airstrikes, in particular, on the civil infrastructure facilities of the cities of Dnipro and Zaporizhzhya. They deployed multiple-launch rocket systems [MLRS] to carry out 97 further attacks; residential buildings in Kherson were also hit. According to preliminary information, the enemy used 24 Iranian-made Shakhed-136 attack drones at night. Ukraine's Defence Forces destroyed all of them.
- Intensity of battles increasing in Donbas. Suffering heavy losses, the russians still do not relent with their offensive operations on the Bakhmut and Novopavlivka fronts, Offensive operations on the Lyman and Avdiivka fronts were unsuccessful [eastern Ukraine] On the Kupiansk [Kharkiv region], Zaporizhzhya and Kherson fronts [southern Ukraine] they are defending their positions.
- On 25 January, russian troops launched an attack on Zaporizhzhya, destroying a private house. The body of a woman was found under the rubble.
- russian occupiers resumed attacks on Ukraine with Iranian-made Shahed-136/131 kamikaze drones on the night of 25-26 January. The UAVs were launched from the eastern coast of the Sea of Azov. According to preliminary data, the enemy launched 24 Shahed drones. All 24 were shot down by anti-aircraft missile units, fighter aircraft, mobile fire groups of the Air Force in cooperation with air defence units of other components of the Defence Forces of Ukraine.
- On the morning of 26 January, russia carried out a large-scale missile attack on Ukraine; presumably Tu-95 strategic bombers launched more than 30 missiles from Murmansk Oblast of the russian federation. About 20 of them were shot down over Kyiv Oblast. Vitalii Klitschko, Mayor of Kyiv, has reported that a russian missile hit a non-residential building in Holiivskyi district of Kyiv city; one person was killed, two more taken to the hospital.
- As a result of the russian shelling on 26 January, two critical energy infrastructure facilities were damaged in Odesa Oblast.



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- Valerii Zaluzhny, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, had a telephone conversation with Mark Milley, United States Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The generals discussed providing Ukraine with new models of military equipment.
- The russians are planning to conduct the next wave of mass mobilisation in occupied Crimea at the end of February - report of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The General Staff has also reported that all renovations and construction works at state-owned enterprises and establishments of Crimea will be stopped from 1 February 2023; all funds, planned for that, are going to be redirected to the armed aggression against Ukraine.
- Slovakia is not considering supplying Ukraine with the Leopard 2 tanks at the moment but can provide the Soviet T-72 if allies propose their replacement.

*Sources: t.me/V\_Zelenskiy\_official, t.me/energoatom\_ua, Centre for Strategic Communication, Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, the National Police of Ukraine censor.net, Ukrainska Pravda, radiosvoboda.org, eurointegration.com.ua*



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*Photo: 28 separate mechanized brigade named after the Knights of the Winter Campaign*

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THE UKRAINIAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, HELPING OUR COLLEAGUES FROM NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, REFUGEES FROM THE ZAPOROZHYE NPP, AS WELL AS OUR MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE ARMED FORCES TO DEFENDED OUR COUNTRY.

WE CONSTANTLY NEED MEDICINES, WARM AND THERMAL CLOTHING, HEATERS, BATTERIES AND POWER BANKS, GENERATORS, AS WELL AS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

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