

Ukraine invasion – day 56



Russian control

- Territory
- Cities
- Russian advances

- Claimed Ukrainian counter-offensives

- Heavy fighting



1 Donbas: Russian forces attempting wide encirclement of Ukrainian troops, advancing from **Izyum**, **Donetsk** and **Popasna**

Intensive artillery and air bombardments along front line from **Izyum** to **Mykolaiv**

Some 20,000 mercenaries from Syria, Libya and elsewhere deployed in Donbas offensive, but reportedly with little equipment

2 Kharkiv: Russia maintaining partial blockade as shelling continues

3 Zaporizhzhia: Russian units concentrating in **Polohy** to stop Ukrainian counteroffensives or possibly planning more ambitious advance towards **Zaporizhzhia**

4 Mariupol: Russia issues fresh ultimatum to surrender. Ukrainian commander says his men may have only hours left at last stronghold