



Ukraine invasion – day 68



1 Russia: Western sources claim President Putin may announce “general mobilization” of Russian military on May 9

2 Belgorod: Two strong explosions reported in early hours of May 2

3 Izyum: Ukrainian strike on Russian command post kills senior officers soon after visit by Russian Chief of Staff, **General Valery Gerasimov**

4 Donbas: Russian forces focusing efforts on completing seizures of **Rubizhne** and **Popasna**, and make limited advances towards **Lyman**

5 Mariupol: Around 100 people evacuated from Azovstal steel plant set to arrive in **Zaporizhzhya**

6 South: Occupied **Kherson**, **Melitopol** and **Volnovakha** start transition to use Russian rouble

7 Odesa: Recent missile strikes, and rising tensions in **Transnistria**, may indicate Russia is preparing drive on city from east and west

8 Black Sea: Ukraine claims Bayraktar drone destroyed two Russian Raptor-class patrol ships near **Snake Island**