

# Ukraine invasion – day 78



**1 Belgorod:** Russia accuses Ukraine of shelling city, reporting casualties for first time

**2 Kharkiv:** Ukrainian forces drive Russian troops out of artillery range

**3 Donbas:** Russia preparing for advance towards **Bakhmut** from **Popasna** to secure road access north to **Slovyansk**

**4 Zaporizhzhia:** Russia launches missiles on **Komyshuvakha**

**5 Mariupol:** Ukrainian commander holed up at **Azovstal** plant, makes personal appeal to **Elon Musk** to help fighters leave city

**6 Kherson:** Russian-controlled administration says it plans to request annexation by Moscow