

# Ukraine invasion – day 85



**1 Kyiv:** U.S. reopens embassy, closed since start of war

**2 Kharkiv:** Russians continue to prioritize holding positions around Russian border to prevent further Ukrainian advances north of **Kharkiv City**

**3 Donbas:** Russia intensifying military operations near **Popasna** in preparation for assault on **Severodonetsk**

**4 Mariupol:** Russian air and artillery strikes continue against remaining Ukrainian defenders in **Azovstal** steel plant

Occupying authorities plan to destroy Azovstal after completing capture and turn Mariupol into resort city

**5 Russia:** Moscow says it has deployed new generation of powerful laser weapons in Ukraine which can burn up drones