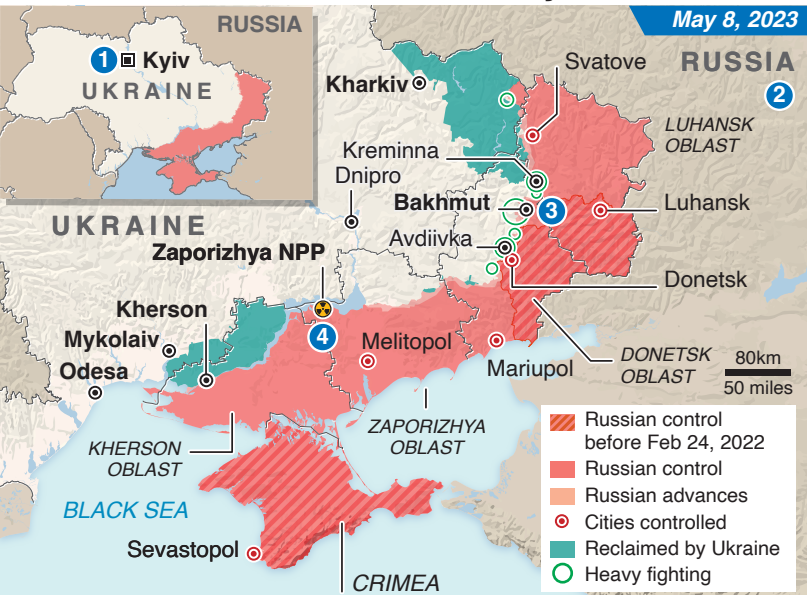


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1 Ukraine: Wave of Russian strikes ahead of May 9 Victory Day parade

Kyiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv and Odesa targeted by 16 missiles, 61 airstrikes and 52 rocket salvos – all 35 **Shahed** drones downed

2 Russia: Population declined by two million more than expected in last three years, UK intelligence reports

3 Bakhmut: Artillery distribution to Wagner forces reportedly resumed after threat to withdraw over lack of supplies

Calls by Chechen **Ramzan Kadyrov** to transfer his troops to Bakhmut may have pressured military leadership

4 Zaporizhzhia NPP: Over 1,600 evacuated from area by Moscow