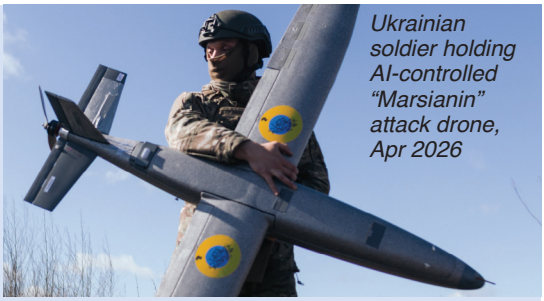
Russia starting to lose ground in Ukraine

As Russia reportedly prepares for a major summer offensive in Ukraine, battlefield data suggests that Kremlin forces are losing ground for the first time since 2024

Medium-range drone attacks: Ukraine is increasingly targeting Russian air defences and logistics behind front lines, disrupting Moscow's territorial advances and opening way for long-range strikes on Russian oil and military facilities



Ukrainian soldier holding AI-controlled "Marsianin" attack drone, Apr 2026

RUSSIAN TERRITORIAL GAINS IN UKRAINE BY MONTH (sq km)

Net gain | Net loss (Ukrainian gain)

Jun 2025: Russia begins summer offensive

Dec 2025: Russia claims capture of Pokrovsk

Jan 2026 Russian gains start to shrink amid Ukrainian counterattacks and mid-range drone strikes

Apr 2026: 116 sq km gained by Ukraine



Moscow's net territorial loss is first since Ukraine's Aug 2024 incursion into Russia's Kursk region

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