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Ongoing casualty assessment in Ukraine

Casualties on both the Russian and Ukrainian sides are rising. According to the Lithuanian Defense Minister, Arvydas Anusauskas, Russia's losses so far include 27 aircraft, 26 helicopters, 146 tanks, 706 armored fighting vehicles, 1 Buk missile system, 4 Grad anti-aircraft systems, 2 UAVs, 2 ships, and a total of 4,300 soldiers killed and wounded. Ukraine's Interior Ministry said on 27 FEB that 352 Ukrainians had been killed, including 14 children. These tolls have not yet been confirmed. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, has confirmed the deaths of 102 Ukrainian civilians, including seven children, as of 28 FEB. There is not a current reliable estimate on Ukrainian military casualties. In a statement on 28 FEB, a Russian Ministry of Defense spokesperson, who has previously contradicted Ukrainian reports, told reporters that the Russian military had destroyed 1,114 Ukrainian military infrastructure targets, in addition to 314 tanks and armored vehicles, 57 rocket launchers, 121 artillery systems and mortars, and 274 special military vehicles. END

CMCD Note

Civilian casualties are almost certainly a result of Russian forces targeting infrastructure to weaken Ukrainian command-and-control capabilities before committing troops to ground operations on nearby objectives. While it is difficult to accurately count casualties on either side, all available sources currently agree that Russian casualties are higher than Ukrainian casualties. This may change if Russian forces can achieve air superiority, or if partner forces reduce the volume and frequency of supplies to Ukrainian defense forces.

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