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Russia continues to target Ukrainian air bases

On 11 MAR, an airfield in western Ukrainian city of Lutsk was targeted by Russian high-precision missile attacks, causing the destruction of multiple fuel tanks and damage to the runway. On the same day, the airfields of Ivano-Frankivsk and Vinnytsia, which host the headquarters of the Ukrainian Air Force, were similarly targeted. In neither attack were any Ukrainian military aircraft reported as destroyed. In addition, the city of Yavoriv in the far west of Ukraine, which holds a military training base, was hit with thirty Russian cruise missiles on 13 MAR. This attack killed 35 Ukrainians and was the closest airstrike to a NATO member's border that Russia has launched since the invasion began. END

CMCD Note

Missiles and artillery munitions have been a consistent method used to damage long-range targets throughout the duration of the war. This method is consistent with Russian doctrine, which uses battalion tactical groups (BTGs) to achieve military objectives. BTGs rely on artillery and missile fire to prepare objectives for the mechanized infantry and armor forces to capture. Airfields appear to be a priority target for Russian strikes and we assess with high confidence that the purpose of targeting airfields is an effort to achieve air superiority in Ukraine.

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