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## Ukrainian forces claim to have taken back Irpin and Trostyanets

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On 28 MAR Ukrainian forces claimed to have retaken a Kyiv suburb town, Irpin. The mayor of Irpin stated that his town has been the scene of some of the heaviest fighting near Kyiv. The mayor claimed the town has been “liberated” from Russian control. A senior United States defense official stated that the United States believes Ukrainians have also retaken the town of Trostyanets, south of Sumy in the east. This official stated Russian forces remained in defensive positions near Kyiv and were making little forward progress in Ukraine. The official also stated that last week Russia seemed to scale back its war aims and concentrate more on the Donbas region of Ukraine instead of Kyiv. END.

### CMCD Note

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The Ukrainian counterattacks in Irpin and Trostyaneta were successful. As a result, Ukraine has resumed control of those towns. This is a morale booster for the Ukrainian forces. With Russian troops in a defensive position near Kyiv, and making little progress, we assess with moderate to high confidence that Ukraine will keep control of these two towns, and that they will not fall back into Russian-controlled areas. We want to point out that taking Kyiv has been one of Russia’s main goals during the war. Therefore, even though it seems that the concentration of forces has moved more to the Donbas region, focusing on the protection of Kyiv remains important.

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