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Russian forces consolidate and launch a new offensive on the Eastern Front

As of 25 MAR, Russian and Luhans People’s Republic (LPR) forces have gained full control over the city of Izyum, east of Kharkiv, after its prolonged encirclement. They have also captured the small towns of Novosadove and Ivanivka, but fighting continues in the city of Severdonetsk. Further south, Russian forces have launched large-scale attacks along the front, north of the city of Donetsk. They have launched assaults against such towns as Novobakhmutivka and Avdyivka. DPR forces are involved in this offensive, and have pushed four kilometers into the defensive line of the Ukrainian 25th Airborne Brigade. END

CMCD Note

Russia announced on 25 MAR that its objective is to secure the Donbas region. The increased offensive operations on the Eastern front are likely an attempt to unify the Donbas region under Russian control. It is highly likely that the fighting in the East will continue, and we assess with moderate to high confidence that Russian forces will succeed in unifying their line of control in the Donbas. We estimate with moderate confidence that Russian forces will commit more effort to offensive operations on the Eastern front, as Russian forces conduct an operational pause on the Northern and Southern fronts.

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