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Russian forces looting Kherson as battle against Ukraine is on horizon

Ukraine has claimed that Russian forces are looting empty homes and occupying them with troops dressed in civilian clothes in the city of Kherson. Civilians were recently ordered to evacuate the city as Russia anticipates a close-quarters combat Ukrainian assault to recapture the city. Many reports have claimed that Russian troops have taken away things such as ambulances, archives, paintings, tractors, and sculptures and ferried them across the Dnieper River to the left bank of the Kherson region. It is unknown how many of Kherson's original inhabitants remain in the city. END

CMCD Note

We assess with moderate confidence that Russian troops are likely to delay the advance of Ukrainian troops by denying them supplies the Ukrainian forces could use to support their push to Kherson. Additionally, Russian troops are likely to fight a delaying action against Ukrainian forces by utilizing ambushes and skirmishes to slowly bleed the Ukrainian military.

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