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## Crossing the Dnieper River will Pose a Challenge for Ukrainian Troops

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Ukrainian forces have taken back the Western side of the city of Kherson but Russian troops retreated to and remain on the Eastern side of the Dnieper (Dnipro) River. In their retreat, Russian forces significantly damaged or destroyed every major river crossing at the Dnieper River. Satellite imagery shows several spans of the Antonivsky Bridge having been destroyed. Reports have also stated that Russian forces have “established a multi-tier defense” on the eastern bank of the Dnieper River, with satellite imagery from 10 NOV showing snaking lines of trenches on an Island known as Kos (downriver from the Kakhovka dam) as well as along other riverfront beaches. Ukraine's military will now look to complete a wet-gap crossing in order to continue its counter-offensive.. END

### CMCD Note

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We assess with high confidence that the continued fortification of the eastern bank of the Dnieper River by Russian forces is likely to deter the Ukrainian military from attacking across the river. Amphibious operations are risky to conduct, particularly against fortified shores. Additionally, Ukrainian forces are still recovering from their push to retake Kherson and are preoccupied with providing humanitarian aid to Ukrainian civilians as winter approaches.

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