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## Ukrainian Counteroffensive Underway Along Entire Frontline

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As of 07 SEPT, Ukrainian forces have attacked the town of Balakliia in the Kharkiv region, which Russia currently occupies. If Ukrainian forces took the town, Russian forces in Izium would become vulnerable on their north-west flank. This comes at the same time that a senior presidential advisor has claimed that a Ukrainian counteroffensive is occurring in eastern, north-eastern, and Southern Ukraine. These two facts support the Ukrainian plan for a long campaign that has the goal of taking back most of the Kherson region that is currently occupied by Russia. US officials have said that this goal is ambitious but possible for the Ukrainian army. END

### CMCD Note

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We assess with high confidence that it is highly likely that the Ukrainian military will continue its counteroffensive in north-eastern and southern Ukraine. It is likely that the retaking of Kherson by Ukrainian forces would put pressure on Russian positions in the Crimea and potentially allow the Ukrainians to weaken or even break the Russian blockade of Ukraine's southern coast. It is also likely that, should Ukrainian forces succeed in reclaiming Kharkiv, Ukrainian forces would be able to consolidate their hold on north-eastern Ukraine and strengthen their forces in the Donbass region.

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