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Ukraine retakes territory in Kharkiv region as Russian front crumbles

KYIV, Sept 9 (Reuters) - Ukrainian forces were seizing an expanding area of previously Russian-held territory in the east in a "very sharp and rapid" advance, a Russian-installed regional official said on Friday, in a breakthrough that may mark a turning point in the war.

After keeping silent for a day, Russia effectively acknowledged that a section of its frontline had crumbled southeast of Ukraine's second-largest city Kharkiv.

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"The enemy is being delayed as much as possible, but several settlements have already come under the control of Ukrainian armed formations," Vitaly Ganchev, head of the Russian-backed administration in the Kharkiv region, said on state television host Vladimir Solovyov's daily livestream. [read more](#)

Ganchev earlier said his administration was trying to evacuate civilians from cities including Izium, Russia's main stronghold and logistics base in the province near the front in eastern Ukraine.

Russia has taken control of around a fifth of Ukraine since starting its invasion in late February.

The Russian defence ministry released video of military vehicles speeding along a highway, saying they showed reinforcements rushing to defend the area. The Kremlin has declined to comment on the Ukrainian advance.

Ukrainian officials released a parade of videos showing soldiers raising flags and posing in front of street signs in villages and towns across part of previously Russian-held territory.

One viral image showed troops holding up a Ukrainian flag at a highway welcome sign for Kupiansk, previously more than 50 km inside Russia's front line. The city is an important target as the junction of several of the main railway lines supplying Russian troops at the front.

Ukraine kept independent journalists out of the area and Reuters could not confirm the images, but President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said troops had "liberated dozens of settlements" and reclaimed more than 1,000 square km (385 square miles) in the eastern Kharkiv and southern Kherson regions.

Western military analysts said the advance could shut the supply lines Moscow has relied on to sustain its force in eastern Ukraine, and potentially leave thousands of Russian troops encircled. [read more](#)

SUCCESS

Such rapid advances have largely been unheard of since Russia abandoned its assault on the capital Kyiv in March, shifting the war mainly into a relentless grind along entrenched front lines.

"We see success in Kherson now, we see some success in Kharkiv and so that is very, very encouraging," U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told a news conference with his Czech counterpart in Prague.

The Ukrainian general staff said early on Friday that retreating Russian forces were trying to evacuate wounded personnel and



damaged military equipment near Kharkiv.

"Thanks to skilful and coordinated actions, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, with the support of the local population, advanced almost 50 km in three days."

Tens of thousands of people have been killed, millions have been driven from their homes and Russian forces have destroyed entire cities since Moscow began what it calls a "special military operation" to "disarm" Ukraine. The Kyiv government and its Western allies accuse Russia of an imperial-style war of aggression.

In the latest reported strike on civilians, Ukrainian officials said Russia had fired across the border, hitting a hospital in the northeastern Sumy region on Friday morning, destroying the building and wounding people. Reuters could not independently confirm the report.

Russia denies intentionally targeting civilians.

The centre of Kharkiv, which has been regularly bombarded by Russia, was hit by Russian rocket fire, wounding 10 people, including three children, Governor Oleh Synehubov said. Rockets hit a children's arts centre and a school, as well as private homes, mayor Ihor Terekhov wrote on Telegram.

BREAKTHROUGH

The Ukrainians broke through in the east a week after Kyiv announced the start of a long-awaited counter-offensive hundreds of kilometres away at the other end of the front line, in the southern province of Kherson.

Ukrainian officials said Russia moved thousands of troops south to respond to the Kherson advance, leaving other parts of the front line exposed.

"We found a weak spot where the enemy wasn't ready," presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovych said in a video posted on YouTube.

Russia's state news agency RIA quoted Russian-appointed Kherson authorities as saying some Ukrainian troops were captured during the counter-attack and some Polish tanks they were using were destroyed. Reuters could not verify those reports.

Less information so far has emerged about the campaign in the south, with Ukraine keeping journalists away and releasing few details.

Ukraine has been using new Western-supplied artillery and rockets to hit Russian rear positions there, with the aim of trapping thousands of Russian troops on the west bank of the wide Dnipro River.

Arestovych acknowledged progress in the south had not yet been as swift as in the east.

Separately, the U.N. nuclear watchdog said on Friday that shelling has destroyed power infrastructure in the southern Ukrainian city of Enerhodar where staff operating the Russian-held Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station live, posing a growing threat to the plant. [r](#)

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Queen Elizabeth II Has Died. Her Eldest Son, Charles, Is Now King



She was born a royal, but with little hope of ever wearing the crown.

Princess Elizabeth Mary was born on April 21, 1926. She was third in line to the throne after her uncle and her father, but a scandalous love affair changed the course of her life and paved the way for her to become the United Kingdom's longest-serving monarch. She became a symbol of comfort and continuity and with her cool and reliable cheerfulness, made her overwhelmingly popular with the British public.

Elizabeth assumed the throne in 1952 at the age of 25 after the sudden death of her father in his sleep at the age of 56. Over the last 70 years, she worked

with 15 British prime ministers and met every U.S. president during her time as queen, with the exception of Lyndon Johnson.

The majority of Britons have never known another monarch. She remained very popular until her death. She played an essential role in the functioning of the U.K. as a constitutional monarchy. After the British elections, it is the monarchy who calls on the political party to form the government.

Charles, 73, now will become king and how he will carry on his mother's legacy will be a big question.



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Editor's Choice



Children run past a sand sculpture depicting Britain's Queen Elizabeth, created by Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik and his students on a beach in Puri, Odisha, India. REUTERS/Stringer



People walk past a Union Jack flag flying at half-mast on the Promenade des Anglais, following the passing of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, in Nice, France. REUTERS/Eric Gaillard



Tunisia's Ons Jabeur celebrates after winning her U.S. Open semifinal match against France's Caroline Garcia at Flushing Meadows, New York. REUTERS/Mike Segar



A rainbow forms as people gather outside the Buckingham Palace, following a statement from the Palace over concerns for Britain's Queen Elizabeth's health, in London, Britain September 8, 2022. REUTERS/Toby Melville



U.S. President Joe Biden gestures as he signs a condolence book after Queen Elizabeth, Britain's longest-reigning monarch and the nation's figurehead for seven decades, died aged 96, at the British Embassy, in Washington. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein



Sao Paulo's Luciano and Alisson celebrate after the Copa Sudamericana semi final second leg Sao Paulo v Atletico Goianiense match. REUTERS/Carla Carniel

Queen Elizabeth II Has Died
(1926–2022)



A 1955 studio portrait of the Queen holding a fan while wearing a brocade dress, a sash, a diamond bracelet given to her by Prince Philip and the star of the Order of the Garter – a necklace given to her by Nizam of Hyderabad. Her diamond and pearl tiara was previously worn by Queen Victoria (Picture: Getty Images)

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A Photo Essay Remembrance Of Queen Elizabeth II
The Story Of The Queen's Life In Photos

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has died after 70 years on the throne, with her death announced by Buckingham Palace on September 8, 2022.

She died at the age of 96 surrounded by her family at her home in Balmoral, including her son and heir to the throne Charles, the Prince of Wales, and her grandsons, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince William and the Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry.

Breaking a number of records, she became the oldest and longest serving monarch and head of state in the world.

During her 70-plus years on the throne, she enjoyed a long and colourful career, which saw her travel the world and rub shoulders with its most famous, powerful and influential people. Born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary in April 1926, the Queen was only 27 years old at the time of her coronation in 1953.

She worked with 15 prime ministers while carrying out overseas visits and royal duties at home – all while raising a family.



Royal author Bryan Kozlowski told of a 'personal transformation' the Queen experienced upon taking on the job, having previously been 'shy and riddled with doubts' about her inexperience.

In his book, Long Live the Queen! 13 Rules for Living from Britain's Longest Reigning Monarch, he writes how Elizabeth told a friend she was 'no longer anxious' and had 'lost all her timidity' in becoming Sovereign.

Looking back at photographs taken during her career – it really shows – as the Queen was well known for her relentless energy and her beaming smile – not to mention her colourful outfits. Having led such a full life, it's been hard to choose from the highlights, but we hope these photographs from every decade of her reign will do her impressive career justice.



Queen Elizabeth II at a reception at Windsor Castle in 2021. Photo: Alastair Grant/Pool/Getty

Queen Elizabeth II died two days after discharging her constitutional duty by accepting the resignation of her 14th prime minister and asking a 15th to form a government.

Her death at 96 after 70 years on the throne is one of the few global news events that genuinely will have been heard all around the world. For the U.K., the royal transition comes during what was already a period of tremendous upheaval. The second Elizabethan era spanned 15 prime ministers and 14 U.S. presidents, from Churchill and Truman to Biden and Truss. She oversaw the end of an empire, four decades of Cold War, entry and exit from the European Union, and enormous societal shifts. Perhaps more than any living person, she represented stability and continuity in tumultuous times. The monarchy itself has survived, in part, thanks to her longevity and enormous personal popularity.

Now the crown belongs to her son and successor, King Charles III, who is not as widely revered.

"We usher in a new era in the magnificent history of our great country exactly as Her Majesty would have wished, in part, thanks to her longevity and enormous personal popularity."

Flags at the White House and public buildings across the U.S. will fly at half-staff. The Eiffel Tower will remain dark overnight. Church bells across the U.K. will toll for an hour on Friday.



Crown Princess Elizabeth, later Queen Elizabeth II, with her baby daughter Princess Anne wearing the Royal christening robe made of Honiton lace (Picture: Getty Images)

Flashback: Elizabeth became heir apparent only after her uncle King Edward VIII abdicated in favor of her father, King George VI.

Her coronation in 1953 at the age of 27 was the first to be televised. The Palace and the British media had long been preparing for her death.

What Brits heard: "The BBC is interrupting its normal programs to bring you an important announcement. ... This is BBC

News from London. Buckingham Palace has announced the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II." That announcement was followed by the national anthem, "God Save the Queen."



Princess Elizabeth, later Queen Elizabeth II, with her husband Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, on their wedding day, in Nov. 1947. Photo: Hulton-Deutsch Collection/CORBIS/Corbis via Getty Images



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip with their children outside Balmoral Castle in Scotland, in Sept. 1960. Photo: Keystone/Hulton Archive/Getty Images



A newly crowned Queen waves to the crowd from the balcony of Buckingham Palace (Picture: Getty Images)

1950 while Prime Minister Clement Attlee and his wife Violet look on (Picture: Getty Images)



The Queen makes her first ever Christmas Day broadcast to the nation from her Sandringham estate in Norfolk in 1952 (Picture: Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip with their children outside Balmoral Castle in Scotland, in Sept. 1960. Photo: Keystone/Hulton Archive/Getty Images



On June 2, 1953, Queen Elizabeth II was coronated at Westminster Abbey – it was the first to be televised and was watched by 27 million people in the UK alone (Picture: Getty Images)



A newly crowned Queen waves to the crowd from the balcony of Buckingham Palace (Picture: Getty Images) (Article Continues Below)

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A 1955 studio portrait of the Queen holding a fan while wearing a brocade dress, a sash, a diamond bracelet given to her by Prince Philip and the star of the Order of the Garter.



The Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen wave to the public after the ceremony (Picture: Getty Images)



The Queen poses wearing a crown and formal sash in 1955 (Picture: Bettmann Archive)



US President Eisenhower (centre) with the Royal family members (left to right) Prince Philip, Princess Anne, the Queen, Prince Charles and Captain John Eisenhower, at Balmoral Castle, Scotland (Picture: Getty Image)



President John F. Kennedy and First Lady Jackie Kennedy pay a visit to Buckingham Palace for the first time in 1961.



The Queen during the 1966 State Opening of Parliament. She had opened every session of Parliament since taking to the throne, except in 1959 and 1963 when she was pregnant with Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, respectively (Picture: Getty Images)

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Her Majesty is joined by the Duke of Edinburgh during the state opening in October 1967 – the ceremony has changed very little throughout her reign (Picture: Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip arrive at the Royal Ascot in 2005 in York, England. Photo: Chris Jackson/Getty Images



Queen Elizabeth II records her annual Christmas Day message at Buckingham Palace in 2018. Photo: John Stillwell - WPA Pool/Getty Images

The Queen Visited Hong Kong And Mainland China In 1986

