



Photo: A centralized heating plant stands frozen after sustaining severe damage from Russian missile strikes. During the overnight attacks on Kyiv on January 21st, Russia targeted the city's energy facilities and electrical distribution centers, leaving large areas without light, power, heat, or running water.

Russia repeatedly strikes Ukrainian cities despite the frigid cold!

Kyiv is experiencing its most severe energy and heating crisis since Russia's full-scale invasion—one that Ukraine's Energy Research Center says is without precedent worldwide.

Oleksandr Kharchenko stated that the capital city is facing a dangerous combination of factors at the same time:

- Kyiv relies on a single centralized district-heating system
- punishing sub-zero temperatures
- strikes on Ukraine's energy infrastructure resulting in extensive destruction

In recent weeks, repeated Russian missile and drone attacks on power grids and the heating infrastructure have pushed parts of Ukraine toward a growing humanitarian crisis. The situation is also critical in several other regions, including Dnipropetrovsk, Chernihiv, Sumy, and Kharkiv—where electrical distribution hubs have been left in ruins. In many areas, power distribution has collapsed entirely.

In these areas, civilians are being forced to endure emergency conditions—often without lights, heat, or running water.

Even as the crisis deepens, we are continuing our

hands-on relief work on the ground. We are delivering heating stoves to families and to fathers serving on the front line, along with food supplies and fire extinguishers. We have also provided a fifth ambulance to the Border Guard's medical battalion in eastern Ukraine.



Photo Caption: A fifth ambulance donated from Finland has arrived in Ukraine and is now in service with the Border Guard's medical battalion in the Kharkiv region.



At the Zaporizhzhia logistics center: Gennady Mokhnenko and Hannu Haukka. January's deliveries included—among other essentials—a truckload of firewood for families with children and for local schools.

At the beginning of this year — an emergency alert information channel warning of incoming rocket and missile strikes in Ukraine shared the following text:

“May 2026 be a year of peace and calm — a year when the sky above Ukraine is once again just the sky: without fear, without missiles, and without drones. May the nights be quiet and the mornings peaceful, and may the scariest sound be the buzzing alarm clock next to your bed.

We wish everyone health, warmth in your homes, light in your hearts, and faith in the future. May your loved ones always be close. May there be something—and someone—for whom it is worth living, dreaming, and making plans.

Our deepest hope is that one day this emergency alert channel will no longer be needed — and that is what we wish for all of us in the new year.”

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones. May 2026 be a year of peace.”





A relentless thunder of artillery and missiles echoed inside this field hospital in the Pokrovsk area. This first-aid post is only a few kilometers away from the front line...

This surgeon in the photo is fighting to stay awake. “On the operating table lies a person—someone’s father, a husband, a friend. If we step away to take cover, the patient will die. If we’re hit, we may not make it.

If we aren’t, we keep working—because that’s what it means to save a life.”



Near the front line, food distribution is underway, made even more urgent by power outages by Russia. GCMM’s UkraineAid Today outreach supports regular food distribution in the Zaporizhzhia region.



People are “still holding on” in parts of eastern Ukraine’s war zone area—despite having no electricity for months. During 2025, UkraineAid Today distributed heating stoves to families with children and to the elderly. And the need only continues to grow. Thousands more written requests have arrived at our UkraineAid center in December and January.



A solemn moment of silence at the gravesite of Kyiv’s fallen. Russia continues its bombardment of civilian targets. Ukraine fights on. The consequences of surrender would be: • Bloodshed, ethnic cleansing carried out by Russia, the arrest, imprisonment, and forced deportation to Russia of pro-Ukrainian citizens • Ideological re-education of children and young people.



Loading a shipment of stoves is underway at the Zaporizhzhia heavy metal factory. When stoves are ready, they are transported for distribution based on incoming orders. We recently received an order for 1,500 stoves from the city of Sumy, where a regular supply of electricity has been absent for months. Essential public services are running with generators. Before the war began in February 2022, Sumy had a population of around 250,000. It's estimated that half of the city's residents have moved elsewhere.

Amid all this, our humanitarian aid work is carried out with persistence and with determination, as if it were our own country and our own people. Power outages, constant bombings, and collapsing basic services have made daily life extraordinarily hard for Ukrainians. Our assistance will not diminish. Deliveries of stoves, firewood, food, ambulances, and other practical support will continue. We warmly thank every ministry friend who has given of their own resources, making our relief work possible.

Warm regards,



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