

CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

UKRAINE

02 MAY 2022

Update on Russia-Ukraine

The following information was received from our correspondent on 2 May 2022:

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Update dd. 02.05.2022

The situation on the battlefields remains the same. We have heavy fighting in Kharkov, Chernigiv, Zaporizhya and Mykolayiv areas. Kherson is still occupied by the Russian aggressor. in Mariupol remains just one hotbed of resistance of the Ukrainian 'Azov' regiment – Azovstal plant. Yesterday more than 100 civilians were evacuated from Azolstal plant. This was organized with the help of the UN after few weeks of negotiations with the occupiers.

All Ukrainian ports are still closed for inward/outward passages.

Merchant shipping focused on the ports of Ukraine is blocked. After the sinking of the missile cruiser 'Moscow' Russian warships beware to come close to the territorial waters of Ukraine. At the same time they are able to monitor the situation on the Black Sea routes and can easily fire any merchant ship which crosses Ukrainian waters. Therefore, we consider the decision of the Ukrainian authorities not to resume shipping in the ports of Ukraine as very thoughtful and balanced.

The situation in Moldova and unrecognized republic Pridnestroviye is very tense. Some sources mention that Putin's regime decided to undertake Moldova

in the nearest future. Therefore NATO combat units guard the borders of Moldova on the West side and the Ukrainian forces control the situation from the East side.

The day before yesterday, Odessa airport (which completed renovation in 2021) was fired by three Russian rockets.

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Update dd. 11.04.2022

According to the situation today the war took positional character. Fighting take place at the same cities: Mariupol, Kharkov, Chernigiv, Mykolayiv.

All Ukrainian ports are still closed for inward/outward passages.

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Update dd. 04.04.2022

The situation at the war map of Ukraine has not changed dramatically since our latest Notification dd. 29.03.2022. Ukraine has regained control over much of the Northern territory and forced the Russian aggressor to retreat to the borders of Russia.

All Ukrainian ports are still closed for inward/outward passages.

Regardless of the scenario of further military actions in the area of the Black Sea Ports, the restoration of navigation remains doubtful, as there is a large number of mines and the location of many of them is unknown.

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Update dd. 29.03.2022

The situation in Ukraine has not changed considerably since our latest Notification dd. 25.03.2022

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It is worthy of note that fighting has become more severe in Mykolaiv, Russian aggressor employs military aviation. There are still mortal battles in Mariupol, much of the city is destroyed. According to the latest numbers, more than 5 thousand people were killed, 170 thousand civilians were evacuated and at about 140 thousand people are still trapped in the besieged Mariupol.

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Update dd. 25.03.2022

We have received a number of queries concerning the announcement of the Russian Federation on opening the humanitarian corridors for foreign ships staying in the Ukrainian ports. In our opinion, this information cannot be trusted.

In addition, as we know, the Russians mined 5 water areas of the Black Sea, some of the mines were torn from mounts, so it is not known where/in which part of the sea they are now located. Also, we do not rule out the fact that Russian ships will either fire on or seize foreign ships.

We will wait for the official notification of the Ukrainian authorities about the opening of ports as well as confirmation of the corridor.

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Members with vessels in or who are planning to call Ukrainian ports are encouraged to reach out to their local agents and Managers' offices in the region for further updates and advice. With the addition of recent Sanctions, members are advised to exercise particular care in performing due diligence on any trade to Russia or Ukraine. More information can be found on the sanctions section of the Club's website:

<https://www.swedishclub.com/loss-prevention/legal/sanctions/>

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