

Ukraine Forces' Suicidal Attacks: Staggering Losses and Casualties

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Back in mid-January, retired United States Army Lieutenant General Ben Hodges, who previously led the US Army Europe Command and still holds several high-ranking positions within NATO, [gave an interview to the CIA front Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty \(RFE/RL\)](#), where he claimed that Western heavy armor would supposedly give the Kiev regime "an edge" against the Russian military. When asked "how much of a disadvantage has Ukraine had without [Western/NATO armor] and what can Kiev now achieve with it", Hodges stated the following:

"Well, of course, I wish these decisions to provide '[Bradley](#)' and 'Marder' and AMX-10RC and other systems would have been made sooner. But the good news is they've been made. What I heard last week was the foundation for an armor brigade. Basically, you've got self-propelled artillery from the Czech Republic, a battalion; AMX-10RC from France, [which is an excellent wheeled vehicle](#), a lot of mobility with a big gun on it; and then a battalion of 'Marder', which is a very good system; and then a battalion of '[Bradley](#)', [which is the best infantry fighting vehicle in the world](#). If you get those and then if you put maybe a Ukrainian tank battalion in the middle of it with engineers, you've got a lethal combined arms formation that could be the iron fist that would help penetrate these endless lines of Russian trenches..."

It's hardly breaking news that these "excellent wheeled vehicles" and "very good systems", including "the best infantry fighting vehicle in the world", have been anything but [as the much-touted counteroffensive of the Kiev regime forces has proven to be a spectacular failure](#). After weeks of attempts to break through Russian lines, apart from a few small tactical successes that cannot possibly be justified considering the horrendous losses, the "iron fist" of the Neo-Nazi junta troops demonstrated its impotence as it has been unable to achieve any of the stated strategic goals.

By June 21, losses of the Kiev regime forces have been staggering, standing at approximately 13,000 servicemen, 246 tanks (13 of which were NATO heavy armor), 595 armored fighting vehicles (AFVs), 279 artillery guns and mortars (48 sent by NATO), 42 multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS), two SAM (surface-to-air) missile systems, 14 aircraft (including helicopters), 264 drones and 424 vehicles. Since then, the losses seem to have escalated dramatically, although precise numbers are yet to be released. [As the German daily Handelsblatt described it](#): “[This isn't a counteroffensive. It is a bloody crash test.](#)”

Despite this, the Neo-Nazi junta keeps sending [the forcibly conscripted Ukrainians to certain death](#) (or horrendous injuries, at best). On June 24, offensive operations were launched in both Zaporozhye and Donetsk regions (oblasts), but failed, although the Kiev regime claimed there was “[progress in all directions](#)”. Video evidence suggests that virtually all assault units engaged in offensive operations were [either destroyed or damaged beyond repair](#), while Russian kamikaze drones neutralized their artillery support composed primarily of US-made M777 howitzers.

The following day, [the Neo-Nazi junta forces lost well over 700 soldiers and dozens of pieces of heavy armor](#) and lighter support vehicles. During a failed attack, [the 47th brigade of the Kiev regime forces got bogged down in a minefield](#), resulting in catastrophic losses, [including life-altering injuries](#). War footage suggests there are dozens of critically injured soldiers, with virtually no way to either provide immediate medical assistance or evacuate the wounded. There are numerous instances [where soldiers are simply left behind to die](#).

Expectedly, this has resulted in insubordination from many Ukrainian servicemen, some of whom are openly refusing to follow orders of their superiors, further reinforcing previous claims about a [looming mutiny within the Neo-Nazi junta forces](#). Battlefield reports now even suggest that their commanding officers are often taking extreme measures to ensure obedience. One of the latest videos shows an officer throwing at least two hand grenades at several Ukrainian servicemen standing in a bunker for failing to hold their positions. Presumably, the Ukrainian soldiers (at least three of them) either failed or refused to follow the order of their commanding officer to hold the position they were assigned to.

It's safe to assume that they were most likely forced to retreat from their post in order not to get overrun, as there were only three of them. Obviously agitated by this, the officer decided that the immediate punishment for insubordination was to throw hand grenades at them. [The available footage shows](#) the commanding officer taking at least two grenades from another soldier and throwing them into the bunker where the fleeing soldiers were standing, after which an explosion can be heard. The fate of the unfortunate servicemen is unknown, but given the confined space they were in, it can only be assumed that the best-case scenario is they suffered serious shrapnel wounds.

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