



FIVE  
killed in explosion at rocket and  
explosives factory in Türkiye



**GLOBAL  
WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain   HR: Heavy Rain   SW: Snow  
TDS: Thundershower   LC: Light Cloud   SNY: Sun

Beijing	33	18	TDS	Los Angeles	23	15	LC
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	19	9	HR
Dhaka	38	28	TDS	Moscow	16	9	HR
Dubai	38	29	SNY	New York	21	13	LC
Houston	29	22	SNY	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	23	17	LC	Toronto	18	14	LC
London	22	9	LC	Washington	26	12	LC

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# COUNTEROFFENSIVE HAS BEGUN AGAINST RUSSIAN FORCES: UKRAINIAN PREZ

**KYIV**

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Saturday that counteroffensive were

underway against Russian forces, asserting that his top commanders were in a “positive” mindset as their troops engaged in intense fighting

along the front line.

The Ukrainian leader, at a Kyiv news conference responded to a question about Russian President Vladimir Putin's

comment a day earlier that Ukraine's counteroffensive had started — and Ukrainian forces were taking “significant losses.” Zelenskyy said that “the

counteroffensive, defensive actions are taking place in Ukraine. I will not speak about which stage or phase they are in.” “I am in touch with our

commanders of different directions every day,” he added, citing the names of 5 of Ukraine’s top military leaders. “Everyone is positive. Pass this on to

Putin.” Meanwhile, Ukraine’s General Staff said that “heavy battles” were ongoing, with 34 clashes over the previous day in country’s industrial east.

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