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Ukraine: recent dynamics & pol implications

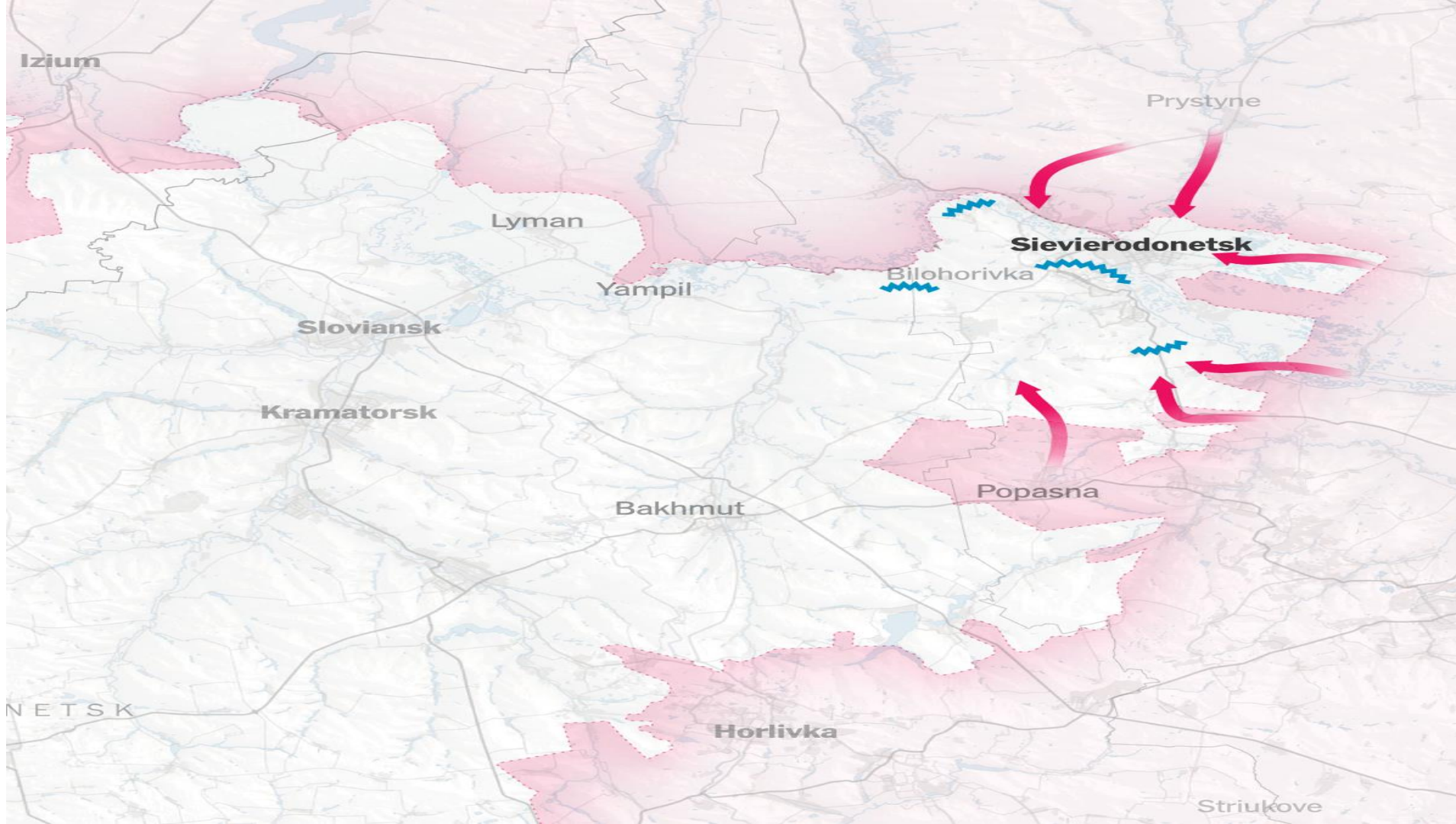
- *Mass passportization in Zaporizska and Kherson oblast announced, similarly as with the 860,000 residents in Donetsk and Luhansk prior to 24 February.*
- *This signals the RF preference for integration (also economically) of those territories rather than pushing for additional autonomous Republics.*
- *If referendum will be held for annexation of Mariupol, Kherson, Donbas Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics this might coincide with 11 September Russian elections*
- ***Ukrainian recent military successes:*** *pushing the RF away from Kharkiv, limiting RF forces north of K; blocking from south of Izyum the RF offensive towards Slovyansk and Kramatorsk, increasingly under attack from south & east;*

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- *RF -already controlling 80-90% of Donbas: Slow but steady road-based RF offensive in Luhansk: focus on Severodonetsk, now almost fully encircled: contested are between SD, Slovyansk and Kramatorsk (75 miles wide)*

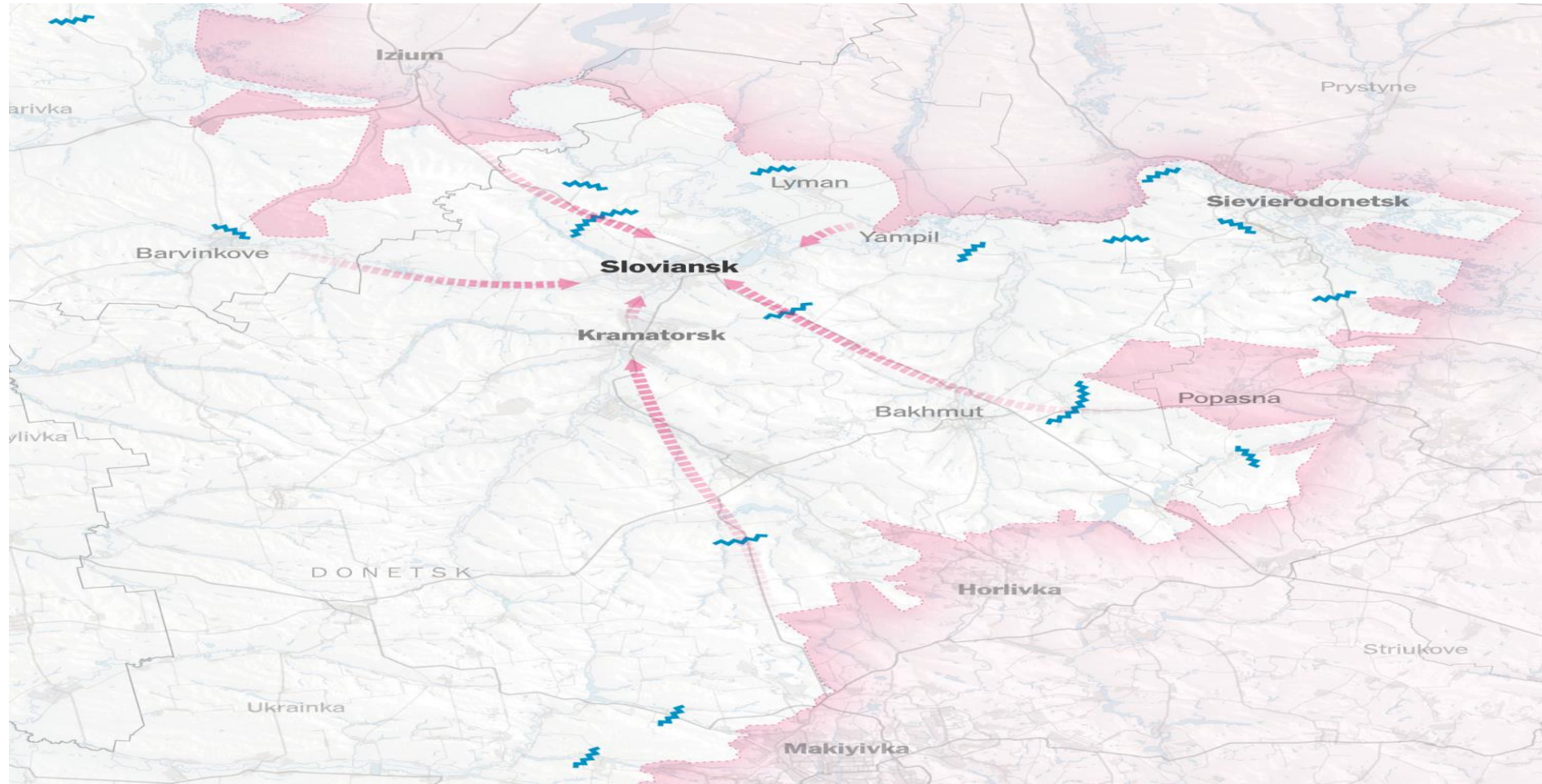




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- north of Slovyansk, **Lyman** is and will be under increased attack, but most of the attack on S & K will come from the south due to Severskyi Donetsk acting as UKR defensive line, so focus on RF offensive from **Popasna** westward towards **Bakhmut** and then from there to Slovyansk





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- *In the **south**, increased fighting to be expected in the contested area between Kherson city and Mykolaiv.*
- *UKR resistance emerging in Melitopol.*
- *Increased missile strikes to be expected on Odesa from Filatovka in north Crimea*
- *Odesa remaining safe from the land until Mykolaiv is taken by RF, which remains unlikely*
- *Likely uptick of offensive operations towards Zaporizhia and Kryvyi Rih.*

- *Thanks for attention and happy for bilateral conversations/exchanges on conflict scenarios, assessments of localized humanitarian impacts and conflict sensitivity risks and mitigation measures!*
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