

Situation in east Ukraine has ‘deteriorated significantly,’ Kyiv commander says

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The situation on Ukraine’s eastern front has “deteriorated significantly in recent days” amid a stepped-up offensive by Russia, the head of the Ukrainian army said Saturday.

Kyiv has seen a “[significant intensification](#)” of the enemy’s offensive” since Russian President Vladimir Putin [won reelection](#) in March, Ukrainian Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi said, according to news agency [AFP](#).

Syrskyi, who became military commander [in February](#) after the previous army head was fired by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, renewed calls for faster military aid from Western allies to counter Moscow’s superior weapons. Russia is deploying new armored units which sometimes achieve [tactical gains](#), he said.

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