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In Photos: De-Occupied Izyum Following Ukraine's Counteroffensive

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday visited Izyum, a key strategic city in Ukraine's Kharkiv region, which was recently recaptured by Kyiv's forces. "Our blue-yellow flag is already flying in the de-occupied Izyum," Zelensky wrote of his visit in the official Telegram channel. "And it will be so in every Ukrainian city and village. We are moving in only one direction: forward and towards victory." Reflecting the spirit of Zelensky's message, the pictures of the newly liberated city depict both a painful destruction and a glimmering hope.



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