

Russia Claims Capture of Another Ukrainian Village Near Avdiivka

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Russian servicemen in eastern Ukraine's partially occupied Donetsk region. **Russian Defense Ministry / TASS**

Russia's Defense Ministry [said](#) Monday that its troops had taken control of another village near the captured town of Avdiivka in eastern Ukraine's partially occupied Donetsk region.

Russian forces gained control over Avdiivka in February after one of the bloodiest battles since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine over two years ago.

In its daily briefing on Monday, Russia's Defense Ministry said its forces had "liberated" the village of Semenivka, around 5 kilometers west of Avdiivka.

The Russian military [said](#) Sunday it had captured the nearby village of Novobakhmutivka. And on Saturday, Moscow said its troops around the city of Donetsk had managed to drive "deep" into Ukrainian defensive lines.

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Russian forces have made notable gains in the Donetsk region over the last week, prompting rare criticism by Ukrainian military bloggers of the country's armed forces.

Ukraine's army leaders have conceded that Russia has achieved some "tactical successes" in the area and that its own positions have deteriorated.

Kyiv is awaiting the arrival of billions of dollars in U.S. military aid, which it hopes will stabilize the situation on the sprawling front lines.

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