

## In Photos: Ukraine Evacuates Civilians from Key Stronghold of Pokrovsk as Russians Advance

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Ukraine is continuing to evacuate civilians from the city of Pokrovsk as Russian forces push closer toward the Donetsk region stronghold. According to local officials, nearly 7,000 civilians remain in the city, which had a pre-war population of 60,000. Analysts say that capturing Pokrovsk could give Russia a foothold to seize the rest of the Donetsk region, which it claims to have annexed but only partially occupies. But Ukrainian forces have held Russian troops at bay for months, allowing them to make only incremental gains. Here is a look at the ongoing evacuation efforts:



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