

More Than Wet Gap Crossings: Riverine Capabilities Are Needed For Irregular Warfare And Beyond

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Given its centrality to Ukraine's commercial and trade development, it is not surprising that the Dnipro River has again become a focal point for the ongoing war in Ukraine. Both [Russian](#) and [Ukrainian](#) forces have used Ukrainian waterways as space to maneuver troops and move supplies. Ukrainian forces have become especially proficient [in using small boats to carry out raids on Russian forces](#). Today, in certain areas, the Dnipro River is a [de facto demarcation of the front line](#), and in other places is the [de jure demarcation for regions claimed by Russia](#). [The Russian withdrawal from Kherson and the west bank of the Dnipro](#) leaves the river marking hundreds of miles of front line as the conflict passes into the winter.

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