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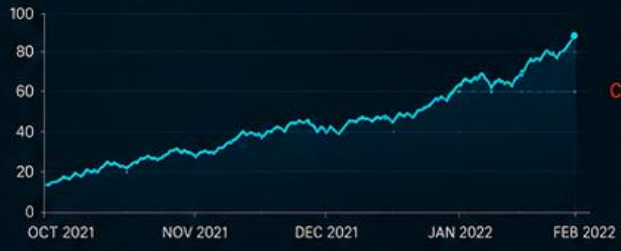
TALOSAI EARLY WARNING

CASE STUDY: UKRAINE

Ukraine and the February 2022 Invasion

Multi-stream risk quantification before operational disruption

INTEGRATED RISK INDEX



79.7
Critical Warning

- Risk Formation — Mid-Oct 2021 — 18.6 wks
- Watch Posture — Early Dec 2021 — 11.6 wks
- Systemic Alert — Late Jan 2022 — 3.6 wks
- Critical Convergence — Late Feb 2022 — 0.6 wks

NARRATIVE DOMINANCE

National Defense

90.5%

External Share

SIGNAL CONVERGENCE

Narrative Pressure	High
Public Concern	High
Currency Pressure	High

SYSTEMIC ALERT

MULTI-STREAM RISK INTELLIGENCE

- DEFENSE
- GOVERNANCE
- ECONOMY
- SOCIETY
- PUBLIC CONCERN
- CURRENCY

UKRAINE RISK TIMELINE

- Mid-Oct 2021 — Risk Formation
- Mid-Nov 2021 — Early Deterioration
- Early Dec 2021 — Watch Posture
- Late Jan 2022 — Systemic Alert
- Late Feb 2022 — Critical Warning

ACTIONABLE GUIDANCE

- Increase Monitoring
- Begin Contingency Review
- Brief Leadership
- Reassess Exposure
- Prepare Operational Continuity

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RISK INTELLIGENCE. EARLY. QUANTIFIED. ACTIONABLE.

Bottom line

Talosai was able to show a staged alert sequence in the Russia-Ukraine escalation cycle: early formation in mid-October, watch posture by early December, systemic alert by late January, and critical warning by late February.

18.6 weeks	59.2	90.5%	0.94
Early pressure formation visible before invasion	Integrated risk index by early December watch posture	National Defense external share by late February	Narrative-public concern correlation in Jan-Feb 2022

Executive Summary

During the Russia-Ukraine escalation cycle, Talosai was able to convert multiple observable signal streams (OSINT narrative monitoring, public search behavior, currency pressure, historical baselines, trend analysis, forecasting outputs, correlations, and lead-lag relationships) into a staged risk picture for decision-makers. In the same period that Russian force movements, diplomatic ultimatums, cyber pressure, Donbas pretext-building, and market stress unfolded, Talosai was able to show that the risk was forming before it became operationally obvious: early pressure was visible by mid-October 2021, watch posture by early December, systemic alert by late January, and critical convergence by late February. This public-release case study focuses on what Talosai surfaced at the output level (trend direction, magnitude, convergence, and decision posture).

- Talosai was able to detect early warning pressures and provide operational guidance by mid-October 2021, approximately 18.6 weeks before the invasion. The signal was an early quantified deterioration trend, not an assertion of an exact invasion date.

- Talosai was able to detect integrated risk rising from 42.9 in mid-October to 59.2 in early December and provide operational guidance, before the escalation became operationally obvious to many stakeholders.

- Talosai was able to quantify military-risk narrative dominance by early December and provide operational guidance: National Defense external share reached 78.8%, and external defense-related narrative volume was running at roughly 1,037 items/day as Russian military and diplomatic pressure intensified.

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- Talosai was able to show late-January convergence across OSINT narrative pressure and provide operational guidance on public concern/search behavior ↔ and currency pressure, producing a systemic-alert posture roughly 3.6 weeks before the invasion.

- Talosai was able to show critical late-February convergence: the integrated index reached 79.7, National Defense external share exceeded 90.5%, and multiple domains moved together as Donbas and diplomatic triggers accelerated.

Why This Distinguishes Talosai

The Ukraine case demonstrates that Talosai was able to move beyond headline collection by placing narrative pressure, public concern/search behavior, and currency stress in relation to historical country baselines and to one another. As the escalation moved from renewed troop movements to diplomatic ultimatums, cyber activity, force exercises, separatist mobilization, and full invasion, Talosai was able to show when separate streams stopped behaving like isolated indicators and began reinforcing one another. The public-release analysis shows the decision-relevant outputs: abnormality, momentum, convergence, lead-lag behavior, forecasting posture, and recommended action.

Risk-intelligence question	Typical news/event monitoring	Talosai quantified output
Is there coverage?	Counts or lists articles/incidents.	Shows when narrative pressure becomes abnormal against historical country baselines without exposing the underlying scoring method.
Is the situation getting worse?	Depends on analyst review of headlines.	Quantifies direction, momentum, and rate of pressure change over time.
Is the risk isolated or systemic?	Often treats categories separately.	Surfaces convergence across defense, governance, economy, society, public concern, and currency pressure.
When should decisions change?	Often alerts after disruption is visible.	Supports staged posture changes: monitor, watch, escalate, and prepare.
What should be done?	Often leaves the response to the reader or analyst; recommended actions are usually generic,	Provides decision-grade recommendations tied to the quantified signal state, including

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	reactive, or provided only after the event is already operationally visible.	monitoring cadence, watch posture, contingency triggers, exposure reduction, travel/security review, and continuity planning.

Performance Timeline

Talosai was able to place its weekly outputs against the actual Russia-Ukraine escalation sequence. The mid-October risk formation appeared before the crisis was fully operationalized; the early-December watch posture aligned with intensifying U.S. warnings, the Biden-Putin call, and Russia's published security demands; the late-January systemic alert followed failed negotiation tracks, cyber pressure, and NATO/U.S. force-posture changes; and the late-February critical warning aligned with Donbas pretext-building, recognition of the separatist entities, and final invasion preparations. This framing shows timing and decision value without disclosing how the underlying indicators are scored.

Window	Lead time	Signal state	What Talosai was able to show	Likely decision value
Mid-Oct. 2021	18.6 weeks	Risk formation	Integrated pressure began moving materially upward as renewed Russian force movement and concern about Ukraine's security environment returned to the surface; public concern and narrative direction were no longer flat background noise.	Increase monitoring frequency; brief leadership that country risk was forming, not merely producing isolated headlines.
Mid-Nov. 2021	14.6 weeks	Early deterioration	Integrated pressure crossed into positive territory as public concern rose materially and narrative pressure approached baseline transition; Talosai treated the pattern as early deterioration rather than isolated headlines.	Start contingency review and identify triggers for travel, staffing, supply, and exposure decisions.

Window	Lead time	Signal state	What Talosai was able to show	Likely decision value
Early Dec. 2021	11.6 weeks	Watch posture	External military-risk narrative dominance became measurable as U.S. warnings, the Biden-Putin call, and Russia's security demands made the crisis more explicit; multiple external domains reached watch-level output.	Move from passive monitoring to watch posture; begin executive risk updates.
Late Jan. 2022	3.6 weeks	Systemic alert	Narrative pressure, public concern, and currency pressure were elevated together after failed talks, cyber pressure, and allied force-posture changes; three narrative domains were elevated.	Activate or pre-position contingency plans; reassess exposure and travel posture.
Late Feb. 2022	0.6 weeks	Critical warning	Pressure became broad, intense, and highly convergent as Donbas pretexts, separatist recognition, sanctions, and invasion preparations accelerated across defense, governance, economy, public concern, and currency.	Support high-consequence decisions before immediate operational disruption.

Visual Evidence: Output-Level Indicators

Talosai was able to display the Ukraine escalation as a sequence of output-level patterns rather than as a set of disconnected incidents. The figures compare integrated risk, narrative pressure, public

concern/search behavior, and currency pressure against the escalation calendar, showing early upward movement, watch-level transition, late-January convergence, and late-February critical intensity. The visuals intentionally remain at the output level; they show trend behavior, relative movement, and convergence.

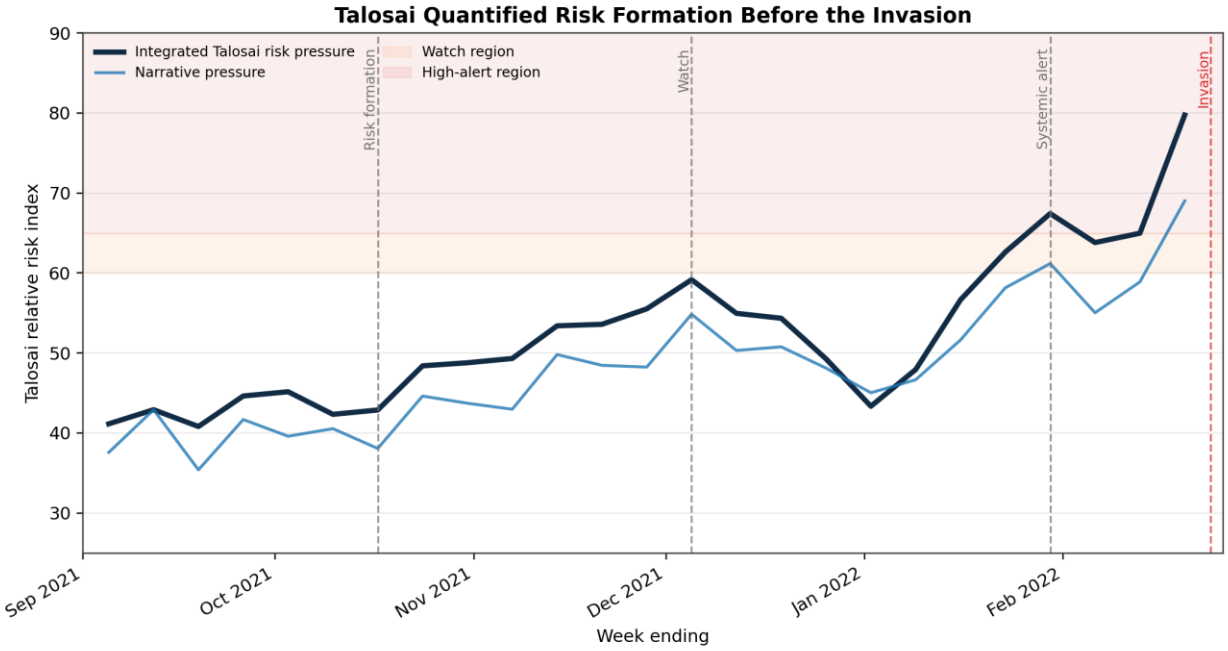

Figure 1. Talosai was able to show the integrated risk index rising in mid-October, reaching a watch posture around the early-December escalation window, and moving into systemic alert territory by late January.

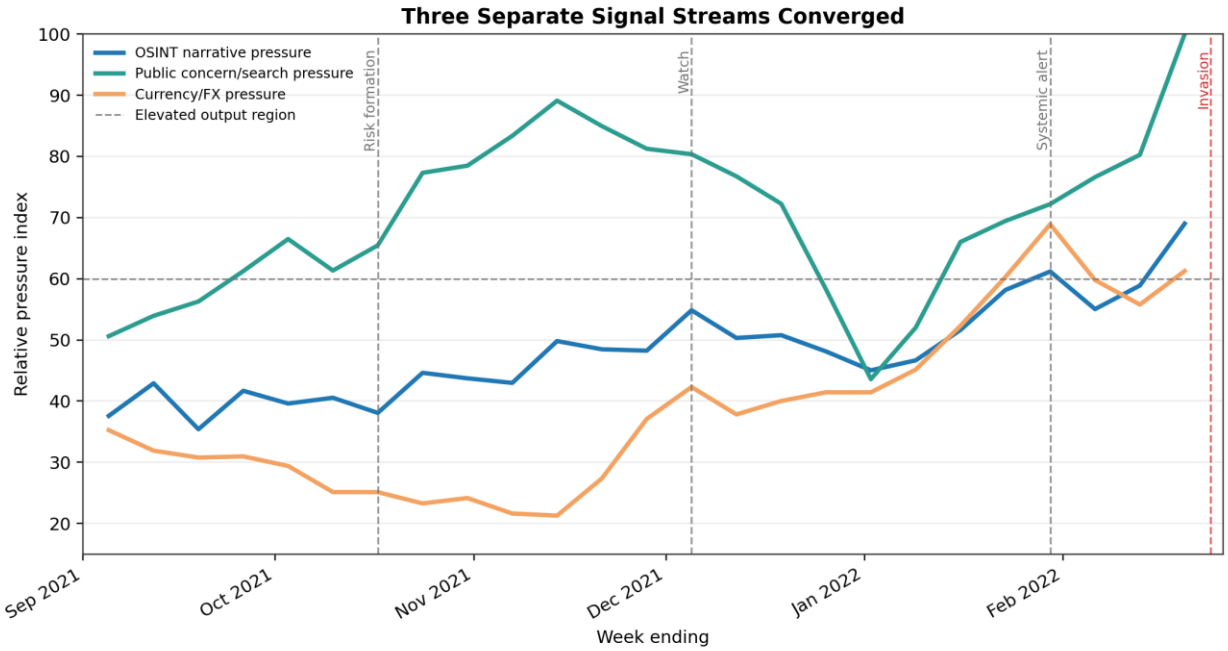

Figure 2. Talosai was able to show that three independent streams did not move identically; the stronger signal was their late-January convergence before the final Donbas recognition and invasion sequence.

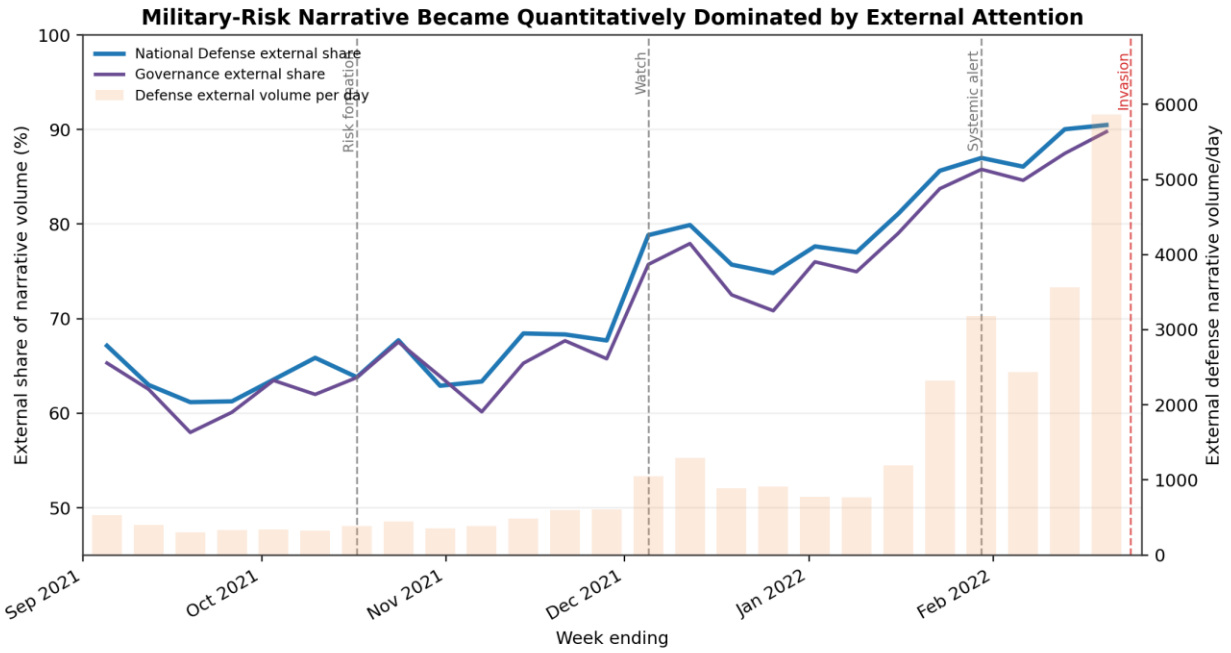

Figure 3. Talosai was able to quantify the shift toward externally dominated military-risk attention while defense-related external volume accelerated through the December and February escalation windows.

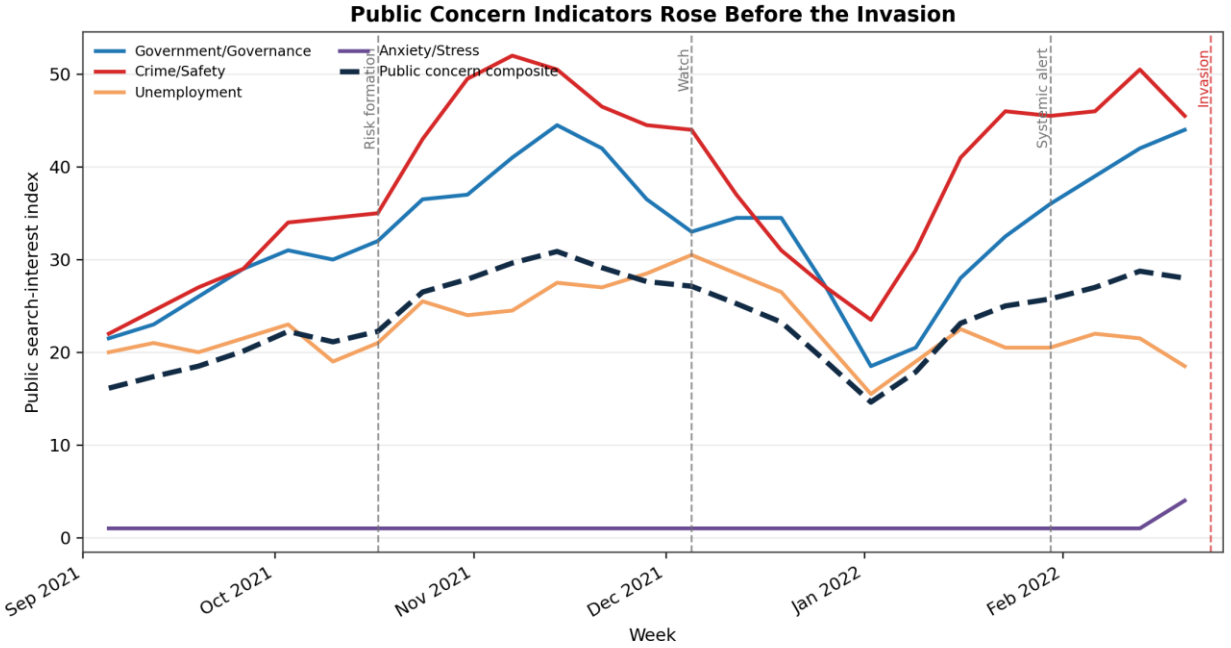

Figure 4. Talosai was able to use public concern/search behavior as independent corroboration, especially around governance and safety concerns during the pre-invasion escalation.

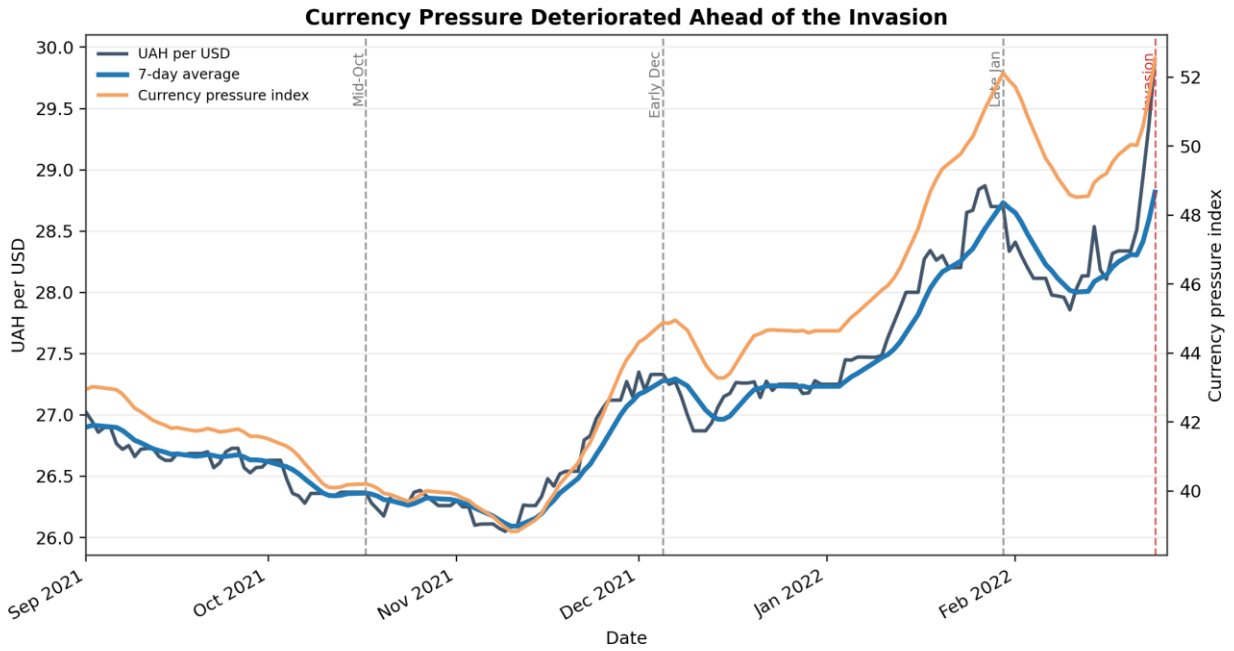

Figure 5. Talosai was able to show currency pressure as a lagging but important confirming market-confidence signal that deteriorated before the invasion.

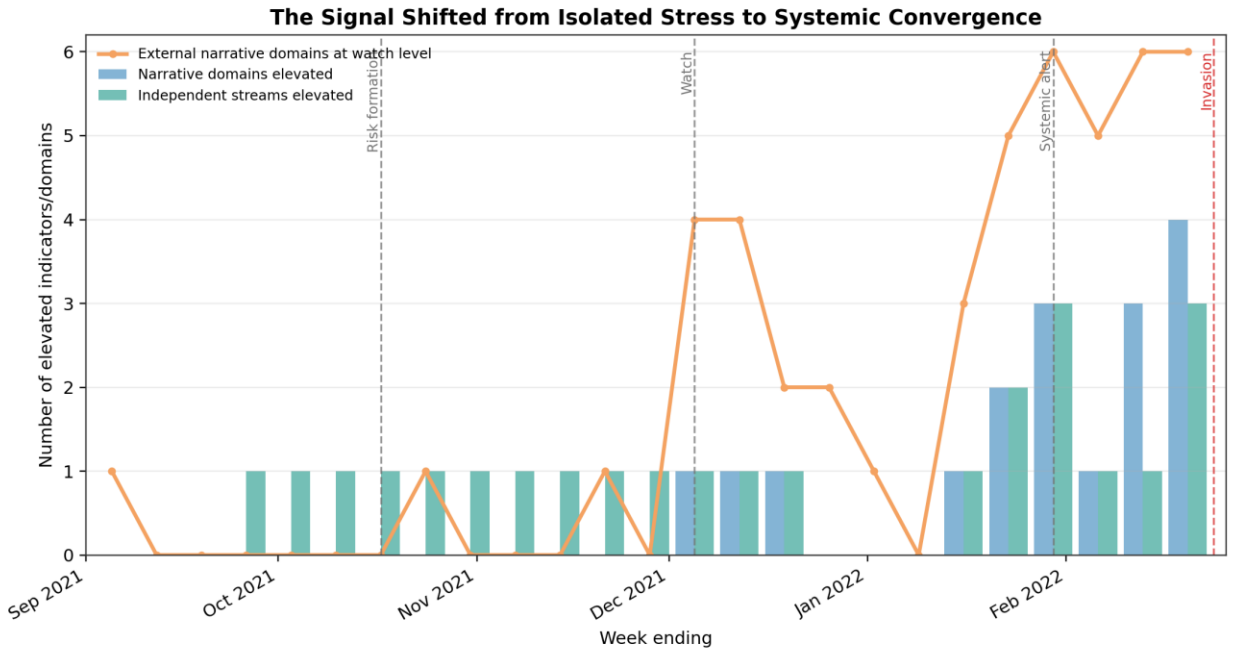

Figure 6. Talosai was able to show the core shift from isolated stress to systemic cross-domain convergence as the crisis moved from pressure formation to imminent operational disruption.

Selected Quantified Evidence

Talosai was able to present outward-facing metrics that demonstrate timing, direction, magnitude, and convergence. The selected values below anchor the case to observable escalation phases: mid-October risk formation, early-December watch posture, late-January systemic alert, and late-February critical convergence. They also show a lead-lag pattern in which narrative and public concern moved earlier while currency pressure became a confirming signal.

Evidence point	Mid-Oct. / early trend	Early Dec. watch	Late Jan. / Feb. convergence
Integrated Talosai risk index	42.9 in mid-Oct.; rising trend established	59.2 by early Dec.	67.4 by late Jan.; 79.7 by late Feb.
Narrative pressure index	38.1 in mid-Oct.; still forming	54.8 by early Dec.	61.2 by late Jan.; 69.0 by late Feb.
National Defense external share	Approx. 65% in Oct. monthly average	78.8% during the early-Dec. week	90.5% during the late-Feb. week
External defense narrative volume	Approx. 370/day in Oct.	Approx. 1,037/day in Dec. monthly average	Approx. 3,958/day in Feb. pre-invasion weekly average
Public concern/search behavior	Core concern index 22.2 in mid-Oct.	Core concern index 27.1 in early Dec.	Gov/Governance concern doubled from 22 to 44; Crime/Safety peaked at 52 before invasion
Currency pressure	UAH/USD 26.37; pressure index 40.2	Pressure began rising into Dec./Jan.	UAH/USD 29.36 by Feb. 23; about 11.3% weaker vs mid-Oct.

Systemic Correlation and Convergence

Talosai was able to surface the moment when separate domains began to move together. This matters because a single elevated domain can reflect noise, routine coverage, or an isolated incident; by January-February 2022, however, defense, governance, economy, public concern, and currency outputs were co-moving with much stronger relationships. The table below presents output-level correlations only (useful for understanding convergence and lead-lag relationships).

Co-movement pair	Sep-Oct. 2021	Nov-Dec. 2021	Jan-Feb. 2022
National Defense ↔ Economy	0.20	0.55	0.92
National Defense ↔ Governance	0.51	0.91	0.97

Co-movement pair	Sep-Oct. 2021	Nov-Dec. 2021	Jan-Feb. 2022
National Defense ↔ Society	0.73	0.68	0.87
Narrative ↔ Currency	-0.47	0.60	0.84
Narrative ↔ Public Concern	0.61	-0.05	0.94

Decision-Relevance Assessment

Talosai was able to translate changing signal states into decision timing. The performance case is strongest when framed not as a claim of knowing the exact invasion date, but as an ability to show a quantified pressure trajectory early enough for users to change posture. In practical terms, the system was able to support earlier monitoring, contingency review, leadership briefings, exposure reassessment, travel/security decisions, and operational-continuity planning before disruption became immediate.

Alert posture	What Talosai showed	Decision-maker actions supported
Monitor / early formation	Mid-Oct. to mid-Nov.: Talosai was able to show an upward pressure trend driven by public concern and changing narrative direction.	Increase update cadence; identify exposure; define escalation triggers.
Watch posture	Late Nov. to early Dec.: Talosai was able to show integrated pressure reaching the watch zone and external defense narrative dominance becoming measurable.	Begin structured leadership briefings; review travel, security, staffing, and continuity plans.
Systemic alert	Late Jan.: Talosai was able to show OSINT narrative pressure, public concern/search behavior, and currency all elevated together.	Pre-position contingency responses; reduce discretionary exposure; validate vendor and supply-chain alternatives.
Critical warning	Mid-to-late Feb.: Talosai was able to show convergence intensifying as multiple domains moved together.	Support high-consequence decisions such as evacuation posture, exposure reduction, and operational continuity execution.

Conclusion

Using OSINT narrative pressure, public concern/search behavior, currency pressure, historical baselines, trend analysis, forecasting, correlations, and lead-lag relationships together, Talosai was able to show that Ukraine risk did not suddenly appear in January or February 2022. It was forming, quantifying, broadening, and converging from mid-October through early December, then escalating sharply through January and February as diplomatic, military, cyber, and Donbas-related triggers accumulated.

The important differentiator was not that Talosai counted more headlines. Talosai was able to show whether coverage was abnormal, whether public concern and financial pressure were confirming it, whether domains were moving together, which streams were leading or lagging, and when operational posture should change. That is the capability this case study should highlight: earlier decision timing through multi-stream, output-level risk intelligence.

Case-study takeaway

Bottom line: Talosai was able to give users earlier decision timing in a real escalation cycle. The system's multi-stream approach supported a staged sequence of alerts: early formation in mid-October, watch posture by early December, systemic alert by late January, and critical warning by late February.