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Conflict Assessment

Russian losses – 143,680 (820) soldiers killed, 3,316 (+6) enemy tanks, 6,553 (+8) armored combat vehicles, 2,334 (+7) artillery systems, 471 (+2) MLRS systems, 243 (+0) air defense systems, 299 (+1) warplanes, 287 (+0) helicopters, 2,018 (+2) UAVs of the operational-tactical level, 873 (+0) cruise missiles, 18 (+0) warships/cutters, 5,209 (+13) trucks and tankers, 4 Iskander Missile Launchers (+0), 239 fuel bowsers (+0) and 225 (+1) units of equipment.



Key Takeaways

Russia hit by "extraordinarily significant" losses in east - Ukraine's military is inflicting "extraordinarily significant" losses on Russian forces in Vuhledar in the eastern Donbas region, President Zelenskyy said yesterday.

"The situation is very complicated. And we are fighting. We are breaking down the invaders and inflicting extraordinarily significant losses on Russia," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address.

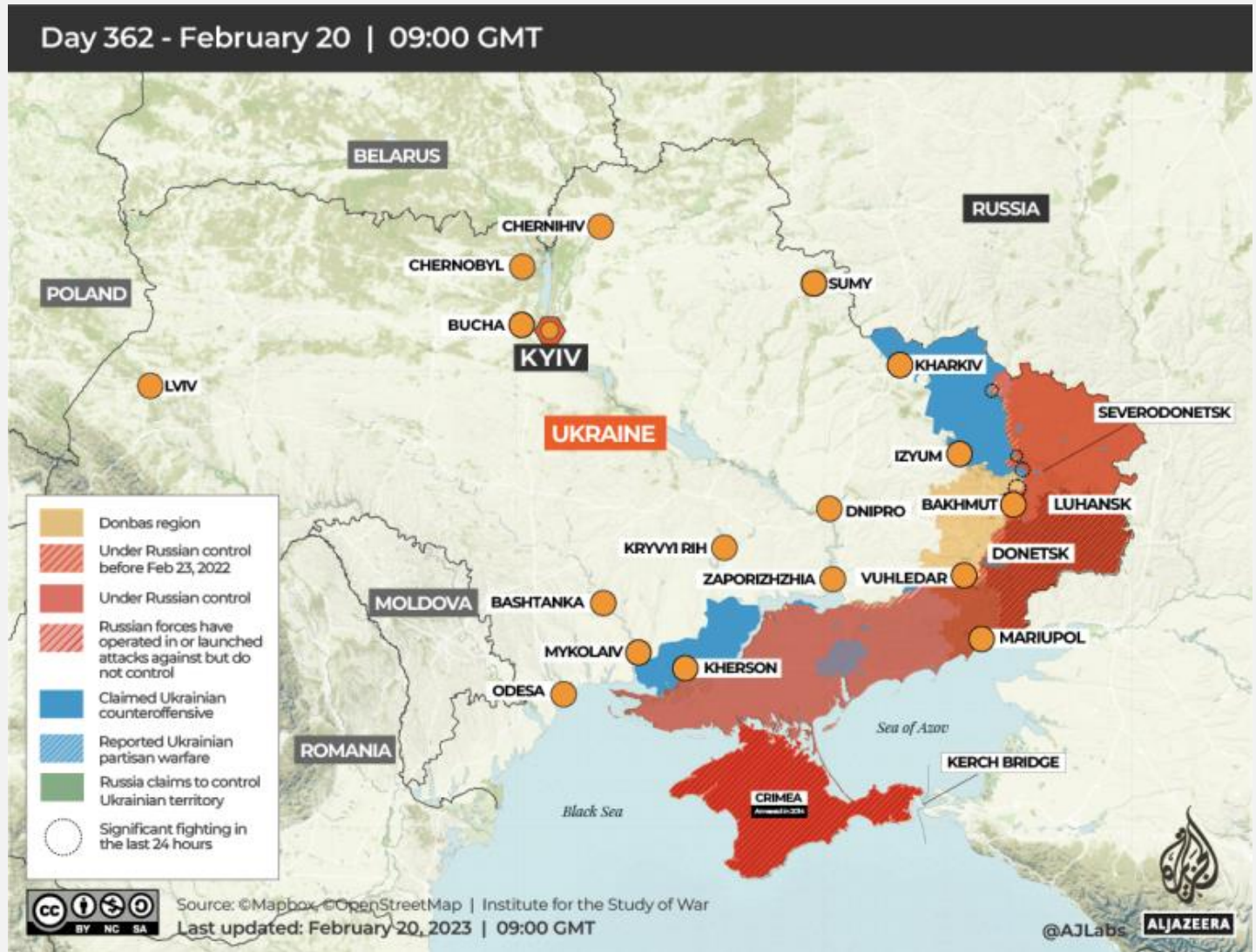
He referred to several towns in Donbas, where fighting has been focused for months, saying "the more losses Russia suffers there, in Donbas - in Bakhmut, Vuhledar, Marinka, Kreminna - the faster we will be able to end this war with Ukraine's victory."

Comment – As mentioned in yesterday's Update, Ukraine has not gone on the offensive at this (pre-Spring) stage, whereas Russia has. This is why it appears that the latter has the "initiative," as per various media. That Ukrainian

forces are managing to contain those of the Kremlin is significant in that it is drawing down enemy battalion strengths all along the front line whilst inflicting extraordinary losses on them and their equipment.

Simultaneously Ukraine is assaulting Russian air and other defensive systems, rail/road junctions and assembly and re-supply points all the way from Mariupol to the western verges of Crimea close to Odesa.

As they say, “Watch this space.”



Continuing explosions in Russian interior – Reports continue coming in of severe fires breaking out within Russia itself. Yesterday morning saw another report – a fire in a chemicals factory in the central Russian in the Ural Mountains.

It is reported that the factory produces propellants for Russian artillery and was experimenting with a new variety directed at extending Russian battlefield range for its projectiles.

Another chemical factory close to Moscow suffered significant damage last week.

In a separate fire incident, six Russian soldiers died in a fire in a bunker in western Russia’s Kursk region, state media report, citing the MoD, occurring near the village of Ulanok, fewer than 10km (six miles) from Ukraine’s northeastern border with Russia.

Belarus bridges blown up – Bloggers last night showed Ukrainian forces destroying bridges spanning the Ukrainian/Belarusian border. In addition to this Kyiv, has been erecting and constructing physical barriers all along their border with their northern neighbor, including minefields and tank traps.

Ukrainian troops conducting weekend exercises near the small town of Siversk said they were preparing to defend a possible target of a new Russian offensive. The town, which had a pre-war population of 10,000, is 35km (21 miles) north of Bakhmut – the scene of fierce fighting in recent weeks.

Russia again accuses Ukraine of planning ‘false flag’ attack - Ukraine and its allies have dismissed such accusations as cynical attempts to spread disinformation, and have accused Moscow of planning incidents itself in a bid to blame Ukraine.

Russian inefficacy of war – Russia invaded Ukraine in February last year with much fanfare and promises of a very quick defeat of the Kyiv state, supported by statements to the Chinese premier and on Russian state-controlled television.

Following its 2014 grab of Crimea and parts of the Donbas, it “looked forward” to a rapid incursion and even had pro-Moscow Ukrainian politicians on stand-by to assume control of the Ukrainian parliament and government.

Ukrainian ex-President Viktor Yanukovich was in the wings to take over and realign the country with Russia – a la Belarus to the north.

But alas, things didn’t go according to their overly optimistic plans, in fact they went disastrously with Ukraine defeating them in the main and containing them in the east.



Over 130,000 troops and an overwhelming range of equipment and aircraft saw ignominious defeat at the hands of a smaller yet vastly more proficient military.

Now approaching a year after illegally invading a neighboring state, Russia, Putin and the Kremlin have shown how grossly inefficient their military prowess is, how hugely inaccurate their assessment of Ukrainian resolve was and a complete underestimation of US/NATO/EU support.

The Ukrainian military will be “ready” to respond to any possible “provocative actions” by Moscow around the first anniversary of the Russian invasion, a spokesperson for Ukraine’s air force command said.

Ukraine’s air force is “on stand-by 24/7, our job is to be ready at all times”, Yurii Ihnat told CNN, without elaborating on any possible specific threats.

Russia probably lacks the reserves to dramatically increase the scale or intensity of its offensive in Luhansk this winter, the Institute for the Study of War has said in its latest intelligence update. The US thinktank added that Russian forces likely secured small gains in the northern suburbs of Bakhmut and in its eastern outskirts.

Russia will claim that Bakhmut has been captured to align with the anniversary, regardless of the reality on the ground, the UK Ministry of Defence has claimed. Russian forces are likely under increasing political pressure as the anniversary of the invasion draws near, the latest British intelligence report says.

USS Nitze – We reported last week on American naval destroyer USS Nitze berthing in Istanbul, Turkey.

Nitze has now left the Golcuk Naval Base on the east coast of the Sea of Marmara and is heading back to the Mediterranean Sea, Lt. Taija Griffin, a U.S. 6th Fleet spokeswoman, said Tuesday.

This is the closest any NATO vessel has come to the Black Sea since the illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine started, after Turkey closed the Bosphorus to most warships in February 2022.

Nitze, operating as part of the George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group, arrived at Golcuk after a stop in Istanbul to host U.S. diplomats, 6th Fleet said in a statement Sunday.



The destroyer USS Arleigh Burke was the last U.S. warship to transit the Bosphorus, leaving the Black Sea in December 2021. Nitze’s visit to Turkey makes it at least the third U.S. warship to visit the country since war broke out in Ukraine.

The destroyer USS Bainbridge visited Aksaz, which is nearer to the Dardanelles waterway, in July 2022. Another destroyer, USS Mitscher, also visited Aksaz in March 2022.

On Friday, the George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group remained in the eastern Mediterranean visiting Piraeus, Greece, 6th Fleet said in a separate statement the same day.

US Naval Strike Group movement and stations – Reflected in the map below are the approximate positions of the U.S. Navy’s deployed carrier strike groups and amphibious ready groups throughout the world as of Feb. 13, 2023.

In cases where a CSG or ARG is conducting disaggregated operations, the chart reflects the location of the capital ship.

In the Eastern Mediterranean - The George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group (CSG) was ordered to the Eastern Mediterranean Sea near Turkey in case the country requests additional earthquake assistance, Pentagon Press Secretary Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder told reporters Feb. 8.



A physical presence by allied navies and coast guards is increasingly important as Russia builds up its military presence and China's expands its intentions beyond commerce in the waters of the High North.

China is fervently looking to migrate its naval capability from a **Green-water** to a **Blue-water** fleet, seeking out friendly port facilities in order to dock and base. (**Green** = coastal navy whereas **Blue** = deep sea navy).

Containment

'Don't worry about provoking Putin' - Support is building on both sides of the Atlantic for providing Ukraine with advanced NATO-standard jet fighters. The United Kingdom says it would provide training.

Both sides, however, have been reluctant to use their airpower in a significant way since the war began.

Republican Senator Lindsey Graham said US lawmakers broadly support training Ukrainian pilots on F-16s and said he believed the Biden administration would soon agree to do so.

He said he did not worry that the F-16s would escalate the conflict. "Don't worry about provoking Putin; worry about beating him," he said on broadcaster ABC News.

Calls to supply Ukraine with advanced jets follow agreements last month by France, the UK, the US and Germany to supply Kyiv with modern battle tanks.

Washington has provided some \$30bn in military aid to Ukraine since the beginning of what Moscow calls its "special military operation".

Some Western officials have said that Ukraine's allies should focus less on advanced fighter aircraft and more on basic logistics such as artillery shells.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell issued a stark warning about Ukraine's dwindling supplies of bullets and similar munitions as it fights back against Russia's invasion.

"Ukraine is in a critical situation from the point of view with ammunition available," he said. "This shortage of ammunition has to resolve quickly – it's a matter of weeks."

'There is a very high possibility that F-16s will be flying in Ukraine' - When Ali Velshi of MSNBC and Ukrainian parliament member Yevheniia Kravchuk met in Poland last year, she was on her way to the US to try and rally more international aid to Ukraine. She described how her daughter was waiting for her to come back with news that America would help. Now a year into the war, even the children of Ukraine have an understanding of the military assistance their nation is calling for.

"We already got artillery; HIMARS is probably the most popular type of weapon in Ukraine. Everyone— a child knows what HIMARS (are)," Kravchuk said. "Now we got these tanks, and now every child would tell you we need F-16's."

Despite the ongoing debates over whether the US and other Western allies will heed Ukraine's request for fighter jets, Kravchuk remains confident that "F-16S will be flying in Ukraine by Ukrainian pilots to liberate our land."

Japan will pledge a new £4.6bn financial aid package for Ukraine, the prime minister, Fumio Kishida, has announced. Kishida, speaking at a global forum in Tokyo, also said he would mark the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine by hosting an online Group of Seven (G7) summit with President Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

Biden pledges new \$500m military aid package for Ukraine - The US will provide Ukraine with a new military aid package worth \$500m, President Joe Biden has said.

Biden said the package would be announced on Tuesday and that Washington would also provide more ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) in Ukraine's possession.

EU's Borrell urges bloc to deliver ammunition to Ukraine - The European Union's top diplomat has urged the bloc to ensure that Ukraine has enough ammunition to continue its fight against Russia's invasion.

"It is the most urgent issue. If we fail on that, the result of the war is in danger," Josep Borrell said before a meeting with the bloc's foreign ministers in Brussels.

"The Russian artillery shoots about 50,000 shots a day, and Ukraine needs to be at the same level of capacity. They have cannons but they lack ammunition," he added.

China likely to pull back on lethal aid to Russia after US warning: retired general - Retired four-star Army Gen. Jack Keane on Sunday said Secretary of State Antony Blinken's warning on Sunday that China could provide lethal aid to Russia could actually cause Beijing to cancel those plans.

Ukraine's "Cyber-Army" - We can't fight with guns, but we can fight with our laptops.

On February 24, 2022 I woke up to the sounds of explosions and bombs in Kyiv. I went to the underground car park and put a call out on Facebook asking for volunteers to be a part of a cyber army to help protect our country.

Within two hours we had more than 200 applications. People said, "we can't fight with a gun but we can fight with our laptops." Next day we had more than 1,000 applications, mostly from the Ukrainian cybersecurity community.

I asked if they had any qualifications and what their skills were. I checked with someone from the Ukrainian cybersecurity community because I didn't want Russian agents infiltrating.

We started creating projects that we could help with and delivered them to the Ministry of Defense and National Security and Defense Council, along with information to help our government in an unofficial capacity.

Within the first few days of the war, we separated into separate anonymous groups of independent cells of between 7 to 10 people. Our call for decentralized cyber army volunteers is probably what inspired others to create their own groups, such as Ukraine's IT army, formed a few days later by the minister of digitization, Mykhailo Fedorov.

He expanded on our idea and set up a Telegram channel. The channel still exists and has more than 200,000 people, but we have no relationship with it. It is important to understand that everything in Ukraine is decentralized.

One project we worked on was when a few groups joined forces and used our technical skills to create bots that would recognize if someone tried to withdraw Russian rubles from an ATM, for example.

Another project involved using tech to recognize who was in photos left by Russian soldiers in Bucha near Kyiv. We would look at the photos and determine whether women in them were soldiers' wives or girlfriends. That was important to track which Russians soldiers may have been there and may have committed war crimes.

We also created simple solutions in the first days of the invasion such as tracking and collecting data on Russian SIM cards. We could see if there were multiple Russian SIMs in a particular small village. If it was a couple hundred Russian SIMs, of course it's Russian soldiers and not tourists.

Another example of our work I can share is how we used CCTV footage from streets to recognize tanks and track where their soldiers were. However, there's much I can't disclose as our work is ongoing.

Story from Yegor Aushev of Ukraine in Yahoo News.

Comments, Updates, Developments and Reports

Turkish and Russian leaders may soon discuss a UN-backed initiative to enable export of grain from Ukrainian, but there is no date set yet, a source familiar with negotiations on the deal told RIA Novosti on Monday.

Graham on potential Chinese 'lethal assistance' to Russia: 'If you jump on the Putin train now, you're dumber than dirt' - Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Sunday weighed in on a new warning from Secretary of State Antony Blinken that China is considering sending "lethal assistance" to Russia, saying anyone who backs Moscow at this point in its war with Ukraine is "dumber than dirt."

"What Secretary Blinken said is big news to me. He believes that the Chinese are on the verge of providing lethal weapons to [Russian President Vladimir] Putin," Graham said on ABC's "This Week."

"And to the Chinese, if you jump on the Putin train now, you're dumber than dirt. It would be like buying a ticket on the Titanic after you saw the movie. Don't do this. The most catastrophic thing that could happen to [the] U.S.-China relationship, in my opinion, is for China ... to start to give lethal weapons to Putin in this crime against humanity. That would change everything forever," Graham said.

The senator said the global community needs to "come down hard on China" if Beijing moves to provide the possible aid and urged the U.S. to designate Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism under American law. He also pushed to train Ukrainian pilots on F-16 fighter jets and answer Kyiv's calls for the aircraft.

"If that happens, the world needs to come down hard on China because if you believe, as I do, and the vice president of the United States, Kamala Harris, believes, that Russia is engaged in crimes against humanity in Ukraine, any country that comes to their aid should pay a heavy price," Graham said.

Zelenskyy met with the President of the United States in Kyiv - President Zelenskyy met with President Biden, who arrived in Ukraine for the first time since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion.

The Head of State met the distinguished guest at the entrance to the Mariyinsky Palace in the capital's downtown.



After the introduction of the members of the Ukrainian and American delegations, the Presidents of Ukraine and the United States had a face-to-face conversation.

Zelenskyy noted that Biden's visit was an extremely important signal of support for Ukraine and Ukrainians.

"Thank you very much, Mr. President. This is a significant moment of support for Ukraine," he said.

The Head of State emphasized that Biden personally and the entire American society had been with Ukraine from the very beginning of the full-scale war unleashed by Russia.

"The first phone call supporting Ukraine came from the White House. Thank you for your leadership. I also thank you for the bipartisan support, for the support of the Congress," Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

The President of Ukraine noted that he would talk to the President of the United States about the situation on the frontline and about the Ukrainian people facing ordeals.

"What we have to do to stop the war, to succeed in this war, to make Ukraine even stronger, and how to gain victory this year," he said.

For his part, Joseph Biden noted the importance of his presence in Ukraine today, which demonstrates the U.S. support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Ukrainian state.

"I think it would be critically important to leave no doubt that the United States supports Ukraine in its war against brutal aggression," the U.S. President said.

The U.S. President said he was glad to visit Kyiv again.

Comment – This is a significant event in that it signals the world that the US is right behind Ukraine in its resistance against illegal Russian aggression.

Washington gave Moscow notice of Biden visit: White House - The US notified Russia of Biden's trip to Kyiv hours before the visit took place, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan says.

"We did so some hours before his departure for deconfliction purposes, and because of the sensitive nature of those communications, I won't get into how they responded or what the precise nature of our message was, but I can confirm that we provided that notice," Sullivan said.

He added that Biden wanted to send a "clear, unmistakable message" of enduring US support for Ukraine with his presence.

Jon Finer, a deputy national security adviser, said the entire operation had been meticulously planned over months with the final decision on whether to go ahead with the visit taken on Friday.

Russian guarantee of Biden safety - Sergei Markov, a Russian political scientist and former Putin spokesman, claims that Moscow guaranteed Biden's safety during his trip to the Ukrainian capital.

"Biden came to Kyiv only with a personal guarantee for security from Putin, that there will be no rocket and aviation strikes ... during the visit," Markov told Al Jazeera.

Biden visit will 'reinforce' Kremlin view that it is fighting the West: AJ correspondent - Al Jazeera's Osama Bin Javid, reporting from Moscow, says US President Biden's visit to Kyiv will "reinforce" the Kremlin's view that the war in Ukraine is a broader conflict against the collective West.

"This [visit] is happening just 24 hours ahead of the very important state of the union address from the Russian president where he is going to tell his audience, the people of Russia, that he is fighting an international hegemony of sorts," Bin Javid said.

"Russia has always insisted that it had to go to war because it could not sustain the level of hostility that it was seeing accumulating on its border from NATO and the Western alliance," he added, noting that Biden's trip was "going to reinforce that view".

Swedish military intelligence says threat from Russia has increased - Sweden's Military Intelligence and Security Service (MUST) says Russia poses a clear military threat in the country's immediate area.

"The European Security Order as we know it has ceased to exist...and with that the risks for Swedish security have also increased," Lena Hallin, head of MUST told a news conference.

Sweden has applied to join the NATO transatlantic military alliance in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine but its membership bid is currently being held up by Hungary and Turkey.

Hallin said she expected Russia to strengthen its military capability in Sweden's immediate area when it was possible, in response to Sweden applying for NATO membership.

Dutch intelligence agencies warn of Russian threat to offshore infrastructure - Intelligence agencies in the Netherlands have warned that Russia appears to be preparing for the disruption and sabotage of critical offshore infrastructure in the Dutch part of the North Sea.

"Dutch vital maritime infrastructure in the North Sea, such as internet cables, gas pipes and windmill farms, can be vulnerable for sabotage," the Dutch military and general intelligence agencies AIVD and MIVD said in a joint report.

"Russia is secretly charting this infrastructure and is undertaking activities which indicate preparations for disruption and sabotage."

The agencies said covert threats by Russia to water and energy supplies in the Netherlands were also conceivable. There was no immediate response to the agencies' claims from Russia.

US urges Nordics' accession to NATO in Turkey visit - US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has stressed Washington's strong support for Sweden and Finland's quick NATO accession.

Blinken's remarks, delivered while on a visit to Turkey, came as his Turkish counterpart stressed the need for more concrete action on the part of the Nordic countries.

Popping up everywhere – The US is obviously on a bent in foreign affairs, popping up everywhere without notice.

American envoys have met with Chinese, South Korean, Turkish, Israeli, Japanese, other ASEAN, Ukrainian, EU, African, Middle Eastern and South American leaders or senior governmental staff over the past few weeks.

It will not be surprising should they also have met with someone from the Russian Federation.

China is sending a senior envoy to Moscow next week to meet with Putin.

Russia is acting very belligerently toward Moldova where any unrest creates a western front for Ukraine.

Aside from extending US influence such as the renewed military alliance with the Philippines, it appears they are gearing for something. Something appears afoot.

Putin & Russia

Zelenskyy says China backing Russia would cause a world war - Zelenskyy has warned China against supporting Russia, saying doing so would bring about a world war.

"For us, it is important that China does not support the Russian Federation in this war. In fact, I would like it to be on our side," Zelenskyy told the German newspaper Die Welt. "At the moment, however, I don't think it's possible," he said.

"But I do see an opportunity for China to make a pragmatic assessment of what is happening here ... because if China allies itself with Russia, there will be a world war, and I do think that China is aware of that."

Russia's relations with Moldova are 'very tense': Kremlin - The Kremlin has accused Moldova's leaders of pursuing an anti-Russian agenda, saying relations between the two countries are "very tense."

Kremlin spokesman Peskov's remarks came after Moldova's parliament last week approved a pro-Western government led by new PM Dorin Recean after he pledged to revive the economy and chart a course towards the European Union.

Russia has rejected claims made by Moldova's president that it is plotting to destabilize the former Soviet republic.

Russia doesn't attack civilian targets – Moscow – As my good friend Rod Stewart always says "Every picture tells a story," viewing a civilian building destroyed by Russian missile fire in Bakhmut.



Russia has charged 680 Ukrainian officials, including 118 members of the armed forces and defence ministry with breaking laws governing the conduct of war, including the use of weapons against civilians, TASS news agency reported. **Comment** – The word "Projection" has many meanings.

Navalny says Russia has sunk to 'rock bottom' due to war - Jailed Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny has accused President Vladimir Putin of destroying Russia's future for the sake of his own personal ambition.

In a post on social media ahead of the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, Navalny said Russia had hit "rock bottom" and could only recover once the "Putin dictatorship" had been dismantled.

Navalny also called for Moscow to "reimburse" Kyiv for the damage inflicted during the war.

"The real reasons for this war are the political and economic problems within Russia, Putin's desire to hold on to power at any cost, and his obsession with his own historical legacy. He wants to go down in history as 'the conqueror tsar'..." Navalny said in a series of posts on Twitter.

He added Russia's defeat on the battlefield was "inevitable", and that Moscow had to withdraw its troops from Ukraine and recognise its borders as they were set in 1991 after the fall of the Soviet Union.

China's top diplomat due in Moscow for talks - China's top diplomat, Wang Yi, is expected to hold talks on Monday with Russian officials over the war in Ukraine as part of a visit to Moscow.

His trip comes after the United States warned Beijing over the weekend against providing weapons to Russia.

China hit back at the US on Monday, saying Washington was in no position to make demands.

"China's comprehensive collaborative partnership with Russia is based on the basis of non-alignment, non-confrontation and non-targeting of third parties, and is a matter within the sovereignty of two independent countries," foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told a regular daily briefing in Beijing.

'People's Court' Tries Vladimir Putin for War in Ukraine - A "people's court" is putting Putin on trial for the crime of aggression over his invasion of Ukraine, in a symbolic move to close an "accountability gap" in the absence of an international tribunal with jurisdiction

Sanctions

A new sanctions package on the anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

What You Need To Know: The EU is preparing another sanctions package on Russia to coincide with the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine on February 24. EU ambassadors had a first discussion on the measures prepared by the EU Commission last week and, according to diplomats familiar with the discussion, there is every chance that the 27 member states will reach the necessary unanimous agreement on the sanctions package soon.

That agreement is likely because, just as in the previous round of sanctions agreed in December 2022, this one isn't very hard-hitting. To increase the chances of swift endorsement, a raft of potentially controversial items is being left out, such as a ban on Russian diamond imports (which Belgium would likely veto) and energy-related sanctions on, for example, the Russian nuclear sector (which both Hungary and Bulgaria have previously indicated they would nix).

Deep Background: The centerpiece of this sanctions package, seen by RFE/RL, is export bans on EU goods worth 11.3 billion euros (\$12 billion), using EU-Russia trade volumes from 2021. A whole list of products, stretching to nearly 70 pages, will be banned from going to Russia. This focuses mainly on things used by the Russian military in Ukraine, such as sensors and lasers, marine and diesel engines, tractors, devices used in semiconductors such as microchips, but also rare earth metals and various types of cameras.

As always, there are also listings of individuals and companies on which visa bans and asset freezes will be imposed. The list, which currently consists of 1,386 individuals and 171 companies and organizations, will likely see the addition of 63 more people and up to 30 entities.

The entities this time are arguably more interesting with the inclusion of Russian banks such as Alfa-Bank, Rosbank, and Tinkoff Bank, as well as the Russian National Wealth Fund. Several companies involved in making military equipment and machinery are also included, as is the Russian state-owned media group Rossiya Segodnya, which runs both the RIA Novosti news agency and the Sputnik media agency.

Drilling Down

- Another aspect of this package is that Iranian companies are also sanctioned for supplying Russia, including drone-making companies such as Qods and Shahed Aviation and the aerospace force of the Revolutionary Guards Corps.
- It has also been suggested that some loopholes in previous sanctions rounds be closed.
- According to the proposed package, Russian citizens will no longer be able to hold any positions in governing bodies of companies owning critical infrastructure in the EU.

- The EU is also stepping up its efforts to locate and map out all the Russian frozen assets in the bloc. As part of the sanctions proposal, the European Commission is demanding very detailed figures from capitals and is even proposing fining member states if they don't comply.
- As always, there are new derogations and new loopholes. One is that the exemption to allow Russian fertilizers to be exported to the EU and worldwide, agreed in the previous December sanctions package, should also include assets tied to this industry that are held in sanctioned Russian banks.
- Another is that the wind-down period of joint ventures with sanctioned Russian state-owned entities has been prolonged from June to December of this year.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Which countries have sanctioned Russia?

At least **46 countries or territories** have imposed sanctions on Russia, or pledged to adopt a combination of US and EU sanctions. Since February 22, **more than 10,901 sanctions** have been imposed on Russia, making it the **most sanctioned country in the world**.

