The Early Months of Russia's War in Ukraine: A Silmarillion

Слава Україні! Героям слава! Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the heroes!

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X: *Describes Russian war crimes or genocide of Ukrainians*

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In memoriam

- "Ukrainian paramedic Iryna Tsybukh was killed at the frontline in the Kharkiv region"
- (May 31, 2024) "'Cheka's' posthumous letter: Russia kills Ukrainian combat medic Iryna Tsybukh"
- (June 2, 2024) "Ukraine war briefing: Kyiv mourns prominent combat medic and journalist killed in action"
- (July 11, 2024) "Where art is born. In memoriam of Artur Snitkus"

Background

Soviet Echos

- (Dec. 17, 2021) "Russia demands Ukraine, ex-Soviet nations be barred from NATO"

Ukrainian Independence:

- "1991 – 2024: Ukraine's Struggle for Independence in Russia's Shadow"
- (Nov. 23, 2021) "Ukraine's New York, a war-torn town where some shun Russia"

Donbas & Crimea (2014 – 2021):

- (Dec. 10, 2019) "UN resolution condemns Russia's occupation of Crimea"
- (July 23, 2020) The Executioners Of Slovyansk

On the Verge[1] (January – February 2022):

January 2022

- (Jan. 25) "Latest Russia-Ukraine updates: US says Putin may face sanctions"
- (Jan. 26) "Latest Ukraine updates: US formally responds to Russia's demands"
- (Jan. 26) "US and NATO deliver responses to Russian demands over Ukraine"

February 2022

- (Feb. 23) Ukraine under fire – support Vostok SOS' aid operation!
- (Feb. 23) "You can help Ukraine against Russian aggression"

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[1] Out of the frying pan…

The First Week[2]: February 24 – March 1, 2022

February 24: The First Day

- "'No other option': Excerpts of Putin's speech declaring war"
- "Panic, fear and stoicism in Ukraine as Russia invades"
- "Russian Celebrities, Public Figures Speak Out Against Ukraine War"
- "Russia Must Pay"**
- "Ukraine death toll: What we know so far"
- "Ukraine's leader urges civilians to fight, promises to arm all"
- "World reacts to Russia's attack on Ukraine"

February 25

- "Kyiv to honour troops killed defending 'Snake Island'"
- Молдавский бункеровщик был подбит российским кораблем – главнокомандующий ВСУ
- "Ukraine crisis: As hope wanes, hypocrisy thrives"
- "Ukraine leader pledges to stay put as Russia troops approach Kyiv"
- "Ukraine: Malteser International prepares supplies for refugees"
- "'We're defending Ukraine alone', says President Zelenskyy"

February 26

- "Arviolta 10 000 osallistui mielenosoituksiin Ukrainan puolesta Helsingissä, myös muualla Suomessa tuhannet liikkeellä"

[2] …into the fire

February 27

- “Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich hands over 'stewardship and care' of club”
- “Ukraine's Zelensky calls on ‘citizens of world’ to join in fight against Russia”

February 28

- “Moldova moves to declare Romanian as official language”
- “TikTok sees a surge of misleading videos that claim to show the invasion of Ukraine”

March 1

- "Chomsky: US Military Escalation Against Russia Would Be Death Warrant for Humanity"
- "Profile: Who are Ukraine’s far-right Azov regiment?"

Week 2: March 2 – 9, 2022

- (March 3) “Mikhail Watford: Ukrainian oligarch's death investigated by Surrey Police”
- (March 3) “Ukraine: Why has Russia's 64km convoy near Kyiv stopped moving?
- (March 4) Kuntaliiton toimitusjohtaja kehottaa kuntia varautumaan maahanmuuttoon, energiapulaan ja sotilaalliseen uhkaan
- (March 4) “‘Putin has psychological problems’: how the people of Russian Street, Seoul, see the Ukraine invasion”**
- (March 4) Ukraine war: 'My city's being shelled, but mum won’t believe me'
- (March 6) "Thousands Detained At Anti-War Protests Across Russia"
- (March 7) Facebook Update by Sergiy Kyslytsya

- (March 7) "Investigator anonymously shared details of death of Gazprom's top-level manager"
- (March 8) “On global holiday, a ‘terrible dream’ for Ukrainian women”
- (March 8) “Thousands of Russians stuck in Thailand as sanctions kick in”
- (March 9) "After a Week of Siege, Bloodied Mariupol Plans Mass Graves"
- (March 9) “White House warns Russia may use chemical weapons in Ukraine”

Week 3: March 10 – 17, 2022

- (March 10): Санкции против экс-губернатора и необычный обломок обсуждали белгородцы 10 марта
- (March 10) “Orbán loyalist Katalin Novák elected Hungary’s first female president”
- (March 11): "Путин начал репрессии против 5-й службы ФСБ. Именно она накануне войны обеспечивала президента России данными о политической ситуации в Украине"
- (March 11) "Putin vs. the FSB- FSB Head Arrested"**
- (March 12) "Captured Russian pilot admits to bombing civilians, urges Russia to stop assault: 'We have already lost this war'" **X**
- (March 12) Mayor of Melitopol Kidnapped by Russian Occupiers
- (March 13) "How a transgender Ukrainian man escaped Russia's invasion: 'I painted my nails violet and wore Mom's shirt to look more girly.'"
- (March 13)- "Update 20 – IAEA Director General Statement on Situation in Ukraine | IAEA"
- (March 13) “Zelensky awards medals to wounded soldiers during hospital visit”
- (March 16) "Melitopol mayor freed after kidnapping by Russian forces"
- (March 16) No: 88, 16 March 2022, Press Release Regarding the Eighth Anniversary of the Illegal Annexation of Crimea

- (March 16) Ukraine: Respect the Rights of Prisoners of War
- (March 16): "Xi considered invading Taiwan this fall: FSB whistleblower"
- (March 16) “‘Why? Why? Why?’ Ukraine’s Mariupol descends into despair”
- (March 17) “Rescuers search theater rubble as Russian attacks continue”

Week 4: March 18– 25, 2022

- (March 18) Ukraine: Arnold Schwarzenegger's anti-war video trends on Russian social media
- (March 19) Mikhail Khodorkovsky on how to deal with the “bandit” in the Kremlin**
- (March 20) "Mother shields baby daughter from shelling, prevents her being harmed, Ukrainian hospital says" X
- (March 20) “Vladimir Putin accused of mass abductions of Ukrainian citizens”
- (March 21) 20 days in Mariupol: The team that documented city’s agony X
- (March 21) "How this Ukrainian news outlet is protecting its journalists"
- (March 21) Washington Post, Olga from Kyiv • Instagram X **
- (March 22) Из Мариуполя уже выехали 45 тысяч человек, а 100 тысяч остаются в гуманитарной катастрофе
- (March 23) “It's after 1 a.m. on Thursday in Kyiv. Here's what you need to know”
- (March 23) “Russian Journalist Oksana Baulina Killed in Kyiv”
- (March 23) “Russian Soldiers Suffering Frostbite as Ukraine Invasion Frozen: Pentagon”
- (March 23) "Sergey Shoigu, where are you? Amid war against Ukraine, Russia’s defense minister hasn’t been seen in public for 12 days"
- (March 24) “‘My Fiancée is Ukrainian, I'm American. We Can't Live In Either Country’”

- (March 24) “Russia White Phosphorous Video Emerges, NATO Plans Chemical War Response” X
- (March 25) Russia Says Focus Is Shifting Away From Kyiv, Toward Eastern Ukraine
- (March 25) "Russian troops halted outside Kyiv as focus shifts to heavy fighting in Donbas."

Chernobyl (Chornobyl)

Russia’s Recklessness – The Invasion of Chernobyl (Feb. 24 – March 31, 2022):

- (2/24) “Russian troops have taken over Chernobyl power plant, Ukrainian official says”
- (2/24) Special Appeal from Adi Roche X
- (2/25) “Chernobyl: Why radiation levels spiked at nuclear plant”
- (Feb. 25) “Russia Confirms that it Controls the former Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant”
- (2/25) “Why Russia's capture of Chernobyl might not be the biggest nuclear concern in Ukraine”
- (3/5) Exhaustion of "confined" Chernobyl power plant staff poses "danger" to world, says nearby mayor X
- (3/9) "More than 100 Ukrainian workers have been trapped at Chernobyl for nearly 2 weeks after Russia invasion" X
- (March 9) “Ukraine says the Chernobyl nuclear site has lost power”
- (3/9) Ukraine sees risk of radiation leak at Chernobyl, IAEA sees 'no critical impact' on safety
- (3/9) What a Power Cutoff Could Mean for Chernobyl’s Nuclear Waste
- (March 11) “Ukraine says Russia's Putin has "ordered the preparation of a terrorist attack" on Chernobyl nuclear plant”

- (March 13) “Ukraine’s energy minister says power has been restored at Chernobyl nuclear plant.”
- (March 13) Update 20 – IAEA Director General Statement on Situation in Ukraine
- (3/20) "After about 600 hours, 64 workers at the Chernobyl plant have been relieved."
- (March 21) “Fires at Chornobyl NPP threaten further deterioration of radiation situation, impossible to extinguish them
- (3/22) "Forest fires near Russian-held Chernobyl nuclear plant raise radiation fears, Ukraine says"
- (3/22) "Russians destroy Chernobyl laboratory" X
- (March 25) “600 годин на захопленій окупантами ЧАЕС – розповідь працівника станції, який повернувся додому”
- (3/25) "Dirty bomb ingredients go missing from Chornobyl monitoring lab" X
- (3/26) "Russian forces have taken control of Chernobyl workers' town, say local authorities"
- (3/28) "Chornobyl and Nuclear Terror"
- (March 29) “Russian soldiers were sent blind on ‘suicide’ mission into clouds of radioactive dust in Chernobyl”
- (3/29) "Unprotected Russian soldiers disturbed radioactive dust in Chernobyl's 'Red Forest', workers say"
- (March 30) “Ukraine morning briefing: Five developments as Kyiv warns ammunition at Chernobyl could explode”**
- (3/31) "Ukraine state nuclear firm says all Russian forces have left Chernobyl plant"

Post-Invasion Lull – Chernobyl & the War in Ukraine (April 1, 2022 - February 13, 2025)

- (4/1)'Russian mutants lost this round,' Ukraine says after troops leave Chernobyl
- (April 1) Ucraina, Kiev: "Primo soldato Russia morto per radiazioni Chernobyl"
- (4/5) Adi Roche ‘deeply concerned’ over rising levels of radioactivity in Chernobyl region

- (4/5) "Spiralling Levels of Dangerous Radiation Discovered in Chernobyl Region Following Recent Military Invasion"
- (4/7) "Chornobyl radiation spikes are not due to military vehicles disturbing soil"
- (4/8) "Russian Blunders in Chernobyl: 'They Came and Did Whatever They Wanted'"
- (4/9) "Inside Chernobyl: We stole Russian fuel to prevent catastrophe"
- (4/9) Ukrainians shocked by 'crazy' scene at Chernobyl after Russian pullout reveals radioactive contamination
- (4/19) "IAEA: Chernobyl Nuclear Plant Has Restored Ties with State Regulator"
- (April 22, 2022) "IAEA Chief Grossi to Head Assistance Mission to Ukraine's Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant Next Week"
- (Feb. 4, 2025) "Russian attacks near Ukrainian nuclear infrastructure heighten scrutiny of Kyiv's preparedness"

The Drone Strike and the Aftermath (February 14, 2025 - Present)

- (Feb. 14, 2025) "A drone pierced the outer shell of Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear plant. Radiation levels are normal"
- (Feb. 14, 2025) "A drone strike at Chernobyl has raised Ukraine's nuclear ghosts. What are the dangers?"
- (Dec. 6, 2025) "Chernobyl radiation shield is in trouble after strike, UN agency says"
- (Dec. 6, 2025) "Chernobyl protective shield can no longer confine radiation after drone strike, UN nuclear watchdog says"
- (Dec. 7, 2025) "Chernobyl Drone Strike Breaks Radiation Shield at Nuclear Disaster Site"
- (Dec. 7, 2025) "Chernobyl radiation shield 'lost safety function' after drone strike, UN watchdog says"
- (Dec. 7, 2025) "Russian Drone Strike on Chernobyl Hasn't Led to Rise in Radiation Levels"
- (Dec. 8, 2025) "Chernobyl's Protective Shield Is Broken After A Drone Strike, Warns UN Nuclear Watchdog"

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant:

2022

- (March 3) Live updates: Johnson to seek UN Security Council meeting
- (March 4) Europe's largest nuclear plant shuts down after a Russian attack
- (March 4): "Nuclear plant: How close was nuclear plant attack to catastrophe?"
- (March 4) "Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant attack: All you need to know"
- (May 10) "Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant facing 'catastrophic' staff shortage amid Russian evacuation"
- (Nov. 11) IAEA warns whoever was behind 'powerful explosions' at Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant is 'playing with fire'
- (Nov. 23) IAEA chief meets Russians to discuss Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant protection**
- (Sept. 2, 2022) "Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant: History, control and key developments"

2023

- (May 7) "Blasts rock Russia-annexed Crimea as sirens blare across Ukraine"

2024

- (Aug. 11) "Fire Hits Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Plant, But Officials Say Safety Not Compromised"
- (Aug. 18) "Belarus says Ukraine amassing troops at border amid incursion into Russia"

Kakhovka Dam:

- (May 25, 2023) "Damage to Russian-occupied dam submerges Ukrainian reservoir island community"

- (June 8, 2023) “Deluge from ruptured Ukrainian dam is latest tragedy for Kherson residents since Russian invasion”

March 26 – April 2, 2022

- (March 28) “Ukraine is better prepared for a long war than Russia”
- (March 29) “Concessions at peace talks may be little more than tactics, analysts say.
- (March 29) “How might the Ukraine war end?”
- (March 30) “It would be madness for Nato to try and topple Putin”
- (March 30) “Putin’s war has triggered an exodus out of Russia – but the escape options are shrinking”
- (March 31) “How to Keep Belarus Out of the War”**
- (March 31) "Ukraine's Zelenskiy says situation in some places tough, fires top officials"**
- (April 1) “The heavy losses of an elite Russian regiment in Ukraine”
- (April 1) “Ukraine war: Gruesome evidence points to war crimes on road outside Kyiv” X
- (April 2) "‘No hope for science in Russia’: the academics trying to flee to the west"
- (April 2) “War in Ukraine: Evidence grows of civilian killings in Bucha” X **
- (April 2) “‘We won this battle for Kyiv, I’m sure we’ll win the big battle’: Ukrainian MP”**

April 3 – 30, 2022

- (April 3) "Bodies of 'executed people' strewn across street in Bucha as Ukraine accuses Russia of war crimes" X

- (April 3) “EU accuses Russian troops of committing atrocities in Ukrainian town Bucha” X **
- (April 3) “Retaking Kyiv suburb, Ukraine troops find 280 in mass grave, 20 left dead on street” X
- (April 4) “Bucha killings: ‘The world cannot be tricked anymore’” X
- (Apr. 4) “I escaped Russian atrocities in Bucha. My neighbours weren’t so lucky”X
- (April 4) "Ukrainian forces have liberated Kyiv region from Russia"
- (April 7) “Bucha murders: German report says Russian troops discussed killings”X
- (April 7) “Russia’s failure to take down Kyiv was a defeat for the ages”
- (April 7) “Ukraine War: 'Russian soldiers held us as human shields'” X
- (April 8) “At Least 52 Dead In Russian Rocket Attack On Ukrainian Rail Station”
- (April 8) "'Your Fight Is Our Fight': Von Der Leyen Assures Kyiv Of Support For Its EU Bid After Touring Bucha" X
- (April 11) “Bucha killings: Satellite image of bodies site contradicts Russian claims” X
- (April 11) "Sweden and Finland make moves to join Nato"
- (April 11) “Pentagon monitoring reports of possible Russian chemical weapons attack in Mariupol”
- (April 11) "Russian 'regime of murderers' revealed by twice-poisoned Putin critic"**
- (April 12) “U.S. demands release of Russian Putin critic detained in Moscow”
- (April 14) "Collecting the dead in Bucha" X
- (April 15) "More than 900 civilian bodies found in Kyiv region, and many were 'simply executed,' police say" X
- (April 15) “What is the significance of Russia’s Moskva warship sinking?”
- (April 15) "Prized Russian Ship Was Hit by Missiles, U.S. Officials Say"

- (April 17) “Putin’s war is evil but it’s not genocide”
- (April 18) "The Battle for the Donbas"
- (April 18) "Mariupol's defenders dig in for last stand as Russia threatens to 'filter' out men"
- (April 20) “Why Putin’s war in Ukraine turned into a military disaster”
- (April 21) “Call off steelworks attack, says Putin as Russia ‘liberates’ Mariupol”
- (April 21) “Does Ukraine need a Marshall Plan?”
- (April 22) “Mass graves in Mariupol could hold 9,000 bodies”
- (April 22) "Russia Arrests Opposition Politician Vladimir Kara-Murza, Colleague Says"
- (April 22) “Russian opposition activist charged in Russia with spreading "false" information”
- (April 26) “ICC’s chief prosecutor to demand UN action over war crimes”
- (April 27) “Troops digging third mass grave in city, says Mariupol mayor” **X**
- (April 28) "Children watch parents die in hell of Mariupol’s Azovstal steelworks" **X**
- (April 28) “Congress says $33 billion Ukraine bill will take some time to flesh out”

May 2022

- (May 2) "They Fell Deeply in Love in Bucha. One Russian Bullet Ended It All." **X**
- (May 3) “Odesa locks down over fears of Putin's saboteurs on painful anniversary”
- (May 3) “Ukraine Seeks Full Restoration of Territory, Including Crimea, Zelensky Says”
- (May 3) “Watching from space, satellites collect evidence of war crimes” **X**
- (May 4) "AP evidence points to 600 dead in Mariupol theater airstrike" **X**

- (May 4) “First Mariupol steel plant evacuees reach safer Ukrainian city” X
- (May 6) “Why May 9 is a big day for Russia, and what a declaration of war would mean”
- (May 11) “The Czech Republic replaces Russia on the UNHRC”
- (May 20) “Captive medic’s bodycam shows firsthand horror of Mariupol”

June 2022

- (June 15) “Brittney Griner: How can a US basketball star just vanish?”
- (June 17) "Russians Breached This City, Not With Troops, but Propaganda"
- (June 18) “Zelenskyy visits front-line city in southern Ukraine”

July 2022 – Present by Topic

- (June 22, 2022) “A new age of global war”
- (July 5, 2022) “Can Ukraine win the war with Russia?”
- (Aug. 24, 2022) “The invasion of Ukraine altered warfare and geopolitics for ever”
- “(Sept. 1, 2022) “'We Had No Choice': 'Filtration' and the Crime of Forcibly Transferring Ukrainian Civilians to Russia" X
- (Nov. 13, 2022) “Kherson celebrates Russian exit yet faces huge rebuilding”
- (Nov. 14, 2022) “Lindy Cameron: Ukraine’s cyber-defences have been exemplary”
- (Dec. 3, 2022) “AP PHOTOS: Residents face new reality in retaken Kherson
- (Dec. 11, 2022) “Ukraine still fears another Chernobyl-size disaster at Europe's largest nuclear plant”

- (Jan. 24, 2023) “Oleksiy Danilov: ‘Weak people always come up with excuses not to act’”
- (Feb. 21, 2023) “Key moments in a year of war after Russia invaded Ukraine”
- (Feb. 22, 2023) “This is how Putin loses the war”
- (Feb. 28, 2023) “Drone attacks on Russia underline its vulnerability”
- (June 23, 2023) “Russia plan to blow up Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant has been ‘drafted and approved’”
- (July 11, 2023) “Desperate Ukrainians take long and uncertain journey to escape Russian occupation”
- (Dec. 1, 2023) “What should Ukraine do next?”
- (Jan. 23, 2024) “How war changed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy”
- (Feb. 5, 2024) “Rai News: Zelensky says leadership reset is necessary”
- (May 1, 2024) “A 98-year-old in Ukraine walked miles to safety from Russians, with slippers and a cane”
- (May 2, 2024) “Drone footage shows devastation in Ukraine’s strategic eastern city of Chasiv Yar as Russians near”
- (May 2, 2024) “No safety in retreat: Ukrainian soldiers say rear defensive lines barely exist amid Russian advance”
- (May 11, 2024) “Russia says it has captured 5 villages in northeast Ukraine as more than 1,700 civilians flee”
- (May 12, 2024) “Apartment building partially collapses in a Russian border city after shelling. At least 13 killed”
- (May 12, 2024) “US special operations leaders are having to do more with less and learning from the war in Ukraine”
- (May 17, 2024) “Putin says Russia wants a buffer zone in Ukraine’s Kharkiv but has no plans to capture the city”
- (Nov. 16, 2024) “AP PHOTOS: 1,000 days of war in Ukraine captured in images”

- (Oct. 31, 2024) “About 8,000 North Korean troops at Ukraine’s border are expected in combat in days, US says
- (Dec. 31, 2024) “Ukraine must fight in 2025 on 'battlefield' and 'negotiating table', Zelensky says”
- (Jan. 31, 2025) “Russia claims another Ukrainian village has fallen as it closes in on a key city”
- (Feb. 1, 2025) “Russian drone and missile attacks kill 8 in Ukraine”
- (Feb. 2, 2025) “Russia and Ukraine trade blame over an attack on a boarding school in Russia’s Kursk region” X
- (Feb. 14, 2025) “Today there is no talk of peace agreement”
- (Feb. 15, 2025) “Les Ukrainiens désemparés par les déclarations de l’administration Trump”
- (Feb. 17, 2025) “La grande solitude de Volodymyr Zelensky”
- (Feb. 20, 2025) “Russia seems to have time on its side as the war in Ukraine reaches its third year”
- (Feb. 21, 2025) “Trump’s attempts to denigrate Zelenskyy have led to a surge in Ukrainian unity”
- (Feb. 23, 2025) “Zelensky says 'ready' resign to exchange peace, Ukraine's NATO membership”
- (Feb. 23, 2025) “Zelenskyy Willing To Step Down As President To Secure Ukraine Peace”
- (Feb. 25, 2025) “Russia 'Reactivates' Secret Soviet-Era Submarine Base In Occupied Ukraine”
- (Feb. 25, 2025) “Don't Expect A Quick Ukraine Cease-Fire, Says Veteran Russian Expert Back From Moscow”
- (March 5, 2025) “Why has Trump halted military aid to Ukraine and what will it mean for the war? Here’s what to know”
- (March 8) “Wild US policy shifts on Ukraine have left Kyiv reeling. This week may bring a clearer focus”

- (March 11) “Explosions reported in Kyiv and Kharkiv – as it happened”
- (March 11) “Russia says it was hit by ‘massive’ drone attack ahead of crucial talks between US and Ukraine”
- (March 11) “Trump said Russia had ‘all the cards,’ but this ceasefire proposal just called Putin’s bluff”
- (March 11, 2025) “Ukraine agrees to proposal for ceasefire with Russia as US restores aid and intel sharing”
- (March 11, 2025) “Ukraine agrees to U.S.-led ceasefire plan if Russia accepts”
- (June 4, 2025) “I am once again woken up by the unpleasant buzzing of Russian drones”

Aid, Advocacy, & Activism:

- Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online
- (Sept. 12, 2024) “Three Red Cross workers killed in eastern Ukraine shelling” X

First 10 Whistleblower Letters (Wind of Change, translated by Igor Sushko):

1. https://www.igorsushko.com/2022/03/all-fsbletters-translated-as-of-march.html
2. https://twitter.com/igorsushko/status/1500301348780199937?s=20&t=xVfRHDSiitG9QMtcAVH_SQ
3. http://www.igorsushko.com/2022/03/active-fsb-analysts-psychological.html
4. http://www.igorsushko.com/2022/03/the-impending-collapse-russia-according.html
5. http://www.igorsushko.com/2022/03/china-and-russias-domestic-insanity-4th.html
6. http://www.igorsushko.com/2022/03/putin-expects-west-to-blink-in-face-of.html
7. http://www.igorsushko.com/2022/03/no-way-out-for-putin-7th-letter-from.html

8. https://twitter.com/igorsushko/status/1507838106673692676?s=21&t=E3iLSwfCis5BvuukE06pNQ&fbclid=IwAR1yT4TYGOtT5tCPufoBS-qyPlCV8XKdUMiwsZs0dkqJXgT3r9YhR8BEmHA
9. https://twitter.com/igorsushko/status/1502345407350730755?s=20&t=Z7qXTkSKnieNMJARhqD_IQ

Global Trade & Economy

- (Oct. 10, 2024) "Why is Russia bombing ships carrying Ukrainian grain?"

International Fallout:

- (Jun. 2, 2023) "'Russia will capitalise on any doubt shown in Ukraine conflict' - Zelenskyy"
- (March 9, 2024) "Pope Francis: Ukraine should have the courage of the 'white flag' and negotiate an end of the war with Russia"
- (March 10, 2024) "Pope Francis' 'white flag' comment is met by criticism from Ukraine and its allies"
- (April 17, 2024) "Ukraine sees allies help protect Israel from Iran attack and asks: What about us?"
- (July 10, 2024) "Ukraine is on an 'irreversible' path to NATO. But only after war with Russia ends"
- (Sept. 25, 2024) "Ukraine urges world not to seek 'lull' in Russia's war instead of peace"
- (Sept. 26, 2024) "Putin lowers bar for nuclear strike amid Ukraine attacks: Why it matters"
- (Oct. 1, 2024) "Will Indian ammunition for Ukraine strain Modi's ties with Russia's Putin?"
- (Oct. 2, 2024) "'Ukraine's very existence is at stake': Zelenskyy enters the US election"

- (Feb. 1, 2025) “AP Interview: Zelenskyy says excluding Ukraine from US-Russia talks about war is ‘very dangerous’”
- (Feb. 14, 2025) “Access to Ukraine's rare earths may help keep U.S. aid flowing”
- (Feb. 24, 2025) “Russia-Ukraine war: Three years of fighting in satellite images”

Civilian Support

- (June 5, 2023) “How to help civilians in Ukraine”

International Organizations

- (Mar. 17, 2023) “All you need to know about the ICC’s arrest warrant for Putin”

Russian Allies

Belarus

- (Feb. 25, 2025) “Belarus Selling Rapeseed Oil Sourced From Occupied Ukraine To The EU, RFE/RL Finds”
- (Feb. 27, 2025) “‘They Said He'd Be Gone A Few Days:' Wife Of Freed Belarusian RFE/RL Journalist Recounts 3-Year Ordeal”
- (Feb. 28, 2025) “Putin ratifies security agreement with Belarus”

Chechen fighters

- (Aug. 21, 2024) “Putin inspects troops with Kadyrov on first Chechnya visit since 2011”

China

- (Sept. 16, 2024) “‘Old friend’ Putin and China’s Xi strengthen strategic ties at summit”
- (Feb. 14, 2025) “FM: China working to promote peace in Ukraine through talks, believes all interested parties should take part in negotiation process”

Iran

- (Sept. 9, 2024) “Russia brands Iran ‘important partner’ amid reports of missile supplies”

North Korea

- (Oct. 16, 2023) “Russia’s foreign minister will visit North Korea amid claims of weapons supplied to Moscow”
- (Nov. 4, 2024) “With North Korea’s troops in Russia, South Koreans weigh role in Ukraine”
- (Jan. 11, 2025) “Ukraine says it captured 2 North Korean soldiers fighting for Russia”

Trump & U.S. Conservatives

- (March 14, 2023) “US Republican DeSantis calls Ukraine war a ‘territorial dispute’”
- (Sept. 17, 2024) “What’s Donald Trump’s plan to ‘end’ Russia’s war on Ukraine?”
- (Sept. 28, 2024) “Trump Criticizes Zelensky: ‘Ukrainian President Refuses to Negotiate’”
- (Nov. 7, 2024) “Trump’s election deepens Ukraine’s pessimism as Russia war rages”
- (Jan. 22, 2025) “Trump’s threat of tariffs and sanctions on Russia over Ukraine may fall flat”
- (Feb. 2, 2025) “US aid freeze puts at risk Ukraine’s wartime help for frontline evacuees”
- (Feb. 11, 2025) “Trump says Ukraine "may be Russian someday," eyes its mineral resources ahead of Zelenskyy-Vance meeting”
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- (Feb. 18, 2025) “'You could have made a deal': Trump blames Ukraine after US-Russia talks

- (Feb. 19, 2025) “Trump says Ukraine started the war that’s killing its citizens. What are the facts?”

Wagner Group (whomp, whomp)

- (Aug. 10, 2022) “Shrouded in secrecy for years, Russia’s Wagner Group opens up”
- (March 17, 2023) “Wagner advance in Bakhmut as Russian offensive appears to weaken”
- (May 6, 2023) “Ukraine says no sign of Russia’s Wagner force Bakhmut withdrawal”

Passive/Tacit Supporters

- (Aug. 30, 2024) “Russia’s Putin to visit ICC member Mongolia despite arrest warrant”

Ukrainian Allies

Baltic States

- (Feb. 8, 2025) “Baltic states cut last Russian energy link”

Europe and the EU

- (Sept. 20, 2024) EU to loan Ukraine $39bn to rebuild power grid destroyed in Russian attacks
- (Jan. 24, 2025) “Europe considers sending troops to Ukraine if there’s a ceasefire. But would Russia accept?”
- (Feb. 17, 2025) “Europe Left Scrambling After Exclusion From Ukraine Talks”
- (Feb. 24, 2025) “How Europe is trying to shield Ukraine from Trump”

Intercontinental coalitions

- (April 29, 2024) “NATO chief chides members as Ukraine’s allies say slow arms deliveries have helped Russia”
- (Jul. 11, 2024) “Why are NATO and China facing off over Ukraine?”

- (Sept. 6, 2024) Zelenskyy urges Ukraine allies to allow long-range weapons use in Russia
- (Sept. 13, 2024) “Putin warns Ukraine use of long-range arms will put NATO at war with Russia”

Poland

- (Sept. 4, 2024) “Poland scrambles planes as Russia strikes western Ukraine”

United Kingdom

- (Nov. 17, 2024) “British prime minister says he has no plans to talk with Putin as he reaffirms support for Ukraine”
- (Feb. 18, 2025) “British Army 'absolutely ready' if ordered to deploy to Ukraine”
- (March 1, 2025) “Zelensky arrives at Downing Street for talks with UK PM ahead of summit with European leaders”
- (March 1, 2025) “Zelenskyy receives warm welcome from British prime minister, a day after White House blowup”

United States (Feb. 2022-Jan. 2025)

- (Jul. 17, 2022) “Malcolm Nance Details Experience in Ukraine And Global Extremism”
- (April 20, 2024) “A look at what’s in the $95 billion foreign aid package passed by the House”
- (April 21, 2024) “The House passes billions in aid for Ukraine and Israel after months of struggle. Next is the Senate”
- (April 22, 2024) “Aid approval brings Ukraine closer to replenishing troops struggling to hold front lines”
- (April 26, 2024) “US announces new Patriot missiles for Ukraine as part of new $6 billion aid package”
- (Sept. 27, 2024) “What is Zelenskyy’s ‘Victory Plan’ against Russia?”
- (Nov. 7, 2024) “Ukraine is forced to confront a brutal Trump reality that it hoped would never happen”

- (Jan. 25, 2025) “US has not stopped military aid to Ukraine, Zelenskyy says”

The West

- (Sept. 21, 2022) “Is Putin going to start a nuclear war?”
- (Sept. 30, 2022) “West condemns Russia’s ‘illegal’ annexation of Ukraine provinces”
- (Nov. 23, 2022) “Is Volodymyr Zelensky losing the support of the West?”

Military Operations:

- (Sept. 11, 2022) “Russia hits power stations after Ukraine counteroffensive”
- (Sept. 12, 2022) “Ukraine reclaims more territory, reports capturing many POWs”
- (Oct. 16, 2022) Gunmen kill 11 at Russian army base in new blow to Moscow’s Ukraine campaign
- (Nov. 11, 2022) “EXPLAINER: How important is a Russian retreat from Kherson?”
- (April 8, 2023) “Leaked Documents Reveal Depth of U.S. Spy Efforts and Russia’s Military Struggles”
- (April 9, 2023) “Leaked Documents Suggest Ukrainian Air Defense Is in Peril if Not Reinforced”
- (April 18, 2023) “Putin, Zelenskyy rally troops with war poised for new phase”
- (June 18, 2023) “Both sides suffer heavy casualties as Ukraine strikes back against Russia, UK assessment says”
- (Sept. 9, 2023) Russia Deploys Sarmat ICBM for Combat Duty
- (Oct. 16, 2023) “600 days into the war, Russia’s assault on a key eastern Ukraine city appears to be weakening”
- (Oct. 17, 2023) “Ukraine claims a major strike on Russian airfields and thanks US for providing long-range missiles
- (Dec. 14, 2023) “Is There an Actionable Strategy for Ending the War in Ukraine?”
- (Feb. 12, 2024) “For Ukraine’s defence industry goals against Russia, the sky’s the limit”

- (June 29, 2024) “Russia presses its offensive in Ukraine and issues new threats as the West tries to blunt the push”
- (Aug. 21, 2024) “Ukraine targets Moscow in ‘one of largest ever’ drone attacks”
- (Aug. 30, 2024) “Zelenskyy fires Ukraine’s air force commander after deadly F-16 crash”
- (Sept. 19, 2024) “Talk of Ukraine’s missile deal riles Russia; Kyiv vows to make more weapons”
- (Oct. 21, 2024) “Why is Ukraine’s army facing a desertion crisis?”
- (Nov. 17, 2024) “Russia grinds deeper into Ukraine after 1,000 days of grueling war”
- (Dec. 12, 2024) “President Zelenskyy focuses on air defense and frontline stability at staff meeting in southern Ukraine”
- (Dec. 12, 2024) “Zelenskyy visits HIMARS division on southern front on Ground Forces Day”
- (Dec. 13, 2024) “Russian forces edge closer to a key eastern Ukraine city in intense fighting, officials say”
- (Jan. 13, 2025) “Russian forces bypass a key stronghold in a bid to cut off its supplies, a Ukrainian officer says”
- (Jan. 21, 2025) “Zelensky: 200,000 Soldiers Needed for Peacekeeping in Peace-Deal with Russia”
- (Jan. 24, 2025) “Ukraine claims drone strike on Russian oil refinery”
- (Feb. 3, 2025) “Ukrainian troops losing ground to Russia as Trump talks of ending war”
- (Feb. 26, 2025) “After 1,700 Reported Desertions, New Ukrainian Brigade Now Fighting On The Front Line”
- (Feb. 26, 2025) “Roiled By Desertions And Scandal, Can Ukraine's French-Trained 155th Brigade Redeem Itself?”

Battles/Campaigns:

Avdiivka

- (Feb. 17, 2024) “Avdiivka, Longtime Stronghold for Ukraine, Falls to Russians”
- (Mar. 11, 2024) “Exhaustion, dwindling reserves and a commander who disappeared: How Ukraine lost Avdiivka to Russia”

Bakhmut

- (Jan. 10, 2023) “‘What madness looks like’: Russia intensifies Bakhmut attack”
- (March 16, 2023) “Photos: Ukraine holds Bakhmut as Russia attacks relentlessly”
- (May 21, 2023) “‘Exhaust them': Why Ukraine has fought Russia for every inch of Bakhmut, despite high cost”

Crimea

- (Oct. 8) “Kerch bridge linking Russia to Crimea damaged in explosion”
- (Oct. 9, 2022) “Traffic resumes on Crimea bridge, probe into blast under way”
- (Jul. 17, 2023) “Crimea bridge attack: What happened, why is the bridge important?”
- (Feb. 2, 2024) “Ukraine says ‘destroyed’ Russian ship in underwater drone attack off Crimea”
- (Sept. 20, 2024) “As Russia’s war escalates, will Ukraine down the Kerch Bridge in Crimea?”

Donetsk

- (Aug. 19, 2024) “Ukraine orders families to leave key city of Pokrovsk amid Russian advances”

Eastern Front (General)

- (Aug. 23, 2024) “Russia’s ‘dangerous advance’ in Ukraine’s east stokes fear, divisions”

- (Feb. 15, 2025) “Russia claims capture of another village in eastern Ukraine”

Kursk Region

- (Dec. 28, 2024) “Bloodied Ukrainian troops risk losing more hard-won land in Kursk to Russia
- (Feb. 8, 2025) “Zelenskyy confirms a new Ukrainian offensive in Russia’s Kursk region”

Ukraine’s Aug. 6, 2024 Kursk Counteroffensive

- (Aug. 13) “Zelenskyy says Ukrainian forces now control 74 Russian settlements in Kursk”
- (Aug. 14) “‘Unprecedented escalation’: How Russians view Ukraine Kursk incursion”
- (Aug. 15) “Mapping Ukraine’s surprise incursion into Russia’s Kursk region”
- (Aug. 15) “Russia evacuates thousands from Kursk as Ukrainian forces advance”
- (Aug. 19) “Ukraine hits third bridge in Russia’s Kursk, says buffer zone is final goal”
- (Aug. 20) “Kursk incursion lifts Ukraine’s hopes but some expect ‘nightmare’ in Donbas”
- (Aug. 22) “Russia faces manpower woes after failing to stop Ukraine’s Kursk incursion”
- (Aug. 23) “Which countries’ weapons is Ukraine using in Russia incursion?”
- (Sept. 4, 2024) “Ukraine’s losses outweigh Kursk gains, as Russia on cusp of taking Pokrovsk”
- (Sept. 16) “Ukraine invites UN and Red Cross to Russia’s Kursk region”

Prisoners of War

- (May 2, 2023) “Detained by Russian occupiers: ‘They jail you and forget’”

Ukrainian Weapons

- (Sept. 9, 2024) "What are 'dragon drones', Ukraine's latest weapon against Russia?"

Ukrainian Women in the Armed Forces

- (Sept. 16, 2024) "Ukraine's 'Bucha witches' volunteer to shoot down Russian drones" **X**

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2. (Oct. 4) "Ukraine: Three Men's Bodies Found in Forest"
3. (Dec. 2) "Ukrainian Culture Under Attack"
4. (Dec. 21) "Their Final Moments: Victims of a Russian Atrocity in Bucha"
5. (Dec. 22, 2022) "Caught on Camera, Traced by Phone: The Russian Military Unit that Killed Dozens in Bucha"

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6. (May 9) "Full coverage: Erasing Mariupol"
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8. (July 13) "Takeaways from the AP investigation into thousands of Ukrainian civilians held by Russia in prisons"
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10. (July 24) "Russian attacks on Odesa damage Orthodox cathedral"
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- "Putin says Russia has tested next-generation nuclear weapon"
- (Sept. 3, 2024) "Why is Russia changing its nuclear doctrine amid the Ukraine war?"

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- (Aug 20, 2022) "U.S. calls for Putin critic's release on anniversary of assassination attempt"
- (Aug. 25, 2022) "Russian opposition figure detained after criticizing war on Ukraine"
- (Oct. 5, 2022) "Russian journalist who protested war on live TV escapes house arrest"
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- (July 19, 2024) "Russia jails US journalist Evan Gershkovich for 16 years on spying charges"
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- (8/24/23) “‘It’s Likely Prigozhin Was Killed,’ Pentagon Says”

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