

Ukraine clashes take deadly turn

Ukrainian opposition leaders have issued an ultimatum to President **Viktor Yanukovich** after talks failed to resolve the political stalemate and three activists were killed in clashes with police



Vitali Klitschko

■ **Nov 21, 2013:** Ukraine says it will not sign deal to strengthen ties with European Union, but instead seek closer co-operation with Moscow

■ **Nov 30:** Police launch violent crackdown on protesters in Kiev, detaining 35. Images of injured protesters spread quickly and galvanize public support for uprising

■ **Dec 1:** Demonstration in Kiev attracts around 300,000 people, largest protest since **Orange Revolution** in 2004



■ **Dec 17:** Russia agrees to buy \$15 billion of Ukrainian government bonds and slash price Ukrainians pay for natural gas. Russian President **Vladimir Putin** and Yanukovich claim there are no conditions attached to agreement, which does not require Ukraine to join Russia-led free trade pact

■ **Jan 22, 2014:** Two protesters die from gunshot wounds in clashes with police. Third body found in woods, showing signs of torture

■ **Jan 23:** Opposition leaders, including former heavyweight boxer **Vitali Klitschko**, say they are willing to "face bullets" if Yanukovich does not call snap elections within 24 hours

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