Sanctions target Putin's inner circle

The U.S. has imposed visa bans and asset freezes on seven close allies of Russian President Vladimir Putin and 17 companies. The EU, Canada and Japan have also named Russian officials in sanctions

1. Vyacheslav Volodin*

Putin's deputy chief of staff. Mastermind behind Putin's clampdown on dissent in 2011-12 2. Igor Sechin
Heads state-controlled

Rosneft – Russia's biggest oil producer. Most senior energy executive hit by sanctions to date

3. Dmitry Kozak*

Deputy prime minister, overseeing integration of Crimea into Russia following its annexation from Ukraine

5. Alexey Pushkov*

Chairman of Russian parliamentary foreign affairs committee.
Highly critical of U.S. role in Ukraine

4. Sergei Chemezov Heads *Rostec*, group

of 600 companies formed by Putin in 2007. Employs 900,000 people

6. Oleg Belaventsev*

Appointed envoy to Crimea on March 21 – day Putin signed laws completing annexation of Crimea Individuals sanctioned

U.S. 27 EU 67 Japan 23 Canada 9

*multiple sanctions

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7. Yevgeny Murov*

Army general, director of *Federal Protective Service* – agency that protects state officials

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