

Troops begin pullout in eastern Ukraine

Ukrainian officials and Russian-backed separatists have announced they are pulling back troops from a key front line area in Ukraine's war-torn east, a step they hope will unblock a stalled peace process

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■ **Apr 2019:** *Volodymyr Zelenskiy* (right) elected president of Ukraine on pledge to end five-year war in east

■ **Jun:** Ukrainian troops and separatists withdraw 1km from front line town of Stanytsia Luhanska

■ **Sep:** Russia and Ukraine complete long-awaited prisoner swap

■ **Oct 1:** Ukraine, Russia and separatists agree deal to give special status to separatist-held parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions



■ **Oct 29:** Ukrainian and separatist forces begin withdrawing from Zolote

■ **Nov:** Pullback is precondition for talks between Zelenskiy and Russian President *Vladimir Putin* (top right), mediated by France and Germany

