

Fighting escalates in eastern Ukraine

The war in eastern Ukraine has escalated sharply with fighting across the so-called Line of Contact in the Donetsk region, amid a Russian military build-up in Crimea and along Ukraine's border



■ **Apr 2019: Volodymyr Zelenskyy** (left) elected president of Ukraine. Pledges to end war in east

■ **Jul 2020:** Ceasefire along Line of Contact agreed by **Trilateral Contact Group** – Ukraine, Russia, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

■ **Apr 9, 2021:** President Zelenskyy visits troops in Donbass region

■ **Apr 14-15, 2021:** Two U.S. Navy destroyers due to enter Black Sea as Russian buildup continues