

# Possible Russian invasion plans for Ukraine

Russia continues to threaten a potential invasion of Ukraine with a major military buildup near the Russian-Ukrainian border

## Eastern advance

→ Russian forces seize Ukrainian territory as far west as Dnieper – river could form limit of advance or first phase line of larger invasion

## Black Sea coast

→ Seize belt of land from Russia to Transnistria – to secure freshwater supplies for Crimea and block Ukraine's access to sea

## Western advance

→ Seize all of Ukraine – would require large occupation force to control population and guard borders with NATO countries

---→ Potential Belarusian flanking movement

---→ Potential amphibious or airborne landing



Donbas – held by pro-Russian separatists

Crimea – annexed by Russia in 2014

Transnistria – separatist region of Moldova supported by Russia