

# Russia readies for “naval blockade”

Fears mount that Russian live-fire naval exercises in the Black Sea could amount to a de facto blockade of Ukraine’s southern coast, which in turn might be part of preparations for an invasion



**PYOTR MORGUNOV**  
Ivan Gren class

Displacement: 6,600 tonnes

Six Russian amphibious landing ships – with combined capacity of up to 63 main battle tanks and 2,000 troops – as well as one **Kilo class** submarine, have moved to Black Sea from Mediterranean to take part in drills

