

Russia's slow military advance

Russia has the firepower to reduce Ukraine to rubble, but its military strategy is backfiring. The loss of top-ranking officers, plus fuel, food and ammunition shortages, exposes strategic failings



■ Low morale:

Young conscripts with minimum training did not know they were going to war

■ **Tactics:** Russian convoy stalled outside Kyiv is around 400km from main supply base inside Russia. Logistics require it to be no more than 150km from supply base

■ **Mud-season:** Rain and melting snow make cross-country travel difficult for trucks and wheeled armoured fighting vehicles.

Using roads exposes vehicles to attack



■ Command and control:

After destroying cell phone towers, Russia's encrypted communications no longer function inside Ukraine

■ **Decisions:** Officer corps cannot make on-the-spot decisions – must ask top military leaders for permission in operational matters



■ **Cyber:** Russia's cyberwarfare machine has failed to shut down internet. Ukraine's President **Volodymyr Zelensky** is using social media to keep morale high



■ **Feb 28:** Major General **Andrei Sukhovetsky** (left), deputy commander of 41st Army, killed by sniper

■ **Mar 5:** Reports that 3,000 Russian reservists have been mobilized to replace combat losses

■ **Mar 7:** Major General **Vitaly Gerasimov** (right), chief of staff of 41st Army, reported killed

