

Cracks detected in Kremlin's elite

A small but growing number of Kremlin insiders fear the invasion of Ukraine is a catastrophic mistake. They say that President Vladimir Putin will not relent but is in no danger of losing power

Insiders: Ten people in high-level posts in government have spoken to Western media on condition of anonymity, too fearful of retribution to comment publicly



Invasion:

Decision made by Putin (*right*) and hardline advisers

Sergei Shoigu (*top*),

Defence Minister; **Valery**

Gerasimov (*middle*), General

Staff chief; and **Nikolai Patrushev** (*lower*), Secretary of Russia's Security Council

Insiders who have denounced Putin's war



1 Mar 18: Arkady Dvorkovich, head of Skolkovo technology fund, quits after condemning invasion

2 Mar 22: Anatoly Chubais, Russia's climate envoy, quits after publicly breaking with Kremlin over war

3 Mar 27: Oleg Deripaska, founder of Russian aluminium giant Rusal, says invasion is "madness," which will disgrace generations

Apr 7: Bernard Zonneveld, Dutch chairman of Rusal, calls for impartial investigation into alleged war crimes committed in Bucha

4 Apr 19: Oleg Tinkov, billionaire businessman, publicly criticizes Putin's "crazy war," saying 90% of his countrymen do not support it. **Tinkov has called on West to offer Putin dignified way to withdraw**