

Ukraine war – one year on

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has become a grinding war of attrition that has killed thousands of people and displaced millions, ravaged cities and destroyed vital infrastructure across the country



FEBRUARY

■ **Feb 24, 2022:** Russia invades Ukraine in what President **Vladimir Putin** calls "special military operation"

■ Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelensky** declares martial law and general mobilisation

■ Russia surrounds **Kyiv** but pulls back within weeks as troops are stalled by ferocious resistance



MARCH

■ Russian forces take city of Kherson and shell **Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant**, raising fears of nuclear disaster

■ Moscow scales back ambitions in north to focus on "liberating" key separatist regions of **Donetsk** and **Luhansk**



APRIL

■ Evidence of atrocities emerges in wake of Russian retreat from town of **Bucha**

■ Russian missile strike on **Kramatorsk** train station kills more than 50 civilians

■ Ukraine sinks **Moskva**, flagship of Russian Black Sea fleet

MAY

■ Last Ukrainian fighters surrender in **Mariupol** as siege of **Azovstal** steelworks ends. Weeks of Russian bombardment of city kills thousands of civilians



JUNE

■ Russian forces take control of industrial city of **Severodonetsk** after prolonged battle

■ Ukrainian forces raise flag over **Snake Island**, easing threat to key port of **Odesa**

JULY

■ **Lysychansk**, last Ukrainian-held city in Luhansk, falls to Russians

■ Russia and Ukraine sign UN-brokered deal allowing export of Ukrainian grain through Black Sea

AUGUST

■ Ukraine counteroffensive to retake Kherson begins, deploying Western-supplied weapons including **HIMARS** rocket systems

SEPTEMBER

■ Ukraine recaptures much of **Kharkiv** region in swift counteroffensive

■ Putin mobilises 300,000 conscripts, sparking protests across Russia

■ Putin formally annexes **Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson** and **Zaporizhzhia** regions



OCTOBER

■ Blast damages bridge linking Crimea with Russia in blow to Moscow's war effort



NOVEMBER

■ Russia unleashes barrage of missiles on cities across Ukraine in bid to cripple vital infrastructure

■ Moscow orders troops to withdraw from Kherson city and west bank of **Dnipro River**, in morale-boosting victory for Ukraine



DECEMBER

■ Three drone strikes on air bases show Ukraine is able to attack hundreds of kilometres inside Russia

■ Zelensky visits U.S. in first foreign trip since start of conflict – President **Joe Biden** announces U.S. will send **Patriot** air defence system to Ukraine



JANUARY

■ Ukrainian forces strike Donetsk building housing Russian troops. Moscow admits deaths of 89 soldiers, Kyiv claims hundreds killed

■ Russia captures salt mine town of **Soledar** amid long and bloody campaign to take city of **Bakhmut**



■ After weeks of diplomatic deadlock, U.S., Germany and other NATO members agree to send heavy tanks

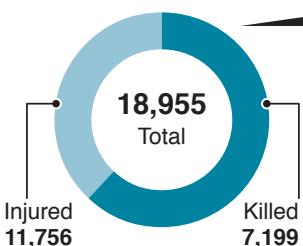
FEBRUARY

■ As one-year anniversary nears, signs indicate major new Russian offensive is already underway

MILITARY LOSSES, ESTIMATES (Killed or wounded)

Ukraine: 100,000+
(U.S. and other Western sources)

Russia: 180,000+
(U.S., UK, Norwegian Defence Ministry)



CONFIRMED CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (UN figures)
Actual numbers thought to be far higher
Ukraine government says at least **20,000**, including **400** children, killed
Western sources estimate **30,000-40,000** deaths

■ **REFUGEES**
More than **8 million** have fled Ukraine. Over **5 million** displaced internally

■ **WAR CRIMES**
Around **65,000** suspected war crimes reported to date

■ **ECONOMIC IMPACT**
World Bank expected Ukraine's economy to contract by **35%** in 2022

■ Rebuilding costs estimated at **\$349 billion**

WESTERN MILITARY AID (€ billion. Jan 24, 2022 – Jan 15, 2023)

