

Two years of Russia's Ukraine war



■ **Feb 24, 2022:** Russia launches full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

President **Vladimir Putin** (top left) says "special military operation" is to "**demilitarise and denazify Ukraine**"

■ **Feb 27:** Ukraine's President **Volodymyr Zelensky** (below) files lawsuit against Russia in UN *International Court of Justice (ICJ)*



■ **Mar 16:** ICJ orders Kremlin to end its invasion. Russia strikes theatre in Mariupol killing hundreds of civilians

■ **Mar 19:** Russia deploys **Kinzhal** hypersonic missiles to destroy weapons storage site in Ukraine's west

■ **Mar 21:** Russian defence ministry data reveals 9,861 Russian soldiers killed in action and 16,153 wounded

■ **Mar 30:** UN refugee agency reports 4 million people have fled Ukraine – further 6.5 million people are internally displaced

■ **Apr 7:** UN General Assembly votes to suspend Russia's membership of **Human Rights Council**

■ **Apr 9:** Hundreds of dead civilians are found in mass graves or streets of **Bucha**

■ **Apr 14:** Russian Black Sea Fleet's flagship, cruiser **Moskva**, sinks after being hit by Ukrainian missiles



■ **May 16:** More than 260 Ukrainian defenders of Mariupol's **Azovstal** steel factory surrender to Russian forces

■ **Jun 30:** Ukrainian forces liberate **Snake Island** from Russian occupation

■ **Jul 22:** Russia and Ukraine agree UN-brokered **Black Sea Grain Initiative** to release food supplies blocked in Ukraine's ports

■ **Sep 21:** Putin orders call-up of 300,000 reserve soldiers

■ **Sep 30:** Putin signs "accession treaties" annexing Ukraine's regions of **Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia** and **Kherson**



■ **Nov 9:** In humiliating Russian retreat, Defence Minister **Sergei Shoigu** (above) withdraws some 30,000 troops from **Kherson**

■ **Dec 21:** Zelensky visits United States. President **Joe Biden** (top right) announces \$1.85 billion aid package, including **Patriot** missiles

■ **Jan 14, 2023:** Russian missile destroys apartment building in city of **Dnipro**, killing 45 people

■ **Jan 25:** U.S. and Germany pledge **M1 Abrams** and **Leopard 2** tanks to Ukraine

■ **Feb 20:** President **Biden** visits Ukraine



■ **Jun 23:** **Wagner Group** mercenary chief **Yevgeny Prigozhin** (above) stages short-lived armed mutiny against Putin's general staff in **Rostov-on-Don**

■ **Jul 17:** Ukraine attacks 19km **Kerch Bridge** in major blow to Putin. **Russia ends Black Sea Grain Initiative**

■ **Aug 23:** Wagner leader Prigozhin killed in plane crash



■ **Oct 10:** Moscow defeated in attempt to regain seat on UN Human Rights Council

■ **Nov 11-25:** Massive Russia drone strikes on **Kyiv** and **Kherson**

■ **Nov 26:** Ukraine retaliates to strikes with intense kamikaze drone attacks. Three of Moscow's airports – **Domodedovo, Vnukovo** and **Zhukovsky** – are forced to close

■ **Dec 26:** Ukrainian fighter jets destroy Russian landing ship **Novocherkassk** in attack bearing hallmarks of British-supplied **Storm Shadow** missiles

■ **Jan 4, 2024:** Putin issues decree offering foreigners Russian citizenship if they fight in Ukraine

■ **Jan 18:** Ukraine claims its forces flew drone over Putin's residence during attacks on **St Petersburg**

■ **Jan 26:** Kyiv and Moscow allege that opposing side shot down **Ilyushin-76** aircraft carrying Ukrainian prisoners of war

■ **Feb 8:** Top army general **Valerii Zaluzhnyi** – who liberated Kherson – replaced by Gen. **Oleksandr Syrskyi** (inset)



■ **Feb 17:** Despite suffering huge losses, Russia captures **Avdiivka** as Ukrainian forces retreat

■ **Ukraine's Armed Forces report that Russia has lost 392,380 troops since beginning of invasion. Ukraine has suffered more than 10,000 civilian deaths and 18,500 injured**