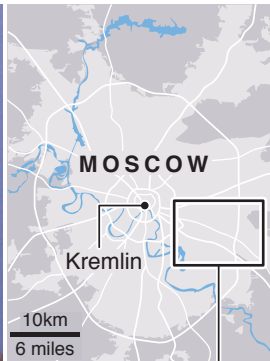


Bomb blast kills Russian general in Moscow

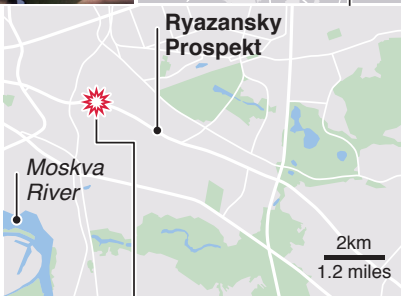
Ukraine's SBU security service has claimed responsibility for killing Igor Kirillov, the head of Russia's nuclear and chemical forces



■ **Igor Kirillov:** Senior Kremlin figure headed Russian military's *Radiation, Chemical and Biological Protection Troops* since 2017

■ He earned notoriety from start of Ukraine war in Feb 2022 with series of unfounded claims, including one that Kyiv was developing biological weapons with U.S. support

■ **Dec 16, 2024:** Accused by SBU of overseeing "mass use" of banned chemical weapons in Ukraine. More than 4,800 cases cited, including use of grenades equipped with CS, a type of tear gas



Dec 17: Kirillov killed along with his aide by bomb hidden in electric scooter, which exploded as he left his apartment building