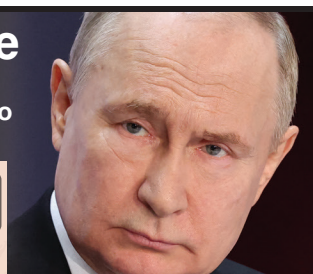


Three years of war in Ukraine

Ukraine marks the third anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion, as world leaders look for a way to end the brutal war that has claimed countless lives



2022

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

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy declares martial law and general mobilisation



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

Mar: Moscow shifts focus to eastern and southern Ukraine



Apr: Evidence of atrocities emerges after Russian retreat from town of **Bucha**, near **Kyiv**

May: Last Ukrainian fighters surrender in **Mariupol**. Weeks-long Russian bombardment kills thousands of civilians



Aug: Russia begins using Iranian-made suicide drones against Ukraine

UN has identified **12,500** civilians killed and **28,400** wounded. Actual figures are likely to be much higher

Four million people are displaced within Ukraine and **6.8 million** have fled the country

Sep: Ukraine recaptures much of **Kharkiv** region in swift counteroffensive

Putin mobilises 300,000 conscripts, sparking protests across Russia



Moscow announces annexation of **Donetsk**, **Luhansk**, **Kherson** and **Zaporizhzhya** regions

Nov: Ukraine recaptures **Kherson** city after Russian forces withdraw

2023

Jan: Western allies approve sending advanced weaponry to **Kyiv**, such as **Patriot** air defence missiles and top-tier battle tanks



Feb: **Putin** announces new offensive following winter stalemate

May: Russia claims capture of devastated city of **Bakhmut** after nine-month siege. Both sides suffer heavy casualties

Jun: Ukraine launches much-anticipated counter-offensive but makes slow progress against Russian defences



Russian mercenary chief **Yevgeny Prigozhin** stages abortive mutiny against **Kremlin**

Oct: Ukrainian strikes force Russian **Black Sea** fleet to flee **Crimea**

Dec: U.S. Congress delays approval of Ukraine assistance package worth \$61 billion

2024

Feb: Ukraine begins running low on ammunition. City of **Avdiivka** falls after months of relentless Russian attacks

May: Ukrainian troops are further stretched when Russia opens up new front close to **Kharkiv** city



Jul: First **F-16** fighter jets sent by Western allies arrive in Ukraine

Aug: Russia accelerates its advance in **Donetsk** region towards strategic city of **Pokrovsk**

Kyiv launches surprise incursion into Russia's **Kursk** region



Oct: North Korea sends thousands of troops to fight alongside Russia

2025

Feb: Newly-inaugurated **Trump** administration begins talks with **Kremlin** on ending war – without Ukraine at the table



Since Jan 2022, Ukraine has received about **\$407 billion** in aid, including over **\$118 billion** from the U.S.

Trump's peace plan could cost European allies **\$3.1 trillion** over 10 years, **Bloomberg** estimates

Russia

748,000

Ukraine

435,000

*U.S. estimates as of Jan 2025