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A visual guide to the war

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 The UK's Ministry of Defence restated that Russia's main strategic focus remained the Luhansk and Donetsk regions.

"Fighting has been particularly heavy around Lyschansk and Severodonetsk, with an attempted advance south from Izyum to Slovyansk," the ministry said.

 US president Joe Biden has asked Congress to provide \$33bn in military, economic and humanitarian aid for Ukraine, more than double the \$13.6bn it approved for Kyiv last month, in a sign Washington is preparing for a long and intensifying conflict.

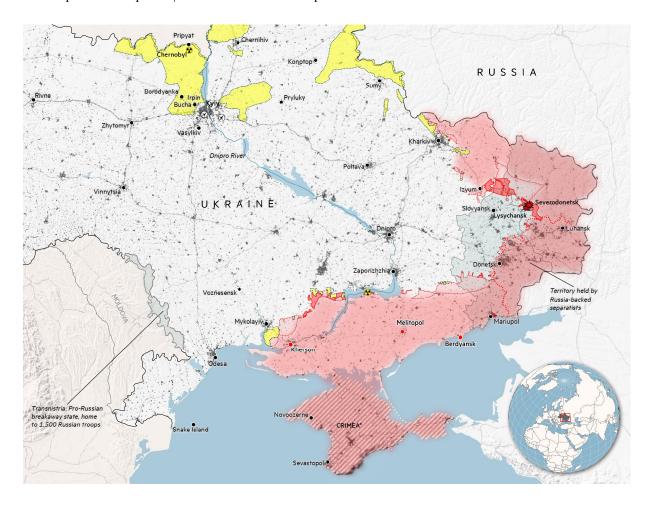
Russian and Ukrainian military claims cannot be independently verified.

## Latest troop movements and locations of attacks



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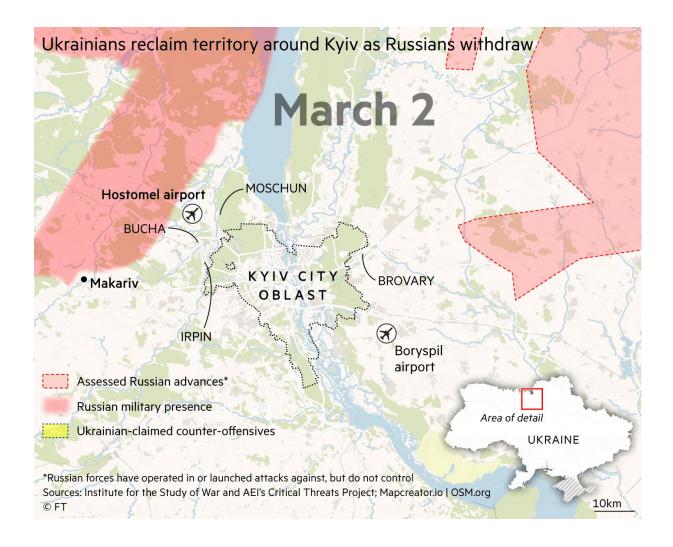


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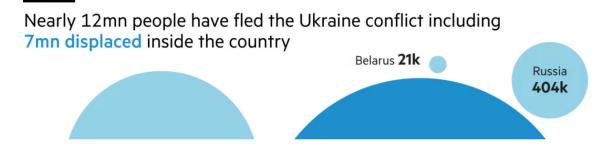
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## Other key maps and charts from the war

The shift in the conflict's focus towards the Donbas region comes after Russia's failure to capture Kyiv during the first phase of the war. The Russians were defeated by a combination of factors, including geography, the attackers' blundering and modern arms — as well as Ukraine's ingenuity with <u>smartphones and pieces of foam mat</u>.

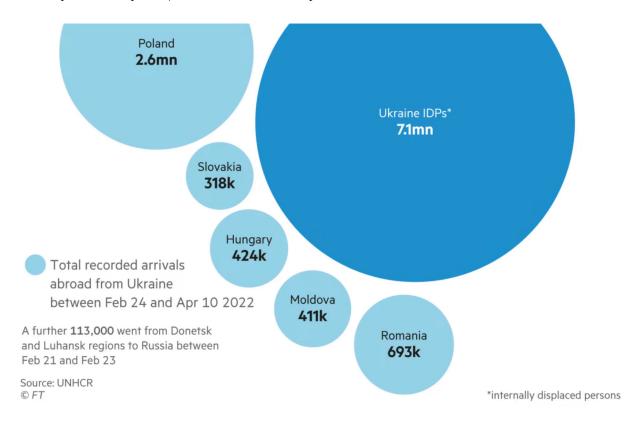


The number of Ukrainians fleeing the conflict makes it one of the largest refugee crises in modern history.



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<sup>\*</sup> Crimea was annexed by Russia in 2014 but this is not recognised by the international community © FT

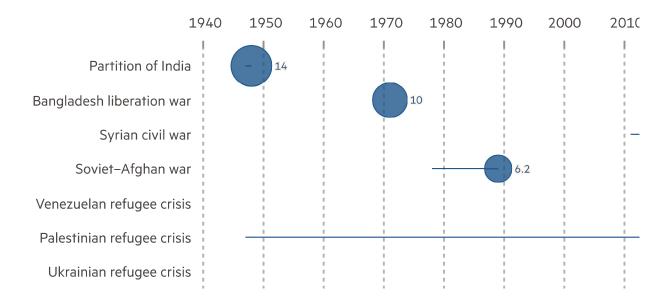


The war, which only started a few months ago, has resulted in nearly twice as many people leaving Ukraine compared with those that fled the Iraq war, which spanned nine years.

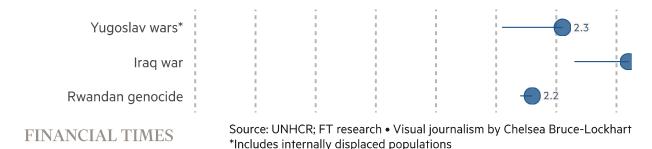
## How Ukraine's refugee crisis compares with others in recent history

Size of bubbles = number of refugees (mn); lines represent the length of the crisis (years)

Data excludes first and second world wars; Ukrainian figure updated Apr 10 2022



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In mid-March, <u>an attack on a Ukrainian military base</u>, which had been used by US troops to train Ukrainian soldiers, added to Russia's increasingly direct threats that Nato's continued support of Ukraine risked making it an enemy combatant in the war. On March 24, Nato agreed to establish four new multinational battle groups in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia to add to troops in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

## Nato has expanded its military presence across Europe

Locations of Nato forces and key headquarters



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