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Russia's invasion of Ukraine in maps – latest updates

A visual guide to the war

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WHAT WE KNOW — DAY 9: FRIDAY MARCH 4

- Russians have seized Europe's largest nuclear power plant at **Zaporizhzhia** after a fire blazed for hours, following an alleged Russian attack before being extinguished early on Friday.

- The State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine said that employees of the plant were continuing to work and that they were carrying out inspections to identify any damage to the site. However, the agency said that any loss of the power station's ability to cool down nuclear fuel would lead to "significant radioactive releases into the environment".

- **Mariupol** suffered another night of brutal bombardment. The port city, home to almost half a million people, is surrounded by Russian troops and lacking food, water and electricity.

- There were reports of fighting in the urban centres of **Enerhodar**, close to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, and **Severodonetsk** overnight.

Latest troop movements and locations of attacks
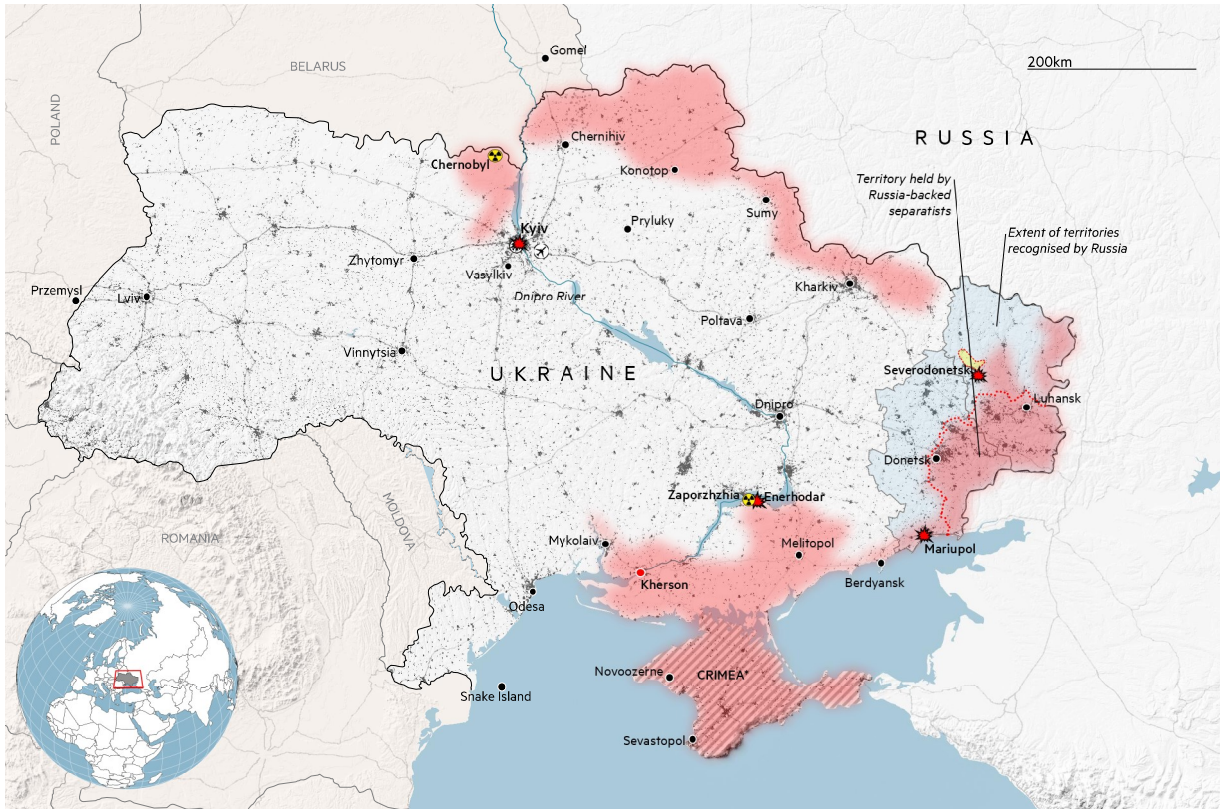
🔺 Key reported air strikes   🔴 Russian military presence

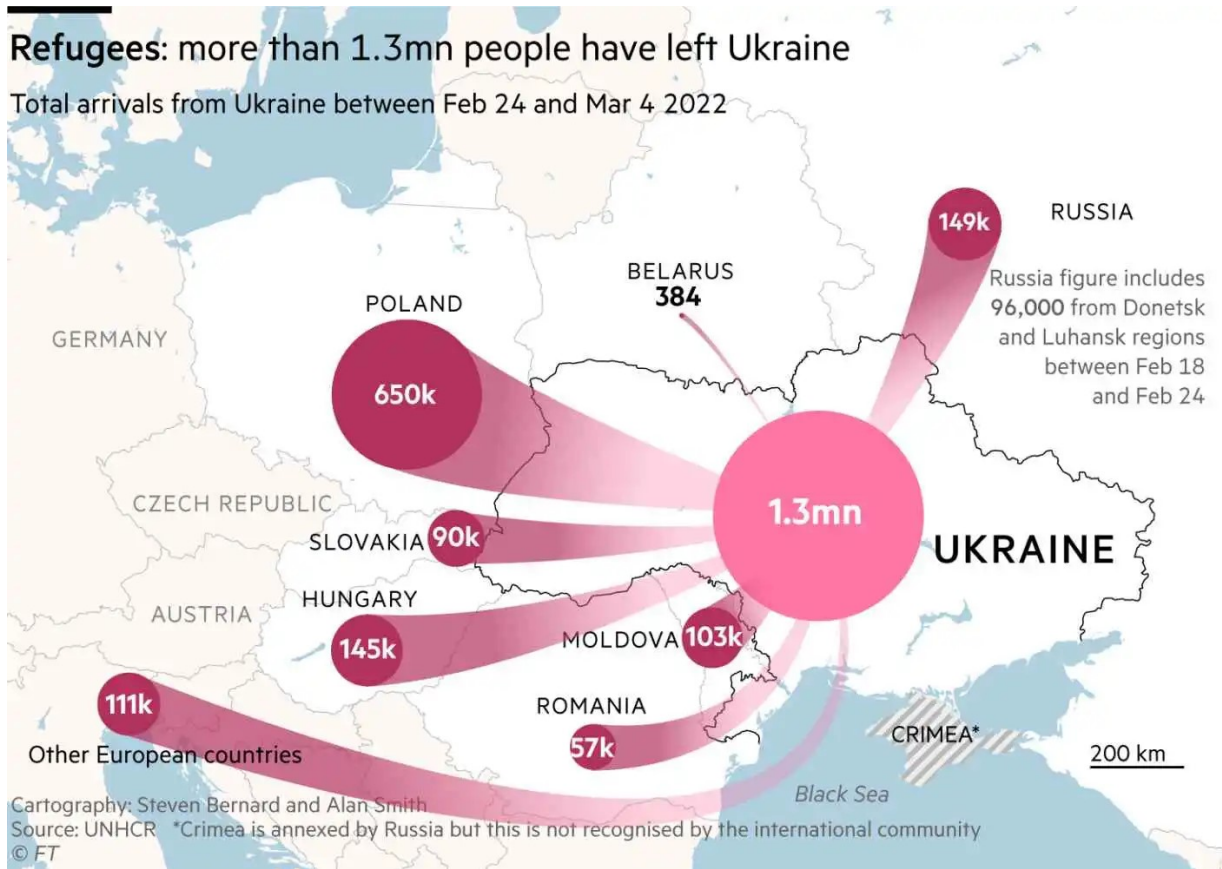💥 Key reported ground & naval attacks   ⬚ Russian-claimed control

Sources: Institute for the Study of War, WorldPop, FT research • Map shows events on Mar 4
* Crimea was annexed by Russia in 2014 but this is not recognised by the international community © FT

The number of refugees pouring out of Ukraine to flee the fighting has reached 1.3mn

since Russia invaded, the UN refugee agency reported.

Half of the refugees have travelled to Poland, with Hungary and Moldova among other important destinations. The UNHCR said more than 50,000 refugees had gone to Russia.
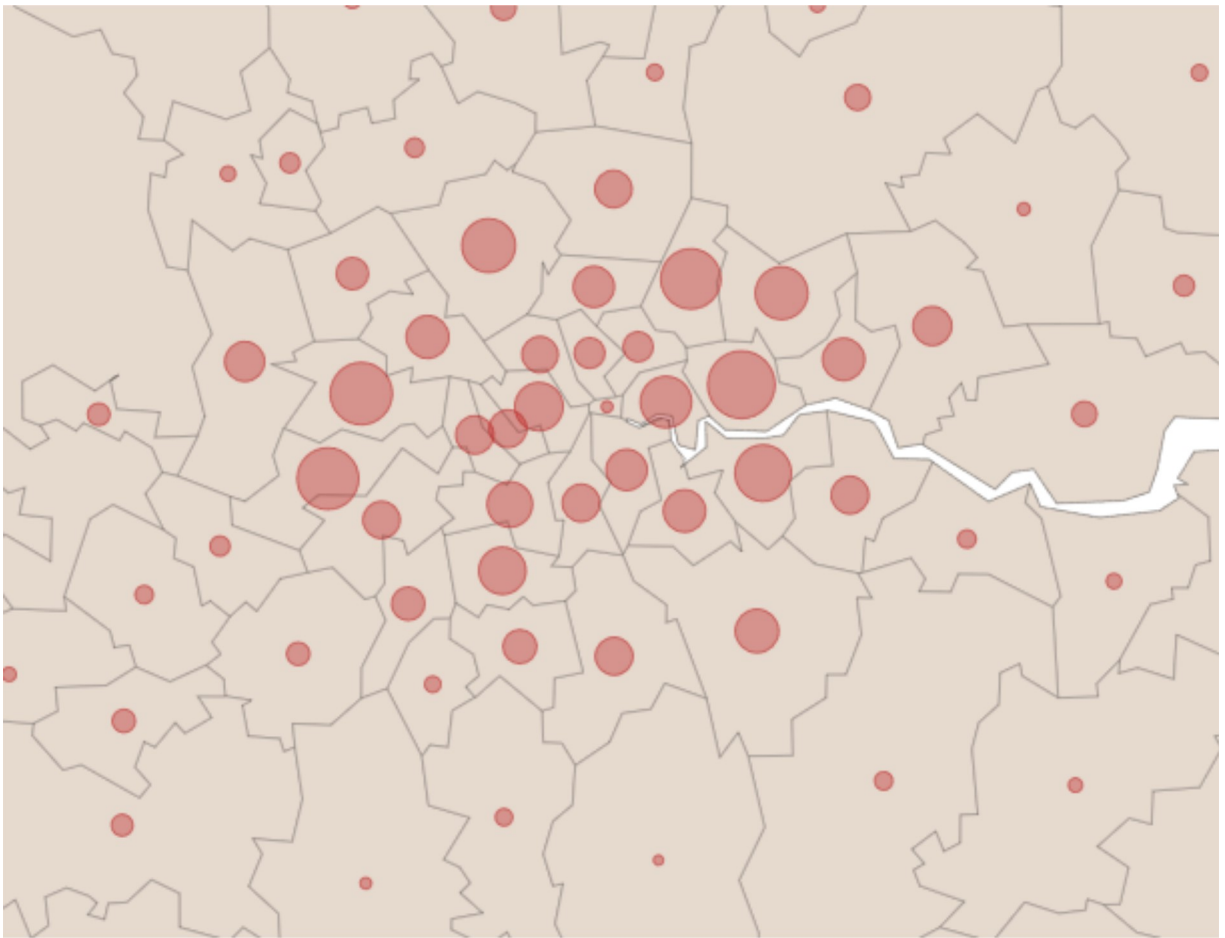

Key maps from recent days

In the UK, the Office for National Statistics has released preliminary data from the 2021 census that shows the distribution of Ukrainian and Russian diasporas in England and Wales.

The London borough with most Russians is Westminster; for Ukrainians, it's Newham

Population by country of birth, England & Wales, 2021

Ukraine　　Russia

150 ◯◯ 300

FINANCIAL TIMES   Source: Office for National Statistics, preliminary 2021 Census counts • Graphic:

Ukrainians fleeing their homeland could be housed in the lavish UK residences of oligarchs hit with sanctions under proposals discussed by the British government. The ONS data shows distinct patterns of Ukrainian and Russian residents in London.

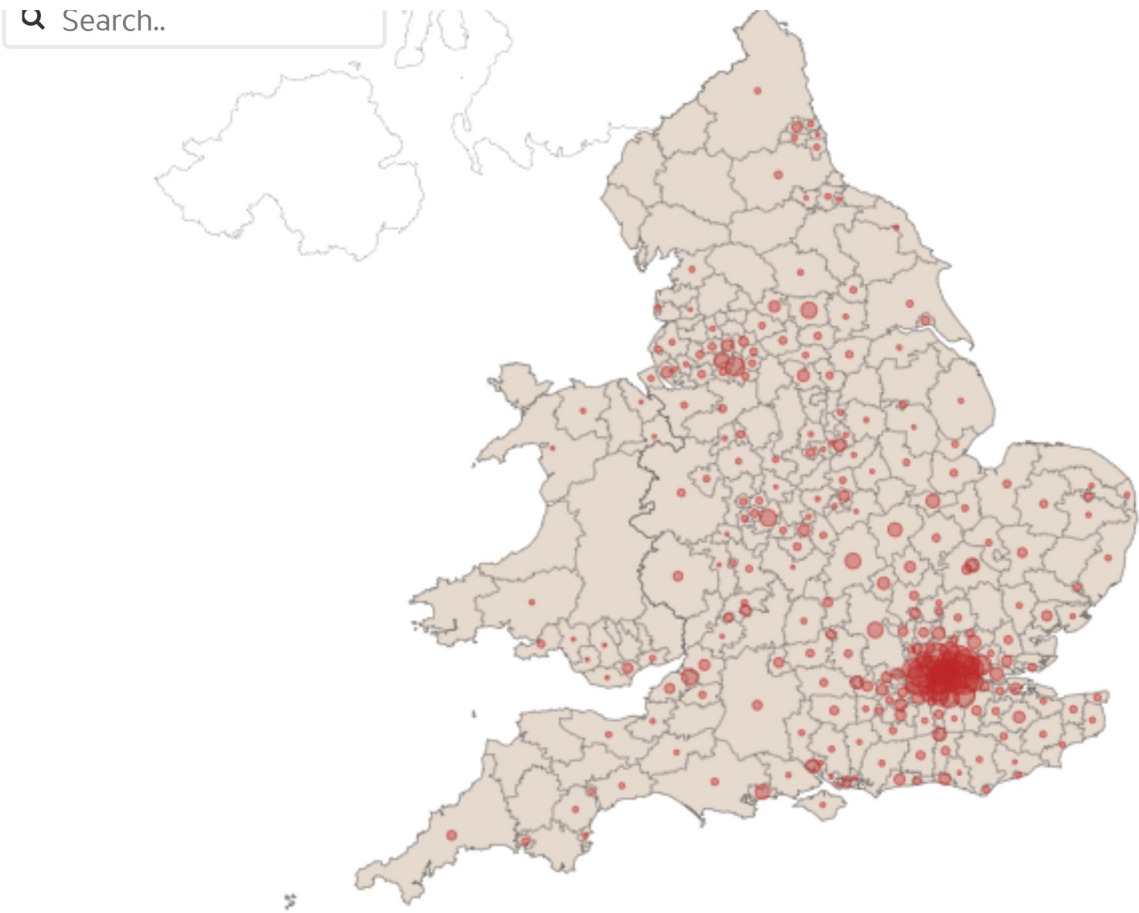## Nearly half of all Russians and Ukrainians in England and Wales live in London

Population by country of birth, England & Wales, 2021

| Ukraine | Russia |

500 ◯◯ 1000
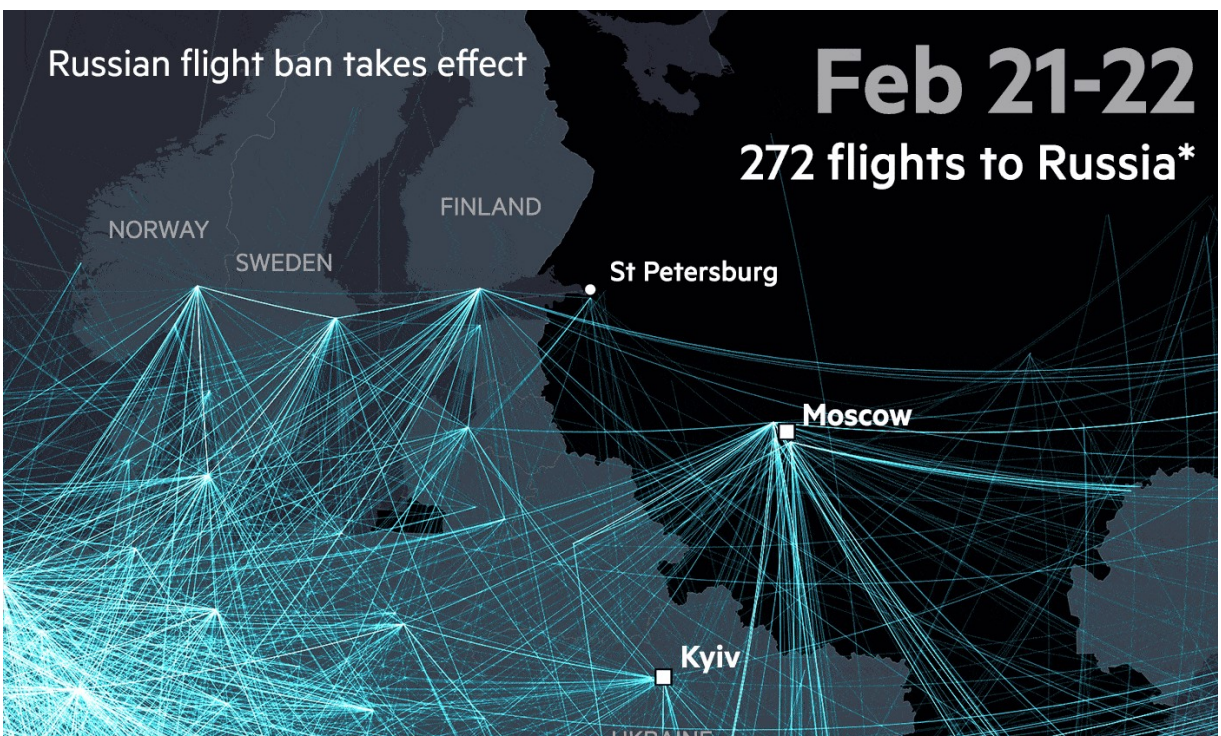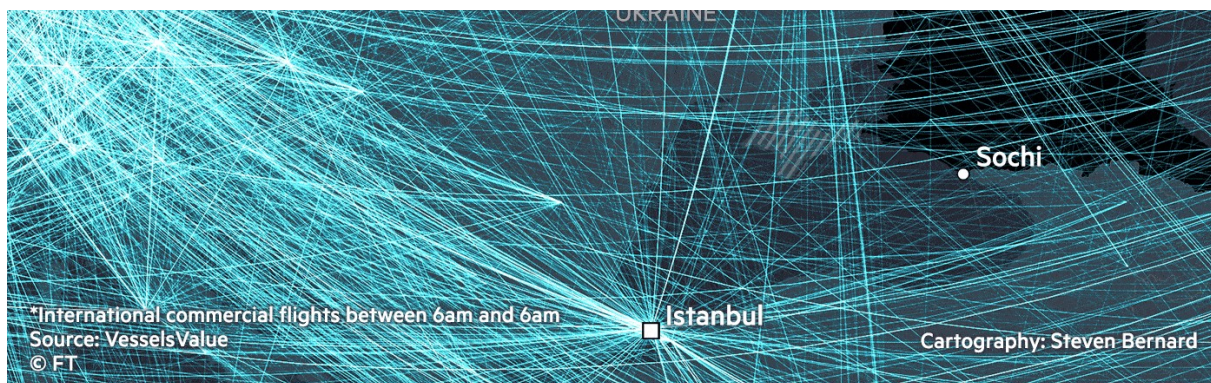
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The war in Ukraine has led to a reduction in the number of international commercial flights going into Russia, according to data from consultant VesselsValue.

*International commercial flights between 6am and 6am
Source: VesselsValue
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Russia's multipronged invasion suggests a plan to advance south towards Kyiv from Belarus, encircle Ukraine's forces in the east, and cleave the country from the Russian border to the Black Sea.

How Russia's invasion of Ukraine may play out

Initial cruise missile strikes on military sites, airfields and troop depots in Kyiv, Kharkiv and Dnipro. Alongside artillery shelling along line of control in eastern Ukraine

④ Ukraine attempts strategic retreat west from current line of control evading Russian pincer movement. At some point, Ukrainian troops will need to hold the line, but unclear when that may be

① Ground advance (troops and tanks) south from Belarus to encircle Kyiv

Line of contact

Area controlled by Russia- backed separatists and Moscow

③ Advance from Crimea along Black Sea coast to Odesa. Central column moves west to Dnipro river, ultimate target Kyiv

② Advance north from Crimea and east through Donbas in a bid to encircle bulk of Ukrainian forces in the east and cut them off from Kyiv

200 km

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Sources: Rochan Consulting; FT research
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On Tuesday February 22, Putin recognised the separatist governments in **Luhansk** and **Donetsk**, two provinces in the eastern Donbas region of Ukraine, and ordered Russian troops to enter them. On Thursday February 24, Moscow began a full-scale invasion of the country.

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