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Business & Finance

The Dow slid 2.4%, closing in correction territory for the first time in two years, as surging oil prices deepened concerns about inflation and economic growth. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq sank 3% and 3.6%, respectively. **A1**

◆ The national average price for regular gasoline hit \$4.065 a gallon, the highest price since July 2008 and approaching the record of \$4.114 reached that same month, according to AAA. **A10**

◆ Boeing has suspended parts of its business in Russia, but the company still has to deal with its relationship to a key titanium supplier led by a sanctioned oligarch. **A9**

◆ Bed Bath & Beyond's shares closed 34% higher after Chewy co-founder Cohen disclosed a 9.8% stake through his investment firm in the housewares retailer. **B1**

◆ Ackman's Pershing Square acquired a stake in Canadian Pacific Railway as the railroad seeks regulatory approval for its proposed merger with Kansas City Southern. **B1**

◆ Intel said it filed paperwork to take its Mobileye self-driving car unit public. People familiar with the matter have said the unit could fetch a valuation above \$50 billion. **B1**

◆ Moderna said it would never use its Covid-19 vaccine-related patents to stop others from manufacturing its vaccine in more than 90 low- and middle-income countries. **A6**

◆ Samsung Electronics said hackers breached its security system and accessed company data relating to its Galaxy devices. **B4**

World-Wide

◆ Ukrainian and Russian negotiators ended a third round of talks Monday making little progress, while Ukraine's military held fast along several fronts and Russia continued to shell cities and residential areas. Russian missile and rocket strikes in the country's north and south disrupted plans to evacuate civilians via humanitarian corridors, Ukrainian officials said. **A1, A8-13**

◆ The Supreme Court rejected two separate Republican challenges to congressional maps in North Carolina and Pennsylvania, representing victories for Democrats in two key redistricting fights. **A3**

◆ The White House is set to release an order tasking several federal agencies with conducting a broad review of cryptocurrencies, including studying the creation of a U.S. digital currency. **A2**

◆ Iran's chief negotiator at the nuclear talks in Vienna unexpectedly returned home, prompting European officials to say negotiations were at a standstill. **A14**

◆ The EPA proposed stricter rules to reduce air pollution from commercial trucks, buses and other heavy-duty vehicles. **A2**

◆ Legislation to designate lynching a federal hate crime passed Congress and will head to the president for his signature. **A6**

◆ The Biden administration is planning to give preference to infrastructure projects that encourage workers to unionize or that hire from underrepresented groups. **A2**

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Russia Pounds Cities as Talks Falter



A body is carried away Monday of a man killed the day before when Russian forces fired on civilians fleeing Irpin, Ukraine.

Moscow presses attack on fleeing civilians as Ukrainians resist and call for more sanctions

By BRETT FORREST

LIVIV, Ukraine—Ukrainian and Russian negotiators ended a third round of talks Monday making little progress, while Ukraine's military held fast along several fronts and Russia continued to shell cities and residential areas.

Continuing campaigns to encircle Ukrainian cities, Russian forces conducted missile and rocket strikes on cities and military targets in the country's north and south, disrupting plans to evacuate civilians via humanitarian corridors, Ukrainian officials said. Ukrainian forces continued to frustrate Russia with counterattacks and sabotage operations.

Russia's failure to quickly capture major cities and its mounting loss of aircraft and armored vehicles have increased pressure on Moscow

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A City's Revolt Shows Perils of Occupation

By JAMES MARSON

Days after Moscow's troops took control of the southern Ukrainian city of Melitopol, a Russian armored truck rolled last week through its center blasting a message from loudspeakers: Demonstrations are temporarily banned to prevent disorder.

The next day, Saturday, thousands of locals marched through the streets waving

Ukrainian flags, singing the national anthem and chanting at Russian soldiers in their native language: "Go home! Go home!"

While Russian President Vladimir Putin's troops are bogged down in many parts of Ukraine's north amid fierce resistance, they have advanced in the south, seizing several cities and towns.

Mr. Putin has claimed that swaths of the country, including the south, are historically

Russian lands and has attempted to justify his invasion as necessary to protect local Russian speakers. But, after seizing places like Melitopol, his forces there are largely being treated as foreign occupiers rather than liberators.

"He thought in these towns we'd be happy and meet them with Russian flags, but no one here was waiting for Russia," said Andriy Radchenko, a 41-year-old surgeon in Melitopol.

"We want to demoralize them, to erode their spirit."

Thousands protested on Saturday in other occupied cities and towns. The largest protests were in the neighboring regional capital of Kherson, where one man jumped atop a passing Russian armored vehicle and waved a large Ukrainian flag to cheers from the crowd.

The resistance of the local population in predominantly Russian-speaking cities is a

challenge to Mr. Putin. Russia's soldiers, who were told they were on a mission to liberate a brotherly nation from neo-Nazi rulers, will now have to suppress the very people they are purporting to protect.

Occupying a country like Ukraine, with a territory larger than France and around 40 million inhabitants, would require committing immense financial and military resources, including

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Western Oil Giants' Russia Bets Crumble

Western oil giants spent decades building inroads to Russia's fossil-fuel wealth. Those collaborations collapsed in days following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, leaving them with no clear path to recoup billions of dollars.

By Jenny Strasburg, Christopher M. Matthews and Emily Glazer

Even as Russian troops were amassing on Ukraine's border last month, executives at BP PLC, Shell PLC and Exxon Mobil Corp. believed they could weather the fallout, said people close to the companies. But in less than 60 hours last week, all announced they were exiting Russian op-

erations under pressure from the U.S. and U.K. governments, as international condemnation of Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression grew.

BP said it would divest its nearly 20% stake in Russian state-controlled oil producer Rosneft. Shell said it would end Russian joint ventures and get out of the now-halted Nord Stream 2 pipeline poised to carry gas into Germany. Exxon said it would shut down production from a massive oil-and-gas project it runs on Sakhalin Island in Russia's Far East.

"We've effectively walked away from our business in Russia," said BP nonexecutive director John Sawers at a Wall Street Journal CEO Council event last week. Mr. Sawers

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Costs Climb At the Pump

Gasoline prices rose to near record levels. **A10**

States with the highest average price for regular unleaded gasoline, March 7

NATIONAL AVERAGE: \$4.065	
Calif.	\$5.343 a gallon
Hawaii	4.699
Nev.	4.590
Ore.	4.512
Wash.	4.449
Alaska	4.395
Ill.	4.304
Conn.	4.283
N.Y.	4.261
Pa.	4.238

Source: AAA

Blue Chips Enter Correction as Price Of Crude Skyrockets

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid nearly 800 points Monday, marking a 10% decline from January's high to close in correction territory for the first

By Karen Langley, Clarence Leong and Anna Hirtenstein

time in two years, as surging oil prices deepened concerns about inflation and economic growth.

U.S. stocks fell in morning trading after oil prices burst above \$130 a barrel Sunday night, threatening to upend calculations for company costs, consumer behavior and the

course of inflation. The losses for major indexes deepened in the afternoon as investors dialed back on risk by selling shares of companies across much of the economy, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite falling into a bear market by declining to 20% below its November high.

The selloff left the Dow's blue chips 11% below their January record, meeting the standard of a correction, defined as a drop of at least 10% from a recent high. The index last entered a correction in February 2020, while Nasdaq last entered a bear market that March.

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Salamander Disappearing From Mexico Finds a Global Audience

Rare axolotl is the prototype for popular characters in 'Fortnite,' 'Minecraft'

By SARAH E. NEEDLEMAN AND SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ

Pollution and other man-made ills weigh heavily on Mexico's axolotl, a rare salamander popular among Aztecs back in the day.

Its population in the wild has fallen by something like 99% in the past three decades, one expert said. Yet the creature's popularity has never been higher, propelled by the same modern age chasing them toward extinction.

A global audience of a half-billion gamers have gotten to know the axolotl, which largely cluster in the canals around Mexico City and look like little dragons with a goofy smile. The videogame "Fortnite" trotted out axolotl characters in

2020, and "Minecraft" followed suit last summer.

Roblox, a platform with millions of user-made games, has dozens of axolotl-centric ones, including "Axolotl Tycoon" and "Axolotl Paradise." Axolotls appear in "Adopt Me!," one of the most-played games on Roblox.

All of the exposure has spawned axolotl memes, YouTube videos, coloring books and nonfungible tokens. Build-A-Bear Workshop

Inc. added an axolotl doll to its stores. The Bank of Mexico put an axolotl on the side of the country's new 50-peso bill, and an axolotl museum opened in Mexico City.

Dylan Stouffer, like many other young gamers, wanted a real one. "I just got obsessed

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Inflation: What the Fed can't defeat, robots can.

Software robots deliver productivity gains, fast.



UiPath Reboot Work.

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GIDEON RACHMAN

● We should be ploughing fields, not fighting Russians
OLEG USTENKO, ZELENSKY ADVISER

● Tech groups must be held to account over propaganda
MARIETJE SCHAAKE

Markets rattled by push for Russian crude ban as refugee crisis mounts

● Berlin resists bid to bar imports ● Brent touches \$139 before falling back to \$120 ● Putin seeks to enlist Syrian fighters

NAOMI ROYCE AND
NEIL HUME — LONDON
HUDSON LOCKETT — HONG KONG

Oil and natural gas prices saw-sawed yesterday after a US push to ban Russian crude faced German resistance, leaving markets rattled by the threat of energy sanctions cascading through the global economy.

On an extraordinary day of trading volatility, the international benchmark Brent crude surged to a high of \$139 — a level last seen 14 years ago — before falling back to around \$120.

The spike came after Joe Biden's administration signalled it was open to a freeze on Russian imports, setting aside reservations over the hit to consumers. But the cost of crude fell after Olaf Scholz, German chancellor, expressed reluctance to restrict trade of "essential importance" to Europe's economy.

Natural gas prices were also roiled by the debate, climbing as high as €345 a megawatt hour before slipping back to trade at about €214. A year ago, natural gas was trading at €16.

With concern rising over the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, Biden hosted a two-hour call with the leaders of France, Germany and the UK to raise pressure on Vladimir Putin, Russia's president, and co-ordinate a response.

The discussions followed another day of grinding battle in Ukraine, where Russian forces continued to bombard frontline cities while attempting to address the severe logistical issues that have hampered their ground offensives, particularly in the north.

A senior US defence official said nearly 100 per cent of the Russian troops massed on Ukraine's borders had moved into the country and that Putin was trying to bring foreign fighters, including from Syria, to Ukraine to bolster his forces.

Even before Russia invaded Ukraine last month, stockpiles of many commodities were running low as the global economy began to throw off the



A woman and child fleeing Ukraine arrive at the border in Medyka, Poland, yesterday — *Visuals Unltd/UP*

constraints of coronavirus lockdowns. The Ukraine war has deepened concerns over a supply crunch.

"Global oil markets are in the throes of the biggest crisis for decades," said Ehsan Khoman, head of emerging markets research for Eneat at MUFG. "Oil's rally will accelerate inflation, rates will

go much higher, financial conditions will tighten significantly, consumers will be squeezed and corporate activity will be jolted. Recessionary territory is on the horizon."

Yesterday's volatility spread across commodity markets. In one of the most extraordinary moves ever seen on the London Metal Exchange, the benchmark nickel contract surged more than 70 per cent to a 15-year high of above \$50,000 a tonne, as those holding short

positions rushed to cover their trades. The sharp moves across markets came after Antony Blinken, US secretary of state, said Washington was in "very active discussions" with European allies over an oil ban.

Russia's economy has been battered by trade curbs and a corporate boycott that has spread to all aspects of consumer life, from Disney films and Ikea furniture to spare parts for cars. But Moscow has continued to receive strong

backing from China, which has bucked global calls to condemn the invasion. Wang Yi, foreign minister, defended China's "everlasting friendship" with Russia and criticised the US for trying to establish an "Indo-Pacific version of NATO". He reaffirmed a "unequivocal message to the world that China and Russia jointly oppose attempts to revive the cold war mindset".

Additional reporting by Erika Solomon in Berlin and Myles McCormick in Houston

Main developments

- China defended its friendship with Russia and accused the US of trying to set up an 'Indo-Pacific NATO'
- Details emerged of refugee destinations, with 1mn received by Poland and 180,000 entering Hungary
- EY said it would axe its business in Russia, the third Big Four firm to ditch its operations in the country
- A former British climate minister has quit as chair of EN+, the metals group founded by Oleg Deripaska
- Derivatives market price changes increased fears that cover against a Russian default might not pay out

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Orban's Kremlin reversal narrows election contest

The war in Ukraine has landed Viktor Orban with an identity problem, say observers. With a month to go before a general election, Hungary's prime minister has been forced to denounce Russia after promoting close ties for decades. The opposition is keen to capitalise on the U-turn. It knows that older voters who lived under Soviet domination until the collapse of communism in 1989 remain very sensitive to threats from the east.

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Kyiv rejects Putin's proposal for 'humanitarian corridors' to Russia

GUW CHAZAN AND JOHN REED — LVIV

Ukraine and the west poured scorn on Vladimir Putin's proposal for so-called humanitarian corridors out of frontline cities yesterday, describing it as a cynical offer as Moscow's armed forces continued to bombard urban areas.

Russia offered to suspend attacks on Kharkiv, Kyiv, Sumy and Mariupol but most transport corridors out of the cities led to Russia. Moscow claimed its offer followed "a personal request" from Emmanuel Macron, but the French president condemned it as "moral and political cynicism" and said he had failed to persuade Putin of the need for a ceasefire. Ukrainian officials said bombing continued after the supposed ceasefire time despite the offer.

Iryna Vereshchuk, Ukraine's minister for reintegration, urged Russia to

"stop manipulating" world leaders and open genuine routes for safe passage.

Macron discussed the humanitarian crisis with his German, US and British counterparts yesterday. Berlin said they had agreed that the protection of civilians was their "utmost priority" as they again called on Russia to "immediately end its attack on Ukraine".

Several proposals for a ceasefire have failed to take hold since the weekend, highlighting the seemingly irreconcilable distance between Ukraine's and Russia's positions as they entered a fourth round of ceasefire talks in Belarus.

During 12 days of war, Russian forces have targeted civilian infrastructure in crowded cities, hitting schools, hospitals and residential buildings.

Foreign defence analysts said that in offering to evacuate Ukrainian cities, Russia could be exploiting humanitarian

issues to distract diplomatic partners.

Civilian protests against Russian rule in cities such as Kherson have underlined the extraordinary challenges Russia faces in occupying Ukraine's urban areas. Valery Zaluzhnyi, commander-in-chief of Ukraine's armed forces, said: "No matter how many miles the enemy has advanced into our territory, he won't be able to hold it."

Andriy Khuchuk, who lives in Kharkiv, said: "Of those who are left... no one is going to want to go to Russia."

Solomia Bobrovska, MP for Ukraine's opposition Holos party, dismissed the humanitarian corridor idea as "bullshit" designed for Russian TV. "Nobody wants to evacuate to Russia and Belarus because they are killing Ukrainians."

Additional reporting by Erika Solomon in Berlin
Corridor publicity stunt page 2

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Mar 7	prev	%chg		Mar 7	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4247.43	4328.97	-1.88	\$ per £	1.088	1.092	-0.37	US Gov 10 yr	147.58	1.76	0.05
Nasdaq Composite	13054.42	13313.44	-1.95	£ per €	1.314	1.322	-0.61	UK Gov 10 yr	1.30	0.10	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	33823.35	33814.90	+0.02	¥ per \$	0.028	0.028	0.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.02	0.05	0.00
FTSE 100	1851.50	1713.90	+8.61	€ index	115.356	114.815	+0.47	Jan Gov 10 yr	111.00	0.14	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3512.22	3506.01	+1.73	¥ per €	151.563	151.763	-0.13	US Gov 30 yr	111.80	2.17	0.02
FTSE 100	6980.14	7238.95	-3.48	SFr per €	1.007	1.003	+0.39	Ger Gov 2 yr	104.13	-0.68	0.05
FTSE All Share	3894.43	4023.90	-3.47	€ per \$	0.920	0.916	+0.44				
CAC 40	5982.27	6061.86	-1.31								
Nikkei	12834.55	13094.54	-1.98								
Hang Seng	25221.41	25085.47	+0.54								
MSCI World	21957.63	21905.29	+0.24								
MSCI EM	2096.52	2042.45	+2.68								
MSCI ACWI	1144.01	1112.56	+2.36								
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DESPERATION GROWS FOR TRAPPED CIVILIANS

Pressure to Ban Russian Oil — Stocks Sink

This article is by Alan Rappeport, Edward Wong and Michael D. Shear.

WASHINGTON — President Biden came under pressure on Monday to ban Russian oil imports into the United States, forcing the administration to consider action that could further punish President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia but exacerbate high gas prices that are hurting consumers at home.

On Monday, a bipartisan group of American lawmakers agreed to move ahead with legislation that would ban Russian energy imports in the United States and suspend normal trade relations with Russia and Belarus. Some European countries, which are highly dependent on Russian energy, have expressed a willingness to reduce their reliance on those imports.

Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary, said that "no decision has been made at this point by the president about a ban on importing oil from Russia," adding that discussions were "ongoing internally" and with European allies.

"I would note what the president is most focused on is ensuring we are continuing to take steps to deliver punishing economic consequences while taking all actions necessary to limit the impact of prices at the gas pump," she said.

Global stocks slid on Monday amid worries of an oil ban and escalating Russian attacks on Ukraine. It was Wall Street's worst day in more than a year.

The S&P 500 fell 3 percent, its sharpest daily decline since October 2020. The Nasdaq composite dropped 3.6 percent and is now 20 percent off its November record, entering territory known on Wall Street as a bear market, denoting a serious downturn.

The Biden administration, along with its global allies, has already imposed sweeping financial, trade and technology sanctions on Russia, but Western countries have deliberately carved out its energy sector, with top U.S. officials saying it would be unwise to disrupt global supplies given how heavily Europe relies on Russian oil and gas. Some officials also view the move as potentially enriching Mr. Putin by driving up gas prices. The price in the United States reached a national average of \$4.07 per gallon on

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Bombing more indiscriminately, Russian forces attacked neighborhoods in the southern Ukrainian city of Mykolaiv on Monday.



Women and children at a train station in Lviv, in the west. The invasion has turned at least 1.7 million Ukrainians into refugees.

No Food or Heat for Targets of Onslaught

This article is by Michael Schweitzer, Andrew E. Kramer and Rick Gladstone.

MYKOLAIV, Ukraine — Increasingly indiscriminate Russian shelling that has trapped and traumatized Ukrainian civilians magnified fears on Monday of an intensifying humanitarian crisis that has already left tens of thousands without food, water, power or heat in besieged cities of southern Ukraine and elsewhere.

As hopes for even brief cease-fires flare and then just as quickly sputter, the Russian invasion, the biggest conflict to engulf Europe since World War II, has turned at least 1.7 million Ukrainians — half of them children — into refugees, according to the United Nations. Many are trapped in their own cities, pinned down by intense barrages from Russian forces.

In Mariupol, a southeast port in Moscow's cross hairs, desperate residents have gone for days without food, water and other essentials. And in the city of Mykolaiv, residents fled their beds for safety Monday when styrmied Russian forces launched a deadly predawn barrage at a military barracks. "They attacked our city dishonorably, cynically, while people were sleeping," Vitaliy Kim, the governor of the Mykolaiv region, said in a Facebook posting.

With a third round of negotiations between Ukraine and Russia ending inconclusively on Monday, the fighting raged on. Late in the evening, the commander in chief of Ukraine's military, Valery Zaluzhny, said warplanes and an anti-aircraft missile had downed two Russian planes near Kyiv, the capital.

Several large explosions were heard in Kyiv, but it was not immediately possible to confirm the commander's account.

Although it is often hard to verify the competing claims of success on the battlefield, there is general agreement that Russia's military has failed to take any major city in its effort to subdue the Western-leaning country that President Vladimir V. Putin has vowed to subjugate.

Though many times larger than their adversary and enjoying more advanced weapons and air superiority, Russian forces have become bogged down just about everywhere, struggling with logistical problems, apparent poor morale and tactical errors that Ukrainians have exploited.

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Walling Off News From West, Putin Claims a Monopoly on Truth

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

One of the paradoxical things about Vladimir V. Putin's increasingly authoritarian rule of Russia was how relatively open society always remained.

For all the state's control of media, people could read or watch what they wanted, including foreign newsfeeds like BBC and CNN. The Internet was largely unfettered, a portal to the rest of the world. Unlike, say, China, you could criticize the president with some assurance that the police would not knock at the door.

Until now.

As the war in Ukraine grinds on, Mr. Putin has strangled the vestiges of a free press to justify an invasion that has been almost universally condemned — and with that moved closer to the stultifying orthodoxy of the Soviet Union. The result will be to isolate the country, as Mr. Putin has isolated himself, leaving it with a one-sided view of the world no longer subject to debate.

Two of the remaining flagships of the country's own independent media — Ekho Moskvy, the liberal radio station, and TV Dohzd, or Rain, a digital upstart — went off

Censorship in Russia Is Reminiscent of the Soviet Era

the air last week, hounded by the authorities for reporting accurately on Ukraine. Access to Facebook, Twitter and TikTok, platforms pulsing with opposition to Mr. Putin's war, have been blocked, as have other online sites in Russia.

Many foreign news organizations have withdrawn correspon-

dents or stopped reporting in Russia after Mr. Putin on Friday signed into law a measure to punish anyone spreading "false information" with up to 15 years in prison.

"Just two weeks ago it was not possible to imagine how quickly most of it would get closed," said Nina L. Khushcheva, a professor of international affairs at the New School in New York City and the great-granddaughter of the Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev. "And yet it is."

Beyond the immediate impact on Russians' ability to learn about

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Hate for Russia, Dark and Deep, Boils in Ukraine

By MARIA VARENKOVA

LVIV, Ukraine — Trapped in his apartment on the outskirts of Kyiv during fierce battles over the weekend, the well-known Ukrainian poet Oleksandr Irvanets composed a few lines that encapsulated the national mood.

"I shout out to the whole world," he wrote in a short poem published online by his fans, who have since lost touch with the writer and were worried that he may have fallen behind Russian lines. "I won't forgive anyone!"

If there is one overriding emotion gripping Ukraine right now, it is hate.

It is a deep, seething bitterness for President Vladimir V. Putin, his military and his government. But Ukrainians are not giving a pass to ordinary Russians, either, calling them complicit through years of political passivity. The hatred is vented by mothers in bomb shelters, by volunteers preparing to fight on the front lines, by intellectuals and by artists.

The emotion is so powerful it could not be assuaged even by an Orthodox religious holiday on Sunday intended to foster forgiveness before Lent. Called Forgiveness Sunday, the holiday is recognized in both the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches.

And this hatred has over-

Military Giant Proves Clumsy. Rivals Notice.

This article is by Helene Cooper, Eric Schmitt and Julian E. Barnes.

CONSTANTA, Romania — When it comes to war, generals say that "mass matters."

But nearly two weeks into President Vladimir V. Putin's largest land war since 1945 — the image of a Russian military as one that other countries should fear, let alone emulate, has been shattered.

Ukraine's military, dwarfed by the Russian force in most ways, has somehow managed to stymie its foe. Ukrainian soldiers have killed more than 3,000 Russian troops, according to conservative estimates by American officials.

Ukraine has shot down military transport planes carrying Russian paratroopers, downed helicopters and blown holes in Russia's convoys using American anti-tank missiles and armed drones supplied by Turkey, these officials said, citing confidential U.S. intelligence assessments.

The Russian soldiers have been plagued by poor morale and fuel and food shortages. Some troops have crossed the border with M.R.E.s (meals ready to eat) that expired in 2002, U.S. and other Western officials said, and others have surrendered and sabotaged their vehicles to avoid fighting.

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Justices Give Democrats a Win In Two Gerrymandering Cases

By ADAM LIPTAK

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed congressional maps that had been approved by state courts in North Carolina and Pennsylvania to stand, giving Democrats an advantage in this year's election in two key states.

In issuing the orders, the Supreme Court rejected requests by Republicans to restore maps approved by G.O.P.-controlled state legislatures. Those district lines were thrown out and replaced by courts in both states after challenges by Democrats.

Under the new court-imposed

maps in both states, Democrats are likely to gain more seats than they would have under the legislature-approved versions.

But in the North Carolina case, there were signs that at least four of the court's more conservative justices could later rule that state courts are powerless to change congressional maps adopted by state legislatures.

Such a ruling would fundamentally alter how congressional elections are conducted and amplify partisan gerrymandering, allow-

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Shedding Masks, Not Doubts. Arriving at a Staten Island school as New York City lifted a mandate Monday. Some students were hesitant to move on. Page A15.

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A Smugglers' Paradise

For decades, the smuggling trade — of people, drugs and money — has dominated Nimruz Province in Afghanistan. Now, business is booming.

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States Tighten Abortion Laws

In anticipation of the Supreme Court decision, a frenzy of legislative activity to shut down access to abortion forms a picture of a post-Roe America.

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An N.F.L. Betting Suspension

The league barred Calvin Ridley for at least the 2022 season, saying he wagered on games while on leave for a mental health issue.

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Growing Tougher Trees

The botanist Diana Beresford-Kroeger has created a forest with tree species handicapped for their ability to withstand a warming planet.

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Paul Krugman

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EPA proposes stricter rule to cut smog

Studying California's law, regulators aim to reduce emissions from heavy-duty vehicles.

By ALEX WIGGLESWORTH, ANUMITA KAUR AND THOMAS CURWEN

The Biden administration is proposing new emission standards that would reduce smog-forming pollutants from tractor-trailer trucks, buses and other heavy-duty vehicles as part of a multiyear plan to improve air quality across the nation.

The draft rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, which would take effect in model year 2027, would reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides from gasoline and diesel engines by as much as 60% in 2045, the agency said.

It would also set updated greenhouse gas standards for certain commercial vehicle categories, including school buses, transit buses, commercial delivery trucks and short-haul tractors, subsectors in which electrification is advancing more rapidly, the EPA said.

The proposed rule change was modeled after smog-curbing regulations already adopted by the state of California, although the federal requirements would be less stringent. Many air quality advocates said the rule doesn't go far enough.

"We're disappointed that it doesn't do more, especially when it comes to requiring electrification of these heavy-duty trucks," said Paul Cort, senior attorney with San Francisco-based environmental law nonprofit Earthjustice.

EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan said more than 70 million people live near truck freight routes in the U.S., populations who are "more likely to be people of color and those with lower income."

"Those overburdened communities are directly exposed to pollution that leads to respiratory and cardiovascular problems," Regan said Monday at a White House event unveiling the rule and other measures being taken by the Biden administration to reduce transportation-related pollution and greenhouse gases.

Vice President Kamala Harris hailed the proposed rule and other administration actions as being necessary. [See Smog, A9]

Mexico tries to identify bodies

The remains of missing people are uncovered at cartel "extermination sites." **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Bill would ban the word 'squaw'

Lawmakers propose to rename more than 100 sites across the state that bear the slur. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Russia pummels civilian areas



VOLUNTEERS remove the body of a civilian in a residential area of Irpin, one of the Ukrainian cities under attack by Russian forces. A third round of talks produced no political progress toward ending the fighting.

Ukrainian troops dig in their heels

As Moscow's tanks advance, soldiers in Irpin, a suburb of Kyiv, vow to fight to the end.

By NABIH BULOS

IRPIN, Ukraine — Jackson is a singer. So, even though he was standing in a trench in this suburb northwest of Kyiv, even though a massive column of Russian soldiers and weaponry lay just a mile or so up the main road, it didn't take much prompting from his friends in his Ukrainian army unit to goad him into song.

He laughed, leaned back, looked away for a moment and — just when it seemed he wasn't going to do anything at all — launched into a creditable rendition of Nina Simone's "Feeling Good." [See Irpin, A6]

Fear over the food supply

The conflict could affect people in Asia and Africa as farmers are forced to fight or flee. **WORLD, A3**

India's future as a secular state is in jeopardy

By PARTH M.N. AND DAVID PIERSON

GULAOTHI, India — Nasir Ali was selling tennis shoes in this small town east of New Delhi when a dozen men surrounded his street stall.

He instantly recognized them as the local goons: members of the Bajrang Dal, a Hindu nationalist group with a long history of violence and a rising profile.

They accused the 28-year-old Ali of insulting their faith, because one of the brands he carried was Thakur, which is also the name of a prominent Hindu caste.

"How can you sell shoes with Thakur written on them when you are a Muslim?" one of the men shouted.

All explained that he meant no disrespect, that he didn't create the brand, he just sold it.

Then the men called the police, who booked Ali for [See India, A6]



A SOLDIER has a smoke Sunday as his Ukrainian squad braces for Russian artillery fire while defending Irpin, a city northwest of Kyiv.

Russian oil ban weighed

Biden also considers easing sanctions on Venezuela to offset the loss of imported crude. **NATION, A7**

Critical thinking 101

Kids learn media literacy as teachers explain misinformation, how to vet sources. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Dominguez Channel's toxic legacy

River tainted by racism and pollution needs justice, residents say



L.A. PUBLIC WORKS employee Greg Sarpy walks near the starting point of the Dominguez Channel, which flows south into Leeward Bay Marina.

"It's chemical and psychological warfare that I feel we are fighting here."

— MONIQUE ALVAREZ, a Carson resident who has joined a 10,000-person class-action suit

Humanitarian crisis deepens in Ukraine as food and water start to run out

By NABIH BULOS, LAURA KING AND HENRY CHU

KYIV, Ukraine — A dozen days into a devastating war and a burgeoning refugee crisis, Russian forces on Monday launched offensive new attacks on civilian areas and strategic centers in Ukraine, seeking to cripple the country's defenses and establish supremacy over its vital Black Sea coast.

Amid a deepening humanitarian catastrophe in besieged Ukrainian cities and towns, representatives for the two sides held a third round of talks Monday, but reported no political progress toward ending Europe's biggest ground war in decades. A Ukrainian negotiator reported some "small positive shifts" on logistical arrangements for setting up humanitarian corridors as soon as Tuesday.

Earlier Monday, for the third time since the week-end, Russia announced a new cease-fire to allow civilians to escape four beleaguered Ukrainian cities, but there was little sign that its forces would honor that pledge. In some cities and towns, food, water and power dwindled and then ran out.

Shelling attacks drew closer to the outskirts of the capital, Kyiv, even as a massive Russian convoy remained at a near-standstill less than 20 miles to the north. The city bristled with makeshift defenses — sandbags, old tires, tree branches — as its mayor, Vitali Klitschko, vowed that defenders would fight to the death at "every house, every street, every checkpoint."

Although the scale of suffering grows daily, Russian President Vladimir Putin's apparent aim — to swiftly bludgeon Ukraine into submission — appears to be floundering, even if he ultimately brings its leadership to heel.

Western military analysts and officials have cited [See Ukraine, A4]

By LOUIS SAHAQUN

Nyla Olsen's eyes moistened with rage as she recalls the day in early October when a surge of putrid water rolled out of the Dominguez Channel and turned life in Leeward Bay Marina into "a horror movie."

Fish were gasping for oxygen at the surface of the water or floating belly up, she said. Boat hulls were slathered with sticky black slime. An octopus died after trying to escape by climbing onto a vessel, she said.

"I called every emergency response outfit I could think of for help, including the U.S. Coast Guard," said Olsen, owner of the Chowder Barge — the Wilmington marina's heart and soul.

"But all I got were versions of 'Sorry, there's nothing we can do because it's coming from up the county flood control channel and out our jurisdiction,'" the 61-year-old said with a sigh. "I felt utterly helpless."

Around that same time, air quality officials were being bombarded with thousands of calls from working-class residents upstream in Carson, Gardena, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Long Beach and Wilmington. [See Channel, A12]

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Ukraine's humanitarian crisis grows



Ukrainian forces carry an elderly man across a damaged bridge on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday. Thousands of people left the suburb of Irpin, where many elderly people live, as fighting between Ukrainian and Russian forces reached civilian population centers.

With little more than their clothes and pets, panicked residents flee

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

IRPIN, UKRAINE — On Monday morning, Oksana Shumskaya didn't know what awaited her on the other side of the destroyed bridge. Was it death, as it was for the four residents of this city killed by a Russian mortar shell the day before? Or was it escape, which she desperately wanted?

She suffered from diabetes, hypertension and a heart ailment. Her severe arthritis meant she couldn't walk up steps to take a train, or she would have left days ago. She, her daughter and their cat, Barsik, had not left their apartment in nine days. But now Russian forces were inside their

city and the shelling was getting close to home.

It was time to flee. "We took only the cat and my medicines," said Shumskaya, 65, breathing heavily. Her daughter, Julia, carried a small wooden stool for her mother to rest on. They joined hundreds of panicked residents from this city on the northern outskirts of the capital, Kyiv, who fled across a damaged bridge on Monday, seeking to escape the advancing Russians.

As Russian and Ukrainian forces traded shells, many of those fleeing were elderly people, some too frail to walk on their own. Others were in wheelchairs or on

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A member of the Ukrainian Territorial Defense Forces surveys destruction in Kharkiv. Major cities in Ukraine were under bombardment, leaving hundreds of thousands without water, heat or natural gas.

Few safe escape routes from besieged cities; talks remain inconclusive

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN, KAROUN DEMIRJIAN, SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN AND JOANNA SLATER

ODESSA — Talks between Russian and Ukrainian officials ended without a breakthrough Monday, and safe passage from cities under attack remained elusive, as the 12-day-old war continued to create a humanitarian catastrophe.

Ukrainian cities including Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Mykolaiv and Mariupol were under

bombardment, and some civilians were being hit as they attempted to flee, according to a senior U.S. defense official who spoke on the condition of anonymity under terms set by the Pentagon. The official cautioned that the United States could not say with authority whether those civilians were being targeted intentionally.

Efforts to establish evacuation corridors for noncombatants have faltered in recent days, even as the onslaught has left hun-

SEE UKRAINE ON A17

Bipartisan deal reached on bill to ban Russian energy imports

BY TONY ROMM

Senior congressional Democrats and Republicans on Monday announced they had reached a deal on a bill that would punish Russia for invading Ukraine, as they seek to ban U.S. imports of Russian oil while further empowering President Biden to impose tariffs on the country's products. The announcement evinced

the vast and fast-moving flurry of legislative activity on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers have looked to couple their penalties on the Kremlin with a related push to bolster Ukraine with billions of dollars in humanitarian, military and economic assistance.

In seeking to inflict pain on Russia, however, the U.S. strategy threatened to have wider eco-

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While menacing, a stalled convoy also motivates resistance in Kyiv

BY SIOBHÁN O'GRADY AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

KYIV, UKRAINE — Makeshift roadblocks have been installed throughout this capital to impede the movements of Russian troops snaking toward the city in a convoy about 15 miles away.

On some strategic thoroughfares, Ukrainians have parked trams and buses to restrict driving access. Checkpoints to inspect IDs have also been established to root out would-be saboteurs. "We have a lot of presents" for the Russians, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said in an interview. "It's not sweet. It's very painful."

The extended 40-mile parade of Russian armored vehicles, SEE CONVOY ON A18

In deep-blue Calif., far-right militia groups have a hold

Recent recall of a GOP moderate supervisor is a blueprint

BY SCOTT WILSON

REDDING, CALIF. — The far right is rising in the ranchland of Northern California, using special elections and veiled intimidation to spread political influence across a historically conservative region of this deeply liberal state.

The movement is rooted here in Shasta County and includes the support of a roughly decade-old militia. The gains it has achieved have come at the expense of moderate Republicans,

who for generations fit the small-government, light-regulation ethic that guided political life here.

No longer.

The combination of California's pandemic-prompted mask regulations and President Donald Trump's reelection loss have fused together a conservative group of angry mothers, militia leaders and disaffected Republicans adrift in a blue state. Trumpists are voting out Trumpists. Veteran Republican politicians are seeing their terms cut short.

Last month, the movement successfully recalled a Republican member of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, a Redding native and former police chief. SEE REDDING ON A4



Shasta County Supervisor Patrick Henry Jones, with a volunteer at his gun shop, where the recall movement's future is promoted.

Parties copying Texas abortion ban's loophole

BY KIMBERLY KINDY AND ALICE CRITES

Illinois business owners could sue customers who present fake vaccination cards.

Oklahoma parents could sue teachers who oppose views to a student's "closely held religious beliefs" — including evolution.

And any California resident could sue a wide swath of those involved in the gun industry — from the manufacturer to the local gun shop owner — if one of their assault rifles or "ghost gun" kits is used to injure or kill someone. They don't even have to be a

victim of the violence.

All three proposed laws, which promise awards of at least \$10,000, have one thing in common: They're among numerous new bills modeled after a GOP-backed Texas abortion law permitting citizens to sue anyone who helps a woman obtain an abortion after about the six-week mark — from the doctor who performed the procedure down to the person who provided transportation to the clinic.

When the U.S. Supreme Court declined in December to temporarily block the Texas law, which established the minimum

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Día de la Mujer En deuda para prevenir la violencia

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Rusia escala los ataques y frena la salida de civiles

Crece el temor por una catástrofe humanitaria; combates en las puertas de Kiev



Un soldado ucraniano asiste a una mujer que huye de Irpín, a 25 kilómetros de Kiev, ante el avance ruso

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Luisa Corradini
CORRESPONSAL EN FRANCIA

PARÍS— "Se trata de un insoportable cinismo moral y político", se indignó ayer el presidente francés, Emmanuel Macron, tras la propuesta de Vladimir Putin de establecer corredores humanitarios para los

ucranianos atrapados bajo las bombas rusas, sin agua, electricidad ni primeros auxilios, para "llevarlos a Rusia o a Belarús". Poco después, el Kremlin anunció que esos salvoconductos estarían operativos desde hoy, una iniciativa de la que Kiev desconfía después de los nuevos ataques de ayer.

Mientras los violentos bombardeos se acercan cada vez más a la capital, con combates cuerpo a cuerpo en las afueras y el supuesto derribo de cazas rusos, la ONU confirmó la muerte de al menos 406 civiles, entre ellos 27 niños, pero advirtió que la cifra podría ser mucho más elevada. Continúa en la página 2

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FMI. Advirtió sobre las consecuencias si no se aprueba el acuerdo; la oposición pide cambios

El ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, advirtió ayer ante diputados sobre las consecuencias negativas que implicaría que el Congreso no avale el acuerdo que el Gobierno pactó con el Fondo Monetario Internacional por la renegociación de la deuda. "Si no se puede resolver, nuestro país enfrentaría una situación significativamente más difícil en el frente cambiario, inflación, empleo, actividad y en el frente social", expuso Guzmán, en medio de fuertes cruces. La oposición, por su parte, presiona para cambiar la redacción del proyecto. **Página 10**

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Sofía Diamante. **Página 18**

Un testigo complicó a Cristina

CORUPCIÓN. Un exasesor de Viabilidad Nacional declaró ayer durante 11 horas en el juicio en el que la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner está acusada de direccionar obras en favor de Lázaro Báez. El ingeniero Alejandro Mon presentó una serie de irregularidades en pagos por obras adjudicadas a Báez y que no se terminaron. **Página 16**

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Alckmin define filiação ao PSB para ser vice de Lula

O ex-governador Geraldo Alckmin acertou ontem sua filiação ao PSB para ser candidato a vice na chapa do ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT).

A cerimônia para oficializar a adesão deve ocorrer até dia 20, com expectativa da presença de Lula. Um grupo minoritário no PT ainda tenta impedir a aliança, costurada desde o ano passado. **Política A4**

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Coquetel moscovite mule vira kiev mule na era dos cancelamentos

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Rússia faz exigências para encerrar guerra na Ucrânia

Condições são rendição militar e desistência de integrar Otan e União Europeia

O governo de Vladimir Putin exigiu que a Ucrânia se renda militarmente, mude a Constituição para garantir que nunca irá aderir à Otan (aliança militar ocidental) nem à União Europeia, reconheça a Crimeia como russa e as regiões separatistas no leste como independentes.

A lista, declamada pelo porta-voz Dmitri Peskov em entrevista à agência Reuters nesta segunda (7) e entregue aos negociadores ucranianos na semana passada, elenca as condições colocadas por Moscou para acabar com a guerra que amanhã completa duas semanas.

As delegações dos dois países se reuniram pela terceira vez, mas Kiev refutou o plano da Rússia para abrir corredores humanitários até seu território e o da aliada Belarus, sede das tratativas. Duas tentativas de retirar refugiados falharam após o frágil cessar-fogo ser violado.

O conflito se intensificou nos arredores da capital e de Odessa, cidade portuária estratégica no sudoeste ucraniano. Na quinta (10), na neutra Turquia, os chanceleres dos dois países devem conversar pela primeira vez desde que o Kremlin invadiu a nação vizinha. **Mundo A13**



Homem caminha com bandeira branca durante fuga de moradores de Irpin, cidade nas cercanias de Kiev onde civis ucranianos foram mortos quando tentavam deixar o país. **Aris Messing/AFIP**

ENTREVISTA Arthur do Val

É injusto MBL pagar por um erro só meu

Alvo de processo de expulsão do Podemos e 11 pedidos de cassação até ontem pelo que chama de "idiotice gigantesca que fiz", o deputado estadual Arthur do Val disse à Folha que se afastará do MBL. **Política A10**

Renata Mendonça

Reação masculina a Mamãe Falei

Homens ficaram perplexos com os áudios, mas quem de vocês, homens, nunca ouviu histórias de amigos que se aproveitaram de mulheres bêbadas, drogadas, deprimidas ou em alguma situação vulnerável para transar e contar vantagem? **Esporte B7**

Rio se torna 1ª capital a abolir totalmente uso de máscara

Prefeitura orientou ontem o fim da obrigatoriedade também em ambientes fechados, inclusive em escolas e transporte público. O uso do item nas ruas deve deixar de ser exigido em cinco estados e no Distrito Federal. **Cotidiano B1**

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Governo agora avalia segurar reajuste de preços da Petrobras

A disparada nos preços do petróleo ante o conflito entre Rússia e Ucrânia levou o governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL), em cálculo político, a discutir internamente e com o Congresso a possibilidade de segurar temporariamente os reajustes de preços da Petrobras.

Com o lucro recorde de R\$ 106 bilhões em 2021, o Planalto avalia ser possível a "colaboração dos acionistas" para reduzir o impacto nos postos. As ações da estatal caíram 7% ontem, após Bolsonaro criticar a equiparação dos preços à cotação internacional. **Mercado A17**

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Putin já perdeu esta guerra

O povo ucraniano está resistindo, ganhando a admiração do mundo. Eventualmente, os russos podem até conquistar toda a extensão da Ucrânia, mas para conservá-la precisariam de aval dos ucranianos. Isso parece cada vez mais improvável. **Mundo A14**

Refugiadas sofrem com pais e maridos retidos na Ucrânia

Com homens de 18 a 60 anos proibidos de deixar a Ucrânia para ficarem disponíveis ao combate, boa parte dos refugiados é de mulheres e crianças. Além de deixarem para trás pais e maridos, elas ficam mais sujeitas à exploração sexual e ao tráfico. **Mundo A15**

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Les Ukrainiens s'unissent dans la résistance



Malgré la supériorité militaire de la Russie, les civils s'enrôlent en masse et se mobilisent à tous les niveaux de la société, manifestant une solidarité et un patriotisme décuplés par l'invasion.

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des Ukrainiens
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la défense
du centre de la
ville, le 3 mars.

Ces entreprises françaises prises au piège en Russie

De nombreuses PME sont pénalisées par la guerre. Les plus fragiles sont les entrepreneurs français installés en Ukraine et en Russie. Certains doivent stopper leurs activités. D'autres peinent à exporter leur production vers la

France ou l'Europe. À l'opposé, des dizaines de petites et moyennes entreprises ne peuvent plus acheminer leurs produits vers la Russie. Bercy est au chevet des victimes collatérales du conflit et des sanctions. **PAGE 22**



À Taïwan, le spectre d'une invasion chinoise

Dès le début du conflit en Europe, la formule « Aujourd'hui l'Ukraine, demain Taïwan » s'est répandue dans les médias et la classe politique de Taipei, habitués aux menaces et intimidations en provenance de la Chine communiste. Depuis

plus de deux ans, Pékin multiplie les incursions d'avions militaires dans la zone de défense aérienne taïwanaise et le président chinois, Xi Jinping, répète qu'il est résolu à « récupérer » Taïwan par la force « si nécessaire ». **PAGE 6**

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Naissance d'une nation

« **S**lava Ukraini! » « Gloire à l'Ukraine! » Sous les claquements de la mitraille, le vacarme des explosions ou le roulement assourdissant des chars, ce cri résonne à travers l'Ukraine. Profession de foi des soldats au front et cri de ralliement des civils face à l'envahisseur russe. Il ponctue les nombreuses scènes de bravoure dont le monde est devenu, ces dernières semaines, le témoin impuissant. Telle babouchka (« grand-mère ») qui tend des graines de tournesol à un soldat russe en lui disant qu'ainsi des fleurs pousseront sur sa tombe. Tels civils désarmés qui s'interposent devant les blindés ou délogent des mines à la main. Tous ces anonymes qui creusent des tranchées dans leur quartier, donnent leur sang à l'hôpital, ravitaillent leurs voisins... Et ces milliers de volontaires enrôlés dans la défense territoriale, si nombreux que la logistique n'arrive pas à suivre.

Quelle surprise pour Vladimir Poutine! Le maître du Kremlin s'était convaincu que ce pays n'existait pas, que sa population, sous la botte d'un régime « nazi », accueillerait en libératrice l'armée de la « mère patrie » russe. Trente ans après son indépendance, l'Ukraine, État formé de lambeaux d'empires aux

130 nationalités, dont les minorités représentent 22 % de la population - et les Russes à eux seuls 17 % -, se cherchait toujours une identité et des héros collectifs. Voilà que le tsar russe, dont la brutalité produit avec constance des effets opposés à ceux qu'il souhaite, lui en fournit des dizaines chaque jour. Des treize soldats isolés sur une île en mer Noire invitant l'assaillant à aller se faire... au « Fantôme de Kiev » qui aurait abattu à lui seul six avions ennemis avec son Mig-29. En commençant par le plus célèbre, le président Volodymyr Zelensky, Juif russeophone devenu chef des patriotes.

Hier tatars, roumains, hongrois ou russes, aujourd'hui « tous ukrainiens! », disent-ils. Malgré l'hyperbole, la plus grosse erreur de Poutine est sans aucun doute d'avoir ignoré le patriotisme et la solidarité de ce peuple qui refuse d'être conquis. Cela n'empêchera peut-être pas la Russie de gagner la guerre, après beaucoup de sang versé, mais cela compromet ses chances de pacifier - encore plus d'asservir - les Ukrainiens. ■

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Kyiv rejects Putin offer to let people flee into Russia

● Most safe routes out under plan lead directly over border

● Bombardment continues ahead of fresh peace talks

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Kyiv has rejected an offer from Moscow to create "humanitarian corridors" to allow civilians to flee half a dozen heavily bombed Ukrainian cities, after it emerged that most of the supposedly safe routes led directly to Russia or its ally, Belarus.

The Russian offer came before a third round of peace talks, with the Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov saying in advance of the discussions that Moscow was ready to halt operations "in a moment" if Kyiv met a list of conditions.

These included ceasing military action, changing its constitution to ensure neutrality, acknowledging Crimea as part of Russia and recognising Donetsk and Luhansk as independent states.

As Russian forces continued their brutal bombardment on the 12th day of the conflict, shelling of the six cities - including Kyiv, Kharkiv, and the southern port city of Mariupol - continued to prevent civilians leaving.

Posting a video on Twitter last night the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said he would be staying in Kyiv "as long as it takes to win this ... war".

"I'm not hiding," he added. "And I'm not afraid of anyone."

Accusing Moscow of "cynicism", Zelenskyy also said Russian troops destroyed buses that were due to evacuate civilians from the combat zones. The Ukrainian leader said Russian forces mined the road chosen to bring food and medicine to the besieged city of Mariupol in southern Ukraine.

But he added that Kyiv would continue to



▲ A Ukrainian police officer helps a child in Irpin, on the outskirts of Kyiv. Shelling prevented many civilians from leaving, despite Russia's announcement that 'humanitarian corridors' had been opened PHOTOGRAPH: EMILIO MORENATTI/AP

Cultural ties fray as fear and outrage grip Odesa

Shaun Walker
Odesa



The tourist cafes are behind barricades. The grand opera house is surrounded by a wall of sandbags. Tank traps block the approach to the legendary Potemkin steps.

Nobody in Odesa can quite believe Vladimir Putin would launch an assault on this city, a place bound to Russia by family and cultural ties, a place of almost mythical resonance for many Russians. But then, Putin's armed forces have done lots of things in recent days that seemed unthinkable just two weeks ago.

"I don't know what kind of a bastard, idiot or scumbag you have to be to press the button for missiles to fall on Odesa," said the city's mayor, Gennady Trukhanov, in an interview at a building in the centre of the city where he has moved for security reasons. "It's beyond the limits of my understanding," he said.

On Sunday, France's president, Emmanuel Macron, called Putin to express concerns



Refugee row Patel presiding over 'chaotic' visa scheme for Ukrainians

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