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**Russia said it was refocusing its mission in Ukraine on the country's east, a shift from its initial attempt to capture the capital, Kyiv, and swaths of the country after meeting relentless resistance and suffering heavy losses. A1, A5-7**

**◆ Biden traveled to a Polish city that has developed into a principal hub for military aid to Ukraine, signaling U.S. determination to support Kyiv with high-tech weaponry to punish Moscow for its invasion. A5**

**◆ Sen. Manchin has indicated in recent days that he wants to restart talks soon on a party-line package focused on energy policy, according to people familiar with his private comments. A4**

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**◆ Israel will host a first-of-its-kind summit of foreign ministers from Arab countries, in a sign of how fast geopolitical alignments are shifting in the Middle East. A8**

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**◆ U.S. stocks rebounded for a second consecutive week, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow posting weekly gains of 1.8%, 2% and 0.3%, respectively. B1**

**◆ A former Boeing pilot's acquittal marks the end of the Justice Department's bid to hold individuals criminally responsible for a pair of deadly 737 MAX crashes. B1**

**◆ Bed Bath & Beyond said it would add three new directors and explore options for its buyback Baby business as part of a deal with activist investor Ryan Cohen. B3**

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# Russia Pivots Its Focus in Ukraine



President Biden visited with members of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division on Friday during a trip to Poland. Mr. Biden met with his Polish counterpart, Andrzej Duda, a day after both leaders attended a NATO summit on Ukraine.

Heavy losses and stiff resistance prompt a shift by Moscow; Biden visits Poland

BY MATTHEW LUXMOORE

Russia said it was refocusing its mission in Ukraine on the country's east, a shift from its initial attempt to capture the capital, Kyiv, and swaths of the country after meeting relentless resistance and suffering heavy losses.

The military pivot came as Moscow more than doubled the tally of its service members killed since its invasion and as President Biden traveled to Poland, signaling U.S. support for Ukraine in the form of high-tech weaponry. Mr. Biden also met with troops and with Poland's president, a day after a North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit at which members pledged further military backing of Ukraine.

When Russia launched its assault on its smaller neighbor, it attacked on several fronts and rushed to take Kyiv with an airborne assault that quickly faltered. A thrust toward Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv, also stalled.

Forces pushing north from Russian-held Crimea managed to gain ground in the south and east. But even there, fighting has been fierce. Russia has been pounding the city of Mariupol with artillery for weeks but hasn't taken control.

Ukrainian troops have since

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# U.S. Pledges More Natural Gas For Europe to Thwart Moscow

By Matthew Dalton  
in Paris, Giovanni  
Lecorano in Rome and  
Collin Eaton in Houston

The U.S. is ramping up shipments of liquefied natural gas to Europe this year as the continent mounts a world-wide hunt for new supplies to phase out its reliance on Russian energy after the invasion of Ukraine.

The globe-spanning effort to wean Europe off Russian energy supplies was at the

center of President Biden's summit with European Union leaders this week in Brussels. The U.S. aims to ship 50 billion cubic meters of LNG to

Europe annually through at least 2030, officials said Friday, making up for about a third of the gas the EU receives from Russia. The EU imported a record 22 billion cubic meters of LNG from the U.S. last year.

U.S. and EU officials said they are aiming to boost U.S. exports to the 27-nation bloc

this year by at least 15 billion cubic meters of LNG compared with 2021. The U.S. is already on pace to exceed that target by a wide margin for the entire year.

The boost in U.S. gas deliveries goes only part of the way in covering the shortfall Europe faces in turning away

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# Plunge Of China Eastern Jet Puzzles Experts

It was one of the fastest descents of a commercial aviation jetliner in history.

By Benjamin Katz,  
Micah Maldenberger  
and Mike Cherney

China Eastern Airlines Flight 5735 had been flying normally for just over an hour on Monday when it suddenly nosedived, plummeting more than 21,000 feet in 72 seconds. After the fall appeared to be briefly arrested, the plane stopped transmitting data, crashing into green mountains in southern China.

Video footage captured by a mining company's surveillance camera showed the aircraft almost perpendicular to the ground in its final moments before it crashed, while attempts by air-traffic controllers and other nearby jetliners to contact the pilots after the aircraft started hurtling to the ground went unanswered.

It is "extremely unusual to see an aircraft in a full nosedive," one industry safety official in the U.S. said. "Many of us are scratching our heads."

The vertical speed of the descent reached almost 31,000 feet a minute at one point, according to data from tracking provider FlightRadar24, mystifying experts. With very limited information available so far, it leaves open a range of possibilities as to how the

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# Slavery Reparations Plan Sparks Acrimony

Georgetown and Jesuits opt for anti-racism campaign over cash for descendants

By Lee Hawkins  
and Douglas Belkin

In April of 2017, the U.S. leader of the Society of Jesus stood before cameras at Georgetown University and apologized for the Jesuits' sale of 272 slaves to three Louisiana plantations in 1838. "We have greatly sinned," said the Rev. Timothy Kesicki.

Georgetown re-christened a campus dormitory once named for the long-ago school president who had helped arrange the sale. The former Mulledy Hall was

now to be called Isaac Hawkins Hall, after the enslaved patriarch of the 272.

One of Mr. Hawkins's fifth great-granddaughters felt anxious and skeptical as she participated in the ceremony. Mary Williams Wagner, a retired IT manager living in Arizona, represented a group of nearly 100 relatives pushing for monetary compensation from the Jesuits. Nobody on the podium mentioned the idea.

"We were just pawns," she recalled recently. "They had a script and they wanted to

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What the explosion of disc golf teaches about the state of American business.

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## 'Bridgerton' Gets Even Saucier

Narration for on-screen action embraced by fans

By Robbie Whelan

Stuart Williams, a voice actor, took his seat behind a microphone at a sound studio in Manhattan one cold day early this month. On a screen in front of him played a steamy love scene from the second season of "Bridgerton," the hit romantic streaming series set in Regency-era London.

"He lies behind her, gently

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Mary Williams Wagner, left, and Cherylyn Branche took different positions on cash reparations for Jesuit slavery descendants.

# Playbook Is Changing With Drought in IPOs

By Corrie Driebusch

The IPO market has frozen over. When it thaws, it could look much different.

So far this year, just 22 companies have gone public in traditional initial public offerings, raising a combined \$2.3 billion through Tuesday, according to Dealogic. That is a huge downshift from last year, when 79 companies had raised nearly \$36 billion by this point.

Some companies, including yogurt maker Chobani Inc., are pushing out their IPOs to at least late 2022. Many that have already filed IPO paperwork confidentially with the Securities and Exchange Com-

mission, including social-media company Reddit Inc., are in a holding pattern, planning on updating it even if there are no plans to launch offerings soon, according to people familiar with the offerings.

"There is still a tremendous backlog of companies looking to go," said David Bauer, head of equity capital markets at KKR, referring to both KKR-owned companies and others on deck.

For the market to thaw, IPO bankers and lawyers say major stock indexes will need to stop swinging wildly as investors evaluate surging inflation, interest-rate hikes, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and whether

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## Food and drink special

LIFE & ARTS

# Russia says Ukraine war in new 'phase' as focus turns to Donbas

◆ Moscow 'never planned to storm' Kharkiv and Kyiv ◆ Zelensky and allies cautious of shift

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Russia yesterday said it was refocusing its month-long war in Ukraine on the country's Donbas region, in comments that suggested Moscow could scale back attacks in other parts of the country.

Speaking at a defence ministry briefing in Moscow, Sergei Rudskoy, a high-ranking official in the Russian army, said the Kremlin's "special operation" in Ukraine was entering a new phase designed to fully "liberate" the eastern Donbas region. He said targeting other cities including the capital Kyiv was a strategy to distract the Ukrainian army.

Ukrainian and western officials were cautious about the claim of a shift in military strategy, which comes as Russian advances on Kyiv and other cities have stalled. A US defence official said Ukraine had gained back some ground in Kherson, a city previously under Russian control. An official accompanying US president Joe Biden during a trip to Europe said they were not treating the Russian statements as new and would wait to see if anything changed.

Rudskoy said: "The main aims of the first phase of the operation have been fulfilled. The military capacities of Ukraine's armed forces have been significantly decreased, which allows efforts to be focused on achieving our main aim: liberating Donbas."

In reference to Kyiv, Kharkiv and other besieged towns, he added: "We never planned to storm them." Though



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Russia "does not exclude the possibility" of still targeting these cities, "our forces and resources" will focus on "the complete liberation of the Donbas".

The US and European assessment is that Russia's plan for a swift victory in Ukraine has largely failed amid unexpectedly strong Ukrainian resistance.

A western official said that a Russian brigade commander in Ukraine seemed to have been deliberately killed by his

own troops, in a sign of low morale. The official added that a seventh Russian general had also been killed.

Andriy Yermak, chief of staff to Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, was cautious about Russia's claims of abandoning full-scale war.

"It's a big danger before war is finished to make a public prognosis, especially when you are fighting against one of the biggest armies in the world."

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Billionaire under sanctions  
struggles to pay the bills

A Russian ex-academic, politician and businessman worth £4.5bn says that his business has been destroyed by UK sanctions over his alleged links to the Kremlin. Petr Aven's bank account and assets, including a London apartment and an art-filled mansion nearby, have been frozen and the oligarch says he does not know if he can pay even the most basic of bills. Everything which we were building for 30 years is now completely ruined, Aven said.

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# Germany vows to end dependence on Russian gas by 2024 as US offers help

JAMES POLITI — WARSAW  
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Germany revealed targets to cut its dependence on Russian energy rapidly by turning to US gas supplies instead as western allies stepped up efforts to reshape global energy markets and punish Moscow for the Ukraine war.

Berlin vowed to all but wean itself off Russian gas by mid-2024 and said that it aimed to become "virtually independent" of Russian oil by the end of 2022. It added that it aimed to end its need for Russian coal within six months.

As Europe hunts for alternative suppliers, the US said that it would deliver at least 1.5bn cubic metres of extra liquefied natural gas to the EU this year along with other products.

The energy-supply targets announced

by Robert Habeck, Germany's economy minister, underlined how Europe's largest economy has become central to efforts to cut exposure to Russia despite worries about the effects on consumers.

A German ministry document said it was possible to reduce Russian gas to 10 per cent of consumption by mid-2024 and come close to ending its reliance on Russian oil by the end of this year.

Last month Germany suspended the Kremlin-backed Nord Stream 2 pipeline as part of sanctions against Russia.

US president Joe Biden met Ursula von der Leyen, the EU Commission president, yesterday in Brussels, where EU leaders gathered for the second day of a summit to discuss ways of mitigating the surge in energy prices.

Biden said: "I know that eliminating Russian gas will have costs for Europe. But it's not only the right thing to do

from a moral standpoint, it's going to put us on a much stronger strategic footing."

Von der Leyen said that the EU was "right on track now to diversify away from Russian gas and towards our friends and partners — reliable and trustworthy suppliers".

The US's LNG commitment did not specify how much extra gas would be directly from the US or other countries.

"The point here is to replace an unreliable supplier of LNG with a much more reliable and secure partner in the US," a Biden administration official said.

The EU is rushing to phase out its dependency on Russian gas, oil and coal, with Brussels targeting a two-thirds reduction in Russian gas imports this year. The drive will be tough to achieve, however, especially when politicians are under pressure from voters to bring down household energy bills.

## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Mar 25	prev	%chg		Pair	Mar 25	Prev	Pair	Mar 25	Prev	price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4526.18	4526.16	-0.24		\$ per €	1.089	1.101	€ per \$	0.910	0.906	95.73	2.49	0.14	
Nasdaq Composite	14037.08	14191.94	-1.09		\$ per £	1.219	1.210	£ per \$	0.758	0.758	124.37	1.69	0.05	
Dow Jones Ind	34890.91	34707.94	-0.68		€ per €	0.833	0.835	€ per £	1.201	1.198	94.91	0.59	0.06	
FTSE 100	1773.53	1772.83	0.03		¥ per \$	121.885	122.060	¥ per €	133.995	134.358	98.71	0.23	0.06	
Euro Stoxx 50	3810.96	3813.78	-0.26		₩ per \$	160.934	160.923	₩ index	81.956	82.144	94.22	2.61	0.68	
FTSE 250	7493.35	7487.38	0.21		S\$ per €	1.622	1.625	S\$ per £	1.229	1.227	100.43	-0.15	0.67	
FTSE All-Share	4105.33	4155.08	-0.23											
CAC 40	6953.68	6955.77	-0.03											
Nikkei	14329.16	14273.79	0.22											
Hong Kong	20149.84	20110.35	0.14											
Hang Seng	21404.88	21945.95	-2.47											
ASX 200	7041.48	7012.79	0.95											
MSCI EM E	1136.95	1148.72	-0.23											
MSCI ACWI	719.52	723.14	-0.51											
FT Wilshire 2000	5911.61	5929.00	-0.14											
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## In Poland, Biden Highlights Human Toll of Mass Exodus



President Biden visited soldiers from the 82nd Airborne in Rzeszów, Poland, and also met refugees at a nearby aid and transit center.

### Alliances Shift As Israel Hosts 3 Arab Leaders

By PATRICK KINGSLEY

JERUSALEM — Israel will host a historic summit this weekend with the top diplomats from the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Bahrain, a sign of how quickly the realignment of Middle Eastern powers is accelerating as Israelis and some Arab governments find common cause not only over Iran but in navigating the new global realities created by the Ukraine war.

Unimaginable half a decade ago, the high-level meeting reflects the new political reality created when Israel sealed landmark diplomatic agreements with the U.A.E., Bahrain and Morocco in 2020. Planned for Sunday and Monday, it is set to be the first meeting with top officials from three Arab countries on Israeli soil, and highlights how Israel — which needed the United States to help broker the 2020 accords — can now become a bridge between Washington and certain Arab governments.

The groundbreaking visit will add the three foreign ministers to a very short list of high-level Arab visitors to Israel — starting with Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian president who shocked Israelis by flying to Israel in 1977 and calling for peace in an address to the Knesset, or parliament. Hosni Mubarak, Mr. Sadat's successor, visited in 1995 to deliver a eulogy at the funeral of slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. King Hussein of Jordan also visited Israel several times, including for Mr. Rabin's funeral.

The meeting will provide a forum to discuss both disagreements and shared concerns about the Ukraine war; the possibility of a new nuclear deal with Iran; and the need to avoid a surge of violence in Israel and the occupied territories next month, when

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### Thomas Urged to Recuse Himself in Jan. 6 Cases

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The disclosure that Virginia Thomas, the wife of Justice Clarence Thomas, had sent a barrage of text messages to the Trump White House urging efforts to overturn the 2020 election brought into sharp focus the conflict of interest her political activism has created — and the lack of a clear-cut remedy.

It is one thing, experts in legal ethics said on Friday, for the spouse of a Supreme Court justice to express political views, even ones shot through with wild conspiracy theories. That may not by

### Wife's Messages Cause Conflict for a Justice, Legal Experts Say

itself require the justice's recusal from cases touching on those views.

But the text messages from Ms. Thomas, a longtime conservative activist who goes by Ginni, revealed something quite different and deeply troubling, experts said.

The messages from Ms. Thom-

as to Mark Meadows, President Donald J. Trump's chief of staff, sent during and just after the fraught weeks between the 2020 presidential election and the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, demonstrated that she was an active participant in shaping the legal effort to overturn the election.

"I'm not sure how I would have come out if we just had a lot of texts from her saying that 'this is terrible,'" said Amanda Frost, a law professor at American University in Washington.

"But she wasn't doing just that," Professor Frost said. "She was strategizing. She was promoting."

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### G.O.P. Primaries to Gauge Trump's Pull on Party

By SHANE GOLDMACHER  
and JONATHAN MARTIN

Donald J. Trump has sought to establish himself as the Republican Party's undisputed kingmaker in the 2022 midterms, issuing more than 120 endorsements to elevate allies, punish those who have crossed him and turn his baseless claim that the 2020 election was stolen into a litmus test for the party.

But the range of Trump-backed candidates has become so unwieldy that even some of his own advisers have warned that his expansive effort to install loyalists nationwide has not only threatened his brand but diluted its impact, exposing him unnecessarily to political risk, according to advisers and Republican strategists.

Mr. Trump's face-saving decision on Wednesday to retract his endorsement of Representative Mo Brooks, a longtime ally who has slumped in the polls in Alabama's Senate race, only highlighted the perils of an upcoming primary season that will test the former president's sway over the Republican Party.

Already, two of Mr. Trump's early and most prominent Senate



Kari Lake, a candidate for Arizona governor, at a rally in January. She was recently endorsed by former President Donald J. Trump.

endorsements have backfired long before voters head to the polls. In addition to Alabama, his initial choice in Pennsylvania, Sean Parnell, quit the race last fall after abuse allegations emerged in a child custody dispute. And fears of further setbacks have helped keep Mr. Trump on the sidelines so far in choosing a re-

placement there or a candidate in the Ohio or Missouri Senate races. Georgia, where Mr. Trump is headed this weekend, represents one of his riskiest bets. He has been fixated on unseating the Republican governor, Brian Kemp. But Mr. Trump's handpicked challenger has been struggling to gain

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### Moscow Signals a Change in Its War Goals

This article is by Anton  
Troianovski, Michael D. Shear and  
Michael Levenson.

Russia signaled a possible recalibration of its war aims in Ukraine on Friday as the Kremlin faced spreading global ostracism for the brutal invasion, hardened Western economic punishments and a determined Ukrainian resistance that appeared to be making some gains on the ground.

A statement by Russia's Defense Ministry said the goals of the "first stage of the operation" had been "mainly accomplished," with Ukraine's combat capabilities "significantly reduced," and that it would focus on securing Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, where Russia-backed separatists have been fighting for eight years. The Defense Ministry statement was ambiguous about further possible Russian territorial ambitions in Ukraine, where its ground forces have been mostly stymied by the unexpectedly strong Ukrainian military response.

But on a day when President Biden was visiting U.S. soldiers in Poland near the Ukrainian border, the statement suggested the possibility that the Russians were looking for a way to salvage some kind of achievement before the costs of the war they launched a month ago became impossibly onerous.

While Russia "does not exclude" that its forces will storm major Ukrainian cities such as Chernihiv, Mykolaiv and the capital, Kyiv, the Defense Ministry statement said taking them over was not the primary objective.

"As individual units carry out their tasks — and they are being solved successfully — our forces and means will be concentrated on the main thing: the complete liberation of the Donbas," Col. Gen. Sergei Rudskoi, a senior Russian military commander, said in the statement, his first since Russia's invasion on Feb. 24.

Whether General Rudskoi's statement was sincere or simply

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### Travels to a Hub for Ukrainians on the Run

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WARSAW — President Biden traveled to a Polish city close to the border of war-torn Ukraine on Friday, vowing to maintain America's solidarity with the countries on NATO's eastern flank and reaffirming a commitment to financial support and humanitarian assistance for dealing with a staggering wave of refugees.

The president heard firsthand from President Andrzej Duda of Poland about the desperate plight of more than two million people who have poured into his country just in the past month, driven from their homes by constant bombardment across Ukraine. "Wounded persons" with "mental trauma," Mr. Duda told Mr. Biden, describing the many Ukrainians who had arrived with virtually no belongings.

"The suffering that's taking place now is at our doorstep," Mr. Biden told Mr. Duda during a briefing from officials managing the exodus of Ukrainians into neighboring countries. "You're the ones who are risking in some cases, your lives, and risking all you know, to try to help."

Mr. Biden did not venture into Ukraine because of security concerns — a fact that he lamented in remarks to reporters.

"Quite frankly, part of my disappointment is that I can't see it firsthand like I have in other places," the president said. "They would not let me — understandably, I guess."

Instead, he met with Mr. Duda about 50 miles from the Ukrainian border in the southeastern city of Rzeszow, which has become a hub for humanitarian aid and a transit point for refugees. Mr. Biden also visited American troops stationed at a nearby military installation as part of a beefed-up NATO force in Eastern Europe, thanking them for serving as a visible deterrent to President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.

He again called Mr. Putin a "war criminal," a characterization that drew an angry response from the

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### U.S. Makes a Pact With Europe To Reduce Use of Russian Energy

By CLIFFORD KRAUSS

The United States announced a deal with European leaders on Friday to increase shipments of natural gas to help wean Europe off Russian energy. And Germany set an ambitious goal of halving its imports of Russian oil and coal this year and freeing itself from its dependence on Russian natural gas by the middle of 2024.

Germany's timelines, outlined by its vice chancellor, are a remarkable turnaround by Europe's largest economy, which has long relied extensively on Russia for energy. Just a few months ago, Germany was still aiming to buy even more natural gas from Moscow through a new pipeline called Nord Stream 2.

But President Vladimir V. Putin's invasion of Ukraine has forced leaders in Germany and other European countries to rip up the energy playbook they had used for years, decades even, in just a month. The German vice chancellor, Robert Habeck, said at a briefing in Berlin that his country was shifting away from Russian energy at an "insane pace."



A liquefied natural gas terminal in Porto Venero, Italy.

President Biden is seeking to encourage similar moves by other European countries, in part by offering up the United States as an energy supplier.

The deal he announced, in Brussels earlier on Friday, lacked many details but contained some big goals: The United States would send an additional 15 billion cubic meters of liquefied natural gas to Europe this year — roughly 10 to 12 percent of current annual U.S. exports to all countries. By

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## RUSSIA MAY BE SHIFTING ITS WAR GOALS

Military cites new objective in Ukraine, which could provide Putin a way out.

By PATRICK J. McDONNELL, MARCUS YAM, JAWED KALEEM AND LAURA KING

**LVIV, Ukraine** — As President Biden visited Poland on Friday in a show of support for NATO's eastern flank, Russian military chiefs signaled a streamlining of war aims in Ukraine — a potentially face-saving path for Vladimir Putin to exit what has become a lengthy, grinding and increasingly deadlocked conflict.

Even as Ukraine continued to tout an emerging ability to launch counterattacks against a far stronger invading force, the start of the war's second month brought fresh evidence of the horrifying toll in civilian lives. Ukrainian officials said Friday that at least 300 people had died in a Russian airstrike this month on a theater in the encircled port city of Mariupol — apparently the war's worst single episode of civilian fatalities.

At the same time, after weeks of silence on the subject, Russia acknowledged Friday that more than 1,300 of its troops had died in the invasion. That number, while still more than double Moscow's previously announced tally, is a fraction of most Western estimates of Russian combat losses. NATO has estimated Russian losses to be between 7,000 and 15,000.

In pushing ahead with a war that Putin had gauged would swiftly decapitate Ukraine's government, the Russian military leadership, beset by supply, morale and logistical problems, said its focus was now on driving Ukrainian forces back from the eastern Donbas region, where the Kremlin fomented a separatist conflict eight years ago.

Expanding the separatist region westward was among Putin's pretexts for the Feb. 24 invasion, so if such a territorial gain were formalized in political negotiations with Ukrainian leaders, it could be a way for the Russian president to [See Ukraine, A5]

### UCLA booted by North Carolina

The Bruins' NCAA tournament run ends with a 73-68 loss to the Tar Heels in a Sweet 16 nail-biter. **SPORTS, B12**

### Omicron BA.2 spreads in L.A.

The subvariant gains foothold in the county amid a federal COVID funding stalemate. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Confirmation hearings worsen

Partisan fights over Supreme Court nominees have deteriorated into depressing norm. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

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Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 78/54. **B3**

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**A RESIDENT** of Kharkiv — Ukraine's second-largest city, with 1.5 million people before the war — walks away from a building that has just been hit by Russian bombardment Friday in the Moskovskiyi district.

Photographs by MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

## 'Nothing to go back to': Urban life, interrupted

Kharkiv remains in Ukrainian hands, but at an enormous cost



**FIREFIGHTERS** at work Friday at the Barabashovo market, once believed to be the largest in Eastern Europe, after it was bombed.

By MARCUS YAM AND LAURA KING

**KHARKIV, Ukraine** — In the night sky over what was once a vibrant European metropolis, the stars blaze down. So little light is emanating from Ukraine's second-largest city that the constellations above are, like they were centuries ago, vivid in the blackness.

Kharkiv, home to nearly 1.5 million people before the war, has suffered the most relentless Russian bombardment of any Ukrainian city other than the battered southern port of Mariupol. Hundreds are dead; the living — the third or so of Kharkiv's population that remains — are hungry and terrorized.

Whole city blocks have fallen to ruins, lined with burned car husks. The sheared-off facade of a shelled apartment building reveals a tableau of life interrupted: charred books, stuffed animals, coffee cups. The golden spires of a landmark Orthodox cathedral are scarred by shrapnel. [See Kharkiv, A5]

'I feel like I have lived half the life that I had before, in just this month alone.'

— GALINA DMITRIEVNA KUKA, 64-year-old resident of Kharkiv

## Black former Tesla employees describe a culture of racism

Their accounts expand on allegations in suit filed by the state



PAUL KURODA For The Times

**EX-TESLA** employee Monica Chatman says Black workers were frequently called the N-word at the carmaker's Fremont, Calif., factory.

By MARGOT ROOSEVELT AND RUSS MITCHELL

A single mother was excited to land a job at Tesla. About three years in, she was fired, she said, after complaining that Black workers were frequently called the N-word on the assembly line.

A former refinery worker couldn't wait to get into green energy. She said she soon found herself and other Black workers assigned to the most arduous tasks in a corner of the factory co-workers called "the plantation."

An Army veteran was promoted to a fleet manager job. He said he was fired after he complained that his boss called him and two Black co-workers "monkeys."

In interviews with The Times, three Black former employees described how jobs at the pioneering automaker devolved into personal nightmares due to a pattern of rampant racism and harassment at Tesla's Fremont, Calif. [See Tesla, A9]

## Deputy knelt on inmate for three minutes

Authorities tried to cover up the incident, which evokes Floyd case, records show.

By ALENE TCHERMEDYAN

**Los Angeles County** sheriff's officials attempted to cover up an incident in which a deputy knelt on the head of a handcuffed inmate for three minutes because they feared the "negative light" it could shed on the department, according to internal records reviewed by The Times.

Department officials were worried about the optics of the kneeling, "given its nature and its similarities to widely publicized George Floyd use of force," a commander who was critical of the cover-up wrote in an internal force review.

Those officials decided not to pursue criminal charges against the inmate, who had punched the deputy in the face, to avoid drawing attention to the incident, according to the report by the commander, Allen Castellano.

Castellano was subsequently targeted with an administrative investigation, two Sheriff's Department sources told The Times.

The March 2021 incident came at a time of intense scrutiny of the agency over allegations of controversial shootings, gang-like groups of deputies controlling stations and resistance to oversight from Sheriff Alex Villanueva.

[See Cover-up, A12]

## Oscar is no longer the star he was

By RYAN FAUGHNDER

To filmmakers who grew up watching the Oscars, this Sunday is supposed to be their Super Bowl. With its parade of fashion, movie stars and acclaimed films, the annual awards show, which once brought in tens of millions of viewers, inspired generations of artists to get into the business.

But as television ratings have shrunk and movies have been demoted to a supporting role in pop culture, many people in the industry worry that the glamour of honoring the top achievements in filmmaking has faded.

There's a growing worry that the Academy Awards have become a niche for a passionate crowd as audiences gravitate toward star-studded TV series, video games and TikTok influencers. That, some say, has created an identity crisis for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the group that votes on the awards.

The academy's mission has always been twofold: to promote the business of moviegoing while also honoring the highest achievements in the art form. But it has become harder for the Oscars to deliver on that promise when general audiences respond with shrugs. [See Oscars, A12]



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## Big drop in virus shots and boosters

Vaccination rates at lowest levels since 2020 amid potential new surge

BY BRITTANY SHAMMAS, DAN KEATING, SALVADOR RIZZO AND LENNY BERNSTEIN

With another pandemic surge possible on the way, vaccinations for the coronavirus in the United States has all but ground to a halt, with initial doses and boosters plummeting to the lowest levels since the program began in late December 2020.

On Wednesday, the seven-day average of vaccinations fell to fewer than 182,000 per day, according to data compiled by The Washington Post. That is lower than at any time since the first days of the program.

The daily total has been in free fall for the past six weeks. On Feb. 10, the nation was averaging more than 692,000 shots a day. Booster shots have been more common than first or second doses since October, and the low rates have long caused concern among some experts.

Now, with authorities bracing for a possible increase in covid-19 cases caused by the BA.2 subvariant, 65.4 percent of Americans are fully vaccinated and just 44 percent have received a booster shot. That is substantially less than the totals in many Western European nations — which nevertheless have seen a sharp rise in cases in recent weeks and months.

Federal health officials are considering authorizing fourth shots for people 65 and older. But the nation's booster campaign, which was initially plagued by conflicting guidance and disagreement among advisers and scientists, has faltered: People who were willing to roll up their sleeves for first and second doses are seemingly less inclined to go for a

SEE VACCINATIONS ON A5

## In Poland, Biden touts aid to refugees



A cyclist rides past flames and smoke Friday in Kharkiv. Andriy Yermak, chief of staff to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, expressed his frustration at the results of European meetings this week. "We expected more bravery. We expected some bold decisions."

### Bearing witness to the terror at Mariupol's bombed theater

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

ZAPORIZHZHIA, UKRAINE — The theater in Mariupol was supposed to be a safe haven.

Its walls were thick and sturdy. People had packed into the basement, foyer and the dressing rooms backstage in the hope of escaping Russia's bombardment of Mariupol, Ukraine's coastal city that President Vladimir Putin appears set on seizing at any cost.

"We thought maybe they'd see there were kids there and not bomb it," said Alexy, 34, who left with his wife and 7-year-old

son the day before an apparent Russian attack March 16 left parts of the building in ruin, leaving some people badly injured and officials struggling to determine a possible death toll.

"They even tied a white flag to the top of the building," he said. Like many people interviewed by The Washington Post, he spoke on the condition that only one name be published because of security concerns.

The fate of the hundreds of civilians sheltering in the building has gripped the world since Ukrainian officials accused Russia of bombing the building.

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### Fleeing was their first decision. The next: How far to run.

BY CHICO HARLAN

PRZEMYSL, POLAND — The stream of people keeps arriving, safe at last in Poland, and for many, the next stop is a shuttered shopping mall four miles from the border. That's where they encounter a place that some volunteers call the "decision room."

It's less a room than a bank of chairs, crammed among a sea of cots, near what used to be the mall's supermarket. Now, it's a riot of activity: volunteers, European national flags, information booths for various countries, and refugees trying to make

sense of the staggering choices at hand.

"Free transport to Estonia," one sign reads. "Free housing 90 days" in Denmark, reads another, posted in front of a whiteboard listing the buses departing daily for Zurich, Dresden, Munich, and so many other cities that are everywhere but Ukraine.

"A lot of refugees start crying right then and there," feeling overwhelmed, said Greta Ostrowska, one of the center's coordinators.

For the 3.5 million people who have fled Ukraine during the

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### RUSSIA SIGNALS A NARROWING OF AIMS

Ukraine 'disappointed' in NATO-E.U. summits

BY ASHLEY PARKER, KAREN DEYOUNG AND ALEX HORTON

RZESZOW, POLAND — President Biden traveled to this southeastern Polish city Friday to visit U.S. troops deployed along NATO's eastern fringe as a bulwark against Russian incursion, and to laud Poland's humanitarian role in welcoming more than 2 million Ukrainian refugees.

Biden, who met with members of the 82nd Airborne Division and Polish President Andrzej Duda, said he regretted that he could not cross the border into Ukraine, barely 60 miles away, to see the crisis firsthand.

But inside Ukraine, where Russia's brutal onslaught continued, a senior aide to President Volodymyr Zelensky said officials were "very disappointed" in the outcome of the series of summits Wednesday among NATO and European Union leaders in Brussels that brought Biden to Europe.

"We expected more bravery. We expected some bold decisions," Andriy Yermak, Zelensky's chief of staff, told the Washington-based Atlantic Council via live video Friday.

U.S. and Ukrainian officials believe that the Russian operation has already failed in some respects, given strong Ukrainian resistance and heavy Russian losses, and Russia signaled Friday its aims might be narrowing. But Yermak's remarks served as a reminder that Ukraine remains out-

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## Testing lab took in millions, suspended over safety lapses

A freewheeling industry ballooned amid massive infusion of taxpayer cash

BY SHAWN BOBURG AND KIM BELLWARE

The drive-through coronavirus testing site, a metal shipping container in the parking lot of an Indianapolis shopping mall, gave Bridgette Alexander pause.

The man administering tests at the site, run by a company called O'Hare Clinical Lab Services, was wearing jeans and a leather jacket, not medical scrubs or a gown. He moved among the cars without changing gloves, she said. He asked for her driver's license but not her insurance card.

But Alexander was feeling ill and desperate to make sure she didn't pass covid-19 to her husband, a kidney transplant recipient. The rapid test came back

negative that day, Dec. 23, providing temporary relief, she said.

Five days later, still sick, she went to a hospital. The test there came back positive. Her husband soon fell ill, too. He was hospitalized with covid-19 in mid-January and has remained on a ventilator since then, Alexander said.

While false negatives occur on antigen tests, Alexander now believes the first test was wholly unreliable. "I felt like the O'Hare results affected me. If I had been given real results, I could have been more cautious," she said. "I could have done more."

Once a small lab based out of a suburban strip mall that provided clinical tests for nursing homes and assisted-living centers near Chicago, O'Hare morphed into a testing juggernaut during the pandemic, setting up more than 100 pop-up coronavirus testing sites across the country, some little more than the shipping containers, records show.

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## A final farewell

An aspiring social worker was shot in front of her daughters. Now, her family says goodbye.



Jayla Johnson, 4, attends her mother's funeral in Southeast Washington. Jayla is one of at least seven children to witness the fatal shootings of their parents in D.C. since the start of the year.

BY LIZZIE JOHNSON

The mother arrived first, her cane tapping as she crossed the parking lot, the pompom on her blue knit hat bobbing. It was late January — bitter, overcast — and she was 24 minutes late to plan her daughter's burial.

Sherlye Johnson rang the doorbell of the Southern Maryland funeral home. A moment later, the director of operations answered.

"I'm Sierra's mom," Johnson said, her face hollowed by grief. "Hi, Sierra's mom," Dani Skinner replied. "How you doing?" She didn't have an answer for him.

Skinner led the 62-year-old woman inside, to a seat at a glass table that had been wiped with Windex only minutes earlier, erasing the fingerprints left by other grieving families. Johnson unwrapped her scarf. She gestured to the parking lot, where her oldest daughter was still on

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## El FMI aprobó el acuerdo, pero ve altos riesgos de incumplimiento

**DEUDA.** El organismo dio luz verde al desembolso de US\$44.000 millones; alerta por la fragilidad del plan financiero

El directorio del Fondo Monetario Internacional aprobó ayer el acuerdo con la Argentina para la refinanciación de la deuda con ese organismo. Quedó habilitado, así, un desembolso de 44.000 millones de dólares para cumplir con el cronograma de pagos. El Fondo, sin embargo, advirtió sobre "riesgos excepcionalmente altos" para el cumplimiento del programa financiero. Aludió al contexto internacional de-

rivado de la guerra en Ucrania, pero también a la vulnerabilidad de la economía local y a la fragilidad política que afecta a nuestro país. Puso énfasis en la necesidad de alcanzar consensos para avanzar con reformas estructurales. La aprobación habilitó el desembolso ayer de US\$9656 millones con los que el país hizo la inmediata cancelación del pago al FMI que había vencido días atrás. **Página 16**

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Otro programa, el mismo pecado original

Rafael Mathus Ruiz

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El acuerdo prevé un recorte del déficit fiscal primario, que para este año debería alcanzar el 2,5% del PBI

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Implicó un desembolso inmediato, ayer, de US\$9656 millones para fortalecer las reservas del BCRA

**Tarifas**

Se contempla una reducción de los subsidios que implicaría ajustes en tarifas del orden del 60%

**Plazos**

El repago es en 10 años, con un período de gracia de 4 años y medio. Se comienza a pagar el crédito en 2026

## La selección se despidió de la gente con un festejo a puro gol

— deportes

Ya clasificado para Qatar 2022, el equipo nacional no se toma respiros. Fue su último partido en nuestro país antes del Mundial y goleó a Venezuela por 3-0. Tras el encuentro, el público ovacionó a los jugadores en una noche mágica



Felicidad pura: Ángel Correa, Nico González, Messi, Di María (el autor del tanto) y De Paul celebran

NATACHA PISARENKO / AP

**GUERRA EN UCRANIA — DÍA 31**

## Rusia cambia de estrategia y se enfoca en el este

El Kremlin dijo que terminó la primera fase de su ofensiva y que se centrará ahora en la "liberación" del Donbass; Biden visitó Polonia

LIVIT (Reuters).— Rusia anunció ayer que la primera fase de su operación militar en Ucrania se había completado en su mayor parte y que se centraría en la "liberación" de la región del Donbass, en el este de Ucrania.

El anuncio parecía indicar que Rusia podría estar cambiando a objetivos más limitados después de toparse con una feroz resistencia ucraniana en el primer mes de la guerra. El Ministerio de Defensa dijo que los separatistas apoyados por Rusia controlan ahora el 93% de la re-

gión ucraniana de Lugansk y el 54% de la región de Donetsk, las dos zonas que conforman el Donbass. "Los principales objetivos de la primera etapa de la operación se han cumplido en general", dijo Sergei Rudskoi, jefe de la Dirección Operativa Principal del Estado Mayor ruso. Los anuncios de Rusia coincidieron con la gira de Joe Biden por Europa, para aumentar la presión. El presidente norteamericano visitó ayer en Polonia a las tropas norteamericanas en el flanco oriental de la OTAN. **Página 6**

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## Confiança na urna eletrônica vai a 82%

Índice é 13 pontos maior do que o registrado pelo Datafolha no fim de 2020, apesar de ataques do presidente ao sistema

A confiança do eleitor brasileiro nas urnas eletrônicas saltou 13 pontos desde o último ciclo eleitoral e chegou a 82%, mostra pesquisa do Datafolha. A lisura do sistema tem sido alvo frequente de Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

O levantamento, no qual foram ouvidas 2.556 pessoas de 16 anos ou mais em 181 municípios, revela ainda que 77% da população prefere manter o atual mecanismo a retomar o voto impresso defendido pelo presidente.

Em dezembro de 2020, os que diziam confiar na urna eletrônica eram 69%, ante 29% que desconfiavam — a fatia cética caiu agora para 17%. A margem de erro da nova pesquisa é de dois pontos para mais ou para menos.

O grupo dos que apoiam as urnas eletrônicas se dividiu entre quem confia muito (47%, salto de 14 pontos em 15 meses) e um pouco (35%). No caso do aval à retomada do voto em papel, ele decaiu de 23% para atuais 20%.

Mesmo entre os eleitores de Bolsonaro a confiança no equipamento é alta: 70%. Sem apresentar nenhuma prova, o presidente questiona a acuidade do voto eletrônico e diz acreditar que venceu em 2018 no primeiro turno.

Em julho, o chefe do Executivo promoveu uma live de mais de duas horas dedicada a levantar suspeitas sobre o sistema. Observadores alertam que a retórica pode ser evocada caso ele seja derrotado neste ano. **Política A8**

**Ceticismo diminuiu, mas 82% dizem não acreditar no que presidente fala** **A10**

**ANÁLISE** Anna Virginia Balloussier  
Evangélicos são disputados voto a voto **A8**

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### Música e protesto

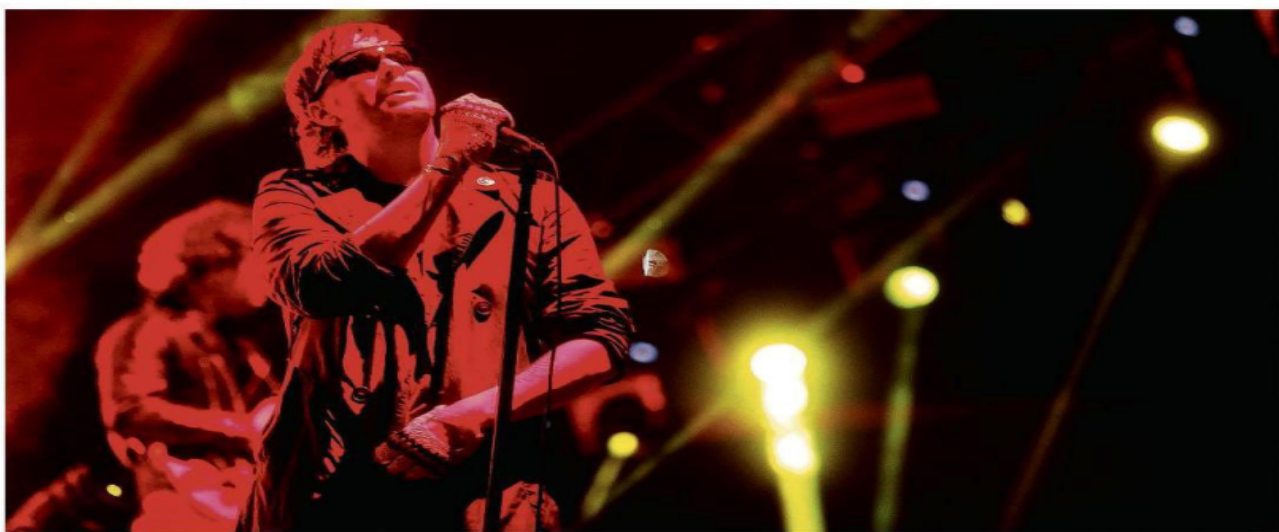
Com Pablo Vittar, o Lollapalooza viu no primeiro dia críticas a Bolsonaro, a Putin e à invasão da Ucrânia, interrupção de show devido à chuva e até acidente com estrutura que caiu e feriu uma pessoa.

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Após viralizar no Tik Tok, Anitta chega ao 1º lugar no Spotify Global com 'Envolver'

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Preço alto até do gíbi mostra para crianças o que é a inflação e os impactos no país



Julian Casablancas, vocalista da banda The Strokes, canta em show que encerrou o 1º dia do Lollapalooza, em São Paulo **Rubens Cavallari/Folhapress**

**A pandemia em 25.mar**



### Bolsonaro anuncia pacote para aliviar punição a policiais

Em aceno à base eleitoral, Jair Bolsonaro (PL) enviou ao Congresso uma série de projetos para endurecer penas a quem comete crimes contra policiais e aliviar punições a agentes. O presidente defende o excludente de ilicitude em caso de excesso na ação policial. **Cotidiano B2**

### Prefeito diz ter recebido pedido de dinheiro por evento do MEC

O prefeito de Piracicaba (SP), Luciano Almeida (União Brasil), diz que recebeu pedido de dinheiro para que o município abrigasse evento com a presença do ministro da Educação, Milton Ribeiro, em agosto de 2021. Almeida afirma ter recusado a proposta, e o encontro não se concretizou.

A Folha ouviu de dois servidores do MEC que os pastores com supostos privilégios dentro da pasta, Gilmar Santos e Arilton Moura, estariam à frente dessa negociação. Procurados, ambos não responderam. APF abriu dois inquéritos para investigar o ministro e os religiosos. **Política A4 e A6**

### José Simão Ouro? Eu pediria 1 kg de contrafilé

"Prefeito diz que pastor pediu 1 kg de ouro por verba do MEC." O pastor segurou na mão do prefeito e disse: OUREMOS! Rarará! Eu pediria 1 kg de contrafilé! Quem são esses pastores amigos do Bozo que mandam no MEC? Surgiram do nada! São da pancada evangélica! **Ilustrada C6**

### Medida flexibiliza regulamentação do trabalho híbrido

O governo assinou medida que flexibiliza regras para contrato por teletrabalho e enrijece as do auxílio-alimentação. Abrir mão do controle de jornada em acordo por produção e tarefa pode ser inconstitucional, diz o procurador-geral do Trabalho José de Lima Pereira. **Mercado A21 e A23**

### Butanvac empaca e tem 10 milhões de doses paradas

Um ano após anúncio da vacina "100% brasileira" contra Covid, a Butanvac teve obstáculos nos testes em humanos. Dez milhões de doses prontas estão paradas no Butantan. O diretor Dimas Covas diz que o ensaio clínico da vacina foi remodelado. Agora o imunizante é avaliado como reforço a vacinados. O estoque corre risco de ter a validade expirada. **Saúde B1**

### Nova Tamoios será aberta hoje, com circulação vetada das 22h às 6h

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### Governo pede ao STF que União controle Noronha

A AGU iniciou uma disputa no STF com Pernambuco para que seja declarado domínio federal sobre Fernando de Noronha. Segundo a União, o estado fez concessões indevidas de edificações e ampliou a rede hoteleira irregularmente. A gestão pernambucana contesta. **Cotidiano B2**

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## Método Hugo Javier: En Guairá se aprovecharon de fondos Covid

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### Lluvia obliga a rehacer obras de desagüe de Molas López

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# Les Français se mobilisent pour accueillir les Ukrainiens

Près de 30 000 réfugiés de guerre, principalement des femmes et des enfants, sont déjà arrivés en France. Familles, associations et communes organisent leur accueil à marche forcée.

Chaque jour, 500 Ukrainiens arrivent en France après avoir fui la guerre. Le statut de protégé temporaire, auquel ils ont droit, leur

permet notamment de travailler immédiatement, de bénéficier de la protection universelle maladie et de percevoir les APL. Mais c'est

surtout sur le « formidable élan de générosité des Français », comme l'a qualifié Jean Castex, que les réfugiés peuvent compter depuis

quelques semaines. Boulangers, directeurs d'école, agriculteurs... Partout dans le pays, la mobilisation s'organise. Un défi logistique qui

peut être compliqué par l'état psychologique de certains réfugiés, encore traumatisés par la violence inouïe de la guerre.

→ PRÈS DE 500 UKRAINIENS ACCUEILLIS CHAQUE JOUR PAR LA FRANCE → DANS UN BUS, AVEC SVETLANA, RESCAPÉE DE TCHERNOBYL, RÉFUGIÉE DE GUERRE → À BERLIN, CES QUELQUES JOURS OÙ NOUS AVONS HÉBERGÉ AOURIKA ET SON FILS ROSTIK → DES PSYS DÉPLOYÉS POUR APAISER LES TRAUMATISMES DE LA GUERRE → LA DÉLICATE PRISE EN CHARGE DES MALADES CHRONIQUES PAGES 2 À 5 ET L'EDITORIAL



## En Pologne, Biden affiche son soutien aux pays en première ligne

Le chef de la Maison-Blanche a rendu visite hier aux 10 500 soldats américains déployés en Pologne, pays qui accueille aussi des milliers d'Ukrainiens. « Vous êtes au centre d'une bataille entre les démocraties et les autocrates », a-t-il dit. PAGE 6

## Pétrole, gaz : l'Europe se tourne vers les États-Unis

Joe Biden s'est engagé à livrer 15 milliards de mètres cubes additionnels de gaz naturel liquéfié (GNL) d'ici à la fin de l'année pour réduire la dépendance européenne au gaz russe. L'Amérique devrait même plus que tripler ses volumes de GNL exportés d'ici à 2030, ce qui représenterait un tiers du gaz acheté à la Russie. L'Europe devra construire de nouveaux terminaux de regazéification et des sites de stockage. Un défi considérable et coûteux. PAGE 24

## ÉDITORIAL par Laurence de Charette ldecharette@lefigaro.fr

### Au bout de l'enfer

Le dos courbé, un vieil homme erre au milieu des décombres dans une rue déserte. Derrière lui s'étend un paysage de désolation, champ de gravats et d'immeubles éventrés par les bombes, fantômes de la cité qui était. Sa main droite serre le manche d'un petit chariot rempli d'objets disparates, au sein desquels on distingue quelques boîtes de conserve, un pull et un tableau tant bien que mal protégé d'un bout de plastique : « Tout ce qu'il reste de ma maison », souffle-t-il, levant à peine les yeux vers la caméra. L'Europe est saisie d'effroi devant le sort des civils ukrainiens - femmes, enfants et, quand ils peuvent se déplacer, grands-parents - jetés sur les routes de l'exode par les chars de Vladimir Poutine. Au bout de l'enfer, aux portes de l'Ukraine, se tiennent ses voisins, proches ou un peu plus lointains, la main tendue vers les réfugiés qui affluent. Hier, le premier ministre, Jean Castex, a opportunément salué « le formidable élan de solidarité des Françaises et des Français », qui ont proposé plus de 91 000 places d'hébergement. Car, pour offrir un toit aux familles ukrainiennes victimes de la guerre pendant que les hommes restent au combat, c'est sur

les particuliers que s'appuie surtout l'État ! Les dispositifs nationaux, eux, sont déjà engorgés depuis longtemps par le flux migratoire extra-européen et majoritairement économique.

Le cœur et la morale suffisent-ils à compenser cet élan qui pousse les Français, et les Européens, à ouvrir grand les portes de leur maison ou à soutenir des mesures contre la Russie, dont on sait bien qu'elles frapperont en retour tous les porte-monnaie ? Sans doute retrouvent-ils, dans le calvaire de ce peuple chassé de ses terres, et dont le seul crime est de se vivre en nation, quelque chose du drame qui ronge

Pas de véritable liberté sans chez-soi

nos sociétés hostiles à l'enracinement, avides de fluidité, aveuglées par le mythe de la mondialisation heureuse et de la toute-puissance du grand-progrès-qui-fait-le-bien-sur-la-terre. À rebours des débats confus et des morales faciles, loin des fausses promesses du monde liquide, l'appel des réfugiés ukrainiens souligne combien il n'est pas de véritable liberté sans chez-soi. ■

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## Deadliest single attack in Ukraine killed 300

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Authorities in Mariupol have said as many as 300 people were killed in a Russian bombing of a theatre last week, putting a death toll for the first time on the deadliest single attack since Moscow launched its invasion of Ukraine more than a month ago. The figure, based on the accounts of witnesses, came as the United

Nations human rights team in Ukraine said it had reports of mass graves in the southern port city, including one that appeared to hold 200 people.

The toll was revealed as the Kremlin hinted yesterday that it may be scaling back its ambitions, saying it was close to completing the "first phase" of its campaign and would now focus on the complete "liberation" of Donbas in eastern Ukraine.

"The combat potential of the armed forces of Ukraine has been considerably reduced, which ... makes it

possible to focus our core efforts on achieving the main goal, the liberation of Donbas," said Sergei Rudskoi, the head of the Russian general staff's main operational directorate.

He said that while Russia did not rule out that its forces would storm cities such as Kyiv, taking them over was not a primary objective.

The remarks correspond with Ukrainian and western analysis that Russian forces have put their efforts near Kyiv on hold as they are unable to fight both there and in Mariupol.

The Pentagon said that Russian forces had halted their ground offensive on the Ukrainian capital, while continuing to bomb it from the air.

"It appears that the Russians are, at least at the moment, not pursuing a ground offense towards Kyiv," a senior US defence official said. "They are digging in, they are establishing defensive positions... We're still seeing airstrikes but nothing from the ground." The official added: "That is in keeping with our assessment of a couple of days ago

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