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## EU plans fresh Russia sanctions as evidence grows of war crimes

Calls for full oil and gas embargo • Scenes of mass civilian deaths • Kremlin denies claims

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The EU is preparing to introduce further sanctions against Moscow after reports of atrocities emerged in the wake of Russia's military retreat from the outskirts of Kyiv.

Charles Michel, president of the European Council, said more sanctions were "on their way" in response to Russia's actions in Bucha, a city about 25km north-west of central Kyiv that was under Russian occupation until recently. "Shocked by haunting images of atrocities committed by Russian army in Kyiv liberated region," Michel said on Twitter yesterday. "Further EU sanctions & support are on their way. EU is assisting Ukraine & NGOs in gathering of necessary evidence for pursuit in international courts."

EU ambassadors are expected to discuss the fresh round of measures on Wednesday, according to a diplomat with knowledge of the plans.

The pledge for more punitive measures follows strong western condemnation of alleged Russian war crimes on unarmed Ukrainian civilians in recently liberated areas around Kyiv, as Moscow shifts its war focus to the country's east.

Emine Dzheppar, Ukraine's deputy foreign minister, said soldiers who had retaken Bucha from Russian forces reported "numerous civilians shot dead". "Some of [the] victims have their hands tied. Innocent victims," she said. Human Rights Watch said it had documented several cases of unlawful violence it described as "apparent war crimes", including in the Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Kyiv regions.

The New York-based group said that the cases it documented included summary executions and rape that should be investigated as war crimes.

Images from Bucha were "unbearable", French president Emmanuel Macron said on Twitter. German chancellor Olaf Scholz described "terrible



Bodies lie on a street in Bucha, north-west of Kyiv, Human Rights Watch said it had documented several cases of unlawful violence it described as "apparent war crimes". Russia/Schwarz/AFG/Getty Images

and grisly" scenes. "You can't help but see these images as a punch to the gut," said US secretary of state Antony Blinken, urging the global community against becoming "numb".

Liz Truss, British foreign secretary, said she was "appalled", adding the UK was collecting evidence of war crimes. German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock vowed to "intensify sanctions against Russia", while her French counterpart, Jean-Yves Le Drian, called for "the strongest possible international economic pressure" on Moscow.

Estonian prime minister Kaja Kallas asked for "a fifth round of strong EU sanctions as soon as possible".

Existing EU measures include banning seven Russian banks from global payments network Swift, a block on

exports of key technologies to Russia, blocking Russian airlines from its airspace, and asset freezes against hundreds of oligarchs and officials. Further measures proposed by some member states include more individual sanctions, blocking Russian ships from EU ports, more export restrictions and embargoes on Russian coal, oil or gas, long demanded by Ukraine but resisted by some European nations.

Calls to target Russian energy exports have grown louder. In Italy, one of the EU countries most reliant on Russian gas, Enrico Letta, chief of the Democratic party, which is a partner in prime minister Mario Draghi's government, called for a "full oil and gas Russia embargo". Buying Russian oil and gas was "financing war crimes", said Lithuania's foreign minister Gabrielius Landsbergis, declaring it was the first in the EU to stop gas imports from Moscow.

Russia's ministry of defence denied the Bucha accusations. "During the time this settlement was under the control of the Russian armed forces, not a single local resident suffered from any violent actions," it said, adding that photos and videos of atrocities are "another production of the Kyiv regime".

Russian negotiators handling peace talks between the two countries said there would be fresh discussions today. Additional reporting by Nastassia Astrasheuskaya, Valentina Pop, Guy Chazan, Richard Milne, Jasmine Cameron-Chilcote and Lauren Feder. News and analysis pages 2 & 3. James Scherr page 17

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## Datwatch

## Business needs

Online job ads (Feb 2020 - 100)



Source: Adzuna via ONS

Data from online job ads suggest the UK continues to face a shortage of workers, most notably for roles in the logistics and catering industries, where vacancies remain high. Graduate job opportunities have fallen to pre-pandemic levels.



## Women in US face gruelling trips to avoid abortion laws

Inspired by tough abortion restrictions in Texas, state legislatures and Republican governors are racing to enact similar measures as they seek to establish their rightwing credentials ahead of elections in November and beyond. Changes in Idaho, Arizona and Oklahoma are forcing some women to carry unwanted pregnancies to full term as others endure the emotional trauma and financial hardship of travelling out of state for terminations. **States clamp down** — PAGE 4

## Record pay for senior US executives opens historic income gap with staff

PATRICK TEMPLE-WEST AND  
ANDREW EDGECLIFFE-JOHNSON  
NEW YORK

US chief executives are on track to reap record rewards this year, raising the prospect of fresh clashes with investors and employees as the gap between their earnings and those of their staff widens to a historic multiple in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For the 280 S&P 500 companies that have reported figures so far this year, the median CEO's pay has jumped to a record \$14.2mn for 2021, from \$13.5mn for 2020, according to ISS Corporate Solutions, a data provider.

Equilar, another data company that tracks CEO rewards at the largest companies by revenue, said the median among 196 companies that had reported this year had rocketed 20 per

cent to \$14.5mn having dipped to \$12mn in 2020. Among the largest executive pay packages to have been announced are David Zaslav's \$247mn at Discovery, Pat Gelsinger's \$178.6mn at Intel, and Andy Jassy's \$212.7mn at Amazon — which was made public on the same day that workers in New York voted for Amazon's first union.

CEO pay ratios, which compare a chief executive's total annual pay to that of the median employee, are also on track to hit a record after a stock market rally delivered far larger windfalls to executives than to their employees.

The median ratio has shot up to 245 for 2021 from 192 for 2020, Equilar said. If the trend holds, "it would be the largest year-over-year increase since the ratio became a required Securities and Exchange Commission disclosure during the 2018 proxy season", Equilar said.

Part of the jump in executive pay stems from bonuses which were paused or slashed in 2020 as the pandemic hit. Brian Johnson, executive director of ISS Corporate Solutions, said bonus payouts were the "big driver" of the increase in CEOs' packages. Cruise operator Carnival, for example, did not pay its chief Donald Arnold an annual bonus in 2020, but the \$6mn bonus it gave him for 2021 lifted his total pay from \$13.3mn to \$15mn.

Shareholders are showing willingness to challenge big bonuses this year, just 64 per cent of Apple shareholders endorsed Tim Cook's 2021 pay in February, with the Norwegian oil fund and investment fund Engine No. 1 among the shareholders voting against the package. Some executives have offered concessions to investors who are concerned about excessive rewards.

## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Apr 1	Mar 25	%Week		Apr 1	Mar 25	%Week	Apr 1	Mar 25		price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4619.17	4543.36	+1.65	\$ per £	1.104	1.089	+0.78	US Gov 10 yr	96.94	2.39	0.96			
Nasdaq Composite	14170.82	14169.30	+0.01	\$ per €	1.311	1.319	-0.61	UK Gov 10 yr	124.70	1.61	0.00			
Dow Jones Ind.	34635.68	34681.24	-0.65	€ per \$	0.942	0.933	+0.95	Ger Gov 10 yr	94.78	0.55	0.01			
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1791.48	1773.33	+1.02	¥ per \$	122.895	121.985	+0.74	Japan Gov 10 yr	98.95	0.21	0.00			
Euro Stoxx 50	3919.65	3867.73	+1.34	¥ per £	161.033	160.934	+0.06	US Gov 30 yr	95.63	2.44	-0.01			
FTSE 100	7537.90	7483.35	+0.73	SFr per £	1.022	1.022	0.00	Ger Gov 2 yr	100.16	-0.07	0.01			
FTSE All-Share	4199.48	4185.33	+0.62	€ per \$	0.906	0.910	-0.45							
CAC 40	6984.31	6953.98	+0.44											
Nikkei	27995.98	28110.39	-0.39											
Hong Kong	22030.55	21945.95	+0.40											
MSCI World \$	3053.67	-	-											
MSCI EM \$	1141.79	-	-											
MSCI ACWI \$	711.58	-	-											

## COMMODITIES

	Apr 1	Mar 25	%Week
Oil WTI \$	99.75	113.20	-11.88
Oil Brent \$	104.58	120.02	-12.80
Gold \$	1942.15	1965.20	-1.17

	price	prev	chg
Food Funds Eff	0.09	0.09	0.00
US 3m Bill	0.52	0.55	-0.03
Euro Libor 3m	-0.50	-0.50	0.00
UK 3m	1.04	1.03	0.00

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A mass grave — about a dozen yards long and two yards wide — in Bucha, Ukraine. A pile of dirt lay nearby to cover more bodies.

## UKRAINE ACCUSES RUSSIAN SOLDIERS OF WAR ATROCITIES

**Outraged West Demands New Sanctions  
as Putin's Troops Pivot to Donbas**

This article is by **Carlotta Gall**, **Andrew E. Kramer** and **Natalie Kitroeff**.

BUCHA, Ukraine — Growing evidence of atrocities against civilians has brought home the horrific toll of the war in Ukraine, prompting world leaders on Sunday to threaten even harsher sanctions, including a lockout of Russia's vital gas industry, a step some had been loath to take.

In Bucha, a newly liberated suburb northwest of the capital, residents were still finding bodies in yards and roadways days after Russian troops withdrew. A man in a bright blue fleece lay hunched over the steering wheel of a crushed car at an intersection in the center of town. Another man lay on his back beside the road, a large bullet hole in the back of his head and his green bicycle toppled beside him.

But it was the discovery of corpses with their wrists bound, images of which quickly proliferated online, that ignited the most international outrage.

"The Russian authorities will have to answer for these crimes," said France's president, Emmanuel Macron. Poland's prime minister, Mateusz Morawiecki, called the actions of the Russian army in Bucha and other towns "acts of genocide." And António Guterres, the United Nations secretary general, expressing "shock" over the images of dead civilians, said: "It is essential that an independent investigation leads to effective accountability."

Even as Moscow's troops pulled away from Kyiv, Russia continued to batter Ukraine's southern coastline with airstrikes on infrastructure Sunday. It has described the withdrawal as a tactical move to regroup its forces for a major push in the Donbas region in the east and south.

Missiles struck the Black Sea port cities of Odesa and Mykolaiv, according to Ukrainian officials, and Ukraine's air defense southern command said it had intercepted two Russian sea-based cruise missiles. Russia's Defense Ministry confirmed the strikes, saying it had destroyed an oil refinery and three oil depots around Odesa that "were used to resupply Ukrainian military units" near Mykolaiv.

But on Sunday, the world's attention was focused on Bucha.

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## Scores of Bodies in Kyiv Suburb; 'They Shot Everyone They Saw'

By **CARLOTTA GALL** and **ANDREW E. KRAMER**

BUCHA, Ukraine — When a column of Russian tanks drove into the Kyiv suburb of Bucha in the first days of the war, Tetiana Pomazanko thought they held Ukrainian soldiers and went out to her front gate to see.

But the troops opened fire on Ms. Pomazanko, 56. Bullets ripped through the wooden gate and fence around her house, killing her instantly. Her body still lay in the garden on Sunday, where her 70-year-old mother had covered her as best she could with plastic sheeting and wooden boards.

"They were driving up the street," said her mother, Antonina Pomazanko. "She thought they were ours."

Ms. Pomazanko's killing is just one of scores being uncovered days after Russian troops withdrew from the outlying suburbs of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, after weeks of fierce fighting. On Sunday, Ukrainians were still finding the dead in yards and on the roads amid mounting evidence that civilians had been killed purposely and indiscriminately.

Serhiy Kaplitskiy is a coroner in Bucha who worked there from Feb. 24, the day of the invasion, until March 10, when he fled. He returned to Bucha on Saturday. He said that, so far, his team had collected more than 100 bodies during and after the fighting and the Russian occupation.

Mr. Kaplitskiy said that before he left Bucha — as back-and-forth

battles raged and then the Russian Army established control — he had buried 57 bodies in a cemetery. Fifteen of those people had died of natural causes, the rest from gunshot wounds, including point-blank shots, or from shrapnel. Three of the bodies were those of Ukrainian soldiers, he said.

Before leaving town in March, he said, he had arranged for a local backhoe operator to dig a mass grave in the yard of an Orthodox church. Without electricity for refrigeration, the morgue had be-

### Civilians Were Found Tied and Executed, Coroner Says

come intolerable, and another solution was needed. "It was a horror," he said. After he left, the mass grave filled up with about 40 bodies, he said, of people who died during the Russian occupation. Local cor-

oners from his office who stayed in the town had collected some of those bodies, he said.

On a visit on Sunday to the mass grave — about a dozen yards long and two yards wide — a pile of excavated dirt lay nearby to pile onto bodies. In one corner, two pairs of shoes and an arm protruded from a thin layer of dirt, and in another, a hand stuck out. On top of the pile, a half-dozen black body bags had been tipped into the pit.

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Antonina Pomazanko, with the body of her daughter, Tetiana, who she said was killed in February.

## Fleeing Northeast, Occupiers Leave Bitter Memories in Wake

By **THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF** and **NATALIA YERMAK**

TROSTYANETS, Ukraine — The last three Russian soldiers in this Ukrainian town are in the morgue, their uniforms bloodied and torn. The first one's face is frozen in pain. The second has his wooden pipe in his lap. The third is stuffed in his sleeping bag.

These dead are not all that was left behind in Trostyanets, a strategically located town in the country's northeast, from which Russian forces fled several days ago in the face of an orchestrated Ukrainian assault. A monthlong Russian occupation reduced much of the town to rubble, a decimated landscape of mangled tank hulls, snapped trees and rattled but resilient survivors.

There are also stories, impos-

ble to verify, highlighting the kind of hate left in an occupation's wake and sharing a common thread of brutality: children held at knife point; an old woman forced to drink alcohol as her occupiers watched and laughed; whispers of rape and forced disappearances; and an old man found toothless, beaten in a ditch and defecated on. "Oh, God, how I wanted to spit on them or hit them," said Yevdokiya Koneva, 57, her voice steely as she pushed her aging bicycle toward the center of town on Friday.

Ukrainian forces are now gaining ground, as more than a month into the war Russian forces are pulling back from their positions.

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## Days Before the French Election, Le Pen Sees a Surge in the Polls

By **ROGER COHEN**

PARIS — At last, Emmanuel Macron stepped forth. The French president entered a vast arena this weekend, plunged into darkness and lit only by spotlights and glow sticks, before a crowd of 30,000 supporters in a domed stadium in the Paris suburbs.

It was a highly choreographed appearance — his first campaign rally for an election now less than a week away — with something of the air of a rock concert. But Mr. Macron had come to sound an alarm.

Do not think "it's all decided, that it's all going to go well," he told the crowd, a belated acknowledgment that a presidential elec-

### Macron's Ukraine Focus Took Time From Trail

tion that had seemed almost certain to return him to power is suddenly wide open.

The diplomatic attempt to end the war in Ukraine has been time-consuming for Mr. Macron, so much so that he has had little time for the French election, only to awaken to the growing danger that France could lurch to the anti-immigrant right, with its Moscow-friendly politics and its skepticism of NATO.

Marine Le Pen, the hard-right

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## New Laws Reveal Wide Chasm As States Veer to Left or Right

By **SHAWN HUBLER** and **JILL COWAN**

SACRAMENTO — After the governor of Texas ordered state agencies to investigate parents for child abuse if they provide certain medical treatments to their transgender children, California lawmakers proposed a law making the state a refuge for transgender youths and their families.

When Idaho proposed a ban on abortions that empowers relatives to sue anyone who helps terminate a pregnancy after six weeks, nearby Oregon approved \$15 million to help cover the abortion expenses of patients from out-of-state.

As Republican activists ag-

### Divided Over Abortion, Gender and Voting

gressively pursue conservative social policies in state legislative actions. Spurred by a U.S. Supreme Court that is expected to soon upend an array of longstanding rights, including the constitutional right to abortion, left-leaning lawmakers from Washington to Vermont have begun to expand access to abortion, bolster voting rights and denounce laws in conservative states targeting L.G.B.T.Q. minors.

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## When Diabetes and Covid Cross, Result Is Often a Health Disaster

By **ANDREW JACOBS**

After an insect bite on his back became infected, David Donner, a retired truck driver in rural Alabama, waited six hours in a packed emergency room with his wife before coronavirus vaccines were widely available. A few days later, they both began experiencing the telltale symptoms of Covid-19.

Debra Donner quickly recovered but Mr. Donner, 66, landed in the I.C.U. "The virus barely slowed her down, but I ended up surrounded by nurses in hazmat suits," he said. His halting recovery has left him dependent on a wheelchair. "I walk 20 feet and I'm huffing and puffing like I ran 20

### Condition Plays Part in 30% of Virus Deaths

miles." The Donners see little mystery in why they fared so differently: Mr. Donner has diabetes, a chronic disease that hobbles the body's ability to regulate blood sugar and inexorably wreaks havoc on circulation, kidney function and other vital organs.

After older people and nursing home residents, perhaps no group has been harder hit by the pandemic than people with diabetes. Recent studies suggest that 30

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A barrage of gunfire, which also left 12 injured, erupted as revelers were leaving downtown nightclubs. PAGE A13

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**Charles M. Blow**



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**Her Dream Come True**  
At the 64th annual Grammys, Olivia Rodrigo, 19, won three awards, including for best new artist and best pop solo performance. PAGE C1







**THE BODY** of a Ukrainian civilian lies on the side of a street with a scattered bag of food as community workers carry another dead civilian in a body bag in the town of Bucha, near Kyiv, the capital.

## West condemns Moscow over images of war 'horrors'

Russian soldiers are accused of killing and raping civilians in the war against Ukraine.

BY PATRICK J. McDONNELL AND KURTIS LEE

**LVIV, Ukraine** — Ukrainian forces braced for an intensified Russian onslaught against the eastern region of Donbas as officials from Ukraine, the U.S. and other countries Sunday condemned Moscow over allegations of civilian executions.

A gruesome cleanup was underway in the northern



**KONSTYANTYN**, 70, who didn't want his full name used, walks on a torn-up street past destroyed homes and tanks in Bucha after Russian forces withdrew.

suburbs of Kyiv, the capital, following the withdrawal of Russian troops. Ukrainian soldiers were removing bodies from streets, homes and other sites in the towns of Bucha and Irpin, which had been recently occupied by Russian forces.

"Bucha massacre proves that Russian hatred towards Ukrainians is beyond anything Europe has seen since WWII," Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine's foreign minister, wrote on Twitter. "The only way to stop this: help Ukraine kick Russians out as soon as possible. Partners know our needs. Tanks, combat aircraft, heavy air defense systems."

Ukrainian officials accused Russian forces of

## 6 dead, 12 hurt in gunfire near state Capitol

Sacramento police hunt for 'multiple' gunmen in shooting that erupted outside downtown nightclubs.

BY BRITTNY MEJIA, HANNAH WILEY, JESSICA GARRISON AND HANNAH FRY

**SACRAMENTO** — In the early hours of Sunday morning outside downtown nightclubs just blocks from the state Capitol, a barrage of gunfire from at least two shooters killed six people and wounded 12 others in the worst mass shooting in the United States this year.

Police were searching for what they called "multiple shooters" Sunday evening, and offered few details about what happened or why except to say that just after 2 a.m., a car drove up 10th Street and unleashed a sustained fusillade of bullets into a crowd of people before fleeing.

At least one other person fired a gun, although it was not yet clear whether that person was in the car or in the crowd firing back at the car shooter. It was not even certain Sunday whether that was the only crime scene, as a victim was also transported from another location a block away.

The killings took place on or near the city's K Street mall, within view of the grand white dome of the Capitol, where in recent years lawmakers have enacted the nation's toughest gun control laws but remain confounded by how to stem mass shootings. Already this year, Sacramento has been shaken by two of the four worst spasms of gun violence in the nation, including an incident in February

**'It didn't need to happen at all'** California officials decry Sunday's mass shooting and renew call for gun reform. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## Why do we do this to ourselves?

There is going to be a 13th mass shooting, and a 14th and a 15th.

**ANITA CHABRIA** IN SACRAMENTO

Father Michael O'Reilly stood on the steps of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in his long, purple robes, looking at a crime scene just feet away where more than a dozen evidence markers were laid out.

It was surreal, he told me, and he felt bad that one of his first thoughts was whether the church would be able to welcome parishioners that morning, with a mass shooting shutting down streets for blocks around us.

But people were already wandering into this grand cathedral that lies within sight of the state Capitol.

[See Chabria, A6]

## Climate change worsens valley fever

Experts say cycles of intense rain, dryness create dangerous dust in state and beyond.

BY HAYLEY SMITH

"On a pain scale of one to 10, it was a 10," Scott Shirley recalled. "The worst pain I've ever felt."

It was June 2020, and Shirley, a winemaker in Paso Robles, Calif., knew something was terribly wrong. He was going about his daily business when he doubled over with severe abdominal pain and a 103-degree fever. A doctor in the emergency room told him his left lung had collapsed.

But what ailed Shirley, now 50, wasn't COVID-19: It was valley fever.

Officially known as coccidioidomycosis — or "cocci" for short — valley fever is a fungal infection that is transmitted in dust. In the United States, it has mostly plagued humans and animals in Arizona and California's San Joaquin Valley, where the illness was first described as "San Joaquin Valley fever" more than a century ago.

But a disease that was confined to the arid Southwest for decades appears

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### COLUMN ONE

## A D.A. back on defense

How a San Francisco official became a lightning rod for the progressive prosecutor movement

BY MIRIAM PAWEL REPORTING FROM SAN FRANCISCO

**C**hesa Boudin and Lorenzo Charles became friends during monthly visits to their mothers in a maximum-security prison. Lorenzo's mother was behind bars for a relatively minor drug offense; Kathy Boudin, a leader of the radical Weather Underground, was doing 20 years to life for her role as an unarmed getaway driver in a 1981 Brinks robbery near New York City that ended with three dead.

When 6-year-old Chesa screamed at his mother for abandoning him as an infant, Lorenzo calmed him. When Chesa

refused to do homework, his mother urged him to emulate Lorenzo, an A student who lived with his grandmother in a tough Brooklyn neighborhood.

Chesa lived in Chicago with his adopted family of activist intellectuals. With their support, he channeled his anger into achievement. He lost touch with Lorenzo. In his first semester at Yale, Chesa received a letter from his father, imprisoned for his role in the Brinks robbery. He had met Lorenzo on his cell block. Doing time for burglary.

It's a story so central to Boudin's life that he tells it over and over, always with the same last line: For Lorenzo, "the odds played out."

[See Boudin, A7]



**RICH FURY** Getty Images for the Recording Academy

### GRAMMYS LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN

Silk Sonic's Bruno Mars, left, and Anderson .Paak, right, with their producer, Dernst Emile II, celebrate major wins. Full coverage in **CALENDAR**



**PEOPLE** sleep at 7th Street Metro Center. For some unhoused people, public transport is a refuge.

## Metro feels pain of homelessness crisis

BY RACHEL URANGA

At the entrance to a downtown subway station, Tracy Hellams sits on the ground burning the hanging threads on her jeans with a lighter to kill time. It is 3 a.m., and she and nearly a dozen other homeless people linger in the subterranean vestibule, waiting for the gates to open and the first trains to come.

Hellams has had a chaotic

life ever since she was 11 years old and her mom died, leaving her to bounce around foster homes in Orange County. At 54, she struggles with mental illness and addiction to crack and alcohol. She hears voices and doesn't want to be near other drug users who might "trigger" her.

The trains are her refuge. "I have been on the trains for four to six years," she said. "I feel safer on the

[See Metro, A12]

### Political turmoil engulfs Pakistan

Prime minister accuses U.S. of backing move to oust him and dissolves parliament to usher in new election. **WORLD, A3**

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### Panel recorded calls with Baffert

Kentucky regulators taped chats without his consent after Medina Spirit test. **SPORTS, D6**





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## Zelensky calls Russian invasion a 'genocide'

Outside Kyiv, scenes of ruin overwhelm as survivors emerge

BY SIOBHÁN O'GRADY  
AND MAX BEARAK

IRPIN, UKRAINE — Halyna Melnik stepped out of the darkness of her neighbor's basement on Saturday. She had last seen daylight nearly two weeks ago. But now she was confident that the worst of the Russian assault on her block was over.

Over the previous month, her once-idyllic suburban street had been transformed into a battlefield, separating Russian forces from the Ukrainian capital they hoped to seize. Ukrainian volunteer troops took over abandoned houses and dug trenches in backyards. Homes were pounded nearly nonstop by Russian forces positioned nearby.

Her 83-year-old father was simply sitting by his kitchen window eating a meal when he was killed by a Russian mortar strike on March 6.

Five days later, her son Serhii, who was married with two children, was killed as he tried to evacuate civilians to safety.

But several days ago, the constant thud of artillery slowed as Russian troops — facing major losses and logistical challenges — began to pull back from their failed invasion of the capital.

The few people who, like Melnik, had stayed behind and survived are now emerging from basements and shelters, rubbing their eyes in the brightness of day, bewildered and dazed as they take in the wasteland of destruction that has replaced the

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Little welcome: In Tbilisi, Georgia, anger at Russian nationals rises. A6



HEIDI LEVINE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Ukrainian soldiers traverse a road littered with Russian military vehicles in a residential neighborhood of Bucha on Sunday. Horrifying scenes there and in nearby Irpin have led to renewed calls for investigation and prosecution of war crimes.

### With new political capital, can Zelensky find a path to an acceptable peace?

BY PAUL SONNE,  
SHANE HARRIS,  
MICHAEL BIRNBAUM  
AND SOUAD MEKHNENET

Nearly every day, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, clad in dark green, records a video address to the Ukrainian people, sometimes seated at a desk, other times standing outside in the dark of the night. Lately, he has

been warning of difficulties yet to come.

"We all equally want to win — all of us — but there will be battles ahead," Zelensky said Thursday, with street lamps illuminating Kyiv's ornate House of Chimeras, part of the government complex, behind him. "We still have a difficult path to travel to get everything we are striving for."

Among the most challenging

paths is that facing Zelensky himself.

The 44-year-old Ukrainian comedian has evolved from a political neophyte, widely doubted among Western leaders and Ukrainian voters in the run-up to the war, into a crisis commander who has cemented his place in the history of Ukrainian nationhood and inspired a will to resist at home and abroad with personal

bravery.

Now, as the war grinds on in its sixth week and peace talks between Ukrainian and Russian negotiators continue, Zelensky faces a new set of challenges. He must keep up morale and the will to fight amid battlefield casualties, economic devastation and vast civilian suffering. He must retain the confidence of Western nations

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### UKRAINIANS DEMAND WAR CRIMES PROBE

Graphic images, reports spark global outrage

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN,  
DOUGLAS MACMILLAN,  
ANNABELLE TIMMIT  
AND JEFF STEIN

ODESSA, UKRAINE — Haunting images of dead bodies littering the streets of a Kyiv suburb and reports of civilian executions are triggering a new international condemnation against Russia, as Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky demanded accountability for what he said amounts to "genocide."

Ukrainian officials said they have asked the International Criminal Court to visit the mass graves seen in Bucha, a suburb northwest of the capital, so that experts can gather evidence of possible Russian war crimes. European leaders supported the call for an independent investigation and pledged to hold Russia accountable for what NATO's secretary general described as "brutality against civilians we haven't seen in Europe for decades."

The calls for retribution came as Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared to be regrouping and shifting his focus away from Kyiv, near where Ukrainian forces are recapturing territory, and toward the country's south and east.

Explosions rocked Odessa early Sunday as Russia said its missiles struck an oil refinery and fuel storage facilities — the first major strikes on the strategic Black Sea port city's downtown. Tens of thousands of people remained

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Call to action: Self-exiled oligarch says others must abandon Putin. A9

### UNACCOUNTABLE

A series examining policing in America amid the push for reform

## A strategy abandoned after Breonna Taylor's death spreads

At least 9 jurisdictions either plan to or have adopted a geographic 'place network investigations' model

BY AMY BRITTAIN

A crime-reduction strategy abandoned by Louisville police after the March 2020 fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor has since spread to other major U.S. cities, gaining favor with police chiefs for its potential to reduce violent crime despite its ties to the case that sparked widespread calls for police reform.

In the months preceding the shooting, Louisville officers had studied a model known as "place network investigations." The then-novel approach pioneered by an academic posited that crime could be curbed if police and other community partners focused on geographic connections in areas plagued by violent crime. It is the latest in a long line of U.S. policing philosophies that have used data to target crime concentrated in small areas known as hot spots.

In early 2020, a newly formed Louisville police squad installed cameras and tracking devices to surveil several vacant homes that

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Then-Maj. Richard Foy drives Oct. 4, 2021, in a part of Dallas designated by police as a city grid needing special attention to reduce crime. In 2020, the city ended the year with 251 homicides.

## Jackson supporters see opening to tip Romney

Hope religious-freedom positions will sway undecided GOP senator

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

A recent letter backing Ketanji Brown Jackson for the Supreme Court rattled off many of her supporters' oft-stated reasons she should be confirmed — her top-notch academic credentials, her support from police groups, her expansive experience in the law.

But this particular endorsement, written by 16 law professors from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, added another element of Jackson's record that has not been as frequently discussed.

"Though we do not believe that religious faith should be a test for any federal office, as faculty at a law school whose sponsoring church endured persecution by the federal government, we find it worthy of note that Judge Jackson understands

and values the freedom of religion," said the letter, which argued that Jackson would be a "distinguished appointment" to the Supreme Court.

Although the letter from the prominent Utah school had a handful of recipients, it seemed tailored to one in particular: Sen. Mitt Romney, the state's junior senator and 2012 GOP presidential candidate whose public platform and stature is far wider than his relatively short Senate tenure would suggest.

Just days ahead of Jackson's likely confirmation this week, Romney remains one of the most intriguing holdouts on her nomination, sending clear signals that he is weighing not just Jackson's qualifications and legal philosophy but also the historic nature of her nomination as the first Black woman who would serve on the Supreme Court.

Romney's stated openness to Jackson is all the more striking since last year he opposed her nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, considered the second-most powerful court in the nation and a de

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The Supreme Court is expected to release or-

ders and opinions. **The Senate Judiciary Committee** is expected to hold a vote on the Supreme Court nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson.

**TUESDAY**  
Secretary of State Antony Blinken travels to Brussels to attend a NATO meeting of foreign ministers.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Biden delivers remarks at a legislative confer-

ence hosted by North America's Building Trades Unions.

**THURSDAY**  
New jobless claims are estimated at 200,000. The Washington Nationals host the New York Mets in their home opener.

**FRIDAY**  
The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Varieties of Democracy Institute hold a virtual discussion on the global balance of autocracy and democracy.

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“¿Qué es más contrario a la música? El silencio de las ciudades destruidas y la gente asesinada”, dijo en un mensaje en plena ceremonia; fue un apoyo que el Oscar no supo o no pudo dar.

**VIVIR Y TRABAJAR  
FRENTE AL MAR: CÓMO  
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—sociedad

La población estable aumentó casi 20% con la radicación de unas 2000 familias en el último año; la mejor conectividad, una de las atracciones. **Página 22**

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Al fin se dio lo que Pochettino tanto esperaba: Messi, Neymar y Mbappé anotaron en un mismo partido, que terminó en un 5-1 ante Lorient.

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## Recrudece la puja por el Consejo de la Magistratura poco antes de su parálisis

**JUSTICIA.** Lavagna pidió que lo presida la Corte; inquietud opositora por la postura de Camaño

El oficialismo y la oposición intensificaron en las últimas horas la puja por definir con los votos el futuro del Consejo de la Magistratura, el organismo que debe elegir y remover a los jueces y que se prepara para cesar su actividad el 15 de abril, ante la imposibilidad de cumplir con el fallo de la Corte que

declaró inconstitucional su actual composición y fijó esa fecha como límite.

Cristina Kirchner intentará aprobar esta semana en el Senado la reforma oficialista, que tiene como principal objetivo impedir que la Corte presida el organismo. En la Cámara de Diputados, donde el

oficialismo tiene menos fuerza, la oposición se puso en alerta ante la postura de la diputada Graciela Camaño, quien coincidió con el kirchnerismo en negarle a la Corte la presidencia. Por el contrario, Roberto Lavagna se manifestó ayer a favor de que lo encabece el titular del máximo tribunal. **Página 10**

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## Indignación global por el horror en Bucha

“Es uno de los mayores genocidios desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial”, denunció Zelensky



El infierno de Bucha: una mujer camina por una calle de la localidad en medio de la destrucción

RODRIGO ARD/AP

KIEV (DPA).— Como en otras tragedias y guerras, la invasión rusa de Ucrania registró una atrocidad con nombre propio para la historia de los crímenes de guerra: Bucha. La comunidad internacional reaccionó ayer con indignación y amenazas tras la

evidencia de las matanzas cometidas en esa localidad al norte de Kiev, lo que constituye la primera prueba tangible y visible de la brutalidad y devastación en las zonas ocupadas por las tropas de Vladimir Putin, que mantenían el cerco sobre la capital

ucraniana. Tanto los líderes europeos como la Casa Blanca anunciaron que comenzaron la recolección de evidencias de las atrocidades para elevar la acusación de crímenes de guerra contra el Kremlin y preparan nuevas sanciones. **Página 2**

**Odessa bajo ataque:  
bombardean la  
infraestructura de la ciudad**Elisabetta Piqué  
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## Cómo atacar a la inflación, otra grieta en el gabinete

**PRECIOS.** En el Gobierno coinciden en la necesidad de frenar el aumento del descontento social que provoca la inflación. Pero quienes responden a Alberto Fernández se orientan a mejorar los controles de precios, mientras que los allegados a Cristina Kirchner prefieren aumentar los ingresos de los más pobres mediante subsidios. Hay varias medidas en danza. **Página 17**

## 319 barras de River no podrán entrar a los estadios

**SANCIÓN.** Les aplicaron el derecho de admisión por reiterados disturbios; el castigo es de hasta dos años

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## Gás consome orçamento de famílias mais pobres

Os gastos com gás de cozinha comprometem 22% do orçamento doméstico destinado a serviços públicos das famílias mais pobres, o que inclui energia elétrica, água, esgoto, telefone e impostos. Estudo da Kantar mostra que a parcela do orçamento gasta com gás aumentou 25% nas classes D e E. O preço do botijão de 13 kg passou de R\$ 100. Mercado A18

## Dirigente do Flamengo desiste da Petrobras

O presidente do Flamengo, Rodolfo Landim, abriu mão de presidir o conselho de administração da Petrobras. Indicado por Jair Bolsonaro, ele alegou, em nota, dificuldade para exercer ambas as funções com excelência. Setor vê conflitos por ligações com área de gás. Mercado A13

## ENTREVISTA DA 2ª Luciana Temer

### Precisamos falar de violência sexual contra as crianças

Ao lançar levante virtual contra violência sexual na infância e na adolescência, Luciana Temer, presidente do Instituto Liberta, revela ter sido vítima de estupro aos 27 anos e importunação sexual aos 13. "A sociedade é permissiva, na medida em que silencia." A12

## Descontentes com apps, passageiros retornam ao táxi

O aumento do valor das corridas e o constante cancelamento de motoristas de aplicativos têm levado passageiros a optar pelo uso do táxi em São Paulo. De acordo com dados do app Vá de Táxi, houve duas altas consecutivas, 15% de janeiro a fevereiro e 12% em março. Cotidiano B2

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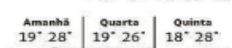
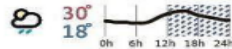
Sobre crise gerada por Bolsonaro no funcionalismo.

### Fora de hora e lugar

A respeito de projeto que muda a lei antiterrorismo.

## ATMOSFERA

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Jogadores palmeirenses e a presidente do clube, Leila Pereira, comemoram a conquista do Estadual após o 4 a 0 sobre o São Paulo. Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress

## Domínio verde

Palmeiras vence o Paulista e expõe distância em relação aos rivais. Esporte B6

## PVC

Abel Ferreira varia estratégias e mostra que sua tática não é estática. Esporte B7



Lygia é a premiada autora de "As Meninas"

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### Lygia imortal

Grande nome da literatura, a escritora Lygia Fagundes Telles, integrante da Academia Brasileira de Letras, morre aos 98 anos.

## Luisa Destri

Amizade de Lygia e Hilda Hilst foi contra a opressão

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## A pandemia em 3.abr

Dados das 20h

### POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

<b>No Brasil</b>			
Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose)	84,1%		
1ª ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose)	74,9%		
Dose de reforço	36,4%		

### Nos estados

	Ao menos uma dose	1ª ciclo completo	Dose de reforço
SP	91,8%	84,5%	50,2%
PI	94,1%	82,0%	39,8%
CE	87,0%	78,3%	39,9%

### ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

<b>Óbitos</b>	
Média móvel	Em 24 h
192	77
	Total
	660.269

### Casos nos estados

	Média móvel (variação*)	Ritmo
SP	5.846 (-24%)	
RS	2.475 (-29%)	
MG	2.332 (-47%)	

\*Variação em relação a 14 dias

# Reprovação à gestão de Bolsonaro na pandemia cai

Majoria, porém, ainda avalia como negativa a atuação do presidente na pandemia, segundo o Datafolha

A avaliação do desempenho do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) em relação ao combate à pandemia melhorou, embora ainda seja mais negativa do que positiva, mostra pesquisa Datafolha. A parcela dos que acreditam que a atuação foi ruim ou péssima caiu de 54% para 46% em seis meses.

A margem de erro da pesquisa é de dois pontos para cima ou para baixo.

Desde 2020, 660 mil pessoas morreram de Covid no país, enquanto Bolsonaro desrespeitou medidas sanitárias, divulgou medicamentos sem eficácia e propagou afirmações falsas sobre as vacinas. Cotidiano B1

## Populista Orbán conquista 5º mandato na Hungria

O premiê da Hungria, Viktor Orbán, 58, foi eleito para o quinto mandato, o quarto consecutivo, neste domingo (3). Com 91% dos votos apurados, sua coalizão havia conquistado 135 das 199 cadeiras no Parlamento, enquanto a oposição tinha 56.

Com o resultado, o populista de ultradireita repetirá o desempenho de 2010, 2014 e 2018, obtendo dois terços do Parlamento, maioria que permite aprovar mudanças na Constituição sem depender das demais forças políticas. Mundo A9

## ANÁLISE Thiago Amparo

Domingo húngaro ensina como é difícil tirar um autocrata do poder. Mundo A9

## Descoberta de corpos perto de Kiev eleva pressão sobre Rússia

Mundo A10



## ANGRA DOS REIS BUSCA DESAPARECIDOS APÓS CHUVAS

Equipes de resgate tentam localizar pelo menos 7 moradores, após desmoronamentos que já causaram 8 mortes e bloquearam rodovia; foi negado pedido de desligar usina. Cotidiano B3



Miembros de clanes, como RGD, se benefician de una Justicia engorrosa

## Corrupción: Lentitud judicial es aliada de políticos procesados

En Corte y en tribunales de Apelación están varadas causas emblemáticas. Víctor Bogado, aun condenado, chicanea. Roberto Cárdenas, múltiple culpable, sigue libre. **PÁGINA 36**

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**Tomás Rivas,** estafa.



**Javier Zacarias Irón,** declaración falsa.



**Roberto Cárdenas,** con cuatro condenas, tres de ellas por lesión de confianza.



**Víctor Bogado,** cobro indebido de honorarios.



**Rafael Filizzola,** lesión de confianza.



**José Enrique García,** uso de documentos públicos de contenido falso.



**Ramón González Daher,** quebrantamiento de depósito y extorsión. Integrante del clan político luqueño.

Universidad María Serrana bajo la lupa  
**Títulos de médicos se daban en tiempo récord**

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AVEC LE GÉNÉRAL BURKHARD,  
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**Réponses à la question de samedi :**  
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Dans une interview donnée à *lefigaro*, le candidat de Reconquête ! se dit persuadé d'être au second tour. « Si je ne gagne pas, (...) je crains que la France ne soit bientôt plus la France. Elle s'appellera encore la France, mais sera devenue un autre pays... Un pays déclassé, qui ne respecte plus sa propre culture, un pays à majorité musulmane, africaine, qui appartiendra à une autre civilisation. » **PAGE 6**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Vincent Trémolet de Villers [vtremolet@lefigaro.fr](mailto:vtremolet@lefigaro.fr)

## Dépolitisation

Et si le fait majeur de la campagne était la diffusion des *Visiteurs* sur TF1 le soir du premier tour ? La politique, déjà reléguée au rang de divertissement de masse, ne divertit même plus. Il y a bien eu quelques tentatives pour sortir la France de sa léthargie civique, Zemmour a remonté les couloirs du temps, Mélenchon usé de toutes les ressources de l'éloquence, Péresse plaqué les mérites de la réforme, Roussel ceux de la côte de bœuf, mais sans parvenir à entraîner le pays dans la grande délibération espérée. Plus encore que le Covid ou la guerre en Ukraine, c'est la trinité individualiste - canapé, smartphone, Netflix - qui a étouffé la campagne. Il en reste quelques fragments, mais c'est bien la dépolitisation de la politique elle-même qui caractérise le moment. Marine Le Pen en profite à plein et transforme son ancienne fonction tribunitienne en une sorte de populisme maternant. Emmanuel Macron ne le cache pas : l'exercice du pouvoir l'intéresse beaucoup plus que la bataille pour le conquérir. Son meeting géant de la Défense a illustré avec feu d'artifice et vibrations de compétition sportive (ola, « clapping ») cette

grande dépolitisation. Des causes plus qu'une doctrine, des crises à surmonter plus qu'une vision à proposer, des « regards », des visages plus que des citoyens. Certes, dans le discours-palimpseste du candidat, on retrouve toutes les couches politiques de quarante dernières années - technolyrisme giscardien, affichage unitaire mitterrandien, sensibilité chiraquienne, volontarisme sarkozyste et même réminiscence hollandienne -, mais l'orateur avait prévu, il se frotte « présidentielle-ment » des clivages qui autrefois configuraient le débat public. La France d'après, celle décrite par Jérôme Fourquet et Jean-Lauréent Cassely dans leur dernier essai, est là sous nos yeux : Uber Eats détrône la blanquette de veau du dimanche, *Bella ciao* n'est plus un chant de révolte mais l'identifiant d'une série, les tacos vite avalés laissent peu de temps aux conversations interminables qui animaient les repas en temps d'élection et Jacquouille la Fripouille écrase candidats et politologues de ses « okay ». ■

# Macron s'affiche en rempart contre les extrêmes

Lors de son unique meeting de campagne, Macron a visé Le Pen, Zemmour et Mélenchon et appelé de ses vœux un large rassemblement en vue du second tour.

Devant une trentaine de milliers de sympathisants, le président-candidat a voulu battre le rappel de ses troupes ce samedi au Paris La Défense Arena. Car même si son avance est réelle dans les sondages, l'écart avec Marine Le Pen tend à se réduire, au premier comme au second tour. Macron cherche donc à se présenter comme le meilleur rempart face à ce qu'il

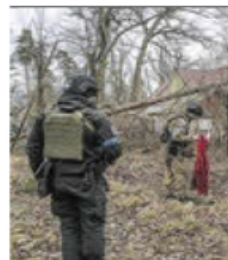
appelle le « danger extrême ». Sans les nommer, il a visé, une nouvelle fois « le tandem » formé par Éric Zemmour et Marine Le Pen ainsi que Jean-Luc Mélenchon. Le candidat a aussi voulu ménager l'électorat de gauche, dans l'hypothèse d'un second tour face à Marine Le Pen, où les reports des électeurs « progressistes » seront décisifs.

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## Ukraine : notre reporter raconte les atrocités commises à Irpin et à Boutcha

Sur les routes menant à Irpin et Boutcha, l'envoyée spéciale du *Figaro* témoigne des massacres commis par les troupes russes qui ont été repoussées de ces banlieues de Kiev. De très nombreux civils, les

maines parfois liées, ont été abattus et brûlés. Des fosses communes ont été recensées. L'ONU parle de « possibles crimes de guerre ». De nouvelles sanctions contre la Russie sont à l'étude. **PAGES 8 ET 9**

MUSÉE DU QUAI BRANLY JACQUES CHIRAC

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## Sur la route des chefferies du Cameroun

à l'invisible

Le Musée du Quai Branly - Jacques Chirac présente une exposition exceptionnelle sur la route des chefferies du Cameroun. Cette exposition explore les liens entre le visible et l'invisible, les arts et les rites, les objets et les personnes. Elle est organisée par le Musée du Quai Branly - Jacques Chirac et le Musée national du Cameroun.



A rare (and  
excruciating)  
interview  
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# Horror in Bucha: Russia accused of torture and massacre of civilians



Destroyed tanks left behind by Russian troops, amid scenes of carnage in Bucha

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● Reports of mass graves and bodies left in streets after Putin's troops withdraw

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Russia stood accused yesterday of "terrible" war crimes, with western leaders condemning the killing of scores of unarmed civilians near Kyiv in alleged atrocities that fuelled demands for tougher action against Moscow.

Ukraine's president said the Kremlin-ordered attack on his country amounted to genocide after local officials reported mass graves in the town of Bucha and killings of civilians in nearby Irpin and Hostomel. Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukraine's refusal to yield meant "we are being destroyed and exterminated". His foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, said Bucha was a "deliberate massacre" and Russia was "worse than Isis".

Witnesses of alleged atrocities in

Bucha, 35 miles north-west of Kyiv, told the Guardian that Russian forces had killed civilians at will.

Taras Schevchenko, 43, said Russian soldiers, who have now withdrawn from the area, had refused to let men leave through a humanitarian corridor, instead shooting at him and others as they fled across an open field. Bodies, he said, were scattered

on the pavements, with some of those killed having been "squashed by tanks ... like animal skin rugs".

Shevchenko's mother, Yevdokia, 77, said she had witnessed an elderly man who challenged a Russian soldier being shot dead as his wife was standing next to him. "They shot him dead, and ordered the woman to leave," she said. The accounts could not be independently verified.

Ukraine's military released footage yesterday of what appeared to be a torture chamber in a basement, with a barracks in an adjoining room. A line of bodies were found, hands tied and crouched facing a wall. The military said at least one victim's kneecaps had been shot before he received a bullet to the head. Bucha's mayor, Anatoly Fedoruk said 280 bodies had also been found in mass graves.

The prime minister, Boris Johnson, said the

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