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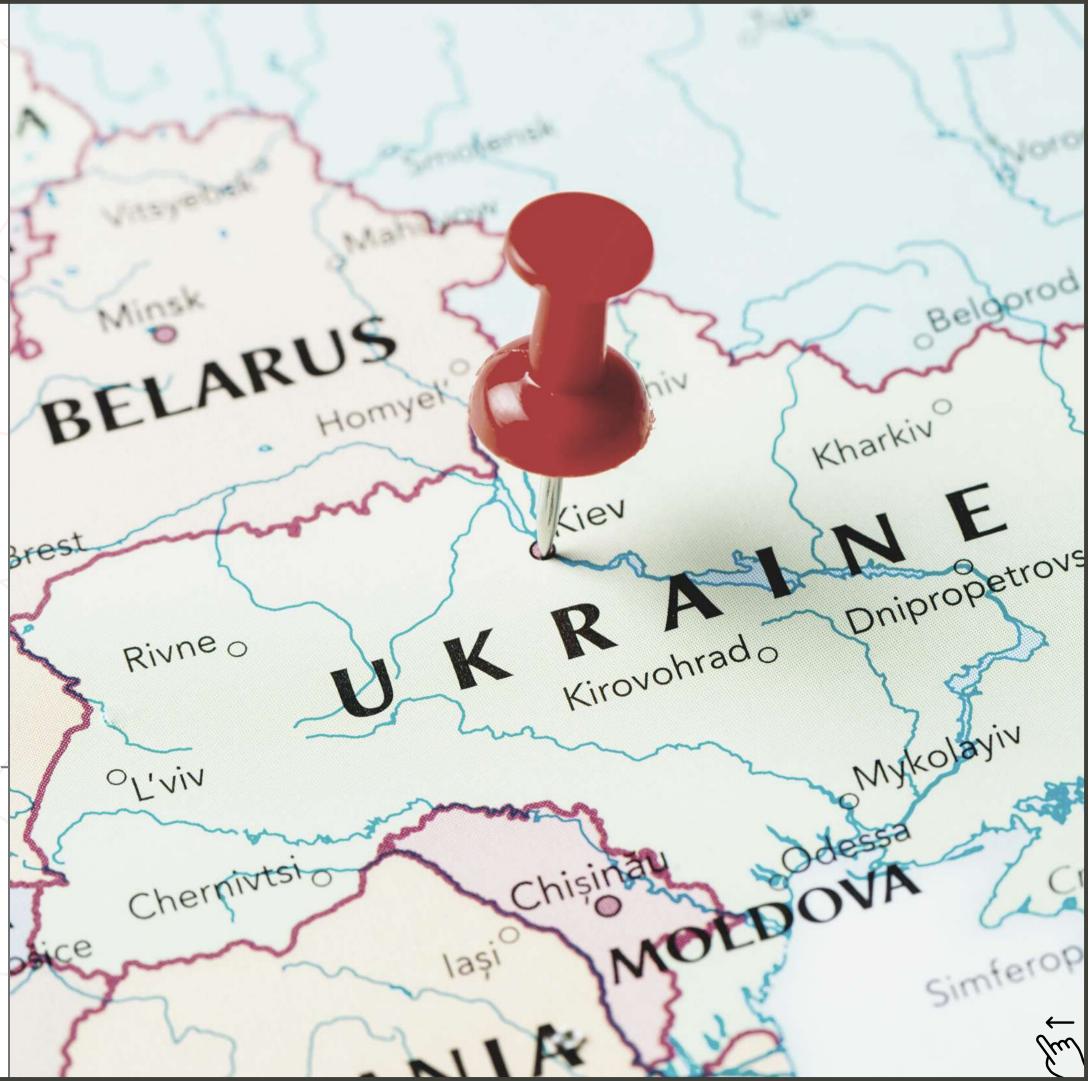
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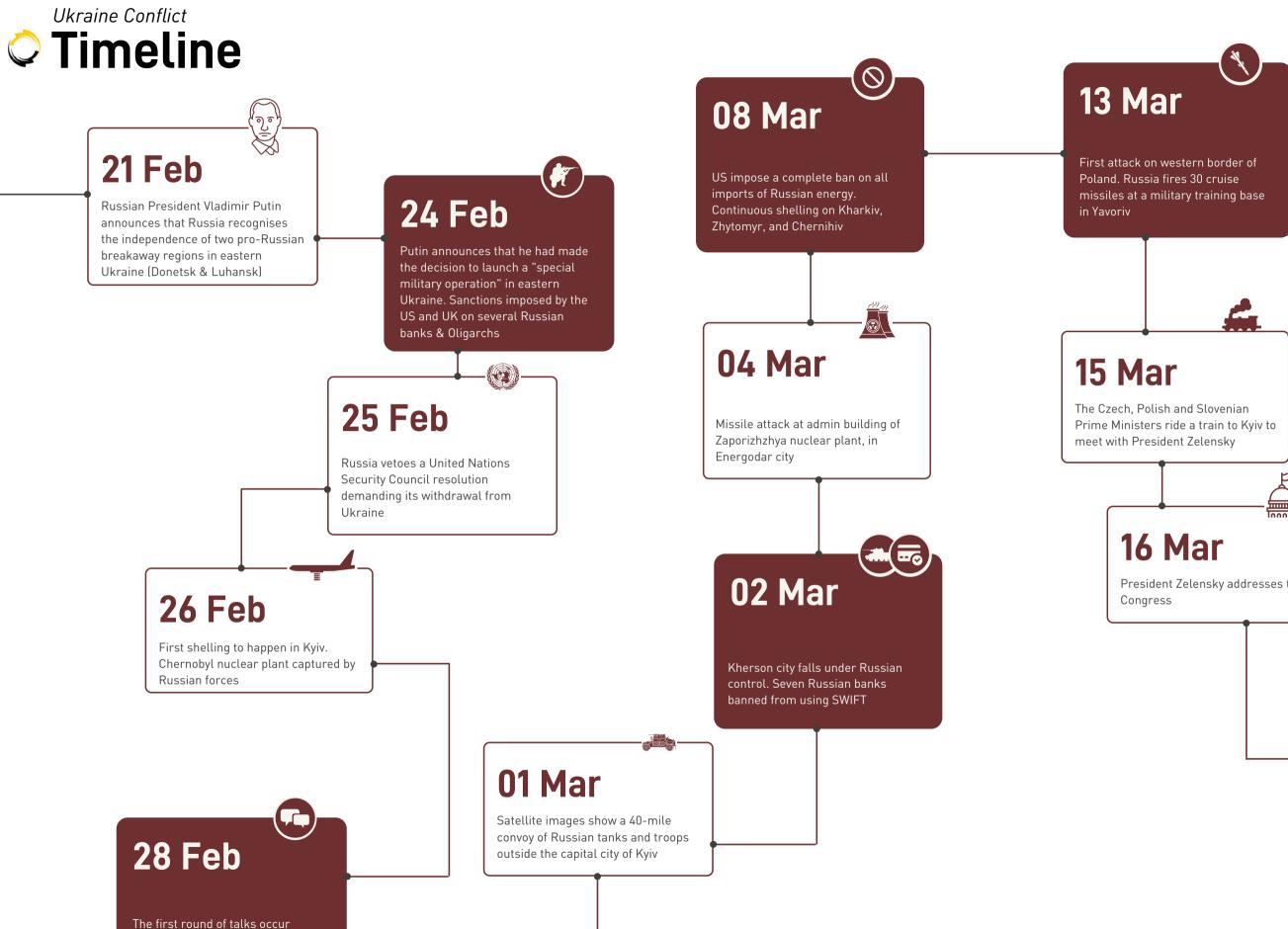
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between Ukraine and Russian officials on the border of Belarus. The talks remain inconclusive

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President Zelensky addresses the US

19 Mar

The Mariupol city council claims Russian soldiers have forced several thousand city residents to relocate to Russia



Russian air strikes allegedly destroy a theatre in Mariupol where some 400 civilians. including many children were sheltering

24 Mar

Emergency meet of NATO, G7 and EU at Brussels deliberates over the Ukraine conflict and possible actions against Russia

17 Mar

ICJ releases an order outlining allegations of 'possible' genocide in Ukraine

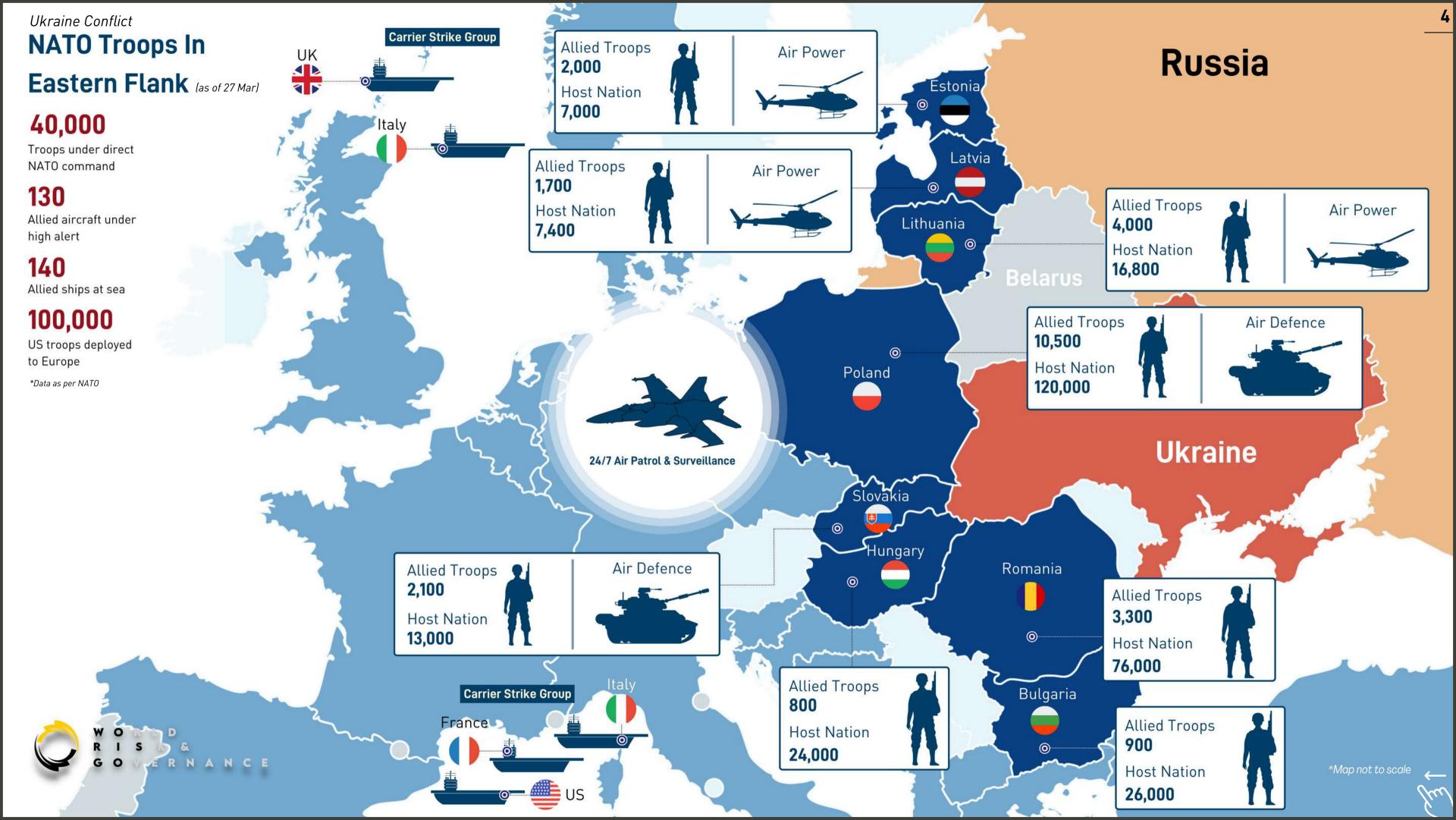


Four Russian rockets strike Lviv. Fuel dump caught fire

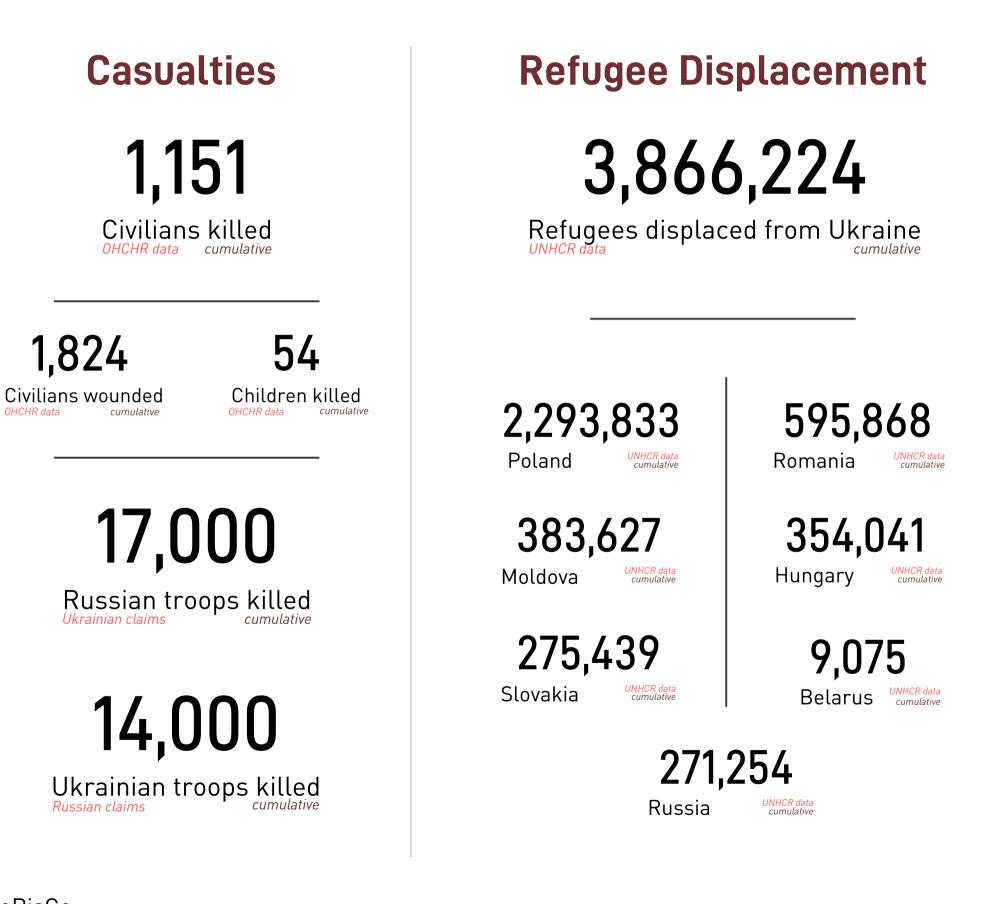
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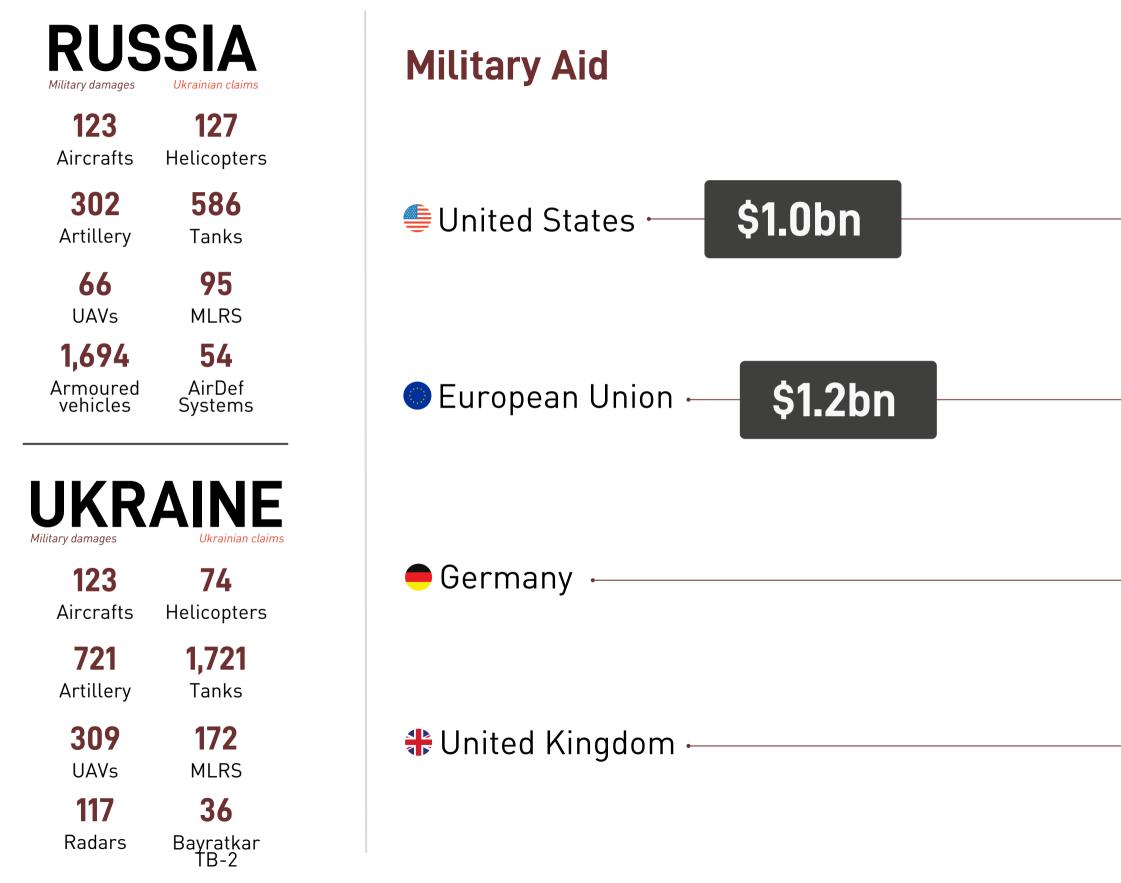
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Conflict Military Equipment Damages & Military Aid

(as of 29 Mar)



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US Secretary of State announced funding of "up to \$200 million for additional military assistance for Ukraine's defence". President Biden announced an additional \$800 million in security assistance

The lethal arms support package is worth €450 million, and €50 million fund non-lethal supplies such as fuel and protective equipment. EU provided another €500 million in military assistance to Ukraine by doubling the funds through the European Peace Facility

1,000 anti-tank weapons, 500 Stinger anti-aircraft defence systems,14 armoured vehicles and up to 10,000 tons of fuel

3,615 NLAWs, 3,000 sets of body armour, 2,000 helmets, 4,000 cold weather boots and more than 75,500 pieces of other equipment including ear defenders and sleeping mats



- From 01 Mar all Russian flights banned from US, UK, EU and Canadian airspace
- Oil & gas still being purchased by EU Nations. Strategy on being independent from Russian oil reliance in works by EU along with Middle East nations.

Russian Oligarchs Sanctioned By Western Nations (\mathfrak{O})

- Over 1000 Russian and Belarusian oligarchs and politicians sanctioned.
- Prominent from Russia are
 - 328 Duma members (The members who approved Donetsk and Luhansk as independent republics)
 - Roman Abramovich (Owner of Millhouse LLC, Major stakeholder of Evraz, Owner of Chelsea) [Member of Putin's inner circle]
 - Alisher Usmanov (Major stakeholder in USM Holdings, Owner of Udokan) [Member of Putin's inner circle]
 - Oleg Deripaska (Founder of Basic Element, President of Rusal) [Member of Putin's inner circle]
 - Igor Sechin (Chairman of Rosneft) [Member of Putin's inner circle]
- Prominent from Belarus are
 - Leonid Viktorovish Kasinsky (Major General of the Belarusian Armed Forces, Assistant to the Minister of Defence)
 - Igor Vladmirovich Mozhilovsky (Assistant to the Minister of Defence)
 - Oleg Voinov (Head of International Military Cooperation Department)
 - Sergei Sauta (Head of the Department of Legal Support of the Ministry of Defence)

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- VTB Bank
 - Otkritie
 - Novikombank
 - Promsyazbank
 - Bank Rossiya
 - Sovcombank
 - VEB



- Metal EU and G7 countries announced banning imports "of key goods in the iron and steel sector" from Russia, announced on 11 Mar.
- to Russia.
- - Concern Granit-Electron
- Luxury goods: EU and the G7 countries has banned the sale to Russia of luxury goods worth more than €300; announced in the fourth package of sanctions on 11 Mar.

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• Investment ban on Russian energy companies: Rosneft, Transneft, and Gazprom Neft (EU will continue oil purchases from these banks) • Banks removed from SWIFT banking system

Sanctions On Goods Imports And Exports To Russia

• Auto – On 15 Mar, EU imposed an export ban on luxury cars worth more than €50,000

• Defense machineries – EU and G7 sanctions Russian military companies such as:

- Tactical Missiles Corporation JSC
- NPO High Precisions Systems
- Concern Sea Underwater Weapon Gidropribor JSC

Ukraine Conflict © Economic Alliances / Strategies

Energy Agreements

- Russia asks buyers to pay in Rouble to buy gas/oil from them. However, G7 nations refuse to comply with demand to which Russia asserts it can halt supply.
- US to supply EU nations 15 billion cubic metres of LNG in 2022.
- US and EU have signed an agreement to make joint purchases of natural gas.



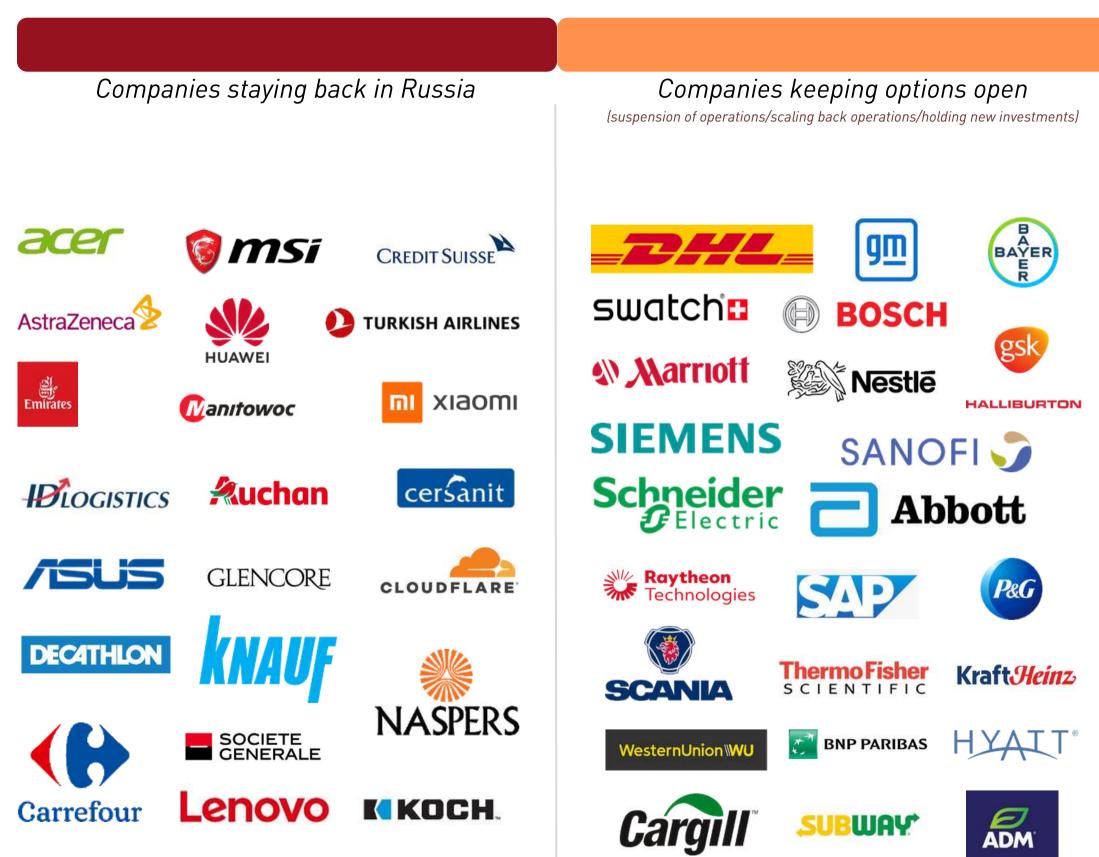
Banking Strategies

- UnionPay system by China eases the exit of Mastercard and VISA:
 - UnionPay system is accepted in more than 50 countries including USA and Europe, which means that Russian customers can use Russian banks issued credit and debit cards to make foreign currency denominated purchases.
 - Russian banks such as Rosselkhozbank, Post Bank, Gazprombank, Bank St. Petersburg, Promsvyazbank, Primsotbank, and Sovcombank have started implementing the UnionPay system.
- Russian laws limiting foreign currency usage:
 - Russian residents participating in foreign economic activity must sell 80% of their foreign currency received under foreign trade contracts with non-residents (i.e., foreign persons) within 3 business days from the funds being credited.
 - Russian residents are prohibited from providing foreign currency to non-residents under loan agreements.
 - Russian residents are prohibited from crediting foreign currency to their accounts in foreign banks and other financial institutions and from transferring money without opening a bank account through foreign payment service providers.
 - Until 31 Dec, 2022, Russian public joint stock companies (PJSCs) are restricted from repurchasing their own securities (subject to certain exceptions).

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Companies Staying & Leaving

(as of 24 Mar)



*not an exhaustive list

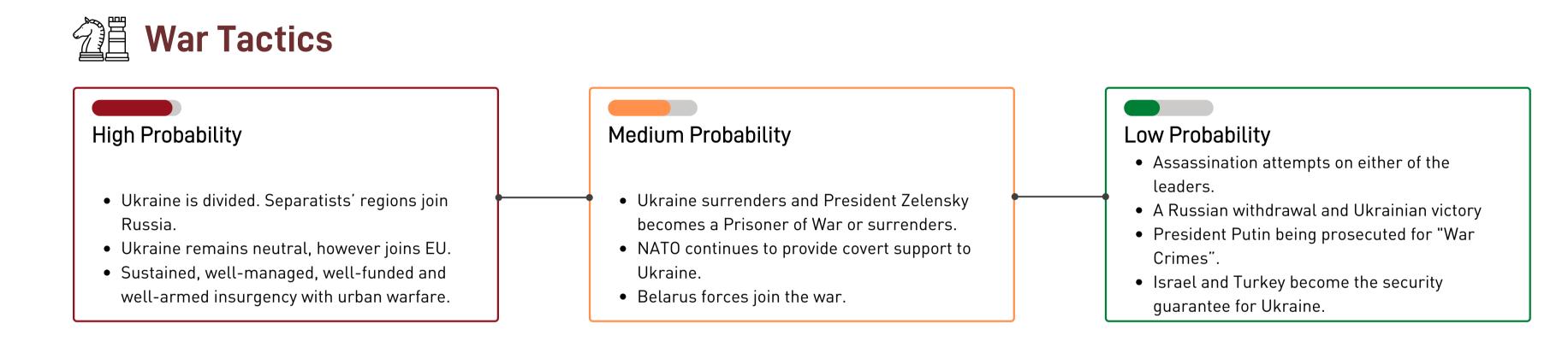
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Companies leaving/left Russia



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Diplomatic Manoeuvres

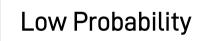
High Probability

- Stalemate of peace negotiations.
- Inconclusive exchanges of WMD rhetoric.
- Stronger bonds between US and EU.
- Ukraine signs a peace deal and recognises independence of pro-Russian areas.

Medium Probability

- Chinese President Xi Jinping agrees to western pressure; able to influence President Putin to withdraw from Ukraine
- More resolutions against Russia at the UNSC and UNGA being vetoed
- Russia and Ukraine agreeing on humanitarian corridors into Russia

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- Russian withdrawal; accepting all Ukrainian demands
- UN peace keeping forces being deployed into Ukraine.
- Countries like Australia, India, South Africa & Brazil brokering a peace deal

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Humanitarian Crisis

High Probability

- 8 to 10 million Ukrainians will leave their country.
- Europe to become a 'Refugee Haven'.
- Rise in human trafficking cases.

Medium Probability

Russian govt bringing in their own citizens to divide the country and rebuild it according to Russian norms.



New Global Order

High Probability

- Decoupling trade alliances on Russian oil and other natural resources.
- Lack of trust, negligible movement of goods, tough visa restrictions, and militarised borders.
- Sweden and Finland joining NATO.
- Alternative banking systems.
- Energy needs navigating national interests.

Medium Probability

- China could save the Russian economy by establishing Asian payment systems.
- Nations re-assess their security assurances, refine ally-ship, invest in enhanced defences and build regional blocs to protect national interest—away from a moribund UN.

Low Probability

Ukrainians returning to their country immediately after truce is signed and Ukrainian victory is declared.

Low Probability

- Russian sanctions being removed immediately after withdrawal of troops.
- Strengthening and reforms of UN organisations.
- World order going back to how it was prior to 24 Feb.

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Svobody Square, Kharkiv, before and after the Russian shelling



A bridge near Irpin, before and after Russian attacks



Shopping malls in Mariupol, before and after Russian missile bombing

Residential building in Kyiv, before and after Russian missile

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Building in Yasinovataya, before and after Russian bombing



Freedom Square in Kharkiv, before and after Russian shelling

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