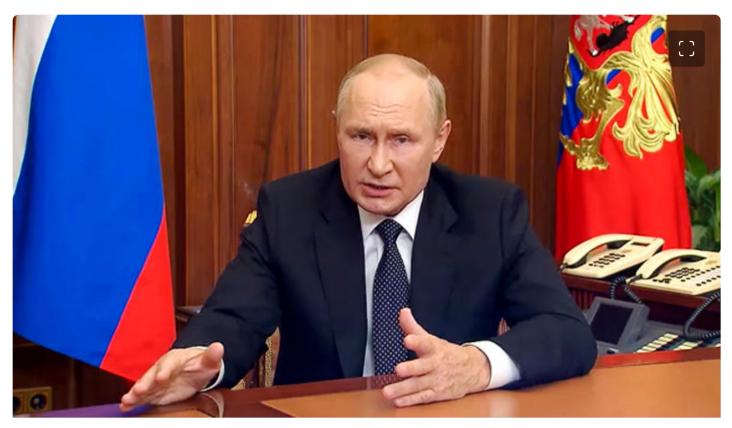


he United States will hit back at Moscow with a "devastating strike" if Vladimir Putin follows through with his threat to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine, the US Army's former commander has warned.

It comes as the Russian president today sent a chilling warning to the West, threatening to use "all the means at our disposal" to protect itself.

He also said, "it's not a bluff" when he vowed that Russia would use its weapons of mass destruction if its territory was threatened.

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Russian president today sent a chilling warning to the West, threatening to use nuclear power (Russian Presidential Press Service)

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He continued to accuse the West of "nuclear blackmail" and claimed "high-ranking representatives of the leading Nato states" had talked about the possibility of using weapons of mass destruction against Russia.

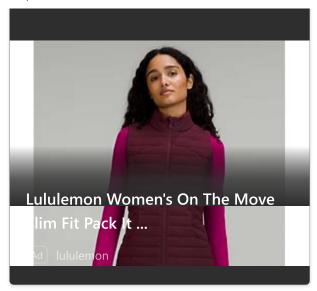
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"To those who allow themselves such statements regarding Russia, I want to remind you that our country also has various means of destruction," Mr Putin said.

General Ben Hodges said the US could destroy Russia's Black Fleet or its bases in Crimea "in a devastating strike"

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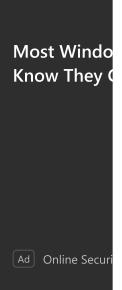




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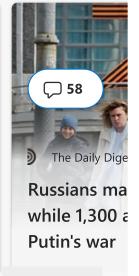






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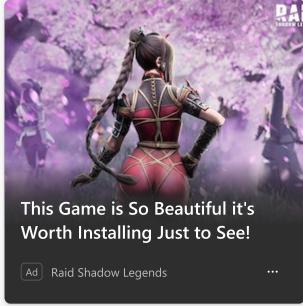
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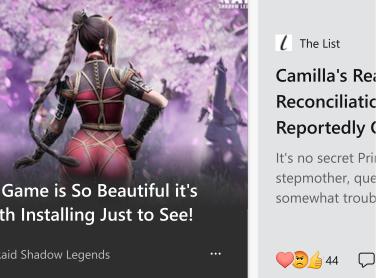
















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Putin faces fury in Russia over military mobilization and prisoner swap

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Russian families bade tearful farewells on Thursday to thousands of sons and husbands abruptly summoned for military duty as part of President Vladimir Putin's new mobilization, while pro-war Russian nationalists raged over the release of commanders of Ukraine's controversial Azov Regiment in a highly secretive prisoner exchange.



Putin faces fury in Russia over military mobilization and prisoner swap © Olivier Morin/AFP/Getty Images

As women hugged their husbands and young men boarded buses to leave f days of training before potentially being deployed to Russia's stumbling war effort in Ukraine, there were signs of mounting public anger over the mobilization, which is supposed to call up 300,000 reservists or more.

More than 1,300 people were arrested at anti-mobilization protests in cities and towns across Russia on Wednesday and Thursday, in the largest public protests since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, while Kremlin spokesman Dmitry

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"false information."

"The information about a certain feverish situation in airports is very much exaggerated," Peskov insisted during his daily conference call with reporters on Thursday.



 Russian police in St. Petersburg on Wednesday detain people protesting a military mobilization calling up 300,000 reservists or more.

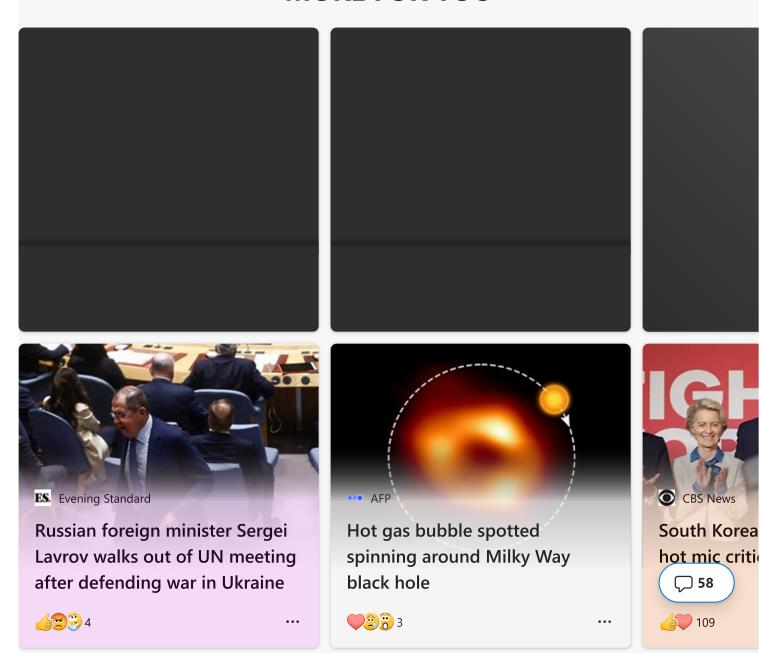
But there were other signs of increased public pushback against Putin and his war, despite the Kremlin's harsh crackdown on dissent.

In the city of Togliatti, a military commissariat, or local military recruitment and draft office, was set on fire, one of dozens of similar attacks across Russia ir cecent months, indicating the depth of antipathy to military recruitment efforts.

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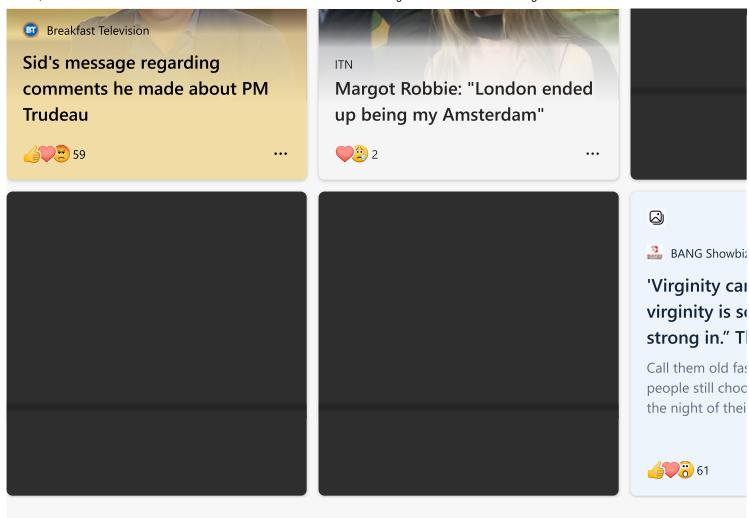
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