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Photo Illustration of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Russian police arresting a war demonstrator, Russian soldiers in tanks in the Ukraine, and travelers at Moscow's Domodedovo airport.

"This is the grimmest it has been since Putin came to power 23 years ago," said one expert.

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Moscow's Domodedovo Airport, pictured Saturday, is among those where international flights were canceled after the invasion.

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Moscow police detain a woman during a protest Sunday against the Ukraine invasion.

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Irpin, west of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, is among the areas that were pummeled by Russian missiles over the weekend.

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