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A TIMELINE OF THE CONFLICT

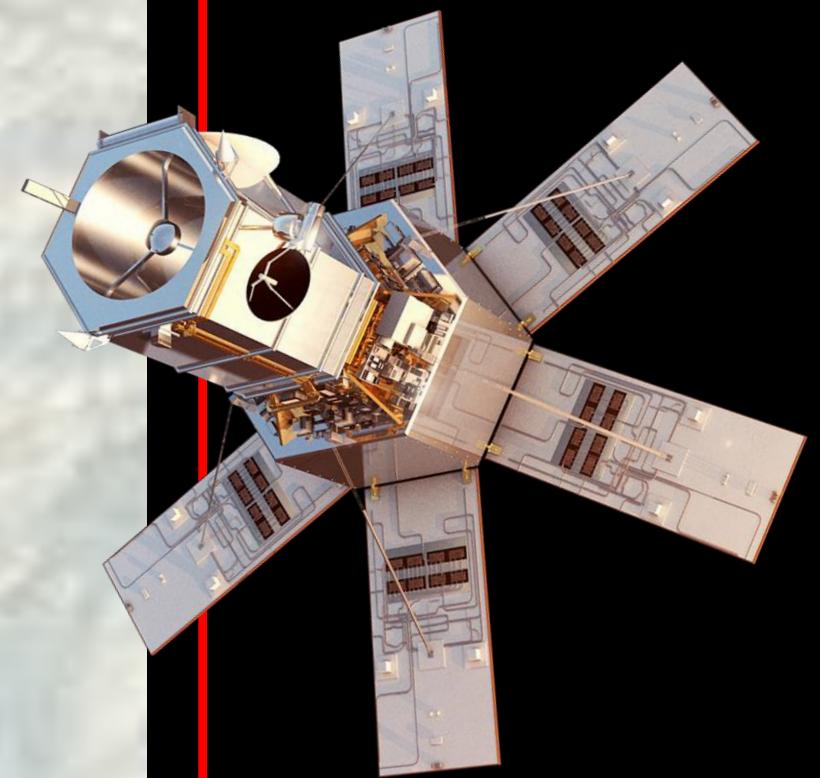


2022 CRISIS

In October 2021, Russia began moving troops and military equipment near the border with Ukraine, reigniting concerns over a potential invasion.



Let's zoom in
for a closer
look.



MAXAR

By December, more than one hundred thousand troops were in place near the border and U.S. intelligence officials warned that Russia may be planning an invasion of Ukraine in early 2022.





WHAT IS THIS?

Approximately **350 TANKS**,
SELF PROPELLED HOWITZERS
(short barrel cannons)
TOWED ARTILLERY, MRLS
(multiple rocker launchers),
SAM'S (surface to air
missiles), **SRBM'S** (short
range ballistic missile
with a range of 620 miles),
and support vehicles.

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WHY WAS THIS HAPPENING?

Soviet Union

Soviet-allied countries

THIS MAP SHOWS
THE SOVIET UNION AND
ITS EASTERN ALLIES
BEFORE IT'S BREAKUP
IN 1999.

SOVIET UNION

RUSSIA



Soviet Union

Soviet-allied countries



Joined NATO and/or the EU before 1992

Joined NATO and/or the EU in 1992 or after

0 500 1,000
MILES



A grayscale map of Europe where certain countries are highlighted in yellow. The legend indicates that yellow represents countries that joined NATO and/or the EU before 1992, while the rest of the map is dark gray. The yellow-highlighted countries include Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and China. The text 'RUSSIA' is written vertically along the northern border of the yellow-highlighted area.

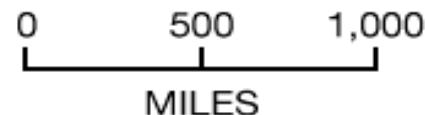
**NOW LOOK AT THE
SAME MAP SHOWING ALL
THE NATIONS IT LOST
AND THOSE WHO
JOINED NATO...**



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**Many Russians see UKRAINE
as the heart of the former
Soviet Union.**

**PUTIN HAS
ALWAYS
WORRIED
THAT THE
WEST AND
EUROPE
WOULD
SURROUND
RUSSIA.**



**A pivotal moment came
in the **NATO** Bucharest
Summit of 2008**



ROMANIA

BUCHAREST





LINK

**During the final part
of the summit **NATO**
formally welcomed
UKRAINE to apply for
membership.**

The move was a result of an American led alliance

The process stalled when Germany and France objected.

They believed the inclusion of Ukraine could **destabilize** Europe's relationship with Europe.



Putin believed the move was a **direct violation** of promises made by NATO to Russia after the unification of Germany.





PUTIN DEMANDS OF UKRAINE

ABANDON GOAL OF
JOINING NATO

DEMILITARIZE

NEGOTIATE WITH
SEPARATISTS

Photo: Russian Defense Ministry

PUTIN CLAIMS LAND UNDER UKRAINIAN CONTROL

LISTS OF DEMANDS REMAIN OUT OF REACH FOR U.S. AND ITS ALLIES / DOES NOT RECOGNIZE UKRAINE AS A SEPARATE COUNTRY IN SPEECH



With talks breaking down, in the early morning hours of Feb, 24, 2022, Putin ordered his troops into Ukraine.



RUSSIA BEGINS ATTACK ON UKRAINE

BOMBING OF MAJOR CITIES: KIEV, KHARKIV, ODESSA, MARIUPOL, AND KRAMATORSK

A large, bright orange and yellow explosion or fire at night, with smoke billowing upwards.

In the early hours of February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered tens of thousands of his troops into Ukraine.

Putin refers to it as a “special military operation” to demilitarize and de-nazify Ukraine.

The attack involved ground troops and air bombings throughout the nation.





STATE OF EMERGENCY

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY PREPS FOR ATTACK / CHILDREN WEAR ID TAGS TO SCHOOL

Prior to the invasion Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had prepared the nation by declaring a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** and required all **children to wear ID tags to school**.

US WEAPON SALES TO UKRAINE



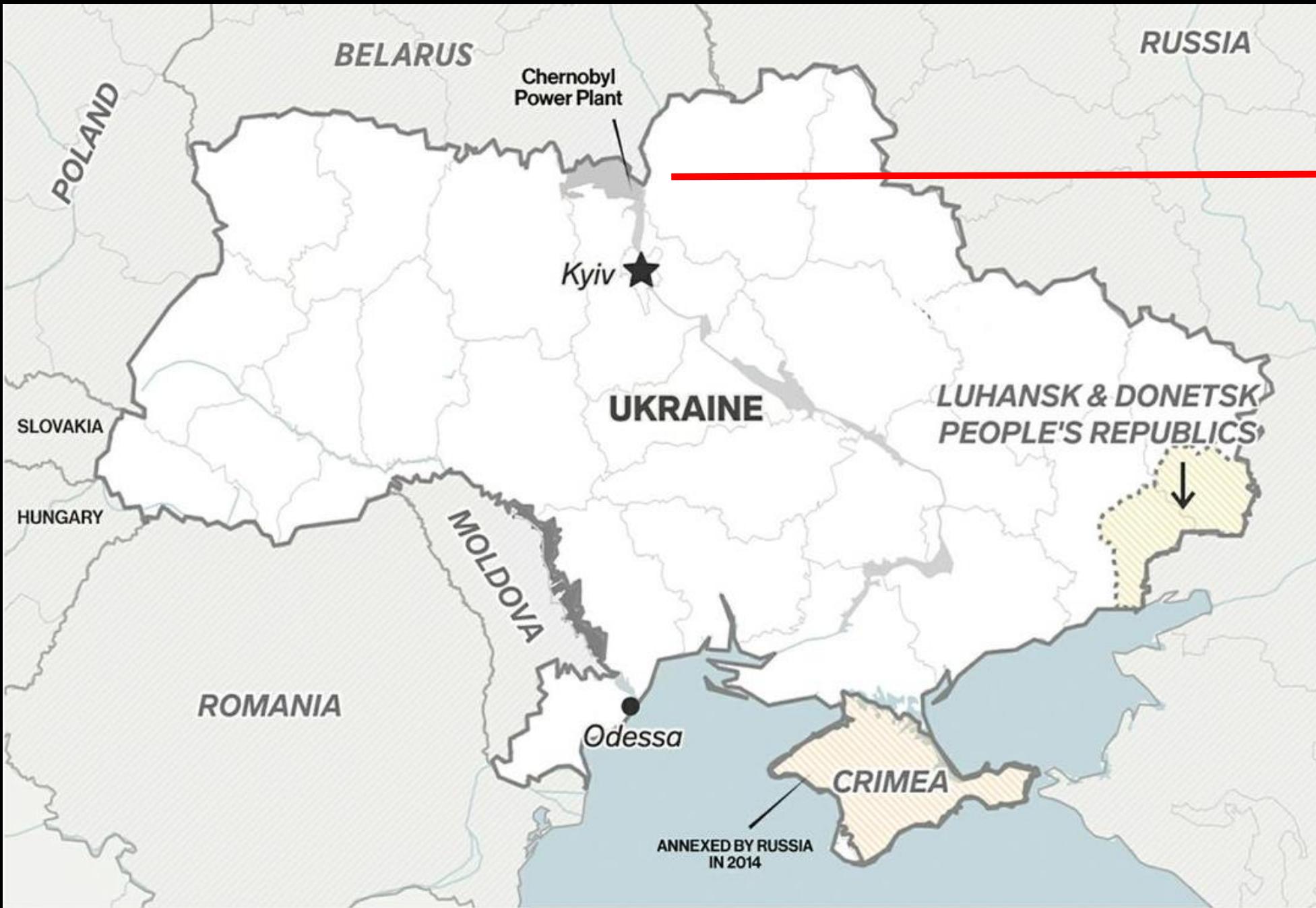
In addition to sanctions, the USA provided **\$30 BILLION** in arms sales to Ukraine.

Sales of weapon systems began immediately after the Russian invasion.

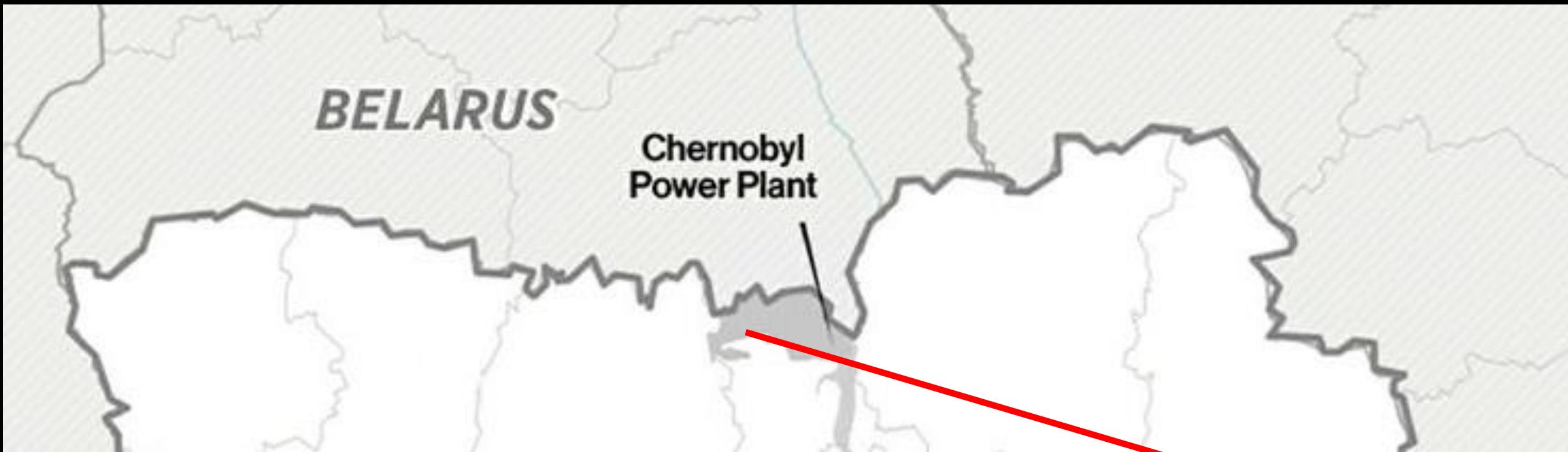


THE RUSSIAN SEIZURE OF

CHEERNOBYL



ON THE DAY OF
THE INVASION
[Feb 24, 2022]
THE RUSSIANS
ALSO CAPTURED
THE **CHERNOBYL**
NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT.



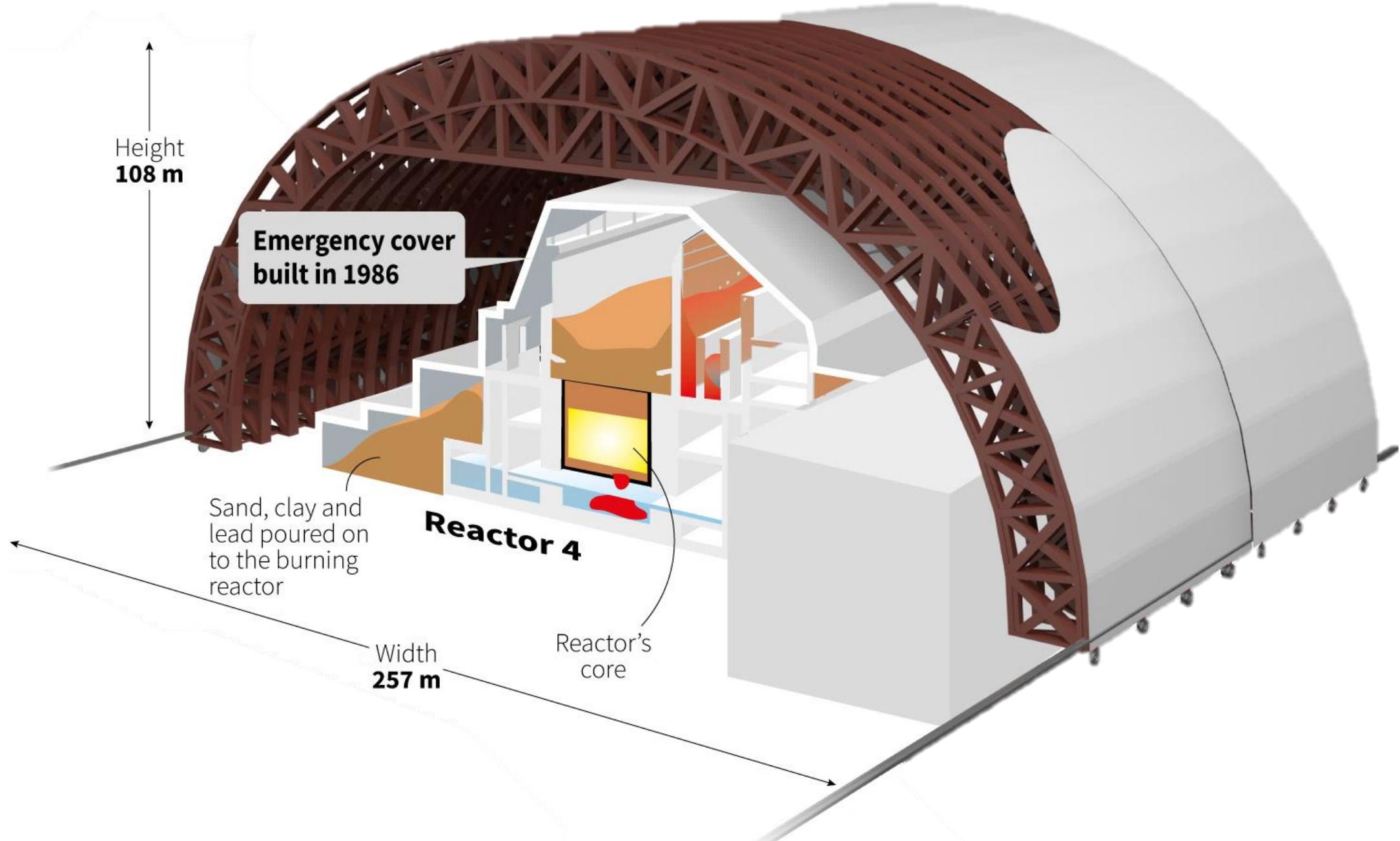
The plant lies in what is called the “**NUCLEAR EXCLUSION ZONE**” an area covering **1000 sq. miles** that was rendered **radioactive** after the **1986 meltdown** of the reactor at the **Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plan** in Pripyat, Russia.

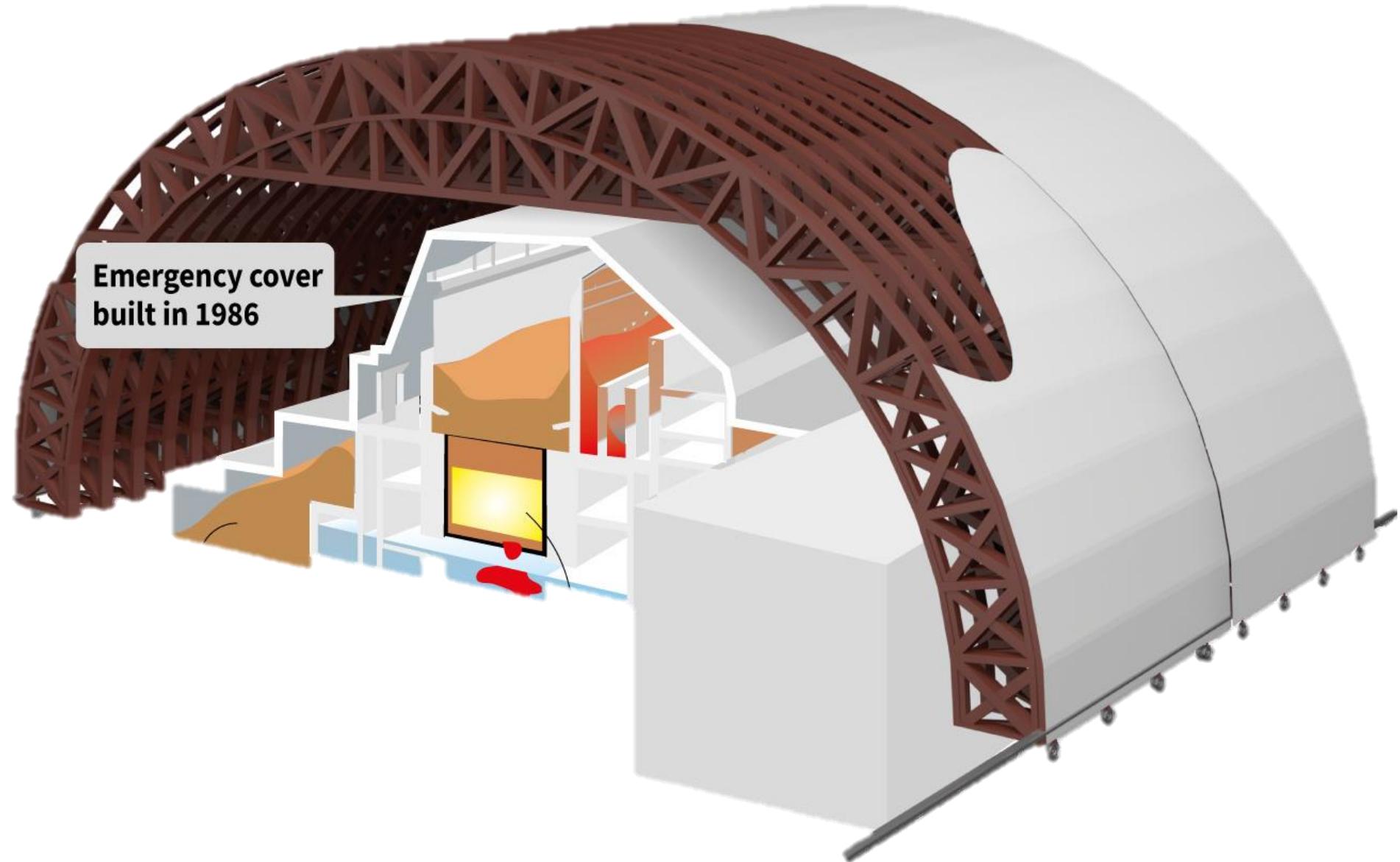
In 1986, nuclear reactor number 4 at plant (located 81 miles from Kyiv) suffered a meltdown of the fuel rods that breached the containment core creating an explosion that leveled the building.





To contain the enormous amount of radiation, a **sarcophagus** was built to cover the destroyed reactor, and then a **1.6 Billion dollar dome** was constructed to cover it. It was designed to last 100 years but is in need of repair.







As Russian forces took control they held hostage over 300 people working at the plant.

They used the plant as a staging area for sending ground troops toward Kyiv.



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The first video from the captured Chernobyl nuclear power plant. Ukraine's PM Shmyhal has confirmed that the exclusion zone and all the NPP facilities have come under the control of the Russian forces.



12:52 PM · Feb 24, 2022



ABC NEWS

**The first video
of Russians in the
exclusion zone
came from ABC
NEWS, Australia.**

**They posted this
footage on
Twitter.**

WATCH





Chernobyl employees
monitored the situation.

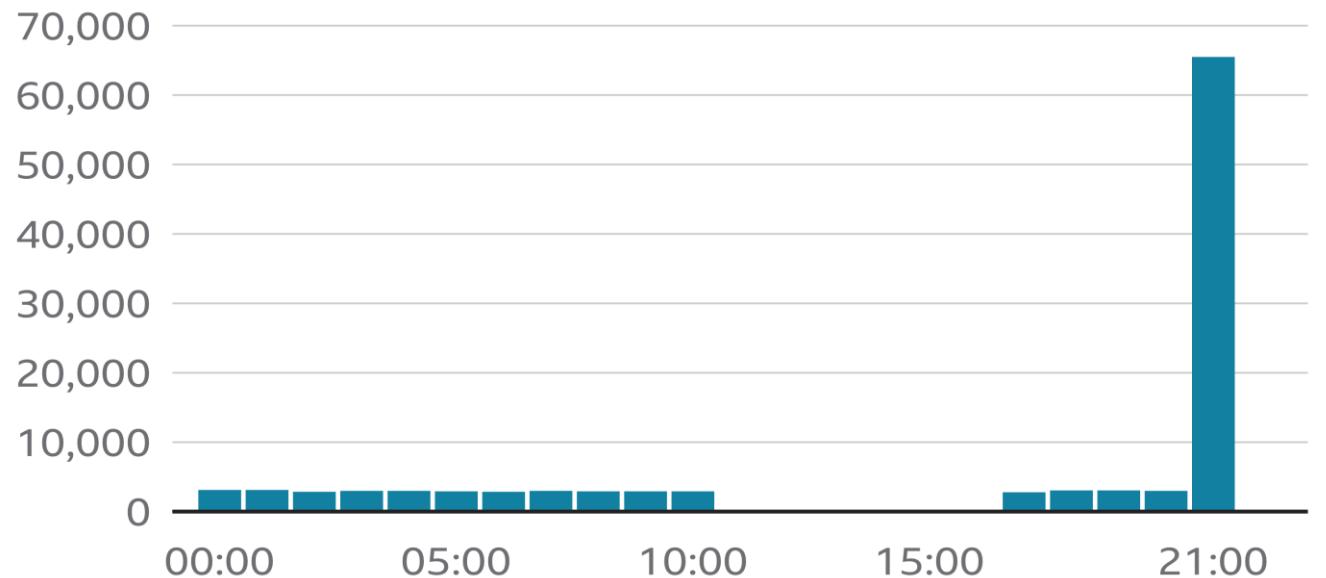


**The BBC reported
that radiation levels
increased by 20 fold
after the invasion.**



Chernobyl monitoring station shows spike in radiation on 24 February

Radiation in nSv/h



Source: Ukraine State Regulatory Inspectorate

BBC

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ANTONOV AIRPORT



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The Russians were quickly surrounded by Ukrainian forces and were unable to secure the area, losing control of a vital resupply facility.



KIVY

The Russians began bombing the city on the day of the invasion, thinking it would fall under their control quickly.





**European
powers begin
to send aid
to Ukraine to
stave off the
attack.**

WATCH

Russia's Attack on Ukraine Marks a Dark Hour for Europe
CBS Evening News / Feb. 24, 2022 / 3 Minutes



A group of men in military uniforms, including camouflage jackets and berets, are standing outdoors at night. They appear to be in a formation or a group gathering. The lighting is low, with some artificial light illuminating their faces.

**Amid growing concerns
that Zelinsky might
have fled the country
he appeared in 2 videos
proudly proclaiming
“I AM HERE.”**

The appearances galvanized
the resistance and cast him as
a hero of the nation...

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Good evening to all.



**Ukrainian
resistance
was
extraordinary.**

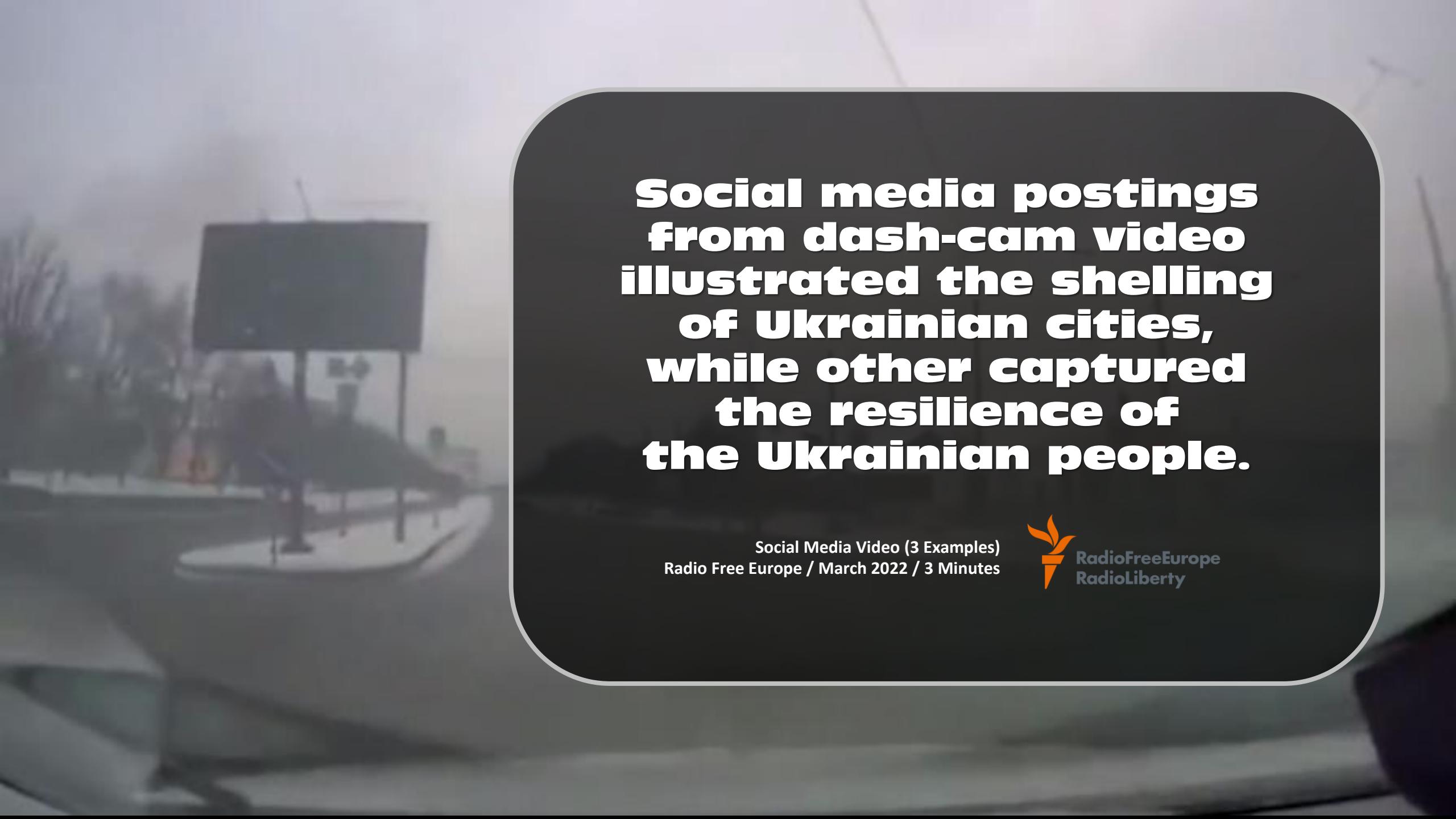
Civilian Ukrainians gave up their jobs and began to train as soldiers. Many used wooden guns until weapons from other countries arrived.

As tanks rolled through various cities, citizens blocked their way...



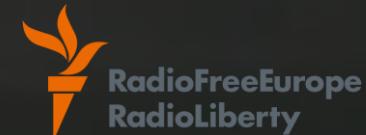


Ordinary citizens literally challenged Russian soldiers on the street.

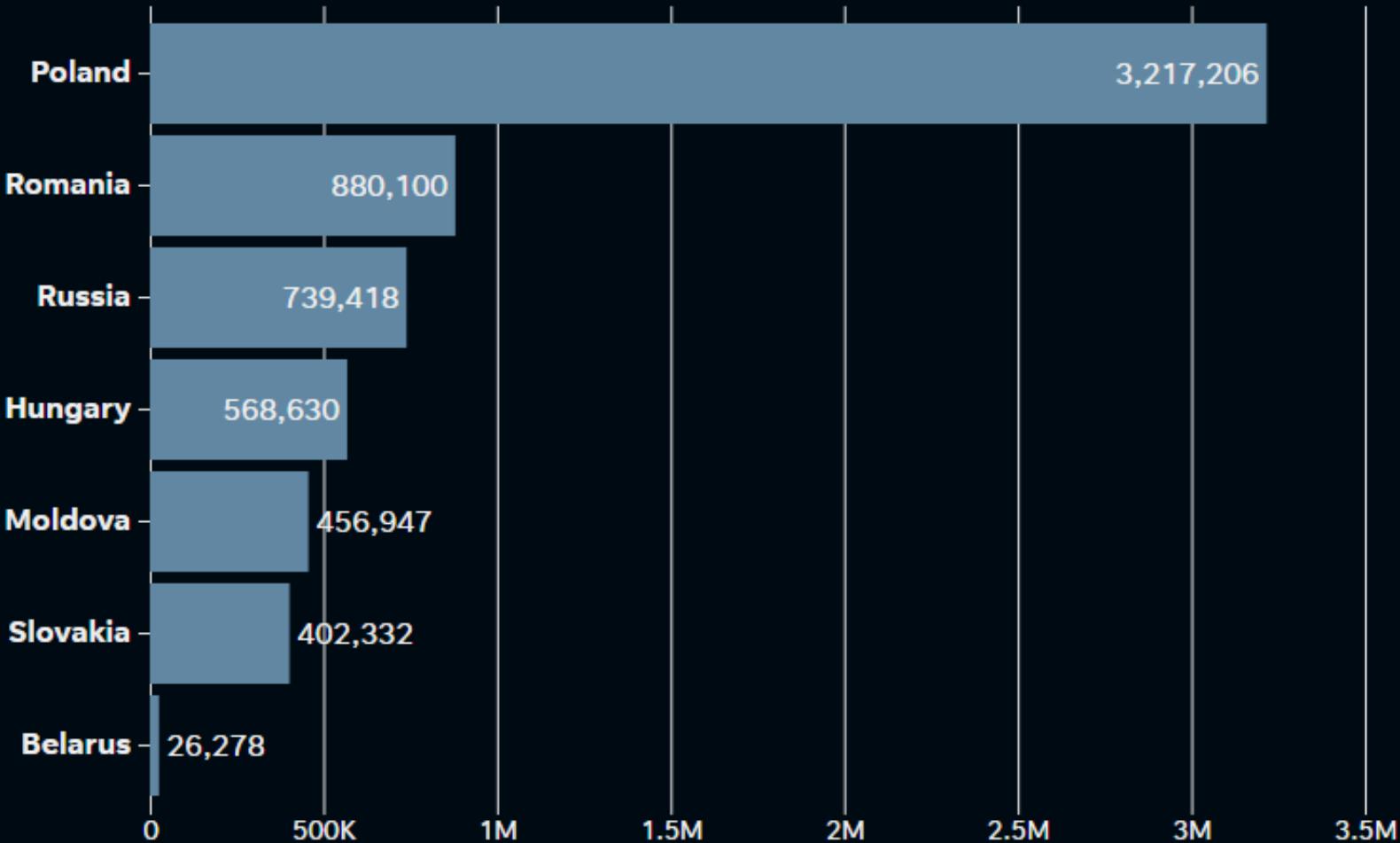


**Social media postings
from dash-cam video
illustrated the shelling
of Ukrainian cities,
while other captured
the resilience of
the Ukrainian people.**

Social Media Video (3 Examples)
Radio Free Europe / March 2022 / 3 Minutes

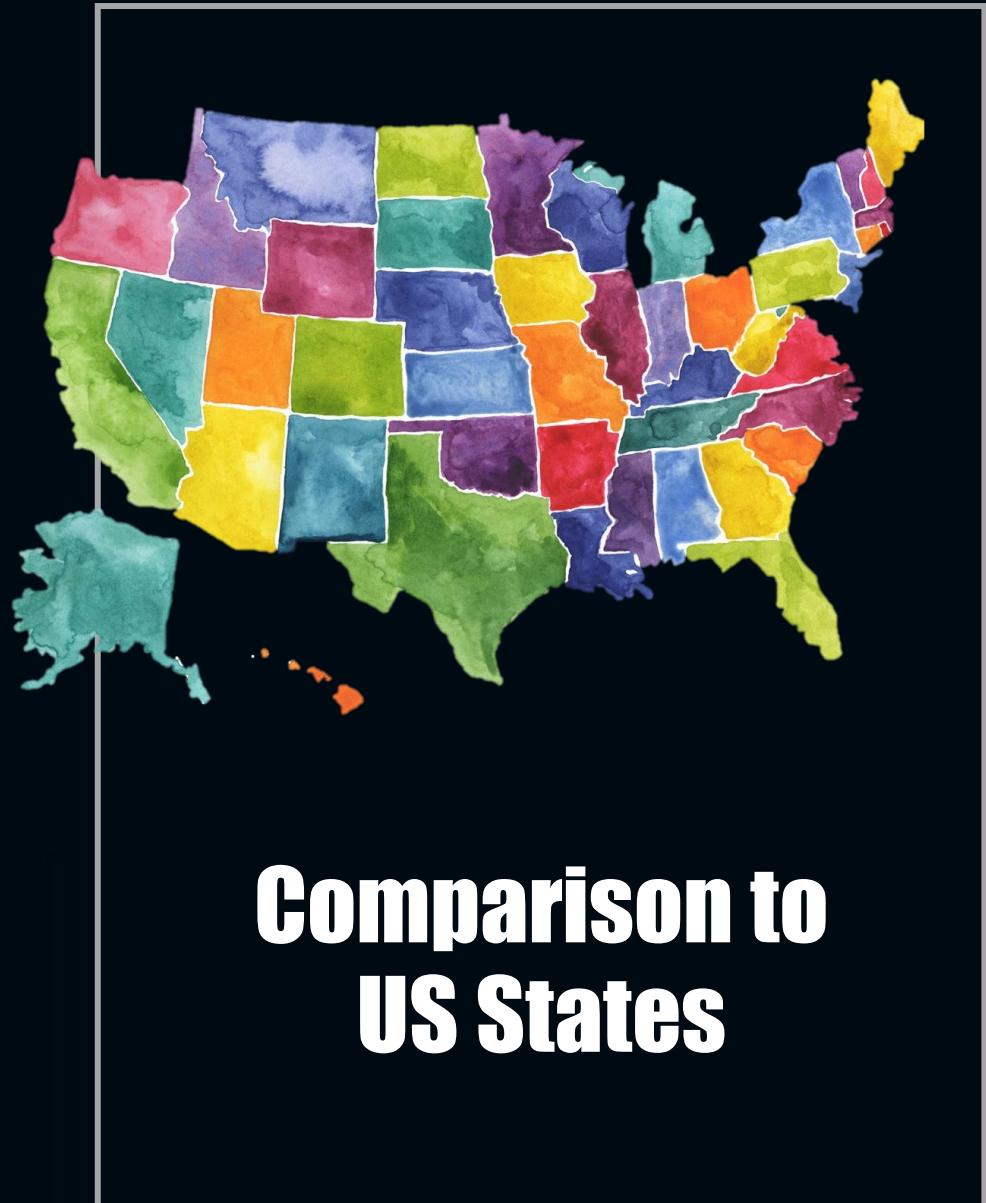
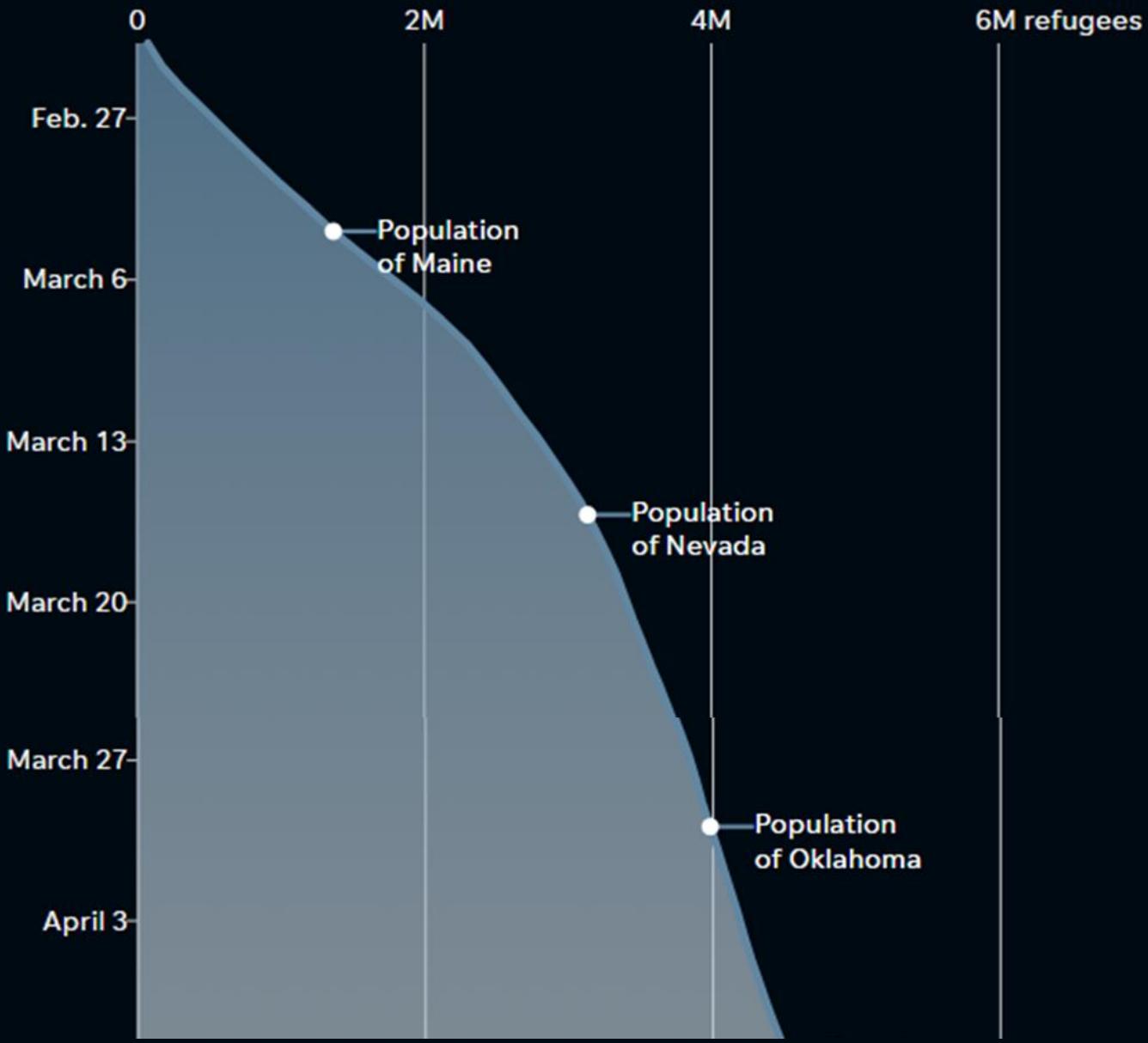


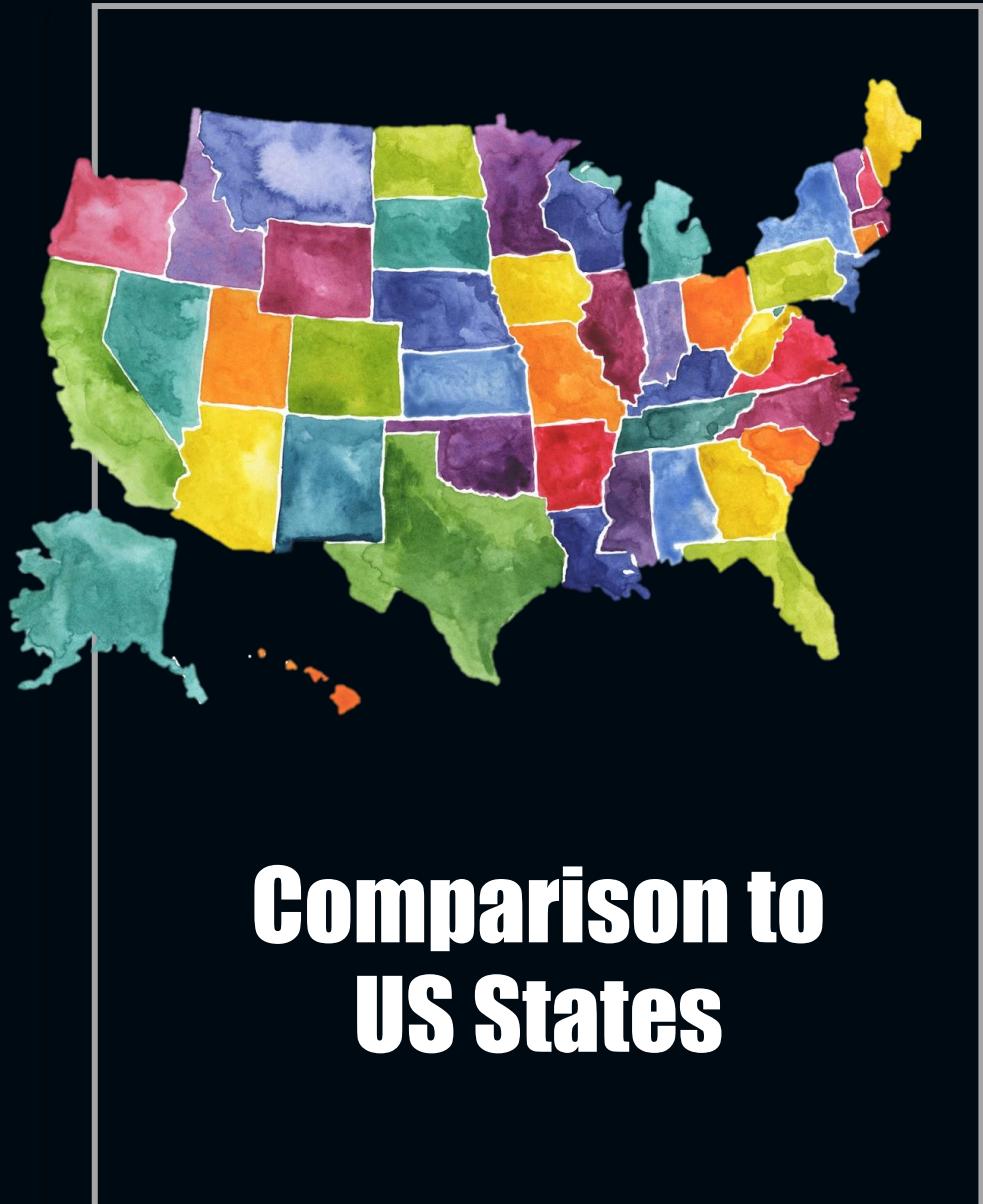
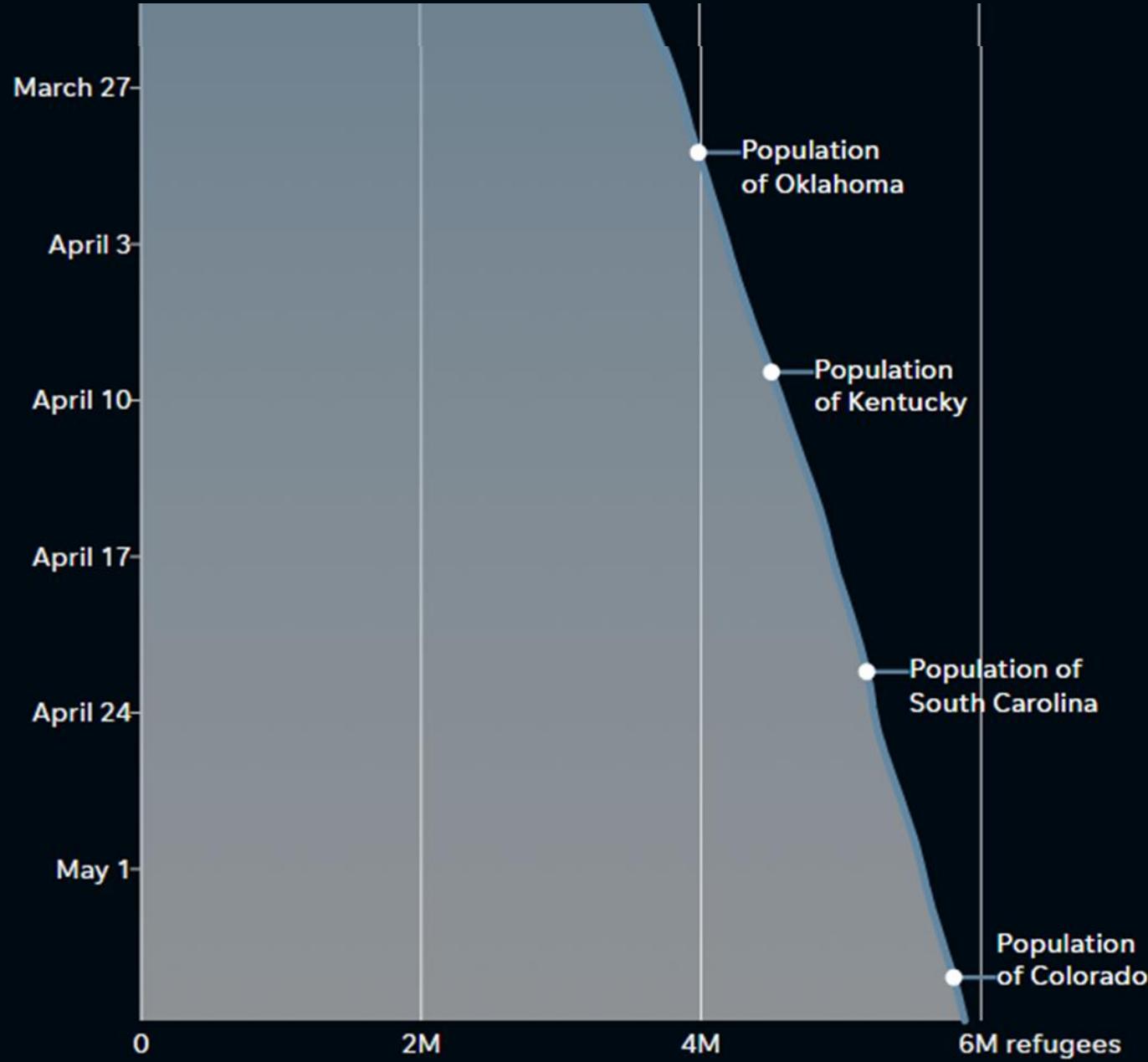
Where are Ukrainian refugees going? Number of refugees who crossed into each country



As of
APRIL 2022
5 MILLION
people had
fled Ukraine.

Most were given
refuge in surrounding
nations, with the
greatest number
going to Poland.







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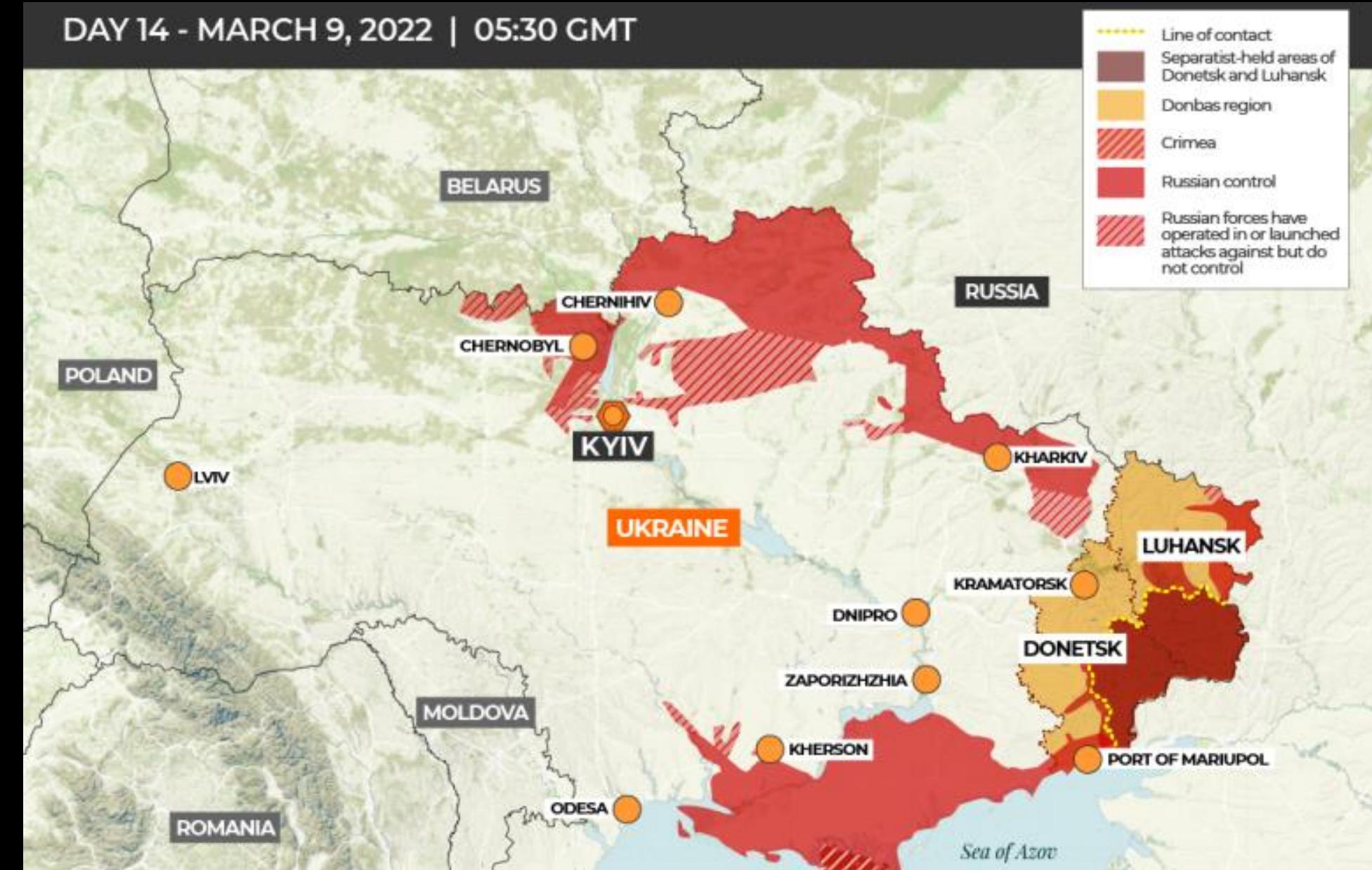
The Russians concentrated their attacks on the capitol city of **KYIV** and the southern port city of **MARIUPOL.**

In this
report from
NBC News
reporter
**Richard
Engel**
presents
footage
from both
areas.

NIGHTLY
NEWS
WITH LESTER HOLT

NBC Nightly News

March 14, 2022 / 3 Minutes





**The world
watched in
shock and
horror at the
indiscriminate
bombing of
neighborhoods,
hospitals,
schools and
daycare centers.**

The “**SIEGE OF MARIUPOL**” lasted for 3 months.

The RED CROSS estimated that 120,000 people lost their lives and over 95% of the city was destroyed.

Mariupol was considered a major strategic city and therefore was a target for Russian forces. It was the largest city in the Ukrainian-controlled portion of Donetsk Oblast and was also one of the largest Russian-speaking cities in Ukraine as well as a major industrial hub. Ukraine surrendered the city on May 16, 2022.





In December, 2022 the AP filed this video report, chronicling the attacks and their effects on the city.

THIS VIDEO CONTAINS GRAPHIC IMAGES – AN ALTERNATE ACTIVITY IS AVAILABLE / 6 MINUTES





Nuclear power plants in Ukraine



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The facility is the **largest Nuclear Power Plant in all of Europe** and supplies massive amounts of electricity to Ukraine and Russia.

ZAPORIZHIA



The plant is home to 6 nuclear reactors and is one the 10 largest on earth.

At 11:28 PM, March 3, 2022 a column of 10 Russian armored vehicles approached the plant.



At 12:48 AM Ukrainian forces fired anti-tank missiles at the Russians. Russia returned fire with rocket-propelled grenades aimed at the plant.





**By morning
RUSSIA gained
control of the
plant and told
employees they
now worked for
a Russian
power company.**



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