#### WAR IN UKRAINE

# Russia continues to assault cities

Zelenskyy: Invaders are now employing 'new stage of terror'

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MARIUPOL, Ukraine — Russian forces pounded the Ukrainian port city of Mariupol on Saturday, shelling its downtown as residents hid in an iconic mosque and elsewhere to avoid the explosions. Fighting also raged in the outskirts of the capital, Kyiv, as Russia kept up its bombardment of other cities throughout the country.

Mariupol has endured some of Ukraine's worst punishment since Russia invaded Feb. 24. Unceasing barrages have thwarted repeated attempts to bring food, water and medicine into the city of 430,000 and to evacuate its trapped civilians.

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More than 1,500 people have died in Mariupol during the siege, according to the mayor's office, and the shelling has even interrupted efforts to bury the dead in mass graves.

Meanwhile, talks aimed at reaching a cease-fire again failed Saturday as Russian President Vladimir Putin laid out terms for ending the war, including Ukraine's demilitarization and its ceding of territory. Putin also threatened to seize the assets of U.S. and Western companies that have announced they are leaving Russia over the invasion.

For his part, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russia of employing "a new stage of terror" with the alleged detention of a mayor from a city west of Mariupol, and once again deplored NATO's refusal to declare a no-fly zone over Ukraine.

Outside Mariupol, Russian soldiers pillaged a



Civilians learn how to handle rifles in a classroom Saturday in Lutsk, Ukraine. BRENDAN HOFFMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

humanitarian convoy that was trying to reach the city and blocked another, a Ukrainian official said. Ukraine's military said Russian forces captured Mariupol's eastern outskirts, tightening their siege of the strategic port.

"They are bombing it (Mariupol) 24 hours a day, launching missiles. It is hatred. They kill children," Zelenskyy said during a video address.

Saturday by the company Maxar showed fires in parts of the city and extensive damage to apartments, homes and other infrastructure.

The Ukrainian government said Saturday that the Sultan Suleiman Mosque was hit, but an unverified

Instagram post by a man claiming to be the mosque association's president said the building was spared. In Irpin, about 12 miles

In Irpin, about 12 miles northwest of Kyiv, bodies lay out in the open Saturday on streets and in a park.

"When I woke up in the morning, everything was covered in smoke, everything was dark. We don't know who is shooting and where," resident Serhy Protsenko said as he walked through his neighborhood and as explosions sounded in the distance.

Zelenskyy on Saturday reported that 1,300 Ukrainian soldiers had died since the Russian invasion began.

The president again slammed NATO's refusal to declare a no-fly zone over

Ukraine and said Ukraine has sought ways to procure air defense assets, though he didn't elaborate.

Zelenskyy also accused Russia of detaining the mayor of Melitopol, a city 119 miles west of Mariupol. After residents of the occupied city demonstrated for the mayor's release Saturday, the Ukrainian leader called on Russian forces to heed the calls.

In multiple areas around Kyiv, artillery barrages sent residents scurrying for shelter as air raid sirens wailed. Britain's Defense Ministry said Russian forces that had been massed north of the capital had edged to within 15 miles of the city center and spread out.

Ukraine's military and volunteer forces have been

e preparing for an all-out assault on the capital. Zelenskyy said Saturday that Russia would need to carpetbomb Kyiv and kill its residents to take the city.

"They will come here only if they kill us all," he said. "If that is their goal, let them come."

Meanwhile, French and German leaders spoke Saturday with Putin in a failed attempt to reach a cease-fire. In a 90-minute call with French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Putin spoke about "issues related to agreements under discussion to implement the Russian demands" for ending the war, the Kremlin said without providing details.

a cease-fire. Bennett recently met in Moscow with Putin, who has ignored previous offers of talks from Zelenskyy. A senior Russian diplomat also warned that Moscow

Prime Minister Naftali

Bennett on Saturday that he

would be open to meeting

Putin in Jerusalem to discuss

an end to the war, but that

there would first have to be

could attack foreign shipments of military equipment to Ukraine.

Speaking Saturday, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Moscow has warned the United States "that pumping weapons from a number of countries it orchestrates isn't just a dangerous move — it's an action that makes those convoys legitimate targets."

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The DRAFT UPWP/Budget is available for review and comment from March 17 to April 18, 2022. Please submit comments via e-mail at <u>everettek@browardmpo.org</u>, via fax: (954) 876-0062, or by mail to the address below, by Monday, April 18, 2022.

The Broward MPO will approve the FINAL UPWP/Budget at their meeting on May 12, 2022.

Copies of the **DRAFT UPWP/Business Plan and Budget** are available from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Trade Centre South, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, 6th Floor, Suite 650, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

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Notice is hereby given that the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Review Committee will hold a virtual public meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide recommendations to the LCB on the annual review and update, if necessary, of the LCB Bylaws and LCB Complaint & Grievance Procedures, as well as an evaluation of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). This virtual meeting will be held via Zoom and registration is required at <a href="https://bit.ly/3snWS49">https://bit.ly/3snWS49</a>. For the most up to date meeting information visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/browardmpo.org/calendar">https://bit.ly/3snWS49</a>. For the most up to date meeting information visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/browardmpo.org/index.php/agendas-minutes">http://browardmpo.org/index.php/agendas-minutes</a>.

There will be opportunity for public comments during this public meeting or you may contact Charlene Burke, Principal Planner at (954) 876-0055 or <u>burkec@browardmpo.org</u> to provide your comments at least two (2) business days prior to the start of the meeting.

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