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Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6 year old blind-deaf Helen Keller

1917

1st major strike of the Russian "February Revolution" starts at the giant Putilov factory in Petrograd [OS=Feb 18]



1939

Mahatma Gandhi begins a fast in Mumbai (Bombay) to protest against autocratic rule in India

1943

Battle of the Bismarck Sea: Australian and American air forces devastate Japanese navy convoy



A child patient whose treatments is underway, in different floors of Okhmadet Children's Hospital, as the war continues



A charred military vehicle is seen on a road near the town of Bucha in the Kyiv region, Ukraine



A view shows destroyed Russian Army multiple rocket launchers with the letter "Z" painted on their sides in Kharkiv

# Russia's amped

That leaves Russian soldiers vulnerable to attack from Ukrainian forces, in those newly equipped with rifles and US and British rifles.

Pututa, a retired US Air Force general who once commanded the 1st Air Division over northern Iraq, said he is confident that Russia didn't work to establish air dominance from the start.

Russians are discovering that their multi-domain operations is not as good as they presumed.

Russians have been unimpressive, Ukraine's military has exceeded expectations so far.

Ukraine's experience from the years of fighting with Russian separatist forces in the east has demonstrated some ability to coordinate ground maneuvers with air attacks.

At Russia's forces got combat in Syria, where they interposed themselves on the side of President Bashar Assad, demonstrating some ability to coordinate ground maneuvers with air attacks.

- Russia's largest lender Sberbank is quitting almost all European markets, blaming big cash outflows and threats to its staff and property
- US airplane manufacturer Boeing said it was suspending parts, maintenance and technical support for Russian airlines
- Airbus also stopped sending spare parts to Russia and supporting Russian airlines
- Apple said it had stopped sales of iPhones and other products in Russia, while Ford Motor joined other automakers by suspending operations in the country.
- Sanctions imposed on Russia have significantly increased the likelihood that the country defaults on its dollar- and other international market government debt, investment bank JPMorgan warned.
- Google said it has blocked mobile apps connected to RT and Sputnik from its Play store.
- The United States is "very open" to imposing sanctions on Russia's oil and gas industry, White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.
- US President Joe Biden barred Russian flights from American airspace and led Democratic and Republican lawmakers in a rare display of unity yesterday in a State of the Union speech dominated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- Cruise missile hits Ukraine's Kharkiv city council building - deputy regional governor



## Russia says its delegation is ready for new talks with Ukraine

Reuters | Moscow

Russian officials are ready to hold a second round of talks with Ukraine on Wednesday but it is unclear whether Ukrainian officials will turn up, the Kremlin said.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said there was contradictory information about the talks, which would follow a meeting at the Belarusian border on Monday that failed to produce a breakthrough.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Tuesday that Russia must stop bombing Ukrainian cities before more talks could take place on Russia's invasion of his country.

"First we can try to predict whether Ukrainian negoti-

ators will show up or not. Let's hope this happens. Our (negotiators) will be there and ready," Peskov told reporters.

He said Moscow needed to formulate a harsh, thought-out and clear response to measures imposed by Western countries to undermine the Russian economy.

Asked whether the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline project led by Russia's Gazprom was dead, Peskov said the infrastructure was still there and common sense was for it to be launched.

Berlin has said it will halt certification of the pipeline which runs from Russia to Germany but has yet to open.

Peskov said Russia's economy was experiencing a serious blow but that it was solid and the country had experience of getting through crises.



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You cannot claim to be green while your plans and projects undermine the net-zero target & ignore the major emissions cuts that must occur this decade. People see through this smoke-screen. OECD countries must phase out coal by 2030, and all others by 2040.

@antonio gutierrez

02



Glad \$1.5 billion has been pledged towards @UNOCHA- @UNHCR's combined appeals of \$ 1.7 billion for people affected by the #Ukraine emergency. @WHO needs \$50 million to address public health risks in coming months: treat trauma & injuries & address disruption of health services.

@DrTedros

03



We are closely monitoring the talks in Vienna including the possibility that an agreement will be signed allowing Iran to install centrifuges on a broad scale in a few years. This is unacceptable to us. Israel will know how to defend itself and ensure its security and future."

@JoeBiden

04



I strongly welcome allied action taken today to exclude seven Russian banks from SWIFT. This crucial step will cut those banks out of a service facilitating trillions of pounds of financial transactions and will severely hamper Russia's ability to trade with other countries

@RishiSunak

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