

1776

Adam Smith publishes the influential economics book "The Wealth of Nations"

1918

Russian Bolshevik Party becomes the Communist Party

1933

US Congress is called into special session by FDR, beginning its "100 days"



1961

Soviet flight Sputnik 9 carries and returns from orbit a dog named Chernushka (Blackie), frogs and a guinea pig

Ukraine's children caught in the chaos of Russian invasion



Children who came with the humanitarian transport of Ukrainian public orphanages following an invasion of Ukraine, have breakfast at the table near Rawa Mazowiecka, Poland



Children wearing foil blankets fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine cross the border from Ukraine to Poland at the border checkpoint in Medyka, Poland



Children take shelter in the basement of a perinatal centre as air raid siren sounds are heard



Children look out from an evacuation train from Kyiv to Lviv as they say goodbye to their father at Kyiv central train station in Ukraine

West of \$300 per barrel to EU gas supply



This family flees from advancing Russian troops in the town of Irpin outside Kyiv,

1,335

The United Nations human rights office said on Tuesday that it had verified 1,335 civilian casualties in Ukraine, including 474 killed and 861 injured, since Russia's invasion began on Feb. 24.

Novak said Russia, which supplies 40% of Europe's gas, was fulfilling its obligations in full but that it would be entirely within its rights to retaliate against the European Union after Germany last month froze the certification of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline.

"In connection with ... the imposition of a ban on Nord Stream 2, we have every right to take a matching decision and impose an embargo on gas pumping through the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline," Novak said.

"So far we are not taking such a decision," he said. "But European politicians with their statements and accusations against Russia push us towards that."

Russia proposes nationalising foreign-owned factories that shut operations

Reuters | VIV, Ukraine

A senior member of Russia's ruling party has proposed nationalising foreign-owned factories that shut down operations in the country over what the Kremlin calls a special military operation in Ukraine.

A reporter for Politico said Britain was expected to announce steps to reduce dependency on Russian energy.

Several foreign companies including Toyota, Nike and home furnishings retailer IKEA have announced temporary shutdowns of stores and factories in Russia.

The first line of Nord Stream 1 was laid by May 2011 and was inaugurated on 8 November 2011. The second line of Nord Stream 1 was laid in 2011-2012 and was inaugurated on 8 October 2012.



Refugees flee war in Ukraine: UN



1,312 refugees from Ukraine since the start of the country.

The International Organization for Migration said that 103,000 third-country nationals were among those who have fled.

Poland

More than half of those who have fled Ukraine are now in Poland, with UNHCR saying on Monday 1,204,403 refugees were now in the country.

The number swelled by 176,800 in 24 hours.

Hungary

Some 191,348 refugees are now in Hungary -- 10 percent of the total who have fled Ukraine. The number was up 11,185 on Monday's figure.

Slovakia

Across Ukraine's shortest border, some 140,745 refugees are now in Slovakia.

Russia

UNHCR says the number of ref-

ugees who have crossed Ukraine's longest border into Russia since the invasion is 99,300.

Moldova

Some 82,762 refugees were now in Moldova, according to figures updated to the end of Sunday, though many thousands more have passed through the non-EU state on their way to other countries.

Romania

Some 82,062 refugees from Ukraine are now in Romania, according to latest figures dated to the end of Sunday.

Belarus

Some 453 refugees had made it to Belarus, according to UNHCR.

Attacks on Ukrainian hospitals, ambulances increasing rapidly, WHO warns



Medical specialists transport an injured woman to an ambulance following recent shelling in the separatist-controlled city of Donetsk, Ukraine

Reuters

Attacks on hospitals, ambulances and other health care facilities in Ukraine have increased rapidly in recent days and the country is running short of vital medical supplies, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

The WHO's senior emergency officer for Europe, Catherine Smallwood, told a news briefing that the tally included incidents where ambulances had been commandeered for purposes other than emergency healthcare.

"We will continue to update those numbers. They've been increasing quite rapidly over the past few days," Smallwood said.

The agency is working to rapidly provide medical supplies to Ukraine, where oxygen, insulin, personal pro-

TECTIVE equipment, surgical items and blood products are running low, Europe regional director Hans Kluge told the briefing.

The supply of oxygen, children's vaccines, especially against polio amid an outbreak, and mental health expertise are among the WHO's top priorities for the region, he said.

In a separate statement, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said countries neighbouring Ukraine which are hosting Ukrainian refugees should include them in their vaccine programmes against a range of diseases.

They should prioritise vaccinating against COVID-19 and polio and also against measles, as the current inoculation coverage is insufficient to prevent measles outbreaks, the ECDC said in a statement.

"Crowding in bomb shelters and reception centres could facilitate the start of a measles outbreak, particularly as spring coincides with the natural seasonality of the disease," the agency added.

Putin says will not use conscript soldiers in Ukraine

Reuters

Russia will not use any conscript soldiers in Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin said yesterday.

"I emphasize that conscript soldiers are not participating in hostilities and will not participate in them. And there will be no additional call-up of reservists," Putin said in a televised message to mark International Women's Day.



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with flight personnel, students and employees of the Aeroflot Aviation School on the outskirts of Moscow, Russia



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The cascading crises of recent years have highlighted how women's leadership is more crucial than ever. We need a sustainable, feminist pandemic recovery centred around — and driven by — women and girls. #IWD2022 @antoniogeterres

02



5 metric tonnes of @WHO medical supplies have arrived in Kyiv, #Ukraine, to treat patients with trauma and injuries, and to continue the delivery of essential #primaryhealthcare. We are working with health authorities and volunteers to get these items to health facilities. @DrTedros

03



On Women's Day, I salute our Nari Shakti and their accomplishments in diverse fields. The Government of India will keep focusing on women empowerment through its various schemes with an emphasis on dignity as well as opportunity. @narendramodi

04



With European security threatened once again, I hosted @JustinTrudeau and @MinPres here to ensure that Putin's barbaric invasion ends in failure. @BorisJohnson

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