



Ola Hanczakowska and her two-year-old daughter Tereza rest in a shelter in Radymno, Poland, on Monday. Ms. Hanczakowska left her mother, father and brother in Yavoriv behind in western Ukraine. ANNA LIMINOWICZ/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## Ukraine accuses Russia of 'medieval' tactics as crisis intensifies

Putin's forces continue to bombard cities as food, water and other essentials grow scarce

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The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine deepened Monday as Russian forces intensified their shelling and food, water, heat and medicine grew increasingly scarce, in what the country condemned as a medieval-style siege by Moscow to batter it into submission.

A third round of talks between the two sides ended with a top Ukrainian official saying there had been minor, unspecified progress toward establishing safe corridors that would allow civilians to escape the fighting. Russia's chief negotiator said he expects those corridors to start operating Tuesday.

But that remained to be seen, given the failure of previous attempts to lead civilians to safety amid the biggest ground war in Europe since the Second World War.

Well into the second week of the invasion, with Russian troops making significant advances in southern Ukraine but stalled in some other regions, a top U.S. official said multiple countries were discussing whether to provide the warplanes that

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has been pleading for.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces continued to pummel cities with rockets, and fierce fighting raged in places. In the face of the bombardments, Mr. Zelensky said Ukrainian forces were showing unprecedented courage.

"The problem is that for one soldier of Ukraine, we have 10 Russian soldiers, and for one Ukrainian tank, we have 50 Russian tanks," Mr. Zelensky told ABC News in an interview that aired Monday night. He noted that the gap in forces was diminishing and that even if Russian forces "come into all our cities," they will be met with an insurgency.

In one of the most desperate cities, the encircled southern port of Mariupol, an estimated 200,000 people – nearly half the population of 430,000 – were hoping to flee, and Red Cross officials waited to hear when a corridor would be established.

The city is short on water, food and power, and cellphone networks are down. Stores have been looted as residents search for essential goods.

■ UKRAINE, A7

## Western allies rush to fortify neglected eastern flank in Romania

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A scrambled military deployment to the eastern borders of the European Union is being assembled on ground that bears the unmistakable look of neglect. Not far from newly arrived Dutch soldiers walking on muddy gravel at Mihail Kogalniceanu, a Romanian air base near the Black Sea, mouldering Soviet-era MiG-29 fighter jets sit parked amid the trees.

The base still boasts a bunker built under Nicolae Ceausescu, though dirt has now slumped into the entrances. It offers, in any event, little protection against modern munitions, like those being used by Russian troops in Ukraine not far from here, in a war that has underscored the need for stronger military defences in eastern Europe.

But a plan to build a modern base will take years, Romanian officials say, even in a place that occupies strategic ground for NATO.

■ ROMANIA, A4

## 'It's like Dunkirk': Civilian convoy of hope makes perilous journey to rescue Ukrainians trapped near Kyiv

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Oleksander Sydielnikov surveyed the motley collection of cars, pickup trucks and minivans gathered Sunday at a gas station near Lviv, in western Ukraine, with a mixture of pride and apprehension.

With their country at war, and people trapped in cities under attack, this group of strangers was going to do something about it.

The plan was simple, although clearly dangerous: The 12 vehicles, plus two more

they would meet up with along the way, were stuffed with food, water, diapers, toys and as many badly needed medical supplies, including insulin, as the volunteers could find. Soon, the cars would form a line and drive toward the partly besieged capital, Kyiv, 500 kilometres to the east.

Step 1 would be dropping off all the boxes in their cars in Fastiv, a small city near Kyiv that is becoming a hub for people fleeing the capital, but where store shelves are now completely bare.

On the way back to the relative safety of Lviv, they would take all the women and children they could. "For me, it's like Dunkirk. It's very similar. Remember how Churchill said whoever has a boat, even civilians, has to go to Dunkirk and save lives? It's not the same, but it's similar. We're self-

organized people who only want to help women and children escape," Mr. Sydielnikov said. "The Russians are trying to block that area, to occupy Fastiv and block the only way out of Kyiv."

As they pulled onto the highway shortly after dawn, Mr. Sydielnikov's red Kia was followed by a handful of sedans and station wagons, each crammed with goods hastily donated by people in western Ukraine, some purchased with money sent from abroad. One of the sedans had Czech licence plates. A black Ford pickup with red crosses taped to its sides joined the convoy, carrying dozens of bottles of water, plus a few cases of Coca-Cola. So did a white truck covered with advertisements for a home renovation company.

■ CONVOY, A8

## Report urges probe of 15 Indigenous deaths in Thunder Bay

WILLOW FIDDLER

The sudden deaths of 15 Indigenous people in Thunder Bay require further investigation by police or the coroner's office, including that of a two-month-old baby with cocaine in its system, investigators in Ontario say in a report that follows two probes that found racism in the local force.

A secondary report that will not be made public recommends an external review of 25 unsolved cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls at the Thunder Bay Police Service's criminal investigation branch.

The main report was delivered last week to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director, the police board and Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney-General. It has not yet been made public. It contains case summaries and comprehensive accounts of nine sudden deaths of Indigenous people that were reinvestigated, and cites shortcomings in police work, and a lack of documentation and coroner involvement.

The recommendation for a review of the cases of missing women and girls is part of a confidential report investigators produced that is not in the final report to the OIPRD.

Both reports were obtained by The Globe and Mail.

The local police force and police board had already been investigated twice, after an inquest into the deaths of seven First Nations high-school students ended in 2016. Gerry McNeilly of the OIPRD found in a report called Broken Trust that the force was guilty of systemic racism. It said Indigenous people were both over- and under-policed.

The second investigation, led by former senator Murray Sinclair, dissolved the board, also accusing it of racism and of failing to police the force.

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