



A Ukrainian Territorial Defence fighter examines a destroyed Russian infantry mobility vehicle GAZ Tigr after the fight in Kharkiv yesterday. Ukrainian forces secured full control of Kharkiv following street fighting with Russian troops in the country's second biggest city, the local governor said. PHOTO: AFP

## WEST'S SANCTIONS

### China so far not helping Russia

REUTERS, Washington

China so far does not appear to be helping Russia evade Western financial sanctions on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine, but doing so would "do profound damage" to China's reputation, a senior Biden Administration official said on Saturday.

"The latest signs suggest that China's not coming to the rescue," the official told reporters after announcing that the United States and its allies agreed to impose sanctions against Russia's central bank and disconnect key Russian banks from the SWIFT international financial transaction network.

The official said that recent reports that some Chinese banks have stopped issuing letters of credit for purchases of physical commodities from Russia were a positive sign.

This "suggests that, much like has been the pattern for years and years, China has tended to respect the force of U.S. sanctions," the official added.

China is Russia's biggest trade partner for both exports and imports, buying a third of Russia's crude oil exports in 2020 and supplying it with manufactured products from cell phones and computers to toys and clothing.

The China-Russia trade relationship has grown significantly since 2014, when the West first imposed sanctions against Russian entities over Moscow's annexation of Crimea.

## STIFF UKRAINE RESISTANCE

### Russia 'frustrated'

Claims Pentagon, says Washington plans to send more arms in the coming days



Members of the Territorial Defence Forces of Ukraine prepare Molotov cocktails in Kyiv yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

AFP, Washington

Russia's invasion force is being slowed and frustrated by unexpectedly stiff resistance from Ukrainian troops, keeping them outside Kyiv, a senior US defense official said.

The United States and Western allies are still able to deliver arms into the country to bolster the Ukraine military, and Washington plans to send more in the coming days to help them fight both Russian armor on the ground and assaults from the air, the official said.

According to Pentagon information, Russia now has at least 50 percent of its massive invasion force inside Ukraine.

But the force is making slow progress on its original three-front thrust due to unexpectedly stiff resistance, the official told reporters, on grounds of anonymity.

"We have indications that the Russians are increasingly frustrated by their lack of momentum over the last 24 hours, particularly in the north parts of Ukraine," the official said on Saturday.

In Moscow Saturday the defense ministry said the Russian army had been ordered to broaden its offensive after Kyiv declined an offer of talks in Russia-allied Belarus.

"Today all units were given orders to develop the advance from all directions in accordance with the operation's plans," Russian army spokesman Igor Konashenkov announced.

Ukrainian officials said 198 civilians, including three children, had been killed since Russia invaded, as a defiant President Volodymyr Zelensky vowed his country would never give in to the Kremlin.

The Pentagon believes the Russian invasion, utilizing a force of more than 150,000 troops, heavy armor, and missile and air barrages, has not progressed nearly as fast as hoped since it began just before dawn on Thursday.

"Ukrainian air defenses, including aircraft, do continue to be operable and continue to engage and deny access to Russian aircraft in places over the country," the US official said.

The bulk of the Russian troops remained some 30 kilometers (18 miles) outside of Kyiv, the official said, while stressing that battlefield situations were actively changing.

Ukraine's army said Saturday it had held back an assault on the capital but was fighting Russian "sabotage groups" which had infiltrated the city.

Ukrainian resistance remains "viable," and Western allies are still able to get weapons and other supplies to them despite the Russian attack, the US official said.

The Russians "have been frustrated by... a very determined resistance and it has slowed them down."

"Based on what we've observed, that this resistance is greater than what the Russians expected," the official said. The Russians have been more successful in the push from Crimea and the Black Sea in the south.

## Kyiv launches 'IT army'

### Takes aim at Russian cyberspace

REUTERS, London

Ukraine will create an "IT army" to fight against Russia's digital intrusions, Vice Prime Minister Mykhailo Fedorov said on Saturday night.

Ukraine has called its hacker underground to help protect critical infrastructure and conduct cyber spying missions against Russian troops, Reuters exclusively reported last week.

"We are creating an IT army," Fedorov wrote in a Tweet that linked to a channel on the Telegram messaging app which published a list of prominent Russian websites.

"There will be tasks for everyone. We continue to fight on the cyber front. The first task is on the channel for cyber specialists," he said.

The Telegram channel listed the websites of 31 major Russian businesses and state organisations including Gazprom ELGZL MM, Russia's second-largest oil producer Lukoil, three banks and a handful of government websites.

Kremlin.ru, the official website of the Kremlin and the office of Russian President Vladimir Putin, was taken offline on Saturday in an apparent distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack.

Malicious data-wiping software was discovered circulating in Ukraine last week, hitting hundreds of computers, according to researchers at the cybersecurity firm ESET.

Suspicion fell on Russia, which has repeatedly been accused of hacks against Ukraine and other countries.

## INVASION OF UKRAINE Developments

AGENCIES

### RUSSIANS ATTACK KHARKIV

Russian troops enter Ukraine's second city Kharkiv in the east of the country, with Ukraine saying its forces are "eliminating the enemy" in street fighting after some Russian light vehicles slip through defences. The regional governor said on his social media yesterday that Ukraine has full control over Kharkiv.

### KYIV HOLDS OUT

Ukraine says it is holding the line around Kyiv but was fighting Russian "sabotage groups" that had infiltrated the city. President Zelensky hails the assistance Ukraine was receiving from its international allies as Russia's invading forces pressed on with an assault.

### RUSSIA'S BIG PUSH

As the West tries to rush weapons to Ukraine, Russia orders an advance "from all directions" and pounds the Ukrainian military with cruise missiles. But it offers talks if Kyiv surrenders its arms.

### TWO CITIES BESIEGED

Moscow says its forces have "entirely" besieged the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson and Berdyansk in the southeast on the Sea of Azov.

### BANK BAN TO CRIPPLE RUSSIAN TRADE

As fighting goes on across the north, east and southeast of Ukraine, the West says it will freeze the assets of Russia's central bank and remove some of its banks from the SWIFT interbank system, crippling part of its global trade.

### TRUMP PRAISES PUTIN

Former US president Donald Trump praises Russian leader Vladimir Putin as "smart", claiming "this horrific disaster would never have happened if our election was not rigged." Trump had earlier described Putin's invasion plan as a "genius" move.

### MUSK ACTIVATES STARLINK FOR UKRAINE

Elon Musk orders his SpaceX's Starlink satellite service to supply broadband to Ukraine after a government minister pleads for help after Russia blocked internet coverage.

### US, EUROPE MILITARY AID

The United States says it is providing Ukraine with \$350 million in additional military assistance to fight off the Russian invasion. Germany is sending 1,000 anti-

tank weapons and 500 "Stinger" surface-to-air missiles to help Ukraine. France is also rushing military equipment and fuel there with Prague supplying small arms and ammunition.

### GERMANY BOWS TO SWIFT BAN

Germany says it is working on excluding Russia from the SWIFT interbank system after coming under severe criticism from Poland for resisting EU efforts to impose the sanction that would cripple Moscow's trade.

### WORLDWIDE 'RUSSIA OUT!' PROTESTS

Pro-Ukraine protests erupt across the world as thousands take to the streets from London to Athens and Argentina to Canada to denounce Russia's assault on its neighbour. Meanwhile, more than 3,000 Russians have been arrested since Thursday for protesting against the invasion.

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