

OUTGUNNED UKRAINE FENDS OFF ATTACKS



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Above, Ukrainian soldiers rushed to aid a family hit by Russian mortar fire on Sunday in the vil-
lage of Irpen, but there was little to be done. Below, a Ukrainian soldier ran to check on the family.

Weapons Flow
From the West
In a Vast Airlift

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On a snowy tarmac at Amari Air
Base in northern Estonia on Sun-
day morning, pallets of rifles, am-
munition and other weapons were
being loaded onto one of the larg-
est cargo planes in the world, an
Antonov AN-124, belonging to the
Ukrainian air force. It is an arti-
fact of the Cold War, built and pur-
chased when Ukraine was still
part of the Soviet Union.

Now it is being turned back
against the Russian invasion of
Ukraine, part of a vast airlift that
American and European officials
describe as a desperate race
against time, to get tons of arms
into the hands of Ukrainian forces
while their supply routes are still
open. Scenes like this, reminiscent
of the Berlin airlift — the famed
race by the Western allies to keep
West Berlin supplied with essen-
tials in 1948 and 1949 as the Soviet
Union sought to choke it off — are
playing out across Europe.

In less than a week, the United
States and NATO have pushed
more than 17,000 antitank weap-
ons, including Javelin missiles,
over the borders of Poland and Ro-
mania, unloading them from giant
military cargo planes so they can
make the trip by land to Kyiv, the
Ukrainian capital, and other ma-
jor cities. So far, Russian forces
have been so preoccupied in other
parts of the country that they have
not targeted the arms supply
lines, but few think that can last.

But those are only the most vi-
sible contributions. Hidden away on
bases around Eastern Europe, forces
from United States Cyber
Command known as “cybermis-
sion teams” are in place to inter-
fere with Russia’s digital attacks
and communications — but meas-
uring their success rate is diffi-
cult.

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As Shell Falls,
Family’s Dash
To Safety Ends

By LYNSEY ADDARIO
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IRPIN, Ukraine — The bridge
was just a skeleton of its old self,
blown up days earlier by Ukrain-
ian soldiers intent on slowing the
Russian advance on the capital,
Kyiv, but battered as it was, it of-
fered a lifeline to civilians desper-
ate to flee the fighting.

On Sunday, as Ukrainian refu-
gees were milling near the en-
trance to the structure, calculat-
ing their odds of making it safely
over the Irpin River, a family
laden with backpacks and a blue
roller suitcase decided to chance
it.

The Russian mortar hit just as
they made it across into Kyiv.

A cloud of concrete dust lofted
into the morning air. When it set-
tled, Ukrainians could be seen
running madly from the scene.
But not the family. A mother and
her two children lay still on the
roadway, along with a family
friend.

Russia’s president, Vladimir V.
Putin, has repeatedly denied that
his forces are targeting civilians
fleeing battle zones. He did so
again on Sunday, a day after a rail-
road track used to evacuate
Ukrainians came under fire.

But only a handful of Ukrainian
troops were near the bridge when
mortar shells began raining down.
The soldiers there were not en-
gaged in combat but in helping
refugees carry their children and
luggage toward the capital.

“The military is the military and
that is one thing,” one soldier said
bitterly. “But these are civilians,
people who waited until the last
moment.”

The attack at the bridge was
witnessed by a New York Times
team, including the photojournal-
ist Lynsey Addario, a security ad-
viser and Andriy Dubchak, a free-

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Painful Goodbyes at the Border
As Men Stay to Fight Russians

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN and MONIKA PRONCZUK

MEDYKA, Poland — Iryna
Dukhota has been married to her
husband for 26 years. She met him
when they were young, as he was
riding his bike through her neigh-
borhood in Kyiv, Ukraine’s capital.

But a few days ago, on a gray,
windswept morning, with thou-
sands of people rushing around
them, the couple stood at the
Ukraine-Poland border, lips quiv-
ering. After all these years, it was
time to say goodbye.

“I told him ‘I love you’ and ‘We
will see each other soon,’” Ms.
Dukhota said, her eyes pooling.

Now, she says, she does not
know when or even if she will ever
see him again.

As the Russian Army bears
down on Ukraine from the north,
south and east, a mass migration

of millions of civilians is gathering
like a storm over the plains.

But the international border
gates are a painful filter, splitting
families apart. The Ukrainian gov-
ernment has mandated that men
aged 18 to 60 are not allowed to
leave the country, so the crowds
pouring into Poland, Hungary and
other neighboring nations are
eerily devoid of men. It is almost
exclusively women and young
children who pass through the
checkpoints after heartbreaking
goodbyes. The Ukrainian men,
whether they want to or not, turn
back to fight.

Some Ukrainian women re-
ferred to the separations as “a lit-
tle death.”

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Talking to Relatives in Russia,
Ukrainians Hear, ‘What War?’

By VALERIE HOPKINS

LVIV, Ukraine — Four days af-
ter Russia began dropping artil-
lery shells on Kyiv, Misha Katsi-
urin, a Ukrainian restaurateur,
was wondering why his father, a
church custodian living in the
Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod,
hadn’t called to check on him.

“There is a war, I’m his son, and
he just doesn’t call,” Mr. Katsiurin,
who is 33, said in an interview. So,
Mr. Katsiurin picked up the phone
and let his father know that
Ukraine was under attack by Rus-
sia.

“I’m trying to evacuate my chil-
dren and my wife — everything is
extremely scary,” Mr. Katsiurin
told him.

He did not get the response he
expected. His father, Andrei, did-
n’t believe him.

“No, no, no, no stop,” Mr. Katsi-
urin said of his father’s initial re-
sponse.

“He started to tell me how the
things in my country are going,”
said Mr. Katsiurin, who converted
his restaurants into volunteer
centers and is temporarily staying
near Ternopil, a city in western
Ukraine. “He started to yell at me
and told me: ‘Look, everything is
going like this. They are Nazis.’”

As Ukrainians deal with the
devastation of the Russian attacks
in their homeland, many are also
encountering a confounding and
almost surreal backlash from fam-
ily members in Russia, who refuse
to believe that Russian soldiers
could bomb innocent people, or
kill them.

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In Burundi, the drum is a revered sym-
bol of culture and unity. But after a 2017
decree, only men can play.

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Women’s Marches in Pakistan

What began in 2018 as a single rally has
become an annual event in multiple
cities. Opposition is rising.

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Little Recourse for Zelle Fraud

The payments platform is a popular
target of scammers. But banks have
been loath to make fraud victims whole,
despite owning the system.

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Of E.U. countries, Germany has by far
the most business ties with Russia, and
for many, those ties have become per-
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More Internet Options, Maybe

Americans pay more for worse internet
service. But fresh congressional fund-
ing and advances in technology may
finally bring change.

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Convoy Encircles Washington

Truckers protesting Covid mandates
slowed traffic on the Beltway for hours
before fading in the afternoon.

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Younger Asian Americans in New York
are less likely than their elders to back
traditional policing solutions.

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Six decades after she played the lit-
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Lee’s novel, Mary Badham takes on
the role of a mean, racist neighbor in
the play’s national tour.

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Satisfyingly Creepy Viewing

Netflix’s “Archive 81,” Epix’s “From”
and Starz’s “Shining Vale” all offer
clever variations on a horror genre that
is a perfect fit for our stir-crazy age,
Mike Hale reports.

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Mike Krzyzewski walked Cameron
Indoor Stadium’s sideline for the last
time on Saturday, and a coaching legacy
at Duke was celebrated.

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