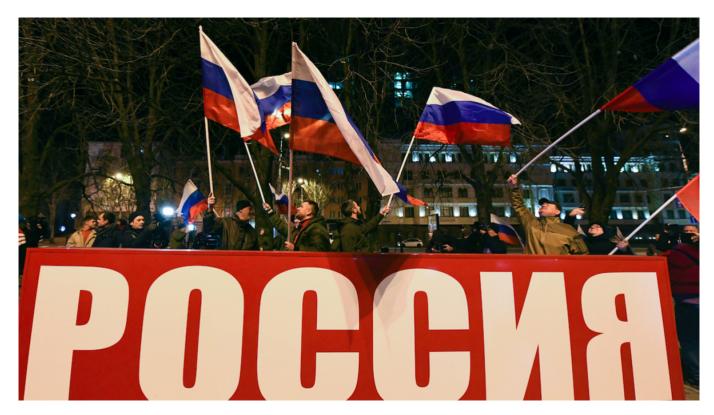


Donetsk and Kyiv React After Russia's Separatist Recognition

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Russian President Vladimir Putin made an announcement that stunned the world on Monday when he recognized the separatist-held republics of eastern Ukraine.

A few residents gathered to celebrate the announcements in the separatist-held city of Donetsk.

Observers view the recognition as a new escalation in the conflict that has killed over 14,000 people.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky condemned the move as a violation of the country's sovereignty.

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