

In Photos: Moscow's Military Enlistment Centers Amid Mobilization

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Thousands of Russian men of military age have been called up to service since President Vladimir Putin declared a "partial" military mobilization following major losses in Ukraine. While Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said the "partial" mobilization would involve 300,000 reservists with prior military experience, the official decree does not list a number — and independent media reports have said the Kremlin could call up as many as 1 million men to fight. Since the announcement was made, Russia's military recruitment offices have become a site of tearful goodbyes, anger and somber resignation. Here is a look at scenes from enlistment centers in the capital Moscow in the first days of the mobilization:



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