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2022 in Photos: How Putin's Ukraine Gamble Became a Quagmire

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The past year has been almost entirely dominated by the seismic repercussions of Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to invade Ukraine on Feb. 24 in a full-scale attack that he believed would see his troops swiftly take Kyiv. Of course, the invasion didn't go as Putin had planned. From the unexpected ferocity of Ukrainian resistance, Western supplies of modern weapons and equipment to Kyiv and unanimous European support for economic sanctions on Moscow, the fallout from the war for Russia has been far-reaching. At the same time, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has transformed from political neophyte to inspirational wartime leader. As the biggest conflict in Europe since World War II grinds on, we look back at some of the events that shaped 2022 in Russia and Ukraine.

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