

In Photos: Russians Mark 11 Years Since Annexation of Crimea

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On this day 11 years ago, Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine in a move not recognized by the international community. The annexation and the conflict between Kyiv's forces and Russia-backed rebels in eastern Ukraine would set the stage for Moscow's full-scale invasion of its neighbor in 2022. The annexation has become a central part of the Kremlin's patriotic propaganda efforts, and in past years has been celebrated with a concert rally at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium. This year's celebrations were more muted, with sporadic patriotic demonstrations in schools and cities across the country. Here is a look at the events in annexed Crimea and elsewhere in Russia:



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