War in Ukraine

Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February, launching the biggest military offensive in Europe since World War II. Moscow's incursion into the territory of its south-western neighbour and attempts to capture major cities – notably Kyiv, the capital – have met with firm resistance, thwarting President Vladimir Putin’s reported plans for a quick conquest and installation of a subservient government. The United States, the European Union and many other countries have imposed harsh sanctions on Russia, including attempting to cut some Russian banks off from international payments systems and limiting the Russian central bank's access to financial markets, as well as launching trade curbs, assets freezes and other restrictions. Many NATO countries have promised to deliver weapons to support Ukrainian fighters. For the first time, the EU has announced plans to send military equipment to a third country. Putin has moved Russia’s nuclear force on to 'special alert', sparking fear and renewed condemnation across the world. Hundreds of thousands have already fled Ukraine to escape the war.

This note gathers links to the recent publications and commentaries from many international think tanks on Russia's attack on Ukraine. Reports from before the invasion can be found in a previous item of the 'What think tanks are thinking' series.

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