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Russia is at war with Ukraine. Here's the background you need to know.

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For weeks, Western officials warned that a massive buildup of Russian troops on the border with Ukraine signaled a plan by Moscow to invade. Now, a full-scale invasion by Russian forces is underway, with missiles and artillery raining down on major cities, hundreds of civilians killed and some places — including Ukraine's largest nuclear power plant — already under Russia's control.

The war has produced more than 1.3 million refugees since it began on Feb. 24, according to the United Nations refugee agency, and is upending decades of peace in Europe.