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## Ukrainian military says dozens of civilians killed in Kharkiv

KYIV/MOSCOW, Feb 28 (Reuters) - Russian artillery bombarded residential districts of Ukraine's second largest city Kharkiv on Monday, killing possibly dozens of people, Ukrainian officials said, as Moscow's invading forces met stiff resistance from Ukrainians on a fifth day of conflict.

The attacks took place while Russian and Ukrainian officials met on the Belarusian border, but their talks made no breakthrough.

Russia also faced deepening isolation and economic turmoil as Western nations, united in condemnation of its assault, hit it with an array of sanctions that rippled around the world. Global shares slid and oil prices jumped.

The United States imposed new sanctions - on Russia's central bank and other sources of wealth. [read more](#)

And President Volodymyr Zelenskiy signed a letter formally requesting immediate membership of the European Union for Ukraine - a request unlikely to shorten the admission process, but an emphatic statement of commitment to Western values. [read more](#)

But Russian President Vladimir Putin showed no sign of reconsidering the invasion he unleashed on Russia's neighbour last Thursday in an attempt to pull it firmly back under Moscow's influence and redraw Europe's security map.

He dismissed the West as an "empire of lies" and replied to the new sanctions with moves to shore up Russia's crumbling rouble currency.

The Russian invasion - the biggest assault on a European state since World War Two - has failed to make the decisive early gains that Putin would have hoped for. But Kharkiv in Ukraine's northeast has become a major battleground.

Regional administration chief Oleg Syneubov said Russian artillery had pounded residential districts even though no Ukrainian army positions or strategic infrastructure were there. At least 11 people were killed, he said.

"This is happening in the daytime, when people have gone out to the pharmacy, for groceries, or for drinking water. It's a



crime," he said.

Earlier Interior Ministry adviser Anton Herashchenko said Russian rocket strikes on Kharkiv had killed dozens. It was not possible to verify the casualty figures independently.

Video posted by the military showed thick columns of smoke rising from apartment blocks and flashes of flames.

Moscow's United Nations ambassador, speaking in New York, said the Russian army did not pose a threat to civilians.

Images from the U.S. satellite company Maxar showed a Russian military convoy stretching over 17 miles on the way to Kyiv.

Fighting also occurred throughout Sunday night around the port city of Mariupol, the head of the Donetsk regional administration, Pavlo Kyrylenko, said. He did not say whether Russian forces had gained or lost ground.

Russian forces seized two small cities in southeastern Ukraine and the area around

a nuclear power plant, according to the Interfax news agency, but the capital Kyiv remained under government control.

Explosions were heard in the city before dawn and soldiers set up checkpoints and blocked streets with piles of sandbags and tyres as they waited to take on Russian soldiers.

On Kyiv's streets, signboards normally used for traffic alerts showed the message: "Putin lost the war. The whole world is with Ukraine."

### TALKS ON BORDER

Talks between the two sides took place on the border with strong Russian ally Belarus - a launch pad for invading Russian troops. [read more](#)

Ukraine had said it wanted to secure an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces. The Kremlin declined to comment on its goals. The meeting ended with officials heading back to capitals for further consultations before a second round of

negotiations, Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak told reporters.

"The Russian side, unfortunately, still has a very biased view of the destructive processes it has launched," Podolyak tweeted.

Russian delegation head Vladimir Medinsky told reporters: "The most important thing is that we agreed to continue negotiating."

Russia calls its actions in Ukraine a "special operation" that it says is not designed to occupy territory but to destroy its southern neighbour's military capabilities and capture what it regards as dangerous nationalists.

The Western-led response has been emphatic, with sanctions that effectively cut off Moscow's financial institutions from Western markets. The rouble plunged 32% against the dollar on Monday before recouping about half of its losses. [read more](#)

Over the weekend, Western nations announced sanctions including barring some Russian banks from the SWIFT international payments system.



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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## The Confrontation Between Biden And Putin



Soviet member countries have joined NATO and the European Union and they now represent a threat to Russia's security.

No matter what the future of Ukraine will be, we can foresee that the relationship between the U.S. and Russia will only get worse. There is a great possibility that the two countries will completely sever diplomatic

relationships, effectively returning the world to the Cold War era.

We look forward to finding a solution to the diplomatic negotiations between Russia and Ukraine, but it looks like that by no means will be easy.

We also hope that President Biden and President Putin will solve the problem with the greatest wisdom to avoid war.



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After Russia invaded Ukraine, President Biden called Putin an invader and imposed personal sanctions on him last Friday. This harsh action of imposing sanctions on another head of state was unprecedented.

situation. Although the two sides sat down for negotiations, Russia has warned the western world and made preparations for nuclear weapons activity. This action is intended to intimidate the United States and western allies and not to interfere in Ukraine's affairs. In Putin's

eyes, the U.S. is having many domestic political and economic issues these days.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Putin has been in power for almost a quarter of a century. Over the last several years, many former



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## Editor's Choice



Ukrainian servicemen walk by a damaged vehicle, at the site of a fighting with Russian troops, after Russia launched a massive military operation against Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine. REUTERS/Valentyn Ogirenko



An armed local resident carries a cat in a carrier and a fish in an aquarium, which he took out of an apartment building damaged by recent shelling in Kyiv, Ukraine. REUTERS/Mikhail Palinchak



Lidiya Zhuravlyova, a Ukraine-born performance artist, looks on as she takes part in an anti-war protest, after Russia launched a massive military operation against Ukraine, in Bangkok, Thailand. REUTERS/Chalinee Thirasupa



Cars line up on the road to the Shehyni border crossing as people flee to Poland, after Russia launched a massive military operation against Ukraine, outside Mostyska, Ukraine. REUTERS/Natalie Thomas



Way McFarlane in action against Nick Campbell in The OVO Hydro in Glasgow, Scotland. Action Images/Lee Smith



People fleeing Russia's military operation against Ukraine walk toward the Shehyni border crossing to Poland past cars waiting in line to cross the border, outside Mostyska, Ukraine. REUTERS/Thomas Peter



2,120 Hate Incidents Against Asian Americans  
Reported During Coronavirus Pandemic

Coronavirus: What Do Attacks On  
Asians Tell About American Identity?



Attacks on East Asian people living in the US have shot up during the pandemic, revealing an uncomfortable truth about American identity. (Photo/ Getty Images)

More than 2,100 anti-Asian American hate incidents related to COVID-19 were reported across the country over a three-month time span between March and June, according to advocacy groups that compile the data. The incidents include physical attacks, verbal assaults, workplace discrimination and online harassment.

The Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Chinese for Affirmative Action launched a hate incident reporting website on March 19 when the coronavirus was becoming widespread across the U.S. and the media began reporting violent incidents targeting Asian-Americans. The online tool is available in multiple languages and allows users to report the information with the promise that personal information will be kept confidential. On Wednesday, the advocacy groups released an analysis of the incidents reported through June 18 in California, where about 40 percent of the 2,120 hate incidents took place. The groups released the national data to CBS News after an inquiry.

Of the 832 incidents reported in California, many included anti-Asian slurs and references to China and the coronavirus. One assailant yelled about “bringing that Chinese virus over here” during an attack against an Asian-American man at a San Francisco hardware store on May 6.



The assailant reportedly also said “Go back to China,” “F--- you, Chinaman” and “F--- you, you monkey.” In another San Francisco incident on June 9, someone threw a glass bottle at a woman putting her child in a car seat and yelled, “Go home Ch---k.” And in Santa Clara on June 16, a man kicked a woman’s dog and then spat at her, saying, “Take your disease that’s ruining our country and go home.”

“These are real people just living their lives and encountering this kind of hate,” said Cynthia Choi, the co-executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, on Wednesday.

Though she was not born in the US, nothing about Tracy Wen Liu’s life in the country felt “un-American”. Ms Liu went to football games, watched Sex and the City and volunteered at food banks. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, the 31-year-old didn’t think anything of being East Asian and living in Austin, Texas. “Honestly, I didn’t really think I stood out a lot,” she says. That has changed. With the outbreak of the pandemic that has killed around 100,000 people in

the US, being Asian in America can make you a target - and many, including Ms Liu, have felt it. In her case, she says a Korean friend was pushed and yelled at by several people in a grocery store, and then asked to leave, simply because she was Asian and wore a mask.



Members of the Asian American Commission gather in Massachusetts to condemn racism. (Photo/Getty Images)

In states including New York, California, and Texas, East Asians have been spat on, punched or kicked - and in one case even stabbed. Whether they have been faced with outright violence, bullying or more insidious forms of social or political abuse, a spike in anti-Asian prejudice has left many Asians - which in the US refers to people of east or southeast Asian descent - wondering where they fit in American society.

“When I first came here five years ago, my goal was to adapt to American culture as soon as possible,” says Ms Liu. “Then the pandemic made me realise that because I am Asian, and because of how I look like or where I was born, I could never become one of them.”

201 After her friend’s supermarket altercation, she decided to get her first gun. Authorities in New York City and Los Angeles say that hate incidents against people of Asian descent have increased, while a reporting centre run by advocacy groups and San Francisco State University says it received over 1,700 reports of coronavirus-related discrimination from at least 45 US states since it launched in March.

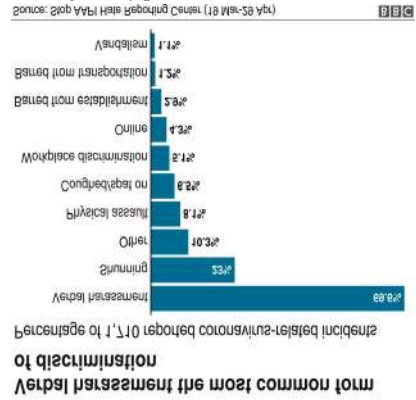


Police in at least 13 states, including Texas, Washington, New Jersey, Minnesota and New Mexico, have also responded to reported hate incidents. Critics say those at the very top have made things worse - both President Donald Trump, and Democratic hopeful Joe Biden have been accused of fuelling anti-Asian sentiment to varying degrees with language they’ve used while talking about China’s role in the outbreak.

And for many Asian Americans, it can feel as though, in addition to being targeted, their identity as Americans is being attacked.

**Statistics on Anti-Asian incidents in the US:** One third of people surveyed said they had witnessed someone blaming Asian people for the pandemic; 1,710 incidents reported to STOP

AAP I HATE - 15% of those cases involved physical assault or being coughed on or spat at; More than 100 individual incidents reported in the media; 133 incidents of anti-Asian discrimination recorded by the New York City Commission on Human Rights - compared to 11 in the same period last year. The commission has intervened in 91 cases; 14 Asian-bias hate crimes investigated by police in New York.



More than 100 alleged hate incidents reported to civic groups and police departments in Los Angeles

Six reports of bias incidents reported to police in Seattle

There has been a surge in anti-Asian hate on extremist web communities

Sources: Ipsos, STOP AAP I HATE, New York City Commission on Human Rights, New York City Police, Los Angeles County Commission on Human Rights, Seattle Police, Network Contagion Research Institute, BBC research

Some Asians have also reported being refused service from hotel rooms, or Uber rides, as a result of their ethnicity.

Matt (not his real name), a Chinese American emergency room doctor in Connecticut, noticed that several patients asked to be admitted to hospital because they said an Asian person had coughed near them. He experienced what appeared to be anti-Asian bias more personally, when he tried to treat a patient thought to have Covid-19.

“I had my protective equipment on, walked in and introduced myself. Once they heard my surname, they were like ‘don’t touch me, can I see someone else - can you just not come close to me’.”

Many other minorities face more “overt types of discrimination which are worse”, Matt says - but he fears that incidents such as what he experienced would be demoralising for medical workers.

“This is a pretty stressful time - we’re working a lot more, wearing very uncomfortable equipment all the time, and a lot of us are getting exposed to Covid-19.” (Courtesy <https://www.bbc.com/>)

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New York DA Prosecutes Highest  
Number Of Anti-Asian Hate Crimes



Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, pictured November 2021, said his office is prosecuting 33 anti-Asian hate crimes - its highest number ever. (Photo/Michael M. Santiago GETTY IMAGES NORTH AMERICA/AFP)

New York (AFP) - A New York prosecutor said last week that his team was prosecuting its highest number of anti-Asian hate crimes since a unit was established more than a decade ago.

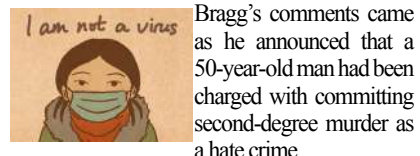
Anti-Asian violence surged in the United States following the start of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

Activists believe the hate crimes were fueled by talk of the “Chinese virus” by former president Donald Trump and others during the early days of the pandemic.

New York officials have also cited a history of mental illness, exacerbated by a disruption to social services during the pandemic, among many of the perpetrators.

“Tragically, our office is currently prosecuting 33 hate crime cases driven by anti-Asian bias - unfortunately, the most we have had since our hate crimes unit was established in 2010,” said Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

The Manhattan DA’s office said in a statement that it “prosecuted nearly four times more anti-Asian hate crimes in 2021 than in the previous year.”



Bragg’s comments came as he announced that a 50-year-old man had been charged with committing second-degree murder as a hate crime.

Jarrod Powell is accused of brutally assaulting Yao Pan Ma, a 61-year-old Chinese immigrant, in East Harlem, Manhattan in April last year. Powell was initially charged with attempted murder and hate crimes, but the charges have been upgraded after Ma died from his injuries in December.

“As alleged, Jarrod Powell selectively attacked Mr. Ma for no other reason than his race,” said Bragg.

The announcement of the indictment came as Seoul’s foreign ministry said a South Korean diplomat was injured after being attacked by an “unidentified man” in Manhattan.

The New York Post reported that the diplomat was hospitalized with a broken nose. (Courtesy [www.france24.com](http://www.france24.com))

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