

# In Photos: Moscow's Victory Day Military Parade

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Despite ongoing fighting in Ukraine, Russia marked Victory Day on Monday with military parades, marches, official speeches and other public events. The largest military parade was in Moscow, where about 11,000 personnel and 131 pieces of military equipment took part in the televised spectacle. Some of the equipment on show included tanks, armored fighting vehicles and missile launchers. Addressing the participants, Russian President Vladimir Putin drew a parallel between Russian soldiers fighting in Ukraine and the Soviet soldiers who defeated Nazi Germany in World War II. "Russia carried out a pre-emptive rebuff to aggression. It was a necessary, timely, and the only correct decision. It was the decision of a sovereign, strong and independent country," Putin said of the attack on Ukraine. Unlike in previous years, there was no flypast. Officials said it was canceled because of bad weather. Here's what the parade looked like:



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