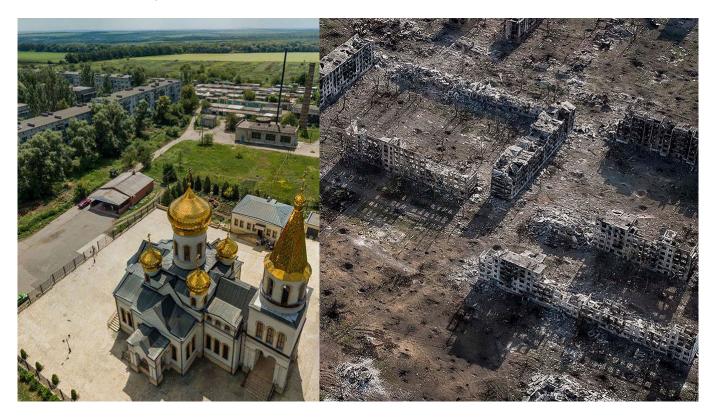


In Photos: Ukrainian Cities Before and After Russia's Full-Scale Invasion

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Three years after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine began, the scars of the war are visible across the country. The scars of the war can be seen in cities big and small, east and west, on historical landmarks and industrial facilities, on small homes and large apartment buildings. From artillery shells to kamikaze drones and cruise missiles, the entirety of Ukraine has felt the impact of Russia's war. Formerly thriving cities like the port of Mariupol, once home to more than 400,000 people, have been rendered unrecognizable, reduced to rubble. Smaller cities like Bakhmut, once home to around 70,000 people, have been wiped completely off the map, with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky comparing it to Hiroshima in the aftermath of the atomic bomb. In the Kyiv suburb of Bucha, Russian forces terrorized the civilian population, killing at least 458 people. Ukraine and the international community have accused Russia of a host of war crimes during the occupation of Bucha. The Moscow Times shows what some of these places looked like before the invasion, and the devastating aftermath of three years of this war:



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