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100 Days of War

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Big Story

June 3rd marked the 100th day of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. [According to](#) Al Jazeera, Amin Awad, United Nations crisis coordinator for Ukraine, called for an immediate end to the war in a statement, saying the war "has and will have no winner." Awad noted, "In just over three months, nearly 14 million Ukrainians have been forced to flee their homes – a scale and speed of displacement not witnessed in history."

The war is having an impact far beyond Ukraine's borders.

The BBC [reports](#), "East Africa is facing the worst food security situation in recent history amid shortages due to the war in Ukraine, the World Food Programme's regional director says.

Mike Dunford tells BBC Radio 4's PM that there are now 82 million people 'acutely hungry', up from 50 million this time last year."

Dunford commented, "We need to ensure that food from Ukraine, from Russia are available. We need to see fertilizer moving uninhibited by any sanctions regime."

On May 31, President Joe Biden penned an [op-ed](#) in *The New York Times* outlining U.S. policy on the war. Biden wrote, in part,

"We do not seek a war between NATO and Russia. As much as I disagree with Mr. Putin, and find his actions an outrage, the United States will not try to bring about his ouster in Moscow. So long as the United States or our allies are not attacked, we will not be directly engaged in this conflict, either by sending American troops to fight in Ukraine or by attacking Russian forces. We are not encouraging or enabling Ukraine to strike beyond its borders. We do not want to prolong the war just to inflict pain on Russia.

My principle throughout this crisis has been 'Nothing about Ukraine without Ukraine.' I will not pressure the Ukrainian government — in private or public — to make any territorial concessions. It would be wrong and contrary to well-settled principles to do so."

Opinion

Anne Applebaum: In the 1930s, the Soviet Union dehumanized Ukrainian peasants as 'kulaks.' Now, Russia [dehumanizes](#) Ukrainians as 'Nazis.' (The Atlantic, 4/25)

Radley Balko: The Supreme Court has ruled that the execution of Barry Lee Jones can proceed—even though he [may be innocent](#). (Washington Post, 6/1)

Charlotte Proudman: The [chilling effect](#) of the Depp-Heard verdict. (Washington Post, 6/2)

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