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To better understand the situation in **#Ukraine**, let's review the facts.

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November 2013: President Yanukovich of Ukraine decides to suspend the signing of the association agreement with the EU, sparking what is known as the Maidan Revolution, which is then brutally suppressed.

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Beginning on February 27, 2014, hooded Russian soldiers wearing no insignia begin seizing control of all strategic points inside **#Crimea**.

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On March 16, 2014, a so-called referendum on independence and accession to **#Russia** is held in Crimea. This illegal annexation is not recognized by the international community.

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In March 2014, Russian-controlled armed groups wearing no insignia begin lending support to demonstrators calling for independence in the **#Donetsk** and **#Luhansk** regions located in the Donbas, in eastern Ukraine.

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On May 11, 2014, de facto entities in the "Donetsk People's Republic" (DPR) and the "Luhansk People's Republic" (LPR) proclaim their independence following a so-called referendum.

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Held outside of the framework laid down by Ukrainian legislation and marred by numerous irregularities, this vote is judged illegal by **#Ukraine** and is not recognized by the international community (including the Russian Federation, at the time).

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Talks are held between June 2014 and February 2015. On the occasion of D-Day commemorations, a series of diplomatic meetings are held between Ukraine and Russia in what is known as the "Normandy Format," under the auspices of France and Germany.

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Negotiations are held within the framework of the OSCE Trilateral Contact Group on Ukraine and the Normandy Format. They culminate with agreements signed in **#Minsk** in 9/2014 and 2/2015.

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In 2015, the parties begin negotiations with the goal of achieving a peaceful political resolution to the Donbas conflict, which has left more than 13,000 dead. Ceasefire violations are a regular occurrence along the line of contact.

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On December 9, 2019, a summit held in Paris in the Normandy Format leads to the definition of a certain number of measures to improve the situation on the ground and facilitate the implementation of the Minsk Agreements.

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Over the course of 2021, **#Russia** stations up to 150,000 troops along Ukraine's borders.

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On February 21, 2022, **#Russia** unilaterally recognizes the self-proclaimed republics of Donetsk and Luhansk in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of **#Ukraine**.

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On February 24, 2022, Russia launches a large-scale military offensive throughout Ukraine.

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