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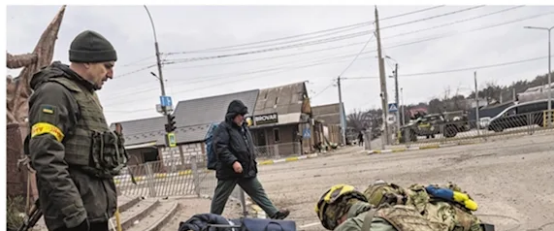
photographer who took the photo, [the image shows Ukrainian soldiers trying to save a man](#), who is lying on the pavement moments after being hit by a mortar while trying to evacuate the town of Irpin, just west of the capital, Kyiv, on Sunday. Three other people — a woman, her teenage son and her daughter — lie dead behind him. The man later died.

Their luggage was left scattered about, along with a “green carrying case for a small dog that was barking,” Addario reported.

“We witnessed the Russian military bracket their mortars directly onto the civilian pedestrian path, where men, women, children, the elderly, ill and handicapped streamed out of Irpin,” [Addario added in a post on Instagram](#). “I’ve witnessed many horrors in the past twenty years of covering war, but the intentional targeting of children and women is pure evil.”



### OUTGUNNED UKRAINE FENDS OFF ATTACKS



#### But Its Control of Black Sea Line Is Tenuous

By MICHAEL SCHWITZ  
MYKOLAY, Ukraine — The re-emergence of a Russian Tiger fighting vehicle not considered on the side of the road, as Ukrainian troops attempt to clear their streets, is a sign of how the war is escalating. Nearby, a group of local villagers was gathered with a captured T-90 tank, trying to get it started again so that the Ukrainian Army might put it to use.  
For three days, Russian forces had fought to take Mykolajiv, but by Sunday, Ukrainian troops had driven them back from the city limits and retaken the airport, halting the Russian advance along the Black Sea, at least temporarily.

A portion of the New York Times front page on March 7, 2022 with Lynsey Addario's photo.

People in Irpin have been using a battered bridge, which had been intentionally blown up by Ukrainian forces to slow the Russian advance, to cross into the relative safety of Kyiv.

According to the Times, only a dozen or so Ukrainian soldiers were in the immediate area of the bridge on Sunday. They were not fighting but instead “helping carry civilians’ luggage and children.”



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Other photographers in the area captured similar scenes of panicked Ukrainians desperately trying to escape heavy Russian shelling along the evacuation route.



Residents look for cover as they try to escape from the town of Irpin, Ukraine, on Sunday after heavy shelling on the only escape route used by locals. (Carlos Barria/Reuters)

In other cities, Ukrainian officials said Russian artillery fire and airstrikes had prevented residents from making agreed-to evacuations. Russian President Vladimir Putin accused Ukraine of sabotaging the effort.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that he was aware of the reports of Russians targeting Ukrainian civilians, and that the United States is monitoring Russians for possible war crimes.

"We've seen very credible reports of deliberate attacks on civilians, which would constitute a war crime," Blinken said on CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday. "They're very credible. And we're documenting everything."



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