

11/13 - 2/14

Protesters occupy Independence Square in Kyiv, demanding that Yanukovich reverse his decision. In February, some 130 people are killed in violent clashes between protestors and police.

2/21/14

Yanukovich flees Ukraine for Russia. The Ukrainian parliament votes unanimously to impeach him.

Pro-Russian protests break out in cities in eastern Ukraine.

3/21/14

Russia annexes Crimea.

Russia is suspended from the G8.

4/14 - 7/14

Pro-Russian separatists seize extensive territory in Donetsk and Luhansk provinces.

5/25/14

Ukraine elects Petro Poroshenko as president. Separatist-controlled regions do not participate in the election.

7/14

A Ukrainian military operation recaptures several cities in eastern Ukraine, including Kramatorsk and Sloviansk.

8/14

Ukrainian forces advance into Donetsk and Luhansk provinces and besiege the city of Luhansk, threatening the military defeat of the separatists.

9/5/14

Russia and Ukraine agree to a ceasefire, dubbed the Minsk Protocols.

2/12/15

A second ceasefire, dubbed, Minsk II, is signed. The conflict generally stabilizes along the line of contact between Ukrainian and Russian-backed separatist forces.

4/22/19

Ukraine elects Volodymyr Zelenskiy as president; separatist-controlled regions do not participate in the election.

11/21/13

Ukrainian President Yanukovich refuses to sign Ukraine's Association Agreement with the EU, instead opting for membership in the Eurasian Economic Union.

2/21/14

Yanukovich and protest leaders sign an agreement calling for constitutional changes and early presidential elections, but protests continue.

3/1/14

Russian President Putin requests from the Federation Council permission to use the armed forces of the Russian Federation in Ukraine "until the normalization of the socio-political situation in that country." Hours later, the Federation Council votes unanimously to grant permission.

4/7/14

Pro-Russian armed groups seize government buildings in Donetsk and Luhansk cities.

Pro-Russian separatists in Donetsk and Luhansk declare independence after unrecognized referendums.

6/27/14

Ukraine signs the Association Agreement with the EU.

7/17/14

Malaysia Airlines flight MH-17 from Amsterdam is shot down near the village of Grabove in rebel-held territory, with the loss of 298 lives.

A large Russian convoy enters Ukraine, ostensibly carrying humanitarian aid, but widely thought to be Russian military equipment and soldiers.

1/5/15

The ceasefire agreement collapses, large battles take place around Donetsk International Airport and the village of Debaltseve.

Ukraine's Association Agreement with the EU is ratified and enters into force.

7/21/19

Zelenskiy's Servant of the People party wins an outright majority in Ukraine's parliamentary elections.