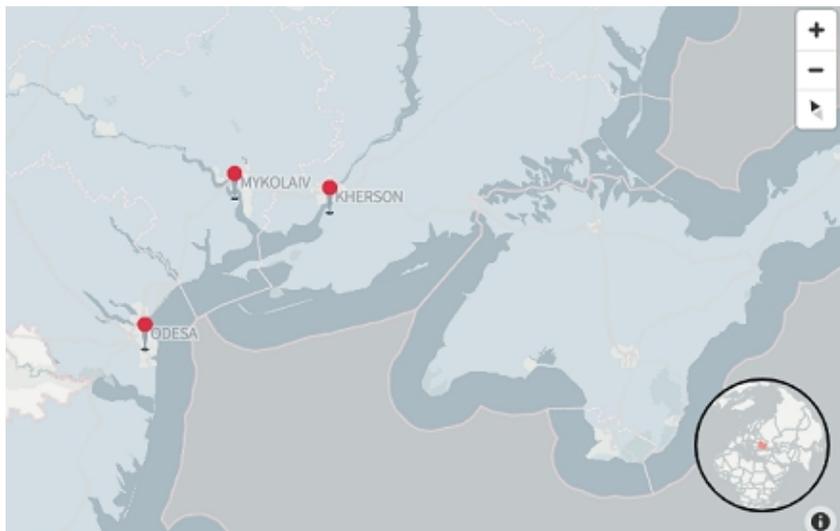


WAR IN UKRAINE: Calm is an illusion in Odesa

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Ukrainian forces are trying to claw back territory since it was first seized by Russia in the earliest days of its February invasion.

ODESA, Ukraine — The signs of war are everywhere in Odesa, but it feels like there's little fear of death or destruction from Russian attacks.

Air raid sirens ring out almost daily, but rocket and missile strikes largely appear to fall far from the city center — a far different reality from neighboring cities such as Mykoliav to the northeast, which suffers daily, devastating bombardment.

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