

Why Ukraine's successful offensive is such bad news for Vladimir Putin

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Ukrainian forces quickly reclaim territory and push Russian troops back to the northeastern border of the country, amplify dissent in Russia.

UKRAINE - Ukraine's battleground offensive that has seen it gain thousands of miles of territory once lost to Moscow spells bad news for Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) at home and abroad.

The Ukrainian's performance has amplified dissent in Russia, strengthened President [Biden's](#) hand in rallying support for the country, opened up new opportunities for Kyiv and is expected to make it harder for Russia to find support from its allies.

The Ukrainian military last week began [a counteroffensive](#) that quickly reclaimed territory and pushed Russian troops back to the northeastern border of the country in some places.

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