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Moscow cracks down

Russia declares martial law in illegally annexed regions

HANNA ARHIROVA, YURAS KARMANAU AND SABRA AYRES Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin doubled down Wednesday on his faltering invasion of Ukraine with a declaration of martial law in four

illegally annexed regions and preparations within Russia for draconian new restrictions and crackdowns.

Putin's drastic efforts to tighten his grip on Ukrainians and Russians follow a series of embarrassing setbacks: stinging battlefield defeats, sabotage and troubles with his troop mobilization.

The martial law order belies the Kremlin's attempts to portray life in the annexed regions as returning to normal. The reality is that a

military administration replaced civilian leaders in the southern city of Kherson and a mass evacuation from the city is underway as a Ukrainian counteroffensive grinds on.

The battle for Kherson, a city of more than 250,000 people with key industries and a major port, is a pivotal moment for Ukraine and Russia heading into winter, when front lines could largely freeze for months. It's the largest city Russia has held during the war, which

began Feb. 24.

A trickle of evacuations from the city in recent days has become a flood. Local officials said Wednesday that 5,000 had left out of an expected 60,000. Russian state television showed residents crowding on the banks of the Dnieper River, many with small children, to cross by boats to the east — and, from there, deeper into Russian-controlled territory.

In announcing martial law effective Thursday, Putin told his

Security Council, "We are working to solve very difficult large-scale tasks to ensure Russia's security and safe future."

Putin's army is under growing pressure from a Ukrainian counteroffensive that has clawed back territory. The Russian leader is also faltering after the sabotage of a strategically important bridge linking Russia with Crimea, assassinations of Kremlin-installed

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IN THE PIPELINE'S PATH



TIM HYNDS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

Vicki Hulse stands at the gate to 151 acres of land she and her husband, Bill, own north of Merville, Iowa, near the Woodbury/Plymouth county line. Hulse is resisting efforts by Navigator Heartland Greenway to have surveyors enter her land in preparation for a possible carbon dioxide pipeline to be routed through the property.

'You can stand up and say no'

Merville landowner sets example in resisting CO2 pipeline

MOVILLE, Iowa — As it relates to her legal battle against a carbon dioxide pipeline developer, you could call Vicki Hulse a number of things.

Concerned landowner. Property rights defender. Underdog.

Just don't call her a hero, a title she emphatically rejects.

Her fight against Navigator Heartland Greenway isn't



NICK HYTREK

about her, and she's not seeking publicity, she said.

Rather, it's about doing what she believes to be right. "I just want to be an example that you can stand up for yourself," Hulse said. "You can

stand up and say no, this is my land." In June, when Navigator's agents, accompanied by the sheriff and a couple deputies, sought entry onto a piece of land that's been in her husband Bill's family for three generations, Hulse told them no. Navigator sued her and Bill two months later.

"I think that's why they chose me," Hulse said. "I was standing up to them and they didn't like that. They're going to make an example of us."

Round 1 in the case went to the Hulses when, on Oct. 7, District Judge Roger Sailer

denied Navigator's request for an injunction to allow them on the land to complete surveys. Next up is a trial, as yet unscheduled, on the Hulses' counterclaim that Iowa laws giving pipeline companies the right of entry to private land to survey it are unconstitutional.

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WATCH: A video interview with Hulse, point your smartphone camera at the QR Code and tap the link. NEWSVU

Sky-high inflation prompts tax revision

IRS increases standard deductions, tax brackets

FATIMA HUSSEIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taxpayers will get fatter standard deductions for 2023 and all seven federal income tax bracket levels will be revised upward as the government allows people to shield more of their money from taxation because of persistently high inflation.

For couples who file jointly for tax year 2023, the standard deduction increases to \$27,700 up \$1,800 from tax year 2022, the IRS announced. Single taxpayers and married people filing separately will see their the standard deduction rise to \$13,850, up \$900, and for heads of households, the standard deduction will be \$20,800, up \$1,400.

The adjustments come as inflation accelerated in September, with the Consumer Price Index rising 0.4% last month after just 0.1% in August. Inflation is up 8.2% for the past 12 months.

Some items that were indexed for inflation in the past will remain unchanged, such as the personal exemption, which remains at zero. And the limitation on itemized deductions was eliminated under President Donald Trump.

The government adjusts a variety of benefits and indexes based on inflation.

Last week, the Social Security Administration announced a 8.7% cost of living adjustment increase for benefits recipients beginning in January 2023.

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THE MINI: It's nice that us seniors and disability are getting a cost of living raise! But what I don't understand is why do some disability people get more money than some of us who worked 40-plus years? — Barb Smith, Sioux City

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