



## Ukraine Faces Painful Choice as Russia Tightens Chokehold on Bakhmut

### Description

Ukrainian soldiers have dug trenches and reinforced them with logs in the snow-covered hills here as part of a freshly strengthened defensive line west of the country's deadliest battlefield.

About 5 miles away, Russian forces are pressing ahead with a grinding advance on the eastern Ukrainian city of Bakhmut in a monthslong battle that has chewed up hundreds of soldiers.

### **Ukraine faces a dilemma in Bakhmut: How long to hang on before withdrawing to preserve lives**

Ukraine is seeking to degrade Russian forces advancing in costly house-by-house assaults and buy time until more and better Western weaponry arrives. The dilemma is how long to hang on before withdrawing to preserve lives.

Russia is focused on taking the eastern city to reinvigorate its nearly year-old invasion Ukrainian soldiers have been engaged in a monthslong battle with Russian forces for Bakhmut

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