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Last Minute: What you need to know right now

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- Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency on Thursday that "Difficulties of Russian companies in securing financing for April contracts to sell crude and oil products can be resolved".
- **Energy crisis:**
 - The Kremlin accused the United States of declaring an economic war on Russia that was sowing mayhem through energy markets, and said it was considering its response.
 - The United Arab Emirates will not act on its own to raise oil output, a UAE source familiar with the matter told Reuters on Thursday.
 - Russian natural gas company Gazprom GAZP.MM continued gas shipments via Ukraine on Thursday at the same volume of 109.5 million cubic metres a day, the company said.
- **Diplomatic efforts:**
 - Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba in Turkey on Thursday. "The meeting has started," Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told reporters. The meeting was brokered by Turkish Foreign Minister
 - Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said his expectations were "low."
 - U.S. dismisses Russian claims of biowarfare labs in Ukraine.
- **Casualties and war toll**
 - Hospital Hit: Local authorities say the hospital was hit several times, causing "colossal" destruction. A Kremlin spokesman said: "Russian forces do not fire on civilian targets" and blamed Ukraine for the failure of a planned evacuation from Mariupol.
 - UK says Russian commanders will be held to account for war crimes.
- **Sanctions:**

- EU freezes ties with Belarus central bank, blacklists more oligarchs while announced more sanctions against oligarchs and lenders in Russia
 - Nestle, Philip Morris and Sony joined the list of multinationals stepping back from Russia
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- Nuclear power concerns: Belarus president Lukashenko instructs belarusian specialists to ensure power supply to chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine
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- Financial: Russia may refuse to return leased aircraft, pay in roubles.

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