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parties to dictate
who we are
allowed to be*



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On the cover The Ukrainian military incursion into Russia's Kursk region appeared to take Moscow by surprise. Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskiy has said the goal was to create a buffer zone to prevent further Russian attacks. But whether it will also ease pressure by diverting Russian troops from the eastern front remains to be seen.

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