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# First signs of easing of tensions along Russia-Ukraine frontier



Russia’s defense ministry on Wednesday released video footage it claims shows tanks and armored vehicles being transported from Crimea after a military exercise, the Black Sea peninsula that Moscow annexed in 2014.

Heightened concerns, including a plea for peace and avoidance of violence by the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, have risen around the world in the wake of saber-rattling between Russia and Ukraine this month.