

RUSSIA SUFFERS from various reports ... Epoch Times, Wash Post, Fox News

The Russian economy and people are really suffering because of Putin's stubborn stupid war against Ukraine. Since the full scale invasion of Ukraine, Putin has been criticized worldwide because of very low economic growth and very high inflation.

Reports about nonpayment of commercial bills show that figure has reached a high of \$109 billion according to Russia's federal statistic service. Over 400,000 companies are behind paying their taxes according to a Russian accounting firm. Russian industrial leaders have stated that the people at the top of the country have completely lost touch with the people on the ground.

Even some of China's poorest regions are doing better than Russian poor regions. In the last 11 years, Russian prices have increased by 77% . Economic collapse is underway. military spending has driven punishing inflation. Sky high interest rates are above 30% and personal and corporate financial reserves are exhausted. The demand for Russian oil has increased because of the war in Iran and the increasing attacks by Ukrainian drones on Russian ports and refineries have reduced oil production by up to almost 500,000 barrels per day.

Everybody is having to cut back on basic home expenses. Russia's richest man, a leading opposition figure based in London, has said Putin's war was an arbitrary decision and some people believe that the Iranian war will give Putin more support for fighting longer and taking Ukrainian oil territory. People are worried and in despair.

The economy is a complete mess. There are a fewer people in shopping malls. Prices have doubled. Prices for fruit and vegetables have tripled. Supply chains are not working ...utility bills have gone up ...taxes have been raised. Massive war deaths increase every day. Young adults under 30 feel hopeless and many want to leave the country, but they do not have that option. No one wants to tie their future to Russia.