



Moldova and Transnistria

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Recently, **Ukraine has stopped the transit of Russian gas through its territory**, ending a **major supply route to [Europe](#)** after a prewar transit deal expired in December 2024.

- It led to an **energy crisis in Moldova and Transnistria** which heavily relies on Russian gas for power supply and heating amid winter.
- **Moldova:**
 - Moldova is a small **eastern european landlocked country** bordered by **Ukraine to the east** and **Romania to the west**.
 - Recently, Moldova has inaugurated its [embassy in New Delhi](#).
 - India and Moldova established diplomatic relations in 1992 following Moldova's independence after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.
- **Transnistria:**
 - It is a **Russian-backed breakaway region in Moldova** described as a “**remnant of the Soviet Union**” that split from the rest of Moldova after the [Soviet Union](#) collapsed in 1991.
 - When Moldovan troops attempted to take over the territory in 1990-1992, Transnistria was able to resist them because of **Russian soldiers based in Transnistria**. Since then, it has remained free of Moldovan control.
 - However, most countries continue to see Transnistria as part of Moldova. It is not recognized as independent even by Russia.
 - Most Transnistrians have **dual citizenship of Russia and Transnistria** or **triple citizenship of Moldova, Transnistria, and Russia**.

Moldova's Transnistria issue

While the Russia-Ukraine war continues, explosions in Moldova's Transnistria region draw attention



The population of the region is about **500,000**



Russian passports were distributed to the people in the region



Transnistria has a so-called constitution, flag and currency, as well as separate so-called administration, **parliament, army, police and postal system** from Chisinau



No UN member country recognizes Transnistria as a state

CRISIS BEGAN 30 YEARS AGO

1991

Moldova declared independence from the Soviet Union

Transnistria, on the east bank of the Dniester River, also **declared its independence unilaterally**

1991-22 July 1992

After the declaration of independence, **armed conflicts** took place between Moldova and Transnistria.

Clashes ended with a cease-fire signed between Russia and Moldova

Russia deployed its military contingent in **Transnistria**

1993

Negotiations on the issue carried out within the **OSCE since 1993**

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