The Nobel Peace Prize

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In news–The Nobel Peace Prize for 2022 was awarded to human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski from Belarus.

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- It was awared to Ales Bialiatski, the Russian human rights organisation Memorial, and the Ukrainian human rights organisation Center for Civil Liberties.
- The laureates represent civil society in their home countries.
- With the awardees being from Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia, an implicit message has been sent about the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Ales Bialiatski-

- Ales Bialiatski was **one of the initiators of the democracy movement that emerged in Belarus in the mid-1980s**.
- Before 1991, when the former Soviet Union fell and independent countries emerged, many countries in Central Asia and Europe saw pro-independence movements.
- Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko has been in power since 1994 – when the post first came into being.

Russian human rights organisation, Memorial-

- The organisation was **established in 1987 by human rights activists in the former Soviet Union** who wanted to ensure that the victims of the communist regime's oppression would never be forgotten.
- Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov, who won the prize in 1954, and human rights advocate Svetlana Gannushkina were among the organisation's founders.
- Memorial is based on the notion that confronting past

crimes is essential in preventing new ones.

- It has been **described as the largest human rights organisation in Russia,** and in the present day, it helped in gathering information on "the political oppression and human rights violations in Russia

Ukrainian human rights organisation, Center for Civil Liberties-

- It was **founded in Kyiv in 2007** for the purpose of advancing human rights and democracy in Ukraine.
- The Centre describes itself as one of the **leading actors in Ukraine, influencing the formation of public opinion and public policy**, supporting the development of civic activism, and actively participating in international networks and solidarity actions to promote human rights.
- After Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the Center has engaged in efforts to identify and document Russian "war crimes" against the Ukrainian civilian population.