President Volodymyr Zelensky commentary on DPRK support to Russia's war effort against Ukraine

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Today, I addressed the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, or Ramstein meeting, expressing my gratitude to all of its nations for their tireless work and strong joint decisions they have made. I outlined our vision and priority defense needs as winter approaches.

Next Monday will mark the 600th day of our resistance to Russia's full-scale aggression. And today, no one can say for sure how many more days we will have to defend our independence and identity. But we can already state several things for sure.

First: Putin will not achieve getting Ukraine. Second: Russia can not afford a new arms race. And third: democracy can win this battle. It is necessary not only for our country, but for every nation, for the whole world. Our time is not the time for the slavery of nations.

Moscow's ambitions have never been limited to Ukraine. And we all want them to be defeated in Ukraine—as soon as possible—so that we don't have to look for shells and tanks for other countries in Europe, Asia, or Africa that the Russian dictator may try to turn into ruins or seize into his crazy empire or zone of influence.

I know that NATO is ready and capable of protecting its members from external aggression. May we never have to experience this in reality. I know what steps can protect Europe and the world from the spread of Russian aggression.

And I know what is needed to speed up the just end of this war – let me emphasize: a just end… Full protection of our sovereignty, full restoration of our territorial integrity, full guarantee of Ukraine's security after the aggression.

We are in a special situation on the frontlines where it is important to put pressure. You all know the principles of effective defense: not leaving the enemy a chance to rest, recover, or choose other tactics. Russia has lost the initiative. We are putting pressure on it.

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Ukrainian courage and your support determine what is happening on the battlefield and, most importantly, what will happen there. The occupiers are still trying to storm. Our defense and counter offensive are difficult – but it is Ukraine who determines the course of events.

Russia cannot handle this war on its own. You can see it. It needs Iran – Russia cannot succeed without "Shaheds" and other help. It needs North Korea. Just imagine – for the first time in its history, Moscow has gone to Pyongyang to bow down.

Russia's Black Sea Fleet is escaping our naval drones and missiles. Traditional buyers of Russian weapons see how superior the weapons made by the free world and used by Ukrainians are. Russia is withdrawing from various geopolitical fractures in the world. It lacks its strength.

But at the same time, Russia still has enough resources to incite conflicts and turn them into full-scale tragedies. This is happening in the Sahel, and it can happen even more painfully in Israel and in the Middle East. We must not allow this to happen. We can prevent it!

We have to put even more pressure so that the Russian aggressor weakens faster and does not have time to adapt to our pressure. We need to make sure that Russia is heading for defeat and does not even attempt to claim anything else.

Last winter, Russia wanted to turn it into a weapon against us by destroying our power plants and supply network. I am grateful to every country, every leader who helped us with air defense and energy equipment. It really was a life-saver for our people.

This winter, Russia will try to repeat it, but with certain conclusions and greater terrorist efforts. Note that during the attack on Israel, terrorists targeted one of the largest power plants. Until last winter, when Russia did it, other terrorists hadn't done so.

Our task now is to get through this winter. But the real power of this task is much greater than just getting through this winter. Air defense is a significant part of the answer to the question of when this war will end justly for Ukraine. I am confident that it will.

The protection of the sky is a guarantee that there will be normal life in the cities, economy, people, the functioning of our corridors in the Black Sea and the Danube region. It will ensure Russian jets will not approach our borders and solve the issue of Russian guided bombs.

We all need this kind of push now. A step forward in our defense. Air defense. For Ukraine, this will be a victory of life. It is vital. For Russia, it will be a failure of its key strategy – the strategy of terror, what will it have left but this?

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We need to protect people. We need the opportunity to live and accumulate economic activity. We need normal exports. Grain is the key to global food security – Ukrainian grain. Then there is metallurgy. Other goods of our exports. It is the economic basis of life.

We need children to be able to study at schools, not online. And we need people to live not only from one air alarm to another, but based on their plans for days, weeks, and months. When this happens, millions of our people will start to come back from abroad.

The stronger we are socially and economically, the more powerful we will get militarily. We will be able to ensure the work of a greater capacity of defense industries in Ukraine, depend much less on the assistance, and provide more support to the front line.

We must win the winter battle against terror. We can win it. And along with it, we can win the battle for how and on whose terms this war will end. Ukraine can survive. It will survive. However, it is important to take the weapons out of the hands of our enemy.

What are Russia's strengths? Only the fact that they can destroy lives. Russia is not capable of doing anything else. Is Russia a security donor? No. A supporter of development? No. A political pole? No. A source of economic growth? No. A terrorist? Yes. That is the only thing!

The answer is air defense and other types of weapons, the list of which we will share with you. Please, remember that this will not only help to bring a just end to the war for us, but also keep the war away from you, your borders, and the borders of allies.

Terrorists like Putin or Hamas seek to hold free and democratic nations as hostages. And they want power over those who seek freedom. The terrorists will not change. They just must lose. And that means we must win.

Victory requires patience. It requires steady and continuous support. We need to take the right steps. Steps that save lives. For real. Vital steps. And strengthen the defense. Significantly. Air defense is a must. Let’s work together to bring the victory closer!

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In my address to the US National Defense University, I emphasized that freedom must always prevail when challenged. And I believe that one day at this University, not only those who studied Russia can give lectures, but also Ukrainians who defeated Russia.

When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, freedom spread across Europe and the world. But its enemies have grown stronger, wishing for a comeback. We are now at a critical juncture.

The enemies of freedom channeled funds into terrorism, stirred up trouble, spread hate, and stoked the fires of local conflicts, trying to turn them into full-blown wars or freeze them like incurable tumors, stifling the freedom of nations. They brought back the nuclear scare.

Every decade has piled on more problems, and not one year has been safe for freedom. 2022 turned out to be the year when one of the biggest enemies of freedom, with its all-out, unjust, and unprovoked war, tried to smash everything built up since the Berlin Wall fell in 1989.

Russia's war is not just about an old-fashioned dictator settling real or imagined scores. It is not just Moscow attempting to divide Europe once more. It is about Putin attacking that 1989 shift. He is fighting Ukraine, but he is really up against all of free, united Europe.

Putin's got buddies in this: HAMAS, Iran, North Korea, and others, all of whom pose a threat to any free nation, regional or global order, human rights, and democracy. There are no coincidences here; they are all linked by their hatred for freedom.

Putin is crafting his own ideology, which is based on total disregard for human life, freedom, and any kind of border—between countries, between people, even between truth and lies. He is spreading this ideology and looking for allies, even here in America.

Putin's current weapon against Americans is propaganda and disinformation, but if he sees an opportunity, he will go further. He is now putting Russia's economy and society on "war tracks." Sadly, he has had time to do so. I'm sure you can see the direction of these "war tracks."

Russia wants more than Ukraine's land, resources, and people. It wants a way to act like the old empire that died in 1989, challenging the lead of freedom wherever the Russian tsar pleases. Putin must lose so that everyone else gets the message loud and clear. Putin must lose!

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We are going to stop Russia right at the start of its global war on freedom. On our land, in our skies, and at sea. Ukraine is the first front. We must ensure—and we can!—that there is no second or third front against freedom in the Baltic countries or elsewhere in Europe.

Exactly 82 years ago on this day, December 11th, the US was forced to join the continental war in Europe with soldiers, commanders, and generals—America's sons and daughters. It is now without American boots on European soil that we defend freedom from Russian aggression.

Bradleys, HIMARS, 155 rounds, ATACMS, Patriots, and F-16s can do the job in Europe. The world is watching: will free nations be subjugated or free? Ukrainians have not and will not give up. We know what to do. You can rely on Ukraine, and we expect to be able to rely on the US.

Together, we must uphold the rule of law and our institutions and alliances that protect democracy and ensure security, including NATO, so that nowhere in the world, not even in the darkest corner, is there a temptation to think some other order can dominate—other than freedom.

America and all free nations must have faith in themselves, in their strength, and in their leadership so that dictatorships doubt their own abilities to undermine freedom. When the free world hesitates, dictatorships rejoice, and their most dangerous ambitions ripen.

Every one of you here understands what it means for a soldier to wait for munition. For weeks, months, without knowing it will come at all. When instead of moving forward you're just watching, waiting for ammo or equipment, while your enemy is satisfied and preparing assaults.

People like Putin shouldn't even hope to conquer freedom. And we can show our children and grandchildren what real confidence is, as was shown to us when in Berlin the great words were spoken: "Tear down this wall!" We need no less confidence now than President Reagan had then.

Post-1989 security must be restored and preserved. "When its boundaries expand in one country, freedom for all people expands." We must ensure that next year, the aggression of the current enemy of the free world begins to collapse, just like that wall. We can make it real.

Despite all odds, we have already regained 50 percent of the newly occupied territory. We're doing this despite Russia still having air superiority. We're building our air shield, including systems like the American "Patriot," which protect our cities from missile attacks.

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Ukraine won in the Black Sea. The Russian fleet has been partially destroyed or is hiding in remote bays. We've resumed our maritime trade, notably food exports, protecting dozens of nations in Africa and Asia from hunger and chaos. In 2024, Ukraine will clear more trade routes.

We haven't let Russia score any victories this year. Yes, Putin tries to create new problems. But our strategy isn't just to wait and see what Russia does or to adapt to the problems Putin creates; it's about solving problems—solving!—that's the key to victory.

By pushing Putin back, we'll strip his aggression of its meaning. Then he will no longer be able to deceive Russia, as if he personally and his war have a future. Expanding our capabilities in the sky, especially air defense on the front, will remove Russia's air advantage.

I'm confident that freedom can be stronger than any of its enemies. I believe we can be just as effective in defending freedom now as the free world was in 1989. I'm as confident today as I was on February 24th, when I told world leaders – Ukraine will fight, Ukraine will stand.

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In my speech at the World Economic Forum today, I addressed three frequently asked and important questions: When will Russia's war against Ukraine end? Is the Third World War possible? Is it time to negotiate with Putin?

Nearly 2 years of full-scale war in Europe, 10 years since Russia's illegal annexation of our Crimea, 10 years of Russian interference in African countries ranging from Sudan to Mali, and almost 13 years of Syrian war, which is still raging as a result of Putin's actions.

Putin has stolen at least 13 years of peace, replacing it with pain and crises affecting the entire world. He is trying to normalize what should have ended in the 20th century: mass deportations, cities and villages razed to the ground, and the feeling that the war may never end.

Putin embodies war. We all know that he is the sole reason why various wars and conflicts persist and why all attempts to restore peace have failed. He will not change.

We must change. Change so that the madness in this man's head or any other aggressor's head will not prevail.

Putin is frank about his goals, actions, and targets. His response to the duration of the war is always war, with no end. His response to the world's chaos is unending support for terrorist groups. His response to calls for peace is to get more weapons from North Korea and Iran.

Regimes like Putin's exist as long as they wage wars. We in the free world exist as long as we can defend ourselves. If anyone thinks this is only about Ukraine, they're mistaken. Possible Russian aggression beyond Ukraine directions and even timelines become increasingly clear.

Let me ask: Which European nation today can provide a combat-ready army on par with ours, holding back Russia? And how many men and women are your nations ready to send to defend another state or another nation?

If one must fight against Putin together in the years ahead, isn't it better to put an end to him and his war strategy now, while our brave men and women are already doing it? They are the world's chance.

In any dire confrontation, there's always a point at which a catastrophe can be averted. Ukraine represents that opportunity. All of us in the free world must be unwavering in our pursuit of our desires, actions, and goals, just as Putin is frank about his doom-laden ambitions.

Before the full-scale invasion, we constantly heard, "Don't escalate!" We called for proactive action and sanctions to prevent the expansion of war. We were told, "Don't escalate." And after February 24th, nothing harmed our coalitions more than this "don't escalate" concept.

Every "don't escalate" to us sounded like "you will prevail" to Putin. We requested new types of weapons, and the response was "don't escalate." But when the weapons arrived, there was no escalation.

A Russian missile fell on NATO territory, and the response was once again, "Do not escalate." However, retaliation at that time could have taught Russia a lot and provided the West with the necessary confidence.

We discussed blocking the transit of sanctioned goods to Kaliningrad, but the response was, "Do not escalate." The full force of the sanctions could have pushed Putin to make concessions.

Time was lost as a result of us being told "do not escalate." Many of our most experienced warriors, who had been fighting since 2014, lost their lives. Some opportunities were lost. The lesson is clear.

Everyone believed Russia had missiles that could not be shot down. The Patriots shoot everything down. Many people feared what would happen if Ukraine obtained long-range weapons. As a result, Russia simply loses more.

We have heard that Russia would never allow a grain corridor without its involvement. But almost 16 million tons of cargo have been transported from our ports. And we can show that Russia will accept the complete loss of its Black Sea Fleet, which terrorized commercial ships.

Just two days ago, we proved that Ukraine can even hit highly valuable Russian military aircraft that no one has shot down before. We must gain air superiority for Ukraine, just as we did in the Black Sea. Partners know what is required. This will enable progress on the ground.

Many sanction steps were delayed for months, even years, because they faced storms of threats from Moscow. But none of those threats came true. Each storm turned out to be their bluff.

And how can one be satisfied with the sanctions against Russia or export controls if they don't even block its missile production? In every Russian missile, there are critical components from Western countries. Dozens of them in every missile.

I am grateful for each package of sanctions. But bringing peace closer will be a reward for all those who care to ensure that sanctions work 100 percent.

And by the way, it's a clear weakness of the West that Russia's nuclear industry is still not under global sanctions, even though Putin is the only terrorist in the world who took a nuclear power plant hostage.

In 2024, frozen Russian assets—sovereign and oligarchic—must be directed toward defense against the Russian war and rebuilding Ukraine. Putin loves money above all. The more billions he and his oligarchs, friends, and accomplices lose, the sooner he will regret starting this war.

Putin must be the one to regret. The one to lose. We need to finally dispel the notion that global unity is weaker than one man's hatred. And we can do it. This year must be decisive. Can freezing the war in Ukraine be its end? I don't want to settle for the truism that any frozen conflict will eventually reignite.

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I can only remind everyone that after 2014, there were attempts to freeze the war in the Donbas. There were very influential guarantors—the then-Chancellor of Germany and the then-Presidents of France. But Putin is a predator who is not satisfied with frozen products.

We have proven we can beat him on the ground, at sea, and in the air. We ramp up weapon production. Despite the war, Ukraine's GDP grew by 5% last year. We opened EU accession talks. Aggressions can be defeated, including Putin's, which have been ongoing for 10 years or more.

Now we can say, "Do not escalate," especially to those who doubt or want to reduce support. This will be the proper warning. Because every reduction in pressure on the aggressor adds years to the war. However, every investment in the confidence of the defender shortens the war.

We must ensure that the war will end in just and stable peace. I want you to be part of this peace, starting right now, to bring it closer. We need you in Ukraine—to build, reconstruct, and restore life. Each of you can be even more successful with Ukraine.

These days, in Switzerland, we have made a key political contribution to the possibility of ending the war. We held the most representative Peace Formula meeting to date of national security advisors. Over 80 countries and international institutions took part.

Yesterday, I had very productive negotiations with the President of Switzerland about holding a summit of leaders in Switzerland—the Global Peace Summit. Today, our teams have already started organizing it.

Not World War Three, but the Global Peace Summit. I invite every leader and country that respects peace and international law to join us. Together, we can answer any crucial questions. And these will be the best answers. Peace must be the answer.

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Today, I addressed the European Council summit as decisions on the Ukraine Assistance Fund and Ukraine Facility were being debated. I thanked EU leaders for previous critical decisions and advocated for continued European unity and strength in the face of global competition.

At the previous #EUCO, Europe's credibility was at stake. We strengthened it. The EU has proven: its word matters; its promises work for all of Europe. The opening of Ukraine's EU accession talks proved that Europe's priorities, as defined by all of its leaders, are being met.

Europe needs such a policy this year and every year. The world should see Europe's growing strength and consistent effectiveness. Europeans must be constantly reassured that the EU is effective. Every European nation should believe that being part of the community strengthens it.

Europe can be absolutely effective, and this will make it a winner in global competition. Whatever happens in the world and with any of Europe's allies and partners, European priorities must always be implemented. Implemented in the way they were defined. This rule must work.

Europe's own effectiveness will preserve our common European way of life and protect every European nation, regardless of any political challenges or changes. Especially this year, it is essential and decisive to demonstrate Europe's complete reliability and effectiveness.

Russian aggression against Europe, initiated by Moscow on the Ukrainian front, has now been bolstered by another Russian accomplice, namely artillery shells and ballistic missiles from North Korea.

North Korea's shells and missiles are already terrorizing our cities, in addition to the Iranian Shaheds that are destroying our civilian infrastructure. Intelligence confirms that Russia will receive a million artillery shells from Pyongyang.

While North Korea and Iran are supplying Russia with weapons, unfortunately, the implementation of the European plan to supply one million artillery shells to Ukraine is being delayed. And this too is a signal of global competition, which Europe cannot afford to lose.

And that's why EU unity is so critical today to create the Ukraine Assistance Fund within our European Peace Facility. Such reliability and long-term support can provide a response to the challenges I mentioned. 5 billion euros per year for a term of 4 years. A clear priority.

I welcome today's approval of the EU's Ukraine Facility, which will provide 50 billion euros over four years. It sends a strong signal that Ukraine will withstand any challenges, as will Europe.

By launching the EU's Ukraine Facility, we are creating a sustainable financial instrument that will work not only today but also tomorrow and will strengthen

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Ukrainian resilience, which in turn will prevent the spread of Russian aggression to other parts of Europe.

During my January visit to Switzerland, we agreed to hold the Global Peace Summit. The work on its organization has already begun. I invite you all to engage actively in it. Europe must have a say, and its word must be meaningful, reliable, and translated into concrete decisions.

With today's big decisions, Europe is sending a signal across the Atlantic and around the world that the international rules-based world order will endure challenges. Europe sets the tone for global affairs through its unity. This is already a fact. And it must remain this way.

Thank you for your attention and thank you all for your support. I believe in Europe. I believe that European unity will preserve normal life on our continent. I am as confident in this as you all are.

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In my speech at the Munich Security Conference, I warned of the catastrophic threats that the Russian regime poses to Europe and the world, not just Ukraine, and outlined collective steps to counter them, preserve the rules-based order, and make security a reality again.

February 24, 2022, could have marked the end of the world as we all know it. A world of rules meant to protect life. Our resistance, with the support of partners, has put on hold the destruction of this rules-based world order. 2024 must become a time for its full restoration.

It is not the rules that define the world's life that should remain in the past, but rather, a Russia that doesn't respect the rules should remain in the past. And we can ensure this. Not just by doing something. But by doing everything necessary.

This conference represents different parts of the world and many nations. But there is no one for whom the ongoing war in Europe does not pose a threat. It defines more than just the place of Ukraine or entire Europe in the world. This is Russia's war against any rules at all.

How long will the world let Russia be like this? This is the main question today. The longer this Russian aggression against the rules-based world order continues, the greater the changes it provokes.

Perhaps people will have to live in a world where local wars will not remain local; any outbreak of a war risks turning into a global catastrophe.

Perhaps the weaponization of food or migration will break existing regional balances and undermine many political systems, not only in Europe but also in the Middle East. In Africa. In the Americas.

Perhaps Europe is facing times when the question of invoking Article 5 of the NATO treaty will not be a question for Washington at all but rather for European capitals.

There are hundreds of such "perhapss." On February 23, 2022, none of them existed. Now they are a part of reality. And what do we lack in this reality? Security. Neither for the largest nor for the smallest state. We must make security a reality again.

The year 2024 demands your response—from everyone in the world. If we do not act now, Putin will manage to make the next few years catastrophic for other nations as well. Intelligence communities are aware of this.

Ukraine has already shattered myths with which Russia tried to cloud reality and which the world, unfortunately, believed. The myth that Russia could capture another country in a few days or weeks whenever it wanted. Ukrainians have been holding for 724 days. 724 days!

We have also demolished another insane Russian myth about Ukraine as supposedly "not a real country." And it was in Russia that a massive mutiny began, leading to the capture of cities, internal fights, and an armed march on Moscow. This is a typical sign of "not a real state".

We have ruined the myth that Russian weapons supposedly have some advantage over Western ones. In reality, Russia is worse in all respects. That's why for the first time in Russian history, Putin bowed to Iran and North Korea for help.

There was also a myth that Europe was too weak to defend itself. Instead, Europe has become a global force, overcoming its dependence on Russia. Europe now demonstrates that our community deserves to be called Euro-Atlantic. There are two coasts.

For nearly 80 years, preventing a continental war in Europe relied on the American coast's strength. Now we see that the European coast can also be a force preventing chaos. Every defense coalition we've created proves this. Every security agreement we've signed implements it.

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We already have such an agreement with the UK. And I am grateful for the agreements with Germany that we signed with Olaf in Berlin and with France that we signed with Emmanuel in Paris. This is just the beginning of implementing agreements based on the G7 security declaration.

We were told for a long time to go to Putin so that he would allow the restoration of cargo movement in the Black Sea. In our Black Sea. But we did it without Putin. More than 23 million tons of cargo have been transported through the Black Sea and the Ukrainian export corridor.

Since the beginning of this year, thanks to Ukraine resuming its maritime exports, there has already been a normal shipment of goods to China, Spain, Egypt, Türkiye, Italy, Pakistan, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Libya, and others.

Some claimed that there was no effective defense against Russian missiles. We know for sure, all of us, that with "Patriots" and some other Western air defense systems, any Russian missile can be shot down.

With enough air defense systems in Ukraine, we will be able to bring home millions of Ukrainians. I thank all countries for their attitude toward our people. But I hope that they will come back and that our economy will be able to regain independence from external support.

Ukrainians have proven that we can force Russia to retreat and that we are capable of restoring the rules. And with this, we leave absolutely nothing of the key Russian myth—the myth that Ukraine supposedly cannot win this war.

We can get our land back. And Putin can lose. And this has already happened more than once on the battlefield. Our actions are limited only by the sufficiency and length of the range of our strength—by what does not depend on us. And the Avdiivka situation proves this exactly.

Unfortunately, keeping Ukraine in artificial deficits of weapons, particularly in deficits of artillery and long-range capabilities, allows Putin to adapt to the current intensity of the war. This self-weakening of democracy over time undermines our joint results.

Russia has only one military advantage, the complete devaluation of human life. Its "meat assaults" prove this. International tolerance of the lack of rule of law in Russia after 1991 and Putin's policy of controlled poverty have led to human life being worthless in Russia.

In addition to this, Putin's years of self-isolation and his impunity have led to his complete degradation. Absolutely. He now openly justifies Hitler, absolving him of

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responsibility for World War II. He has made the genocide of our people just an ordinary part of his policy.

Putin kills whoever he wants, be it an opposition leader or anyone else who seems like a target exactly to him. After the murder of Alexei Navalny, it's absurd to perceive Putin as a supposedly legitimate head of the Russian state.

Putin is a thug who maintains power through corruption and violence. Coming to his so-called "inauguration," shaking his hand, considering him an equal means to disdain the very nature of political power.

The ICC warrant for Putin's arrest for kidnapping and forced deportation of children from Ukraine clearly demonstrates where his so-called "career" should end. Only two options: to be in the dock in The Hague or to be killed by one of his accomplices, who are now killing for him.

First, we all must do not just something but everything possible to defeat the aggressor. Dictators do not go on vacation. Hatred knows no pause. Enemy artillery does not fall silent due to procedural issues. Warriors standing against the aggressor need sufficient strength.

Second, we should not fear Putin's defeat. Putin is a threat to all free nations. He is the monster who invaded Ukraine, killed thousands and thousands of people and kidnapped and deported at least tens of thousands of Ukrainian children. But that's not all.

Putin butchered Chechens and Syrians; invaded Georgia; ordered the execution of his opponents both outside the walls of the Kremlin and in the heart of London and Berlin; and yes, just yesterday, as the Munich Security Conference opened, Putin murdered another opposition leader.

Please, let's not fear Putin's defeat and the destruction of his regime. Let's instead work together to destroy what he stands for. It is his fate to lose, not the fate of the rules-based world order to vanish.

If we don't defeat Putin now, it won't eventually matter who leads Russia. Every new Russian dictator will remember how to maintain power by annexing lands, killing opponents, and destroying the world order. If this happens, Europe, Central Asia and the world will be dark places.

Third, we must close all loopholes in the sanctions against Russia. No sector of the Russian economy involved in its aggression should be free from sanctions. This particularly relates to the nuclear sector. Also, Russian assets that are already frozen should be confiscated.

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Fourth, evil will never prevail if the forces of good are united and act together. History has proven it many times—when empires of evil and tyranny, which seemed eternal, crumbled right in front of our eyes. And this increased the space for freedom in the world.

Throughout history, the bolder and more active America was, along with the others on the right side of history, the more successful freedom was.

The world would have long been divided among the dreams of a few dictatorships if it were not for the American dream, which always left enough space for people's dreams. Major decisions are happening in the unity of the whole world, including the US.

Fifth, Putin must be deprived of any ability to manipulate anyone. The world has a document that defines the basic rules of nations' co-existence: the UN Charter. Russia disregards it. Ukraine has offered the Peace Formula, based on the principles and norms of the UN Charter.

We have managed to unite representatives from all parts of the world to work on the Peace Formula and prepare for the first Global Peace Summit in Switzerland. There, the world must decide how to restore the full strength of the rule-based world order almost destroyed by Russia.

Do not ask Ukraine when the war will end. Ask yourself why Putin is still able to continue it. Thank you for your attention and support for our state, people, and children. Please be grateful to our warriors. And may our world, based on rules, never become the world of yesterday.

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I addressed the Ukraine Support Contact Group, "Ramstein," urging prompt action to provide Ukraine with more long-range capabilities, air defense, and artillery ammunition. If the necessary steps are taken, we will disrupt Putin's plans and regain the initiative.

Predatory regimes like Russia's are rapidly increasing their appetite for aggression. When they succeed in one part of the world, it creates problems in many other places; aggression spreads when not stopped.

Dear friends! Please do not forget what you are deciding. This is not just about the arms supply; you are deciding the fate of the world, which will either live by rules that we all recognize or depend only on the mercy of those whose violence is brutal.

Everything still depends on how quickly we act and whether agreements are fully implemented. Despite the fact that Russia took the initiative in half a year while we waited for US support, we can still stabilize the front and move forward, achieving Ukrainian war goals.

First: long-range weapons. No part of the occupied territory of Ukraine should remain safe for the occupier. And I thank every leader whose solutions are already working hard on the front lines: Storm Shadow, SCALP, and ATACMS. The range should be sufficient.

Second: air shield. This year, Russian jets have already used more than 9,000 guided aerial bombs against Ukraine. We need the ability to shoot down their combat aircraft so that they do not approach our positions and borders. It is possible.

Protecting Ukrainian cities from Russian missiles is possible. We urgently need Patriot systems and missiles. They can and should save lives. At least 7 Patriots are necessary for our cities to be safe. Partners have them, and they truly can change the situation for the better.

The transition to the F-16 should be accelerated. Our counter-terrorism cooperation must be more effective than Russia's cooperation with the regimes in Iran and North Korea.

Third: artillery. Many of those present at "Ramstein" were soldiers in the past. And you can imagine what our soldiers feel when they simply have nothing to respond to enemy fire. The one-to-ten ratio of artillery inspires Putin to continue to fight.

Putin believes that he will walk through the ruins and try to launch his counteroffensive. We must disrupt it. Our soldiers need artillery—enough 155mm shells—to stop Russian assaults and undertake our own active operations. I thank every country that effectively helps with this.

Please pay close attention to weapon production, both in your countries and in our joint projects, including those in Ukraine. For example, we now have the potential to manufacture drones in Ukraine, which far exceeds our financial capabilities. The same goes for EW systems.

We need to fill our defense capacity with real orders. And we are currently forming new brigades to strengthen our positions. They need support, just like the brigades already operating at the front. Our team participating in "Ramstein" will present all the details.

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Even the best soldiers cannot change the course of the war without adequate weapons. I am proud of Ukrainian soldiers. You know how strong they are. They know how to win. They must win. But they need your sufficient and timely support for this.

I thank US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. We appreciate that it was on his personal initiative that the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, our anti-war coalition, was formed 2 years ago, uniting efforts and rallying over 50 countries. I thank all of our partners for their support.

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Currently, across the country, efforts are underway to eliminate the consequences of the Russian strike. This was one of the largest attacks – a combined strike, involving over a hundred missiles of various types and around a hundred "Shaheds." Like most Russian strikes before, this one was equally insidious, targeting critical civilian infrastructure. The energy sector has sustained significant damage, but in every area affected by power outages, restoration work is already in progress. It is crucial that our partners uphold the commitments we've made together, in particular regarding air defense systems, missiles for them. And beyond that, we must finally unite in our efforts to shoot down Russian missiles and drones. Today, their targets were in Volyn, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Vinnytsia, Khmelnytskyi, and Ternopil regions. Across Ukraine, we could do much more to protect lives if the aviation of our European neighbors operated in concert with our F-16s and air defense systems. If such unity has proven effective in the Middle East, it must work in Europe too. Life holds the same value everywhere. Putin can only act within the limits the world sets for him. Weakness and inadequate responses fuel terror. Every leader, every one of our partners, knows the decisive actions required to end this war justly. Ukraine cannot be constrained in its long-range capabilities when the terrorists face no such limitations. Our defenders cannot be restricted in their weapons when Russia deploys its entire arsenal, including "Shaheds" and ballistic missiles from North Korea. America, Britain, France, and our other partners have the power to help us stop this terror. The time for decisive action is now.

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Today, I addressed the Yalta European Strategy meeting, stressing that it is we who need this war to end, not Putin. He has no interest in ending it, content to send people to their deaths, ruling his people through the TV, while enjoying life in his palaces. So far, Putin and his inner circle haven't faced the real consequences of this war – but they must.

It is important to have the understanding of what it means to be with Ukraine. It's not just about presence, an emotional connection to Ukraine, Ukrainians, or our battle for independence.

Yesterday, Russia carried out yet another attack. An artillery strike hit the village of Viroliubivka in Donetsk region. The Russians saw exactly where they were aiming – trucks of the International Committee of the Red Cross were burned, two people were wounded, and three people were killed.

The victims were humanitarian workers, whose lives taken by Russian artillery. It is disheartening to see that the Red Cross, in its communication, is even afraid to state that this was a Russian strike. But it's simply the truth – it was a Russian strike, Russian terror.

Yesterday, a Russian missile hit a civilian vessel in the Black Sea carrying wheat bound for Egypt. Fortunately, no one on board was killed. There was no reaction from Egypt – even though this concerns their food security. But this is exactly how Russia treats Egypt, food security, and free navigation – like a typical terrorist. As long as there are double standards in the realm of morality, Putin will continue seeking something other than peace.

We are now in the third year of a full-scale war. After so much death, destruction, and countless Russian war crimes, Putin can still afford to destroy life in Ukraine as he pleases, buy and produce missiles, bombs and artillery, and issue ultimatums to the world. He expects the world to fall for his madness.

These days, there have been important meetings with our partners and visits of representatives of the US and the UK. While the content of these talks remains confidential, I want to share my thoughts. In Ukraine, as in many countries, the school year has begun.

In Ukraine, we want as many children as possible to attend school in person, not just online, together with other children, in a normal school atmosphere, where they acquire not only knowledge but also social and communication skills. For this to happen, we

need air defense systems like Patriots, which are sufficient in the world and which we have long expected from our partners.

Yet, when we ask for these systems, we repeatedly hear, “We are working on it.” Time passes, but Russian missiles and Iranian drones continue to terrorize our skies and our people. Everyone knows how tough it is on the front lines in Donetsk, especially near Pokrovsk. Our soldiers are showing incredible heroism, but they need reinforcements.

These reinforcements mean equipped, ready-to-fight units in sufficient numbers to not only hold ground but regain it. We have been asking for this from our partners for months. I am grateful to those who made the commitments and are fulfilling them, but we are still far from fully implementing what has been agreed.

It’s difficult to repeatedly hear, “We are working on this,” while Putin continues to burn down our cities and villages. He doesn’t need anyone’s approval. Putin interprets delays in helping us and in making strong decisions for Ukraine as permission to do whatever he wants.

It’s the same with long-range capabilities. Anyone who sees at a map where Russia launches its strikes from, trains its forces, keeps its reserves, locates its military facilities, and what logistics uses clearly understands why Ukraine needs long-range capabilities. We discussed this with Secretary Blinken and Foreign Secretary Lammy during their visits.

After our conversation, I believe there should be no unanswered questions about why Ukraine needs sufficient long-range capabilities. I want to emphasize the word “sufficient”—not just enough to say that there is a decision, but enough to truly change the course of the war and compel Russia to seek peace.

The war must become more difficult for Russia – that is the only way to make them realize it must end, and end fairly, based on international law. This requires strong decisions from the world. You all know what these decisions are. When we hear that missiles have arrived in Russia from Iran, it is the same evil that the allies had to shoot-down in the skies of the Middle East.

Now, the markings on the missiles may be different, but the terrorist motive of Iran behind the proliferation and use of these weapons remains unchanged. If the allies are jointly shooting down missiles and drones over the Middle East, why has there been no similar decision to jointly shoot down Russian missiles and drones over Ukraine?

This is especially critical when those missiles and drones threaten our neighbors’ territories. So far, the only country that has managed to shoot down Russian drones is Belarus. This is humiliating for the democratic world. We know where Russian air

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defense is located, where Russian missile launchers are being deployed, and what logistics routes are critical for the Russian occupation forces.

All of this can be destroyed in a matter of months. Let me remind you, the full-scale war has been ongoing for three years now. So, what is missing to end it? Strength? Decisions? Or the will?

Why can Putin continue producing weapons at full capacity? He is receiving critical components from America, Europe, and Taiwan. Supply chains to Russia still exist. As a result, it is cheaper for Putin to continue his terror than for us to defend ourselves against it.

Russian logistics and military sites are safe from our strikes because we cannot reach them. We have effective drones, but they cannot achieve what missiles are capable of. Meanwhile, Putin can easily acquire artillery from North Korea at low cost. When for Ukraine, every defense package is an achievement.

Why am I speaking in such detail about weapons now? Because these details highlight the pressure we must apply to force Russia to seek peace. Putin only understands strength. Only the things that strengthen Ukraine's position.

Only what makes the situation worse for Russia. Only the fact that the partners are actually taking the necessary steps, and not promising to consider what steps are needed from meeting to meeting, as if it is not clear.

I will soon meet President Biden, where I will present him the Victory Package – a system of interconnected decisions that will provide Ukraine with the necessary strength to set the course toward peace. Wars of aggression such as Russia's war against Ukraine end in one of two ways: either the occupying forces are driven out, or diplomacy secures true independence.

In both cases, Ukraine needs a strong position. The US can help achieve this. The Victory Package can pave the way for lasting peace and full implementation of the Peace Formula. Unfortunately, there are illusions in the world that it's possible to talk to Moscow or draw some red lines that will eventually make Moscow softer.

If we want to hear the words "peace has finally come," we must first hear "Ukraine has become powerful enough to win." That is the only guarantee of peace. It doesn't just depend on us; it depends on the world as well.

I thank all Ukrainians for their courage, and I thank every partner who is truly doing everything to ensure Ukraine's victory. I look forward to the day I can thank the world's

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leaders for the kind of help that makes Ukraine's victory inevitable. Only then will the desire for peace reach Putin's palaces.

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Today at the UN Security Council, I emphasized that there is only one UN Charter that applies to every part of the world. It is not divided by regions or blocs. We don't have separate rules for any country. The UN Charter unites us all—and it must be upheld equally by everyone.

One day it will be said in this hall that Russia's war against Ukraine has truly ended – not frozen, not paused, not forgotten. This will happen not because someone got tired of the war or traded something with Putin.

Russia's war against Ukraine will end because the UN Charter will work. It must work. Our Ukrainian right to self-defense must prevail, along with our cooperation with nations that value life as we do, and our territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence.

We are defending what every nation would surely want to protect for itself. What the UN Charter grants to all. And it is Russia that always has to lie to justify its war. Not us. Russia cannot refer to the UN Charter to explain what it is doing against Ukraine.

In Russia's perverted way, in its crooked world, it tries to refer to the Charter – but that's simply insane. Russia stayed silent because it couldn't explain why a Russian missile recently struck a grain ship bound for an Egyptian port through the Black Sea.

What threat could grain possibly pose to Russia? Russia is forced to stay silent or lie about why its drones and missiles are found in the airspace of Poland, Moldova, and Romania. Every day, Ukrainians are wounded and killed. Today, once again Russian bombs hit residential buildings. Even an ordinary bread factory became a target.

What's so threatening to Russia about making bread? Putin has no answer. Russia never has an honest answer when asked why its army kills children in Ukraine, "defeats" schools and hospitals, and fights not for justice, but for a blackout for a neighboring nation.

Putin has nothing to say if you ask him why he tries to drag Belarus into the war, why his propagandists threaten nations in the Caucasus or Central Asia, or why Russia invests the most not in human development, but in hatred.

Russia has no legitimate reason for making Iran and North Korea de-facto accomplices in its criminal war in Europe, with their weapons killing Ukrainians and helping Putin steal our land from our people.

We know that some in the world want to talk to Putin. But what could they possibly hear from him? That he's upset because we're exercising our right to defend our people? Or that he wants to keep the war and terror going just so no one thinks he was wrong?

From the very first second of this war, Russia has been doing things that cannot possibly be justified under the UN Charter. Every destroyed Ukrainian city, every burned village – and there are already hundreds – serves as proof that Russia is committing an international crime.

That's why this war can't simply "fade away." That's why this war can't be calmed by talks. Action is needed. And I am grateful to all the nations that are truly helping, in ways that save the lives of our people.

Putin has broken so many international norms and rules that he won't stop on his own. Russia can only be forced into peace. And that is exactly what's needed – forcing Russia into peace as the sole aggressor in this war, the sole violator of the UN Charter.

Now, as we approach the third winter of this war, Russia is once again trying to destroy our energy system, and this fall, they're being even more cynical. They are preparing to target our nuclear power plants, three of them– and we have proof of this.

If Russia is ready to go that far, it means – nothing you value matters to Moscow. This kind of Russian cynicism will keep striking if it's given any room in the world. The UN Charter leaves no room for that, and neither does the Peace Formula.

In 2022, in the midst of the war, when I proposed the Peace Formula, I was proposing to uphold the UN Charter – to make effective everything this institution was created for. Every point of the Peace Formula is rooted in the principles, purposes, and norms of the UN Charter –in the rights it grants to nations, and in the resolutions of the General Assembly that have already been supported by the majority of countries.

We do not have different versions of the UN Charter for different parts of the world. We do not have regional "quasi-charters." There is no separate UN Charter for BRICS or for the G7. There is no separate Russian-Iranian UN Charter, nor a separate Chinese-Brazilian UN Charter. There is one UN Charter, which unites everyone – must unite everyone.

The path to a just peace is the same – clear steps that everyone understands equally, and this is reflected in the Peace Formula. It is the fulfillment of the UN Charter. We all know what needs to be done if we look at the situation honestly and truly want to stop Russia's war.

And most importantly – act. Together. In unity. Without creating new and unnecessary divisions of the world into blocs or regional groups. Unity always works for peace. We have to prepare the second Peace Summit to end the war. I invite all of you – all principled nations – to join us in this process. All who truly respect the UN Charter.

We invite China. We invite Brazil. I have already invited India. We are working with African nations, all of Latin America, the Middle East, Central Asia, Europe, the Pacific region, and North America. All are equally important for peace. Everyone. Without exceptions.

Just as the UN Charter must work without exceptions. This is the process that will lead us to peace. To a just peace. A real peace. A peace that will last. We already know how to achieve it. We have the Peace Formula, the UN Charter, and all the strength needed to make it happen. What's needed is determination.

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Today I addressed the UN General Assembly. The world has moved beyond colonial wars and conspiracies at the expense of smaller nations. We will never accept a brutal past being forced upon Ukraine. No one should believe such injustice can replace our right to a peaceful future.

On the night of March 4th, 2022, I received one of the most terrifying reports since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion against Ukraine. The report was about Russian tanks firing directly at the buildings of our Ukrainian nuclear power plant—Zaporizhzhia, the largest in Europe, with six nuclear reactors.

The Russian army stormed this facility as brutally as any other during this war, without considering the consequences, which could have been disastrous. It was one of the most horrifying moments of the war, when no one knew how Russian strikes on the nuclear facility would end. Everyone in Ukraine was reminded of what Chernobyl means.

Today, the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant remains occupied by Russian forces. Unfortunately, it's still at risk of a nuclear incident. This is a major source of radiation danger in Europe and possibly the world.

That's why, in the Peace Formula I presented, the first point is about nuclear safety. In Ukraine, we know exactly what we're dealing with. And I want to thank the General Assembly members for adopting a resolution in July on the safety of nuclear facilities in Ukraine.

Most in the world understand what's at stake. The General Assembly demanded that Russia return control of the Zaporizhzhia NPP to Ukraine. Only then will real nuclear security return to Europe and the world.

And now, about the day that must never come. Since Russia can't defeat our people's resistance on the battlefield, Putin is looking for other ways to break the Ukrainian spirit. One of his methods is targeting our energy infrastructure.

These are deliberate Russian attacks on our power plants and the entire energy grid. As of today, Russia has destroyed all our thermal power plants and a large part of our hydroelectric capacity. This is how Putin is preparing for winter—hoping to torment millions of Ukrainians.

Ordinary families—women, children, and elderly people in towns and villages. Putin wants to leave them in the dark and cold this winter, forcing Ukraine to suffer and surrender. Just imagine your country with 80% of its energy system destroyed. What kind of life would that be?

Recently, I received another alarming report from our intelligence. Putin seems to be planning attacks on our nuclear power plants and their infrastructure, aiming to disconnect the plants from the power grid. With the help of foreign satellites, Russia is getting images and detailed information about the infrastructure of our nuclear power plants.

What does this really threaten? Any missile or drone strike, any critical incident in the energy system, could lead to a nuclear disaster. A day like that must never come. And Moscow needs to understand this. This depends, in part, on your determination to put pressure on the aggressor.

Two years ago, in the fall of 2022, I proposed a comprehensive strategy to end the war and to ensure security. I presented the Peace Formula at the G20 summit in Indonesia—a highly inclusive platform for world leaders representing billions of citizens from all parts of the globe.

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It's important for us that all these people can understand us—understand that Ukraine wants to end this war more than anyone in the world. War always poses a threat to many. You all see in the media and read in reports what is happening in Ukraine because of Russia's war. Many imagine it happening to themselves.

The smoke from fires in war-torn cities can reach other countries. And if, God forbid, Russia causes a nuclear disaster at one of our nuclear power plants, radiation won't respect state borders. Unfortunately, many nations could feel the devastating effects.

Many are concerned, but the deepest understanding of war is always found in the home it destroys. It is the Ukrainian people who feel the full pain of this war. It's Ukrainian children who are learning to distinguish the sounds of different types of artillery and drones because of Russia's war.

It's our people who are forcefully separated by occupation because Putin decided he could do whatever he wants. It's our heroic soldiers who are giving their lives to defend our country from invaders trying to steal our land. That's why we say, rightfully so—there can be no just peace without Ukraine.

I thank every leader, every country that supports us in this, that understands us—those who see how Russia, a country more than twenty times larger than Ukraine in territory, still wants even more land, which is insane, and is seizing it, day by day, while wanting to destroy its neighbor.

Russia found very special buddies for that—North Korea and Iran, a telling choice of friends. Now every neighbor of Russia in Europe and Central Asia feels that the war could come to them as well. Just think—what kind of losses would that mean for the world?

I thank nearly one hundred nations and international organizations that have supported the Peace Formula. It's truly a global community—Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, the Pacific region—all united by the Peace Formula.

I'm glad that the first Peace Summit was so reminiscent of the UN General Assembly—everyone was equal. All nations that participated in the Peace Summit, large and small—no veto power, no blocking authority. Those that have been independent for ages, and those that have only recently gained independence.

Those that have gone through wars themselves, and those accustomed to peace. All were equal—that is what Russia hates the most and cannot control. That's why Russia says the Peace Formula doesn't suit it.

Here at the UN, I've already met with leaders from India and Guatemala, Japan and Italy, Türkiye and Finland, Canada and Paraguay, Slovenia, Germany and others. And

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my meetings will continue. These are different parts of the world and various political ways of life, but they share the same understanding—peace is needed, and it must be a real, just peace.

Unfortunately, at the UN, it's impossible to truly and fairly resolve matters of war and peace because too much depends in the Security Council on the veto power. When the aggressor exercises veto power, the UN is powerless to stop the war.

But the Peace Formula can—once again, there is no veto power in it. That's why it's the best opportunity for peace—everyone is equal, and it's effective and comprehensive.

When some propose alternatives, half-hearted settlement plans—so-called 'sets of principles'—it not only ignores the interests and suffering of Ukrainians, who are affected by the war the most, it not only ignores reality, but also gives Putin the political space to continue the war and pressure the world to bring more nations under control.

Any parallel or alternative attempts to seek peace are, in fact, efforts to achieve a lull instead of an end to the war, as a global initiative—the Peace Formula—has already existed for two years. Maybe someone wants a Nobel Prize for their political biography for a frozen truce instead of real peace, but the only prizes Putin will give you in return are more suffering and disasters.

We must restore nuclear safety. Energy must stop being used as a weapon. We must ensure food security. We need to bring home all our captured soldiers and civilians forcibly deported to Russia.

We must uphold the UN Charter and guarantee our right—Ukraine's right—to territorial integrity and sovereignty, just as we do for any other nation. We need to withdraw the Russian occupiers, which will bring an end to the hostilities in Ukraine.

We must hold those responsible for war crimes accountable. We need to prevent ecocide and stop the destruction of nature caused by the war. And we must not allow a second or third phase of this Russian invasion.

And we need to make it clear—the war is over. This is the Peace Formula. What part of this could be unacceptable to anyone who upholds the UN Charter?

If someone in the world seeks alternatives to any of these points or tries to ignore any of them, it likely means they themselves want to do a part of what Putin is doing—the point they ignore reveals the desire they are hiding.

When the Chinese-Brazilian duo tries to grow into a choir of voices – with someone in Europe, with someone in Africa, saying something alternative to a full and just peace,

the question arises – what is the true interest? Everyone must understand—you won't boost your power at Ukraine's expense.

The world has already been through colonial wars and conspiracies of great powers at the expense of those who are smaller. Every country – including China, Brazil, European nations, African nations, Middle East – all understand why this must remain in the past.

Ukrainians will never accept why anyone believes that a brutal colonial past, which suits no one today, can be imposed on Ukraine now instead of a normal, peaceful life. I want peace for my people – a real and just peace.

I'm asking for your support from all nations of the world. We do not divide the world. I ask the same of you – do not divide the world. Be united nations, and that will bring us peace.

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We will continue presenting our strategy to compel Russia to peace to our European partners. The teams of our country and the teams of leaders, who have already been introduced to the Victory Plan, are continuing to work on the details. Joint actions are needed—and they must be decisive.

It's entirely realistic to strengthen Ukraine's position in the way necessary for a just peace. The time to act is now—before Russia and its allies adapt to our capabilities. We see the growing alliance between Russia and regimes like that of North Korea. This is no longer just about the transfer of weapons. It is, in fact, about the transfer of people from North Korea to the occupying forces.

It is clear that, under these circumstances, our relations with partners need further development. The frontline requires stronger support. When we talk about increasing Ukraine's long-range capabilities and more decisive supplies for our forces, it's not just a list of military assets. It's about intensifying pressure on the aggressor—pressure that Russia will not be able to withstand. And it's about preventing an even greater war.

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I presented the Victory Plan to the Verkhovna Rada and the people of Ukraine. It is the path to strengthening Ukraine, not just to defend our positions but to build a bridge to the second Peace Summit, which will bring a just end to this war for Ukraine.

Our people, in Ukraine and abroad, never tire of saying "Glory to Ukraine," and Ukraine never tires of answering, "Glory to the heroes." But here, we hear less often the words "Ukraine must win." For some, the word "victory" has become uncomfortable. Yet we understand—victory is not easily achieved.

Yet, only victories bring glory to a country and allow us to preserve the real memory of our heroes for centuries. Victory gives the nation the ability to live — independently, freely, sovereignly—on our land, under our own laws. To choose our future.

The future of Ukraine is to be a strong part of the global world, standing equal to leading countries. To be in the EU and NATO – rightfully. Ukrainians deserve this. That is our goal – to reclaim Ukraine's right to life, to secure justice for Ukraine, and to end this war with a reliable, honest peace.

I thank everyone bringing us closer to this goal – every soldier, every citizen. The Victory Plan is prepared for all of us – Ukrainians. It is a plan to strengthen our state and our positions, ensuring we are strong enough to end this war, and making Ukraine stand with full strength.

This Plan is possible to implement. It depends on our partners. It does not depend on Russia. Everyone sees that Russia is not seeking an honest peace. Putin is insane and only wants war.

He will not change—he's too rooted in the past, too much of yesterday, and deaf to others. But with our partners, we must change the circumstances and end this war, regardless of Putin's desires.

We all must change the circumstances so that Russia is forced to peace. Let's remember – nearly two years ago at the G20 Summit in Indonesia, I proposed the Peace Formula. It is a strategy to end Russia's aggression against Ukraine and restore justice for the Ukrainian people, based on the UN Charter.

In two years, nearly 100 countries have supported the Peace Formula. I thank each of them. We held a successful inaugural Peace Summit, proving that this negotiation format can be successful in ending the war. Yet Russia still evades honest diplomacy, throwing bombs and ultimatums.

We must put an end to this. No Russian ultimatum will ever hold meaning for Ukraine. This is guaranteed by our soldiers, by our people, and by our unity – the unity of Ukraine and our partners.

All of this is the foundation of our ability to achieve our goal. The Victory Plan is the path to strengthening Ukraine. And the urgency of it is now, as these steps are time-sensitive.

If we start moving according to the Victory Plan now, we may be able to end the war no later than next year. We all feel the pain of war, and we hear it in names like Pokrovsk, Vovchansk, Kharkiv, Sumy, Orikhiv, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and also Donetsk, Luhansk, Crimea.

In these names, we hear not only the fate of Ukraine but also the fate of the Baltic nations, Finland, Poland, Georgia, Moldova, the Balkans, and Central Asia. And even nations far from us but close to our partners – Libya, Syria, and the Sahel region.

In these battles, Ukrainians fight for their independence—and decide whether the world will face more wars. Russia and its accomplices seek more wars. They are learning, and the longer they have to perfect destruction, the higher the price the world will pay for peace later.

For our partners, helping Ukraine now means preserving a world order based on rules. If Russia's war ends at the peace summit, grounded in international law, it will deter potential aggressors from starting future wars.

But if Putin achieves his insane goals—geopolitical, military, ideological, or economic—it will signal to others, especially in the Gulf, Indo-Pacific, and Africa, that wars of conquest can be advantageous.

The fate of the next decades is being decided by the actions of our global coalition for Ukraine and international law. For us, it is absolutely legitimate to turn to our partners for support in this battle.

For our partners, it's entirely practical to help us not only stand but win. By supporting Ukraine, they are also helping themselves no less. Putin's criminal coalition already includes North Korea, where the Kim family regime enslaves over twenty million Koreans.

Our intelligence records not only weapons transferred from North Korea to Russia but also people— workers for Russian factories, replacing Russians killed in the war, and personnel for the Russian army. This marks the involvement of a second state in the war against Ukraine on Russia's side.

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Everyone sees Iran's help for Putin, and the cooperation of China with Russia. Despite statements, Beijing refrains from taking truly effective steps to stop the aggression and Russia's violations of the UN Charter.

We must be honest—both Ukrainians and all our partners—if we don't strengthen ourselves now, Putin will have time to strengthen himself next year, enough to permanently discard diplomacy. Russia must lose the war against Ukraine. This is not a "freeze."

This is not a trade-off of Ukraine's territory or sovereignty. We must implement the Victory Plan to force Russia to the Peace Summit and bring an end to this war. The Plan consists of five points and three classified annexes.

Point one is geopolitical. Points two and three are military. Point four is economic. Point five is security. The points are time-based. The first four are for wartime, aimed at ending it. The fifth is for post-war, to guarantee security.

First, an invitation to NATO. We are a democratic nation that has proven we can defend Euro-Atlantic values and our shared way of life. For decades, Russia has exploited Europe's geopolitical uncertainty—the fact that Ukraine is not a NATO member.

This emboldened Russia to attack our security. Now, an invitation to NATO for Ukraine can be crucial for peace. We understand that NATO membership is for the future, not the present. But Putin must see that his geopolitical ambitions have failed, and the Russian people must feel that their czar has been defeated geopolitically.

I thank all our partners who support that an invitation for Ukraine to NATO now, with membership later, it strengthens everyone. An invitation is a strong decision that requires only resolve.

Today, it symbolizes more than just NATO. Determination on NATO for Ukraine also means the inevitability of European integration and the non-alternativeness of democracy in Ukraine. That's why it's the first point of the Victory Plan—a demonstration of resolve.

An unconditional invitation now. This shows how our partners truly see Ukraine's place in the security architecture. I urge everyone to work toward ensuring our partners' resolve to recognize Ukraine as an equal in the European security architecture.

The second point – defense. It is the irreversible strengthening of Ukraine's defense against the aggressor. It is realistic to defend our positions on the battlefield in Ukraine while also bringing the war to Russian territory, so that Russians truly feel what war is and, despite their propaganda, begin turning their hatred toward the Kremlin.

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We are not naive. Ukraine does not and will not believe that the majority of Russians will ever grasp the depth of Russia's moral downfall, but they must feel the collapse of their army. And that will be the defeat of their war ideology.

There is a clear list of weapons capable of supporting this strength in our warriors. Thanks to the Kursk operation, we saw that Putin lacks the strength to hold on when we truly press hard.

The key to implementing the second point of the Victory Plan includes:
- Successful continuation of operations by Ukraine's Defense and Security Forces on enemy territory to prevent buffer zones on our land.
– The irreversible strengthening of Ukraine's Defense and Security Forces and the destruction of Russia's offensive potential on the occupied territories of Ukraine.
– Partner help in equipping reserve brigades for the Armed Forces.
– Elevating Ukraine's air defense to protect cities from Russian missiles and drones.
– Joint operations with European neighbors to down Russian missiles and drones within the air shield of our partners.
– Expanding operations using our Ukrainian missiles and drones, as well as investing in the expansion of their production in Ukraine.
– Lifting partner-imposed restrictions on the use of long-range weapons across all Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine and in Russia, targeting military infrastructure, and providing Ukraine with corresponding long-range missiles, drones, and other strike capabilities.
– Providing Ukraine with real-time satellite data and intelligence gathered by other means.

For every defense sub-point, Ukraine gives partners clear reasoning – what our goals are, how we achieve them, and how this reduces Russia's ability to continue the war. The defense point of the Plan has a classified annex for partners with relevant military potential.

The third point of the Plan is deterrence. There is also a classified annex for this. It has already been received by the leaders of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Germany. Other countries will also receive it—those who can give real substance to this well-known global concept of deterrence for Ukraine.

Russia acts aggressively only when it is convinced it will not face an adequate destructive response. When Russia knows there will be a response, and understands what that response will be, they choose negotiations and stable coexistence, even with strategic adversaries.

Deterrence of Russia from aggression is possible not just for Ukraine but all of Europe. Ukraine proposes deploying on its territory a comprehensive non-nuclear strategic

deterrence package that will be sufficient to protect Ukraine from any military threat from Russia and will narrow Russia's options to the following outcomes:

Either Russia joins an honest diplomatic process for a just end to the war, or it will lose its ability to continue the aggressive war due to Ukraine's application of the deterrence package provided, in line with clearly defined military objectives.

In other words, the deterrence package means Russia either chooses diplomacy or faces the collapse of its war machine. Peace through strength. On both sides of the Atlantic, this works equally effectively. This point can be secured through funding within the framework of already established security agreements with partners and defined financial support.

The fourth point – strategic economic potential. Ukraine has natural resources and critical metals worth trillions of dollars. These include uranium, titanium, lithium, graphite, and other strategic resources, which will either strengthen Russia or Ukraine and the democratic world.

Russia's goals include seizing Ukraine's resources, energy, and food production potential. And this is our opportunity for growth—Ukraine's economic growth and the strengthening of the European Union, contributing to Europe's economic and, in many ways, security autonomy.

It's also an opportunity for the US and our G-7 partners to work with Ukraine—a capable ally that can ensure a return on investment. The economic point of the Plan has a classified annex shared with designated partners.

Ukraine proposes that the United States, along with designated partners—including the European Union, which Ukraine will be a part of—and other global partners, sign a special agreement for the joint protection of Ukraine's critical resources, as well as joint investment in and utilization of the corresponding economic potential.

This is also peace through strength—economic strength. This agreement will naturally complement and reinforce the existing system of economic pressure on Russia, including all current sanctions, the oil price cap, export restrictions to Russia, and other pressure measures. Russia's accomplices around the world must see that this regime has no economic future.

The fifth point – for the post-war period. After this war, Ukraine will have one of the most experienced and sizable military contingents. These are our warriors, who will possess real experience in modern warfare, successful experience in using Western weaponry, and diverse experience in cooperation with NATO forces.

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This Ukrainian experience must be utilized to strengthen the defense of the Alliance and ensure security in Europe. It is a worthy mission for our heroes. We foresee, with the agreement of our partners, the replacement of certain U.S. military contingents stationed in Europe with Ukrainian units after the war.

Ukrainians have proven they can be the force that Russian evil cannot defeat. I am grateful to every partner with whom we have discussed this post-war prospect—grateful for the respect shown to Ukrainians and our ability to be invincible alongside our partners in the Alliance.

Ukraine's partners who have already seen this Plan have taken it practically. Teams are focused on support. Tomorrow, I will present this Plan to the European Council. But I want to be honest with Ukrainian people about how certain behind-the-scenes communication with Ukraine is unfolding.

We hear the word "negotiations" from our partners, while the word "justice" is less frequent. Ukraine is open to diplomacy, but to honest diplomacy. That is why we have the Peace Formula. It guarantees negotiations without forcing Ukraine into injustice. Ukrainians deserve a just peace.

The Victory Plan will pave the way to this. It is a guarantee that the madmen in the Kremlin will lose the ability to continue the war. It is the bridge to implementing the Peace Formula and the path to honest diplomacy.

But on this path, Ukraine must remain strong, united, and aware—aware that while Russia cannot let go of Ukraine, it must lose Ukraine. Russia must forever lose control over Ukraine and even the desire for such control.

This is a guarantee of life for Ukraine. And at the same time, a guarantee of peace for Europe. To achieve this, I ask everyone to work toward unity—within Ukraine and between Ukraine and our partners. Convince our partners. Be the ones who work tirelessly. I thank everyone who works this way for Ukraine, and everyone who fights for Ukraine. I thank all those on whose shoulders Ukraine stands.

In times of war, society can sometimes become polarized. But it is through mutual respect and gratitude that society endures, despite polarization. We are not fighting each other. We are fighting Russia—on the battlefield, in international relations, in the economy, in the information space, and in the hearts of people.

We have achieved and continue to achieve results in battles thanks to our unity. Let's work together—for Ukraine, for Ukraine's victory. If we lose unity in Ukraine, we lose unity in Europe. If we lose unity in Europe, we lose the support of the world. If we lose the world's support, we will lose this war, as we did a century ago.

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The Victory Plan, among other things, allows all of us in Ukraine to unite even more around our common goal. May our joint work on the Victory Plan quickly lead to peace for Ukraine. I thank everyone who stands with Ukraine. I am proud of all people of Ukraine. And I believe in Ukraine. Glory to Ukraine!

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17 October 2024
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Today, I addressed the European Council meeting regarding our strategy to force Russia into real diplomacy and emphasized that European unity is also a weapon, one that ensures safety not only for Ukraine but for all European nations.

I'm grateful to the leaders and their countries for all the support. Together, we've saved thousands of Ukrainian lives and proven that war in Europe will not benefit the aggressor. Together, we must stop this war.

Together, we must ensure the conditions for the kind of peace we all need – for Ukrainians and all the nations of Europe. Let me remind you, this summer we held a successful Peace Summit. More than 100 countries and international organizations supported it.

It's a clear path to restoring a just peace based on the UN Charter. We must hold a second Peace Summit to put an end to the war. We are preparing a Peace Formula Framework that includes all aspects of peace restoration.

We've already had four meetings on the Peace Formula Points. Today, the fifth one is taking place in France. I am grateful to France for hosting it. In November, we will develop a full-fledged document based on the Peace Formula and share it with everyone, including Russians, at the Peace Summit.

But how can we all make Russia ready for real diplomacy and force it to just peace? The Victory Plan provides the answer to this. Our people in Ukraine are doing everything to defend our state and independence. I'm proud of our soldiers, who are holding the front under incredibly difficult conditions.

They need more strength because Putin is preparing his reinforcements to continue the war, not end it. Putin wants to match your countries' ammunition production by next year. He's getting help from North Korea with shells, equipment, and now even people. Plus, Iran.

Unfortunately, we also have clear intelligence that China is still actively helping Russia drag out this war. We need to strengthen now. The Victory Plan is designed for this moment. I urge you to help make it happen. If we start now and follow the Victory Plan, we can end this war no later than next year.

I presented the Victory Plan to our parliament and the people. I have their support. The goal of the Plan is to strengthen not only Ukraine but also our entire Euro-Atlantic community. Russia will resort to diplomacy only when it sees that it cannot achieve anything by force. We must create the right conditions to end this war.

First—Alliance. Ukraine is a democratic nation that has proven it can defend the Euro-Atlantic region and our shared way of life. For decades, Russia has used the geopolitical uncertainty caused by Ukraine not being in NATO. Now, the fact of an immediate invitation to Ukraine to join NATO would be decisive.

Putin just must see that his geopolitical calculations are worthless. An invitation now with membership later will have no political cost – it's a strong decision that requires only determination.

It will symbolize more than just NATO – it will show the inevitability of Ukraine's European integration and the undeniable path of democracy in Ukraine. An invitation strengthens our diplomatic stance and will be one of the main arguments to stop the war.

Second—Defense. We must continue applying pressure on Russia on the battlefield. It's realistic to maintain positions on the front within Ukrainian territory while also bringing the war back into Russia, so Russians can feel what war is like and begin to hate Putin for it. This is the pressure too.

We have a clear list of weapons that can make this possible. With the Kursk Operation, we showed that Putin doesn't have enough strength when we apply pressure. That's why we need to equip our brigades, lift limitations, invest in Ukrainian defense industrial base, coproduce, and saturate Ukraine with air-defense as soon as possible.

Third—Real pressure. We propose placing a deterrence package on Ukrainian land to either force Russia to participate in real peace negotiations or allow for the destruction of their military targets. This is the Peace Through Strength Approach. It's about the appropriate missile package.

We've provided all the details to our partners who can make this happen. These are the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Germany. Putin must respect our strength, not have the free world tremble at his threats.

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Fourth— Ukraine has critical resources worth trillions of dollars, and Russia wants to take them. This includes titanium, uranium, lithium, graphite, manganese, and more. These resources must not fall into Russian hands or the hands of its allies. Enemies of the free world must not gain any advantage in the global competition.

Ukraine proposes a special agreement with key partners – the EU, the US, and our mutual global partners – to protect Ukraine's critical resources, have joint investment, and direct relevant economic potential towards our shared growth. This agreement must include sanctions strong enough so Russia can't outplay us.

Fifth— after this war, Ukraine will have hundreds of thousands of soldiers with modern combat experience. We propose supporting your strength with ours by replacing some of the American contingents with our soldiers in Europe or agreed locations, freeing up US forces to do more in its priority regions, specifically in the Indo-Pacific. But for this, we need to win.

We are ready to put the Victory Plan on the table for European leaders and are counting on their support. Ukraine is ready for real diplomacy. But to achieve it, we must be strong. Forcefully imposed truces instead of fair peace never provided security. No one is happy when war is brought back.

Our unity, pressure on Russia, and strengthening Ukraine are the keys to ending this war in a way that prevents Russia from starting it again. The Victory Plan is a bridge to a successful Second Peace Summit. Help make this a reality. It will protect not only Ukraine but also the Baltics, Nordics, Poland, and the Balkans.

Please don't ease the pressure of sanctions on Russia – it truly helps. Ukraine appreciates Europe's joint work on developing defense production— investment and joint manufacturing are needed. Ukraine is grateful for all the support of our resilience.

This includes support for our energy sector ahead of winter, and for our people – especially the financial assistance that helps us meet the basic needs of Ukrainians. The political decision on 35 billion euros for Ukraine, as part of the G7's resolution on 50 billion dollars from Russian assets, is extremely important.

It's needed as soon as possible. Russia must pay and be held accountable for the destruction it has caused. Together, we can and must bring peace closer.

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A new threat has emerged – the malign alliance between Russia and **North Korea**. I am grateful to the leaders and representatives of nations who refuse to turn a blind eye and speak openly about this dangerous collaboration aimed at increasing the scale of the war. About the supply of weapons from North Korea to Russia. About how Russia might repay Pyongyang for this assistance.

Unfortunately, the instability and threats could increase significantly once North Korea learns the tactics of modern warfare. We have clear data showing that people are being supplied to Russia from North Korea, and these are not just workers for production, but also military personnel. We expect a proper and fair response from our partners on this matter.

In fact, this is another state joining the war against Ukraine. Everyone has the opportunity to see the evidence – both through satellites and through the videos that are already emerging from Russia. This issue must be addressed. We need to respond and counteract. We cannot allow evil to grow.

If the world remains silent now, and if we face North Korean soldiers on the front lines as regularly as we are defending against drones, it will benefit no one in this world and will only prolong this war. A war that must be ended justly and as soon as possible.

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23 October 2024
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We have information about the preparation of two units of North Korean military personnel—potentially two brigades of around 6,000 soldiers each. This is a challenge, but we know how to respond to it. What's important is that our partners don't turn a blind eye to it.

I'm grateful to all the countries and leaders who have condemned North Korea's involvement in Russia's war. It's clear that in Pyongyang, just as in Moscow, they don't value human life. But we all are interested in ending this war, not prolonging it. That's why we must stop Russia and its allies together. If North Korea can intervene in a war in Europe, it's obvious that there hasn't been enough pressure on this regime.

If Russia can still expand and extend this war, then everyone in the world who is not helping to force Russia into peace is, in fact, helping Putin wage this war. Aggressors

must be stopped. We expect a firm, concrete response from the world. Hopefully, not just in words.

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24 October 2024
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Today at the Crimea Platform Summit, I reminded: as some leaders gather at Putin's summit in Kazan and North Korean soldiers move closer to Ukraine's front, we know one thing—victory won't go to the aggressor, but to those who unite nations around human values and the UN Charter.

The number of national flags in this hall right now is clear evidence that since 2014, Russia has failed in its main goal: Putin has not succeeded in making international crimes a norm for nations.

It was with the occupation of Crimea that Russia's assault on the system of international law began. But stealing another nation's land, deporting those who resist, and breaking the lives of an entire nation – everything Russia is doing – will never be accepted by the international community.

For all nations, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the right to determine one's future are equally valuable. This is what the UN Charter is based on.

Not on the idea that someone can decide to destroy the life of a neighboring nation or deport it, as Moscow has repeatedly done to the peoples of our region, but on completely different goals and principles. The UN Charter is about real peace, not about normalizing war.

Now, when some state leaders are gathering at Putin's summit in Kazan, and as military personnel from North Korea may be moving closer to the front in Ukraine under the pretense of "avoiding tensions," we still know one thing.

The winner will not be the aggressor, not the one who destroys and deports, but the one who unites nations around fundamental human values and the UN Charter.

Almost two years ago, at the G20 summit in Indonesia, I proposed a Peace Formula that could fully restore the effectiveness of the goals and principles of the UN Charter and truly protect lives from aggression.

This is not just about Ukraine. If we succeed in ending this war justly, any other nation against whom similar aggression is planned will be confident that the world has enough strength and unity to defend international law.

That is why I urge all of you to be active and truly unwavering. The aggressor must not benefit from this war. We must endure the battles taking place now on the ground in Ukraine. Likewise, we must endure the battles taking place in the realm of diplomacy.

Russia avoids good faith diplomacy and does not want to return what it has stolen. But we must force them to do so. This means strengthening Ukraine and our common positions.

Ukraine has presented its partners with a Victory Plan, which contains everything necessary to deprive Russia of any alternatives, apart from a just peace.

Ukraine has long deserved geopolitical clarity, and this means an invitation to NATO, which is the right of every democratic nation in Europe. We are all equally interested in ensuring that Putin does not succeed on the battlefield.

It is crucial for everyone that the war ends and does not resume. We must work together for the economic strength of our nations, and we must guarantee reliable security. This is exactly what the Victory Plan provides.

I ask all present to be advocates for these points in their respective capitals and in conversations with partners. When – and if – the Victory Plan is fully implemented, we will see Russia at the Peace Summit. We will see the Peace Formula implemented. We will see the full restoration of the goals and principles of the UN Charter.

Today – on UN Day – it is especially important to say this. To say it when the purpose for which the UN was created is defended not by the UN Security Council and not even by UN officials, but by formats of cooperation like the Crimea Platform or the Peace Summit.

I want to remind the international bureaucracy and political leaders that today is UN Day worldwide, not somewhere in Kazan.

I thank all participants for standing together with us today, for helping to fight for justice for our land and our people – especially for those who need to be freed from Russian occupation, Russian captivity, and Russian deportation.

Among participants today is Nariman Dzhelyal, a representative of the Crimean Tatar people, the indigenous people of Crimea. A person who endured Russian captivity, repression, and imprisonment, and his freedom is proof that unity and determination can make possible even what once seemed impossible.

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Nowhere in the world should words like occupation, captivity, or deportation have any power. We must achieve true peace.

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27 October 2024
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Each day of this war only proves one fact: Moscow is intent on continuing its aggression. This is why they're attempting to increase their defense production by bypassing sanctions. It's why they're increasingly involving **North Korea**—and in a matter of days, North Korean soldiers may join the battlefield against Ukraine. Ukraine could soon be forced to fight North Korean troops in Europe.

These are the conditions we face, where a lack of stronger decisions from our partners to support Ukraine only encourages Putin to invest further in terror.

The world can stop this war from unfolding. Words and abstractions are not enough. Concrete steps are needed. We have outlined all such steps in the Victory Plan—the actions that will prevent the aggressors from becoming even more emboldened. We expect greater pressure on Russia. We expect stronger support for Ukraine. This is only fair. And as time passes without action, there are, sadly, constant Russian strikes and continued loss of life.

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1 November 2024
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I gave an interview to South Korea's KBS, stressing North Korea's official role in this war. It's not just weapons or workers in Russian factories—North Korean soldiers are in Kursk, our occupied territories, preparing to fight Ukraine. This is a war of two countries against one.

More than two years into this war, and soon, we'll reach 1,000 days of Russia's brutal aggression against Ukraine, against our people, our cities, and our very way of life. It is no surprise that, as the war drags on, Russia seeks to escalate in new ways.

One of these escalations is the involvement of North Korean forces. Russia has begun to openly partner with North Korea, even boasting about this alliance. They started by acquiring millions of artillery shells—around 3.5 million—from North Korea.

Those artillery shells and missiles were used against our people, but now it's no longer just weapons. We have information that 3,000 North Korean troops are currently in a training camp, and that number is expected to rise to 12,000 soldiers and officers soon.

Russia is also arranging for North Korean engineering units and civilian workers to operate in its military factories. I see a disturbing parallel here. When Russia invaded and occupied Crimea 10 years ago, there was little global reaction, aside from a few quiet statements. It's the same today with North Korea's involvement—Putin is testing the world's reaction.

He's testing the West, NATO, and even South Korea, observing their response to North Korean forces joining his campaign. If the response is weak, we should expect the numbers of foreign soldiers on our soil to increase.

North Korean troops have not yet engaged in combat, but this is a matter of days, not months. When deployed, they will be pushed forward, sustaining heavy losses, as Russia tries to minimize its own troop mobilization—a politically sensitive issue for Putin domestically. This hurts his approval rating. The majority within his country do not support mobilization.

North Korean soldiers are valuable to both Russia and North Korea. For Russia, they help avoid politically damaging domestic mobilization. North Korean soldiers lack combat experience in modern warfare, as no such war exists in their region today.

For North Korea, their troops gain invaluable combat experience, learning artillery, drone warfare, and modern combat tactics. For the North Korean leader, much like Putin, human life holds little value. However, this combat experience is crucial for his army's preparation and training.

As for how Ukraine will treat captured North Korean soldiers, our stance is clear. Unlike Russia, which has tortured our POWs, we follow international law and will treat all prisoners humanely. We aim to use captured soldiers to negotiate the release of Ukrainians.

We await an official team from South Korea, as they have confirmed their plans to send specialists to Ukraine. We are eager to share data and collaborate closely, as this war poses challenges not only for Ukraine but for the Asian region as well.

The combat experience North Korea gains from supporting Russia will ultimately work against stability and peace in the Asian region. We understand North Korea's ambitions well, which is why we strongly support deeper relations with South Korea.

We are particularly interested in South Korea's expertise in air defense and hope to collaborate further in the defense sector. North Korea aids Russia with artillery and missiles, so it's in our mutual interest to strengthen Ukraine's defenses with South Korea's support.

Russia's alliance with North Korea is built on an exchange of warfare technologies—drones, long-range munitions, ballistic systems, and artillery. North Korea will gain access to military technologies and the invaluable experience of its people—both military and civilian—working in Russian factories. Additionally, they will be compensated financially for this involvement.

Our partnership with South Korea is important. We are open to cooperation on intelligence and hope to deepen our defense collaboration. North Korea is helping Russia, and it is in South Korea's interest, as well as ours, that Ukraine receives defensive support.

We are already working closely with the US, Europe, and the UK. I believe it's time for us to work with South Korea as well. If South Korea wants to understand the real capabilities of North Korea and its soldiers, it would benefit them to be here, to see and analyze the reality firsthand.

Regarding North Korean forces, we are prepared to take legal action, should North Korean forces engage in combat against Ukrainian citizens. If South Korea support our approach, together with our allies, we are ready to take the necessary steps.

South Korea has approached this war with caution. But this isn't just our war. Russia has brought in North Korea, and they won't stop there. Iran, or even others, may be next.

Strong allies are essential. If Russia backs North Korea, South Korea and other allies should stand together. Facing Russia and North Korea alone would be dangerous. You could find yourself in the same position we did: they attacked us, nearly occupied us, and we fought back. We managed to defend our freedom, but victory isn't guaranteed. Sadly, this tragedy shows the harsh reality of going it alone.

Consider how close North Korea is to Seoul—just 40-50 km, the range of modern artillery, not even missiles. Air defenses can't counter artillery strikes. Our own towns were obliterated by artillery. I hope South Korea never faces this, but preparation is critical.

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North Korea's actions aren't random; they have strategic goals. I'm surprised by China's silence. I can't say that China is on our side, but as a regional security guarantor, its silence is striking.

It may be time for an Asian Security Alliance. Both Japan and South Korea are strong, civilized nations, and reaching out to China could be essential in countering North Korea's aggression, as North Korea is actively pulling that region into a war. Their actions aren't coincidental—they want Russia's support in return.

Turning to potential negotiations, I must clarify: Ukraine's territories are not negotiable. Our constitution doesn't allow us to abandon our rightful lands, regardless of Russia's claims or constitutional manipulations.

The next U.S. president may strengthen or weaken support for Ukraine. If that support weakens, Russia will seize more territory, it would prevent us from winning this war. That is the reality. Our stance isn't about territorial compromises but exploring potential diplomatic paths that rely on the U.S. maintaining its commitment. A genuine desire from the United States to end this war swiftly is crucial.

The Victory Plan is designed to strengthen Ukraine's position. We have always stated that Ukraine is ready for diplomacy from a position of strength. Diplomacy means finding one format or another for negotiations. Regarding this, we have proposed the Peace Summit and our Peace Formula.

So far, we have not heard any concrete solution to end this war from world leaders—only bold political statements. We, however, have made it clear that we are open to including proposals from other countries in our Peace Formula, with no exceptions. It is open to contributions from Brazil, Africa, China, the US, Arab nations, and the Global South.

If, from this position of strength, Russia is willing to negotiate, then we, along with our supporting nations, are ready to engage in dialogue. But if Russia chooses to continue the war, this strong position will allow us to defend ourselves, to survive, and to put Putin in his place.

Russia has deployed its entire army on Ukrainian territory, leaving itself defenseless. Only weak, unprepared units remain within Russia, unable to defend their own state. Our first operation in the Kursk region proved this. Where Russia once had just a few thousand troops, they now have around 45,000 concentrated along the Kursk axis, and they are likely to increase this number further.

They are even bringing in North Korean soldiers because they lack sufficient forces of their own. Our strategy has been to counter their attempts to invade and kill our people in northern Ukraine near Sumy. We made a preemptive move to prevent this, denying them the opportunity to inflict harm.

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They tried to capture Kharkiv, but we stopped them, forcing a redeployment to the Kursk direction. We simply created a buffer zone like they aimed to create against us. Our only interest is in reclaiming our territories, not theirs. If this operation proves advantageous by the end of the war, we'll use it to our benefit.

North Korea's actions are state-sanctioned, with direct support from Russia, confirmed through intelligence channels. Russia has even informed Western partners of North Korea's involvement in the war against Ukraine.

South Korea should understand this: North Korea is fully involved in combat preparations against us. Whether these forces are in Kursk or on our occupied lands, they are preparing to fight Ukrainian soldiers. The world must recognize the gravity of this alliance.

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2 November 2024
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North Korea recently tested a new ballistic missile, with record flight time and altitude. The world merely watches as this threat grows.

Through Moscow's assistance, **North Korea** has advanced its artillery and missile capabilities. Now, they are learning the tactics of modern warfare. Thousands of North Korean soldiers are already near Ukraine's borders, preparing to fight. And the world is still watching.

We know where these North Korean troops are gathering in Russia. We could act preemptively if we had the means—long-range capability. Yet, America, the UK, and Germany watch.

We understand the logistics pipeline between Russia and North Korea that enables this aggression, and it must be stopped. Strong Asian nations, including China, have a role to play. If China truly advocates for ending the war, it must act.

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3 November 2024
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Russia is gradually ramping up its daily attacks with Shahed drones and missiles, still using Western components to do so. In October alone, over 2,000 Shaheds were launched against Ukraine—almost every single day. Such a massive number of Shaheds requires over 170,000 individual components that should have been blocked from reaching Russia. They come from companies in China, Europe, and America—lots of small but constant contributions to Russia's terror.

This ongoing supply chain highlights, yet again, the urgent need for the world to step up export controls on special components and resources. Russia must not be allowed to circumvent sanctions that were imposed long ago in response to this war.

Sanctions must increase and be effective. Every scheme to bypass sanctions is a crime against people and the world. These very schemes also enable Russia to strengthen regimes in Iran and North Korea. This is a global threat, and only global, unified pressure can overcome it.

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6 November 2024
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I thank everyone around the world who has responded to the arrival of North Korean soldiers in Russia—and especially those who have responded not only with words but are preparing actions in support of our defense here in Ukraine.

Unfortunately, terror can spread like a virus when it faces insufficient resistance. Now, that resistance must be strong — enough to counter this threat.

The first battles with North Korean soldiers mark a new chapter of global instability. Together with the world, we must do everything to ensure that this Russian step toward expanding the war—this true escalation—becomes a loss. A loss for Russia and North Korea alike.

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7 November 2024
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I addressed the European Political Community summit held in Budapest, emphasizing that the concept of 'peace through strength' has proven itself and is needed now. Showing weakness or selling out Europe's positions won't buy a just peace. Peace is the reward only for the strong.

Yesterday, I spoke with President Trump. It was a good, productive conversation. We hope America will grow stronger. This is the kind of America that Europe needs. And a strong Europe is what America needs. This is the connection between allies that must be valued and cannot be lost.

Since our last meeting, Russia's war has escalated significantly. It was Russia that caused this escalation. North Korea is now waging war in Europe. North Korean soldiers are now attempting to kill our people on European soil.

Since the European Political Community Summit in Britain in July, there has been much talk about yielding to Putin. Some here have advocated for Ukraine making 'concessions' to Putin. It's unacceptable for Ukraine and suicidal for all Europe.

And what's next? Should Europe seek Kim Jong Un's favor in hopes he'll leave Europe in peace No strong leader who helped build a united, strong, and peaceful Europe would even imagine doing this.

Thus, there is no alternative to a strong Europe. Unity is essential for strength. Russia started this war not because it needed more territory. Russia has more land than anyone. They wanted global power, starting with control over Ukraine and then over all of Europe, as they once did under Soviet or imperial rule.

Budapest remembers Soviet tanks. Ukrainian cities will not forget Russian bombs. And just like Budapest, every city in Ukraine and all European countries deserves security and peace.

I am grateful for supporting Ukraine and our people. We are defending ourselves not against Russian words, but against Russian attacks. We need sufficient weapons, not just support in talks. Hugs with Putin won't help. Some have hugged him for 20 years, yet things only worsen. He thinks only about wars. Only pressure can put limits on him.

We have built a diplomatic system capable of pushing Russia toward a just peace. Many here have participated in this effort for effective diplomacy. Thematic conferences have covered every point of the Peace Formula. Nuclear safety, foodsecurity, energy, the return of prisoners and deported people to Ukraine, full enforcement of international law, and more.

We must push Russia toward a just peace. A just peace will be a shared victory. The Plan of Victory is on your table. Ukraine was the first to propose changing our common strategy to achieve, and soon, a just peace.

This war is taking place on Ukrainian soil. Ukraine is grateful for partner support and open to constructive ideas for peace. But it is up to Ukraine to decide what should and should not be on the agenda to end this war.

The bill for this war should be sent to the Russians, not Ukraine, so that Russia can no longer advance its false claims to everyone around – from the Baltics to the Balkans. Any country, any leader respecting international law should understand that predators always demand more.

During this war, certain European approaches have failed. For example, the closer country is to Russia, the weaker the concept of neutrality becomes. Finland and Sweden's rapid accession to NATO shows how European leaders truly envision guaranteed security – not through words, but through NATO. Ukraine has noted this.

I thank every leader who supports Ukraine's right to use funds from Russian assets to protect against Russian aggression. The Russian state values neither people nor morality – they value only money. It is also a lesson for them when Russian assets work for Ukraine.

This is Ukrainian money – Russia destroyed hundreds of our towns and villages. Millions of our people have lost their homes. This requires funds. Now, instead of looking for reasons to delay, we must find a mechanism to direct these funds to Ukraine, so they can work as quickly as possible.

Putin's war funds: Russia still profits from selling oil enough to continue its war, evades sanctions, and buys drone and missile components worldwide. Russia still spreads instability in the Sahel, North Africa, the Middle East, and countries like Yemen. Why does Putin do this? We need leverage over. Europe needs it.

Together, we can stop Russia's war and respond to other challenges. This is possible for Europe – not for any one leader alone. Stand together in defending our common interests. And let us work together with our allies for our shared interests.

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I had a meeting with Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and one of the key issues we discussed was **North Korea**'s alliance with Russia and its support for Putin in this brutal war.

I informed him about the activities of North Korean military personnel in the Kursk region and the various threats posed by the collaboration between Pyongyang and Moscow.

Russia is teaching North Korea modern warfare, which could lead to significant and widespread destabilization. We must work together with all our other partners to counter this.

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18 November 2024
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This morning began with one of the largest Russian strikes on Ukraine. 210 missiles and drones, including aeroballistic and hypersonic missiles, as well as dozens of Shahed drones, were launched. All of them targeted civilian infrastructure—critical facilities like power plants and transformers.

Putin drowns the world in his rhetoric, but his only true message is written in destruction and death, delivered through every missile and drone Russia sends.

This evening, a Russian missile hit a nine-story residential building. There are confirmed fatalities, including children. Many people are wounded. Emergency services are on the scene, doing everything to save lives. But what is still missing—and desperately needed—is the principled reaction of the world to this evil.

These days, leaders of the G20 are meeting. The entire world needs them not to turn a blind eye to Russia's continued terror. Only when the world reacts decisively can the situation change. Russia has involved North Korea in its war—and the reaction has been weak. Russia has continued its terror for nearly 1,000 days—and the world's decisions are still delayed.

Two years ago, at the G20 Summit, Ukraine presented the Peace Formula—a clear path to ending this war. Yet it has not been implemented. The time to act is now. The G20 cannot afford weakness or indifference. It must rise decisively to this challenge.

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20 November 2024
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We must address all aspects of Russia's war—right now, as soon as possible. I thank Denmark for sharing this understanding with us.

It is crucial for all of us in Europe and across the world that our partners support the need to put pressure on Russia's shadow tanker fleet. This fleet is the very tool Putin uses to finance his aggression against Ukraine and destabilize other regions of the world. The countermeasures against it must also be global.

The same applies to the world's response to the involvement of North Korean troops in Russia's war against Ukraine. Without a coordinated global response that eliminates even the slightest attempt by North Korea to interfere, we will unfortunately see their soldiers as mercenaries in other war zones.

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22 November 2024
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Today, Putin admitted to taking a second step this year toward escalating and expanding this war. A new ballistic missile was used. Putin struck our city of Dnipro, one of Ukraine's largest cities. This is a clear and severe escalation in the scale and brutality of this war—a cynical violation of the UN Charter by Russia. Let me emphasize: this is already Russia's second step toward escalation this year. The first was involving North Korea in the war against Ukraine with a contingent of at least 11,000 soldiers.

Putin has taken both of these steps while ignoring everyone in the world who is calling for no further expansion of the war. He disregards calls from China, Brazil, European countries, the United States, and others. Putin alone started this war—an entirely unprovoked war—and he is doing everything to prolong it, now for over a thousand days.

The use of a ballistic missile against Ukraine today is yet more proof that Russia has no interest in peace. Putin lies when he claims that Ukraine's use of long-range weapons is somehow a new step for us. This is not the first time we have used such weapons, and we have every right to do so under international law. Our right to self-defense is the same

as that of any other nation. And when Russian missiles hit our cities, when Iranian "Shaheds" attack Ukraine every night, when a North Korean contingent is deployed on our borders, Putin is not only prolonging the war—he is spitting in the face of those in the world who genuinely want peace to be restored.

The world must respond. Right now, there is no strong reaction from the world. Putin is very sensitive to this. He is testing you, dear partners. It is clear who the sole culprit of this war is—who started it on February 24th and who continues to pour all resources into its continuation. He must be stopped. A lack of tough reactions to Russia's actions sends a message that such behavior is acceptable. This is what Putin is doing.

Putin must feel the cost of his deranged ambitions. Response is needed. Pressure is needed. Russia must be forced into real peace, which can only be achieved through strength. Otherwise, there will be endless Russian strikes, threats, and destabilization—not just against Ukraine.

True peace is worth fighting for. Action is required. Thank you to everyone who is helping.

Glory to Ukraine!

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28 November 2024
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Today has been a very active day with numerous high-level meetings, including those held by Ukraine's Defense Minister Rustem Umerov in the Republic of Korea, carried out at my instruction.

The presence of not only missiles and shells from **North Korea** in Russia's arsenal but also North Korean soldiers on the frontlines signifies the globalization of the war—a challenge that requires a global response to stop it.

We are counting on close coordination with the Republic of Korea in defense efforts.

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8 December 2024

Yesterday, I visited President @EmmanuelMacron at the Élysée Palace and had a good meeting with President @realDonaldTrump.

We discussed important issues on the battlefield and in the global situation, from our frontlines to North Korea. I stated that we need a just and enduring peace—one that the Russians will not be able to destroy in a few years, as they have done repeatedly in the past. This is clear not only for our country and region.

We see how Russia is now trying to subjugate Georgia after several wars against that country. Russia still does not want to ease its grip on Moldova. Now the Russians are retreating from Syria, but that does not mean they will not try to sow death there again. Russian military presence is also active in Africa, with the sole purpose of destabilization.

Therefore, when we talk about effective peace with Russia, we must first and foremost talk about effective guarantees for peace. Ukrainians want peace more than anyone else. Russia brought war to our land, and it is Russia that most seeks to disrupt the possibility of peace.

Updated data on Russian losses show over 750,000 casualties, including 198,000 killed and more than 550,000 wounded. Our people are defending their homes at the cost of their lives, and every life—of our soldiers and our civilians—is precious to us.

Since the start of the full-scale war, Ukraine has lost 43,000 soldiers killed in action on the battlefield. There have been 370,000 cases of medical assistance for the wounded. It also needs to be mentioned that in our army approximately half of the soldiers wounded in action are later returning to the battlefield, and that our data also includes light or repeat injuries.

One of the key distinctions between the Russian army and Ukraine's Defense Forces is the level of frontline medicine, which is significantly higher in our forces. We are deeply grateful to everyone who supports its development, saves our wounded in action, and facilitates their rehabilitation.

Since September this year, Russia has been losing troops on the battlefield at a ratio of 5-to-1, or even 6-to-1, compared to us. They want to seize more land before global pressure on them becomes unbearable.

Additionally, we must not forget our people in Russian captivity—thousands of both military personnel and civilians, some of whom have been held since 2014, when the occupation began. Since February 24, 2022, we have already managed to bring 3,935 of

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our people home—3,767 soldiers and 168 civilians. But we must bring everyone back, and much work remains to be done.

We must also establish the truth about all our people who are missing. We must also remember the Ukrainian children deported by Russia. Russians themselves admit that these abducted children number in the hundreds of thousands, dispersed across their territory. Returning them is the most challenging task. On the occupied territories of Ukraine, at least several million people remain.

This is the reality of this war. It cannot simply end with a piece of paper and a few signatures. A ceasefire without guarantees can be reignited at any moment, as Putin has already done before. To ensure that Ukrainians no longer suffer losses, we must guarantee the reliability of peace and not turn a blind eye to occupation.

We know Putin very well—he is addicted to war. He began his career with a brutal war against Chechnya and has been constantly fueling other wars. He can only be stopped by strength—the strength of world leaders who can become leaders of peace. We count on America and the entire world to help stop Putin. The only things he fears are America and global unity.

It is precisely such peace through strength that we discuss with all our partners, as well as the steps and guarantees needed for the people and the state attacked by Russia. War cannot be endless—only peace must be permanent and reliable.

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15 December 2024
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Preliminary data indicates that Russia has begun using a significant number of North Korean soldiers in its assaults. These troops are being integrated into combined units and deployed in operations within the Kursk region. For now, their involvement is limited to this area, but there is information suggesting they may be used on other fronts as well.

Losses among these North Korean troops are already noticeable. In fact, Moscow has dragged yet another state into this war—and done so to the fullest extent. And if this is not escalation, then what is the escalation so many have talked about? It is Putin who takes steps to expand and prolong this war, pushing the possibility of peace further away.

And he wants the world to face additional problems in Asia as well, which is why the Russians are training North Korea in modern warfare. It is clear that Moscow is ignoring calls for de-escalation from all countries—from China and Brazil to many others.

Whenever there is no firm global response, Russia exacerbates the war. It has always been this way. We will defend ourselves—including against these North Koreans. We will continue to act in full coordination with all our partners to bring this war to an end—one that ensures a reliable and lasting peace.

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24 December 2024
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I held a meeting of the Staff.

We thoroughly analyzed our work with Syria after the fall of Assad and his escape.

Today, the intelligence services presented their reports—the Foreign Intelligence Service and the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine—as well as the Ministers of Defense and Foreign Affairs. We are defining our strategy and concrete steps.

Ukraine is interested in stabilizing the situation in Syria and the entire region and will support the necessary efforts of partners.

We believe it is crucial for the security of the Syrian people and the region as a whole to remove any Russian presence from Syria.

We are grateful to every state and every leader who is ready to help Syrian society restore normal life and build effective state institutions. We will certainly support Syria in ensuring food security—necessary decisions on our part have already been made, and Ukraine is ready to supply food.

We are ready to work with the representatives of the Syrian people to correct the mistakes of the Assad regime, especially regarding Ukraine and all of Europe.

Today, we also received a report from Commander-in-Chief Syrskyi on the frontline and the areas of the Kursk operation. There are risks of North Korea sending additional troops and military equipment to the Russian army, and we will have tangible responses to this. Now, according to preliminary data, the number of North Korean soldiers killed and wounded in the Kursk region has already exceeded 3,000.

It is important for the world to understand that the risk of destabilization around the Korean Peninsula and in neighboring regions or waters increases proportionally with the growing cooperation between Moscow and Pyongyang. The transfer of modern warfare experience and the proliferation of military technologies from Russia is a global threat. For the world, the cost of restoring stability is always much higher than the cost of effectively pressuring those who destabilize the situation and destroy lives.

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28 December 2024
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Today, I held a Staff meeting. There was a report from Commander Syrskyi on the situation at the front. The Donetsk directions remain the toughest, with updates from Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, and Kharkiv regions as well. There are details regarding the situation in the Kursk region: battles involving North Korean soldiers. They are suffering heavy losses, and it's evident that the Russian military and their North Korean overseers have no interest in these soldiers' survival.

Everything is done in a way to prevent these North Koreans from being captured by us—their own side finishes them off; there are such facts. Moreover, Russians send them into assaults with minimal protection.

Today, we received reports that several North Korean soldiers were taken prisoner by our forces. However, they were severely wounded, and it was not possible to save them. This is one of the manifestations of the madness dictatorships are capable of. The people of North Korea should not be losing their lives in battles in Europe.

This can be influenced, among others, by North Korea's neighbors, particularly China. If China is sincere in its statements that the war should not expend, it needs to exert the necessary influence on Pyongyang.

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31 December 2024
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Ukraine deeply appreciates the United States' steadfast support, especially as we approach the end of this challenging year. The nearly $2.5 billion in security assistance is a crucial contribution that will strengthen our defenders on the frontlines.

This support comes at a critical moment, as Russia intensifies its assaults, even resorting to involving North Korean soldiers and continuing to receive weapons from North Korea and Iran. Every act of solidarity from our partners saves lives, strengthens our independence, and reinforces our resilience. It also demonstrates that democracies are stronger then autocratic aggressors.

We extend our gratitude to President Biden @POTUS, leaders and members of both parties in Congress, and all American people for their unwavering support of Ukraine. From the very first days of Russia's aggression in 2022, the assistance of America and other partners, combined with the heroism, bravery, and determination of the Ukrainian people, has played a key role in enabling Ukraine to defend its sovereignty, liberate significant territories from Putin's criminal forces, and restore freedom of navigation in the Black Sea.

Russia and its evil axis accomplices speak the language of war crimes and intimidation. Together with the U.S. and other partners who share our values, we must respond with strength, dignity and an unshakable commitment to freedom.

We must continue moving toward peace through strength to achieve our common goal of peace in 2025—a goal shared by Ukraine and all its partners. Ukraine, which defends itself from brutal daily attacks, counts on our strategic friends.

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7 January 2025
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Today marks exactly five months since the start of our actions in the Kursk region, and we continue to maintain a buffer zone on Russian territory, actively destroying their military potential there. During the Kursk operation, the enemy has already lost over 38,000 soldiers in this single direction alone, with approximately 15,000 of them irrecoverable losses.

The Russians have deployed their strongest units to Kursk, including soldiers from North Korea. Importantly, all this manpower cannot now be redirected to other fronts—neither to the Donetsk region, nor against Sumy, the Kharkiv region, or Zaporizhzhia.

I thank all our warriors who are bringing the war back home—to Russia—and giving Ukraine more security and strength.

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10 January 2025
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Today, at the Ramstein Contact Group. In nearly three years of full-scale war, we've proven that when we stand united, no one is too small to impact history. We've come so far that it would be crazy to drop the ball now and stop building on the defense coalitions we've created.

It's clear that a new chapter starts for Europe and the entire world – just 11 days from now, a time when we have to cooperate even more, rely on one another even more, and achieve even greater results together. I see this as a time of opportunities.

No matter what's going on in the world, everyone wants to feel sure that their country won't just be erased off the map. That used to depend on a handful of big capitals, but now it's on all of us. It depends on how we work together, how ready we are to own our future, and how well we can convince our partners to stand with us.

The more determination we show in defending our interests – the more interest our partners, especially the U.S., will see in staying on our side.

Yesterday I held a special meeting of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief's Staff. The focus was on the production and supply of drones for our army and electronic warfare. Drones are something that has already changed the nature of war, and the changes are far from over.

Today, there is a direct dependence – to stop the advance of the enemy, to stop losing people and territories, we need drones. Drones deter the enemy – keep them at the distance. It can be done. Production of drones in Ukraine is more cost-effective than anywhere else.

This year, Ukraine aims to set a record for both the quantity and quality of drones we produce domestically and receive from our partners. Our focus is on drones vital for our brigades to hold the front lines, maritime drones critical for ensuring security, and

drones made for deep strikes on the enemy's military facilities and infrastructure in their territory.

We've already signed a significant number of contracts, with many more still in the works. I urge all of our partners to get even more actively involved in building up this arsenal of drones. Ukrainians have the most experience in Europe with using drones, and hold the biggest capacity in Europe to produce drones.

I urge our partners to invest more in this Ukrainian strength, as it will become your strength after the war. Invest in the talented people in your countries who can help strengthen all of us in the field of drones.

With most of the countries represented here, we already have bilateral security cooperation. I'm grateful to those countries with which we've signed bilateral security agreements – 27 of them as of today. Fully implementing these is a contribution not only to Ukraine's security but also to security of our partners.

We are a bigger number here in Ramstein. Let's pull our strength together and make such agreements with all the participants. It will strengthen the frontline, it will protect the energy sector – not only in Ukraine but also in your lands.

It will strengthen security programs. We see reports about underwater cables in the Baltic Sea, drone incidents in some countries raising serious concerns, and destabilization in Africa threatening Europe with new migration waves.

We're learning more about how Russian intelligence paid militants in Afghanistan to target coalition soldiers when your troops were present there – Moscow cashed-in to kill your soldiers – American soldiers, NATO countries soldiers. How can this be forgiven or forgotten?

Russia's hybrid aggression and sabotage against the entire Western world is ongoing, and only by keeping and strengthening our cooperation, by boosting our agreements and coalitions can we truly protect the normal lives of people in all our countries.

I do everything I can to end this war with dignity for Ukraine and all of Europe this year. I know I can count on our parters' support. We all must remember that ending the war is our shared goal – our, not Russia's, it's what Ukrainians, Europeans, Americans, and many of our global partners want.

Countries as far apart as Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Argentina also wish us peace. But Putin is not just holding on to his investments in aggression, he's doubling down. He's even started, basically, hiring soldiers from North Korea to keep this war going.

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North Korea studies modern warfare. They do not value their people, and we know it, they lose them – 4,000 as for today. But Pyongyang gets experience cheap to re-export the war, maybe there in the Indo-Pacific.

At the same time, this collusion with North Korea shows Putin's weakness – because no ruler in Moscow would ever lower themselves to beg in Pyongyang unless facing critical problems. So we've got to keep the pressure on Russia. That's what ensures our soldiers get the weapons they need. That's what sanctions are for.

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13 January 2025
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In addition to the first captured soldiers from **North Korea**, there will undoubtedly be more. It's only a matter of time before our troops manage to capture others. There should be no doubt left in the world that the Russian army is dependent on military assistance from North Korea.

Putin started three years ago with ultimatums to NATO and attempts to rewrite history, but now he cannot manage without military support from Pyongyang.

Ukraine is ready to hand over Kim Jong Un's soldiers to him if he can organize their exchange for our warriors who are being held captive in Russia.

For those North Korean soldiers who do not wish to return, there may be other options available. In particular, those who express a desire to bring peace closer by spreading the truth about this war in Korean will be given that opportunity.



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22 January 2025
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Most of the world is thinking: What's next for their relationship with America? Alliances? Support? Trade? President Trump's plans to end wars? But no one is asking these questions about Europe—and we need to be honest about that. Today I addressed the World Economic Forum.

Right now, all eyes are on Washington. But who's actually watching Europe at the moment? That's the key question for Europe. It's not just about ideas—it's about people and how they'll live in a constantly changing world.

20 hours ago, President Trump's inauguration took place in Washington. Now, everyone's watching what he'll do next. His first executive orders have already shown clear priorities.

When we in Europe look at the U.S. as our ally, it's clear – they are an indispensable ally. In times of war, everyone worries – will the United States stay with them? But does anyone in the U.S. worry that Europe might abandon them someday – might stop being their ally? The answer is no.

Washington does not believe Europe can bring them something that is really substantial. At the Shangri-La Dialogue last year, U.S. officials openly ranked Europe third in security priorities — after the Indo-Pacific and the Middle East and the Gulf.

That was under the previous Administration. Will President Trump even notice Europe? Does he see NATO as necessary? And will he respect EU institutions?

Europe can't afford to be second or third in line for its allies. If that happens, the world will start moving forward without Europe, and that's a world that won't be comfortable or beneficial for Europeans. Europe needs to compete for the top spot in priorities, alliances, and technological development.

We're at yet another turning point, which some see as a problem for Europe, but others call a chance. Europe must establish itself as a strong and indispensable global player. Let's not forget – there's no ocean separating European countries from Russia.

European leaders should remember: battles involving North Korean soldiers are now happening in places geographically closer to Davos than to Pyongyang. Russia is turning into a version of North Korea – a country where human life means nothing, but they have nuclear weapons and a burning desire to make their neighbors' lives miserable.

Even though Russia's overall economic potential is way smaller than Europe's, it produces several times more ammo and military equipment than all of Europe combined. That's exactly the path of wars Moscow chooses to take.

Putin signed a new strategic deal with Iran and already has a comprehensive treaty with North Korea. Who are these deals against? Against you, against all of us. Against Europe. Against America. It is no coincidence. These are their strategic priorities, and our priorities must match the challenge – in politics, defense and economy.

Such threats can only be countered together. Even when it comes to army size. Russia can field 1.5 million troops. We have over 800,000 in our military. Next is France, with over 200,000. Then Germany, Italy, and the UK. Everyone else has less.

This isn't a situation where one country can secure itself alone. It's about all of us standing together to mean something. For now the influence of Iran's regime is weakening. This gives hope for Syria and Lebanon. And they should too become examples of how life can recover after war.

Ukraine is already stepping in to support the new Syria: our ministers have been to Damascus; we've launched the "Food from Ukraine" aid program for Syria; we're getting our partners involved to invest in these deliveries and in building food production facilities. Europe could step up as a security donor for Syria. And together with America, Europe should address the Iranian threat.

Right now, it's unclear whether Europe will even have a seat at the table when the war against Ukraine ends. We see how much influence China has on Russia. We're deeply

grateful to Europe for all the support it's given our country during this war. But will President Trump listen to Europe, or will he negotiate with Russia and China without Europe?

Europe needs to learn how to fully take care of itself, so that the world can't afford to ignore it. It's vital to maintain unity in Europe because the world doesn't care about just Budapest or Brussels—it cares about Europe as a whole.

We need a united European security and defense policy. All European countries must spend what is truly needed on security—not just what they've gotten used to during years of neglect. If defense requires 5% of GDP, then 5% it is.

There's no need to play with peoples emotions that defence should be compensated at the expense of medicine or pensions – that's not fair. We've already set-up models of cooperation for Ukraine's defense that can make all of Europe stronger.

We're building drones together, including unique ones no one else has. We're producing artillery quickly and affordably—better than anywhere else. Investing in Ukraine's drones' production is not just about Europe's security. It's about making Europe a global security guarantor for other vital regions.

We need to start building defense systems together—ones capable of protecting against all types of cruise and ballistic missiles. Europe needs its own Iron Dome capable of countering all threats.

We can't rely on goodwill from a few capitals when it comes to Europe's security—whether Washington, Berlin, Paris, London, Rome, or – after Putin kicks the bucket – some imaginary democrat in Moscow someday.

No European country should be dependent on a single energy supplier—especially not Russia. Right now, things are on our side – President Trump is going to export more energy. But Europe needs to step-up and do more long-term work to secure real energy independence.

It is impossible to keep buying gas from Moscow while expecting security guarantees, help and backup from the Americans. That's just wrong. For example, the Prime Minister of Slovakia is not seeking access to the U.S. gas but does not lose hope to enjoy U.S. security umbrella.

Europe must have a seat at the table when deals about war and peace are made. Not just for Ukraine—this must be the standard. Europe deserves to be more than just a bystander, with its leaders reduced to posting on X after an agreement has already been made. Europe needs to shape the terms of those deals.

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We need a completely new, bolder approach to tech companies and technological development. If we waste time, Europe will lose this century. Now, Europe is falling behind in the development of artificial intelligence.

TikTok's algorithms are already more powerful than some governments. The fate of small countries depends more on the owners of tech companies than on their laws. Europe is not leading in the global tech race, falling behind both America and China. This isn't some minor issue – it's about weakness, first technological and economic, then political.

Europe is often more focused on regulation than on freedom, but when smart regulation is needed, Brussels hesitates. We should ensure maximum tech development in Europe and together make all significant decisions – for the whole Europe.

From weapons production to tech development, Europe must lead. Europe must become the most attractive market in the world – and that's achievable. Europe must be able to guarantee peace and security – not just for itself but for others, for those in the world who matter to Europe.

Europe deserves to be strong. And for this, Europe needs the EU and NATO. Is this possible without Ukraine and a just end to Russia's war against Ukriane? I'm certain the answer is no. Only real security guarantees for Ukraine will serve as real security guarantees for everyone in Europe.

We must ensure that America also sees us as essential. For that to happen, America's focus must shift to Europe. So that one day, in Washington, they'll say – all eyes on Europe. Not because of war. But because of the opportunities in Europe. Europe needs to know how to defend itself.

Millions visit Europe for its landmarks, to learn from its cultural heritage. Millions dream of living like Europeans. Will we be able to keep it and pass it to our children? If we in Europe can answer positively, America—and the world—will need Europe too. Europe must shape history for itself and its allies to remain not just relevant, but alive and great.

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2 February 2025
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In my interview for Associated Press I highlighted that Russia doesn't want to end the war fairly. It wants to end it by destroying Ukraine's freedom and independence. This

isn't rhetoric—it's their objective. They haven't achieved their main goal: Ukraine still stands. Thanks to our people, our army, and our partners.

Putin fears direct negotiations with Ukraine. In his mind, that would mean defeat and weakness. Instead, he pushes the old narrative that this is a war between the West and Russia—because admitting he is losing to Ukraine is unbearable for him.

Putin desperately signals that he wants to talk—not with us, but with Trump, with America. But without Ukraine, such talks won't lead to results, without us it would be wrong. If President Trump and I discuss concrete steps to end this war, and we clearly define the way forward—then, maybe, after that, he can talk to the Russians.

Putin doesn't need to defeat Ukraine to claim victory. If the world compromises with him, if he remains unpunished, he will send a dangerous message: aggression works. Other authoritarian leaders will see that he destroyed Ukraine's sovereignty and got away with it. This is why any U.S.-Russia talks about Ukraine without Ukraine are dangerous. No one can decide our fate behind our backs.

Putin doesn't want real negotiations. He will insist this is a war between Russia and the West. When President Trump tells him Ukraine must be at the table, Putin will look for excuses—telling again this story about illegitimacy, stalling, and trying to avoid to end the war.

It's not about individuals—it's about Putin's position within his own state. He wants to show that Ukraine is not a sovereign actor, that he is fighting NATO and the West, so why should he talk to Ukraine? In his mind, he is at war with America—and he believes he is winning. But on the battlefield, despite all difficulties, Ukraine has not allowed him to win.

The idea of a foreign military contingent is part of the security guarantees discussion—but it is not enough on its own. It cannot be just a symbolic presence on paper. If they are here to protect, we must know exactly who is in charge and what their mandate is in case of an attack.

Real security guarantees must be comprehensive. For Ukraine, security guarantees without the U.S. will not work. A real framework must include a strong Ukrainian army, defense industry investment and weapons production in Ukraine under U.S. licenses, and long-term technological and military support. Security must be mutually beneficial.

For the first time in decades, Russia has openly aligned itself with Iran and North Korea—not just in secret arms deals but directly in war. Iran supplies weapons, North Korea provides both weapons and troops. This is no longer just about Ukraine; it is a military alliance against the entire West, especially the United States.

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North Korean troops are actively learning from this war, and that's a major global threat. They arrived unprepared, but like Russian forces, they are not allowed to retreat—commanders execute their own soldiers for trying. Yet, they are adapting, gaining real battlefield experience, and absorbing critical military knowledge.

The combat tactics, drone warfare strategies, and battlefield survival skills they acquire in Ukraine will be taken back to North Korea and integrated into their military. This poses a direct security threat to the United States, the Indo-Pacific region, and many other countries.

We fight, we endure, we do everything to bring peace closer. And today, we are closer than ever before in these three years of war. We have defended our state, our independence, our country. We have also suffered immense losses. I am deeply proud of our heroic people. We must do everything to restore stability and ensure a just peace for all Ukrainians.

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5 February 2025
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In my interview to @piersmorgan I stated that although we are in a better position than at the beginning of the war, we remain in a difficult situation, fighting not only against Putin but also for the continued support of our allies.

We are fighting for a strong alliance among our European partners because Russia is destabilizing certain countries, including some of our neighbors. We are fighting for this unity. And we are fighting hard for the alliance between the United States and Europe. I believe that without this strength, defeating Putin is impossible—or extremely difficult.

Military aid is crucial. While U.S. support has not been halted, delays or reductions could lead to territorial losses. Today, the U.S. contributes about 30% of Ukraine's defense capability. Imagine what would happen if we lost that 30%.

The consequences would extend beyond Ukraine—if U.S. aid stops, it will shake European leaders and weaken the entire coalition. We will not only be dependent on U.S. aid but also face the risk of European support being disrupted. It won't be just 30% or 35%—we could lose at least 60% of our total assistance. The risk of territorial loss and Putin's victory would grow significantly. And that is a very serious threat.

Russia has already suffered immense losses: 300,000–350,000 troops killed, 50,000–70,000 missing, 600,000–700,000 wounded. Approximate numbers. Their casualty

ratio is 1 dead for every 2 wounded because their battlefield medicine is weaker. They often abandon their injured soldiers on the battlefield.

But despite these losses, Russia is not ready to end this war. They don't want peace. Next time, they will claim they're ready for direct talks with President Trump. They will say Ukraine doesn't matter, that this is a global war between Russia and NATO, and that they will only negotiate with the U.S. But this is just another excuse to prolong the war. Putin's only goal is for Ukraine to cease to exist.

It's obvious why I don't "fit" into the Russians' plans. Russia needs a puppet in Kyiv—someone they control. Before the war, they already had influence in our parliament. They controlled one of the largest political parties, ensuring Ukraine never fully chose its European path.

The Russians essentially want to do the same thing they did in Chechnya—completely destroy it and turn it into a territory fully under their control and influence. They did the same in Georgia: first, a frozen conflict, then a puppet government. They followed this strategy in Belarus, too.

Putin doesn't care who Ukraine's president is—as long as it's someone anti-Western, anti-EU, anti-NATO. Someone who sees NATO as an enemy, just as the Kremlin portrays it to Russians. But NATO is a defensive alliance. It does not attack anyone. The Kremlin just manipulates its people into believing otherwise.

As for my legitimacy: I was elected by 73% of Ukrainians. I have always been open to elections. But during a war, elections require constitutional changes and serious legal adjustments. The key issue isn't just legal—it's human. How will soldiers in trenches vote? What about millions of Ukrainians in occupied territories? Do their voices no longer matter? And what about 8 million Ukrainians forced abroad by war?

Elections will take place after the active phase of the war comes to a close and martial law ends. We are defending democracy, and elections are essential. But let's be clear: ending martial law now is exactly what Putin wants. If martial law is lifted, most of our army will return home—as is their right. But then who will defend Ukraine? Without security guarantees, Russia will invade again.

We cannot violate Ukraine's Constitution, nor can we recognize occupied territories as Russian. These lands are temporarily occupied—and that means temporary. No matter what Putin or anyone else abroad wants, we will never recognize them as Russian. Sovereignty is not up for compromise.

Unfortunately, current levels of international support are not enough to fully push Putin out. But we will reclaim our land—through military efforts, diplomacy, and time. If our partners put pressure on Putin, if President Trump, Prime Minister Starmer, EU

leaders, the Global South, Arab states, China, and Latin America decide to put enough pressure—Putin would be forced to retreat immediately.

But if the international community is not ready to confront Putin together, we will rely on our own strength, our strategic partners, and time. And I am certain that justice will prevail. When people ask, "What is Ukraine ready for?" Ukraine is ready, above all, to end the active phase of this war. No one in the world wants peace more than we do—because the war is on our land.

Putin is a murderer and a terrorist. That is a fact. And if our allies believe diplomacy is the way forward, then let's be honest: isn't even one conversation with Putin already a compromise? Talking to a murderer is a compromise in itself—for Ukraine and for the entire civilized world.

We believe President Trump wants success in this situation. And success means common sense prevailing, which requires ending the war and securing strong security guarantees for Ukraine. At the very least, ensuring Putin never returns with another invasion.

A month, two months, a year—what difference does it make? Should we not think about our grandchildren? If Russia tries again in 10 or 20 years, isn't that a threat? A challenge? Of course it is. Any return of Russian aggression would mean more loss. Therefore, we must stabilize the situation as fairly and strongly as possible, without risks for Ukraine, for Europe, or for the world.

The fastest way to move toward diplomacy is guaranteeing Ukraine's NATO membership and sustaining a strong army. NATO membership alone is not enough, but it provides confidence that Ukraine will never stand alone. We must maintain our presence and ensure Ukraine has the largest professional army in Europe—without risks.

There will be no Minsk-3. That is not a security guarantee. Ukraine needs real guarantees. NATO ensures that Putin is highly unlikely to invade again. NATO also strengthens its own security with hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian troops. This is vital for everyone.

Even for Russia, NATO membership for Ukraine is a guarantee that we will not seek revenge through war. Instead, we will resolve disputes diplomatically. That's why I said NATO is a guarantee for all—stable and more cost-effective.

Putin occupied Crimea and Donbas, then launched a full-scale war eight years later. At that time, Ukraine was not a NATO member, not an EU member, not even a candidate for the EU, and had no invitation to NATO. So let's be clear: his reasons were different.

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We aspired to join NATO—for security, nothing more. But even then, several countries did not support our NATO membership.

Putin knew Ukraine wouldn't join NATO anytime soon. He understood this perfectly. That means his invasion had other motives. Since Russia's full-scale war began, Finland and Sweden radically changed their stance on NATO. Not only were they invited—they secured guarantees, joined the alliance, and became full members. And yet, there is no war in Finland or Sweden.

This proves that Putin's excuse for invading Ukraine had nothing to do with NATO. If anything, his aggression pushed more countries into NATO. People fear Russia. They trust NATO's security guarantees. Finland, which shares a long border with Russia, understood that Ukraine was only the beginning. They knew Putin wanted to go further. That's why they rushed to join NATO.

Putin will understand the need to end this war only when he is given a clear ultimatum. If the U.S. and President Trump tell him: "End the war, or Ukraine will receive X, Y, and Z," he will listen. If China tells him: "Stop, or we will cut economic ties, sanction your banks, and isolate your companies," he will listen.

Putin doesn't fear war with the West—he fears economic collapse and internal unrest. If his economy crumbles, if Russian society fractures, he won't hold onto power. That is what truly scares him.

Without NATO, Ukraine would need to maintain an army of one million soldiers. Even our current 800,000 troops are not enough to push Russia out. A million-strong army is extremely expensive. Massive investments in defense production. A huge portion of our budget going into air defense, drones, fortifications. That means militarization on an enormous scale.

This is why NATO is the cheapest option. If not NATO, then we must talk about: an international military presence in Ukraine; a massive long-range missile deterrent to prevent new Russian offensives; a commitment to finance Ukraine's military.

People claim Putin invaded because Ukraine wanted to join NATO. But we are still not in NATO. So why hasn't he left? If Ukraine's NATO membership was his reason for war, and we are still not members, why does he remain on our land?

If NATO membership is still just a distant future prospect, then what will protect us in the meantime? What will deter Russia from another attack? Will we get our nuclear weapons back? Will we receive long-range missile systems in quantities large enough to stop Russia? Will our allies fund a million-strong professional army? Will foreign troops be stationed in Ukraine to stabilize and secure our territory?

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If the U.S. says Ukraine is not ready to join NATO, then Putin should withdraw completely from our territory. Only then can we discuss everything else—financial compensation, reparations, and the costs of this war. Putin claimed he invaded because he feared Ukraine joining NATO. Well, we are not in NATO—so why is he still here?

Ukraine's nuclear weapons were handed over under pressure from Russia and the U.S. Other countries signed the Budapest Memorandum, but Russia and the U.S. played the biggest role. As a result, we lost our only real security guarantees. If nuclear disarmament was necessary, it should have been exchanged for NATO membership or NATO weapons. But instead, we were left with nothing.

During this war, Ukraine has shattered Russia's military power. Russia is no longer a major threat to the U.S. Ukraine has destroyed its most experienced military personnel. The U.S. now fully understands how the Russian army fights, who their real fighters are, and who just pretends to be. This is priceless knowledge for America and NATO.

America did not have to send its sons and daughters to die. Ukraine stopped Russia. We stopped them on our land. We prevented them from invading any NATO country. If Russia had invaded NATO, U.S., British, French, and European troops would have been forced into the war.

Ukraine saved thousands of Western soldiers' lives. So after everything we've done, doesn't Ukraine deserve peace? Doesn't it deserve security guarantees from the very countries whose soldiers we protected?

Putin has killed tens of thousands of civilians. And most of them were Russian-speaking. 90% of them were in eastern Ukraine—the very regions he occupied. He invaded Ukraine believing Russian speakers would support him. He was told, "They will welcome you." That was a lie. And yet, he bombed them, killed them, destroyed their homes.

Before the occupation of Crimea, many saw Russia as a neighbor, believed in peaceful coexistence, and thought maintaining good relations with Putin was important. Ask them today—the people whose children he murdered and whose homes he destroyed. They will tell you exactly what they think of Putin—in Russian, if he doesn't understand Ukrainian.

When war is far away, it's easy to philosophize about it. But when you experience it yourself, you find the right answers. After 9/11, the U.S. could let the attack go unanswered or to strike back and destroy the terrorists. The U.S. rightly chose the second option—because if you don't stop terrorists, they will come again.

Ukraine carried out strikes in the Kursk region, where Russia had brought 12,000 North Korean mercenaries to kill Ukrainians. We eliminated 4,000 of them. We asked for

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long-range weapons to stop them before they reached us. We weren't given enough. We ask our partners: Give us the weapons to destroy military targets—terrorists coming to kill us.

If tomorrow, Iran and North Korea were massing troops on America's border, ready to attack, would the U.S. just stand and wait? Would they say, "Let's do nothing and see what happens?" No. The only ones talking about World War III are Putin, North Korea, Iran, and their followers. That's why they must be stopped.

We must focus on ending this war permanently. Ukrainians have endured too much already. After everything, Ukraine deserves a just peace. And the power to shape this peace lies with President Trump, with our allies, and with the pressure they put on Putin. The sooner this is done, the sooner people everywhere can finally live in peace.

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7 February 2025
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Today marks six months of the Kursk operation. With our active operations on Russian territory, we have brought the war home to Russia. That is where they must feel what war truly means. And they do.

I thank every Ukrainian warrior and every unit involved in operations in the Kursk region. They have shown the world that, even with limited resources, we can act decisively, unexpectedly, and effectively.

We continue to expose Russia's bluff for what it is. We are defending our cities—Sumy and Kharkiv—and significantly increasing our exchange fund. Hundreds of Russian soldiers are now in our captivity—soldiers we will change to bring Ukrainians home from Russian prisons.

Among the captured are also North Korean soldiers—they were wounded in battle, with severe injuries, and are now receiving medical treatment. Their presence is undeniable proof that Putin has drawn yet another country into this war—North Korea—and is training them in modern warfare. This poses a threat to everyone, especially to every nation in East Asia.

I am grateful to all our partners who understand how crucial it is to stop Russia now, so that there is no need to fight in years to come.

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9 February 2025
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I spoke with Reuters about Ukraine's strategic resources and our cooperation with the U.S. Ukraine is open to partnerships, but our resources are not something we simply hand over—even to our closest allies. Strategic cooperation must be mutually beneficial.

During my conversation with President Trump in New York in September last year, I said that Putin is not just fighting a war. He is spending $300-350 billion annually to sustain it and has already burned through $1 trillion trying to destroy Ukraine.

Putin does not need more land—Russia is already the largest country in the world. He knows that to destroy Ukraine, he must keep advancing. And in his path lies a land rich in natural resources—Ukraine. He is not just seizing territory; he is taking the resources beneath it—resources that will fuel his war and strengthen his allies—North Korea, Iran, and whoever joins him next.

These materials are critical for modern weaponry—missiles, drones, and other military technologies. If we do not act now, these resources will not only be used against Ukraine but could eventually be used against the U.S. and Europe.

This is why Ukraine has developed a Victory Plan—not just to end the war, but to make Ukraine strong. The issue of strategic resources is one of the key points of this plan.

Putin is trying to capture Ukraine's richest industrial regions: the Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk regions contain vast reserves of rare earths. This is why Russia is determined to take full control; the Dnipropetrovsk region holds massive iron ore deposits; Central Ukraine has the largest titanium reserves in Europe.

Ukraine also has the largest uranium reserves in Europe. Russia is also expanding its influence in Africa—securing uranium sources by pushing out France. This is not just about Ukraine. The security of Europe and the U.S. is also at stake. I have said to our American partners: invest in Ukraine. Bring your companies. Work with us. Let's develop these resources together.

The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Enerhodar: Russia has captured 20% of Ukraine's nuclear power generation, including six reactors at a single station. This facility alone generates $4-4.5 billion annually in electricity sales. Russia is stealing real economic assets. A modern nuclear plant costs tens of billions to build—almost impossible today.

Beyond nuclear energy, look at what Russia has occupied: manganese and iron ores, titanium, lithium—two major deposits are already under occupation. None of this is accidental. Russian media already openly discuss their plans for these resources.

Ukraine's coal industry. Before the occupation, Ukraine had one of the world's rarest coal types—Anthracite—found only in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Russia seized Ukraine's coal heartland, forcing us to transition our entire energy sector to a different coal type—another major economic loss.

What did Russia do with this coal? They handed it to Transnistria—the Russian-occupied region of Moldova—where it now powers their local energy infrastructure. Again, a clear economic theft.

This war is not about so-called "protecting Russian speakers"—Putin does not care about rights or people. He cares about controlling the money and resources. And the Russian people will never see those profits—Putin and his circle will.

Currently, Russia controls 20% of Ukraine's land—but less than 20% of its resources. That is why they must be stopped now. Take Crimea and the Black Sea. Beyond its natural beauty, Crimea holds massive economic potential. Russia wants Odesa's ports because they aim to monopolize grain exports—their dream is to create an OPEC-style grain monopoly, controlling food prices across entire regions.

Ukraine is ready to become a key hub for liquefied natural gas in Europe. For years, Ukraine was blocked from LNG projects, but we are now fully open to cooperation. We have the largest gas storage facilities in Europe, and our pipeline network is already developed. This makes Ukraine the most logical hub for U.S. LNG exports to Europe.

We are in discussions with President Trump's team, and they are fully supportive of Ukraine's interest in LNG. This is not just about gas—it is about reducing European dependence on Russian energy. Some European countries are still buying Russian gas due to long-standing ties and political pressure. But LNG offers fair market prices and fair partnerships.

On diplomacy, it is critical that I meet with President Trump before he meets with Putin. Otherwise, this would be a discussion about Ukraine, but without Ukraine—which is unfair. We have transparent relations with our partners, and any real negotiations must begin with Ukraine and its allies aligning their positions first. Only after that can there be talks with the aggressor.

A visit to Kyiv of President Trump would be an important and necessary step. The President of the United States is Ukraine's key partner—in war and in peace. We know the war will end, and Ukraine's future must be built on strong strategic cooperation. A visit must also be results-driven. It's not just about symbolism—it's about real outcomes.

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What matters is ensuring we have a clear plan: how to end the war, stop Putin, and secure Ukraine's long-term stability so that future generations never have to fear another invasion. The first priority is security guarantees—not just in words, but in real economic and military strength. Ukraine cannot live under the threat of another attack.

The second priority is reconstruction. Those who help defend Ukraine should have the first opportunity to help rebuild it. That includes American companies. The scale of rebuilding Ukraine will be enormous—it's a massive economic opportunity. And it is only fair that those who stood with us in war benefit from the recovery.

The U.S. has been Ukraine's biggest supporter, and I believe American businesses should have a leading role in rebuilding Ukraine—whether in energy, infrastructure, defense technology, or industry. LNG, agriculture, strategic resources—all of these are part of our future cooperation.

There is also something that only Ukraine can offer—the world's most advanced wartime experience with drone warfare and modern battlefield technology. The U.S. does not have this experience. No country does. The largest drone war is happening here, in Ukraine.

Ukraine has the experience, the technology, and the knowledge. And we are ready to share it with our closest allies. This is what I would discuss with President Trump—not just how to end the war, but how to ensure lasting security, strong economic cooperation, and a future where Ukraine is a leading strategic partner of the United States.

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Intelligence reports confirm that Russia is forming new divisions and developing new military production facilities.

Their cooperation with **North Korea** will continue to expand. Moscow is also spreading modern warfare technologies to the region, particularly drone technologies.

This means one simple thing—Putin is preparing not for negotiations, not for peace, but for the continuation of the war—and not only against Ukraine. They are now increasing their army by more than a hundred thousand soldiers.

All partners must be aware of this and see it clearly.

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25 April 2025
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Debris removal operations are still ongoing in Kyiv following the Russian missile strike. The relatives and loved ones of those who may still be trapped under the rubble are there – on the scene of the rescue operation. Rescuers, emergency services, and everyone who is helping will continue working until the fate of every person who might have been affected is known.

According to preliminary information, the Russians used a ballistic missile manufactured in North Korea. Our special services are verifying all the details.

If the information that this missile was made in North Korea is confirmed, this will be further proof of the criminal nature of the alliance between Russia and Pyongyang. They kill people and torment lives together – that is the only meaning behind their cooperation. Russia continuously uses such weapons – missiles, artillery. In return, Pyongyang got the opportunity to make its weapons more deadly under real wartime conditions.

No country in the world should be left alone to face such threats. Just today, in a massive strike on our cities and civilians, the Russian army used more than 200 means of destruction – missiles and attack drones. As of this moment, more than 100 people have been injured and 12 killed. My condolences to their loved ones.

There must be real pressure on Russia to stop this. Even in the midst of international diplomatic efforts to end this war, Russia continues killing civilians. That means Putin is not afraid.

There must be a full and unconditional halt to the strikes, and Russia must agree to it. This war must be ended justly. And to truly guarantee the safety of our people, we need to strengthen our air shield. I thank everyone in the world who is helping.

The cooperation of states that value people and life must stop the alliances of murderers.

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25 April 2025
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A report from Commander-in-Chief Syrskyi on the frontline situation as of April 24.

Nearly 150 Russian attacks on our positions and over 4,500 instances of shelling, including with heavy weaponry.

The toughest situation was in the Pokrovsk direction. I am grateful to all our warriors – every soldier, sergeant, and officer – for their resilience and for defending our positions.

Basically, the Russians tried to go on the offence under the cover of their massive strike. While the bulk of our forces were focused on protection from missiles and drones, the Russians significantly intensified their ground attacks.

The Russians were met with a strong response.

For this, I want to particularly commend the warriors of our 72nd Separate Mechanized Brigade and the 59th Separate Assault Brigade of the Unmanned Systems Forces who inflicted significant losses on the occupier. I also praise the effective performance of the 100th Separate Mechanized Brigade and the 12th Operational Brigade of the National Guard of Ukraine for demonstrating the resilience and results we need.

Our investigators, forensic specialists, and experts are also inspecting missile and drone impact sites, identifying and verifying the circumstances of the respective attacks, and conducting examinations of the recovered missile and drone debris in order to figure out the full details about this weaponry and the critical components within it that were supplied to Russia or North Korea from third countries and used in its production.

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25 April 2025
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Only today have rescue operations been completed at the site of one of Russia's strikes on Ukraine on April 24. On that day, in Kyiv, the Russians, unfortunately, killed 12 of our people and nearly 90 people were injured.

More than 30 people remain hospitalized, including those with severe injuries and amputations.

The investigation into all the details about the missile is ongoing. However, it is already clear that it was a ballistic missile from North Korea.

The lack of sufficient pressure on Russia allows them to import such missiles and other weapons – and to use them here, in Europe. The lack of sufficient pressure on North Korea and its accomplices enables, in particular, the production of such ballistic missiles. The missile that killed civilians in Kyiv contained at least 116 components sourced from other countries – and most of them, unfortunately, were manufactured by American companies.

In today's world, any war can very quickly draw in a wide range of actors, and any country that becomes a victim of aggression is never defending itself against a single entity, but against a group of accomplices. That is why it is so important for defense to be based on collective efforts as well. Ukraine is grateful to everyone around the world who is helping us protect the lives of our people, supplying us with air defense systems and missiles for them. We thank all those who continue to maintain pressure on Russia for this war – and on its accomplices. We insist that Russia must immediately and unconditionally agree to a full ceasefire.

Ukraine agreed to President Trump's proposal for a ceasefire in the skies, at sea, and on the front lines 45 days ago. We offered to make it comprehensive and to extend the ceasefire that could have been established on Easter. We also made a direct proposal to Russia to at least halt strikes on civilian targets. Russia rejects all of this. That is why this cannot be resolved without pressure. Pressure on Russia is necessary. Ending the killings is the first priority.

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26 April 2025
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Today, together with diplomatic representatives of the states and international organizations operating in Ukraine, we visited the site of the ballistic missile strike in Kyiv. The very place where the explosion of the missile claimed the lives of 12 of our people. My condolences.

Ordinary apartment buildings were destroyed. The rescue operation was completed only recently. More than 50 representatives of embassies, as well as representatives of international organizations, were present at the site. Together, we honored the memory of the victims. All the diplomats saw with their own eyes whom Russia is targeting with its ballistic missiles — missiles they are receiving from North Korea.

I am grateful to all the states that stand with Ukraine in such circumstances, in such moments — Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific region, North America — I thank all our partners for their support at this time. I also thank all the international organizations that are helping us, our state, and supporting Ukrainians.

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4 June 2025
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Ukraine has never wanted war – but it has every right to defend itself, its independence, and its people. And that is exactly what we are doing – by all means available to us. This right is guaranteed to Ukraine by international law, by the UN Charter, and by simple human common sense.

Russia has already used thousands of missiles and attack drones against Ukraine. It also uses strategic aviation. Russia has entered into alliances with North Korea and Iran – and is using North Korean and Iranian weapons against our cities and positions: ballistic missiles, attack drones, and artillery. North Korean military personnel – their special forces – are also fighting on Russia's side against Ukraine. Ukraine has the right to defend itself.

I am especially grateful to the Security Service of Ukraine for exercising our right to defense – brilliantly exercising it. The most important thing proven by Operation "Spiderweb" is this: the war is now inflicting tangible losses and damage on the aggressor as well. This is justice being restored. And this is pressure toward real peace

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5 June 2025
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I spoke with media on the day of remembrance for Ukrainian children killed by Russia. In Istanbul, Russians gave us an ultimatum, not a "memorandum". Peace requires a meeting of leaders. I am ready to meet in the coming days with Putin, as well as presidents Trump and Erdogan.

Regarding the Istanbul meeting, our groups held consultations regarding POW exchanges today. Russia said it will transfer 500 warriors this weekend out of the 1000+ that was agreed. We will be ready to exchange the relevant number. We still haven't received lists from Russia.

Bodies of fallen soldiers. Our data show Russia has identified a maximum of 20% of all bodies. We need thorough preparation. We need bodies of Ukrainians, not Russians they want to dump. We already had such examples. Therefore, this exchange will proceed right after POW exchange.

Regarding ceasefire. Russians haven't handed us their document before the meeting, but they leaked it in the press afterwards. And it coincides with what we received from them. At the same time, they still haven't responded to our document that we passed ahead of the meeting.

During their call on May 19, Putin promised President Trump that Russia would pass their document to the Ukrainian side ahead of the meeting. It is also very important that the American side, President Trump personally, told them that the document must be a doable one.

After seeing what they gave us, it is clear that they did not want to pass it before the meeting because it was an ultimatum. This is not a "memorandum," as that term refers to two parties reaching an agreement on something. This document is a Russian ultimatum to us.

They didn't want to share it because they understood the contents were unacceptable. Russians are behaving like thimble-riggers. They do not want deescalation or an end to the war. They pretend to be constructive, but their games are only aimed at delaying U.S. sanctions.

Russia's positions at the May and June meetings in Istanbul were identical. In June, they put on paper the same ultimatums that they had expressed in May. We agreed to large POW exchanges in Istanbul. However, working groups can handle this task, as it has always been the case.

Why I call what they gave us an ultimatum? Go no further than the first point: international recognition of five Ukrainian regions as Russian and the withdrawal of Ukrainian forces from them. Absolute ultimatum. Contradicts the UN Charter, Ukraine's Constitution, and basic logic.

Second point of the Russian ultimatum: Ukraine's neutrality and other points regarding foreign forces or bases. But Ukraine had a legal non-aligned status in 2014, when Putin started his occupation of Crimea and parts of the Donbas. He started the war when we were non-aligned.

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On NATO. Our document that we passed to the Russians clearly states that Ukraine's membership is a matter for all NATO allies to decide. They need to have unity both to invite us and also to decide not to invite us to NATO. Such decisions are also made by consensus of all allies.

Further items of Russia's ultimatum demand Ukraine to terminate or refuse to conclude in the future international treaties and agreements. A clear restriction on state sovereignty and violation of the 1969 Vienna convention. Russia's document was prepared by unqualified people.

When it comes to their demands for us to abandon some blocs or treaties, if we are talking about mirror-like approach, then Russia must leave CSTO. They also have relevant decisions with Iran and North Korea. So their proposals look strange. These are, again, complete ultimatums.

Or the Russian demand for Ukraine to confirm its status as a nation that does not possess nuclear and other WMD. This looks like spam to be honest. Everyone knows we don't posses any such weapons. We are part of the NPT after the 1994 Budapest Memorandum.

I will not list all the other useless items. The bottom line is that Russians are not ready for a ceasefire. If there's no ceasefire, there must be sanctions.

Today, I awarded our Security Service warriors for the important operation to destroy 41 Russian aircraft, half of which is beyond repair, and another part will be repairing for years, if at all. Absolutely legitimate military target. Such operations help counter Russian terror.

Had there been a ceasefire before our operation, there'd be no operation. Wanting a ceasefire doesn't mean we do nothing in the meantime.

We must choose the rules. Ceasefire rules apply to everyone. If they're violated — that's another matter. It depends on both sides. We are not violating anything.

To conclude with, they are ready for POW exchanges, because they need them. We are ready for them too, but it's meaningless to continue meetings in Istanbul where Russians are represented at the level that doesn't decide anything.

Exchanges need to continue, but the Russians are not ready for a ceasefire. At least the level represented in Istanbul. They told us this themselves. The ceasefire decision is for another level. And we propose the Russians to cease the fire before the meeting or leaders.

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We are ready for the leaders' meeting. Any place. Istanbul, Vatican, Switzerland. We propose a meeting starting Monday and further. A ceasefire before is important. When we meet it will become clear if there is will for deescalation. If no, the ceasefire will end on the same day.

If we see will to continue dialogue and seek deescalation, we will continue the ceasefire with US guarantees of mediation. If the Russians don't want a lengthy ceasefire, the the leaders' meeting can be held on any day starting tomorrow. And there will be a 2-3 day ceasefire.

We will be grateful if President Trump supports such an idea. I am confident President Erdogan will support. He told me during our meeting that he wanted a meeting of four leaders. President Erdogan, President Trump, me, and Putin. We are ready for such a meeting on any day.

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11 June 2025
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Today, the Russians have once again used ballistic missiles from **North Korea**. We are also tracking evidence that Russian-Iranian drone technologies have spread to **North Korea**. This is extremely dangerous both for Europe and for East and Southeast Asia.

The longer this war continues on our territory, the more warfare technologies evolve, and the greater the threat will be to everyone.

This must be addressed now, not when thousands of upgraded Shahed drones and ballistic missiles begin to threaten Seoul and Tokyo.

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18 June 2025
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Addressing the G7 Summit, I emphasized that Russia is ignoring every diplomatic offer made by the international community. Diplomacy is in crisis. There is one clear reason – Putin has openly rejected every peace initiative.

Last night, Russia carried out one of the largest combined attacks on Ukraine since the beginning of this war. The targets were our cities – meaning ordinary people, ordinary families in their homes.

There were 440 drones, most of them Shaheds, and 32 missiles of various types, including ballistic ones and those with cluster warheads. One ballistic missile hit a residential building – it went through from the top floor down to the basement. Rescue operations are still ongoing. People are being searched for under the rubble.

In Kyiv alone, there were about 30 locations where either missiles struck or debris fell. Nearly 150 residential buildings were damaged in Kyiv alone. As of now, we know that 131 people were injured. 15 people were killed. Among the dead is a citizen of the United States.

Our air defense systems were active across almost the entire country, many drones and missiles were intercepted – thanks largely to the support from your countries. This is a matter of life and death. We must continue getting air defense systems and missiles, and move toward localized production in Ukraine. It's an urgent need to save lives.

We must also take into account the cooperation between Russia and Iran on one side, and Russia and North Korea on the other. Russia upgrading Iranian Shahed drones and then transferring their production – upgraded versions – to North Korea. This is a threat not only to Ukraine.

We are working now to develop and deploy interception drones – to protect our cities from Shaheds. Our cities – and, therefore, yours. We need additional financing to produce them. These new interceptors are important for Europe, for the Indo-Pacific, and for Japan, and Canada, and the United States.

Even if the American President @POTUS now does not apply strong enough pressure on Russia, the truth is – America still has the most global interests and the most allies. They will all need strong protection.

We must keep working together with the highest level of coordination – not only politically and diplomatically, but also technologically and through investment. Increasing weapons production in Ukraine is the fastest path to results.

Russia continues to carry out terrorist attacks and offensive actions on the front line. Russia faces no new consequences in return. Russia has adapted to this level of warfare, and is now only ramping up its attacks.

If last year it was shocking to see 100 Shahed drones used in one night, now it's unusual if fewer than 100 are used in a single strike. In fact, this is the only real change in

Russia's behavior since the change of the U.S. President. It proves that those supporting new and stronger sanctions against Russia are absolutely right.

I urge you to work with the U.S., to enforce a strict price cap on Russian oil. Right now, the proposed cap is $45 per barrel. But many experts agree: a truly effective level is $30. Together, we must make this painful for Russia. The EU's 18th sanctions package must also hit Russian energy and banks.

It's crucial to have $40 billion annually in budgetary support for Ukraine – to ensure our resilience and the ability of our country to carry on. This should be a joint decision by G7 leaders, including the U.S.

Together, we must continue urging President Trump to use the influence he really has – to force Putin to end this war. It was the U.S. and President Trump who proposed a ceasefire, the resumption of diplomacy, immediate meetings and negotiations. But Russia has blocked every effort.

This war continues because of Russia. From the start, it has been an unprovoked and criminal war of aggression. We must not forget that. We must continue applying pressure in every direction – diplomatic, economic, military – to finally bring peace.

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18 June 2025
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I had a meeting with Prime Minister of Japan @shigeruishiba on the sidelines of the G7 Summit.

We discussed cooperation in the defense industry, investment in Ukraine's drone production, Ukraine's reconstruction, and Japan's readiness to contribute to this effort. We also addressed a shared threat – Russia's collaboration with North Korea and Iran – and exchanged views on how we can counter it.

I am grateful to Japan and the Japanese people for their support. I appreciate that on most issues, we see eye to eye. Together, we must build a robust security architecture in both Europe and Asia.

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20 June 2025
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This morning, I visited the site where a Russian missile struck a residential building in Kyiv. The missile went through every floor, all the way down to the basement. It was deliberate terror, the same thing Russia's army under Putin has done everywhere, from Chechnya to Syria. Killing and destroying is what unites Russia with such regimes as those in Iran and North Korea.

Right now, Russia is trying to save Iran's nuclear program, there's no other way to interpret its public signals and behind-the-scenes activity. When one of their accomplices loses the ability to export war, Russia suffers, and tries to intervene. Once again, it proves: aggressive regimes must not be allowed to unite and become partners.

A real ceasefire is needed. I am ready to meet in any format with those who make decisions and hold the proper authority, including Putin, even though he has overstayed his constitutional term limit by at least three terms. Hopefully, the war can be brought to an end during President Trump's current term. I count heavily on the influence of the United States. That is something that can make a difference.

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23 June 2025
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After the strikes on Iran's nuclear program facilities, there was a lot of uproar from Moscow — the Russian leadership performatively condemned the "missile-and-bomb" actions. Today, Moscow is silent after the Russian army carried out a completely cynical strike using Russian-Iranian Shahed drones and missiles against civilian infrastructure in Kyiv and other cities and communities of ours. In Kyiv alone, 5 apartment buildings were damaged — ordinary residential homes. So far, 6 people have been reported killed. Another person was killed in Bila Tserkva, Kyiv region, where a Shahed struck a hospital. My condolences to all their families and loved ones.

Rescuers are currently clearing the rubble and providing assistance wherever it is needed. The strike damaged sites in four regions. In total, 352 drones were launched, including 159 Shaheds just overnight, along with 16 missiles. Preliminary reports indicate that ballistic weapons from North Korea were also used. A large number of drones and missiles were shot down by our air defenders — but not all. And everyone in countries neighbouring Russia, Iran, and North Korea should be thinking carefully about whether they could protect lives if this coalition of murderers persists and continues spreading their terror. Today, during my visit to the United Kingdom, I will be

discussing this very issue with our partners — our defense, which must become the foundation of a much stronger collective security. We will also be negotiating new and powerful steps to increase pressure on Russia for this war and to put an end to the strikes.

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25 June 2025
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At the Defense Industries Forum in The Hague I stressed: there are no signs Putin wants to stop this war. Russia rejects all peace proposals, including from the U.S. Maybe Putin connects his own political survival with his ability to keep killing: so long as he kills, he lives.

We all understand that the source of this war and the long-term threat to European way of life is Russia. But we're not facing Russia alone. It's a network of state and non-state actors that are serving the cause of aggression.

This network includes Russia, North Korea, the current Iran's regime, Chinese companies, and global schemes that help produce weapons and carry out operations against Ukraine, our people and our Europe.

Only together can we counter this, by hitting hard the core of this aggression and breaking every link that connects Russia with its accomplices. Our priorities: joint defense production and real restrictions on cooperation with Russia through sanctions and other measures.

Ukraine's defense production potential has surpassed 35 billion US dollars, including nearly 1,000 types of products – from artillery and traditional armored vehicles to advanced drones of all types and missiles. But around 40% of this potential lacks funding.

We can produce over 8 million drones a year, but current financing allows far fewer. Meanwhile, Russia is using not only its oil revenues for defense, but also the resources of regimes like North Korea and Iran, and Russia's corrupt connections in other countries.

Our united solidarity is the best answer to Russia's war network. We're open to various forms of cooperation in the defense sector, including sharing our expertise and achievements with those who help the most.

We must lead in the drone race – both in strike drones and interceptors – and keep moving forward in producing traditional weapons, taking into account all the lessons learned in this long war. I urge our partners to increase investments in Ukrainian and joint weapons production.

All the weapons we produce strengthen Europe's defense and security system. We welcome the European initiative "Security Action for Europe," which includes plans to provide up to €150 billion to develop the defense industry. We call for this program to also be actively used as an extra source of support for our shared security. Ukraine is an equal partner to this program, meaning that ensuring security is our common cause.

Russia is even planning new military operations on NATO territory – your countries. This war is in Ukraine now and it's to get prepared well – to be ready. We must stop Putin now and in Ukraine, but we have to understand that his objectives reach beyond Ukraine.

European countries need to increase defense spending. We believe that 5% of GDP is the right level. A united Europe can create a defense capability that will destroy Russia's illusion that war with Europe could bring it anything.

To kill that illusion faster, we must take away Russia's ability to wage war against Ukraine with impunity. It's better to hold Russia back where it's already stuck. I thank every country and leader who already decided to commit part of their defense budgets to support Ukraine.

If every European country commits at least 0.25% of its GDP to support Ukraine – and we thank those who commit more, like the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and such a big commitment like from Germany – the chances for peace in Europe will grow.

There is no significant Russian weapon today made without foreign components – sadly, some come from Europe and NATO countries. This must stop. Such components can be found in every Russian missile, in most of their drones, and in military vehicles.

It's not just China, some of these parts come from European countries and from the United States. Every single component or machine tool delivered to Russia's defense sector helps prolong the war and is a crime against peace.

Every scheme that helps them build "shahed" drones or other killing tools is not just aiding a war against us, it's a threat to you and the way of life we value deeply. Let's ensure that our defense potential – and our partners' – works for our peace, not Russia's madness.

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15 July 2025
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I am grateful to President Trump for his readiness to help protect our people's lives. This war continues solely because of Russia, because of Putin's desire to drag it out. Russia is trying to make the war seem like the "new normal." We must never put up with this. Everything humanly possible must be done to force Russia to stop the killings, to achieve real peace, and to ensure security. Peace is only possible through strength.

Russia's war financing must be cut off. Its ties with Iran and North Korea must be cut off. Any supply of components and equipment for Russia's military industry must be cut off.

I'm grateful to our team and to the United States, Germany, and Norway for preparing a new decision on Patriots for Ukraine. We are also working on major defense agreements with America.

Ukraine is absolutely ready for all honest and effective steps toward peace – lasting peace – and real security. It is Russia that isn't ready. It is Russia that must be forced. And this is what's happening.

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29 August 2025
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There was a report from Ukraine's Minister of Internal Affairs Ihor Klymenko. At the site of the Russian strike on a residential building in Kyiv's Darnytskyi district, rescue operations have been completed, and work continues to clear the destroyed structures. At this moment, it is known that 22 people were killed at this one site alone, including four children. The youngest girl was not even three years old. My condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed. In total, that night the Russians killed 23 people in Kyiv. The fate of eight people still remains unknown, and 53 others were injured. All of them have received the necessary assistance. I am grateful to the first responders, police officers, doctors, nurses, and all municipal and emergency services – to everyone involved in helping people.

Russia must be held accountable for this strike, just as for every other strike against our state, our people, and every effort by the world to bring this war to an end. When instead of diplomacy Russia chooses ballistics, continues to modernize "shaheds" for killing, and deepens cooperation with actors like North Korea, it means the world must respond accordingly. Strong sanctions, strong pressure, strong steps are needed so that the

murderers do not feel impunity. Russia only understands strength, and demonstrations of strength are needed now. The United States, Europe, and the G20 countries have this strength.

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13 September 2025
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Putin doesn't believe in Europe, America, the West. So he wages war. He believes in China, Iran, **North Korea**, seeks strategic treaties there. He bets money will corrupt everyone and buy indulgence. His plan: try to buy indulgence and continue the war. Question is: who's buying?

When the envoy of President Trump is in Kyiv, there are no massive Russian air strikes. This doesn't work with representatives of other states or international organizations, even the UN, OSCE or IMF. Perhaps it would work with a representative of China, but it seems China is not interested in stopping – even if not the whole war – at least the strikes.

China has called for a ceasefire in this war. But Putin ignored it. That didn't stop Beijing from hosting him with open arms and talking about what matters most – longevity. Russia also ignored India's calls to end the war and its statements that our era is not the era of war. This applies to everyone else in the world.

Every day confronts all of us with the questions. Sometimes unpleasant, uncomfortable, to which, it seems, many in the world are not really going to give a true answer. It is from such questions about the details that the main question of today is formed – how to end the war.

Look at the Russian drone attack on Poland. It was deliberate. Nineteen Russian drones against Poland from the territory of two states – Ukraine and Belarus – during Russian military exercises in Belarus. NATO scrambled jets. And yet, no consequences for Russia.

A day before the drone strike on Poland, Russia killed 25 people in Yarova, Donetsk region – elderly citizens who came to collect their pensions, the very people Moscow claims to be "saving." Russia leaves nothing in Donbas but graves and ruins. We are striking back. The question is: what are the others doing?

Russian flags fly at the Venice Film Festival. Because art is supposedly beyond politics. Art is for the living at festivals, not for the dead in Ukrainian cities after another Russian

strike. How can Russia be rewarded for war by being welcomed back into the world as if nothing happened?

Putin's goal is occupation of all Ukraine. Swapping territories or restoring business with him, as some may think, will not end the war. Russia's war machine will stop only when it runs out of fuel. Putin will stop only when he feels his resources truly running out.

Russia must believe the West will not allow war to continue. Persuading Russia alone won't work. Strong pressure is needed, so that instead of aiming to occupy Ukraine or any other country, Putin's goal becomes preserving his economy, his system, preserving what he has lived for all these years.

We offer our partners a way to force Russia to stop its aerial terror: secure the skies together. Protect Ukraine and our neighbors - Poland, Romania - from Russian threats in the sky. With U.S. systems and aircraft, integrated with Europe, we can strip Putin's war of meaning, and force it to end.

We must find a way to influence China to use its leverage on Russia for peace. Moscow has already tied itself to Beijing as a raw material supplier and political dependent. The question is: how to motivate China to take a path without war. This depends on the strength of America, Europe, the G7.

One key issue is the isolation of Russia – it must be preserved. Sanctions, tariffs, and confiscation of Russian assets all serve this purpose. Principles must prevail in politics, culture, and sports alike. Putin's bet that money can buy everything and everyone must fail. I thank all those who are helping us to achieve this, who support our defense. Peace can be achieved only if we respond strongly to every question the war poses. Together, to make Putin change his goals.

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13 November 2025
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I appreciate the support and principled joint statement by the G7 foreign ministers made in Niagara, Canada.

The Group of Seven supported an immediate ceasefire, contact line as the starting point for negotiations, and inviolability of borders.

The G7 will continue to increase the cost of prolonging the war for Moscow, as well as companies that help its war effort and Russian buddies such as North Korea.

I appreciate the willingness to support Ukraine's energy system amid Russia's intensified attacks, as well as to use frozen Russian assets to support Ukraine.

I am grateful to each country and its leader — Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, the USA, and the EU — for their principled stance.

It is critical that coordinated pressure on Moscow continues to mount and that things are called by their names after each Russian strike and brutality.

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15 February 2025
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Let's not close our eyes to the problem: Russia still has accomplices – regimes like **North Korea**, and companies across the globe, many of them from China, that bypass sanctions and provide components for Russian weapons, Russian missiles.

On top of that, Putin still has guarantees of financial stability. A large part of those guarantees lies here in Europe – in European seas. Russian oil tankers still move freely along Europe's shores. In the Baltic Sea. In the North Sea. And in the Mediterranean. In total, Russia still uses more than a thousand tankers. Each of them is, in fact, a floating wallet for the Kremlin.

And I recently discussed this with President Macron, with President von der Leyen, and with other leaders. I thank them for their willingness to fix this. We spoke about updating European legislation – so that Russian tankers can not only be detained, but blocked – this is important – to block all these tankers – and their oil confiscated – the way the United States acts against shadow fleet tankers near its own shores, and it works, really. Without oil money, Putin would not have money for this war. Let's make it possible.

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20 February 2026
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10,000 North Korean soldiers are now on the territory of Russia. It is extremely dangerous that they are gaining knowledge about modern hybrid warfare. They know how to defend against missiles, against different types of drones – including fiber-optic drones – from FPV to long-range drones. They are learning on the territory of Russia now, because we are responding to Russia's attacks. So they have this opportunity. What will they do with this knowledge? At the very least, they will bring this knowledge and experience home to North Korea.

From my conversation with Kyodo News (2/3)

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7 March 2026
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Today, we are visiting the Donetsk region, our land, and our warriors. The 28th Brigade, the 100th and 24th Separate Mechanized Brigades, and the 36th Marine Brigade. I want to thank all of you—everyone who is defending our state! Druzhkivka, Kramatorsk, Slovyansk, and our other cities.

The Russians are not abandoning the war, and here, in the Donetsk region, they are preparing an offensive for the spring. It is important that our positions are strong. It is important that our brigades are adequately supplied. Our warriors are holding their ground with dignity. And this is how our country, our diplomacy, and our people will hold strong as well.

All of our partners—in the United States, in Europe, and elsewhere—should clearly understand that the friendship between Putin, the Iranian regime, North Korea, Lukashenko, and others serves only one purpose: to allow them to do what they did to our Donbas wherever they want.

Evil must be stopped. Ukrainians here in the Donbas are doing exactly that. Thank you to everyone who stands with Ukraine! Thank you to everyone who fights against Russia and defends life. Glory to our warriors! Glory to Ukraine!

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11 March 2026
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Report by the Chief of the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, Oleh Ivashchenko. We are conducting a detailed analysis of the available data regarding the intentions of the Russian leadership to exploit the situation around Iran and the possible prolongation of the American military operation.

In fact, this is currently Russia's main calculation – to increase the risks of a prolonged war in the Middle East and the Gulf region in order to weaken as much as possible the world's pressure on Russia over its war against Ukraine, have partners' sanctions lifted, and gain additional resources due to fluctuations in oil and gas prices. We have information that the Russians intend to speak about the complete waiving of sanctions on the energy sector. We are determining our countermeasures and will inform our partners.

I instructed the intelligence service to step up its work regarding Russian military production – we must continue to limit the potential of Russian aggression despite the geopolitical challenges around the world.

Our intelligence has obtained important documents regarding Russia's own assessment of its losses on the battlefield. In particular, a change has been recorded in the killed-to-wounded ratio among Russian forces: out of 100 percent of losses, 62 percent are killed and 38 percent wounded. In their classified official reports, the Russians themselves estimate their irrecoverable losses at 1 million 315 thousand killed and seriously wounded. We have reason to believe that these figures are understated.

The Defense Intelligence has also obtained updated data regarding cooperation between Russia and North Korea. I thank our military intelligence for its effective work!

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17 March 2026
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Many times I have tried to explain that Russia has gained a lot of experience over the four years of the full-scale invasion: knowledge of the battlefield, new technologies, experience in prolonged land warfare, and military industrial base.

I always emphasized that this would have an impact on other regions: Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and other regions. Because Russia has interests in the Middle East. It used to be an ally of the former Syrian regime and still one of the current Iranian regime.

They have mutual interests with North Korea – they are allies. They have interests in Europe, like undermining the unity of the EU.

Now we can see that even under attack the Iranian regime is fighting back. Countries in the Middle East are not fully prepared to repel such massive attacks. This is what I'm trying to get across – to stop Russia means stopping many different wars.

From an interview with i24NEWS and Jerusalem Post (3/3).

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26 July 2026
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Russia wants to receive another 30,000 troops from North Korea. Since June, preparations have been underway in Russia's Voronezh region to receive them. North Korea is also preparing to transfer additional launchers for ballistic missiles to Russia.

This is a threat not only to Ukraine. Russia is helping North Korea learn how to wage war, improve its weapons, and gain real combat experience in using them. All of this is a threat to everyone in Asia who is within range of North Korean missiles.

From the evening address. (2/3)

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31 July 2026
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In the strike on Radushne, for the first time in a while, the Russians used a North Korean missile, according to preliminary data. Of course, more examinations will follow, and everything will be verified, but as of now – it is a North Korean ballistic missile. The alliance between the Moscow scumbags and the deranged regime in North Korea exists for the sake of missiles, North Korean troops on our borders here in Europe, and killing our Ukrainian children.

Of course, many around the world condemned this strike today. There were many expressions of sympathy over the loss of life. European countries also made many statements because a Russian missile flew into Polish territory and exploded somewhere in a field near Lublin. What matters most, however, is not mere sympathy and

condemnation, but air defense missiles and pressure on Russia that can stop this dumb Russian war. Air defense missiles – for Patriots in the first place, but also for NASAMS, IRIS-T, HAWK, and our other systems – are the key priority.

I hope that all of our partners – above all our American partners, as well as our friends in Europe – will feel that real human lives depend on whether they help us.

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9 August 2026
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North Koreans appear on the territory of the Russian Federation from time to time. We see this, we know this. At first, we were talking about hundreds, then thousands, and now a decision has been made for 30,000 to 50,000 North Koreans to be deployed on the territory of Russia. They are studying this war. If we are talking about crises and escalation in another region – in the Pacific – which could pose a threat to other Asian countries, then North Korea will certainly gain experience in modern warfare under Russia.

We have already found North Korean missiles on the territory of Ukraine. Today, this is already an established fact. It is absolutely clear that North Korea will continue to build its experience in modern warfare, receive licenses from Russia, and receive all kinds of military tools from them. We understand this very clearly.

Therefore, in my view, the Republic of Korea should have closer cooperation with Ukraine. We are open to this. We would very much like to receive support from South Korea in an area where we have a shortage. That is air defense systems. And we are ready to work on the Drone Deal and other areas as well. They have a legal restriction under their Constitution. But we would like to have this cooperation and are counting on it. Our diplomats are in contact.

From an interview for the United News telethon. (3/3)

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11 August 2026
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For the first time in its history, Russia cannot wage war without reinforcements from North Korea. It is now preparing to deploy an additional North Korean contingent on its territory. It has also received additional ballistic missiles from North Korea. Everyone around the world must understand what this means.

This is not only about the lives of people in Ukraine, and not only about the threats we face. North Korea's ballistic missiles and other weapons are being improved through its collaboration with Russia. The more North Korean strikes there are here in Ukraine, in Europe, the more their missiles and soldiers are used, the more they correct their shortcomings and blind spots, the greater the danger will later be for Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, and other countries in the region.

That is why, when we speak about the need for joint action, for coordination and mutual support, when we speak about the need to help us strengthen our air defense, we are also, in fact, speaking about taking away North Korea's appetite and any interest in coming here – to our land and into our skies – with its weapons in order to learn how to wage war. Everyone across the globe who respects human life must stand together in taking action to protect people.

From the evening address.

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25 August 2026
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Japan is geographically distant from Ukraine, but we are very close in terms of our values, shared principles, and our common understanding of how important freedom and independence are. Thank you, Prime Minister @takaichi_sanae, for your congratulations on the 35th anniversary of Ukraine's independence.

We are constantly working to strengthen the defense of both our peoples and our regions. Russia's cooperation with North Korea is truly dangerous for everyone in Asia as well. In light of all this, we highly value your messages about the importance of strengthening sanctions against Russia and increasing support for our country and our people. Thank you for speaking so warmly about the Ukrainian people and for always recognizing the courage of Ukrainians. Thank you, Japan!

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26 August 2026
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On behalf of the Ukrainian people, I received a cordial greeting from President @Jaemyung_Lee of the Republic of Korea on Ukraine's 35th Anniversary of Independence. Grateful for South Korea's consistent support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, solidarity with the Ukrainian people, and tangible humanitarian and financial assistance. As Russia and North Korea pose a real security challenge to both our countries, and to Europe and the Pacific more broadly, I reaffirm Ukraine's commitment to working together to build greater capabilities to protect lives in both our nations.

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