

# *UPDATE: BIDEN, TRUMP & ZELENSKY Y CALL FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE*

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- Trump: A peace deal must be struck in Ukraine "fast", claims if Biden's people aren't smart we are going to end up in nuclear war
- Trump says prospects of World War Three keeps him up at night, again claims Ukraine would not have been invaded if he was president and tears into 'disaster' Letitia James in radio interview
- France's Macron: Ukraine President will have to negotiate with Russia at some point
- Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned Saturday that only a diplomatic breakthrough rather than an outright military victory could end Russia's war on his country, as Moscow cut gas supplies to Finland
- Zelenskyy also appealed for more military aid, even as US President Joe Biden formally signed off on a \$40-billion package of aid for the Ukrainian war effort

- Polls show Ukraine's NATO membership bid isn't popular among Americans and isn't likely to succeed. Most Americans don't want to get involved and are against the 66B aid in packages that all but seals America's future and continued involvement. Americans say no more endless wars that extract America's wealth (TTA)

**(Daily Mail)** Donald Trump said the idea of an impending World War III 'keeps him up at night' during a wide-range interview where he went on a rant against New York Attorney General Letitia James and repeated his claim that the Ukraine war would have been avoided if he were still president.

He said that due to nuclear power, the world is the most dangerous it's 'ever' been, as the former president warned that international affairs are spelling doom.

The predictions of a possible WWIII, Trump said, are based on the war between Russia and Ukraine, which started in February, and the growing feud internationally over the island nation of Taiwan and its autonomy from China. 'I think it was the most embarrassing and horrible moment – just about the most embarrassing moment in the history of our country,' Trump said of the Afghanistan debacle. 'I think Putin saw that.'

'But he would have never done it, that would have never been a problem,' Trump said in the hypothetical situation where he is still president. 'He was not going to go into Ukraine, and he understood the consequences.'

'What's happened in Ukraine should have never ever happened,' he added.

Russia has continued its assault on Ukraine for seven months, and the Kremlin held a vote Tuesday that paves the way for Moscow to annex part of the Eastern European nation.

**(Anti-War)** Congressional negotiators agreed to include nearly \$12 billion in new spending on the war in Ukraine in a stopgap spending bill that will likely be voted on this week, Reuters reported on Monday.

Sources told Reuters that the \$12 billion will include \$4.5 billion in funding for arms being sent to Ukraine and \$2.7 billion for other military and intelligence support for Ukraine. The funding also includes \$4.5 billion in direct budgetary aid for the Ukrainian government.

A source told The Associated Press that the stopgap bill is meant to fund the federal government through mid-December and could be brought to the Senate for a vote as soon as Tuesday evening.

The funds for Ukraine largely fall in line with a request made by President Biden. The White House asked Congress to authorize \$11.7 billion in spending for Ukraine and for \$2 billion for energy spending to offset the cost of the sanctions campaign against Moscow.

If the measure is passed, it will bring the total US expenditures for the war in Ukraine to about \$65.6 billion. Including the \$2 billion in energy spending to offset sanctions brings the total to \$67.6 billion. To put the figure in perspective, Russia's entire annual military budget for 2021 was \$65.9 billion.

The Ukraine aid is not meant to last very long. When requesting the funds, the White House said it was needed for the first three months of the 2023 fiscal year, which starts on October

1 for the federal government. Ukraine is preparing to launch more counteroffensive next year and has asked the US to provide more advanced weaponry.

US support for this proxy war on Russia's border is entering extremely dangerous territory as Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned Moscow could defend its "territorial integrity" with nuclear weapons. Russian territory is set to expand into Ukraine as referendums are being held in Russian-controlled areas.

President Joe Biden signed legislation to support Ukraine with another \$40 billion in U.S. assistance as the Russian invasion approaches its fourth month. The legislation, which was passed by Congress with bipartisan support, deepens the U.S. commitment to Ukraine at a time of uncertainty about the war's future. Ukraine has successfully defended Kyiv, and Russia has refocused its offensive on the country's east, but American officials warn of the potential for a prolonged conflict. The funding is intended to support Ukraine through September, and it dwarfs an earlier emergency measure that provided \$13.6 billion.

The new legislation will provide \$20 billion in military assistance, ensuring a steady stream of advanced weapons that have been used to blunt Russia's advances. There's also \$8 billion in general economic support, \$5 billion to address global food shortages that could result from the collapse of Ukrainian agriculture and more than \$1 billion to help refugees.

Biden signed the measure under unusual circumstances. Because he's in the middle of a trip to Asia, a U.S. official brought a copy of the bill on a commercial flight to Seoul for the president to sign, according to a White House official.

Former President Trump condemned Vladimir Putin and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. "Its a shame what you've done, I think Biden is dealing with Putin incorrectly. I think what they're saying.. its almost like they're speaking with fear.. when people look back on this period of time were going to be ashamed at what we've done, or what we haven't done to stop this catastrophe this is already, in way, a world war."

Trump spoke with Piers Morgan and agreed that Putin is "an evil genocidal monster", saying "Who wouldn't? what's happening is horrible.. it's such a stupid war, It's a shame all these people are dead because of a rigged election, he knew what our response would be. I also said President Xi to stay out of Taiwan."

Speaking on Biden's weakness, he said President Biden is bowing down to threats. "Biden saying.. oh Putin's got nuclear weapons.. I would say we have far more than you do, far more powerful and I would tell Putin you can't use that word (nuclear) ever again, and if you do we're gonna have problems!"

Trump said "I threatened him like he has never been threatened before"

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Wednesday that Ukraine would have to hold talks with Russia at some point, in order to try and bring an end to the war between the two countries."The Ukrainian President and his officials will have to negotiate with Russia," said Macron, while on a visit to Romania and Moldova. Macron has been criticized by Ukraine and eastern European allies for what they perceived as his ambiguous backing for Ukraine in the war against Russia.

Newsweek "Zelenskyy insisted his war-ravaged country should be a full candidate to join the EU, rejecting a suggestion from France's President Emmanuel Macron and some other EU leaders that a sort of associated political community be created as a waiting zone for a membership bid. "We don't need such compromises, Because, believe me, it will not be a compromise with Ukraine in Europe, it will be another compromise between Europe and Russia."

Speaking on Ukrainian television on Saturday, Zelenskyy said: "There are things that can only be reached at the negotiating table." The war "will be bloody, there will be fighting but will only definitively end through diplomacy". Discussions between Ukraine and Russia will decidedly take place. Under what format I don't know," he added.

But he promised that the result would be "fair" for Ukraine.

Ukraine has so far been able to keep Russia from attaining its initial military goals, beating back the invading forces from the capital city of Kyiv and the northern city of Kharkiv. As Zelensky made his comments on Saturday, the Times of Israel reported that Russian forces had destroyed a shipment of weapons bound for Ukraine from ally nations.

Zelensky stressed that the fighting will continue while a diplomatic solution is sought, and that it will "be bloody" and can "only definitively end through diplomacy." The leader also added that his government would only accept ceasefire terms that are "fair" to Ukraine.

After just over 12 weeks of fierce fighting, Ukrainian forces have halted Russian attempts to seize Kyiv and the northern city of Kharkiv, but they are under intense pressure in the

eastern Donbas region. Moscow's army has flattened and seized the Black Sea port of Mariupol and subjected Ukrainian troops and towns in the east to relentless ground and artillery attacks. Zelenskyy's Western allies have shipped modern weaponry to his forces and imposed sweeping sanctions on the Russian economy and President Vladimir Putin's inner circle.

The Kremlin has responded by disrupting European energy supplies.

On Saturday, Russian energy giant Gazprom said it had halted supplies to neighboring Finland as it had not received the ruble payments it was due. Helsinki had refused to pay its bill in rubles, which Moscow had demanded in a bid to side-step financial sanctions and force European energy clients to prop up his central bank.

In 2021, Gazprom supplied about two thirds of the country's gas consumption but only eight percent of its total energy use. Gasum, Finland's state-owned energy company, said it would use other sources, such as the Balticconnector pipeline, which links Finland to fellow EU member Estonia. Moscow cut off gas to Poland and Bulgaria last month, a move the European Union denounced as "blackmail", but importers in some other EU countries more dependent on Russian gas plan to open ruble accounts with Gazprom's bank.

The row over Finland's gas bill comes just days after Finland and neighboring Sweden broke their historical military non-alignment and applied to join NATO. Public support for the alliance has soared following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Moscow has warned Finland that joining NATO would be "a grave mistake with far-reaching consequences". Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said it would respond by building military

bases in western Russia. But, both Finland and Sweden are now apparently on the fast track to join the military alliance, with Biden this week offering "full, total, complete backing" to their bids. All 30 existing NATO members must agree however, and Turkey has condemned Sweden's alleged tolerance for the presence of exiled Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militants. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged Swedish and Finnish leaders to abandon financial and political support for what he called "terrorist" groups. Turkey would not look "positively" on their bids unless its terror-related concerns were addressed, he warned."

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