



SWITZERLAND

Vladimir Putin unleashed the biggest war in Europe since World War Two with the justification that modern, Western-leaning Ukraine was a constant threat and Russia could not feel "safe, develop and exist". Thousands of people have since died, towns and cities such as Mariupol lie in ruins and 13 million people have been displaced.

Switzerland is one of the most powerful countries of the world and has earned its powerful position in the world. In today's third world war Switzerland has established and announced a clear position to stand with the Ukraine in its war that got invaded by its neighbour Russia in February 2022. The Switzerland government stated "Switzerland is donating 82.6 CHF million". It's not a secret that Switzerland had a long history on neutrality during previous world wars, while world war I & II Switzerland stood with the natural positions, it seems like Switzerland must change its long-known position of neutrality, when war started leaving millions of Ukrainians in huge losses Switzerland came strong with the support all to the Ukrainians. The government stated, "We demand that the Russian Federation immediately ceases its military aggression against Ukraine and withdraws its troops from Ukrainian territory without delay."

"Switzerland has actually changed position quite a lot in the last couple of decades," she points out. It joined United Nations sanctions against Iraq in the 1990s, and those against former Yugoslavia. "And right now, as well as Ukraine, there are about 23 other sanctions in place."

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That's a view shared by most political parties and most members of the Swiss government, which moved after a brief hesitation to adopt all the EU's sanctions against Russia. It's a big change from just 40 years ago, when - to the enduring shame of many Swiss - Switzerland did not join sanctions against apartheid South Africa. While Russia has tried to silence dissent. Protest of any kind is banned and over 15,000 people have been detained. As t President Putin clearly stated that “The Russian people will always be able to distinguish true patriots from scum and traitors,”.

There were large number of violations to any Russian national tries to speak against the political scene, that led into a mass departure of IT workers nevertheless other professionals and the political opposition has either fled or been jailed, as in the case of opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

In order to use economy as pressure tool numerous of Western sanctions threatens to contract the Russians economy by up to 10% this year also inflation by more than 20%:

- Russia's central bank has had its assets frozen and major banks are shut out of the international SWIFT payment transfer network.
- The US has banned imports of Russian oil and gas; the EU aims to cut gas imports by two-thirds within a year and is working on a phased oil embargo; the UK aims to phase out Russian oil by the end of 2022
- Russian airlines have been barred from airspace over the EU, UK, US and Canada

Currently Switzerland hopes and aims that the war by a start of negotiation to establish peaceful state for all victimised Ukraine, in the recent joined by UK and the swiss present “We stand side by side in our support for the Ukrainian people and will continue to work closely to ensure democracy and freedom is upheld.”