



Ukraine

The tension orchestrated by means of Russia escalated to be recognized now as warfare. Moscow released aggressively, on February 24, the largest army offensive on Europe bringing back the hellish aggression omitted since World War II, below the pretext of looking to “denazify” Ukraine and “decommunize” it, while in parallel looking to protect the Russian-speaking people of Ukraine from a “genocide” of which it gives no proof. Ukraine is dealing with the cruelest devastation of its land.

The delegation of Ukraine expresses a firm condemnation of the invasion and aggression of the country, its sovereignty and territorial integrity by the Russian Federation. The aggressor attempt to deprive Ukraine from its sovereignty and independence. Russia planned to encircle big cities in all directions but Ukrainian military are blocking the operation and retook large areas around the country and are now at a defense to ensure that the Russians do not take over the eastern region. Ukraine stated that it will never accept to give a part of its territory, because if Ukrainians had accepted before then the war wouldn’t have taken place. Ukraine is fighting drastically for its existence and for Survival.

Russia's imperial intentions are clear, yet Ukraine has strongly demonstrated how capable it is of defending itself. Besides the continuous support US and NATO provide the country, a military funding of more than \$322 million from US is given lately to provide Ukraine with the support it needs, especially in the Donbas. Additionally, The UN and its partners have provided more than 2, 25 milliards dollars, and a humanitarian assistance and protection to more than 4.1 million people since the war began.

Ukrainian confidence, which seemed like lunacy at the beginning of the war, has been redeemed by combat success and the total mobilization of Ukrainian society. This has convinced key western allies that “Ukraine can win”. The UK’s foreign secretary, Liz Truss, resolutely stated that “we will keep going further and faster to push Russia out of the whole of Ukraine”. Additionally As stated by US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield: “Together, a strong majority of U.N member states made clear that Russia bears sole responsibility for the grave humanitarian crisis and violence in Ukraine”

In the wake of the current crisis, numerous key documents are supporting and defending Ukrainian position, such as: The Resolution 2623 ““Uniting for Peace” (2022) Adopted by the Security Council, Resolution of Ukraine to suspend Russia from the Human Rights Council voted during the General Assembly, Declarations for Treaty No.005 - Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, International humanitarian treaty law (primarily the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and its first additional protocol of 1977 (Protocol I), and the Hague Conventions of 1907, as well as the rules of customary international humanitarian law. European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT).

Ukraine and its citizens witness the multiple horrifying war crimes committed by the Russian Military. 7,061 civilian casualties, with 3,381 killed and 3,680 injured across the country since the beginning of the armed attack by the Russian Federation. Mass graves, executed civilians,

countless scenes of violation and more. The atrocities captured, on top of numerous attacks on civilian buildings that caused the destruction of Ukraine patrimony. The international reaction to the Disgrace of Russia is epitomized by Russia's suspension from the UN Human Rights Council on 7 April.

The delegation of Ukraine believes that Russia is causing a "global food crisis ". Countries in the Middle East and North Africa such as Egypt, Lebanon, Somalia, Benin and others get their wheat from Ukraine or Russia. Russian Military have struck the black sea port of Odessa. Ukraine has urged the international community to immediately end Russian blockade of the country's ports in order to allow agricultural exports and prevent a global food crisis.

The Ukrainian government says it won't agree a ceasefire deal with Russia that involves giving up territory. The country certainly give up on a peace talk about a ceasefire where this peace is dictated by Russia. Ukraine doesn't want Russia to basically dictate the conditions under which this peace is going to be reached. Ukraine is only seeking for a possible ceasefire under which both countries can talk about what is the way forward. Ukraine wants to win this war, and not to be frozen so Russia attacks few years from now.

The delegation of Ukraine believes that what is needed in the creation of an effective diplomatic solution is:

- Firstly, Russian withdrawal from the occupied parts of the country, Crimes cannot stop without the retreat of all military troops from the region.
- A settlement over the future of Crimea should be clarified as well. Crimea is part of Ukraine's territory and is in a position widely supported by the international community, which sees Russia as a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty. Russia annexed against the will of Ukraine.
- Financial compensation for the damage the invasion has inflicted, and the contribution in the rebuilding and reconstruction of the patrimony.
- Prosecution of individuals who have committed war crimes (Ukraine's prosecutor general has already registered more than 5800 suspected cases),
- The prospect of EU membership for Ukraine.
- The creation of a NATO compatible armed forces especially for the defense of the country in a coalition of willing nations.

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