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SPECIAL FOR HROMADA VITALIY PORTNYKOV | NOTES FOR FEBRUARY THE YEAR OF WAR



The first anniversary of Russia's attack on Ukraine has led to an exchange of actions. Only the American president made a real move. Joseph Biden came to the capital of the country at war to show his solidarity with the Ukrainian people and declare his readiness to continue supporting Ukraine until it wins. In Warsaw, the American president delivered a historic speech in which he spoke about the values that unite the civilized world. And, by the way, Biden held a separate meet-

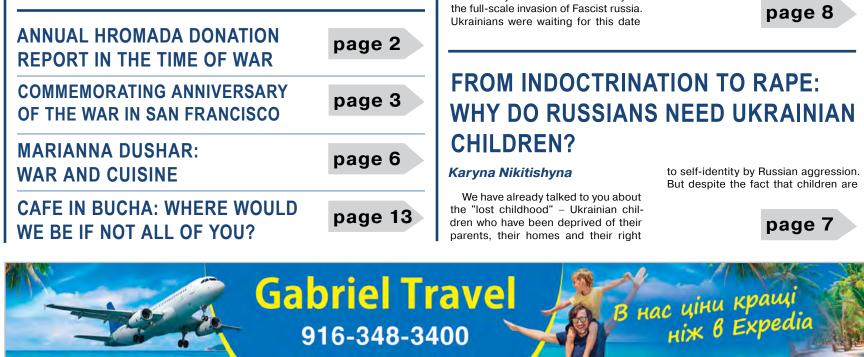


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February 24 is the anniversary of

with negative emotions. These emotions were associated not only with last year's horrific memories, but also with expectations of some new forms of manifestation of the manic aggression of the Kremlin's chief schizoid, as he has repeatedly been found to be psychologically dependent on numerology. Nevertheless, the potential of russian military equipment and manpower doomed to be killed has already been so destroyed by the Ukrainian armed



Oleg Shupliak: From the series "Ukraine's Great Battle with Mordor'

HROMADA DONATION REPORT IN THE TIME OF WAR FEBRUARY 24TH, 2022 – FEBRUARY 24TH, 2023

TOTAL MONEY SENT TO UKRAINE: \$446,177.54

City: v. Goshiv, Kalush district, Ivano-Frankivsk region Charitable Organization «You Angel" accommodation, food and entertainment for orphans - \$3,000 (February, 8 2023)

City: Warsaw, Poland, MEDIASHOP MAREK KWIECINSKI purchasing equipment for Non profit organization 'Children of the Heavenly Legion", Lutsk, Ukraine – \$6,714.97 (February, 8 2023)

City: Drohobych, Lviv region, Charity Organization "CARITAS Sambir-Drohobych" – \$10, 810 (February 3, 2022)

City: Oakdale, Minnesota, United States, Nonprofit Organization "Protez Foundation" prosthetics for Ukrainian Heroes – \$16, 291 (January 25, 2023)

Kyiv region, volunteer Lyudmyla Kravtsova, support for kids and displaced refugees (medicine, food, and cloth) – \$3,000 (January 24, 2023)

City: Ternopil, "CHARITABLE FOUNDATION "NAMED AFTER YURIY HORAYSKIY" Christmas gifts for 200 orphans of fallen Ukrainian Heroes – \$10,000 (January 20, 2023)

City: Khmelnytskyi, Charitable Fund "PODYKH NADIYI NATSIYI" Christmas gifts for 195 orphans of fallen Ukrainian Heroes – \$9,750 (January 7, 2023)

Kyiv region, volunteer Lyudmyla Kravtsova, support for kids and displaced refugees (medicine, food, and cloth) – \$3,000 (January 4, 2023)

City: Dnipro region, Nonprofit Organization "TAPS" Christmas gifts for 117 orphans of fallen Ukrainian Heroes from Dnipro region – \$5,850 (December 30, 2022)

City: Lviv region, Greek-Catholic Church St. Volodumyr and Olga" Christmas gifts for 135 orphans of fallen Ukrainian Heroes from Lviv region – \$6,750 (December 30, 2022)

City: Drohobych, Lviv region, Charity Organization "CARITAS Sambir-Drohobych" – \$1,500 (December 9, 2022)

City: London, Great Britain, volunteer Alexandru Nalivaico, purchasing transportation and electric generators - \$7,827.63(November 28, 2022)

City: s.Goshiv, Kalush district, Ivano-Frankivsk region Charitable Organization helping orphans-refugees "You Angel" – \$1,500 (November 18, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Nonprofit Organization "Charity School Smart Future" – \$3,500 (November 9, 2022)

City: Kyiv region, volunteer Lyudmyla Kravtsova, support for kids and displaced refugees (medicine, food, and cloths) – \$3,000 (November 7, 2022)

City: Grzegorz Mozdzynski (Warsaw, Poland) purchasing an electric generator for Charitable Organization helping orphans-refugees "You Angel" s. Goshiv, Kalush district, Ivano-Frankivsk region – \$1,850 (November 4, 2022)



bies – \$2,500 (September 9, 2022) Ukrainian Catholic University Foundation, Scholarship for Olga Shahnyk – \$4,200 (September 5,2022)

City: Haivka, Kirovohrad obl., Karyna Synelnykova – \$1,000 (August 23, 2022)

City: Donetsk & Dnipro region, transportation and vans repair, Mykhailo Ukhman – \$4,000 (August 23, 2022)

Village: Yagidne, Chernigiv region, Nadia Beregova/Yevgen Sukharenko, Hromada volunteers, office supplies for kids – \$1000 (August 4, 2022)

City: Boryslav, Lviv region, Igor Begei, Hromada volunteer, transportation purposes – \$1700 (August 2, 2022)

City: Kharkiv/Lviv, Charity Organization "Stellar Ukraine" – \$2,600 (July 29, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Nonprofit Organization "CF I'll be your rear" – \$7,000 (July 26, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization "Pavlo Vyshniakov charitable foundation" – \$3,000 (July 15, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Nonprofit Organization "Petriotic Entrepreneurs of Ukraine" –

\$5,000 (July 15, 2022) City: Katowice, Poland. Malgorzata Rolando (Van purchase for Kharkiv

region) – \$14, 941 (July 5, 2020) City: Kyiv, CO International Char-

itable Fund Ukrainian Philanthropic Marketplace – \$5,000 (July 5, 2022) City: Haivka, Kirovohrad obl., Karyna Synelnykova – \$2,000 (July 5,

2022) City: Kyiv, Nonprofit Organization

"Dattalion" \$1,000 (June 1, 2022) City: Kyiv, Charitable Organiza-

tion "Maydan Hidnosti" purchasing furniture and food supply for orphans in Zuravno, Srtryi district, Lviv region – \$5,000 (June 27, 2022)

City: Zaporizhzhia, Charity Foundation "Help By Doing" food and medical supplies for kids – \$3,000 (June 24, 2022)

City: Zaporizhia, Charitable Fund "Impuls.UA" – \$2,500 (June 17, 2022) City: Kyiv, Nonprofit organization

(IND CHALLENGE" - \$2,000 (June 17,

City: Oleksandriya, Kirovohrad Oblast. Rehab "Oleksandriya" food and medical supplies – \$1,000 (May 10, 2022)

City: Zaporizhzhia, Charity Foundation "Help By Doing" food and medical supplies for kids – \$5,000 (May 5, 2022)

City: Romanian Institute for Peace PATRIR, Food supply – \$3,500 (May 3, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable organization "Bright Kids Charity" – \$3,500 (April 29, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Nonprofit organization "Sport For Peace" Kids Autism Games – \$5,000 (April 26, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Nonprofit organization "Children's Help Fund" – \$5,000 (April 22, 2022)

City: Warsaw, Poland Mariya Mulyava – Humanitarian aid – \$1000 (April 22, 2022)

City: Kyiv and Kharkiv, non-profit organization "Small Heart With Art", kids' educational programs at the hospitals, psychological therapy – \$5,000 (April 19, 2022)

City: Cherkasy, Association of Air veterans landing and special formed troops – purchasing electric generators \$3,000 (April 19, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Oleksandr Synelnikov, Medical and gas supply – \$1,000 (April 13, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Foundation "SOS Children's Villages Ukraine" – \$3,000 (April 12, 2022)

City: Uzgorod, Charitable Organization "Cultural Platform Zakarpattya" – \$,5000 food and medical supplies for kids (April 11, 2022)

City: Kharkiv, Charitable Organization "Adults to Children" – \$2,500 (April 8, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Oleksandr Synelnikov, Medical and gas supply – \$1,500 (April 5, 2022)

City: Kryvyi Rih, Charity Fund "Shelter Plus" – \$5,000 (April 1, 2022) City: Cherkasy, Association of Air

veterans landing and special formed troops – \$3,000 (March 30, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charity Organization

\$10,000 (March 22, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Foundation "Dobrodiy club" helping orphans-refugees – \$7,000 (March 22, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization "Superheroes" helping Newborn babies' refugees – \$5,000 (March 21, 2022)

City: Kropyvnytskyi, Kirovohrad Oblast, Charitable Organization "Angel of Life" – \$5,000 (March 21, 2022)

City: Kharkiv, Vitalii Petrenko, Medical and food supply – \$2,000 (March 21, 2022)

City: Kyiv Liudmyla Chychuk, Medical and food supply – \$1,000 (March 18, 2022)

City: Lviv, Charitable Organization helping orphans-refugees "Donors for Life" (food and accommodation) – \$3,000 (March 17, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization helping orphans-refugees "Maydan Hidnosti" – \$3,000 (March 17, 2022)

City: Kharkiv, Charitable Organization working with kids "Adults to Children" – \$2,000 (March 17, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Non-profit organization "Children Help Center" working with kids-refugees – \$4,000 (March 16, 2022)

City: Chervonograd, Lviv region, Non-profit Organization for food supplies "Schyt Natsii" – \$5,100 (March 15, 2022)

City: s.Goshiv, Kalush district, Ivano-Frankivsk region Charitable Organization helping orphans-refugees "You Angel" – \$10,000 (March 14, 2022)

City: Pisky, Donetsk region, Yevhen Tuchak, medical and food supplies – \$1,500 (March 14th, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization helping orphans-refugees "Maydan Hidnosti" – \$3,500 (March 11, 2022)

City: Zaporizhzhia, Charitable Organization working with kids "Happy Child" – \$5,000 (March 10, 2022)

City: Kharkiv, Charitable Organization working with kids "Adults to Children" – \$3,500 (March 10, 2022)

City: Rivne, Charitable Organization working with kids "Heart for Children of Ukraine" – \$3,500 (March 10, 2022)

City: Lviv, Charitable Organization working with refugee kids' cancer-patients "Kryla Nadiyi" – \$7,000 (March 9, 2022)

City: Lviv, Charitable Organization working with kids' refugees "With an Angel on His Shoulder" – \$7,000 (March 9, 2022)

City: Lviv, Charitable Organization working with orphan kids "Ridni" – \$7,000 (March 9, 2022)

City: Poltava and Rivne, Maksym Gopanchuk, Medical and food supply – \$3,000 (March 7, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Fund "280

City: Zaporizhzhia, Charity Foundation "Help By Doing" food and medical supplies for kids – \$3,000 (October 25, 2022)

City: Kyiv, volunteer Lyudmyla Kravtsova, support for kids and displaced refugees (medicine, food, and cloth) – \$3,000 (October 13, 2022)

City: Lviv, volunteer Igor Begei- purchase electronic charger stations – \$2,200 (October 12, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization "U4UA helping children with cerebral palsy, autism, Down's syndrome – \$5,000 (October 7, 2022)

City: Med-Electronic, Poland. Medical equipment for rehabilitation in Lviv Saint Luke hospital – \$2,192.94 (October 3, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization 'Superheroes' helping Newborn ba2022)

City: Zydachiv, Lviv oblast, Charity Fund "KI(N)D'S" – \$2,000 (June 17, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Nonprofit Organization "Zberezhy dytynu" – \$5,000 (June10, 2022)

City: Chervonograd, Lviv region, Ivan Kazmirchuk, food supply – \$1,000 (June10, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Anna Chernihovska, medical support – \$500 (June 4, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Nonprofit Organization "Charity School Smart Future" – \$3,000 (June 3, 2022)

City: Kalush, Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, nonprofit Organization "Creative Club"

- \$3,000 (May 31, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charity Organization "International Charitable Foundation For The Future" – \$5,000 (May 20, 2022) City: Kharkiv, Charity Organization 'Stellar Ukraine" – \$5,000 (May 18, 2022) Down Syndtrome" – improving quality of life and creating a new future for people with Down syndrome in Ukraine – \$5,000 (March 29, 2022)

City: Boryslav, Lviv oblast, Volunteer Ihor Behei – Purchase of transportation for humanitarian aid – \$2,900 (March 28, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Volunteers: Ivaha Illya, Biletska Olga – Medical and food supply – \$1,500 (March 25, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization helping orphans-refugees "Maydan Hidnosti" – \$5,000 (March 24, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Organization "Despro" / "Vperti" volunteer organization – \$5,000 (March 24, 2022)

City: Lviv, Charitable Foundation "Dzherelo" – \$10,000 (March 24, 2022)

City: Warsaw, Poland Mariya Mulyava – Purchase of transportation for humanitarian aid – \$5000 (March 23, 2022)

City: Kyiv, Charitable Fund "Blagomay" helping orphans-refugees – Days" – \$5,000 (March 4, 2022)

City: Chernihiv, Andrii Larin, Medical and food supply – \$3,000 (March 3, 2022)

City: Zaporizhzhia, Charitable Foundation "Happy Sonechko" – \$10,000 (March 2, 2022)

City: Sloviansk, Donetsk oblast, Charitable Foundation "Voices of Children" – \$10,000 (March 2, 2022)

City: Dnipro, Non-Profit Organization "TAPS-UKRAINE" – \$5,000 (March 1, 2022)

City: Dnipro, Non-Profit Organization "POSMISHKA UA" – \$10,000 (March 1, 2022)

City: Zaporizhzhia, Charitable Fund "Pomogaem" – \$10,000 (March 1, 2022)

City: Kharkiv, Vitalii Petrenko, Medical and food supply – \$3,000 (March 1, 2022)

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COMMEMORATING ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN SAN FRANCISCO

Myroslav Hrekh

On the anniversary of the beginning of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, actions were held around the world in support of the people of Ukraine, its invincibility and sovereignty, and its Armed Forces. San Francisco did not pass this date unnoticed. On February 24, at 7:00 p.m., a concert was held in the Grace Cathedral Hall under the direction of Gregory Hallick-Holutiak, conductor of the Ukrainian National Choir of California. The hall was filled to capacity. The concert began with the anthem of Ukraine and then the hymn "God, Great, United, Save Ukraine," which was greeted by all those present with a standing ovation and a joint singing. A minute of silence was observed in memory of the Ukrainians who died in this war.

The concert program was diverse: in addition to the choral performance, there were solo performances by both singers and musicians, bandura playing by Olga Gerasymenko-Oliynyk, overtures and melodies by Ukrainian composers performed by the symphony orchestra conducted by Maestro Diego Hernandez. The majestic sounds rose up under the vaults of the cathedral and fell into the hearts of everyone present in small drops of life-giving music. The magic of singing, music, and patriotic enthusiasm filled the entire hall.

In conclusion, the choir performed "God Bless America." The applause lasted for a long time, and the audience did not want to let go of the concert performers and its leaders. Special thanks were expressed to the pastors, the governing council of the cathedral, and the sponsors of the concert, which was held that evening with a sense of Christian unity.





The main characters of this evening were choristers, musicians, soloists, and conductors. Many thanks and respect to them!

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An even bigger action in support of the Ukrainian people's struggle against the aggressor was a rally held on February 25 at Harry Bridges Plaza in San Francisco. The square was quickly filled with Ukrainian flags, slogans, banners, and Ukrainian embroidered shirts. The rally began at 12:00 p.m. with the Ukrainian national anthem sung by all those present and a minute of silence for the victims. Maria Cherepenko, the rally's regular host, who has led many Ukrainian diaspora events in San Francisco over the past decades, gave the floor to the priests of Ukrainian churches: Petro Dyachko of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and Heorhiy Tyapko of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, who in their speeches called on the audience to pray for the fate of Ukraine, for its defenders, for Ukraine's victory, for the victory of universal good over universal evil. After that, the floor was given to the Consul of Ukraine in San Francisco, Dmytro Kushniruk, who greeted the audience and expressed his gratitude to all Ukrainians and Americans for supporting our people and the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the war against the russian invasion and expressed his hope that victory will be ours. A number of representatives of Ukrainian diaspora organizations and representatives of other countries spoke at the rally: Belarus, Georgia, and Iran. The speakers called for international condemnation of russia's aggression and full support for the Ukrainian army and the Ukrainian people. There were

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Total enemy combat losses

seen in use by the Armed Forces (long-range artillery shells, rockets, etc.).

This was the first visit of the American leader to Ukraine since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion a year ago.

Zelenskyy and Biden visited St. Mi-

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According to the General Staff, the total combat

- total enemy combat losses from February 24
- February 24, 2022 to February 28, 2023, were approximately as follows: personnel – about 149, 240 people
- were eliminated, tanks – 3,388 units,
- armored personnel carriers 6,630 units,
- artillery systems 2,383 units, MLRS – 478 units, air defense systems – 247 units, aircraft – 300 units, helicopters – 288 units,
- UAVs of operational and tactical level – 2,051 units, cruise missiles – 873 units, ships and boats – 18 units,
- vehicles and tankers 5,252 units, special equipment 230 units.

Biden's visit to Ukraine



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e invasion aWar II.
She said russia was a "weakened"
country after Biden led a coalition to
punish Putin for the invasion, but russia

punish Putin for the invasion, but russia has only stepped up attacks in eastern Ukraine. Meanwhile, Ukraine is planning a spring counteroffensive, for which it is seeking heavier and longer-range weapons from its Western allies.

It is noted that Harris made the re-

marks at a conference in Munich, where senior Western leaders met to assess

the worst conflict in Europe since World

The Ramstein-9 meeting: what to expect



On February 14, the ninth meeting of the Contact Group on Ukraine's Defense (Ramsch-Tein format) took place in Brussels. It is attended by defense ministers from about 50 countries. Opening the meeting, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said that the United States and its allies would help Ukraine launch a counteroffensive in the spring.

"The contact group made it clear that we will support Ukraine's fight for freedom over the long term and help Ukraine hold on and advance in the spring counteroffensive," The New York Times quoted Austin as saying.

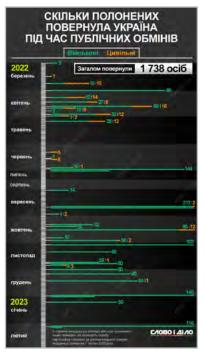
Austin also added that NATO allies have already provided \$50 billion in aid to Ukraine. Russia was betting that international support for Ukraine would weaken, but "the allies are more united than ever," he said.

Stoltenberg emphasized that the world should learn important lessons from the war in Ukraine. In particular, it should realize the importance of supporting Ukraine and increasing aid to it. Stoltenberg noted that the fear of causing an escalation by helping Ukraine is understandable, but a much greater danger is a russian victory in the war.

US announces new military aid package for Ukraine



On February 04, the United States



Prisoner exchange: how many people have been returned to Ukraine since February 24



Recently, Ukraine and russia held another prisoner exchange, which resulted in the return of 116 people, including defenders of Mariupol, Kherson partisans, and snipers from the Bakhmut direction. In total, since the beginning of the full-scale war, according to Volodymyr Zelenskyy, more than 1,700 Ukrainians have been returned from captivity. At the same time, about 3,000 more remain in captivity.

This year, there have been two exchanges so far: On January 8, 50 soldiers were released, and on February 4, 116 soldiers were released.

On February 16, another prisoner exchange took place. 100 Ukrainian soldiers and one civilian returned home. It is known that among the released soldiers are National Guard, border guards and Armed Forces servicemen. In particular, 94 of them were defending Mariupol, including 63 soldiers from Azovstal. Many of the soldiers sustained injuries of varying severity.

"We continue to work, thanks to the team and the Coordination Headquarters for the treatment of prisoners of war," said Andriy Yermak, Presidential Spokesperson.

The West will provide Ukraine with everything it needs to win

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In Kyiv on February 20th, US President Joseph Biden announced an aid package and announced new military assistance to Ukraine worth \$500 million. The aid package includes, among other things, HIMARS rockets, Javelin anti-tank missile systems, and more military equipment, including artillery ammunition, more rockets, and howitzers.

"Kyiv is standing, and Ukraine is standing. I have to say that Kyiv has captured a part of my heart. Democracy has survived. America stands with you, and the world stands with you," the US president said.

However, our military was also given weapons that were not announced during the visit, but have already been committed "crimes against humanity" during its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

US President Joe Biden's administration has officially declared that russia

chael's Golden-Domed Monastery

and honored the memory of Ukrainian

Also, a plaque dedicated to Biden

appeared on the Alley of Courage in

heroes with a minute of silence.

The United States

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es russia of war

crimes against

Ukraine

Kyiv.

"In the case of russia's actions in Ukraine, we have reviewed the evidence, we know the law, and there is no doubt about it: these are crimes against humanity," former US Vice President Kamala Harris, a prosecutor, said at the Munich Security Conference.

Britain, France, Germany, Italy and more than a dozen other countries have already supported the creation of a special international tribunal for russia.

Reportedly, the official decision, made as a result of a legal analysis conducted by the US State Department, does not have immediate consequences for the ongoing war.

However, Washington hopes that it will help further isolate russian dictator putin and activate legal efforts to hold members of his government accountable through international courts and sanctions.

"And I say to all those who committed these crimes and their superiors who are implicated in these crimes, you will be held accountable," Harris said. on February 24, the United States announced a new \$2 billion military aid package for Ukraine. The package includes:

- additional ammunition for HIMARS; - additional artillery shells of 155 mm caliber;

- ammunition for laser-guided missile systems;

- CyberLux K8 UAS;

- Switchblade 600 UAS;

- Altius-600 UAS;

- Jump 20 UAS;

- UAV detection and electronic warfare equipment;

- equipment for demining;

- equipment to support secure communications;

-funding for training, maintenance and support.

"The United States will continue to work with its allies and partners to provide Ukraine with the capabilities to meet its immediate battlefield needs and long-term security assistance requirements for as long as it takes," the Pentagon emphasizes.



Western countries should draw conclusions from russia's aggression against Ukraine and should not determine their policies based on economic interests alone.

This was stated by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg during the Munich Security Conference.

"We may be shocked by the ferocity of russia's war against Ukraine, but we should not be surprised. This is part of the pattern of russian aggression in recent years," the Secretary General emphasized. Stoltenberg noted that the world should learn important lessons

from the war in Ukraine. In particular, the importance of supporting Ukraine and increasing aid to it should be emphasized. Stoltenberg noted that the fear of causing an escalation by helping Ukraine is understandable, but the greater danger is russia's participation in the war.

UN General Assembly calls for immediate end to war in Ukraine



On February 23, the one-year anniversary of russia's invasion of Ukraine, the UN General Assembly voted in favor of a draft resolution submitted by Ukraine calling on russia to leave Ukraine. The UN resolution emphasizes the urgent need to find a "comprehensive, fair and lasting peace, in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter."

141 out of 193 member states voted in favor of the resolution, 7 voted against, and 32 abstained.

Russia, Belarus, the DPRK, Syria, Eritrea, Mali, and Nicaragua did not support the resolution. The abstentions included China, Armenia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Pakistan.

The 10th sanctions package against russia



On February 15th, the European Commission officially announced the tenth package of sanctions against russia. Sanctions hammer: what restrictions will be proposed in the package?

1. Expansion of restrictions on the ex-port of critical technologies and industrial goods to russia.

2. Maximum restrictions on the export of dual-use goods and advanced technologies.

3. Sanctions are being imposed on third-country entities that help russians circumvent existing restrictions. In particular, we are talking about seven companies from Iran that have been found to be supplying russia with drones and military goods.

4. Significant expansion of personal sanctions – more than 100 russian propagandists, political and military leaders are subject to sanctions.

5. Active struggle against russian terrorists' attempts to circumvent sanctions. For example, russian oligarchs will be prohibited from selling assets in the United States and the EU, and a unified system of accounting for all assets frozen in the allied countries by the Central Bank of russia will be created. The new sanctions package looks decent, but countries that expected more substantial sanctions from the European Commission, such as Poland, have already expressed their disappointment. What is not in the new package? The disappointment of Warsaw and Kyiv is actually easy to understand - some of the sanctions that were expected will either not be imposed or this issue has been ignored altogether. For example, it seems that the new package of sanctions will not include any measures against the Bosatom corporation, which Ukraine had been actively demanding. In addition, it was expected that sanctions would be imposed against the russian National Welfare Fund, putin's main reserve

trough. But so far, nothing has been heard about this.

Sport is not outside politics: boycotting the 2024 Olympics



The International Olympic Committee is considering the possibility of returning russian and Belarusian athletes to compete under a neutral flag. As Thomas Bach said, "the exclusion of athletes on the basis of a passport is not in line with the values and mission of the Olympic Charter." In response, Ukraine decided to launch an international campaign to prevent the return of athletes from aggressor countries to the world stage, and is considering a boycott of the 2024 Olympics. At the same time, last year unprecedented sanctions were imposed on russia and Belarus, and they were excluded from more than 90% of competitions.

A few days after the start of the fullscale war, FIFA and UEFA decided to exclude russian clubs and national teams from all competitions.

Providing Ukraine with F-16 fighters is a top priority



Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi called on the United States to speed up the provision of F-16 combat aircraft to Ukraine.

She made the call in a speech at the Munich Security Conference. Pelosi noted that throughout 2022, U.S. lawmakers have consistently worked to fulfill Ukraine's requests for military support.

"Now we want to achieve the transfer of F-16s. I fully support this and hope that it will be realized," the politician said. She emphasized that the decision has not yet been made, but the transfer of the fighter jets is a priority. Pelosi also expressed surprise that training of Ukrainian pilots in the use of F-16s has not yet begun.

"I don't understand why we can't train on them now, even if we don't have a full commitment. It's going to take some time," Pelosi said.



Typhoon vs. Rafale

Summarizing the results of his visit to Brussels, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that "behind the scenes" there are some positive decisions on fighter jets for Ukraine. Although, as Bloomberg reported, citing a European official, no one has committed to providing Ukraine with combat aircraft, some countries have already signaled that this is possible. For example, French President Emmanuel Macron said that supplying Ukraine with aircraft is not excluded, although it is not a matter of the next few weeks. As for countries outside the European Union, the UK is ready to train Ukrainian pilots, which could be the first step toward fighter jets. France is armed with Dassault Rafale fighters, while the UK can provide us with Eurofighter Typhoon. The infographic shows their characteristics.

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Ukraine will receive German Leopard 1A5 and Leopard 2A6

For several months, Germany refused to provide Ukraine with tanks, but now Olaf Scholz's policy seems to have changed dramatically: the gov-

The number of children affected by Russian aggression has increased



In Ukraine, as a result of the fullscale invasion of the russian federation, 461 children were killed and 924 ernment has approved the supply of not only Leopard 2 tanks, but also old Leopard 1s. Leopard 1s are no longer produced, but a certain number of vehicles remain in Germany's reserve. This tank has a number of modifications, the main one being the A5, which was released in 1987. Perhaps Ukraine will receive a tank of this modification.

were injured.

As noted, these figures are not final. Work continues to establish them in the areas of hostilities, in the temporarily occupied and liberated territories.

It is known that most children were affected in Donetsk region – 445, Kharkiv – 272, Kyiv – 123, Kherson – 87, Zaporizhzhia – 84, Mykolaiv – 83, Chernihiv – 68, Luhansk – 66, and Dnipro – 64.

The day before, on February 17, a 16-year-old boy was wounded as a result of enemy shelling of Bakhmut, Donetsk region.

The Prosecutor General's Office reminded that the Children of War platform allows to report and find all the information about children affected by the war of the russia against Ukraine.



WAR AND CUISINE

Myroslav Hrekh

It would seem that during the war, what can we talk about the kitchen? Although... Do you remember how angry Ukrainian society was at the corruption scandals involving the purchase of food and nutrition for our soldiers? But we are not talking about that now. Much has been written and said about this ... conclusions have been drawn, people have been removed, punished. We hope the lesson was useful. We are talking about something else. Ukrainian cuisine is one of the areas of Ukrainian self-identification (what a complicated word). Simply put, it is one of the features of our nation, an awareness of who we are, who we were, what our roots are. Of course, the kremlin aggressors would like us to forget about this. As they used to say, they would like to "denazify" Ukraine, meaning by this word the deprivation of our nationality. But no, you can't. Thanks to the efforts of our army, we will soon denazify them.

So, the struggle to preserve Ukrainianness and Ukrainian identity is another front, an invisible front, on which we need to win using all kinds of ideological weapons. And one of these weapons is Ukrainian cuisine. A researcher and anthropologist of Ukrainian cuisine, a graduate of the Biology Department of Lviv University, Marianna Dushar, is a connoisseur and promoter of it. Our correspondent Myroslav Hrekh interviewed her. We bring it to your attention.

Myroslav Hrekh (hereinafter referred to as M.H.): When I last called you, you said that you were recording an interview with someone in San Jose. Is this related to your work? Were you recording a recipe? I read that you interviewed 20 families of the Ukrainian diaspora who once left for America.

Marianna Dushar (hereinafter referred to as M.D.): At the moment, even more. During these 3 months of my visit to the United States, I have already recorded 14 interviews, and there are also those that I recorded during my Fulbright scholarship in 2019-2020. I didn't count them precisely, but it's not about the number, it's about capturing the tradition, namely how the traditions of Ukrainian cooking are preserved in diaspora families, what is the significance of Ukrainian cuisine for Ukrainians, and what roles it plays.

M.H.: I read that the gastronomic heritage is one of the national identities of Ukrainians, which we constantly need to confirm and prove. Is this true?

M.D.: Yes, unfortunately, we constantly need to reclaim it, to overthrow it. Because we have, to put it mildly, a not quite normal neighbor who constantly threatens us. And this is not a matter of the last 8 or 30 years, it has been going on for centuries. We have been constantly denied the right to have our own culture, we have been shoved into the framework of the so-called "permitted" culture, which has little to do with what our culture really is. This also applies to cuisine. Today, fortunately, things are not so tragic, but if you look up Ukrainian cuisine on the Internet 3 years ago, you will find only dumplings, bacon, borscht, and vodka.... Unfortunately, we grew up in the shadow of these stereotypes, and now we have to rediscover our authentic cultural and culinary heritage for ourselves. I am always very pleased and very responsible for what I do. People find their own family recipes, become more interested in it, find out what their grandmother or great-grandmother used to cook, and get recipe books. This is actually very interesting, because we sometimes do not realize how rich our culinary heritage is. Until recently, what I'm talking about was



somehow quite acute and critical. Now it is not so. I hope that my work, and the work of my colleagues, with whom we are going in the same direction, is doing something significant, because now they have begun to include Ukrainian dishes in the list of intangible heritage. Projects about local cuisine have begun to develop in many places in Ukraine. This is the approach now, projects are born, they are more than just a content project, they bring value discoveries for everyone, and this is really great.

M.H.: In general, how many cases does Ukrainian cuisine have?

M.D.: Well, this is such a question, I think that no one knows and no one has counted. You see, at least I've never chased quantitative indicators, like 5,000 types of borsch or more. And it's a little strange to me, because every hostess makes an original recipe, believing that it is unique. Someone will always add something of their own, or take away something that they think is unnecessary. So it's not about quantity, it's more about the fact that Ukrainian cuisine is much more diverse than we've been led to believe. Here we have a lot of seasonal cuisine from rural areas, a very diverse city cuisine. we have the cuisine of the elites this is if we talk about ancient cuisine, historical cuisine. Now something new is being created, there are restaurants that are starting to work with purely Ukrainian cuisine. They contribute to the interpretation of Ukrainian traditional tastes in a modern way. This is all very important, and this process will continue. We still have a lot to rethink. correct, and study; we don't know our heritage well. We need to study it, rethink it in a modern way, create modern Ukrainian cuisine that is not detached like a plant from its roots... but that has its own historical background, takes into account the approaches to food, cooking methods, etc. inherent in Ukrainian cuisine. And, of course, to look out into the world, to reflect on modern trends and fashions. M.H.: Well, will Ukrainian cuisine reach a thousand dishes? M.D.: I'm not going to answer that, because I've never asked myself that question, and I'm interested in other things. The only thing I can say is that Ukrainian cuisine is a full-fledged European cuisine. It is fully in the context and is developing like the cuisine of all European countries. The other thing is that, unfortunately, it had a break during the Soviet occupation, and at that time it suspended its natural development. Now we have products that are grown here, we work with all kinds of meat, vegetables, cereals, and we have a rich tradition of vegetarianism. That is, everything that is characteristic of modern cuisines is also characteristic of Ukrainian cuisine.

M.H.: You mentioned diet cuisines. How do you feel about dieting? Nowadays, we can see that vegetarianism is spreading among young people, many children refuse to eat meat at all, is this normal?

M.D.: If we talk about the historical foundations of vegetarianism in Ukrainian cuisine, it has been around for a long time. In the early twentieth century, several books were published exclusively on Ukrainian vegetarianism, which means that the fashion for giving up meat came to Ukraine at the same time as to other European countries. As for how I feel about it, you see, to each his own, if a person refuses to eat meat or fish for ethical

and moral reasons, I understand it. In the end, if we talk about a healthy diet, there are many opportunities to replace animal protein with vegetable protein, so there are no special problems. Another thing is that I will not recommend anyone to eat one way or another, because I am not an expert in healthy eating. But I do understand people who give up meat for ethical reasons, because I find myself thinking that I am close to giving it up too, because I feel sorry for animals. I completely understand this ethical side of vegetarianism, but the other thing is that I haven't come to this point myself.

M.H.: Actually, yes, we need to kill other creatures to survive.

M.D.: Actually, it's not the time when we had to kill in order to eat, it's long gone. Now we have full-fledged protein substitutes-we can get protein from beans, mush-rooms, or other plant-based foods. There are already protein cells grown in a test tube, and I think that soon, for those who cannot give up animal protein, they will have this test tube-grown steak, and this will be a completely different step in gastronomy and food culture, because we will no longer need to raise animals for meat.

M.H.: I see. You've published four cookbooks, and soon there will be a fifth, which one do you think is the most successful and complete?

M.D.: This question is similar to asking which child I love more.

M.H.: (laughs) Yeah, that's a really strange question.

M.D.: They are all different. The book "On Weekdays and Holidays" and "Generally Practical Kitchen" are books with which I worked more as an editor. In "Weekdays and Holidays", I did the editing and photography, checked the recipes. For General Practical Cooking, I gave my notes to the recipes if I thought they were necessary. These books have a historical basis. And the newest book, Lviv Cuisine, is about to be published by the Polish publishing house Znak. This is completely author's material, which means that it is my book from start to finish. I took the photos and wrote the recipes, and my colleague, historian Ihor Lilio, wrote the historical essays.

M.H.: You are talking about the book that you are thinking of doing with Ihor Lilio, "The Noble Cuisine of Galicia," right?

M.D.: No, this will be another new book that will be published in the near future by the Old Lion Publishing House.

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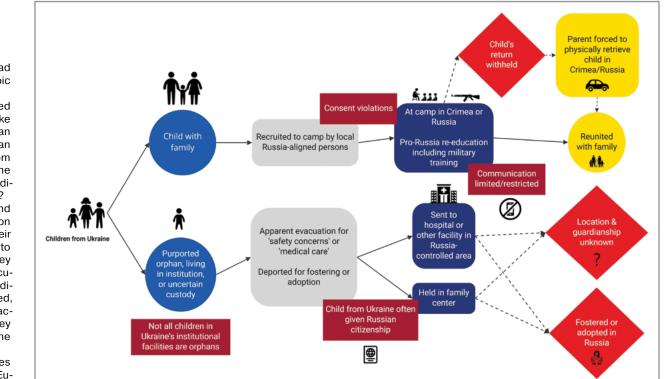
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suffering here and now, as you read these words, the media cover this topic less than other sides of the war.

January shook the entire civilized world with news that looked more like a nightmare or a cruel joke. How can anyone believe that two Ukrainian children were brutally kidnapped from Austria, where it would seem that one could finally feel safe, and handed directly into the hands of the Russians?

They were teenagers aged 16 and 17 who had lived in the Luhansk region before the full-scale invasion. Their parents gave written permission to take their children to Lviv, where they stayed for a while. When all the documents were fully prepared and additional parental consent was obtained, the entire group of children was evacuated to Tyrol, Austria, where they were immediately registered with the Ukrainian diplomatic mission.

On January 15, Der Standard writes that one of the employees of the European Ombudsman Institute (hereinafter - the EOI) took two children from Tyrol to Moscow in order to "reunite the family," allegedly the children's parents are in Russia. The Russian side has not provided any confirmation of this. The question arises: would the parents have gone to the aggressor country of their own free will, or would they have asked to bring their children to them, if they had done everything to keep their children as far away from Russia as possible? Initially, the media reported that the EOI employee was most likely fulfilling the request of a colleague from Russia. Soon it became known that it was the Deputy Ombudsman of Tyrol and Secretary General of the EOI, Josef Siegele. The Russian colleague of Siegele turned out to be Human Rights Ombudsman Tatyana Moskalkova, as Ukrainian Ombudsman Dmvtro Lubinets reported on February 22. Austrian authorities have already opened criminal proceedings against Siegele, and the EU will soon impose sanctions on

Moskalkova.

No efforts were made by the EOI at all. On February 8, the Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights, Dmytro Lubinets, announced that he was leaving the EOI. Lubinets backed up his words with his own membership card, which he publicly cut up on camera after EOI President Drago Milkov decided to ignore the Ukrainian ombudsman's appeal for help. Milkov believes that when Siegele kidnapped the children, he was no longer a member of their organization, so nothing could be done.

According to Lubinets, the forced transfer of children from one group to another is one of the signs of genocide. After that, the ombudsmen of Latvia and Lithuania immediately left the EOI, supporting Ukraine's position. "I believe that we have exposed an organization that may even be funded by Russian money, because I cannot comment in any other way on such a biased attitude of the organization's leadership to this story," said the Ukrainian ombudsman. A month and a half has passed since the abduction, and it is unknown what happened to these children, where exactly they are on the territory of the Russian Federation now, because the Russian side refuses to explain any of its actions.

Lubinets added that this is the first such case we have known about. Maybe our children have already been stolen like this in other countries.

Last time we talked about Russia's "educational and patriotic" activities for children abducted from Ukraine. On February 14, the Conflict Observatory published a report stating that at least 43 facilities have been identified where children have been held since February 24, 2022. The Humanitarian Research Laboratory at the Yale School of Public Health collected data on 6,000 young Ukrainians aged 4 months to 17 years. They are scattered in camps throughout Russia, even in Magadan, which is three times closer to the US border than Ukraine.

78% of these camps systematically "re-educate" children, teaching them to love Russia and hate the rest of the world. The educational program often includes military training for young people. Parental consent for their children to go to Russia is almost always obtained under duress, so it cannot be considered meaningful. The activities of the camps are fully supported by the Russian authorities at all levels. Who knows, maybe those teenagers from Austria are now in one of these "educational institutions".

Save Ukraine's Executive Director Mykola Kuleba said in an interview: "I talked to families whose children were forcibly taken to the so-called 'chil-





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forces that all the fervor of the once powerful post-Soviet colossus is only enough for Wagnerian thoughtless attacks near iron Bakhmut. So February 24 turned out to be an ordinary day at the front.

Nevertheless, routine at the front did not mean routine in geopolitics.

The three countries whose actions during the attack on Ukraine have been forced to be taken into account by the world decided in late February to draw attention to their leaders' statements on the war. These three countries are: The United States, russia and China. Our biggest ally, our biggest enemy, and formally the biggest "neutral" country. And if everything is clear with friends and enemies: friends help us, and we fight our enemies, then "neutrality" is misleading to some. In fact, any "neutrality" during the war helps the Kremlin aggressors, because "neutrality" means no military assistance to Ukraine, and instead, trade with the aggressor is real help to the aggressor.

city about a secret motorcade, which caused a giant traffic jam in my neighborhood.

My anger at the traffic jam and the delay instantly evaporated when I found out who was the "culprit" of my delay.

US President Biden arrived in Kyiv, and it was extremely cool. The case when the action (the visit itself) is many times cooler than official speeches or agreements. Yes, the President of the United States named specific figures for economic assistance, yes, he reiterated his political and military support. but his very presence in the capital of a country that is subject to barbaric russian attacks on a daily basis overwhelmed his own statements. The visit was a demonstration of the United States' support for Ukraine, the visit was a public humiliation of russia. the visit was a sign to the world on whose side the future lies.

A few days before February 24, 2022, the United States, alon other Western countries, withdrew their embassies from Kyiv, which was essentially a consent to the occupation of the Ukrainian capital. The capital survived, and so did the whole of Ukraine. The visit of the US President not only showed the new realities in Ukraine, but also showed changes in the United States itself. Over the past year of war, the most powerful country in the world has become committed to supporting Ukraine. And if someone in russia still had illusions about this, Joe Biden visualized the change in realities with his visit. The howls in the russian media and public on this issue clearly indicate that the blow was a sharp and painful one.

do more than that, d) for the countries that are still "neutral" – a clear sign that their "neutrality" may leave them out of the global trends of cooperation with the most developed countries.

It was a cool visit. By the way, the doctor waited for me and did a bandage, so I didn't lose anything.

On February 21, the kremlin tried to make a move. "Attempted" because the move was empty. Putin was delivering a speech to the Federal Assembly. Former journalist and later banal russian propagandist Andrei Karaulov had been scaring that putin would declare war on Ukraine, but the most the Kremlin obscurantist could do was to say that Russia was suspending its participation in the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. It's a bunch of bullshit. Especially since the "arms race" once accelerated the economic decline of the USSR, so beloved to putin. Absolute puffery. In a few days, putin's public fears, which he voiced in an interview with a small mind, deserved more media attention: that russia is waiting for the division into several territories, the formation of new nations: "muscovites" and "uralites". The "Bunker Fuhrer" lives in the grip of fears, including geopolitical ones. And finally, on February 24, China unveiled its previously announced "peace plan." "Peaceful" in name only, there was no talk of peace; rather, the plan could be described as "a plan to try to return russia to global integration without de-occupying the territories occupied by russia."

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tion.

Do not be misled by some of these points, which may seem useful for Ukraine. The most important thing about the Chinese "peace plan" is not what it says, but what it does not say. And in this "plan" there is not a single word about the withdrawal of russian troops from the occupied Ukrainian territories. In other words, the lifting of "unilateral" sanctions against russia is already proposed, but there is no proposal to withdraw russian troops either now or in the future. And "respect for sovereignty" is a thesis that can be interpreted differently in Ukraine and russia, because russia has already included references to our lands in the constitution, meaning that it considers

The United States, as befits a world leader, was the first to make their move.

On February 20, in the morning, I called a taxi home to go to the hospital for a bandage. A few days before, I had undergone surgery, so I could only move slowly and with some pain. The first thing I saw on my phone was that the taxi fare was three times more expensive than the previous days. Later, the driver called back and said that he could not get to my house because of some traffic jam and asked me to go to another street, which was not easy for me in my postoperative condition. In the end, when I got to the car, my journey in it lasted 2.5 hours instead of 30 minutes. I was angry and worried whether the doctor would wait for me to get the bandage because I was late. Rumors were spreading around the

a) For Ukraine, a clear demonstration of support; b) for Western allies, a reminder that support for Ukraine should be systematic and increase, not decrease; c) for russia, humiliation and evidence of its military impotence. Well, Biden listened to the sounds of our usual alarm sirens, but russia could not 1. Respect for the sovereignty of all countries

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4. Resumption of peace negotiations

5. Resolving the humanitarian crisis

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the stolen occupied territories part of its "sovereignty." Therefore, the ambiguously drafted document works more for russian interests, and not for the interest of de-occupying our lands. This is so noticeable that the Western world has decided to ignore the Chinese "initiative."

February 24 is a watershed for our country. Ukraine has survived another year of war. Ukraine has survived. The watershed is not only for our country, it is for everyone else.

The United States, russia, and China. Three countries. Three different approaches. But we do not, and cannot, discuss whose approach is closer to us. Russia is the enemy, the Western world is an ally, and all those who are not allies are playing along with the enemy. Ukraine's position is clear and unambiguous. And this position is to defeat the enemy. And so it will be. Because it is just.

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ing with the President of the Republic of Moldova, Maia Sandu, amid reports of Russian attempts to destabilize that country. Biden's trip, his willingness to take risks that are unprecedented for the very notions of the usual security standards for U.S. presidents, reminded us once again that being the leader of the free world is not just a merit and an honor, it is also an obligation.

Vladimir Putin's "actions" were much more predictable. The Russian president addressed the Federal Assembly of the country with a message that, if we follow the letter of the Russian Constitution, should have been announced last year. But Putin kept postponing this speech. He postponed it, apparently, because he expected to address the deputies with a statement about the success of his "special operation." That Ukraine is now under Russian control, and perhaps even part of the

stroy Russia.

But Putin was the only one who did not realize that Biden was capable of taking unconventional steps. And after Biden's arrival in Kyiv, the Russian ruler found himself in the role of the American president, who had to catch up with someone. And we got the opportunity to see once again how the president of the United States differs from the president of the Russian Federation, how a political act differs from a nomenclature speech that is not of the first freshness, how values differ from slogans that are supposed to justify miscalculations and crimes. If someone in Russia is wondering why Ukraine wants to become part of the civilized world rather than be under Russian occupation, let them simply analyze how Biden and Putin behaved on the anniversary of Russia's attack on Ukraine. What Biden said and what Putin said.

And everything will become clear without further words. Because the American president wanted to show solidarity with people who need his support. And he talked to these people, both in Kyiv and Warsaw, about the future. But Putin is not interested in even his own compatriots, even those whom he uses as "cannon fodder" on the Russian-Ukrainian front. Putin talked his message away from anything and appeared for a few minutes at a rally in support of the war in Luzhniki. And he talked almost all the time about the past. Because his entire political and life strategy is to get into the past. Where people could not express their views, influence politics and even their own lives. To a place where the "leaders" ruled without question. And his war against Ukraine is, in fact, a war for the Soviet Union. For an empire that died ingloriously long ago, and its death caused no emotions among its inhabitants. Even Putin did not, no matter what fables about the past he tells us now.

At the same time, in February, Ukraine itself was once again convinced that it was welcome in another, living, not dead, union, the European Union.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy's trip to London, Paris, and Brussels, his meetings with European leaders, and his speeches to parliamentarians demonstrated that the war that Vladimir Putin launched against Ukraine a year ago has become a true civilizational war. Of course, Zelenskyy himself had primarily practical goals during his trip: to maintain interest in Ukraine on the eve of a possible new Russian offensive and to speed up the process of providing the Ukrainian army with the modern weapons necessary to deter this offensive and launch a counteroffensive. But during the trip, it became clear once again that without resolving the "Ukrainian issue," without restoring Ukraine's territorial integrity and returning to international law, there can be no peace and tranquility in Europe. It is significant that against the backdrop of these statements by Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Vladimir Putin also spoke in his usual manner and said that the war was not started by Russia, that the reason for everything was the "coup d'état in Ukraine" in 2014, which was followed by "events in Crimea and Donbas." And that Russia did not start the war, but only wants to end it. But even if we agree with Putin's point of view for a moment and admit that Yanukovych lost his power during a coup, and not because he fled the country in a panic to avoid responsibility for the deaths of peaceful demonstrators, it is worth recalling that the best way to overcome the consequences of any coup is to hold fair elections, not to occupy part of the territory of a neighboring country. Since 2014, fair presidential and parliamentary elections have been held in Ukraine twice, and twice the winners of the presidential elections were supported by an unprecedented number of voters (Petro Poroshenko became the second Ukrainian president to win in the first round, and Volodymyr Zelenskyy achieved an unprecedented advantage in the second round). Pro-Russian political forces took part in these elections, and even Viktor Medvedchuk, Putin's potential governor of Ukraine, was a member of parliament! So let Vladimir Putin not fool anyone: it was Russia that started this war and it is Russia that does not want to end it, because the head of the Russian state still counts on the occupation of Ukraine and the restoration of the former USSR, at least on a limited scale.

And the Americans and Europeans, of course, want the exact opposite - for both Russia and Ukraine to be back within their internationally recognized borders and for war not to come from Russian soil to neighboring countries. Europeans have their own unforgettable historical experience, the experience of the First and Second World Wars, when half the continent was in ruins and when international law had to be restored from the same ruins twice at the cost of the heaviest casualties. the displacement of state borders and millions of people. After 1945, one might have hoped that this nightmare would never happen again. But we have been living in this nightmare for a year now, because Vladimir Putin has fancied himself a "collector of lands." However, these ambitions of a century-old dictator are only disgusting today, and the willingness to oppose them is admirable and a desire to help. That is why European parliaments applaud Vladimir Zedensky, not Putin. That's why Kyiv applauds Joseph Biden instead of waiting for the bloody Russian "liberators" and Putin to parade. That is why the first year of the war was a year of pain and victory.

Russian Federation. And all this thanks to the "collector of lands" Vladimir Putin.

And when it turned out that all these ideas about an easy victory over Ukraine and the readiness of its citizens to accept Russian occupation were just ridiculous delusions of the Kremlin dictator, Putin waited for at least some success to declare it loudly in his address to the Federal Assembly. Why did he not wait? Because it became known that the US president was planning a visit to Warsaw. And the Russian president decided that the best thing to do was to make Biden play catch-up, to respond to his own speech, to his insults against the West and his decision to suspend Russia's participation in the offensive nuclear arms reduction treaty. After all, Putin's message did not say much about the war against Ukraine, but much more about the confrontation with the civilized world and the West's desire to de-



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ATTEMPT TO FOCUS ON FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Nataliia Goshylyk

On February 24, 2023, at the initiative of the American artist Niki Watts, an event called "Attempt to Focus" was held in San Francisco, where participants not only meditated and imagined Ukraine after the victory, joining NATO and the EU, but also made a symbolic blanket for Ukrainians in yellow and blue.

The event was co-organized by Ukrainian non-governmental organizations in the United States and Ukraine, including the Hromada organization, whose head, Natalia Anon, also joined in sewing the symbolic blanket. The rain did not stop the residents of Bay Erie from starting work. It is noteworthy that among the participants were Americans, Americans of Ukrainian descent, and those Ukrainians who came to California after the outbreak of the war. All the participants noted that on the anniversary of the invasion it was difficult to find words to convey their feelings, and that silent meditation allowed them to focus and convey their



thoughts and dreams for the future of Ukraine through fabric, as they sewed flowers, hearts, and even gardens with houses.

According to Nicki Watts' plan, the quilt will be continued by the residents of Hawaii, where Nicki lives. They also want to send a piece of their warmth to Ukraine in a symbolic way.

The most important outcome of the campaign was the completion of fundraising, which will be distributed among partner nonprofit organizations to implement medical and rehabilitation projects in Ukraine to help soldiers and their families, internally displaced Ukrainians who suffer the most from the war. Ihor Tregub, an American of Ukrainian descent and one of the co-organizers of the campaign, emphasizes that this was made possible by the generosity of caring Americans who support Ukraine with words and actions and understand how important the proposed projects are after a year of full-scale invasion.



[Commemorating the anniversary of the war in San Francisco] from page 3

shouts of "Death to putin!", "Shame on russia!" "Long live Ukraine!" and many others.

The rally itself lasted until two

o'clock in the afternoon, and then all those present at the rally marched from Pier 1 to Pier 39. For half an hour, Ukrainian flags were flying in both directions. The main flag was stretched along the column carried by men. The marchers were uplifted, encouraged, shouting slogans in support of Ukraine, singing Ukrainian songs, and the passers-by standing on both sides supported us with their waving and shouting.

The weather was beautiful that day: the sun was shining, and there was a cloudless blue sky above the heads of the demonstrators. Everyone who attended the rally, warmed by the sun, filled with a sense of pride and fulfillment of patriotic duty, went home. That was the end of a large, long rally and march in support of Ukraine in San Francisco. Glory to Ukraine!



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Витівки бабусі Зими

(К. Ушинський)

Ілюстрація Ольги Ковтун

Розлютилася стара Зима й задумала все живе зі світу звести. Спочатку вирішила вона до птахів дістатися: набридли пернаті своїм криком і писком. Подула Зима холодом, зірвала листя з лісів і дібров та розкидала їх по дорогах. Нікуди птахам подітися; почали вони зграйками згуртовуватися, думоньки думати. Зібралися, покричали та полетіли за високі гори, за сині моря, в теплі краї. Залишився горобець, і той під стріху забився.

Бачить зима, що птахів їй не наздогнати – накинулася на звірів. Запорошила снігом поля, завалила кучугурами ліси, вкрила дерева крижаною корою та посилає мороз за морозом. Ідуть люті та злі, з ялинки на ялинку перестрибують, потріскують і поклацують, звірів лякають. Але тварини не бояться: в одних шуби теплі, інші у глибокі нори заховалися; білка в дуплі горішки гризе, ведмідь у барлозі лапу смокче; зайченя, плигаючи, гріється, а конячки,



корівки, овечки давнимдавно в затишних хлівах сіно жують.

Ще дужче злиться зима – до риб добирається. Посилає мороз за морозом, один відодного лютіший. Морозці жваво біжать, молотками голосно постукують: без клинів по озерах і річках мости зводять. Замерзли водойми, але тільки зверху, а риба вся вглиб пішла: під крижаною покрівлею їй іще тепліше. – Ну, постривай же, – думає Зима, – дістану я людей!

I знову шле мороз за морозом, один від одного зліше. Заволокли хурделиці візерунками

вікна; стукають і у стіни, і у двері, що аж колоди лопаються. А люди затопили печі, смажать собі млинці гарячі та із зими сміються. Доведеться кому по дрова в ліс їхати – вдягне кожух, валянки, рукавиці теплі та як почне сокирою махати, аж піт ллється. А на дорогах, ніби зимі на сміх, вози потягнулися: від коней пар в'ється, візники ногами топчуть, рукавицями плескають, плечима смикають і морозець підхвалюють.

Але найприкріше здалося Зимі, що малі діти – й ті її не бояться! Катаються собі на ковзанах і на полозках, у сніжки грають, баб ліплять, гори зводять, водою поливають і ще мороз кличуть: «Прийди допоможи!» Щипне зима зі злості одного хлопчика за вухо, іншого за ніс, щічки побіліють, а малий схопить снігу, почне терти – й розгориться в нього обличчя, як вогонь.

Бачить Зима, що нічим їй не перемогти, та заплакала від злості.

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WHERE WOULD WE BE IF NOT ALL OF YOU?

How a family cafe in Bucha adapted to the war conditions

Anton Shramenko

Ukrainian business has demonstrated remarkable adaptability and resilience during the great war. According to a study by Gradus Research*, only 12% of Ukrainian companies have suspended their operations in these difficult times as of early November 2022. 45% of companies in Ukraine are operating "as before" and 42% are "partially operating". This is despite the fact that 58% of entrepreneurs report a quarter or more decrease in revenue (35% of companies have seen their revenue drop by more than half).

But dry analytical figures are only a hint of the Ukrainian spirit. It is trly revealed in the personal stories of Ukrainian entrepreneurs.

Here is the story of Cafe Jam restaurant from Bucha. In the 6 years since its opening, this restaurant has become one of the most favorite places for family vacations among the town's residents. During the occupation, Jam managed to survive the complete looting by the army of "liberators" from Russia. It was the first restaurant to open in Bucha after the de-occupation.

How does a small business in a deoccupied city feel now? What do you have to face in the war realities? And is it difficult to keep the business afloat in this turbulent period? We talked about all this with the couple who own the Jam restaurant: Svitlana and Sergo.

Sergo: "Everything has changed for entrepreneurs now. You wake up every morning and don't know what to expect. This is the most difficult thing for business – not knowing what will happen tomorrow, it is very difficult to plan anything in such conditions. Let's take the October shelling (one of the massive missile attacks in October 2022 that disabled critical energy infrastructure in the Kyiv region): you have made preparations, desserts, are preparing to host a certain number of people, and realize that you have enough for 3-4 days. And then suddenly there's an air raid alert, and telegram channels report a massive missile attack. The guests start to panic, the staff starts to panic. And within half an hour, you lose power, water, and communication. And you don't know how long this hole will last. And you have to put up with it, you have to adapt to it."

Svitlana: "We had to adapt in many ways. For example, we have to work with our staff almost constantly. As soon as there is some kind of news coverage, rumors of mobilization, power outages, we immediately talk to them, reassure them, and promise that everything will be fine. For those who panic a lot, we suggest not going to work for a couple of days, and at the same time we think about how we can adjust the work shifts to those who decide to work. Our waiters and cooks now work for a percentage rather than a salary. We divide 20% of the current day's profit among all shift workers every day. We also try not to have debts with suppliers - we pay immediately, we don't order anything in advance. Because you don't know what's going to happen next and whether you'll have a profit tomorrow."

Sergo: "An important optimization for us was to transfer all the accounting to the cloud storage. Because the biggest problem after the occupation was that the "orcs" (name for russian soldiers) took laptops with all the documentation and accounting."

Svitlana: "They took everything they could lift. Equipment, utensils, slicers, mixers, 300 pieces of knives and forks, all our jams, decor, alcohol. They left only the refrigerators. Everything here was literally shit after them. But the biggest loss for us was the documentation and cash registers. We couldn't submit the tax returns on time, and we were reprimanded. And we spent 70,000 hryvnas (1,900 USD) to restore the cash pro-



Jam now





Jam now



Jam under occupation

gram. This is a considerable amount for us."

Sergo: "This is in the face of unrealistic increases in purchase prices. We didn't raise prices in our restaurant until this January because we realized that people's incomes hadn't grown, and it would be a strong psychological blow for them to buy coffee for 60 hryvnas, when it always cost 30. And our expenses increased by 50%. Previously, it cost us 300,000 (USD 8,200) to buy coffee for a month, but now it's 450,000 (USD 12,300)."

Svitlana: "And all winter long, 45,000 (1.230 USD) a month to maintain the generator. But it's a sin to complain. The generator just saved us when the blackouts started. There was no electricity for several days. There were no people either. We decided to buy a generator and were shocked by the prices. The generators that used to cost 30,000 hryvnas (820 USD) were now selling for 100,000 (2,720 USD)! And they still had to wait 3 weeks for them! Sergo has a Georgian passport, so he could have gone to Poland and bought a generator there. But for us, this investment was a big risk. We gathered the staff and offered them 2 options: either we would be mothballed until spring, or we would continue to work with the generator, but we would not guarantee salaries. The staff chose the second option. It turned out that we were at least not the only institution in Bucha with electricity and internet. We had a busy month of November and December. People came to work. People just came to sit where there was light and life was bustling. We had tables booked a day in advance. But we did not refuse anyone: everyone could warm up, charge their phones and laptops. The generator worked 9 hours a day. We did not ask our guests to buy anything. We even applied for registration "Point of Unbrokenness" at our restaurant.

profit, but the opportunity to continue working, to save the business, to keep the staff. And this is important for guests as well. Many of them tell us: "If not all of you, where would we be, where would we go?" We were their favorite vacation spot long before the war. And when we are open, it is a sign to them that everything is fine in the city. We were the first to open after the de-occupation. We couldn't help but open because all our dreams, all our lives are in this cafe. And people returning to Bucha came to us and cried with joy. They said: "You are like an island of life here." And everything around was bombed. Even our windows were pierced by bullets. But we planted flowers, we restored everything. We tried to bring normal life back to people, and the work is bringing normal life back to us."

Svitlana: "We even manage to help the military a little bit. We have a lot of friends in the Armed Forces, they were our guests in the past. They write about their needs, and we buy them. We have bought all kinds of things: thermal underwear, axes, shovels, gas cylinders... But we are very sorry that we have not yet been able to make a normal material reserve. The war has taught us that we need to be prepared for emergencies. We already have a generator, we have purchased 40-liter gallons for water, we have fuel reserves. We have an unfinished restaurant at the entrance to Bucha that is being mothballed. We were supposed to open it in May. But we spent the entire loan we took out before the war for construction on maintaining our lovely Jam, and on volunteering at the very beginning of the war, when everything was occupied. If we manage to get a new loan this year, we will resume construction of our second restaurant. Of course, now we will also build a large bomb shelter there. We are ready for anything. We won't let ourselves be broken so easily."

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Svitlana and Sergo

Sergo: "From the very beginning of the war, the main thing for us was not



United States Department of State

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN UKRAINE Press Statement Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State

February 18, 2023

Based on a careful analysis of the law and available facts, I have determined that members of Russia's forces and other Russian officials have committed crimes against humanity in Ukraine. Members of Russia's forces have committed execution-style killings of Ukrainian men, women, and children; torture of civilians in detention through beatings, electrocution, and mock executions; rape; and, alongside other Russian officials, have deported hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians to Russia, including children who have been forcibly separated from their families. These acts are not random or spontaneous; they are part of the Kremlin's widespread and systematic attack against Ukraine's civilian population. We reserve crimes against humanity determinations for the most egregious crimes. Today's determination underlines staggering extent of the human suffering inflicted by Moscow on the Ukrainian civilian population. This determination also reflects the deep commitment of the United States to holding members of Russia's forces and other Russian officials accountable for their atrocities against the people of Ukraine.

There can be no impunity for these crimes. All those responsible must be held accountable. As today's determination shows, the United States will pursue justice for the people of Ukraine for as long as it takes.

https://www.state.gov/crimesagainst-humanity-in-ukraine/

[From education to rape: why do Russians need Ukrainian children?] from page 7

dren's camps'. It was a forced deportation, although Maria Lvova-Belova talks about evacuation. This is not an evacuation when teachers threaten parents with what will happen if the child does not go to school and does not study Russian subjects. (...) They are warned that they may be deprived of parental rights. Children were also taken to the Russian Federation for socalled "vacation" and then: "Who told you it was a vacation? It was an evacuation". And by evacuation we mean the forced removal of children to the territory of the Russian Federation.

At an event at the UN headquarters on "Gross Human Rights Violations as a Result of Aggression against Ukraine," Dutch Foreign Minister Wopke Hoekstra spoke about the abduction of our children by the Russian military. He cannot forget his conversation with 12-year-old Sasha: "He told me how he got an eye injury during a Russian missile attack. How he was captured by the Russian military, separated from his mother and told that he would be adopted by the Russians because he had no parents." If not for the efforts of Sashko's grandmother, he would now be in one of the educational institutions of the Russian Federation, waiting for a Russian family to adopt him. Recently, Putin made another statement: more and more Russians are going to orphanages to adopt children taken from Ukraine. The number of applications for adoption of children from the occupied territories has increased by 12%, as he said during a meeting with Maria Lvova-Belova. The same woman who stole Philip from Mariupol and calmly told him how the boy had broken down morally to the standards of his new "family."

The Russian independent media outlet Verstka reports that at least 14 children under the age of 5 brought from Kherson are being held in the Simferopol orphanage Yalynka. This institution gained notoriety among Crimeans back in 2020, when the media called it a "children's concentration camp". Back then, the children were not cared for and even forgotten to be fed, which led parents to take children with dystrophy, dehydration, and rickets. To make matters worse, this is an institution that specializes in working with children with nervous system, mental, behavioral, hearing, visual and HIV disorders. In other words, children with special needs were not just not looked after here - they were abused. The Kherson children were featured in photos on the website Adoption in Moscow Region, which summarized the results of the "Become a Santa Claus" campaign for children from the

occupied territories. The photos were accompanied by letters: 14 of them were written in the same handwriting. One of them read: "Our Andrii is a very small boy, so his teacher is writing to you. Andrii came from Kherson".

The journalists of Verstka pointed out that many of the letters contained sentences that were covered in white. Perhaps this was a deliberate attempt to hide the specific whereabouts of the children, but the journalists still found in other letters that these were children from Yalynka. They also realized this from the photo on the website, where all 14 children were in the same interior of this orphanage.

In February, Lyubinets brought us even worse news: Russians resell Ukrainian children to each other for sexual perversion. Prices for such services reach hundreds of thousands of rubles. Specifically, in screenshots from the Ombudsman's telegrams, the price for a boy "of the age of 'soon to this be one of the reasons why the demand for adoption of our children has grown so much among Russians?

"It is impossible to describe the whole range of emotions in words. The Russian Federation insidiously kidnaps, kills, deports and rapes our children. How is this possible in the modern world? I call on the Cyberpolice, the National Police and the Prosecutor General's Office to take appropriate measures to respond to the possible crime in order to find and punish the perpetrators and bring the affected children home!" Dmytro Lubinets writes.

Why does Russia need all this suffering? According to Mykola Kuleba, it's simple: "The boys who were in Donbas in 2014 are now fighting in the Russian army against Ukraine with weapons in their hands and saving that they are fighting against the Nazis. In order to brainwash, to replenish their population, for various purposes that are planned at the highest level in Russia. If not to intimidate, expel, or kill, then to deport, re-educate, re-educate, and then use them for their own purposes. It is very simple. And over the past 100 years, this strategy has not changed. Lenin did it. Stalin did it. all the leaders of the Soviet Union did it. And Putin is doing it today."

go to school'" is 250 thousand rubles.

It becomes clear from the correspondence that the abuser will be paid as an actor in pornographic videos. "I offer 250,000 for a few hours of intimacy with an adopted kid, he was brought in, he hasn't been seen anywhere, he's clean, from an orphanage, without parents or relatives," the message reads. "He's really small, that's why the price is so high, he was brought from Ukraine," "not the first one to be brought." Could

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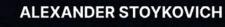
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8 MARCH DakhaBrakha

DakhaBrakha, Stanford Live Where: Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen Street, Stanford, CA 94305Francisco, CA, 94103

When: Wednesday 7:30 PM DakhaBrakha is a world-music guartet from Ukraine whose name stems from the old Ukrainian language for "give/take," highlighting a core tenet of the group's musical philosophy. Accompanied by Indian, Arabic, African, Russian, and Australian traditional instruments, and melding Ukrainian folk music with the rhythms of surrounding regions, the group embodies the synergy that is possible when these global sounds come together. The quartet's astonishing vocals, beautifully intricate traditional attire, and theatrical flair come together to craft an unforgettable musical experience.

Tickets start at **\$55** https://live.stanford.edu/calendar/ march-2023/dakhabrakha https://www.facebook.com/ events/753020516012072/

11 MARCH TARAS SHEVCHENKO 209TH – CONCERT AND OPEN MIKE!

Ukrainian School of San Francisco, Ukrainian Event Center and Music Hall

Where: Ukrainian Event Center and Music Hall, 345 7th Street, San Francisco, CA, 94103

When: Saturday 5 PM – 7:30 PM Dear Ukrainian Community and Friends!

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"Bury me Thus I Pray, and Rise! From Chains, Set yourself Free! And with your Foes' Holy Blood, Baptize your Liberty".

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13-14 MARCH DakhaBrakha

DakhaBrakha, San Francisco Jazz Where: Miner Auditorium, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

When: Monday & Tuesday 7:30 PM A group that has come to represent the spirit of a proud, defiant, and independent Ukraine in this time of tragedy and war, Kyiv's DakhaBrakha is a sonic feast as well as a visual spectacle, weaving ancient Ukrainian folk melodies into a subversive musical tapestry that embraces indie rock, pop, hip hop, the avant-garde, and traditional instrumentation from around the world.

With a name (ДахаБраха) that translates as "give/take" in old Ukrainian, the quartet began over a decade ago as the musical component of avant-garde stage performances at the DAKH Theater in Kyiv, cementing the group's arresting visual image and signature theatrics.

Tickets starting at **\$30.00** https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/ productions/dakhabrakha-2223/

18 MARCH RAGER FOR UKRAINE

Inga Bard, Moby App

Where: SoMa, San Francisco When: Saturday 6 PM – 2 AM Feb 24th will be a year from the brutal fulls scale invasion of Ukraine. Let us rage on the dance floor and raise funds for Razom for Ukraine, a NY based Ukrainian-American 501c3. Hosted by Moby App.

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25 MARCH THE HARDKISS – SAN FRANCISCO – FIRST SOLO NORTH AMERICAN TOUR 2023

THE HARDKISS, Resilience Entertainment Group

Where: City Nights, 715 Harrison St, San Francisco, CA

When: Saturday 7 PM Ukrainian band The HARDKISS. First solo North American tour

The HARDKISS is an independent band from Kyiv, Ukraine, established in 2011.

Authorship of all The HARDKISS songs belongs to its founders – Julia Sanina and Valeriy Bebko.

The HARDKISS is a mix of seemingly incompatible things: heavy arrangements, melodic parts, profound lyrics and soul vocals of Julia Sanina. The HARDKISS not only performs live music but also gives impressive concert shows.

Tickets start at **\$65** <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>events/1511741489270325/</u>

11 MAY SAN FRANCISCO OKEAN ELZY | HELP FOR UKRAINE TOUR

Океан Ельзи / Okean Elzy and EGOeast Productions

Where: The Warfield, 982 Market St San Francisco, CA 94102

When: SThursday 7:30 PM Okean Elzy Help For Ukraine US and Canada 2023 Tour.

Okean Elzy will perform in US and Canada in April-May 2023 as a part of the Help for Ukraine tour. The proceeds from the concert will be used for humanitarian aid to children affected by the war, as well as medical institutions and defenders of Ukraine.

For 27 years now, the band has been one of the main representatives of modern Ukrainian music for the whole world. Okean Elzy has helped Ukraine throughout different periods of its history, especially during the most difficult ones. The lead singer Svyatoslav Vakarchuk actively participates in charity and social projects. Together with other members of the band, he supported the human rights campaign of IOM and MTV Europe "People are not for Okean Elzy is one of the most popular Ukrainian rock bands, known far beyond the borders of their native country.

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10 JUNE JAMALA – LIKE A BIRD TOUR (NORTH AMERICA 2023) – SAN FRANCISCO

Event by Hedonism Festival, Deseract

Where: San Francisco Scottish Rite Masonic Center

When: Saturday 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Jamala announces her Summer 2023 North American Tour

Ukrainian singer / songwriter and winner of the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest Jamala, is to go on her first major USA and Canada tour. The new show includes music from different periods that will be performed through a special electronic interpretation. The tour name, "Like A Bird", is a reference to the track of the same name from the "All Or Nothing" (2013) album.

Tickets start at **\$67** <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>events/531465528925083/</u>

24 AUGUST ARTEM PIVOVAROV – LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO

ARTEM PIVOVAROV, FishCanFly Where: 3140 Mission St, San

Francisco, CA 94110 *When:* Thursday 9:00 PM

Artem Pivovarov with a big charity tour in the USA and Canada!

Artem Pyvovarov is an original Ukrainian artist, whose songs instantly become hits and become #1 on the charts. The winner of the Yuna award "Best Artist" and "Hit of the Year", a music trendsetter, a favorite of all generations.

At the concerts, you will hear your favorite hits, including "Дежавю, "Міраж", "Рандеву", "Думи", and you will be able to recharge yourself with positive emotions because Pivovarov Team concerts are always sincere communication and energy exchange. Come and experience the crazy Ukrainian energy! The collected funds will go to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Tickets start at \$50 https://eventcartel.com/events/ artem-pivovarov-live-2-tickets-7107/?promo=0afbd58c725dac18b25 da4a17b1dc5fe

Ukraine!

Slava Ukraini!

Your part for the success of this event is very simple by doing any or all of these three things:

- 1. Attend the concert!
- 2. Bring your friends!

3. Support by donating money in any amount, no matter how small; and/

When: Sunday 1:15 PM – 5:30 PM The 11th annual StPatsMass charity ride will depart from Washington Square Park on Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at 7:30 AM. Join us for a mellow or competitive ride across the bridge and up Hawk Hill! This year we're raising funds for Ukrainian child refugees via

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