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October, surprisingly, became the month of an event that did not happen – the anticipated “Ramstein” meeting of world leaders. This meeting, initially announced by President Joe Biden during talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, was intended to reinforce international support for Ukraine. Although Biden did meet with European leaders in Germany on his farewell tour, the “Ramstein” meeting was postponed, with its future uncertain. Nonetheless, Zelenskyy has engaged in a series of meetings with European leaders, and we understand why: US support for Ukraine post-November 5 elections remains in question.

Ideally, Zelenskyy’s meetings in the US with both presidential candidates would signify firm bipartisan support. However, in October, Donald Trump once again criticized Zelenskyy. In a conversation with American commentator Patrick Bet-David, Trump even blamed the Ukrainian president for allowing Russia’s war against Ukraine to happen.

This statement, along with Trump’s repeated claims that “there’s nothing left of Ukraine,” indicates that the former US president, who is vying for a return to the White House with a strong chance of victory on November 5, has learned little from his recent discussion with Zelenskyy. According to comments from both sides, Trump and Zelenskyy hold starkly different interpretations of what transpired in that meeting.

Zelenskyy assures reporters that Trump understood his arguments about the war, while Trump continues

to repeat the same rhetoric he used prior to their meeting, almost as if the encounter never took place.

Trump has again labeled Zelenskyy as “the greatest salesman in history” and falsely claimed that each time Zelenskyy leaves the US, he returns home with “hundreds of billions of dollars” – a gross exaggeration. In reality, the United States provides substantial aid to numerous allies, sometimes even more than to Ukraine, and often in peacetime. This funding aims to bolster stability, much like US aid to Egypt over the past decades.

In his campaign narrative, Trump depicts Ukraine as a ruined state to underscore the failures of President Joe Biden and his administration, along with General Mark Milley, then-chair of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Russian invasion. Trump’s personal disdain for Milley, who labeled him an “absolute fascist” and urged that his return to power be prevented, might be fueling this narrative.

Regardless, Trump’s version of the Russia-Ukraine war – a staple of his campaign rallies and interviews – diverges starkly from reality. However, it aligns with his goals if he regains the White House. His remarks suggest that he seeks a rapport with Russia’s President Vladimir Putin, a leader he has often praised far more than Zelenskyy.

From Trump’s statements, one conclusion becomes evident amid the prolonged Russia-Ukraine war: illusions are unhelpful. Trump does not hold Ukraine in high regard and harbors clear disdain for its leadership. Zelenskyy would have had to compromise

by pursuing an investigation into Hunter Biden and implicating President Joe Biden, which might have secured Trump’s favor. Yet, we can only imagine how such a move would have affected US-Ukraine relations after Biden’s victory in 2020.

We are, however, in a different reality. And Trump’s animosity toward Zelenskyy also stems from Zelenskyy’s resistance to the “good relations” Trump envisions with Putin. Zelenskyy disrupts Trump’s narrative of a potential partnership between the US and Russia against China – a country Trump, not without reason, views as America’s primary threat.

Trump’s backers fail to grasp, or refuse to see, that Russia is more likely to align with China in the looming struggle between democracy and authoritarianism, potentially bringing about the Third World War that Trump fears. This lack of understanding sets the stage for profound consequences if Trump wins the US election.

First, Trump is likely to seek a settlement with Putin to end the Russia-Ukraine war under terms that would allow Putin not only to feel victorious but also to be declared victorious. How far Trump might go in placating a leader who has long inspired his admiration remains to be seen.

Second, US aid to Ukraine could diminish significantly under Trump’s leadership. Even if he loses, Trump may still influence Congress – particularly if Republicans gain control – to obstruct assistance for Ukraine proposed by a Harris administration. We have already seen indications of this



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Third, no matter what European leaders say today, if Trump returns to power, those leaders – especially nuclear powers like the UK’s Keir Starmer and France’s Emmanuel Macron – will likely pursue “special relationships” with him. They may be cautious with support for Ukraine, realizing Trump’s disapproval. Privately, they might try

to sway Trump, but their public stance on American policy could be muted, which could prove challenging.

Finally, Europe’s political landscape could shift in Trump’s favor, empowering leaders who have traditionally aligned with him. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán could emerge as a key figure in guiding Trump’s policies on Europe and the Russia-Ukraine

conflict. Polish President Andrzej Duda, a strong supporter of Ukraine, might be compelled to temper his views or lose influence with Trump.

The changes would be monumental. Preparing for these shifts now, just days before a pivotal US election, may prove crucial for Ukraine’s future.

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WHY IS THE “VICTORY PLAN” STALLED?



On October 16, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy presented his “Victory Plan” to the Verkhovna Rada. This presentation followed a tour of allied nations, where Zelenskyy met with leading politicians. During his tour, Ukrainian media amplified interest in this plan, raising hopes that the government was offering Western partners something unprecedented. Many expected that the initiatives discussed behind closed doors would soon lead Ukraine to victory. The route of visits – to the U.S., the U.K., Germany, France, and Italy – and the secrecy surrounding the “Victory Plan” generated a certain fervor in Ukrainian society, which has now endured over two and a half years of Russia’s full-scale aggression.

On October 16, the plan was finally made public in the Verkhovna Rada. Lawmakers applauded the President, yet it is worth noting that most of them belong to the President’s party, and many who are not officially part of the ruling faction feel compelled to vote alongside it. However, numerous analysts expressed far less enthusiasm after hearing the plan’s details. Even government-aligned media, journalists, and propagandists merely recited the “Victory Plan” without closely linking it to actual “victory.”

It turns out the “Victory Plan” is not a set of tasks the Ukrainian government has assigned itself to achieve success in the war. Instead, it is more of a wish list for Western partners rather than something Ukraine’s government intends to deliver on its own.

The President outlined four points

concerning the war, with a fifth focused on ensuring post-war security.

“The **first point** is an invitation to NATO, now. We are a democratic nation that has proven we can defend the Euro-Atlantic way of life, our common democratic values.”

The demands, or rather requests, to the allies begin with this first point. Clearly, NATO is not yet prepared to invite Ukraine into full membership, primarily due to concerns among some Western elites and societies about the unpredictable reaction from authoritarian Russia. Most NATO country citizens worry about their countries’ direct involvement in the war. Furthermore, certain NATO countries, including Hungary, Slovakia, and even Turkey, have positions on military support for Ukraine that diverge from the majority.

According to Zelenskyy, the **second point** is about defense. Here, he highlighted Ukraine’s recent successes, such as the operation in the Kursk region of Russia – a move with significant propaganda weight for Ukrainian authorities. Still, the second point boils down to more expectations from Western allies: aid in equipping reserve brigades for the Ukrainian Armed Forces, bolstering air defenses to protect cities and villages from Russian missiles and drones, conducting joint operations with neighboring European countries to intercept Russian missiles and drones within the allied airspace, and lifting restrictions on long-range strikes on military infrastructure throughout occupied Ukraine and even Russia. Ukraine also expects real-time intelligence from satellites and other reconnaissance. In short, rather than commitments from Ukraine, it’s a call for continued Western support.

The **third point** in Zelenskyy’s Plan is “deterrence.” He announced that “Ukraine is proposing to host a comprehensive non-nuclear strategic deterrence package sufficient to protect the country from any military threat from Russia.” Again, according to the “Plan,” it is up to the allies to provide this

mysterious non-nuclear deterrence system.

The **fourth point** focuses on strategic economic potential. In reality, this seems to be a promise that Ukraine will repay its allies for weaponry. Zelenskyy began by listing Ukraine’s natural resources, including critical minerals worth trillions of dollars, like uranium, titanium, lithium, and graphite, and then offered the United States and other key allies a special agreement for the joint protection, investment, and use of Ukraine’s critical resources. Just in October, Ukraine privatized its United Mining and Chemical Company – a leader in titanium extraction and processing – for 3.94 billion hryvnias. The auction’s sole participant was “Cemin Ukraine,” controlled by Azerbaijani businessman Nasib Hasanov, with Azerbaijan recently showing absolute loyalty to Putin’s Russia.

The **fifth point** is for the post-war period. Zelenskyy nearly directly quoted an idea British Prime Minister Boris Johnson published in the Daily Mail in July, suggesting Ukraine could eventually replace U.S. troops in Europe, appealing to isolationist Trump supporters eager to reduce foreign spending. While no one doubts the Ukrainian army’s capabilities, someone will still have to pay for its deployment, raising the question of who that will be if not the U.S. – perhaps European countries?

Before the “Victory Plan” was unveiled, high hopes allowed Ukrainians to remain optimistic. However, the plan’s release clarified that, unfortunately, the government currently lacks a concrete victory plan. What was announced is more of a set of directives for Ukrainian embassies, diplomats, and politicians negotiating with Western partners. The problem isn’t Ukraine’s high expectations from its allies – this has brought tanks, air defenses, long-range weapons, and even F-16 squadrons in the past. The issue is that the “Victory Plan” does not contain tasks for Ukraine itself, no roadmap for chang-

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ing internal policies essential for victory. Unlike the “7 Steps to Victory” proposed by Sviatoslav Dubina, previously discussed here.

Criticism that the “Victory Plan” is

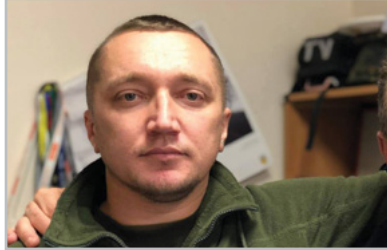
not truly a victory strategy quickly reached the President’s Office, which has now announced the development of a new, internal plan. Why the government only begins this now, over two

and a half years into the war and in response to public criticism, remains a rhetorical question.

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MYKHAILO UKHMAN | NEWS FROM THE FRONTLINE

THE RUNA



Mykhailo Ukhman – a film producer, war journalist, writer, makes documentaries and feature films about the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

In our previous issue, we promised to tell readers about Viktoriya – a young Ukrainian warrior who has been on the front lines since she was 19 y.o. So, listen and be inspired.

Runa is Viktoriya's call sign. She signed her contract with the Ukrainian Armed Forces at the age of 19. Her love for weaponry began in school, igniting a spark that ultimately led her to join the army.

When the petite Viktoriya first appeared at the Military Enlistment Office, her ambitions were met with skepticism by the soldiers there. Her family, too, was not especially supportive of her choice. Some believed her place was in the kitchen. But Viktoriya proved them all wrong.

She began her fight in the village of Pisky, Donetsk region. It was there that she confronted Russia's full-scale invasion.

Those were tough times. Yet, Viktoriya and her comrades stood strong, relentlessly destroying enemy forces and equipment using every weapon available.

Later, she fought in Bakhmut and other hotspots where her presence was crucial.

It is worth noting, that Runa is the squad commander of an anti-aircraft artillery unit. Her team brings down enemy forces with S-60 anti-aircraft guns and ZU-23-2 anti-aircraft mounts, often deployed to the hottest conflict areas.

Alongside the heavy artillery, Runa and her comrades wield anti-drone rifles, which help intercept and destroy enemy kamikaze drones and other types of hostile copters.



Runa is Viktoriya's call sign.

Over her six years in the war, Viktoriya has seen – and endured – a great deal. Her story is known across Ukraine. She stands as a symbol of resilience and valor. Runa's presence on the front lines shatters all stereotypes.

"I am 160 centimeters tall, and I fight. I don't understand the men who buy fake medical certificates, those who flee the country just to avoid defending it. This is our homeland, and it's every Ukrainian's duty to protect it," Viktoriya

says.

Dear readers, Viktoriya is constantly seeking funds to purchase drones. If you wish to help this brave woman who is currently battling the enemy in Donetsk, contact us (Uhmanmisha85@gmail.com), and we will provide her details.

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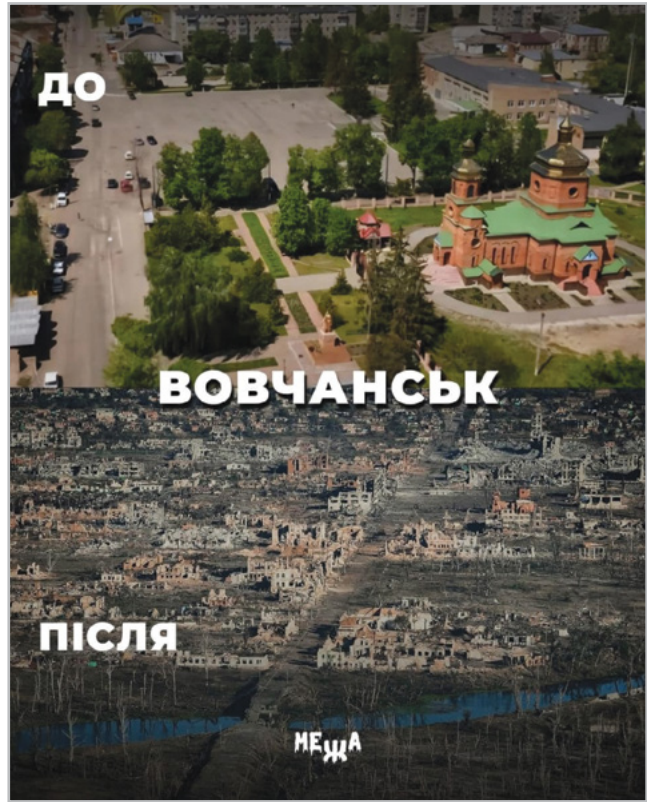


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MARTA FARION ON UKRAINIANS IN MEXICO

Marta Farion, Vice-President of the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) in North America, Vice-President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), and President of the Kyiv-Mohyla Foundation of America.

Did you know that there is an active Ukrainian community in Mexico City? I had the honor of attending a unique event titled "Infinite Love for Life – Mexico and Ukraine" (Amor Infinito por la vida – Mexico y Ucrania) – an inclusive fashion show held on September 29 in Mexico's capital. This charitable event was a joint effort between the "Infinite Love for Life" institution and the "Ukrainian House," a celebration of multiculturalism and of people united by a desire for peace and shared values in art, culture, dignity, respect for freedom, and human life.

This year's show focused on the theme of "Mexico and Ukraine," highlighting the Ukrainian experience during wartime and the plight of hundreds of thousands in Ukraine who have become disabled due to the war Russia started a decade ago. As a gesture of love and support, young Mexicans with various disabilities, representing an organization advocating for the rights of people with limited abilities, modeled Mexican costumes. The event was sponsored by ONEST/Smart Logistics, Mexico's largest logistics company, whose owner supports Ukraine's values and aspirations for peace and independence. Representatives of the Ukrainian community in Mexico, dressed in traditional Ukrainian attire, walked the runway, displaying an emotional intercultural solidarity. This gesture symbolized that, despite the geographical distance, the two nations share much deeper ties than one might imagine.

I represented the Ukrainian World Congress with the goal of connecting with our Ukrainian sisters and brothers living in Mexico and inviting them to join the family of Ukrainians worldwide under the UWC umbrella. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Larysa Raifel, President of the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Los Angeles, for establishing connections with the Ukrainian community in Mexico City and for accompanying me during this journey.

The Ukrainian Embassy in Mexico is housed in a beautiful, spacious building styled like a hacienda. We met with Ambassador Oksana Dramarétska and her diplomatic team. The embassy's mission in Mexico is complex for many reasons, one of which is the strong



Russian influence and disinformation, as well as the Mexican government's support for Russia's policies. The influence of Russia and China in Mexico is notable, especially compared to the U.S. Fortunately, Mexicans uphold tra-

ditions of ethics, family values, dignity, and freedom, and they sympathize with Ukrainians enduring the hardships of war. It is worth noting that the event was supported by both the city administration and the Ukrainian Embassy



in Mexico.

Despite challenges, the Ukrainian community in Mexico City, numbering several thousand, is united under the “Ukrainian House” (Casa de Ucrania), co-founded by Lesya Kolytkova. They organize events, support a small Ukrainian school for children, maintain a Ukrainian choir, and collaborate with artists, journalists, and academics. The choir comprises both Ukrainian and Mexican singers who perform Mexican and Ukrainian songs under the direction of the remarkable conductor Elisa Shmegelson. Fluent in several languages, including Ukrainian, she sings one of the finest renditions of the Ukrainian national anthem I have ever heard, with no trace of an accent. During the event, the Ukrainian-Mexican choir of the Ukrainian House delighted the guests with a selection of songs from both nations, showcasing the harmony and talent that emerges when two cultures unite through music. Many immigrants who have moved to Mexico come from the Kharkiv region and are well-educated professionals.

Together with Tanya Tsvyk, co-founder of Casa de Ucrania, who hosted us, we visited the National Museum of Anthropology (Museo Nacional de Antropología), considered one of the

world’s wonders. The museum’s exhibits are divided into two major sections—archaeology on the ground floor and ethnography on the upper floor. They feature ancient architectural structures, sculptures, manuscripts, and art from Aztec and Mayan civilizations. We also visited the magnificent Metropolitan Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catedral Metropolitana de la Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María a los cielos). Construction of the cathedral began in 1524 during the time of the Spanish conquistadors. Its scale, luxury, gold, and marble are awe-inspiring, and I wondered how many thousands of Aztecs labored to build it, bringing materials from the mountains, and climbing to the highest towers. Located on the site of one of the main Aztec temples in a seismically active area, the structure has significantly shifted over time.

We also witnessed some of the greatest architectural and cultural marvels created by humankind – the world of ancient civilizations and Aztec pyramids. It was astonishing – from engineering feats to astronomical wonders, true works of art from a civilization that left its mark in music, folk medicine, horticulture, and agriculture. The cactus gardens, with

various species, including giant cacti adorned with blossoms and fruits, were equally impressive.

On the last day of our visit, right in front of our hotel on Paseo de la Reforma, we witnessed a historic event. Huge crowds from across the country, mostly organized by labor unions, gathered for the inauguration of Mexico’s new President, Claudia Sheinbaum, the first woman to lead the country in over 200 years of modern Mexican history. She is also the first person of Jewish descent to hold the highest office in a predominantly Catholic country known for its deeply patriarchal culture. President Sheinbaum is likely to continue the policies of her predecessor and political mentor, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the head of the ruling party. In Mexico, there are no primary elections, so the outgoing president appoints the next candidate. I mention this political detail because Ukraine needs allies in the Global South, especially in Latin America, and I hope the new president will bring more diversity and independence to political decisions.

I am proud of the achievements of the small Ukrainian community in Mexico City and look forward to continued cooperation. Together, we are strong.

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THE CLOSER THE ELECTION, THE THICKER THE FOG

Nadia Banchik

In seven key states – Arizona, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina, Nevada, Wisconsin, and Michigan – Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are locked in an almost even split, with Trump recently gaining some ground while Harris's earlier surge appears to be slowing.

Right or left?

After Republicans dismissed their only centrist alternative to Trump – Nikki Haley – and the Democrats leaned leftward with current Vice President Kamala Harris, U.S. voters find themselves at a stark crossroads. Each path set by the candidates appears to lead toward extremes – either right or left – rather than a reasoned centrism. Extremes often bring instability, while sensible centrism is what keeps a political system resilient.

Thus, it seems that the direction of the world's most powerful nation could come down to a statistical margin of error.

The economic and social platforms of both presidential candidates, combined with the complex layers of the election agenda, place voters – especially those in swing states – in a dilemma. Each candidate offers specific advantages but also carries considerable risks.

Trump: "Make America Great Again" and defeat Internal enemies

Trump's supporters rally around his economic promises – lower taxes and less government regulation – or his passionate calls to end illegal immigration and his staunch support for Israel. His backing of Israel is remembered from his first term, marked by his decision to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem and the "Abraham Accords" facilitating diplomatic ties between Israel and certain Arab nations.

Trump's voters also fear that Harris' economic and social agenda may lean "too far left."

"Harris's economic plans focus on state handouts and government control. Who else would back the allocation of billions in taxpayer dollars for

down payments for first-time homebuyers? Not even Obama's administration did that," says Nicole Russell, a Texas-based columnist at USA Today. She points to Harris' running mate Tim Walz, governor of Minnesota, who implemented state laws permitting almost unrestricted abortion, making Minnesota a haven for transgender youth and expanding driver's license access for undocumented immigrants.

Russell believes that Trump's victory would bring tax cuts, nix student debt forgiveness, and tighten border security with Mexico. But many Trump voters may underestimate his potential to shake the US political system, sow distrust in democratic institutions, and intensify societal divisions.

Trump persistently claims that America's "internal enemies" are worse than Russia or China. In his view, "Marxists, communists, and fascists" – essentially, all Democrats and any dissenters – are these enemies, especially those who have brought legal charges against him. He insists that the judiciary and intelligence services are "totally corrupt" and serve as tools of the left against him, a self-proclaimed patriot and defender of the American people. In his view, the US is no different from a dictatorship, and he has a duty, as he says, "to act as a dictator from day one" to reform the nation as he envisions it.

What might happen to vital institutions like the judiciary, intelligence agencies, and social services if Trump "resets" them to suit his vision is anyone's guess.

And what might the world face if Trump rekindles his rapport with Putin or doubles down on his absurd claims about the war in Ukraine? Would he, as president, repeat the ill-fated appeasement of the 1938 Munich Agreement?

Even Trump's economic policy fans may underestimate his ambitions for trade wars, a strategy he justifies with claims that almost every country "cheats America." In the end, trade wars and tariffs are paid for by consumers, and the US deficit only grows.

Some of Trump's supporters even believe in outright misinformation. Take, for example, claims spread during recent hurricanes that FEMA intentionally withheld resources from Republican states or that the agency diverted these resources to "illegal immigrants." These rumors have even led to attacks on FEMA workers, who had to halt operations in some North Carolina areas.

Harris supports the middle class

Harris's backers range from far-left progressives to a wing of centrist Republicans, including Liz Cheney, daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney and a vocal Trump critic. Harris's supporters admire her adherence to fair play and the US political system's rules. Yet the big unknown is which voter base Harris will sway. The left-wing advocates for robust government investment in the middle class and significant economic oversight; socially, they support expanded abortion rights and prioritize Palestinian support, which could reduce US backing of Israel, a major ally in the Middle East.

A complex, contradictory choice

This election may be one of the most challenging in US history due to the candidates' contrasting approaches.

How will centrist Republicans and undecided voters perceive Harris's economic and social policies? Can she find a balance between the left and the center?

She sought this middle ground during a televised town hall on October 23, where her mantra was pragmatic problem-solving across party lines. "I have firm principles, but I am open to compromise if it addresses the issue," Harris said in response to a question.

But will her proposed measures rattle an already crisis-prone US economy, with inflation still climbing despite ongoing attempts to contain it?

Ultimately, both candidates' chances are close, adding to the uncertainty.

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MORE THAN 6,000 ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES: CAN THE AGGRESSOR BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE?

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The consequences of warfare and occupation are devastating not only for people but also for the environment. The destruction and degradation of farmlands and forests, pollution of air and water, are some of the gravest impacts in financial terms. Recently, Ukraine's Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources reported that over 6,000 eco-crimes have been recorded, with estimated damages reaching up to 2.7 trillion UAH. While rebuilding civilian infrastructure might take years, restoring the natural reserves, land, and water ecosystems could take decades, or even centuries. So why is there still no term like "ecocide" in international criminal law? Can Ukrainians succeed in including Russia's environmental crimes in reparations?

"We need to set an example with our case, developing mechanisms with international partners that prevent future wars and punish aggressors severely for environmental destruction. Russia must face severe penalties for the havoc it has wreaked on our lands and resources; it must fully compensate for these damages," stated Minister of Environmental Protection Svitlana Hrynychuk in an interview with Ukrinform. She explained that Ukraine's State Environmental Inspection Agency, working under the Cabinet of Ministers' guidelines, is collecting data on damage to water, land, and forest resources, as well as on greenhouse gas emissions from explosions and fires.

As of October 2024, there are 209 criminal cases under investigation related to wartime environmental crimes, with 14 cases provisionally classified as "ecocide" under Article 441 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code. Hrynychuk emphasized that it is crucial for these crimes to be recognized not only by Ukrainian partners but also by international courts to ensure reparations are made. If Ukraine can hold Russia accountable for these environmental crimes – a feat no country has achieved



after defeat – it could set a precedent to lessen environmental damage in future conflicts. Ukraine's Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection, Olena Kramarenko, told RBC Ukraine that an international assessment of environmental harm is underway. "The OSCE, World Bank, and UN Development Program are assisting us. They consult with us, jointly verifying our methods. Criteria for damages have been prepared, which could become part of the International Registry's standards. We are also developing an IT platform to transfer Russia's environmental damages to this registry. Once the 'Environment' category opens, we'll be ready to submit all documents with evidence."

The State Environmental Inspection Agency also collects reports of environmental incidents through the Eco-Threat platform. According to the platform, the destruction of the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Plant alone caused more than 146 billion UAH in damages last year. Over a thousand households and 63,000 hectares of forest were flooded. The explosion killed people as well as livestock and wildlife, including endangered species like the sandy blind mole rat. "This mole rat, which lives exclusively in the flooded area of Kakhovka, is a unique species affected by

the war," explained ecologist Oleksiy Vasyluk to RBC Ukraine. Satellite images suggest the mole rat has not gone extinct – fortunately, their burrows are visible. Russia's destruction extends to other species, like Przewalski's horses. Part of the herd from Europe's largest steppe reserve, Askania Nova, was transported to Russia. While a small population still roams the Chernobyl Biosphere Reserve, incidents of these horses being injured by landmines have been reported.

The war has also escalated greenhouse gas emissions, accelerating climate change. On September 20, Kyiv was shrouded in smog with an Air Quality Index of 173 US AQI, making it the world's most polluted city that day. The cumulative wartime emissions total 180 million tons, more than the annual emissions of countries like Austria, Norway, or Romania. These emissions affect not only Ukraine but the world, undoing global climate efforts.

The conflict has also ignited dry vegetation, forests, and peatlands – fires that are extremely difficult to extinguish. "Putting out peat fires is a complex challenge. Even if we douse the surface, the peat below can continue smoldering, spreading deeper and deeper, requiring about a ton of

water per square meter to extinguish," noted Kramarenko. Yuri Bolokhovets, head of Ukraine's Forestry Agency, reported 351 forest fires in frontline areas, burning over 8,000 hectares. "Frontline forests are often mined, making it impossible for firefighting teams to access burning areas," he told LB.ua.

Water ecosystems are also severely affected. In Mykolaiv, Kherson, and other regions where water facilities have been damaged, efforts to restore drinking water supplies are ongoing, with international partners providing purification equipment and monitoring supplies. Harmful substances have contaminated groundwater, wells, and rivers. A recent pollution event in the Desna River inflicted 530 million UAH in damages on Sumy and Chernihiv regions. "Over 650 kilometers of river are contaminated. No living organisms survived. This is unprecedented – a fully dead river in Europe," said Serhii Zhuk, head of Chernihiv's Environmental Inspection Agency, as reported by The Guardian.

Researchers from Ukraine's Institute of Hydrobiology and Institute of Microbiology and Virology concluded that oxygen levels in the Desna dropped to nearly zero due to wastewater from a Russian sugar factory. Around 44 tons of dead fish were recovered near Chernihiv. By late October, oxygen levels had returned to normal, yet full recovery could take years. "Russia's environmental damage extends beyond Ukraine, highlighting the need for proactive emergency plans," Kramarenko said.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection has repeatedly emphasized the potential for reparations to include environmental damages, and is working with partners to secure this legally. Although some countries have pledged support, commitment from the international community at large remains a pressing issue. According to Kramarenko, the environmental consequences will last long into the future. Reforesting burned areas, for example, could take up to 90 years. While nature can heal itself, constant destruction severely impedes this process.

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According to the General Staff, the total combat losses of the enemy from February 24, 2022 to September 30, 2024 are approximately as follows:

- Personnel – 694,950 people were eliminated,
- Tanks – 9,156 units,
- Armored personnel carriers – 18,450 units,
- Artillery systems – 20,013 units,
- MLRS – 1,243 units,
- Air defense systems – 994 units,
- Aircraft – 369 units,
- Helicopters – 329 units,
- Operational and tactical level UAVs – 18,063 units,
- Cruise missiles – 2,627 units,
- Ships and boats – 28 units,
- Submarines – 1 unit,
- Vehicles and tankers – 27,961 units,
- Special equipment – 3,570 units.

Military aid for
Ukraine

USA

The United States has decided to allocate \$20 billion to Ukraine. The funds will be provided as part of the G7 loan, derived from profits from frozen Russian assets.

Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal clarified that the funds will be directed toward "Ukraine's most critical financial needs" in 2025.

The United States is preparing another aid package aimed at strengthening the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Ukraine will receive \$800 million from the U.S. to manufacture domestic drones.

Additionally, \$400 million is allocated in a new military aid package.

On October 16, Joe Biden held a phone conversation with Volodymyr Zelenskyy, during which he

On October 22, the European Parliament approved a loan of up to 35 billion euros for Ukraine, to be financed by revenue from frozen Russian assets.

This decision was supported by 518 members of the European Parliament, with 56 against and 61 abstaining.

This €35 billion loan is part of the G7-EU package, agreed upon last June, to provide up to \$50 billion (approximately €45 billion) in financial support to Ukraine. The final contribution from the EU may be lower, depending on the loan amounts provided by other G7 partners, according to the official site.

The payments are scheduled for 2025.

It is also noted that the European Union will extend the mandate of the EU Military Assistance Mission (EU-MAM) to train Ukrainian military personnel. This was announced by EU High Representative Josep Borrell at a press conference on October 14.

He stated that the training mission will be extended for another two years.

Germany

The German defense corporation Rheinmetall has supplied Ukraine with another twenty Marder infantry fighting vehicles.

The latest batch of 20 Marder IFVs, provided to Ukraine, was ordered and funded by the German government.

The total number of combat vehicles sent to Ukraine under the so-called "ring exchange" agreement has now reached around 200 units, over a hundred of which are Marder 1A3 models.

The ring exchange agreement also includes the supply of other equipment such as Marders and Leopard tanks.

The Marders sent to Ukraine are equipped with modern laser rangefinders, significantly increasing accuracy in targeting on the battlefield.

The German government has delivered a new military aid package to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The list includes armored vehicles, shells, and other weapons.

Ukraine received eight Leopard 1A5

tanks, 20 Marder infantry fighting vehicles, six Panzerhaubitze 2000 howitzers, two WISENT 1 engineering vehicles, and four vehicles with mine and ambush protection.

The package also includes:

- Shells for tanks and 24,000 artillery rounds;
- Air defense missiles and Sea Sparrow missiles;
- 30 Vector reconnaissance drones;
- 100 H-PEMBS portable mine-clearing systems and 90 mine detectors;
- 3,000 RGW 90 anti-tank grenade launchers, 25,000 rounds of 40mm caliber ammunition;
- 460 MK 556 assault rifles, 90 HLR 338 sniper rifles, 30 CR 308 rifles, and 3,000 SFP9 pistols.

Additionally, the German government announced plans to supply Ukraine with AIM-9L missiles, 4,000 strike drones, 360 SONGBIRD reconnaissance drones, and 40mm ammunition.

It was also recently announced that Germany, along with Belgium, Denmark, and Norway, plans to provide Ukraine with a new aid package worth €1.4 billion by the end of the year.

The package will include IRIS-T air defense systems, Skynex complexes, a Gepard anti-aircraft system, guided howitzers, armored vehicles, combat drones, radars, and ammunition.

The German official added that Ukraine recently received a new €600 million arms package, which included the fifth IRIS-T SLM system, tanks, howitzers, and ammunition.

It was also reported that at the end of September, Germany agreed to increase its military assistance to Ukraine by €400 million.

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom will provide Ukraine with a loan of £2.26 billion (about \$2.93 billion), funded by income from frozen Russian assets.

The British loan is intended to support Ukraine's military budget, allowing the country to invest in key equipment to aid its efforts in the war against Russia.

This funding includes support for air defense, artillery, and other equipment. Additionally, the funds complement the UK's existing annual military assistance to Kyiv of £3 billion.

The UK emphasized that the loan will be repaid through the profits from frozen Russian assets.

Furthermore, another group of Ukrainian pilots has completed training in Britain. In total, the United Kingdom has trained 200 Ukrainian pilots

who will soon be flying F-16 fighter jets.

France

France will provide more arms to Ukraine, financed by interest from frozen Russian assets. Specifically, the European country will supply Ukraine with 12 more Caesar self-propelled artillery systems.

According to French Defense Minister Sébastien Lecornu, France "recovered" €300 million in interest from frozen Russian assets to purchase military equipment for Ukraine by the end of the year, including 12 new Caesar guns.

This amount enabled the order of 12 new Caesar guns for delivery to Ukraine, along with 155mm shells, Astra missiles, AASM guided bombs, firing positions, and missiles.

It is also noted that the first delivery of Mirage 2000-5 aircraft from France, scheduled for early next year, will include three aircraft.

The French planes will be armed with Scalp cruise missiles and AASM bombs for air-to-ground combat missions. However, the aircraft will first need to be modified, and pilots and mechanics trained.

Lithuania

Lithuania has agreed to invest €10 million in the production of Ukraine's domestically made "Palianytsia" missile-drone, developed this year.

"Lithuania will invest €10 million in the production of the Palianytsia missile-drone using a 'Danish model' approach, directly funding the Ukrainian manufacturer," the statement read.

The Ukrainian Palianytsia missile-drone was developed over 18 months. It can reach several dozen Russian military airfields, costing less than a million dollars—cheaper than comparable models.

Ukraine used the Palianytsia missile-drone for the first time on August 24 this year.

Netherlands

The Dutch company DeltaQuad will supply Ukraine with €42.6 million worth of ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance) reconnaissance drones.

This is the first specific implementation of the Drone Action Plan, announced by Defense Minister Ruben Brekermans during his recent visit to Ukraine.

ISR drones will give the Ukrainian Armed Forces real-time intelligence gathering and battlefield monitoring capabilities, which are crucial for protecting defensive lines from Russian aggression.

Overall, €400 million has been allo-

cated for the Drone Action Plan, more than half of which will support Dutch industry.

For security reasons, information on the quantity, types of drones, and delivery schedules is not disclosed.

Additionally, the Dutch government decided to allocate extra funds for purchasing artillery ammunition for Ukraine's Armed Forces.

The Netherlands plans to allocate an additional €271 million for large-caliber ammunition for Ukraine.

In early October, the Netherlands delivered a batch of F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine, with another 24 expected to be delivered soon.

Canada

Canada will provide Ukraine with a new military aid package that includes firearms, ammunition, and protective gear.

The package, valued at CAD 64.8 million (USD 47 million), also includes funding for training Ukrainian forces.

This new package is part of a CAD 500 million military financing plan announced by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in July.

Since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Canada has provided CAD 4.5 billion in military aid. In September, Canada began training Ukrainians to operate F-16s.

Recently, Canada provided Ukraine with nearly \$300 million in concessional credit. The funds will be allocated to priority budget expenses, with a loan term of 10 years at 1.5% per annum.

Norway

Norwegian authorities are preparing to deliver a batch of American F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine's Armed Forces.

Defense Minister Rustem Umerov stated that Ukraine will receive six aircraft. The deliveries are expected "in the near future."

Australia

The Australian government will provide the Ukrainian Armed Forces with a new military aid package worth \$245 million.

According to ABC, citing Defense Minister Pat Conroy, the package will include 49 decommissioned Abrams M1A1 tanks.

Journalists note that the U.S., as the producing country, has already approved the transfer of the tanks to Ukraine. It is known that only some of the "Abrams" tanks will require restoration before shipment to Europe.

United Kingdom Enforces Largest

Sanctions Package on Putin's Shadow Fleet



On October 17, the United Kingdom introduced its largest sanctions package to date against Russia's shadow fleet of oil tankers, targeting over 40 tankers linked to Putin's interests.

Additionally, the UK imposed restrictions on four more liquefied gas carriers belonging to the Russian gas company Rusgazdobycha.

The press office reported that in 2023 alone, these sanctioned oil tankers earned Russia an estimated \$4.9 billion. Sovcomflot, Russia's largest shipping company, has been forced to rename ships to evade Western sanctions.

In July, the UK had expanded sanctions on Russia's shadow fleet. This week, Ukraine's Foreign Minister urged allies to "take decisive action" against Russia's shadow fleet.

Ukraine Signs Bilateral Security Agreement with Greece



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis signed a bilateral security cooperation agreement in Brussels.

The agreement signifies Greece's commitment to meet Ukraine's most urgent defense needs.

Athens pledged additional resources to expedite training for Ukrainian pilots and technical personnel for F-16 aircraft.

The agreement also outlines expanded cooperation in defense, support for sanctions against Russia, and collaborations in culture, education, and the arts.

Overall, Ukraine has now signed 27 such security agreements.

EU Condemns Russia's Killing of Ukrainian POWs

The European Union has strongly condemned the killing of Ukrainian prisoners of war by Russian forces, describing it as yet another heinous example of Russia's mistreatment of Ukrainians.

The EU reports that the number of Ukrainian POWs executed by Russian forces continues to rise. According to verified sources, at least 177 Ukrainian POWs have died in Russian captivity since the war began.

Reports confirm that on October 10, Russian forces executed nine Ukrainian soldiers in Russia's Kursk region. Previously, on October 1, 16 Ukrainian POWs were killed in Donetsk after surrendering.

"These incidents are appalling and represent serious violations of the Geneva Conventions. They demonstrate Russia's ongoing and systematic disregard for international law, particularly international humanitarian law. Russia has clear obligations under the UN Charter and international law, which it must uphold," the EU noted.

The UN Human Rights Office has already confirmed the systematic use of various forms of torture, including sexual violence, against Ukrainian POWs by Russian captors. The EU also condemns the lack of access to the outside world for prisoners and the denial of humanitarian access to independent observers.

The EU has reaffirmed its commitment to holding accountable all perpetrators and enablers of Russia's war crimes against Ukraine.

Ukrainian Navy Participates in NATO Drone Exercises for the First Time

For the first time, Ukraine's Naval Forces took part in NATO's largest drone-based maritime exercise—REP-



MUS 24—focused on integrating unmanned systems in naval operations.

Using the DELTA combat system, Ukrainian forces coordinated over 50 unmanned vehicles of various types – subsurface, marine, land, and aerial.

"During the exercise, DELTA also successfully connected to and received location data on the German robotic dog Robotics-L from Rheinmetall," the report states.

The exercises, held off the coast of Troia, Portugal, from September 9 to 27, practiced the use of drones for tasks including anti-submarine warfare, neutralizing sea mines, and protecting critical underwater infrastructure, according to the Ministry of Defense.

DELTA's integration with other combat systems facilitated real-time data sharing and the differentiation of "friend" and "foe," significantly improving operational management and coordination.

First North Korean Military Units Arrive in Combat Zone



The first units of North Korean soldiers have arrived in the combat zone of the Russia-Ukraine war, as reported by Ukraine's Defense Intelligence Directorate.

According to Ukrainian intelligence, the arrival of North Korean soldiers was recorded on Wednesday, October 23, in Russia's Kursk region.

Training for North Korean forces is being conducted at five military train-

ing grounds in Russia's Far East. After several weeks of unit integration, the Kremlin plans to deploy the North Korean forces to the front lines.

"Estimates from Ukraine's Defense Intelligence Directorate suggest that around 12,000 North Korean soldiers have been transferred to Russia, including 500 officers and three generals from Pyongyang," the statement said.

The Directorate also disclosed the person tasked by the Kremlin with overseeing the preparation and adaptation of North Korean troops. This responsibility was assigned to Russian Deputy Defense Minister Yunus-Bek Yevkurov.

"The North Korean soldiers sent by Pyongyang are being outfitted with equipment, bedding, winter clothing, and hygiene supplies. Moscow, following established norms, will allocate 50 meters of toilet paper and 300 grams of soap to each North Korean monthly," the intelligence agency added.

Two Groups of Ukrainian Children Returned from Temporarily Occupied Territories



On October 23, five families with six children were able to return to Ukrainian-controlled territory.

The children, aged 3 to 17, had been living in the temporarily occupied territories of Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, and Crimea.

Earlier in October, another seven children and their parents, including two orphans, returned to Ukrainian territory. These children had also been residing in temporarily occupied areas of Kherson and Crimea.

One of the returned families includes Marina and her three-year-old daughter Anya. Kadyrovite forces threatened to take the child away and pressured the mother to obtain Russian documents, but despite these threats, Marina managed to escape to Ukraine.

95 Defenders Returned to Ukraine from Russian Captivity



On October 18, Ukraine and Russia conducted another prisoner exchange through mediation by the UAE. Another 95 defenders returned home from Russian captivity.

President Zelenskyy noted that among the exchanged fighters were defenders of Mariupol and Azovstal, as well as soldiers from Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Kherson regions.

Dmytro Lubinets added that the 58th prisoner exchange included soldiers from the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the National Guard of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, the National Police of Ukraine, and Ukraine's Territorial Defense. The exchange was mediated by the UAE.

The exchange included 34 servicemen of the Azov Regiment who had defended Mariupol for 86 days.

"Exchanges involving Azov fighters are gradually becoming systematic, thanks to the joint efforts and persistence of all those involved at every level. About 900 Azov soldiers remain in Russian prisons. Our collective goal is to bring each one home," said Denys Prokopenko, the commander of the Azov Brigade.

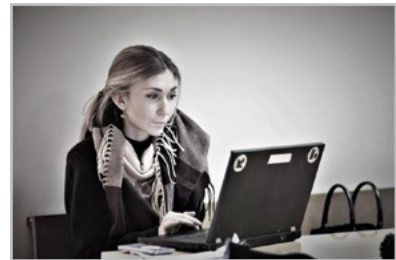
Among those returned was human rights activist and soldier Maksym Butkevych.

Butkevych joined the Ukrainian Armed Forces in March 2022 and was captured in June near Zolote and Hirske in Luhansk.

In March, the so-called courts of the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics sentenced the Ukrainian human rights activist, journalist, and soldier Maksym Butkevych to 13 years in prison.

Ukrainian Journalist Viktoria Roshchyna Dies in

Russian Captivity



Ukrainian journalist Viktoria Roshchyna, abducted by Russian forces on temporarily occupied territory, has died in captivity. She had been on the list for exchange, with her return already agreed upon.

Roshchyna worked for the media outlet Hromadske, reporting from occupied territories after Russia's invasion. In March 2022, she was detained by the occupiers but released after a week. Last October, it was reported that she had gone missing, with no contact since August. Later, the SBU confirmed that she had been abducted and was being held captive.

As of early June, 91 media representatives in Ukraine have died, with 30 journalists held captive by the occupiers.

Additionally, Russians have seized at least 27 Ukrainian media offices to spread their propaganda on occupied Ukrainian territories.

UN Assesses Population Decline in Ukraine Due to Full-Scale Russian Invasion

Ukraine's population has shrunk by 10 million people, or roughly a quarter, since Russia's full-scale invasion. Contributing factors include refugee outflows, declining birth rates, and war-related deaths.

In 2021, Ukraine's population stood at about 40 million. A precise assessment of the war's impact on population numbers will only be possible after the conflict ends.

The main factor in the population decrease has been the outflow of refugees abroad—about 6.7 million people have left.

Another contributing factor is the loss of lives. "It's difficult to provide exact numbers, but estimates suggest that the death toll reaches tens of thousands," according to the UN.

DESSEE BAKERY: A TASTE OF UKRAINE BORN IN CALIFORNIA

Lisa Hots

In a world where Ukrainian traditions intertwine with American reality, a new business has become iconic. This is the story of Dessee Bakery, located in Silicon Valley, California. Founded by the Kotsiubynskiy family, this bakery is more than a patisserie; it is a symbol of the unbreakable spirit of Ukrainian immigrants.

From Lviv to San Francisco: The path to a new dream

Andrii and Aliona embarked on their journey to the United States in August 2022. This decision was far from spontaneous – it had been considered for a long time, encouraged by family members in America who offered support through the United for Ukraine program. “America isn’t about a dream, it’s about hard work,” Aliona reflects, as they face the challenges of adapting to new surroundings. Immigrants encounter numerous obstacles here, and a life free from daily struggles is often only achievable for the next generations.

A family business in the making

What started as a mere idea became a reality in just five months. “The idea came to us on May 10, and by October 10, we were up and running,” say the Kotsiubynskiy family. In that time, they navigated countless bureaucratic hurdles, obtained licenses, and established supply chains.

“We spent a lot of time analyzing the market and eventually realized that California lacks European-level pastry quality and service,” Aliona explains. The bakery offers a variety of pastries including croissants, éclairs, macarons, cakes, mousse pastries, and tartlets, all known for their quality and traditional European flavors. The unique touch is the handmade nature of their products, which gives each item a special taste and appearance. Despite using American ingredients – which differ significantly in quality and composition from Ukrainian ones – the taste remains authentic.

Quality Above All



Opening a bakery in the United States is no easy feat. “America is a bureaucratic country, and nothing happens without a lot of paperwork,” the founders explain. For Andrii and Aliona, it is about more than just running a business; it is a chance to represent their country’s traditions, if only a little. For Ukrainian holidays, the bakery will feature traditional pastries like pampukhy (Ukrainian donuts) and pasky (Easter breads) – the familiar flavors that Ukrainian people miss in their “new life.”

“Our goal is to show that Ukrainians are skilled professionals who uphold high standards in everything they do,” say the Kotsiubynskiy family. They have ambitious plans to grow the bakery and dream of opening new locations in major cities across California.

In addition, the bakery is geared for large-scale production. Baking up to three thousand items a day, they are prepared to meet the demands of even their largest clients.

Collaborating with event managers

Andrii actively builds relationships with clients and customers, seeking out connections with event managers from companies like Google, Meta, Apple, as well as with wedding planners, restaurant and café owners, and hotels. The bakery offers catering services for various events, including weddings and corporate gatherings.

“We want to showcase what Ukrainian taste, service, and quality are all about,” he emphasizes.

Searching for talent and building the team

Most employees at the bakery are Ukrainians. This tradition remains important to the owners, who want the products to reflect genuine Ukrainian flavor. Andrii points out that having Ukrainians on the team is essential, as they best understand the traditional recipes. They already have a few employees, but the team still needs to expand.

Dessee openly appeals to the Ukrainian community for support. The owners are looking for talented pastry chefs to help grow the business. “Our doors are always open to those who want to bring a piece of Ukraine to the world,” Andrii says. Now, the taste of Ukraine lives in the heart of California, bridging cultures and sharing the warmth of home.

Dreams for the future

Andrii and Aliona dream of further expansion. They plan to open bakeries in every major Californian city and eventually establish their own cafes. “We see ourselves not only in California but across America,” Andrii says.

A call to the community

“Our biggest wish is for the war to finally end,” the Kotsiubynskiy family concludes. They are certain that any business can be built, but lost lives are the greatest tragedy. “We want people to know we are here, doing everything possible to promote Ukrainian culture.”



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16 NOV МАТЕРІ В МОЛИТВІ | SACRAMENTO

Матерів в Молитві

Where: 4837 Amber Ln.
Sacramento, CA 95841

When: Saturday, 4 PM

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16 NOV UKRAINE'S CULTURAL FORCES MUSIC TOUR OF THANKS COMES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Ukrainian Event Center and Music Hall, St. Michaels Ukrainian

Orthodox Church

Where: Saint Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 345 7th St, San Francisco CA, 94103

Коли: Saturday, 6 PM

Seven Ukrainian warfighters, world-class professional musicians before the war, arrived in the United States to thank the American people for support and raise awareness about the Ukrainian fight for freedom and democracy. Several musicians were grievously wounded in combat but after recovery returned to active duty.

Two bandura players, an opera singer, a violinist, a pianist, a country singer, and a poet will present renditions of a wide variety of music, from Ukrainian and world classics to covers of popular hits and country tunes. Performances will feature the traditional Ukrainian folk string instrument, the bandura.

Cultural Forces' 2-month national tour is rounding up in San Francisco with a performance in the Ukrainian Event Center and Music Hall on November 16th at 6PM.

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17 NOV 91ST HOLODOMOR COMMEMORATION | LOS ANGELES

Southern California Holodomor Genocide Committee, Ukrainian Culture Center, Consul General of Ukraine

Where: 4315 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, United States, CA 90029

When: Sunday, 2 PM – 5 PM

The Southern California Holodomor Genocide Committee, the Ukrainian Culture Center, and the Consul General of Ukraine, Dmytro Kushneruk, invite you to the 91st commemoration of the Holodomor Genocide of 1932–1933. This will occur at Gloria Molina Grand Park by the Holodomor Memorial Plaque. This was a tragic episode in history whereby the Soviet Russian regime attempted to eliminate the Ukrainian language, religion, intellectual elite, and way of life. Millions of people were exterminated as the usual

genocidal means of dehumanizing and brutally killing Ukrainians. Your presence at this commemoration embodies the mantra “Never again!”. We are honored to have Professor Emeritus Norman Naimark of Stanford University as our keynote speaker. Professor Naimark has an international reputation as an expert in genocide and is the author of several books on the subject, including “Stalin’s Genocides” and “Genocide: A World History”.

In Dante’s words: “The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those who, in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality”.

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21 NOV DAY OF DIGNITY AND FREEDOM

23 ЛИС/NOV HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY

23 NOV ДЕНЬ ПАМ'ЯТІ ВШАНУВАННЯ ЖЕРТВ ГОЛОДОМОРІВ | SANTA CLARA

St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Mission

Where: Ukrainian Catholic Center of St Volodymyr, 445 Washington Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050

When: Saturday, 2 PM – 5 PM

23 листопада 2024 року, еднаючись з Україною, у храмі св. Володимира, відбудеться молитва за невинно вбитих Жертв Голодоморів. Початок о 8:30

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23 NOV BANDURAGIRL – БЛАГОДІЙНИЙ КОНЦЕРТ ДЛЯ ПІДТРИМКИ ЗСУ | SANTA CLARA

**BanduraGirl & St. Volodymyr
Ukrainian Catholic Mission**

Where: St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Mission, 455 Washington St, Santa Clara, CA 95050

When: Saturday, 6 PM

Anastasiya Voytyuk, also known as Banduragirl, is a singer, promoter of Ukrainian folk culture, and a virtuoso of the bandura – Ukraine's national instrument. She produces performative, educational, and experimental projects in the Unbeaten Path NGO, which she leads. In 2017, she created and launched the Lviv Bandura Fest – the modern bandura music festival of Lviv, Ukraine which ran for four years. During the COVID lockdowns, Anastasiya co-created the online school Music Up for musicians learning management and marketing. Anastasiya also co-created the Bandura mobile app, which lets users play six different Ukrainian folk instruments.

When Ukraine was brutally invaded in 2022, almost all of Anastasiya's projects and festivals came to a halt, as she switched her focus to three things: benefit concerts, folk singing workshops, and international educational programs about Ukraine. In 2023-2024, Anastasiya was a delegate for Ukraine at Celtic Connections in the UK, English Folk Expo and WOMEX, participated twice in the Global Musician Workshop in Boston's Conservatory of Music in the US, and did charitable tours in the UK, South Africa, and the USA

Although her shows in the Bay Area are solo performances, back home Anastasiya also leads the Ukrainian folk fusion band Troye Zillia

which, from the beginning of the war, became a Ukrainian-Polish group, when two of the original Ukrainian participants could no longer participate. The band breathes new life into Ukrainian ancient folk songs from various regions of Ukraine, showcasing the archaic polyphonic singing within contemporary musical forms. The work of Troye Zillia is a real fusion of folk bandura and singing and contemporary jazz drums, keyboards, and synthesizers, and now with bass and clarinet, as well.

Tickets: **\$45.00**

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24 NOV BANDURAGIRL – БЛАГОДІЙНИЙ КОНЦЕРТ ДЛЯ ПІДТРИМКИ ЗСУ | SAN FRANCISCO

**Event by BanduraGirl & Immaculate
Conception Ukrainian Catholic
Church**

Where: Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church, 215 Silliman St, San Francisco, CA 94134

When: Sunday, 5 PM – 7 PM

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30 NOV КОЛЯДУЄ ВСЯ РОДИНА | SACRAMENTO

Ukraine Support Foundation – USF

Where: Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 2531 Rio Linda Blvd Sacramento, CA 95815

When: Saturday, 5 PM

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