

US boosts arms shipments to Ukraine, admits to training Ukrainian fighters

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In the wake of unsubstantiated allegations by the United States that Russia has executed civilians in the outskirts of Kiev, the United States has increased its weapons shipments to Ukraine. On Wednesday, it also admitted to training Ukrainian forces on American soil. Both actions increase the likelihood of a direct military clash between the US and Russia, the world's two largest nuclear powers.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced yesterday that Washington is sending an additional \$100 million in arms, consisting primarily of anti-tank weapons, to Kiev.

Blinken said this was the sixth major tranche of war materiel dispatched to Ukraine since August 2021. He said that the new disbursement brings the total "assistance commitment to Ukraine to more than \$2.4 billion since the beginning of this administration, and more than \$1.7 billion since" the start of the war. Blinken noted that more than 30 countries, including the majority of NATO's members and the European Union, have been funneling arms to Ukraine.

He justified the escalation of US involvement in the proxy war by pointing to alleged Russian war crimes, saying, "The world has been shocked and appalled by the atrocities committed by Russia's forces in Bucha and across Ukraine."

On Monday, calling Russian President Vladimir Putin a "war criminal," Biden demanded a "wartime trial" of the Russian president, according to the official White House transcript of his remarks.

In a statement Wednesday, the United States admitted to training Ukrainian troops in the United States, teaching them how to use the Switchblade "kamikaze drone," hundreds of which are being put into use now in Ukraine.

"We took the opportunity, having them still in the

country, to give them a couple of days' worth of training on the Switchblade," John Kirby, the chief Pentagon spokesman, said on Wednesday.

Other NATO powers are similarly escalating their involvement. The UK is planning to send armored vehicles to Ukraine, the *Times of London* reported Wednesday.

"The UK is adding to its offer of lethal weapons in the belief that the next three weeks will be critical in determining the outcome of the war. ... These [armored vehicles] could enable Ukrainian forces to push further forward towards Russian lines," observed the newspaper.

A senior government source told the *Times of London*, "The next three weeks will be critical. [The Ukrainians] have already partly won. They have exhausted the Russian army, won the battle of occupation and condemned Putin to eternal isolation. Can they push back the Russian army? Can they break the Russian army? Possibly. Depends on what help we can all give."

The United States, meanwhile, is continuing its threats against China and India, two former colonial countries, unless they join the economic warfare against Russia.

"Our message to the Indian government is that the costs and consequences for them of moving into a more explicit strategic alignment with Russia will be significant and long term," National Economic Council Director Brian Deese said.

On Thursday, the United States will lead an effort in the United Nations to remove Russia from the United Nations Human Rights Council.

The last time a country was removed from the body was when Libya was taken off in 2011. Shortly afterwards, Islamist terrorists funded by the United

States sodomized Libya's president to death with a bayonet. The United States remains a member of the U.N. Human Rights Council.

Explaining the European Union's motives in stoking up the war by arming Ukraine, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell declared, "We want [the war] to end as soon as possible, but not in any way. ... That is why we have to continue arming Ukraine. ... More weapons, that is what the Ukrainians expect of us, and that is what we are doing."

Speaking Wednesday, Biden pledged to intensify the United States' economic war against Russia, declaring, "We're going to further increase Russia's economic isolation," Biden said. "The United States will continue to stand with the Ukrainian people in their fight for freedom." The White House announced a new round of sanctions, targeting Russia's largest banks, and prohibiting investment in Russia by Americans.

The US proxy war is being used to rapidly intensify the global arms race being led by the United States and targeting not only Russia but China.

On Tuesday, the White House announced an agreement by the Australia-UK-US (AUKUS) partnership to produce a new generation of nuclear weapons targeting China.

Citing "Russia's unprovoked, unjustified, and unlawful invasion of Ukraine," Prime Minister Scott Morrison of Australia and Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom declared they were "pleased with the progress in our trilateral program for Australia to establish a conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability."

They further pledged to commence new trilateral cooperation on hypersonics and counter-hypersonics, and electronic warfare capabilities.

That same day, the Pentagon approved a \$95 million weapons sale, centering around the Patriot missile system, to Taiwan.

It is increasingly clear that the Ukraine war, incited by the United States and NATO, is now being used as the occasion for putting into effect long-running plans for "great-power conflict" in the United States.

The record \$813 billion Pentagon budget proposed by the Biden administration for a massive expansion of the US military-industrial complex makes this clear.

All 28 Republicans on the House Armed Services

Committee have published a letter calling for expanding military funding even further. The committee's Ranking Member, Alabama Representative Mike Rogers, told Fox News Monday, "Our nation faces unprecedented threats from China and Russia, and it's unconscionable that President Biden has chosen to once again shortchange our warfighters."

He added, "Xi Jinping is watching as President Biden continues to falter. ... In fact, while China has the largest navy in the world and is rapidly expanding their nuclear arsenal... Luckily, Congress calls the shots when it comes to funding our military."



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