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Ignoring Ukraine setbacks, Putin touts 'superior' Russian weapons exports

LONDON, Aug 15 (Reuters) - President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that Russia was ready to sell advanced weapons to allies globally and cooperate in developing military technology, nearly six months into the Ukraine war in which his army has performed worse than expected.

With its forces beaten back from Ukraine's two biggest cities and making slow headway at heavy cost in eastern provinces, the war has so far proved an unconvincing showcase for Russia's arms industry. read more

But Putin, addressing an arms show outside Moscow, insisted Russian weaponry was years ahead of the competition.

Russia cherished its strong ties with Latin America, Asia and Africa and was ready to supply allies there with a full gamut of weapons from small arms to armoured vehicles, artillery, combat aircraft and drones, he said. "Almost all of them have been used more than once in real combat operations."

He said Russia's offer included high-precision weapons and robotics. "Many of them are years, or maybe decades ahead of their foreign counterparts, and in terms of tactical and technical characteristics they are significantly superior to them."

Russia ranks second only to the United States with arms sales of around \$15 billion a year, nearly a fifth of the global export market. From 2017-2021, 73% of those sales went to just four countries - India, China, Egypt and Algeria - according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

'POOR ADVERTISEMENT'
Western military analysts said Russia's struggles against a much smaller adversary in Ukraine could undermine Putin's sales pitch.

"With the collapse of economic relations with the West, Russia is even more dependent on the arms trade than it was before, so it's not surprising that Putin is so keen to promote them to as many non-Western customers as he can," said Ruth Deyermond, senior lecturer in the Department of War Studies at King's College London.

"The big problem for him is that Russia's war against Ukraine has been a disaster for Russian military credibility - their performance has been a very poor advertisement for their weapons."

Asked which Russian weapons systems had performed worst in Ukraine, retired U.S. General Ben Hodges cited assessments by U.S. defence officials that Russia was suffering failure rates as high as 60% for some of its precision-guided missiles.



Western sanctions imposed against Russia also raised questions about its ability to source components and provide maintenance for the weapons it sells, added Hodges, a former commander of U.S. Army forces in

the Russian-annexed Crimean peninsula last week that destroyed at least eight aircraft on the ground, according to satellite images.



Nevertheless, Putin said the forces of Russia and its proxies in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine were fulfilling all their tasks.

"Step by step they are liberating the land of Donbas," he said.

Russia calls the invasion that began on Feb. 24 a "special military operation" to demilitarise its smaller neighbour and protect Russian-speaking communities. Ukraine and its allies accuse Moscow of waging an unprovoked war to capture territory.

Europe.

"I'd be very concerned as a prospective buyer about the quality of the equipment and the ability of the Russian Federation industry to sustain it," he said.

Ukraine has made effective use of U.S.-supplied weaponry, especially the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS), and Russia has taken a series of major blows. These include explosions at an airbase



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WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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Congress Passes The Inflation Reduction Act

With a vote of 220-207, the House of Representatives passed the \$750 billion healthcare, energy and climate bill. This represents a victory for President Joe Biden and this bill represents a milestone for Democrats and gives the party a chance to achieve a long-sought policy objective ahead of the upcoming midterm elections. This bill also represents the largest climate change and healthcare policy by giving Medicare the power to negotiate the price of drugs.

We are happy to see the passage of this anti-inflation act, but we still need to watch how the money will be raised to pay for it.



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Educator Dr. Ji Jiafeng Has Passed Away

Professor Ji Jiafeng has passed away. Her husband, My Yang Jia Hwa, who has been married for many decades also passed away not too long ago. This model couple in the Houston Chinese community has made extraordinary contributions for many years, leaving their legacy and gratitude for everyone.

which guided the couple to grow up in the most difficult days in China, including the era of the culture revolution.

The whole family many times ate only rice with soy sauce, but by the time she came to the United States, through hard work, she became a professor in the university. This is a very important success story for the new immigrant. Now she will be united

with her husband in Heaven. It should be a good ending with no regrets.

For more than one hundred years, due to war and civil war in China, many Chinese left their country to seek a better life. Professor Ji was one of them.

Our community lost one of its leaders. Her contributions will be remembered forever.

I once read her book, "Hello Houston,"



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Editor's Choice



Climate protestors sit on the track to block the harbor during a demonstration as part of the System Change Camp in Hamburg, Germany. REUTERS/Fabian Bimmer



Fireworks are set off during celebrations marking the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in Mosta, Malta. REUTERS/Darrin Zammit Lupi



Ukraine servicemen drive past a mural of a family on damaged buildings in Bakhmut, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues, in Donetsk region, Ukraine. REUTERS/Nacho Doce



A child is seen before attending the Sunday prayers after the general election conducted by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) at the St. Michael Legio Maria of African Church Mission within Highrise, in Kibera district of Nairobi, Kenya. REUTERS/Thomas Mukoya



Germany's Lukas Martens in action during the men's 200m freestyle semi-final 2 during the European Aquatics Championships. REUTERS/Antonio Bronic



A woman reacts during the funeral of victims, who died due to the fire that broke out at the Abu Sifin church, inside the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Warraq Al Arab district in Giza Governorate, Egypt. REUTERS/Mohamed Abd El Ghany

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More Than 70 Organizations Have Signed, Calling To Fund Refugee Efforts In Ukraine And Globally

“Stand Up For Ukraine” - An Open Letter Calls On World Leaders To Take Urgent Action for Refugees

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Since Russia began its invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, more than 10 million people in the country have been forcibly displaced... leading to the fastest growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.



UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has reported a \$10 billion funding gap to address the global refugee crisis. Displacement caused by war, persecution, climate change, and human rights violations require immediate attention...

refugee efforts in Ukraine and globally, and it is our hope that you will show your support by committing to the humanitarian agencies, organizations on the ground and to local authorities at the frontline that need it the most.”

What does the open letter hope to achieve?

More than 6.5 million people are displaced within Ukraine, while more than 4 million refugees have fled across borders, according to data from the UN-HCR. An estimated 12 million people are currently in need of assistance as a result of the conflict.

You can read the full letter here below.



Who has signed the letter so far? Aable, aable Lending Services AG, Accelerate Global, LLC, Action for Sustainable Development,

American Security Project, Arctic Basecamp, Association « Russie-Libertés », Athena Impact, Australians for Mental Health, Balaklava Blues, Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens, Benevity, Blind Media Inc., Charlie Dent, CIVICUS, Co-founder AfterWEVote, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies, Direct Relief, Donor Tracker, Douglas Alexander, Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, e2=equitable energy, EcoVision, Elijah Interfaith Institute, European Food Banks Federation, Focus 2030, Folk Songs of Ukraine, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,



Global Campaign for Education-US, Global Citizens Youth Advocate, Global Solidarity Fund, Globesight, Green Element Group, Hadley Impact Consulting, Heartland Initiative, Inc., I Support Ukraine, International Chamber of Commerce, International Medical Corps, International STEM Council, IsraAID, Jara, KD Leadership Strategies, KM Strategies Group, Kulturehaus, Let's Help, Lot 20 Coffee, Minderoo Foundation, Namati, Natural Resources Defense Council, Netwerk Music Group, Nigeria Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development, One Global Democracy, ONU FEMMES FRANCE, Oshun Partnership, Pallottine Missionary Foundation, Salvatti.pl, PhilanthropyWorks, Public Movement Faith, Hope, Love, Ramesh Ferris Global Health, Advocate & Canadian Polio Survivor, Razom for Ukraine, Refugee Talent, Rotary International, SDG Advising LLC, Shule Foundation, Inc., Social Projects Center of Future, Stand With Ukraine, The Africa 80 Foundation, The Caux Round Table for Moral Capitalism, THE GLOBAL KID: The World's 1st VR/AR Political Comic Book, The Marigold Foundation - Malta, The National Alliance for Rare Diseases Support- Malta, The ONE Campaign, Tonya McCusker AM, Tribeca Enterprise, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, Ukrainian Red Cross Society, Zywiec Development Foundation, and Дев'яностові.

What is Stand Up For Ukraine?

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy began the call to Stand Up For Ukraine on March 26 in a video address, which implored politicians, business leaders, actors, musicians, and more to show their support for Ukraine. In response, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in partnership with Global Citizen, announced a pledging event on Saturday, April 9, in Warsaw, Poland.

“A Ukrainian child has become a refugee every second since the start of the war. The world must stand up for them. The European Union is catering for the needs of the millions of refugees it hosts.

And we will further step up,” von der Leyen said in a statement. “But so much is needed — and the brave people of Ukraine deserve solidarity from citizens and governments around the globe. Together, we can give them a safe home and bring some light in their lives at this dark hour.”



Ahead of the pledging event, a global social media rally is taking place on Friday, April 8, amplifying the voices of advocates and further calling on world leaders to pledge financial support on Saturday. Musicians, artists, actors, and activists are taking to Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube to show their support with the hashtag #StandUpForUkraine.

World Leaders Responded To The Calls Of Advocates To Support Refugees In Ukraine And Around The World. Inspiring Quotes From World Leaders Show Their Support For ‘Stand Up For Ukraine’



Leaders, advocates, and more met at the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging summit in Warsaw, Poland on Saturday, April 9 which saw \$10.1 billion pledged in new grants and loans to support refugees from Ukraine and around the world. (Photo: Getty Images)

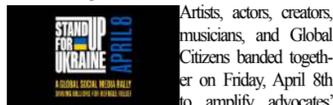
It started with a call to action, grew into a movement, and now world leaders are making new commitments and reaffirming pledges to deliver humanitarian aid to support refugees and displaced people from Ukraine and all around the world.

More than 40 world leaders from Germany to Qatar and Switzerland to Slovakia made and renewed their commitments to Ukraine and all global refugees on Saturday, April 9, as part of a pledging event in Warsaw, Poland for the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign.

The campaign, inspired by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's call to action, and launched by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in partnership with Global Citizen, brought together organizations, businesses, artists, actors, advocates, and Global Citizens, to call on world leaders to pledge humanitarian aid to refugees from Ukraine and around the world — to help fill the UN Refugee Agency's \$10 billion funding gap.

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homes and families behind. With an estimated 13 million people in Ukraine in need of urgent assistance and at least 82 million refugees worldwide in need of aid, humanitarian efforts are struggling to reach all those who need help.



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The social media rally was held before the Stand Up For Ukraine pledging event on Saturday in Warsaw, Poland, hosted by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in partnership with Global Citizen. The event aims to secure billions of dollars in funding to relieve the urgent refugee crisis worldwide.

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Stand Up For Ukraine: An Open Letter Calls On World Leaders To Take Urgent Action for Refugees

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Inspiring Quotes From World Leaders Show Their Support For ‘Stand Up For Ukraine’ Here below are quotes and pledges from some of the dozens of world leaders that answered the call to action to Stand Up for Ukraine and for all refugees globally.



1. Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia “We might be separated by half an earth but Australia stands with Ukraine,” said Morrison. Morrison announced no new pledges but reiterated Australia's commitment to support Ukrainian efforts. He also mentioned that along with prioritizing Ukrainian visa applications, Australia has provided \$65 million toward refugee relief efforts and is working with the UN and UK to provide additional humanitarian assistance. 2. Alexander Schallenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria “In these dark hours, Austria stands with Ukraine. What the Ukrainian people desperately need and what they deserve is peace,” Schallenberg said. “So my message to President Putin is simple: Silence the gun, pull back your troops, and end this war.” 3. Mustafa Alsayed, Secretary General of The Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Kingdom of Bahrain “We wish the people of Ukraine a safe and quick end to their suffering, and we support all the initiatives taken to provide support and bring peace and stability to this important part of the world,” Alsayed said. 4. Alexander de Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium “We're all brokenhearted by what is happening. Everyday we're shocked by the sheer inhumanity,” de Croo said. “Homes and hospitals being destroyed. Families torn apart. Grandparents not knowing if their grandchildren are still alive. From the first hour, the first day, people in Belgium have opened their hearts and their homes for families on the run. At this very moment, Belgian trucks are on the road to Ukraine with medical assistance and food. We'll continue our efforts as long as needed,” he pledged. “Belgium will not leave anyone behind.” 5. Kalina Konstantinova, Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria “We have full confidence that we are capable and prepared to welcome and take care of more people in need,” said Konstantinova. “Bulgaria is a small country with a big heart. Bulgaria stands for peace. Bulgaria stands with Ukraine. 6. Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister of Croatia “Croatia pledges another 100 million euros in assisting Ukrainian refugees that we shall be receiving in our country in these dire times for the Ukrainian people,” Plenković announced. “We will continue our support,

our solidarity, and our help in these moments when we are standing by Ukraine and the Ukrainians.”

7. Carlo Monticelli, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank “The Council of Europe Development Bank stands passionately behind Ukraine and their people,” said Monticelli. “We are proud to be part of the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign and join forces with others to stand up against this war and to contribute for peace in Europe.”

On behalf of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Monticelli announced a 1 billion euro loan to member states to support long term needs of refugees and the areas they have evacuated to. 8. Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus “In addition to our commitments so far, which are exceeding 2 million euros, I would like to announce a fresh and symbolic financial commitment of 100,000 euros to support the humanitarian work undertaken in Ukraine and neighboring countries by the relevant entities of the United Nations agencies.” 9. Petr Fiala, Prime Minister of Czech Republic Fiala emphasized the need for more assistance for the 300,000 Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in Czech Republic, most of whom are women and children, and announced that 200 million euros would be released in support of those refugees. “We will also continue to help directly in Ukraine,” he said. “You can count on that. The Czech Republic stands behind Ukraine.” 10. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark “Our world changed six weeks ago. A brutal aggressor invaded a peaceful and democratic country. We have all seen the horrible pictures from the war. The total lack of humanity. It is heartbreaking,” Frederiksen said. “Denmark stands in full solidarity with Ukraine. We support your fight for freedom and peace. And we open our hearts and homes to Ukrainians fleeing the war.” Frederiksen added that Denmark has donated \$53 million toward support in Ukraine and neighboring countries along with \$22 million to the World Bank's budget support package for Ukraine. She also stated that her country is “ready to do more.”

11. Odile Renaud-Basso, President of The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development “The invasion and war is a tragedy for the country and its people, and we are determined that we should stand up for Ukraine alongside our many friends and partners,” said Renaud-Basso. “Millions of people have been displaced either within Ukraine or forced to live as refugees, and alleviating the impact on them is one of our main priorities.” Renaud-Basso and the EBRD announced a pledge of 1 billion euros to support Ukrainian refugees as part of a larger resilience package that will also benefit surrounding countries taking in refugees. The plan also includes investments in municipal infrastructures such as funding companies so that refugees can find work. “I congratulate you on organizing this initiative, and I'm sure that together we can make a difference,” Renaud-Basso told Global Citizen.

12. Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank Hoyer announced that the European Investment Bank plans to mobilize 4 billion euros toward investments and refugee assistance by the end of 2023. “As millions of Ukrainians flee their homes seeking safety, we cannot be paralyzed by horror,” he said. “We must live up to the exemplary bravery and resilience of the Ukrainian people. We have to support them and those who are hosting them in Poland and elsewhere.”

13. Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of Finland “Finland is ready to assume its responsibility in this common effort. There is no time to waste,” Marin said, describing the concerted efforts of Finland and the EU. “Our entire society is with the Ukrainian people,” she said. “We [will] do our best to help Ukraine and those fleeing from the atrocities of the war.” 14. Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of Germany “Only a few hundred meters from here, at Berlin Central Station, trains with Ukrainian refugees are pulling in by the hour. I met with some refugees a few days ago. Their stories are heart wrenching,” Scholz said. “I told them that they are welcome here and that in a joint effort, the federal government, our leader, and our local communities are doing all we can to provide shelter, health care, schools, and a safe future.” Scholz added that Germany has pledged 425 million euros to humanitarian assistance for Ukraine and its neighbors plus 70 million euros for medical supplies through the European Civil Protection Mechanism. He said: “Germany stands with Ukraine and side by side with all of you.” 15. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece “When the war is over, we should rebuild what was destroyed and make it better for the heroic people of Ukraine,” said Mitsotakis. “That is why Greece commits to rebuild Mariupol Maternity Hospital as we stand up for Ukraine and lift our sights for the future. What better way to do so than by securing the best conditions for welcoming new life?” 16. Ignacio Galán, Chairman and CEO of Iberdrola “I can announce today a further donation of 1 million euros to international organizations. Iberdrola is and will remain committed to help,” Galán said, adding that Iberdrola and its employees have also provided electrical equipment and humanitarian supplies to Ukraine.

17. Micheál Martin Irish Taoiseach “We pledge from within our national resources and in line with the Temporary Protection Directive to provide our state support to them, including social welfare, accommodation and housing support, education, and health care, as we have said to the many thousands of Ukrainians who have fled to Ireland,” said Ireland's Taoiseach Micheál Martin. “Our home is your home.”

Martin announced a commitment of over 50 million euros for humanitarian aid and pledged ongoing support including 20 million euros to support people in Ukraine and in neighboring countries.

18. Mario Draghi, Prime Minister of Italy “Italians have thrown open the doors of their homes and of their schools. We will not look the other way,” said Draghi, alluding to new governmental funding for Ukraine that would come in addition to the 500 million euros that has gone toward assisting refugees in Italy and 110 million euros for the Ukrainian government. 19. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland “Iceland stands in full solidarity with Ukraine in the face of Russia's brutal military aggression,” Jakobsdóttir said. Jakobsdóttir also added that Iceland has welcomed 600 Ukrainian refugees, contributed roughly half a billion Icelandic króna (US\$3.8 million) to humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, and has allocated funds to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the UN

Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Icelandic Red Cross, and the World Bank's Reconstruction Fund. “I thank the organizers of the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign,” she said. “Iceland is ready to do more and the people of Iceland stand with the people of Ukraine.” 20. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan “Japan stands with the people of Ukraine who are facing a national crisis,” said Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. He announced that Japan will provide a total of \$300 million — including \$200 million in emergency humanitarian assistance through international organizations and NGOs, for example of health and medical care, food assistance, and protection of displaced people, and \$100 million in loans to support Ukraine's economy. “Japan will continue to implement assistance in solidarity with the Ukrainian people,” he continued. “Stand up for Ukraine!”



For additional statements of support, please go to the following link: https://www.globalcitizen.org. Related “We Can Give Them A Safe Home And Bring Some Light Into Their Lives At This Dark Hour” “Stand Up For Ukraine” Campaign Aims To Drive Billions In Aid For Refugees Worldwide

As the humanitarian crisis caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to grow in urgency, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the success of the “Stand Up for Ukraine” pledging event, that took place on Saturday, April 9, in Warsaw, Poland. The event aimed to mobilize significant funding to help vulnerable civilians impacted by the conflict and to support refugees everywhere. Ahead of the event, a global social media rally supported by Global Citizen took place on Friday, April 8, in response to a new video from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in which he called on the international community to help people affected by the invasion. The rally encouraged citizens to call on governments, institutions, corporations, and individuals to donate to humanitarian efforts for Ukraine and refugees from conflicts worldwide, such as Yemen, South Sudan, and Afghanistan.

Together, the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging event and rally seek to raise billions of dollars to bolster the United Nations' flash funding appeal to assist the more than 3.7 million refugees who have fled Ukraine, the 6.5 million people displaced within the country, and other global humanitarian priorities. “A Ukrainian child has become a refugee almost every single second since the start of the war,” von der Leyen said in a statement. “The world must stand up for them. The European Union is catering for the needs of the millions of refugees it hosts. And we will further step up. But so much is needed still — and the brave people of Ukraine deserve solidarity from citizens and governments around the globe,” she added. “Together, we can give them a safe home and bring some light in their lives at this dark hour.”

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