

## Escalation. Biden Calls Russia Military Operation in Ukraine "Genocide", Commits Additional \$800 Million in Weapons

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Yesterday in Iowa, Joe Biden called the Russian military operation in Ukraine a "genocide," which has a very specific set of legal definitions to it.

When asked if he had seen enough evidence to support that statement **Biden responded**:

"Yes, I called it genocide. It has become clearer and clearer that Putin is just trying to wipe out the idea of even being — being able to be Ukrainian. And the amount — the evidence is mounting. It's different than it was last week. The — more evidence is coming out of the — literally, the horrible things that the Russians have done in Ukraine. And we're going to only learn more and more about the devastation. And we'll let the lawyers decide internationally whether or not it qualifies, but it sure seems that way to me." (link)

Several ground reports from European journalists indicate the U.S. military is running all of the combat operations inside Ukraine. A French reporter said on Euro News, "I thought I was with the international brigades, and instead I was facing the Pentagon." Now today, Joe Biden announces he is arbitrarily sending U.S. combat helicopters into the conflict.



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(<u>WHITE HOUSE</u>) – I just spoke with President Zelenskyy and shared with him that my Administration is authorizing an additional \$800 million in weapons, ammunition, and other security assistance to Ukraine.

The Ukrainian military has used the weapons we are providing to devastating effect. As Russia prepares to intensify its attack in the Donbas region, the United States will continue to provide Ukraine with the capabilities to defend itself.

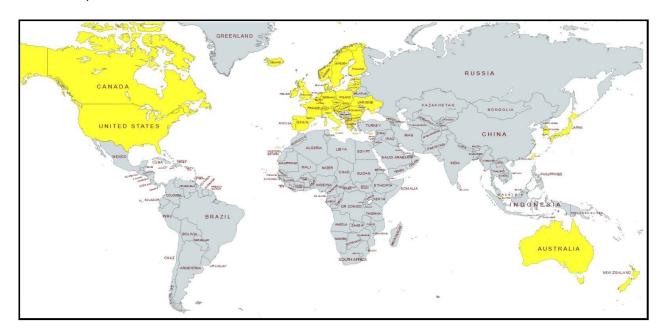
This new package of assistance will contain many of the highly effective weapons systems we have already provided and new capabilities tailored to the wider assault we expect Russia to launch in eastern Ukraine. These new capabilities include artillery systems, artillery rounds, and armored personnel carriers. I have also approved the transfer of additional helicopters. In addition, we continue to facilitate the transfer of significant capabilities from our Allies and partners around the world.

The steady supply of weapons the United States and its Allies and partners have provided to Ukraine has been critical in sustaining its fight against the Russian invasion. It has helped ensure that Putin failed in his initial war aims to conquer and control Ukraine. We cannot rest now. As I assured President Zelenskyy, the American people will continue to stand with the brave Ukrainian people in their fight for freedom. (link)

White House spokesperson Jen Psaki was asked about this escalation earlier today:

The Biden administration is all-in for this Ukraine proxy war, taking all actions to highlight a

zero-sum position.



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