

Biden's Surprise Visit to Kiev: "Stand with Ukraine as Long as It Takes"

Bringing the 101st Airborne Home Before the Offensive

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Without any formal declaration of war or even a fireside chat with the American people, pretend President Joe Biden in his surprise <u>visit to Kiev</u>, continues to pledge US military support until the cows come home. As well as providing an additional \$500 M in American taxpayer assistance amid undisclosed discussions regarding the availability of F16's, Biden's adamant confirmation "that the United States <u>will stand with Ukraine</u> as long as it takes" was alarming in view of Russia's impending Spring/Winter Offensive.

According to National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, the intent of Biden's visit was to acknowledge the "US clear, unmistakable message of enduring American support for Ukraine" and that the Russians were notified of Biden's impending visit with no further information as to their response. This current visit is in direct contradiction to an earlier 'negotiation balloon' that Secretary of State Antony Blinken floated with the Russians per a favorite Washington Post reporter.

As the US, the UK and <u>NATO</u> are the war's major aggressors, threatening Russia with the biggest and the most lethal weaponry, the quiet <u>truth</u> is that all are sitting on a declining stockpile of artillery, ammunition and air defenses weaponry with <u>limited capability</u> to support a long war.

Understandably, the obtuse <u>Biden Administration</u> was, therefore, quietly contemplating an escape hatch from the bloody carnage in Ukraine that they themselves initiated via NATO siccing the equally obtuse Secretary Blinken onto the Washington Post's favorite messenger to introduce the foreign concept of diplomacy. Reporter David Ignatius was charged with conducting an interview with Blinken featured in "<u>Blinken Ponders the Post Ukraine War</u> <u>Order</u>."

Hardly an objective source on Russia or any other foreign policy fiasco, Ignatius reports

"He (Blinken) also underlined President's determination to avoid direct military conflict with Russia, "even as US weapons helped pulverize Putin's invasion force" and that "Biden has always been emphatic that one of his requirements in Ukraine is that there be no World War III."

Ignatius continues "Crimea is a particular point of discussion. There is a widespread view in Washington and Kyiv that regaining Crimea by military force may be impossible."

There is the verification that the <u>American Empire and NATO</u> have been highly covetous of Russia's state-of- the-art nuclear naval facility in Sevastopol along the coast of the Black Sea. While the majority of Crimean residents are ethnic Russians, they voted <u>overwhelmingly</u> in 2014 to secede from Ukraine in annexation to their Russian homeland. Putin has confirmed it will fight to the death to preserve <u>Crimea</u>'s devout connection as a

center for <u>spiritual</u> unity which began in the 10th Century as the basis for what became the Russian nation.

Catherine the Great returned Crimea to its rightful owner in <u>1783</u>. At that time, Russia began construction of its critically important Black Sea Fleet into what became its only warm water port.

It is unclear exactly how Blinken 'ponders' that which he has insignificant influence to affect, yet per his instructions, he publicly introduced alternatives as if the Administration's neo con globalists are in a position to dictate 'concessions' to Russia. Ignatius' report is stunning in its revelation of a world where perception is shaped by a lack of moral standards and where exposure to truth does not matter. Blinken's inability to grasp the paradox of "offering terms of territorial concessions to Russia's security objectives' including a demilitarized zone which identifies 'historical territories' already acknowledged as belonging to Russia while, at the same time, daring to suggest that weaponry like the HIMARS, the Leopard and Abrams tanks would be geographically limited so they might 'maneuvre as a deterrent against future Russian attacks."

While the Biden globalists, on one hand, were seeking a convenient, comfortable exit strategy, Biden's latest articulation of US military aid to Ukraine includes <u>longer range</u> <u>missiles</u> with an operational range of up to 93 miles. Able to reach deep within Russia's heartland, the ground-based missiles are seen by Russia as a <u>deliberate provocation</u>. To date, US authorized arms transfers to Ukraine have been valued at \$30 Billion.

At this stage in the conflict, given the recent revelation that the 2015 <u>Minsk Agreement</u> was little more than a stall for time so that NATO and the US could <u>train</u> the Ukraine Army, there is little to no chance that Putin and the Russian Federation's <u>Security Council</u> have any level of trust to enter into a negotiated treaty with the same evil doers who deceived them on the true purpose of Minsk.

Therefore, with the potential of over <u>500,000 Russian troops</u> on the border awaiting the green light from Putin to launch its much awaited offensive, a reasonable question is what exactly will be the role of the 101's Airborne Division, Second Brigade Combat Team's approximately 4,700 members which have been training Ukraine's army since May, 2019?

As an integral part of the famed 101st, will the elite Brigade be moved onto the Ukraine border to go <u>eyeball-to-eyeball</u> with the Russians or will the Biden Administration and Congress decide that no Americans will directly participate in what promises to be a <u>massive slaughter</u> of America's finest. I don't know the answer to that question but I do not choose to remain silent prior to such a potentially horrific demise of <u>sitting ducks</u> that will totally outrage the American public.

Once the offensive begins, there is no question that the Russians will not stop to ask for identification; they will continue to roll over everything in their path.

The <u>first contingent</u> of the historic <u>101st Airborne</u> arrived in support of <u>NATO's response</u> to the war in Ukraine as part of the Multi Joint Training Group (MJTG) which is tasked with training and equipping Ukraine forces as the dominant provider of defense assistance to Ukraine. The Brigade was <u>deployed</u> to the International Center for Peacekeeping and Security in Lviv Oblast in western Ukraine and may currently be stationed along the <u>Romanian</u> border.

Established as an airborne unit one minute after midnight on August 16 1942, the <u>101st</u> <u>Airborne paratroopers</u> are well known as the "Screaming Eagles" who were promised they would soon have a "<u>rendezvous with destiny</u>." As a division, the 101st has never failed that prophecy as it participated in the landing at <u>Normandy on D Day</u>, followed by the liberation of the Netherlands and the Battle of the Bulge in France against the German Nazis. If called

to combat, today's 101st will be fighting on the same side as <u>Ukrainian Nazis</u>.

To digress, it may come as no surprise to those who have been paying attention that all the bravado that <u>NATO</u>, the EU, the UK and the United States have been spouting for the last year; predicting the defeat of Russia militarily, anticipating its <u>economic collapse</u> and the imminent ouster of Vladimir Putin as President of Russia have all failed to materialize.

Since those faded days of western hubris with <u>NATO</u>'s unilateral expansion on Russia's border seen as an existential threat to its sovereignty, the Biden Administration led its EU allies into an ill-considered overreach of <u>multiple sanctions</u> meant to terminate all things Russian. Those sanctions <u>reverberated</u> almost immediately to bite all its Atlantacist purveyors in their collective ass with a vengeance.

While sputtering frantic demands to provide Ukraine with sophisticated <u>weaponry</u> as quickly as possible as well as massive unconditional financial largesse failed to improve Ukraine's <u>battlefield</u> performance or its willingness to negotiate, the full extent of Russia's military dominance and its economic sustainability has only recently come to the attention of Ukraine allies as an <u>unwelcome</u> reality.

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Featured image: Army soldiers assigned to the 101st Airborne Division arrive in Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania, June 28, 2022. Units from the 101st will support the Army's V Corps' mission to reinforce NATO's eastern flank and engage in multinational exercises with partners across Europe to reassure allies and deter further Russian aggression. (Photo by Army Capt. Angelo Mejia)

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