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NATO Is Arming and Training Nazis in Ukraine, as US Floods Russia's Neighbor with Weapons

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Today, the dangers of military escalation are beyond description.

What is now happening in Ukraine has serious geopolitical implications. It could lead us into a World War III Scenario.

It is important that a peace process be initiated with a view to preventing escalation.

Global Research does not support Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The history of this war must be understood.

The bombing and shelling led by Ukraine's Armed Forces directed against the people of Donbass started eight years ago, resulting in the destruction of residential areas and more than 10,000 civilian casualties.

A bilateral Peace Agreement is required.

NATO is sending weapons and trainers to help neo-Nazis in Ukraine's white-supremacist Azov movement fight Russia. This follows numerous reports of Western government support for Ukrainian far-right extremists.

The US-led NATO military alliance is sending weapons to neo-Nazi extremists in Ukraine as they battle Russian soldiers.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, the US government has flooded the country with arms, authorizing sending $350 million worth of military equipment to Kiev.

In less than a week in late February and early March, the United States and other NATO member states transported more than 17,000 anti-tank weapons, including Javelin missiles, over the borders of Poland and Romania into Ukraine, the New York Times reported.

Washington has also sent Kiev 2,000 stinger anti-aircraft missiles. And the Joe Biden administration gave the "green light" to NATO countries to send fighter jets to Ukraine.

Western governments have invited hardened right-wing militants from around the world to travel to Ukraine to join the fight against Russia – just as they did in Afghanistan in the 1980s, in a strategy that gave birth to al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

Meanwhile, as NATO creates an insurgency in Ukraine, some of the fighters receiving these arms are white-supremacist fascists.

The anti-Russian activist media platform NEXTA tweeted on March 8 that NATO countries had shipped Next Generation Light Anti-tank Weapon (NLAW) guided missiles and sent instructors to the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv.

> "The Azov regiment was the first to learn about new weaponry," admitted NEXTA, a Western-backed Belarusian opposition outlet.

Azov is an explicitly neo-Nazi extremist group.

> A shipment of NLAW grenade launchers and instructors from #NATO countries arrived in #Kharkiv. The Azov regiment was the first to learn about new weaponry pic.twitter.com/CCzjN40rW7
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> — NEXTA (@nexta_tv) March 8, 2022

The Azov movement was founded as a fascist gang that served as the muscle behind a violent US-sponsored coup in Ukraine in 2014, overthrowing a democratically elected government that had maintained political neutrality, and instead installing a pro-Western and viciously anti-Russian regime.

After the 2014 putsch, the Azov Battalion was officially incorporated into Ukraine's National Guard. It is now known as the Azov Detachment or Azov Regiment, and helps oversee special operations.

Azov preaches a white-supremacist ideology that portrays Russians as "Asiatic" and Ukrainians and "pure" white people. It uses numerous neo-Nazi symbols, including the German wolfsangel and black sun.

The Nazi symbols used by Ukraine's Azov Battalion

Given Azov's links to white-supremacist fascist groups in the United States, there was actually a short-lived campaign to get the Ukrainian neo-Nazi militia listed as a terrorist organization.

In 2019, Democratic New York Representative Max Rose and 39 more congressmembers wrote a letter to the State Department asking it to label Azov as a terrorist organization.

That designation never came. Instead, Washington and NATO have armed Azov to wage a proxy war on Russia.

US, Britain, France, Germany, Israel, Poland, and Canada support Nazis in Ukraine

The photos tweeted by NEXTA are far from the only piece of evidence showing that Western governments have supported Nazis in Ukraine.

In 2017, US and Canadian military officers met with Azov Nazis in Ukraine and advised them on how to battle Russian-speaking Ukrainian independence fighters in the eastern Donbas region.

Azov published photos of the meeting on its official website.

> In the back of this photo, you can also see a Canadian officer, alongside US military officers, meeting with Ukraine's neo-Nazi Azov Battalion, which uses Nazi-era symbols.https://t.co/8tOZ9A7YGK pic.twitter.com/dAZBeFaHdU
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> — Benjamin Norton (@BenjaminNorton) January 16, 2018

The Canadian military officials who met with these Ukrainian Nazis later feared being exposed by the media.

The Ottawa Citizen newspaper reported that the exposure of Canadian training for Azov

fascists led to an official military review.

Azov Nazis have also received weapons from Israel.

In 2018, mainstream news outlet Haaretz reported that a group of prominent human rights activists filed a petition with Israel's High Court of Justice demanding that the country stop exporting weapons to Ukraine, after Azov posted a video on its official YouTube channel showing a far-right fighter using Israeli Tavor rifles.

> Rights groups demand Israel stop arming neo-Nazis in the Ukraine https://t.co/mTH9yibe5L
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> — Haaretz.com (@haaretzcom) July 8, 2018

A 2021 study published by George Washington University in Washington, DC showed how Western governments supported another neo-Nazi group in Ukraine, called Centuria.

Centuria is closely linked to Azov, and its extremist members have been photographed or filmed praising Nazi Germany and giving Hitler salutes.

These avowed neo-Nazis are now officers in the Ukrainian military, and were trained by the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Poland, and Canada.

> My latest article...Far-right extremists in Ukraine brag they have received training from the Canadian Forces: report https://t.co/0WmLNrlpft
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> — David Pugliese (@davidpugliese) October 4, 2021

The George Washington University study on this neo-Nazi gang, titled "Far-Right Group Made Its Home in Ukraine's Major Western Military Training Hub," stated:

> As recently as April 2021, the group claimed that since its launch, members have participated in joint military exercises with France, the UK, Canada, the US, Germany, and Poland.
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> Meanwhile, several Western governments involved in training and arming Ukrainian troops stated, in response to the author's request, that Ukraine is responsible for vetting Ukrainian soldiers trained by the West. None of the Western governments contacted—the US, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany—vet Ukrainian training recipients for extremist views and ties.

In 2017, NATO published a highly produced propaganda film honoring Baltic Nazi collaborators, known as the Forest Brothers.

The US-led military alliance depicted the fascist extremists as brave anti-Russian heroes for fighting the former Soviet Union, while curiously overlooking their alliance with Adolf Hitler.

> This is the story of the Forest Brothers who fought the Soviet army for their homelands after WWII pic.twitter.com/4JcfuJPmeO
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> — NATO (@NATO) July 11, 2017

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