

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

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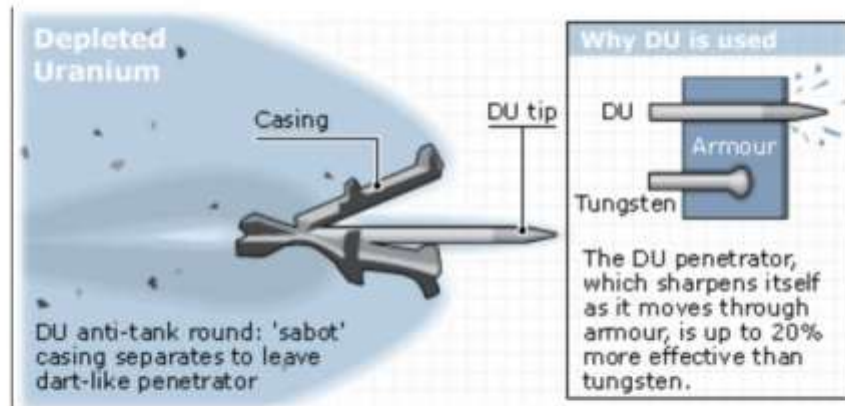
The events of the past three days have been an example of the desperation that exists for the U.S.-led NATO alliance to try to save the corrupt Ukrainian regime and avoid its total collapse. NATO and the U.S. said it would not provide top of the line U.S. weaponry three days ago, yesterday they were discussing the possibility of giving Ukraine a few Leopard 2 German tanks owned by Poland. This morning I woke up to the fact that Washington decided to send 31 Abrams M1A tanks, Germany gave Poland permission to give their Leopard tanks to the Nazi government of Zelensky. This followed on recent corrupt high-level government officials resigning or being arrested for embezzlement of financial aid given to the Zelensky government. The U.S. will not acknowledge it is a lost cause after almost a year of attrition. Ukrainian dead soldiers are 150,000 conservatively, according to retired Col. Douglas MacGregor. Ukraine cannot sustain those kinds of losses much longer.

The war is technically over at this point, and that is in spite of today's decision to provide the weapons Zelensky has been asking for many months now. The Pentagon said 31 M1A tanks, but other sources are reporting 100. As Col. Douglas MacGregor has stated, these are weapons that require upwards of six months of training. The M1A tank is a mechanic's headache. It uses a turbine engine, unsuitable for ground operations. The engine is designed for jet aircraft flying at 30,000 feet. The war cannot be won by the Zelensky Nazi regime. They are losing soldiers at an 8 to 1 ratio. It is a publicized fact that they are forcing teenage boys into the war, as thousands of Ukrainian men have fled the country or surrendered to the Russian army.

The fact that the U.S. political and Pentagon nitwits in Washington continue to lie and obfuscate the truth that we are pouring taxpayer assets down a rabbit hole in Kiev is both an embarrassment around the world and criminal proof of what I have said really drives this war. The U.S. believes it can use Ukraine as a client state to wear down and weaken Russia as Secretary of the Army Austin has said publicly, is itself indictable for war crimes against the people of the region. This will backfire on the U.S. and likely go down in history as America's last stand.

*******FLASH***** Russia Throws Down Nuclear Gauntlet over M1, Bradley and other Offensive Weaponry to Kiev**

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This is FLASH TRAFFIC: Konstantin Gavrilov, the head of the Russia Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) has just publicly thrown down the nuclear gauntlet to the collective west, in an official statement:

Gavrilov said that he has been instructed by his government to announce "We know that the Leopard-2 tank, as well as the Bradley and Marder infantry fighting vehicles, are armed with uranium-core armor-piercing projectiles, the use of which leads to [radioactive] contamination of the area, as happened in Yugoslavia and Iraq."

If such shells are delivered to Kyiv, we will consider this as the use of dirty nuclear bombs against Russia, with all the ensuing consequences."

It is a fact that the U.S. and NATO do have Depleted Beryllium and Depleted Uranium ammunition which is used as "armor piercing" and "bunker busting" projectiles. None of these projectiles causes a nuclear chain reaction, so there is no nuclear blast from them. HOWEVER, when these particular projectiles strike their target, the metal used to make the projectiles (Uranium and/or Beryllium) is so dense, that it punches through whatever it hits. AS THAT HAPPENS, layers of the projectile disintegrate into highly radioactive powder which then travels by air, polluting entire areas for decades.

In Afghanistan, when the U.S. used such weapons against the hideouts of Osama Bin Laden, the projectiles went through hundreds of feet of rock in the mountains and shed layers of radioactive material as they penetrated. This radioactive powder **then**

polluted the groundwater for miles inside Afghanistan, leading to contaminated wells, which then lead to horrifying birth defects in almost all pregnant women who drank the water.

These effects have been deliberately concealed from U.S. citizens by a compliant U.S. media. It was common knowledge by those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, during the 1990s. Many of our own troops died of inhaling the DU dust after they returned home to the States and required VA care. One of my VA home-care nurse's father was a victim of the DU dust.

Russia has just thrown down the nuclear gauntlet to the West by calling out the U.S. military having used DU-munitions before. It should be noted that the Russian army has these DU-munitions for Russian tanks.



The probability of a now-Nuclear exchange - and outright nuclear war -- just got very, VERY, real.

Most military use of depleted uranium (DU) has been as 30 mm ordnance, primarily the 30 mm PGU-14/B armor-piercing incendiary round from the GAU-8 Avenger cannon of the A-10 Thunderbolt II used by the United States Air Force. 25 mm DU rounds have been used in the M242 gun mounted on the U.S. Army's Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the Marine Corps LAV-25.

The U.S. Marine Corps uses DU in the 25 mm PGU-20 round fired by the GAU-12 Equalizer cannon of the AV-8B Harrier, and also in the 20 mm M197 gun mounted on AH-1 Cobra helicopter gunships. The United States Navy's Phalanx CIWS's M61 Vulcan Gatling gun used 20 mm armor-piercing penetrator rounds with discarding plastic sabots and a core made using depleted uranium, later changed to tungsten.

Another use of depleted uranium is in kinetic energy penetrators, anti-armor rounds such as the 120 mm sabot rounds fired from the British Challenger 1, Challenger 2, M1A1 and M1A2 Abrams. Kinetic energy penetrator rounds consist of a long, relatively thin penetrator surrounded by a discarding sabot. Staballoys are metal alloys of depleted uranium with a very small proportion of other metals, usually titanium or molybdenum. One formulation has a composition of 99.25% by mass of depleted uranium and 0.75% by mass of titanium. Staballoys are approximately 1.67 times as dense as lead and are designed for use in kinetic energy penetrator armor-piercing ammunition. The U.S. Army uses DU in an alloy with around 3.5% titanium.

Depleted uranium is favored for the penetrator because it is self-sharpening and flammable. On impact with a hard target, such as an armored vehicle, the nose of the rod fractures in such a way that it remains sharp. The impact and subsequent release of heat energy causes it to ignite. When a DU penetrator reaches the interior of an armored vehicle, it catches fire, often igniting ammunition and fuel, killing the crew and possibly causing the vehicle to explode. DU is used by the U.S. Army in 120 mm or 105 mm cannons employed on the M1 Abrams tank. The Soviet/Russian military has used DU ammunition in tank main gun ammunition since the late 1970s, mostly for the 115 mm guns in the T-62 tank and the 125 mm guns in the T-64, T-72, T-80, and T-90 tanks.

The DU content in various ammunition is 180 g in 20 mm projectiles, 200 g in 25 mm ones, 280 g in 30 mm, 3.5 kg in 105 mm, and 4.5 kg in 120 mm penetrators. DU was used during the mid-1990s in the U.S. to make hand grenades, and land mines, but those applications have been discontinued, according to Alliant Techsystems. The US Navy used DU in its 20 mm Phalanx CIWS guns, but switched in the late 1990s to armor-piercing tungsten.

Only the U.S. and the UK have acknowledged using DU weapons. 782,414 DU rounds were fired during the 1991 war in Iraq, mostly by U.S. forces. In a three-week period of conflict in Iraq during 2003, it was estimated that between 1,000 and 2,000 tons of depleted uranium munitions were used. More than 300,000 DU rounds were fired during the 2003 war, the vast majority by U.S. troops.

Russia has made it clear that if Germany provides Leopard tanks to the Ukraine it will have violated the terms of its surrender at Potsdam the close of World War II. The Potsdam Agreement (German: Potsdamer Abkommen) was August 1, 1945 agreement between three of the Allies of World War II, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the Soviet Union. It concerned the military occupation and reconstruction of Germany, its borders, and the entire European Theatre of War territory. This is a breach of the peace treaty signed with the Allied Powers and gives Russia the right to attack the nation of Germany today should German weapons be used against Russian territory, including the provinces of the Ukraine who voted 90% or more to be annexed by the Putin government. This technical point becomes "justification" for Russian retaliation of the Berlin leaders. That said President Putin and his government have shown great

restraint since it declared the Special Operation almost a year ago on February 24, 2022.

FUMING Kremlin propagandists threatened nuclear strikes on the West today after Germany agreed to send tanks to Ukraine.

One high-profile Putin mouthpiece demanded Berlin's Bundestag parliament should be reduced to radioactive ash in retaliation. We should not believe that this will not happen!



Kiev has been calling for these weapons from its western sponsors since the beginning of the Russian offensive, and it looks like now, eleven months into the fighting, these demands are being met.

The U.S. has announced it will send 31 Abrams main battle tanks. In a hastily scheduled speech on Wednesday, President Joe Biden noted that they are complicated to operate and maintain, so the U.S. will provide Kiev with *“parts and equipment necessary to effectively sustain these tanks on the battlefield.”*

Nazi Zelensky has been asking for U.S. donations to include U.S. fighter aircraft, but his words were falling on deaf ears at the Pentagon, at least for now. It is not out of the question given the desperation of U.S. and German actions this week.

That's not Joe Biden below either, merely one of several doppelgangers playing the role and pulling the strings of the conflict intended to destroy the U.S.!



It was also confirmed, the same day, that the German government will send Leopard 2A6 tanks from its own stock and will allow other nations, such as Poland, to transfer German-made machines, to Ukraine. On January 14th London announced plans to ship its Challengers 2s to Kiev, while it now seems inevitable that Paris will supply AMX-56 Leclerc vehicles.

Russian experts and journalists have been locked in a heated debate over the differences between these western main battle tanks and the Russian T-90s, comparing their armor, guns, accuracy, active and passive protection systems, maneuverability, fire-control systems, ammunition, and many other attributes.



FILE PHOTO. A Leopard 2A6 main battle tank drives across the training area during preparations for the 'Land Operations 2017' information training exercise in Munster, Germany.

At the end of the day though, these discussions lack any practical value. The battlefield is the only litmus test for the advantages and drawbacks of any type of weapon or military equipment. Reliable statistics on combat use are all that is required for a comparative analysis of modern main battle tanks, if it is to be credible.

Another thing to remember is that all tanks are vulnerable to modern anti-tank systems, so the question is how many NATO tanks are going to make their way to Ukraine?

How many tanks does Kiev need?

This to my way of thinking is the deception and miss-conception factor. To simplify calculations, we'll be using an armored division, the main structural and tactical unit of armored forces in the former Soviet republics, as our yardstick. According to Soviet manuals, an armored division must have 296 tanks, 230 infantry fighting vehicles, 54 self-propelled artillery systems, over 2,000 regular vehicles, and almost 12,000 soldiers and officers.

How many divisions does Kiev need? At least one per each of the three main fronts — in Lugansk, Donetsk, and Zaporozhye. The line of contact in the special military operation zone right now is 815 km long, making three divisions insufficient amount to make a difference, but let's disregard this for the time being.



Three armored divisions combined would have a total of about 900 tanks. Apart from that, another armored division may be necessary on the Belarusian front, which could see some very heavy fighting. In case of an escalation there, an armored division or a similar unit in reserve is a must, which drives the number of required tanks up by 300 to 1,200.

Finally, no commander-in-chief can do without his own reserve, the so-called reserve of the supreme high command. Without at least one armored division, this reserve cannot really count as such, which means another 300 tanks for a required total of 1,500.

Another thing to consider is probable Ukrainian losses during offensive operations. The average daily losses of an armored unit in this case stand at 10 to 15%. About 15 to 20% of incapacitated tanks are typically irrecoverable losses, while the rest require repairs (general maintenance for 30 to 50%, medium-level repairs for 15 to 30%, and an overhaul for 10 to 20%).

Simply put, at least another 300 tanks are required to offset losses during combat operations. This gives us a figure of 1,800 tanks, which must be considered an absolute minimum.

These are very approximate and somewhat simplistic calculations, yet they give us ballpark figures.



FILE PHOTO. A Challenger 2 tank at a training area near Tapa in Estonia, as 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh takes part in 'Exercise Winter Camp'.

How many tanks will Kiev get?

So far, NATO countries have earmarked tanks for Ukraine numbered in the dozens. This is only a fraction of the hypothetical minimum. Some would say it is a joke.

Great Britain and Poland have officially pledged an armored company each, respectively consisting of up to 14 tanks. Germany will supply a similar amount, while the U.S. is preparing the supply of 31 Abrams heavy weapons. That is the equivalent of a U.S. tank battalion.

At a recent meeting of the US-led Defense Contact Group at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, officials from 12 countries discussed sending a total of about 100 tanks to Kiev, if Berlin were to give the green light, which, according to an ABC report, it has done.

Rheinmetall could additionally supply a total of 139 tanks to Ukraine, including 88 Leopard 1s and 51 Leopard 2A4s, yet the German manufacturer concedes that only 29 of them could be shipped before the summer of 2023. Likely too few and too late!

What impact will NATO's tanks have?

Will all these tanks see combat any time soon? Let's consider the example of the M1 Abrams, which is seen as one of the symbols of U.S. military power.

A small number of these tanks manned by poorly trained crews and lacking full-scale maintenance and supply infrastructure support would most likely yield negative results. They will fail to change Ukraine's fortunes on the battlefield, while images of burning American tanks will likely hurt U.S. public opinion.

Thus, one of America's premier weapons, the pride and joy of its defense industry, will be humiliated on the battlefield for a long time. This is something the Pentagon can't allow to happen under any circumstances.

Therefore, before any actual fighting happens, evacuation teams, tank repair units, and spare part supplies must be in place, while crews must receive superior training to handle American tanks.



FILE PHOTO. US Marines drive an M1 Abrams to take part in an exercise to capture an airfield as part of the Trident Juncture 2018, a NATO-led military exercise near the town of Oppdal, Norway.

Last but not least, the first deployment of U.S. main battle tanks in Ukraine must be accompanied by a significant Ukrainian army success, at least at the tactical level, which would necessitate no fewer than 200–300 (maybe even 400–500) tanks.

Otherwise, supplying the M1 Abrams to Ukraine makes neither military nor political sense. Transferring them one company (10 to 15 tanks) at a time would only mean that

this equipment will burn on the battlefield without making any significant impact or even catching anyone's attention.

So far, according to known data, Russia has not had any significant trouble dealing with enemy equipment. This is something on which both the Russian Ministry of Defense and most Western analysts seem to agree.

Since the launch of the military operation, according to Lieutenant General Igor Konashenkov, the Russian Ministry of Defense spokesman, Russian forces have destroyed 376 planes, 203 helicopters, 2,944 UAVs, 402 anti-aircraft missile systems, 988 MLRVs, and 3,898 field artillery guns and mortars.

As well as 7,614 tanks and other armored vehicles.

No room for complacency

It's very likely that the first NATO tank companies will be used as training units for Ukrainian crews, while Poland will initially provide maintenance and repair capacity for servicing German or American tanks.

One shouldn't think, however, that training will stretch over a very long time. It can take just weeks to do a cram full training program, while teaching T-64/84 crews to fight in the M1 Abrams or the Leopard 2A5 could be completed in a matter of days.

What matters in the reports about the West mulling tank supplies to Ukraine is not the tanks themselves as much as the breaking of a taboo, which, until recently, prevented the transfer of heavy western-made armored vehicles to Ukraine. Once this taboo is broken, there is every reason to assume that, sooner or later, Kiev will receive not only the 1,800 western main battle tanks it badly needs, but much more than that.

At that point in time and maybe even earlier, Ukraine will be able to create a strike force on the Zaporozhye front for example. If a force like that succeeds in breaching Russian defenses, it could cover the 82 km to Melitopol in less than three days, which would dissect the whole depth of the Russian defense in this region. This is an optimistic goal but questionable by many analysts.

With this in mind, the Russian armed forces must achieve tangible military and political results long before western arms supplies reach their full potential.

Minimum Requirements for Combat

First of all, it is a scatter-brained idea to send a vulnerable tanks corps into combat situations without an entire and complete support structure, including:

- support vehicles including recovery tow tractors, ammo delivery trucks, fast recon vehicles, motorcycles for forward observers, fuel tankers, ambulances, and motorcycles with sidecars for scouts;

- local motorpools equipped with mechanics garage with power lifts, machine shop, stacks of tires and treads, spare parts warehouse and trucks to dispatch for repairs in the field;
- field arsenals and bunkers for storage of ammo, grenades, gun parts and defensive equipment like body armor, helmets and artillery-servicing supplies;
- canteens with preserved food stocks, kitchens for meal service in harsh weather, surplus to distribute to local populations to gain their support and prevent robbery of field rations, gas tanks, refrigeration and sanitary disposal system to prevent the spread of disease-causing microorganisms, and running water, now scarce in Ukraine;
- field hospitals and first-aid tents, as in MASH, equipped for treatment of serious wounds, suppression of contagious diseases, ambulances and sufficient doctors and orderlies to handle major battle casualties, evac helicopters and cots, stretchers and wheelchairs for the wounded.
- air support with tactical aircraft and helicopter gunships to suppress enemy attacks and scout the terrain for enemy patrols and troop movements, armed with sufficient firepower to suppress enemy aircraft, armor and anti-aircraft-mounted vehicles;
- communications specialists trained in local languages and versed in code(s) to intercept enemy messages and commands for advance warning to local troop concentrations; and
- construction units in the field to erect pontoon bridges, clear roadways, lay landing pads and short airfields, set up temporary barracks and base facilities as demanded by advances or retreat.

If all of the above are not installed by brigade-strength fighting groups, any weakness or absence of facilities, equipment, supplies and ammo will ensure defeat, retreat and massive casualties. Without the infrastructure for total war, a hundred or so tanks are basically dead ducks, prizes for the advancing enemy and, face it, lousy propaganda photos to show the world.

Victory is not attainable against Russia

Anything short of a quick victory against the Russian armed forces will have dire consequences for other fronts, including the Taiwan Strait, the Mideast and, worst of all, the southern border of the four Southwestern states facing infiltration by military spies posing as refugees and workers from Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Iran, the Islamic African regions such as Sudan and Nigeria, and China. While weapons are being sent to Ramstein Air Base onto Poland and western Ukraine, the American Southwest is absent of adequate desert all-terrain vehicles, tanks, anti-aircraft artillery and rockets, drones and counter-drone systems, zero field hospitals, dusty roads that cannot support armored vehicles during the wet season. The makeshift barrier of shipping containers

along the Mexico-US border in Arizona is being dismantled on the state government's orders, an act of treason. At this point the Chinese fentanyl dealing Mexican Cartel has assault rifles far more powerful than the pea-shooters of the Border enforcement personnel.

The War is Here at Home, not in faraway Ukraine, which is a costly diversionary distraction, intended to destroy America's combat capabilities. Biden and his Democrats are traitors, who are planning a second Kassarine Pass debacle for our troops and patriotic civilian volunteers. We have met the Enemy and they are occupying the White House again after burning down the White House in 1814. When the Enemy is Treason at home, then the distant conflict over the remains of the Soviet Empire in Ukraine is no concern for Americans.

This life-and-death battle begins with getting one's priorities straight, starting with the moral battle against treason, laxity and stupidity. As war drums rumble on our near border, remember this advice from General George Patton: "*A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood.*" To hell with clowns like Biden, Blinken, Austin and Millie, we must prepare for the war to save America from its countless traitors.

As you can see from the data provided by retired U.S. military personnel up to the rank of a 2-star Major General who have commanded armored divisions, this is a pipe dream that is already dead in the minds of Pentagon schmucks like Lloyd Austin and Chief of Staff Mark Millie. They have committed treason against their own country as well as sold out to the Chinese CCP.

Through political back-channels, Russia has informed Germany that if German tanks attack Russian soil, it will be a violation of the Potsdam Treaty that ended World War Two. That Treaty makes clear Germany is only allowed to have a "Defense Force" which can be used "for nothing else." Manufacturing tanks which are then sent to Ukraine to fight Russia, would be using the German military for "something else" and Russia's position is that will violate the Demilitarization" provisions of the Potsdam Treaty. Russia allegedly told Germany that if German tanks attack Russian soil "World War 3 will begin immediately.

The rub here is that the former oblasts of Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson, and Zaporozhye, have now joined Russia and been accepted by the Russian legislature, called the Duma. So those territories are now "*Russian soil.*"

On January 17th, Russia initiated a UN Security Council meeting on the persecution of Orthodoxy in Ukraine by the state authorities in Kyiv. Russia's Permanent Representative to the UN, Vassily Nebenzia, stressed that the introduction of discriminatory legislative norms against UOC believers in Ukraine contradicts not only the Constitution of Ukraine, but also its international human rights commitments.

As evidence, Russia's permanent representative to the UN and Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR) cited cases

of mass searches by the Security Service of Ukraine in monasteries and communities of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, raids of churches under the guise of "*voluntary conversions*" to another denomination, criminal cases against clergy for spurious reasons, and a hostile smear campaign against the Orthodox church in the Ukrainian media.

The representative of the Russian Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Anthony, Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, spoke at the meeting via video-conference. He outlined in detail Kyiv's targeted repressive policy against UOC, which is the largest and historic confession in Ukraine country and unites millions of believers in that country.

Vassily Nebenzia said in particular:

- Let me underscore that the Russian Federation still proceeds from the understanding that issues relating to human rights do not fall within the competence of the Security Council and need to be addressed at specialized UN bodies. What's on the agenda of the Council today is not human rights as a standalone topic, but another set of provocative steps undertaken by the Kiev regime that put off prospects of a peaceful settlement in Ukraine. That is why we requested this meeting under agenda item "*Threats to international peace and security*".

Colleagues, I bet many of you have been asking yourselves why we convened this meeting to focus on the domestic situation in Ukraine?

We must realize that this crackdown in the Ukrainian public and cultural space manifested itself not today and not in February last year, but way before that. Since the current regime came to power in 2014 after an unconstitutional takeover, it has started to annihilate systematically anything that they believed had even a remotest connection to Russia. In a country where the Russian language is native to the majority of the population and that had spent centuries in cultural unity with Russia, to implement such policy literally meant to uproot the fundamental pillars of the society and to disseminate an unnatural concept of Ukraine as "anti-Russia".

Thereby it must be noted that Russians constitute the second-largest ethnic group in Ukraine, to which the Constitution of Ukraine guarantees the free development, use and protection of Russian, and other languages of national minorities of Ukraine (Article 10)... Measures taken by the Kiev regime run counter to Ukraine's obligations to protect the rights of all ethnic groups that arise from a number of international documents. In particular, the ban on discrimination of national minorities and guarantees of the right to education, as well as the right to preserve culture and learn native languages is stipulated in such documents as the 1965 International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; the 1966 International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights; the 1960 UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education...

This resulted in an unprecedented (even for Ukraine) surge of Russophobia that was instigated from the very top of Ukrainian establishment. In September 2021 President Zelensky offered to all residents of Ukraine who identified themselves as Russian to leave the country.

In the territories controlled by Zelensky's regime, mass political repressions, detentions of civil activists and rights advocates are in full swing. Any expression of disagreement with the official position is extirpated...

The war on canonical Orthodox Christianity is another track of Kiev's repressive policies. Ukraine stands on the brink of a large-scale inter-confessional conflict, which has not had any precedents in the modern European history.

Supported by their Western sponsors, Ukrainian authorities have long adopted a course that seeks to undermine the Canonical Orthodox Church of Ukraine. As we heard from Metropolitan Anthony, now the schismatic church of Ukraine, which was artificially created in 2018 and made fully obedient to the authorities, is being forcibly imposed on the Ukrainian people. This is a joint venture of Kiev and the United States that has nothing to do with matters of confession...

Thereby priests of the so-called Orthodox Church of Ukraine at their so-called "*liturgical services*" that look more like political campaigning, do not hesitate to use schismatic and hateful language, speak of "*liberation of holy sites from the Russian captivity*" and "*purification*". We remember to what deadly and tragic events such calls to "*purification*" led earlier in human history. Ukraine is only one step away from a fratricidal internal religious catastrophe...

Let me ask Kiev's Western patrons who claim to be so concerned about human rights and freedom of conscience. For how long are you going to ignore what Kiev has been doing to incite an inter-confessional crisis in Ukraine? And more generally, for how long will you disregard the formation of a ruthless dictatorship in that country?

During his ten minutes-long speech, Metropolitan Anthony stressed that the Russian Orthodox Church believes that it is its duty to take part in defending the rights of believers around the world both on her own and in cooperation with other Local Orthodox Churches and other religious organizations.

Pointing to the high peace-making potential of the Church in inter-state and civic conflicts, the DECR Chairman noted that this potential has been undermined by the Ukrainian authorities' attempts to destroy the millions-strong Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the largest religious organization in Ukraine.

Metropolitan Anthony recounted the contents of the latest decisions of the Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council enforced by President Zelensky's decrees and intended to introduce a number of measures infringing upon the rights of the Orthodox communities in Ukraine.

In particular, the Ukrainian leaders have imposed the so-called 'sanctions' on fourteen hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and a number of her archpastors have been deprived of Ukrainian citizenship.

Moreover, what these decisions restrict are 'precisely the constitutional rights and freedoms which the Ukrainian Constitution Article 64 forbids to limit during martial law or emergency situation'.

The DECR Chairperson noted that the repressions against the Orthodox episcopate in Ukraine have become the culmination of the Ukrainian authorities' persistent policy aimed to take control of the religious life of society.

Metropolitan Anthony informed the meeting about an actually legalized mechanism of seizing churches of the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church and attempts of the state to deprive it of her historical name, and about seven more bills registered in the Ukrainian Supreme Rada (Parliament) with the aim to infringe upon the rights of communities and the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, to deprive her of her churches and to impose absolute prohibition on her activity in the territory of Ukraine.

The DECR chairman drew the attention of the meeting to 'the unbridled slander campaign against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church which has called to impose absolute prohibition on her activity, to use pressure and violence towards her representatives, which represents clear signs of the hate speech and has resulted in an upsurge of violence toward the clergy and communities of the canonical Orthodox Church in Ukraine.

In conclusion of his message, Metropolitan Anthony called the UN and members of the Security Council to pay attention 'to the unlawful actions of the Ukrainian state authorities with regard to the largest confession in Ukraine, to numerous facts of the violation of the rights of the faithful' guaranteed by the UN Charter and other international legal documents and declarations.

- The government of Ukraine has submitted to Parliament a law prepared on orders of President Zelensky that aims to ban completely the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC). The ban is to go into force if the Ukrainian authorities determine that the UOC is affiliated with Russia, stated a message posted on the website of the parliament, or Verkhovna Rada. Ukraine's Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal initiated the bill.

- The Hungarian Government expects the Ukrainian authorities to stop harassing ethnic Hungarians in the Zakarpatye Region, the Hungarian Foreign Ministry's State Secretary Tamas Menczer told the Kossuth radio station on January 20. In recent days, Hungarian flags and inscriptions in Hungarian were removed from public buildings in the city of Mukachevo in Ukraine's Zakarpatye Region where a large number of ethnic Hungarians live. In addition, the labor contract of the Mukachevo Hungarian school's principal was terminated.

Menczer noted that the Hungarian Government had long demanded Ukraine stop violating the rights of ethnic Hungarians in the Zakarpatye Region in light of plans to deprive them of the opportunity to speak and study in their native language. *"However, Hungary cannot ignore what is going on at the moment. Anti-Hungarian actions are unacceptable,"* Menczer stated.

The bottom line is that this will not end well at all. The Vatican ideology (temporal and religious) runs the show from behind the scenes and while they lack the means they seem to be betting all their marbles on the NATO and U.S. being their hammer! My advice to anyone reading this Blessed Hope is that you prepare your families for a nuclear holocaust. Pray that God will ***"Deliver us from this evil!" "And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."*** -(Luke 11:4; Matthew 6:3).

Revelation 9:15 and 9:18 states that one third of man will die in the first global extinction event. History is replete with the evidence that religious issues are hugely devastating. Religious conflict is a defining feature of today's world, and it has been for millennia. Often, religion is just one factor in conflicts that result from a myriad of causes. But because of the emotional nature of religion, it often leads formerly peaceful neighbors to commit heinous acts against each other in the name of a higher power. We see early signs that this war in the Ukraine will spill over in the coming Ezekiel 38/39 war of Gog and Magog!

If you have not read Blessed Hope #134, #135, #136, here is the link to as more in depth background to what may be days or week ahead. [The Blessed Hope, Part 135](#) posted on Thursday 01/19/23. The "Doomsday Clock" was set at 90 seconds to midnight a couple days ago, it has never been this close to the end!

"Look Up, Your Redemption is Nigh!"

Blessings,
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**ADMIT THAT YOU
ARE A SINNER.**

**BELIEVE THAT JESUS
PAID FOR YOUR SIN
ON THE CROSS. †**

**CONFESS THAT JESUS
IS LORD AND CALL UPON
HIM FOR SALVATION.**

The clock is running down and when the call comes to “Come up hither” the door will close and those left behind are likely to die for their faith in the final “Seven Weeks of Daniel 9:24-27!”