

## RASHISM

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“Preventing terrorists from undermining the Creator’s plan—human beings and vital life-support systems—requires the wisdom and authority of the world’s wise leaders. By uniting efforts focused on security priorities for themselves, their families, their ancestral lineage, society, and humanity as a whole, they can ensure the timely isolation of barbaric individuals from spaces essential for the survival and advancement of civilization. This unity and harmony must align with nature, the biosphere, and the noosphere.”  
– Mykola Pidtyachyi

The term “Rashism (rashyzm)”, developed by Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences and Professor Mykola Ivanovych Pidtyachyi, was posted on the social media platform Facebook and on the website of the electronic library of the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine on April 24, 2022 (URL: <https://lib.iitta.gov.ua/730502/>). On May 12, 2022, the term was recommended for full and frequent use by journalists and media organizations by the Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (URL: <https://www.facebook.com/verkhovna.rada.ukraine/posts/pfbid02bu28dEkgymp3g2PH857KfS7vkVHe2d1HSnUDaTNxzt7acNvUoArqEmEb61sms1LA1>).

To foster a deeper understanding of the threat this phenomenon poses to civilization and the necessity of sustained efforts and resource mobilization for its eradication, the term has been refined and translated into the following languages: English, Mandarin Chinese, Hindi, Spanish, French, Arabic, Bengali, Portuguese, Indonesian, Urdu, German, Polish, Italian, Japanese, and Russian.

Rashism (rashyzm) is an imperial, authoritarian-totalitarian political regime in the Russian Federation (Russia), created by the dictator-president V. Putin with the support of 83% of the Russian population (according to the Russian sociological agency Levada Center, March 24–30, 2022). By strictly regulating the operations of state and societal institutions, as well as private life, the Russian regime has deprived them of autonomy in political, economic, cultural, educational, religious, and other spheres of activity.

Since the beginning of the 21st century, rashists have developed and systematically carried out a covert genocide of the Ukrainian people, characterized by all the hallmarks of state terrorism. This has been accompanied by an unprecedented aggressive and militaristic policy incorporating elements of fascism, Nazism, chauvinism, cyber warfare, and an egotistical attitude toward global civilization. This justifies designating Russia as a “Terrorist State of the Russian Federation” (TSRF).

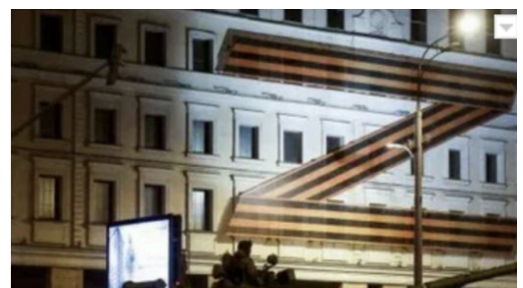
The broad use of the term “rashism” by Ukrainians and its international dissemination emerged amidst the deep-rooted hatred of Ukraine’s democratic society toward authoritarian-totalitarian Russia and those supporting the regime. These individuals made the decision to launch the unprovoked war against Ukraine and:

1. Provide political, informational-propaganda, military, resource, and technological support.
2. Endorse the chauvinistic policies formulated by Russian ideologists toward Ukrainians and other peoples, nations, and ethnic groups.
3. Exploit natural resources (oil, gas, diamonds, gold, and other minerals) to organize and execute acts of terrorism. A significant portion of the capital generated from resource sales was directed by rashists (adherents of rashism) to ensure the dynamic development of the military-industrial complex, enabling the possession of a substantial arsenal of all types of weaponry.

The key features of rashism in contemporary conditions are as follows:

1. Absence of a comprehensive development strategy for Russia and its people, including the lack of a civilizational paradigm, a national idea, motivation, patriotism, or a socio-economic concept.
2. The use of methodologies and technologies by “Kremlin ideologists” to form a distorted consciousness among Russians and the global population, aimed at twisting the evolutionarily established objective civilizational life space (both historical and modern dimensions).
3. The lack of freedom as a fundamental trait of personality among most Russians, depriving them of the ability to choose and manage their existence based on their desires, interests, and goals, rooted in knowledge of the surrounding reality obtained through perception and understanding.
4. Encroachment on the state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and neighboring countries.
5. Concealment of terrorist intentions by the Kremlin’s ruling elite toward Ukraine and its people.
6. Declaration of policies aimed at de-Ukrainization, demilitarization, denazification, and neutralization of Ukrainians.
7. Genocide against Ukrainians, legally documented by Ukrainian and international institutions.
8. Production of misanthropic ideology.
9. Possession of modern military equipment and destructive technologies to pursue a forceful approach in achieving stated objectives.
10. Hybrid warfare tactics.
11. Use of deceptive peace negotiation methods during the war to deliver devastating blows to Ukraine and its population.
12. Deployment of Russian troops in Belarus and the use of its territory to launch attacks on Ukraine.
13. Violation of agreements and protocols of the Geneva Convention, among others.

It should be noted that the essence of Russia and its people has been formed over centuries. Its conduct toward states, societies, and cultures throughout history has been characterized by the



most talented individuals who consciously and boldly described the “moral” and life principles, aggressiveness, and relentless, uncompromising nature of achieving selfish interests at any cost.

The gradual degradation of Russia over time has been highlighted not only by Ukrainian and foreign public, cultural, and political figures, classic authors, philosophers, political scientists, and poets but also by Russians themselves:

“Love, my dark-eyed ones, but not with Muscovites,  
For Muscovites are foreign people,  
They bring misfortune to you.”

– *Ukrainian poet and writer Taras Shevchenko*

“Moscow, having sworn allegiance to you, will do with you and our Fatherland whatever it pleases. Then your oath will destroy your soul, cast the Fatherland into the abyss, and deprive you of liberty...”

– *Ukrainian Hetman Pylyp Orlyk*

“You are the bastards of the insane executioners. Do not forget, scoundrels, anywhere: my people exist; in its hot veins, Cossack blood pulses and roars.”

– *Ukrainian poet, journalist, and sixties dissident Vasyl Symonenko*

“A Russian, or more simply put – a Muscovite, it doesn’t matter whether he serves the Tsar, calls himself a socialist-revolutionary, or finally becomes a Bolshevik-communist – he is the same: he cannot live without deceit. He has lived for centuries through deception, lies, incitement, and trickery. Deception has become his second nature. Through deception, he has subjugated other nations.”

– *Ukrainian military and political figure Symon Petliura*

“We have no common language with Muscovites.”

– *Ukrainian political figure Stepan Bandera*

“Every nation has its own ailments. Russia’s is incurable.”

– *Ukrainian writer and poet Lina Kostenko*

“Russia is undoubtedly a nation of conquerors... Russia is a vast repository of plundered wealth.”

– *German philosopher Karl Marx*

“I have returned from Russia. What a horror! What a miserable bluff! What a dirty and senseless history! How grotesque and criminal it all is! It’s all disgusting, terrifying, utterly vile... Dirty, poor, repulsive. A prison. Everywhere there is police, bureaucracy, and terrible chaos. All bluff and tyranny.”

– *French writer Louis-Ferdinand Céline*

“Never scheme against Russia, for it will respond with its unpredictable stupidity to every trick you play.”

– *German statesman and politician Otto von Bismarck*

“Murder is a means of removing a ruler, which has always been used in Russia.”  
– *French politician and diplomat Charles Talleyrand*

“It seems to me that the most striking feature of the Moscow national character is its sadistic cruelty, just as humor is characteristic of the English. The most interesting feature of Moscow’s cruelty is its diabolical inventiveness, its, I would say, aesthetic sophistication. I am not talking about cruelty that occasionally manifests as an outburst of a sick or corrupted soul... I am talking about mass psychology, the national soul, about mass cruelty.”

– *Russian writer Maxim Gorky*

“In Russia, there are two misfortunes. Below is the power of darkness, above is the darkness of power.”

– *Russian writer and journalist Vladimir Gilyarovsky*

“Russia is one-sixth light and five-sixths darkness.”

– *Russian writer and journalist Vladimir Kolehchitsky*

“The Russian people are deeply unhappy, but also deeply unclean, rude, and, above all, a deceitful savage.”

– *Russian writer and translator Ivan Bunin*

“There are only two countries in the world for comparison – Japan, which has nothing and yet has everything, and Russia, which has everything and yet has nothing.”

– *Russian political scientist and statesman Pavel Borodin*

“Russia is the most nationalistic country in the world, a country of unprecedented nationalistic excesses, oppression of subjugated nationalities, Russification, a country of national pride. A country where everything is nationalized, even the universal church of Christ. A country that considers itself the only chosen one and rejects all of Europe as decay and the offspring of the devil, doomed to perish. The flip side of Russian humility is extraordinary Russian arrogance.”

– *Russian philosopher Nikolai Berdyaev*

“Russia is the most vile, revoltingly disgusting country in all of world history. Through selective breeding, they have bred horrible moral degenerates, in whom the very concept of Good and Evil is turned inside out. Throughout its history, this nation has been wallowing in filth, while wishing to drown the entire world in it.”

– *Russian philosopher, writer, publicist Ivan Ilyin*

An insightful statement about Russia and its attitude toward its own people was made by Russian poet, democrat, and convict Pyotr Yakubovich in his poem “*To the Homeland*”:

“Why should we love you? What kind of mother are you to us?  
When even a stepmother, cruel and inhuman,  
Would not drive her stepson so mercilessly,

As you torment and oppress your children, never tiring?  
Loving, did you give us even one red day  
On our spring path, so wide and open?  
You brought a sinister shadow of clouds at dawn,  
Draining our blood drop by drop before its time!  
Like an enemy, you destroyed us, like a fierce tyrant!  
In the darkness without dawn, you buried us alive,  
Driving us to the edge of the earth, to the snow-covered, desolate lands,  
Killing us in the prime of our strength...  
Crushing great dreams without mercy,  
You, like criminals, stamped us with disgrace,  
You poisoned our souls with malice, like poison...  
What kind of mother are you to us? Why should we love you?"

"The heavy Russian spirit, there's no air to breathe and no way to fly."  
– *Russian poet Alexander Blok*

"Muscovy – the Russia of the taiga, Mongolian, wild, beastly."  
– *Russian writer Alexei Tolstoy*

"Not a people, but cattle, a boor, a wild horde of murderers and villains; a wild, dark, miserable nation."  
– *Russian writer Mikhail Bulgakov*

"Goodbye, unwashed Russia, the land of slaves, the land of masters. And you, the blue uniforms, and you, the people devoted to them."  
– *Russian poet Mikhail Lermontov*

"The Russian is the greatest and the most brazen liar in the world."  
– *Russian writer Ivan Turgenev*

"Give a Russian a star map, and in the morning, he will return it to you corrected."  
– *Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky*

"Our self-love and self-importance are European, but our development and actions are Asian."  
– *Russian writer Anton Chekhov*

"The people (Russians) who wander through Europe, looking for what can be destroyed or annihilated, just for entertainment."  
– *Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky*

"Russia—the fool. Neither Europe, nor Asia, neither reality, nor fantasy."  
– *Russian poet Demyan Bedny*

"The Russians are a people who hate freedom, deify slavery, love the shackles on their hands and feet, love their bloody despots, feel no beauty. Physically and morally

filthy, living for centuries in darkness, obscurantism, and have not lifted a finger toward anything humane, yet are always ready to enslave and oppress everyone and everything, the entire world. This is not a people, but a historical curse of humanity.”

– *Russian writer and publicist Ivan Shmelev*

“Ah, how hard, how unbearably hard it is sometimes to live in Russia, in this stinking environment of dirt, vulgarity, lies, deceptions, abuses, good little scoundrels, bread-and-salt bribers, hospitable swindlers – fathers and benefactors of bribery!”

– *Russian poet and publicist Ivan Aksakov*

After Russia’s unprovoked full-scale military invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, a number of world leaders expressed their views (excerpts from publications of online media):

“Dictator Putin is a war criminal...”

– *US President Joe Biden (BBC News, March 25, 2022)*

“On April 12, US President Joe Biden referred to Russia’s actions on the territory of Ukraine for the first time as ‘genocide.’”

– *Radio Free Europe, April 13, 2022*

“President Putin is accused of war crimes, and I will do everything I can to weaken his military machine.”

– *UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson (Ukrinform, April 9, 2022)*

“Putin is solely responsible for the war Russia has unleashed against Ukraine.”

– *Olaf Scholz (Radio Free Europe, March 18, 2022)*

“In the war with Russia, we stand by Ukraine. I offer President Volodymyr Zelensky France’s fraternal support.”

– *French President Emmanuel Macron (Ukrinform, March 2, 2022)*

“For the crimes committed against Ukrainians and Ukraine, Russia must be recognized by the world as a state sponsor of terrorism, and the Russian armed forces as a terrorist organization.”

– *Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (DW, April 20, 2022)*

“Russians, you are not ‘liberators’ – you are the plague, you are executioners who bring suffering to the holy Ukrainian land...”

– *Former President of Ukraine (2005-2010) Viktor Yushchenko (Ukrainian Pravda, March 2, 2022)*

“This war is just one of many acts of aggression Russia has carried out against Ukraine. History records hundreds of such incidents, yet this one stands apart. Never before has Russia launched such a full-scale assault on Ukraine.

For years to come, nations will be judged by their stance on the Russian-Ukrainian war. One thing is certain–Russia, as a state, will lose its global credibility for decades, while Ukraine’s standing in the world will only grow.”

– *President of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, Vasyl Kremen (Bulletin of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, 2022, 4(1). URL: <https://visnyk.naps.gov.ua/index.php/journal/article/view/251/302>)*

“Barbarism and savagery can be either unconscious or conscious. A barbarian and a savage ‘Neanderthal’ – that is natural. A modern barbarian and savage of Russian origin – this is much worse: for he believes himself to be ‘civilized’... However, such ‘civilization,’ devoid of internal culture and spirituality, and the zombification of ‘Rashists’ with blatant evil and unheard-of violence – this turns into an age-old tragedy for Ukrainians, and even a tragedy for all democratic humanity...”

– *Ukrainian educator, scientist, poet, and military man Hryhoriy Vasyanovych*

At the same time, a group of supporters of the covert Russian terrorist policy began to form from 2000, both domestically and internationally. These relations were managed through material resources obtained from the sale of natural resources by state institutions, oligarchs, and private entities at preferential prices, aimed at fostering loyalty to Russian policy. Supporters of Russian policy ranged from heads of states, unable to set civilizational priorities, to politicians, businessmen, officials, and functionaries interested in boosting economic indicators through Russian energy and material resources. This allowed Russia to have a significant number of covert “managers” to serve the selfish needs of the ruling elite and their allies, as well as to lobby for interests in regional and global state, commercial, and public institutions (UN, EU, Council of Europe, NATO, transnational companies, and business entities, etc.).

Under the pretext of denazification, demilitarization, and the protection of the interests of the Russian-speaking population in Ukraine, Ukrainians and infrastructure were destroyed with particular cruelty by the “orcs” (a derogatory term for Russian occupiers, used after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022) across much of Ukraine (Borodyanka, Bucha, Mariupol, Melitopol, Kharkiv, Iziurm, Chernihiv, and others). This confirms that the goal of Russia’s unprovoked full-scale invasion was to destroy Ukrainian identity and annex Ukrainian territories.

It should be noted that despite appeals from religious leaders, churches, and representatives of global institutions, dictator V. Putin continues to escalate his aggression with increasing brutality, involving his “oprichniks,” “cannibalistic” elites, and countries and groups loyal to his Russian fascist agenda. Condemning the war against Ukraine, they noted in their addresses:

**EPIPHANIUS, Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine, Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine:**

“Despite Ukraine’s and the entire international community’s prolonged, sincere, and persistent efforts, an unprovoked, insidious, and cynical attack by Russia and Belarus on Ukraine has taken place.



*Photo 2: The symbol of Rashi on a destroyed enemy Russian tank (spring 2022).*



Our common task is to repel the enemy and protect our land, our future, and the future of new generations from the tyranny the aggressor seeks to impose with its bayonets.

The truth is on our side. Therefore, with God's help and the support of the entire civilized world, we will defeat the enemy.

Our task now is to unite, withstand the first blow, and not give in to panic. We believe in God's providence and the triumph of truth. We trust our Armed Forces and our defenders. Through prayer, we stand with all those on the front lines fighting the aggressor.

It is extremely important not to fall for internal provocations, to maintain order, and to follow the orders of Ukraine's state and military authorities.

Wherever possible, I urge the clergy and the faithful to regularly offer their prayers for Ukraine, for victory, and for our soldiers. I bless the reading of the Akathist to the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos and other appropriate prayers.

I appeal to the international community and all religious leaders worldwide, calling for support for Ukraine and urging Russia and Belarus to immediately cease their aggression. I ask this of all people of good will and conscience.

Those who have initiated and are leading the aggressive war against Ukraine must know that, according to both God's law and human law, they are murderers and criminals. For their crime, they will answer before the Almighty and humanity, not escaping condemnation and punishment.

As your Primate, I stand with you, fulfilling my duties. As events develop, I will keep you informed.

"Do not be afraid; stand firm, and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today [...]; the Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still" (Exodus 14:13-14).

Ukrainians are a peace-loving people, yet strong in spirit and faith. We believe that the violence and weapons unlawfully directed against us will turn into God's wrath and a sword against the aggressor. For all criminal intentions are known to God, as it is written: "Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; speak your word, but it will not stand, for God is with us!" (Isaiah 8:10). Let the words of the Savior be fulfilled for the instigators of war and the attackers: 'All who draw the sword will die by the sword' (Matthew 26:52).

With prayer on our lips, and love for God, for Ukraine, and for our neighbors, let us fight against evil – and we will witness victory.

I call upon God's blessing for the Ukrainian state, for the soldiers defending Ukraine, and for our entire people!

Great God Almighty, protect our Ukraine!"  
(URL: <https://www.pomisna.info/uk/vsi-novyny/zvernennya-mytropolitya-epifaniya-z-pr-yvodu-napadu-na-ukrayinu/>).

**FILARET, Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus'-Ukraine, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate:**

"On the morning of February 24, Russia declared war on our Motherland, launching a large-scale invasion. I urge all Ukrainians to rise in defense of their native land! We did not initiate this war; it was started by the aggressor, Putin. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "All who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52).



Ukrainians are a peaceful people, yet they will never surrender their land or freedom. To counter the might of the Russian aggressor, we must first rely on steadfastness of spirit, sacrificial patriotism, and unity. I call on everyone not to panic, to follow the orders of the Ukrainian authorities, and to provide all possible support to the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

The Church prays for the Lord to grant victory to our military over the aggressor and to punish Putin for his sin of murder. We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ to send us peace and grant us victory over this criminal.

I appeal to all Christians worldwide and to all people of good will to help Ukraine stop the enemy. Ukrainians today are defending not only themselves but the entire civilized world.

I call on our soldiers to stand firm for our Ukraine. The Church prays and will continue to pray for our victory and for the Lord to strengthen the defenders of Ukraine.

Ukraine will undoubtedly prevail, for we stand with truth and the Lord God on our side.

Great God Almighty, protect our Ukraine!"  
(URL: <https://www.cerkva.info/news/zvernennia-patriarkha-filareta-do-ukrainskoho-narodu-shchodo-pochatku-vijny/>).

**His Beatitude SVIATOSLAV, Supreme Archbishop of Kyiv and Halych, Metropolitan of Kyiv, Primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church:**

"The treacherous enemy, disregarding his own commitments and assurances, has violated the fundamental norms of international law and, as an unjust aggressor, has set foot on Ukrainian soil, bringing death and destruction.

Our Ukraine, which the world has aptly called the "bloody lands," drenched countless times with the blood of martyrs and freedom fighters for our people's independence, calls us today to rise in its defense – to uphold its dignity before God and humanity, its right to exist, and its right to choose its future.

It is our natural right and sacred duty to defend our land and our people, our state, and everything we hold most dear: our families, language, culture, history, and spiritual heritage! We are a peaceful people who, guided by Christian love, embrace the children of all nations, regardless of their origin, beliefs, nationality, or religious affiliation. We do not encroach upon others, nor do we threaten anyone, but we cannot surrender what is rightfully ours! At this historic moment, the voice of our conscience calls us, united as one, to stand in defense of a free, united, and independent Ukrainian State!

The history of the last century teaches us that all those who initiated world wars ultimately lost them, and the idolaters of war brought only destruction and decline to their own states and peoples. We firmly believe that, at this historical moment, the Lord God is with us! He, in whose hands lies the fate of the entire world and every individual, is always on the side of the victims of unjust aggression, the suffering, and the oppressed.

It is He who reveals His holy Name in the history of every nation, who captures and casts down the mighty of this world by their pride, topples conquerors with the illusion of their omnipotence, and humbles the proud and arrogant through their self-assurance. It is He who grants victory over evil and death. Ukraine's victory will be the triumph of God's power over human baseness and arrogance! Such has been, is, and always will be!

Our holy martyred Church has always stood, stands now, and will forever stand with its people! This Church, which has endured death and resurrection, like the Body of the risen Christ over which death holds no dominion, was given by the Lord to His people in the baptismal waters of the Dnieper.

Since that moment, the history of our people and their Church, the history of their struggle for liberation, and the history of the embodiment of God's Word and the manifestation of His Spirit of Truth in our culture have been forever intertwined.

In this dramatic hour, our Church, as a mother and teacher, remains steadfast with her children, ready to protect them and serve them in the name of God! In God lies our hope, and from Him will come our victory!

Today, we solemnly proclaim: "We shall lay down our soul and body for our freedom!" With one heart and one voice, we pray: "O God, great and almighty, preserve Ukraine for us!"

Holy righteous ones, martyrs, and confessors of the Ukrainian land, pray and intercede for us before God!

May the Lord's blessing be upon you!" (URL: <https://ugcc.church/blog/zvernennya-blazhennishoho-svyatoslava-z-pryvodu-pochatku-viyny-v-ukrayini/>).

**BARTHOLOMEW I, Archbishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch**, stated:

"What is happening in Ukraine is a tragedy, a shame that brands those responsible, those who, as it turns out, have no fear of God. It seems that Holy Week has not yet ended for the war-weary Ukrainian people, for the mothers, and for both sides who mourn their children. And yet, Christ is Risen!" (URL: <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-society/3472277-vselskij-patriarh-nazvav-vijnu-tragediju-dla-ukraini-j-soromom-dla-tih-hto-ii-spriciniv.html>).

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople declared that the leadership of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) shares responsibility with the Russian authorities for possible violations in Ukraine. According to the Patriarch, the Russian authorities "utilize the church as a tool to achieve their political goals." Speaking at a conference in the Lithuanian parliament, he emphasized that the Russian leadership and the ROC collaborated in orchestrating the military invasion of Ukraine, including the forced deportation of Ukrainian children—an act for which the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague suspects Russian President Vladimir Putin (URL: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-patriarh-varfolomuj-rpc-podilyaje-vidpovidalnist-za-vijnu/32329955.html>).

Bartholomew I called on religious and secular institutions to collaborate for the "neutralization of the ability of the leadership of the Moscow Patriarchate to undermine unity and theologically legitimize criminal actions" (URL: <https://www.dw.com/uk/patriarh-varfolomij-zakinuv-rpc-pricetnist-do-vijni-v-ukraini/a-65085423>).

In a communiqué issued by the Holy See's press office regarding the war in Ukraine, it is emphasized that the Pope's statements clearly and unequivocally condemn the large-scale war in Ukraine initiated by the Russian Federation as morally unjust, unacceptable, barbaric, insane, repugnant, and sacrilegious. (URL: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-papa-rymskyi-viyna-v-ukrayini/32010853.html>).

**The North Atlantic Alliance (NATO)** has condemned Russia's attack on Ukraine and Belarus's complicity, expressing its unwavering support for the Ukrainian people:

"We strongly condemn Russia's horrific attack on Ukraine, which is entirely unjustified and unprovoked. Our thoughts are with all those killed and injured, and with the people of Ukraine. We also condemn Belarus for enabling this attack. This new assault is a blatant violation of international law, including the UN Charter, and completely contradicts Russia's commitments under the Helsinki Final Act, the Paris Charter, the Budapest Memorandum, and the NATO-Russia Founding Act. It is an act of aggression against an independent, peaceful country.

We strongly urge Russia to abandon its chosen path of violence and aggression. Russian leaders must bear full responsibility for the consequences of their actions. Russia will pay a very high economic and political price. NATO will maintain close coordination with relevant stakeholders and other international organizations, including the EU.

Russia's actions pose a serious threat to Euro-Atlantic security and will have geostrategic consequences. NATO will continue to take all necessary measures to ensure the security and defense of all Allies" (URL: [https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official\\_texts\\_192404.htm?selectedLocale=en](https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_192404.htm?selectedLocale=en), URL: <https://suspilne.media/210308-mi-z-narodom-ukraini-nato-zrobilo-zaavu-sodo-napadu-rusii/>).

**The UN Security Council** adopted a statement:

"The Security Council expresses its deep concern regarding the maintenance of peace and security in Ukraine... The Security Council recalls that all member states have undertaken, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the obligation to resolve their international disputes by peaceful means" (URL: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-rada-bezpeky-oon-zayava-ukraina/31838087.html>).

**The UN General Assembly**, on March 2, 2022, adopted a resolution:

"The General Assembly demands that the Russian Federation immediately cease its use of force against Ukraine and refrain from any unlawful threats or use of force against any UN member state... We further demand that the Russian Federation immediately, fully, and unconditionally withdraw all its armed forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders" (URL: <https://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2022/03/2/7327544/>).

**The European Union** condemns in the strongest possible terms the latest escalation by Russia in its illegal, unprovoked, and unjustified aggression against Ukraine. Russia's actions in Ukraine continue to pose a grave threat to peace and security in Europe and globally, with significant worldwide repercussions, including worsening food insecurity and rising energy prices. We remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting Ukraine's defense efforts by providing military equipment for as long as necessary.

The EU remains unwavering in its support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity. It demands that Russia immediately, fully, and unconditionally withdraw all its troops and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders (URL: <https://tinyurl.com/3pada7zb> ).

**It is particularly significant** that even the appeal of **Metropolitan Onufriy**, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate, on February 24, 2022, was ignored by dictator Vladimir Putin:

“As the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, I address you and all citizens of Ukraine. A great tragedy has unfolded. Regrettably, Russia has initiated military actions against Ukraine. In this decisive moment, I urge everyone to remain calm, to show courage, and to demonstrate love for your Homeland and for one another. Above all, I call upon you to intensify your penitential prayers for Ukraine, for our military, and for our people. I also implore you to set aside mutual quarrels and misunderstandings and to unite in love for God and our Homeland.

In this tragic time, we extend our deepest love and unwavering support to our soldiers, who vigilantly stand guard, protect, and defend our land and our people. May God bless them and keep them safe!

While defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, we also appeal to the President of Russia, urging an immediate end to this fratricidal war. The Ukrainian and Russian peoples share a common spiritual heritage from the baptismal font of the Dnipro River. A war between these nations mirrors the sin of Cain, who, driven by envy, took the life of his own brother. Such a war finds no justification before either God or humanity.

I call on everyone to embrace common sense, which guides us to resolve earthly conflicts through mutual dialogue and understanding. I earnestly hope that God will forgive our sins and that His peace will reign over our land and throughout the world!” (URL:

<https://news.church.ua/2022/02/24/zvernennya-blazhennishogo-mitropolita-kijivskogo-vsijeji-ukrajini-onufriya-virnix-ta-gromadyan-ukrajini/#2023-10-06>).

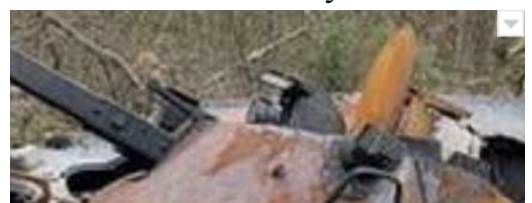
Representatives of political parties, governmental structures, and societal institutions of the Russian Federation, who accepted substantial remuneration to serve the Rashist policies of dictator Vladimir Putin, included:

- Chairman of the State Duma – Vyacheslav Volodin and deputies,
- Chairwoman of the Federation Council – Valentina Matviyenko,
- Prime Minister – Mikhail Mishustin and government officials,
- Minister of Defense – Sergei Shoigu and the military,
- Director of the Federal Security Service (FSB) – Alexander Bortnikov and security service personnel,
- Deputy Chairman of the Security Council – Dmitry Medvedev,
- Political parties and movements,
- Journalists, cultural figures, and artists, among others.

In executing Rashist policies, a pivotal role was played by oligarchs loyal to Putin, who amassed their wealth through his patronage. Acting under his direct orders, they promptly mobilized all available resources to further his agenda.

For terrorism against the Ukrainian people and encroachment on Ukraine’s territorial integrity, dictator Vladimir Putin has been declared a war criminal by world leaders, led by U.S. President Joe Biden. The crimes committed by Putin and his ‘oprichniks’ against Ukrainians and humanity are being addressed in Ukrainian and international tribunals and courts and will forever be etched in world history.

The realization of the impending global catastrophe posed by the Rashists compelled



progressive nations to support Ukraine's submission to exclude Russia from the United Nations Human Rights Council on April 7, 2022. The vote resulted in 93 countries in favor, 24 against, and 58 abstentions. No European country supported Russia, although Armenia and Azerbaijan abstained from voting.

The voting outcome was influenced by several factors:

1. The disregard for civilized values and the contemptuous attitude toward humanity exhibited by a significant portion of Russians.
2. The failure of the Rashists' military plans to capture Ukraine within 3-4 days.
3. The dominance of democratic world values, prioritizing spirituality, awareness, morality, empathy, patriotism, and competence over material concerns.

Ukraine's successes in combating Rashism have been made possible by:

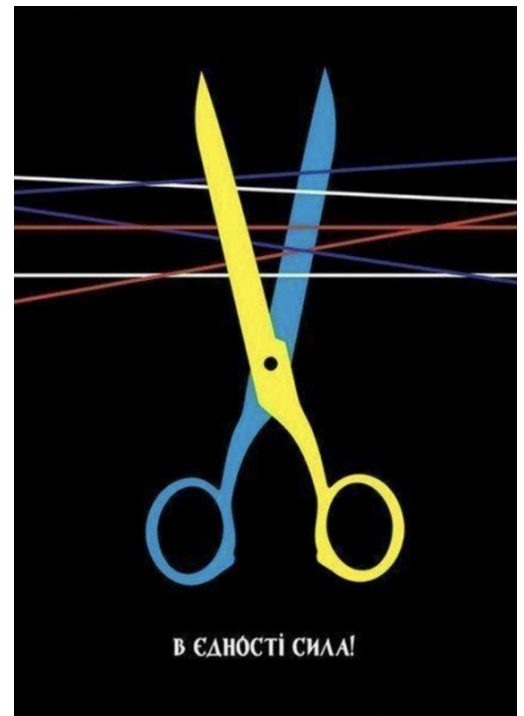
1. The professionalism of the military, led by Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the territorial defense forces, the resilience of Ukrainians, and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's principled decision to share the fate of his people by remaining in Kyiv and working tirelessly.
2. Military and humanitarian aid provided by numerous countries of the civilized world.
3. The implementation of unprecedented political and economic sanctions by the global community, led by the United States and the United Kingdom, targeting Russian state institutions, banks, commercial entities, oligarchs, individuals, members of Vladimir Putin's family, his close associates, and state officials.

It is evident that the fight against Rashism and its consequences is a task for global civilization. Humanity must safeguard against its negative impacts on the biosphere and noosphere while working to reduce the necrosphere to create a space conducive to living in harmony with nature. This effort outlines the prospects for civilization.

By doing so, humanity will reduce collective egoism, fostering awareness and advancing its levels. At the same time, we must recognize that Rashism is a temporary phenomenon. Humanity has reached a pivotal period of self-awareness and understanding the necessity of global unity. This unity will transform the harmony of collective spiritual and intellectual resources and their creative energy into a decisive factor for evolutionary progress.

Thus, Rashists and other extremist groups will have no prospects if humanity prioritizes a value system centered on spirituality, forming a "united shield of strength" to protect true civilizational values. This means that, to prevent unprovoked aggression, higher values must always dominate the development of both interpersonal relationships and global civilizations, with material concerns being merely one of the supporting means to achieve them.

The life and leadership of Ukraine's globally respected President Volodymyr Zelenskyy exemplify this principle. His focus on human qualities and values enables him to unite



*Photo 4. There is strength in unity!*



his chosen team, the Ukrainian people, and the global community in the shared mission of eliminating both the occupying Russian forces on Ukrainian territory and Rashism as a whole.

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