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Zelensky urges Biden to visit Ukraine to send 'strongest signal' of support

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Президент України В. Зеленський закликав свого американського колегу, президента Д. Байдена, піти стопами інших світових лідерів і відвідати Україну, щоб надіслати «великий сигнал» підтримки його зруйнованої війною країни, яка продовжує боротьбу з росією. В. Зеленський надіслав запрошення президенту США під час ексклюзивного телеінтерв'ю з оглядачем Post П. Морганом у Києві, де до нього приєдналася його дружина О. Зеленська, щойно прибула з візиту до Вашингтона, де вона звернулася до Конгресу з проханням більше зброї для відсічі російським військам. В. Зеленський заявив, що візит Д. Байдена стане "чудовим сигналом" на підтримку України.

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ДІЯЛЬНІСТЬ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ ВЛАДИ

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky appealed to his American counterpart, President Biden, to follow in the footsteps of other world leaders and visit Ukraine in order to send a "great signal" of support for his war-torn country as it continues to battle Russia.

Zelensky extended the invitation to the US president during an exclusive, televised interview with Post columnist Piers Morgan in Kyiv, where he was joined by his wife, Olena Zelenska, coming fresh off her visit to Washington, DC, where she addressed Congress and asked for more weapons to help repel the Russian forces. "I believe this would be a great signal, a big signal. Everyone sees Ukraine's attitude towards the US. This would be the highest support," Zelensky told the "Piers Morgan Uncensored" host in the couple's first joint sit-down interview.

Zelensky stressed that if Biden, 79, were to visit the country, it would send "the strongest signal which can be given in support of Ukraine." The president acknowledged that the decision was a matter of security, but he said that if Biden "has a chance, he will come." Since the start of the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, dozens of statesmen, business leaders and cultural figures have made the risky journey to Kyiv, among them UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Piers Morgan interviews Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and First Lady Olena Zelenska.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called on President Biden to visit Ukraine during his interview with Piers Morgan.

In the interview, Zelensky also weighed in on his arch-enemy Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying he believed the strongman is, "in fact, sane, and he understands what he's doing." He continued: "I'd say that's the scariest conclusion I can make — that he understands what he's doing, he knows how many people he kills. He knows how many people were raped, and by who, and the number of children killed or deported.

“Therefore, I only understand one thing: The world allowed this situation to develop, it allowed such a person to emerge, with that ideology and attitude towards people. The world should understand that this result — this mistake, to allow this situation — is the responsibility of the whole world.” Zelensky said a visit from Biden would be a “great signal” in support of Ukraine.

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Zelenska, whose two children have been unable to see their father in more than five months because of security concerns, and whose 9-year-old son, by her own admission, now dreams of being a soldier, struggled to put into words her contempt for Putin. “It’s not possible to understand how one crooked idea can throw the whole of mankind into the medieval ages,” she said. “I really don’t have words, and I really don’t want to say anything aloud because normal words don’t exist to describe this.” Zelensky acknowledged that his nation is now consumed with hatred of Russia and Russians, and he said it was not surprising, given the toll the war has taken on people’s lives

Ukrainian First Lady Olena Zelenska with Biden and First Lady Jill Biden during a visit to the United States on July 19, 2022.

“They hate and it is understandable,” he replied. “When so many families have lost, for example, their neighbors, their children. Can Russia give a child back? There are no emotions, only one emotion — hate.” Zelensky, a former comedian-turned-politician, has been using his nightly addresses on social media and his frequent media appearances to boost support for the war effort and raise morale. When asked if he believed Ukraine could emerge victorious, Zelensky responded unequivocally. “Yes, I don’t only believe it, I know it will happen,” he said without a moment’s hesitation. “We will win, we already showed the whole world that he can kill us but to conquer our people is impossible. (Putin) can occupy these towns and villages, but all of them would be destroyed. Because without ruining them, they will not be able to take those places.”

Just as he has done in countless addresses before foreign parliaments, Zelensky argued that Ukraine is not just fighting for its own freedom, but rather for shared values. “As long as we are resisting it, the integrity of the United States will continue, therefore we are giving our lives for your values and the joint security of the world,” he said. “The most important thing is to survive and preserve your life, your family, and your country.