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*Ukraine president accuses Russia of using UN veto as 'licence to kill'  
Petro Poroshenko says Moscow is waging a 'hybrid war' against his country in  
general assembly address that prompts walkout by Russian delegation  
Український президент звинувачує Росію у використанні права вето в  
ООН як «ліцензію на вбивство».*

*Петро Порошенко на Генеральній Асамблеї завив, що Москва веде «гібридну  
війну» проти його країни, що спровокувало бойкот його виступу російською  
делегацією.*

*Під час свого виступу Петро Порошенко звинуватив Москву у грубому порушенні статуту  
ООН через вторгнення на територію суверенної держави – України. Також Порошенко  
наголосив на тому, що Росія веде агресивну пропагандистську діяльність з метою приховати  
свою участь у конфлікті на Донбасі.*

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Ukraine's president, Petro Poroshenko, has accused Russia of using its veto on the United Nations security council as a "licence to kill" and continue Moscow's "hybrid war" against his country.

The Russian delegation walked out of the general assembly hall as Poroshenko accused Moscow of a "brutal violation" of the UN charter with what he said was its invasion of Ukrainian territory.

In a speech laced with sarcasm and contempt, he accused Moscow of a campaign of "fake news, blatant lies" in an attempt to portray separatist movements in Ukraine as an internal rebellion and hide Russian's involvement.

"I would like to stress it is neither a civil war nor an internal conflict," he said. "There is no doubt that this is an aggressive war against my country, against Ukraine."

He also condemned Russia's veto of an international tribunal to hold to account those who shot down Malaysian airlines flight MH17 over rebel-held territory in Ukraine, saying that "everyone in this hall understands Russia's real motive".

"The use of its veto right as a licence to kill is absolutely unacceptable," said Poroshenko. "Veto power should not be used as an act of grace and pardon for crimes."

Poroshenko accused Russia of a "military reckless game" by invading Ukraine's Donbass region.

"Here we are forced to fight proper fully armed troops of the Russian federation," he said.

He accused Moscow of trying to force Ukraine to turn its back on the west and move into Russia's orbit. It is, Poroshenko said, part of a strategy by Russia to "deliberately create around itself a belt of instability" with violent upheaval in nations on its borders.

"What and who is next?" he asked. The Ukrainian leader said all of this is driven by Russia's longing to revive its former imperial glory, calling it "a desperate attempt to obtain self-affirmation at others' expense".

Poroshenko appealed for the international community to maintain pressure, including sanctions, on Russia even as western attention has flagged since a rickety and frequently breached ceasefire was agreed in February and with other crises, including Greece's economy and the Syrian migrants, veering on to the scene.

Poroshenko derided the recent attempt by the Russian leader, Vladimir Putin, to try to restore relations with the west with a call for an international coalition against terrorism."

How can you urge an anti-terrorist coalition if you inspire terrorism right inside your door?" he said. "How can you speak of freedom of nations if you punish your neighbour for this choice?

Poroshenko expressed incredulity that the aggression against Ukraine is being perpetrated by a country which is supposed to be a guarantor of international peace and security as a permanent member of the UN security council.

The Ukrainian leader said that Russia abused its position by using its veto to block a resolution on what he described as the "fake referendum" of residents of Crimea which Moscow used to justify the forceful annexation of the territory from Ukraine.