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President Zelenskyy Concludes Successful US Visit



While on a working trip to the United States to attend the [78th United Nations General Assembly](#), Ukraine's Head of State, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, took time to honor some of Ukraine's heroes and members of the Ukrainian American community. Upon his arrival in New York City, President Zelenskyy [visited Northwell Health's Staten Island University Hospital](#) (SIUH), where wounded Ukrainian service members have been undergoing treatment and rehabilitation. President Zelenskyy spoke to Ukraine's

Additional honors were bestowed upon the CEO of Northwell Health, two SIUH senior physical therapists, as well as Dr. Eugene Holuka, SIUH President of Physician Development and Outreach. Also present at this event, but awarded later on this trip, were Iryna Vashchuk Discipio, President and founder of [Revived Soldiers Ukraine](#), and Oleksandr Rubtsov, President and founder of [Kind Deeds, Inc.](#)



In addition to addressing the General Assembly, and participating at a UN Security Council special meeting on “*Upholding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter through effective multilateralism: Maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine*,” during his stay in New York City, President Zelenskyy met with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and held numerous bilateral meetings with leaders from Israel, Chile, Romania, Kenya, South Africa, Bulgaria, Albania and Germany, as well as the Presidents of the European Commission and European Council, respectively. Over the course of three days in New York City, UCCA’s Director of Communications, **Andrij Dobriansky**, had the opportunity to meet with members of the Ukrainian delegation, as well attend events with other dignitaries and NGO’s who had assembled in New York for the week. As Chair of the Ukrainian World Congress’ (UWC) UN Affairs Committee, UCCA’s Dobriansky was once again interviewed by numerous foreign-language news outlets about speeches which had included mentions of Ukraine in the General Assembly hall by various heads of state. The UWC delegation to New York also included UWC President Paul Grod, who attended the [Atlantic Council Global Citizen Awards](#), where President Zelenskyy was an honoree. President Zelenskyy said of the honor:

"I dedicate this award to all Ukrainians in uniform. I dedicate this award to all our children who were killed by Russian terrorists. We will never forget this. I dedicate this award to all the fathers and mothers who raised such brave Ukrainian soldiers, as well as to all the teachers and doctors who did not leave Ukraine when the full-scale war began," - President Zelenskyy.

Following his attendance at the annual high-level General Debate at the United Nations, President Zelenskyy and First Lady Olena Zelenska traveled to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., for a series of meetings, including a successful breakfast meeting with US Senators, a joint meeting with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), a visit to the Pentagon, which included a [wreath-laying ceremony](#) for the victims of 9/11, and a visit to the White House.





President Zelenskyy concluded his visit to the United States with public remarks at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Following his remarks, President Zelenskyy [bestowed state awards](#) to several members of the Ukrainian American community for their personal contributions in supporting Ukraine. UCCA President and UWC Vice President **Andriy Futey** was awarded the Order of Merit II degree, while **Michael Sawkiw, Jr.**, UCCA Vice President and Director of UCCA's [Washington, D.C., bureau UNIS](#), also received the Order of Merit II degree. Among other honorees that evening were [UCCA Illinois Division](#) Board members Alla Lopatkina and Liliia Popovych, Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Honorary Consul of Ukraine Iryna Mazur, as well as Vasyl Hrechynsky, Artistic Director and Conductor of the [Ukrainian Chorus “Dumka” of New York](#).





UKRAINE'S QUEST *for* MATURE NATION STATEHOOD

You are respectfully invited to take part in Ukraine's Quest for Mature Nation Statehood Roundtable XXIV: Forging A Strong Yet Forbearing National Identity – Future Initiatives, scheduled to take place on Thursday, 5 October 2023, at The University Club in Washington D.C. The event is yet another collaboration by the American Foreign Policy Council, the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations, the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute, the Open World Leadership Center, UCCA and its Washington, D.C., public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS).

We encourage you to RSVP at your earliest convenience. Due to the time constraints involved with organizing the event, we kindly ask that you respond no later than October 2, 2023, concerning your participation. For further

information, kindly contact either Walter Zaryckyj, UA Quest Roundtable Series Program Coordinator – waz2102@caa.columbia.edu – or Andrij Dobriansky, UA Quest Roundtable Series Technical Coordinator – dobriansky@ucca.org.

As with previous CUSUR conferences, the event will be streamed live on both UCCA's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

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The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of nearly two million Americans of Ukrainian descent, joins with Ukrainian, Jewish, Polish, and Roma communities around the world in continuing the memory of the innocent victims of the heinous crimes of genocide committed 82 years ago at the Babyn Yar ravine.

The loss of the tens of thousands of Jews, Ukrainians and others senselessly murdered at Babyn Yar, remains one of the darkest chapters in the history of genocide. For years following this tragedy, the Soviet Union barely

acknowledged and continued to suppress knowledge of the massacre at German Forces sealed off the ravine with barbed wire to hide their own crimes.

Not until Ukraine renewed its independence in 1991, were the few survivors of those first days at Babyn Yar, along with international Jewish and Ukrainian communities, allowed to openly mourn the innocent victims.

On 29 September, [an interfaith event will be held jointly next to the Menorah monument](#), organized by the [Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance](#) and the Ukrainian World Congress, with the support of the [Babyn Yar National Historical and Memorial Reserve](#).

Last week, a [ceremony](#) in memory of innocent victims of the mass shootings of 1941 took place at the Synagogue located at the Babyn Yar National Historical and Memorial Reserve. Yaakov Dov Bleich, a Chief Rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine, led the joint memorial prayer for representatives of Jewish organizations and communities of Kyiv at the complex's synagogue, and stated the following:

"Восени 1941 року фашисти розстріляли на цьому місці десятки тисяч євреїв. Це сталося напередодні свята Йом Кіпур. У Києві не залишилося жодної єврейської родини, яка б не стала жертвою цієї трагедії. Тому нам так важливо пам'ятати про це ще і тому, що терор, який зараз відбувається на нашій землі, має бути зупинений" - Яків Дов Блайх.

Although the Babyn Yar ravine was but one site among many of the Shoah that terrorized all Europe's Jews, it is a site of particular tragedy for Ukraine. Within 36 hours around the 29th of September, 1941, more than 30,000 Jews were forced from their homes in Kyiv, brought to the ravine, and mercilessly massacred by Hitler's henchmen as part of their Final Solution to rid Europe of the Jewish people. The killings, however, did not end. Over the next several years, the mass grave swelled, and an estimated 170,000

victims – among them Jews, Ukrainians, Poles, Roma, political opponents, clergy, UPA members and Soviet prisoners of war – were ruthlessly murdered.

May the tragedy at Babyn Yar continue to be taught to the following generations, so that the memory of these terrible events can never be extinguished.

Never Forget! Вічна пам'ять!

News from Washington, D.C.



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Department of Defense Inspector General to Deliver Comprehensive and Effective Oversight of the Wider U.S. Response to the Full-scale Invasion of Ukraine

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News from the United Nations



Human Rights Council – 54th session – 25 September 2023

Oral Update of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine

Erik Møse, Chair of the Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine

Distinguished President,

Excellencies,

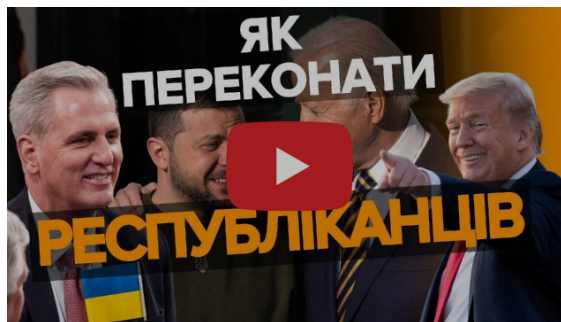
Together with Ms Vrinda Grover and Mr Pablo de Greiff I will provide an update of the work of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine since we last met with the

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UCCA addresses Government Shutdown's affect on Ukraine Aid



Питання про дебати в Конгресі щодо допомоги Україні



UCCA discusses the progress of Ukraine's Counter-Offensive



Підсумки візиту Президента Зеленського до Сполучених Штатів



WHAT IS UCCA?

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

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