United States Announces Significant New Security Assistance for Ukraine

Following months of advocacy, negotiations and debate, on Wednesday, 24 April 2024, President Joe Biden signed into law a long-awaited emergency supplemental appropriations aid package which will provide significant military assistance to U.S. strategic allies Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.

Addressing the nation, President Biden publicly declared:

"I'm making sure the shipments start right away," he said. "In the next few hours — literally, a few hours — we're going to begin sending in equipment to Ukraine for air defense munitions, for artillery, for rocket systems and armored vehicles."
The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) followed the President’s remarks by announcing a significant new Presidential Drawdown Authority package with an estimated value of $1 billion and which includes capabilities to support Ukraine's most urgent requirements, including air defense interceptors, artillery rounds, armored vehicles, and anti-tank weapons. This security assistance package will mark the fifty-sixth tranche of equipment to be provided from DoD inventories to Ukraine since August 2021.

Last month, the United States finally delivered an undisclosed number of Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) with a range of over 100 miles to Ukraine for the first time. These armaments have already been deployed by Ukraine's Armed Forces TWICE, striking at the enemy deep behind their fortified lines. Ukraine could soon receive ATACMS models with a range closer to 300 km, a decisive advantage for Ukraine in the field of battle.
On Monday, 22 April, President Biden spoke with President Zelenskyy to share that the United States would soon be delivering significant new security assistance packages to meet Ukraine's urgent battlefield and air defense needs, as well as to underscore the United States' lasting commitment to Ukraine. President Zelenskyy updated President Biden on the situation in Kharkiv and the recent destruction of the giant television tower which had stood over that city for over 40 years. President Zelenskyy emphasized to President Biden:

"On behalf of all Ukrainians, I thank you personally, your administration, both parties of the Congress and the entire American nation for the decision that certainly brings our common victory closer."

Дякуємо!

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, D.C., public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) – thanks all of our UCCA members, our UCCA Local Branch leaders, the leadership and membership of our Member Organizations, and all Friends of Ukraine who worked tirelessly contacting the White House, U.S. Senators and Members of Congress since the supplemental began being debated months ago.
This campaign would not have been successful without the support of UCCA’s friends at the American Jewish Committee, the Central and Eastern European Coalition, the Joint Baltic American National Committee, the Polish American Congress, the Assembly of the Cuban Resistance and many others. Facing a possible Senate recess at the end of April, UCCA President Andriy Futey collaborated with the co-founder and former co-chair of the Senate Ukraine Caucus, and 2016 recipient of the distinguished UCCA Shevchenko Freedom Award, retired U.S. Senator Rob Portman. Their Op-Ed – Helping Ukraine Helps US – was shared widely on Capitol Hill before the crucial Senate vote.

“"We are sending older versions of the weapons systems to Kyiv from our stockpiles and replacing them with brand-new, more advanced versions — thus using Ukraine aid money to modernize our military. Our aid is restarting production lines for weapons that would otherwise have remained dormant.”

Following the second overwhelming bipartisan vote (79-18) in two months by the U.S. Senate, President Biden released a statement hailing all parties:

""I want to thank Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, and all of the bipartisan lawmakers in the Senate who voted for this bill. This critical legislation will make our nation and world more secure as we support our friends who are defending themselves against terrorists like Hamas and tyrants like Putin.”
Вперед до перемоги!

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The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Ukrainians in America, pauses each 26 April to remember the thousands of deaths directly linked to a tragedy of unspeakable magnitude which occurred at the Chornobyl nuclear power plant in Northern Ukraine in 1986. Unfortunately, ruSSia's illegal and unjustified aggression in Ukraine continues to jeopardize global safety from nuclear disaster. Ukrainian nuclear energy sites remain either occupied or under attack, their facilities recklessly damaged. The unlawful occupation and the interruption of normal operations at nuclear facilities, including the prevention of personnel rotation, undermine the safe and secure operation of nuclear power plants in Ukraine and significantly raise the risk of an accident.

On this sad anniversary, let us not only honor the legacy of hundreds of emergency workers who responded to the catastrophe; the advocates for justice for the hundreds of thousands who were uprooted from their homes; and the millions who suffered and continue to suffer from health issues related to the tragedy at Chornobyl. Let us also reaffirm our resolve to do our part in ensuring that the ongoing needs of the victims of the 1986 Soviet tragedy in Ukraine are not forgotten, while at the same time calling on the international community and all relevant actors to immediately improve existing international instruments to protect nuclear sites in the context of war.
This week, as Jews around the world mark Passover with storytelling, songs, and rituals, we continue to struggle with the traumatic events of 7 October, and the plight of the hostages still in captivity. Jews will recite the same words that have been recited at every Seder gathering for centuries, words of hope in the determination of a God and of the Jewish people, words from the book of Exodus: “... then the Lord said to Moses: Go to Pharoah, and tell him: thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews: let my people go!”

Our hearts remain with all the victims and survivors during this annual reminder of the Jewish people’s determination for freedom.

Chag Pesach Sameach!
**Upcoming Events**

25 квітня, м. Нью-Йорк

25 квітня, Дженкінтаун

Квітень-Травень

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**UKRAINE DIALOGUE**

Diplomacy in War: Roles and Functions of an Ambassador

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
6:30 PM | UKRAINIAN HERITAGE STUDIES MUSEUM AT MANOR COLLEGE AND VIA ZOOM

Register at MANOR.EDU/UKRAINE

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25 квітня, Рапід Сіті, Дакота

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TASTE OF UKRAINE

**Wednesday SIS**

**APPETIZER:** VEGETABLE BRUSCHETTA
On Rustic Pesto bread.

**SOUP:** CHICKEN
With freshly made noodle dumplings.

**DINNER:** CORNISH GAME HEN
With garlic butter, Rosemary potato parties and juicy cucumber salad. (Viziera salad)

**DESSERT:** CRISPS
With cottage cheese, cream and house-made jam.

**Thursday SIS**

**APPETIZER:** VEGETABLE BRUSCHETTA
On Kasha Pesto bread.

**SOUP:** UHA TRADITIONAL FISH SOUP

**DINNER:** QUAIL NEST WITH QUAIL EGGS
Chicken & pork nest with Julienne mushrooms. Couscous with saffron sauce and fragrant apple rolls.

**DESSERT:** CREAMY BISCUIT CAKE
With house-made fruit sauce.

26 квітня, Гринвіч Коннектикут

**Kyiv Camerata**
at Greenwich Country Day School

Kyiv Camerata, Ukraine’s leading Chamber Ensemble, comes to Greenwich for the first time to perform Ukrainian contemporary classical music featuring special guest Soprano Victoria Minneyham.

All proceeds are benefiting humanitarian and animal causes in Ukraine.

*Date:* April 26th, 2024

*Time:* 8:00pm-10:00pm

*Location:* Greenwich Country Day School
401 Old Church Road
Greenwich, CT 06830

*Ticket Price:* $150

*Buy your ticket today!*

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26 квітня, Рочестер Н.Й.

26 квітня, Берклі Каліфорнія

**Innovation and Resilience in Ukraine:**
Military, Geopolitical, and Economic Fronts

Talk + Q&A with Olesky Roznibor
Minister of Defence of Ukraine, 2021–2023

*Friday, April 26*
4-6pm in 1470
Haas School of Business

Featuring a panel discussion with:

- Olesky Roznibor
- Yehuda Friedland
- Victoria Minneyham
- William C. Popkin

27 квітня, Сандієго

**DANCE FOR UKRAINE**
Fundraiser for Revived Soldiers Ukraine

*Friday, April 26*
7:30 PM

*Group Dance, Raffle, Vendors and Live Performances*

**TICKETS ONLINE $40**

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26 квітня, м. Філадельфія

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*2191 Pan American Rd, San Diego, CA 92101*
28 квітня, м. Нью-Йорк

INVITATION
Concert “USA for Ukraine”
Sunday, April 28 | 5 PM
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