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This article presents analysis and conclusions regarding the origins of the current global crisis, as well as a proposed vision on how to transition from disintegration and degradation to creation and development.

On 24 February 2022, the aggressor nation Russia, launched a global confrontation with the direct diplomatic support of China, initiating large-scale military operations across Ukraine seeking to completely destroy Ukrainian statehood.

For Ukraine, which persistently looks for a meaningful place in a changing world, this work holds particular interest. Regardless of one’s political view, we all need to understand the anatomy of international and military-political relations; Because the anatomy of modern warfare has changed with this conflict, this book provides all interested parties with a chance to prepare for similar confrontations in the future.

The information and analytical materials presented come from techniques and insights pioneered daily by the Ukrainian Armed Forces to counter Russian aggression, starting on 25 February 2022 (the second day of the Russian invasion).

**FROM THE AUTHORS**

Each civilisation develops a mentality that explains the universe and interprets the events it faces. In the Middle Ages, religion moved humanity from “magic” to “mythology”; in the Enlightenment, national culture moved people forward from the “local” to the “global”. Modernity has seen science dominate, leading to historically unprecedented achievements in technology. Across the globe Humanity communicates instantly between individuals and institutions. What happens to the international order when technology becomes so deeply embedded in everyday life?

The world has entered a period of global transformation characterised by a crisis of leadership, populism, mutual distrust, unprecedented inequality in the distribution of public goods and the primacy of force over law: a bizarre new world dominated by post-truth and fake news, supported by a background of constant anxiety about the future. In direct confirmation of the above, the U.S. President Joe Biden stated that “*the* *United States is a country that is truly capable of building a new world order, but only if it shows enough courage and self-confidence”*.

This book is the first attempt to understand the logic of the events of 2022. Ukraine has become an arena of open clashes between global players’ interests; we have found ourselves enmeshed this crisis, living at the very epicentre of the military-political and economic confrontation between autocratic and democratic nations states systems whose struggle for control spans the Indo-Pacific, Middle East, Africa, and Latin America

As the centre of the 21st century economy, the Indo-Pacific region boasts new technologies and modern defence industry; at the same time, dictators leading China have begun a worldwide movement to restore totalitarianism: life imprisonment, forced labour and sterilizations – the resurgence of modern slavery under new names and new formats.

The Middle East serves the cradle of the world’s three great religions relying on an entire complex of global logistics, communications, and supply chains between East and West, especially energy;

Africa offers autocrats a unique opportunity to transform emigration into a weapon *(After Asia, Africa comes second with roughly 18% of the world population), as* well as containing the world’s main reserve of gold and diamonds. *For reference: The population of Africa is 1.3 billion people. The average age is 19 years (the US – 38, Europe – 44). By 2050, Africa’s population is expected to double and account for 25% of the world’s population.*

Latin America’s autocracies serve as a back entrance the United States. Their geographic proximity and continent-wide totalitarianism provide a similar threat / opportunity as Africa but with the world’s largest economy.

What is happening today is quite a unique phenomenon. Communication rapidly connects events and people in chains – from the US to China, from Italy to Poland, from the UK to Türkiye, from Hungary to Brazil, and from Japan to Israel.

For these reasons, democracies need Ukraine. Its survival represents a strategic, symbolic, and pivotal victory over dictatorship. After all, Ukraine has seen three revolutions in three decades, all three of which were successful. Ukrainians are people who despite being killed and starved to death, refused to cede their freedom. The Ukrainian nation has inspired the world – from Hong Kong to the Middle East – to fight against dictators. It is the “head” of the Ukrainian nation which autocratic China wants to bring to the Taiwan and Hong Kong, convincing people around the world that *“there is no point in fighting, dictatorships are stronger than democracies, so submit to survive”.*

Leaders of the world’s powerful democracies know what they are dealing with and are preparing. From Washington to Berlin, Tokyo to Paris, and London to Ottawa, global democracies have been preparing for an upcoming decade of instability, turbulence, and wars. Even as they argue about what price to set on the oil price cap or whether to limit the price of gas, about subsidies for green technologies and defence projects, they have anticipated war.

In Ukraine, meanwhile, we are also witnessing and participating in never before seen social processes: the Armed Forces of Ukraine have been forced to provide not only military and professional resistance to their historical enemy but also solidify social foundations and preserve the Ukrainian state. The open large-scale nature of the present war has triggered adaptation stress among Ukrainians, whose fear for survival, constantly shifting boundaries, and lack of social cohesion has led to internal conflicts over what is Ukrainian territory and who are the Ukrainian people. Moscow’s war on both the region and psyche since 2014 has resulted in Western political scientists debating whether systemic anxiety in our society about the “survival of values”, has caused social disintegration and backwardness.

We are still looking for our own identity, arguing about language and historical facts, and trying to answer the question: what does it mean to be a Ukrainian? The current global crisis convinces us that it’s time to stop fighting for the past, especially since this serves the Kremlin’s agenda. Autocracies prey upon the truth that few nations survive if it they cannot define the meaning of their existence. While the Kremlin would have us believe the war tests global systems of governance – that’s a lie. The abomination of war tests the strength of the public’s social and national spirit, and their political consciousness.

The all out social, psychological and physical nature of this military confrontation has led to the Armed Forces of Ukraine to occupy the central axis of national identity because the Ukrainian army retains the highest level of trust (96%). For the first time in the history of modern Ukraine, public trust in its army exceeded even religious institutions and their leaders. That shift comes in addition, to the psychological phenomenon where an Unknown Future frightens most citizens. For the first time in human history, our collective future does has no fixed future direction. This unique confluence of contemporary socio-political processes seems to be saying that *“the* *road is over, nothing is visible ahead”*. An unhealthy manifestation of post-structuralism has taken place in culture, politics, the media, social networks, and search systems: every social indicator demonstrates that the world has passed a linear stage of development, and has begun exponential, thus unexpected and highly unpredictable, changes.

For this precise reason, the structure of the text of this book mimics that instability, at times fluid, and, from time to time, connected to events solely by their connections to internal moves of socio-political associations. At the same time, the style of presentation of the analytical material is uneven: from a dry presentation of facts through lively inclusions of journalistic style to overly emotional slogans. In short, a journal of the modern condition as it unfolded and continues to unfold. Given the present world chaos and global fog of war, correct conclusions and, the right decisions based on them, have become dually treacherous and difficult to achieve. We move blindly.

At the same time, as a society we stand at the threshold of “artificial intelligence” which has started to compete with human decision making. AI has generated a new global data economy: paradigms shift as the “centre of the Universe” moves from Europe to Asia creating a new division of world resources. Unfortunately, Ukraine has not been yet involved in any of this, the burdens of this great war with Russia has diverted resources and stalled discussions about Ukraine’s place in the world. Even with the focus of the war, the global conversation is not Ukraine-centric; other poles and axes around command the interest of global power brokers. However, as the book details, several key players interests begin to align with Ukraine’s: the fate of one small nation becomes the fate of all democracies. Our losses and lack of voice become the threats of larger, more secure nations.

In that context, you can read this book as a political expert, trying to understand causes and effects; you can read it as a psychologist, gaining an understanding of human development, personalities, flaws and advantages: the sociological truths exposed after facing the immoral conduct of the Russian occupation army, coupled with the heroic and superhuman capacities of Ukrainian soldiers demonstrate human resilience and love for life during the horrors of war. You can also read this book as a media expert or historian, tackling post-truth fake news, and political correctness. Finally, you can read this book as a philosopher, trying to find a way to piece together this exponentially paced new world along with those who lived it first-hand.

Our Unknown Future need never be feared; fear hinders the process of resetting the world order. In a time of unprecedented radical change, our country has uncovered new opportunities never before seen which can move Ukraine from its tragic past to a desired future. *“Who are we?”*, – some will say. *“Ukraine is the centre of everything”,* – others will say. David fighting Goliath; democracy slaying despotism.

Why do we argue this? Evolutionary biologists tend to agree change has no specific direction or purpose. In their view, evolution is a purely random sequence of events where the fit survive. A relic of the nineteenth-century, this view does not consider the experiences of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, which show that even inanimate material systems have an internal desire for self-organisation. Chaotic physical systems can jump to higher, more complex levels of organisation. An example of this is the Ukrainian Revolution where order emerges from anarchy. Coupled with human invention and purpose, this tendency to self-organize and create order from disorder becomes quite apparent.

Thus, the reader has the opportunity to look at the current global chaos from the very centre of a universe, watching the struggle to maintain Ukrainian statehood through the eyes of her Armed Forces. From this the inner edge the reader may safely observe a violent and powerful neighbour who dreams of empire, the state crushing the individual, ostentatious religiosity and total disregard for anyone who resists.

The text herein has been extracted from information and analytical materials prepared daily as part of the Ukrainian military’s focus to counter Russian aggression. The book covers from 25 February 2022 to 31 December 2022. The dates on the pages show the events, thoughts, and experiences of those who wrote these lines in real time. While Ukraine rose to the challenge, achieving military glory, freedom and establishing its true identity.

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**INTRODUCTION**

The entire system of international relations has changed dramatically over the last five to six years: leading to the impressive historical scale of world events in 2022. This war has raised and continues to raise many new issues for thoughtful people and entire societies about the creation of a new world order and encourages the search for answers which can answer the burning questions of our times.

As backdrop to the present crisis, most observers consider the United States the beneficiary of World War II. After all, while soviet dictator Stalin was preoccupied with the formation of communist regimes in Europe and petty thefts like Königsberg and part of the Kuril Islands, the United States stepped forward to create a truly global infrastructure of influence – the UN, the IMF, the World Bank, the GATT-WTO, NATO, which eventually helped unite Europe into the European Union.

Defining the world order necessarily touches upon the nature of its unifying principles with significant differences between the “Western” and “Asian” approaches readily apparent. As this process iterated, Ukrainian postcolonial society suddenly began to demand qualitative state-building changes. In simple terms, Ukrainians realised that the state cannot be built blindly without a clear ideological vision of what is being built for whom and why; ideologies determine which states emerge depending on the Western or Asian model that is the basis of their political system. In other words, Ukrainians came to finally realize the dangerous consequences of their historical flirtation with the so-called “Russian world”.

Meanwhile, the spread of democracy and participatory became a common aspiration but unfortunately not a universal reality. Global communications and real-time financial networks significantly multiplied the scale of human interactions beyond the imagination of previous generations. That technological explosion explains how why Kremlin successfully imposed the propagandist lie that Russia defeated Nazism without support or assistance – this is the current version of “history according to Putin”. To understand the rest of our world order resetting, we must consider two conceptually interrelated concepts: “nation” and “freedom”. For Ukraine’s free and self-sufficient existence as a national community we need to be clear.

As authors we define “nation” as a conscious and effective unity of people of natural-social and cultural-historical type, united around the idea of freedom (free existence in their state). We consider “freedom” to be one of the fundamental realities of human existence: not only as an opportunity to fail to do something or a willingness to do the necessary but, above all, the essential truth which makes a person part of a historical nation influencing the global agenda. For example, the United States of America developed a system of global alliances, protecting developing countries from threats they sometimes did not notice, and more often did not recognise.

As the war began that era ended. Because the order established Western countries as “universal” underwent a process of radical transformation. As a result, dangerous ideas, processes and factors began to curtail democracy replacing it with the older authoritarianism. In the context of the Russian war against Ukraine, we are viewing no more than the revival of the “Russian Empire”.

This explains Moscow’s proclaimed desire to restore “Stalinism.” The Kremlin solves two problems at once: first, it stuns the West, because Russians assure the Western world “Stalinism” means a victory over Nazism *(only for Ukrainians “Stalinism” means the creation of the Gulags and famines)*; at the same time the Kremlin openly intimidates Europe because “Stalinism” killed so many. The Russian writer Bulgakov critiqued the system through “Voland”, who describes “human beings as a sudden death”. In other words, the Russians clearly indicated to Europeans: *“You are sudden death and now we will decide when you die”*.

The most striking demonstration of this notion of a dual “carrot and stick”: “*Europe, do not forget who saved you, otherwise the one who saved you will kill you”.* This is a kind of “Gogol’s pamphlet” directed against a rational political system or a particular social group, party, government, etc. can be seen in Russian geo-politics. They downed the MH-17 flight, which carried citizens from almost all European Union countries. Sudden death delivered by Russia in the name of “victory.”

When we turn to the occidental, primarily Euro-Atlantic, historical experience, especially of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries,   
we can distinguish several types of conflict between the imperial gaze and emerging democratic outlooks which determined the cultural and historical realities, and political factors of modern man’s existence.

Leaving aside such political and ideological forms such as anarchism and syndicalism, which also, unfortunately is expressed in the form of oligarchy, two main modifications of the imperial worldview are quite clearly outlined. In other words, the Kremlin has launched its old imperial game again, this time a really bloody “carrot and stick”. Where the “stick” sees Russian army loot and rape, and the “carrot” extolls so-called Russian liberalism or neoliberalism mixed with pseudo-traditionalism, which includes communism, national Bolshevism, Eurasianism and even partly fascism. These mix together to describe the “*good Russian”*. Witness the corresponding chauvinistic attitudes that the Kremlin implemented in the form of war crimes on the territory of Ukraine, especially in such cities such as Bucha, Mariupol, Izium, Kharkiv, etc. while playing up its victimhood.

Of course, such a “sauce of ideologies” delivered for colonial purposes, is dominated by lies, half-truths and political myths all semiotic systems *(the theory of signs and sign systems)*, falsifying reality through the creation of primitive stereotypes in the mass consciousness with one goal: the formation of an imperial type of person.

In 2022, we obviously witnessed the most ambitious transformation of the modern world order, as Russia’s outright aggression against Ukraine finally destroyed our mutual international security architecture. After all, imperialism is characterised by a nihilistic *(predatory)* type of thinking, designed to devastate existence in one form or another: nature, time, human beings, culture, nation. The Budapest Memorandum and the entire “international law” underlying hundreds of Ukrainian-Russian treaties were desecrated. Moreover, any mistakes made by the West continue to be interpreted by Moscow as an indulgence to repeat similar attacks in other parts of the world irrespective of historical context.

The hopelessly outdated concept of “*zones of influence”,* which Russia so persistently imposes on all other centres of power, has seen another direction form of predation: energy. For example, the European market energy defaults to Russia; other rival states undertake not to supply their gas there, even if it is technically possible. During the current reset of the world order, we have found such types of authoritarianism have religious aspects as well. Russian attacks on the “religious world” have begun. This phenomenon arose because the kremlin’s concept of the “*Russian world”*, which positioned itself as allegedly “*true Orthodox”* has been debunked As a result, the balance of power between the “Christian” and “Islamic worlds” has tilted towards the last Islam as Christians begin to infight. Simultaneously, much of the Islamic world has established an inextricable link between religious and national ideas, giving rise to an unprecedented wave of Islamic growth with extremely far-reaching consequences for Russia, Africa, Central Asia, North India and China and even for Central Europe. The Crusades in the Middle Ages demonstrate how two fundamentalist religions fiercely fighting one other in the name of their true god can inspire terrorism, including Russian terrorism. As we will see later, once a stage of development has been formed, it will not disappear and can involve any number of people.

while the causes, forms, and pace of development of all these trends differed, they shared a dominant characteristic –the simultaneous movement of at least several countries from democratic to authoritarian rule. Each trends mutually influenced and to a certain extent depended on one other. Many researchers consider them to be components of the authoritarian trend. As a result of these processes, the “deficits of democracy” became more clearly defined, such as (**1**) ineffective representation of citizens’ interests; (**2**) low level of political participation outside of voting; (**3**) abuse of laws by state officials; (**4**) elections with uncertain legitimacy; (**5**) a low level of public trust in state institutions. As a result, authoritarian regimes have become stronger.

Changes in the post-war world order accompanied a semantic transformation of socio-economic foundations. EU states found themselves unable to cope with the flow of refugees from the conflict-affected states of North Africa and the Middle East, where the well-known Kremlin terrorist group called “Wagner” fuelled the flames of war. Creating a melting pot met resistance: the degree of tolerance towards representatives of other religions, sexual minorities, and even women’s rights proved far from uniform. For example, in the Gulf countries, which are already closely intertwined with the structure of the Western economy, women have only just gained the right to vote. So, this fact is perhaps the first positive result of the reset of the world order.

At the same time, most studies of the state of modern democracies agree that the democratic decline can occur gradually, when democratically elected leaders use tactics to return to authoritarianism in slow, subtle steps, usually through: (**1**) ostensibly legal mechanisms for anti-democratic purposes; (**2**) concealing anti-democratic practices under the guise of law; (**3**) rejection of democratic rules of the game; (**4**) denial of the legitimacy of political opponents; (**5**) tolerance to anti-democratic practices; (**6**) willingness to restrict the freedoms of opponents, including the media; (**7**) manipulation of libel laws, electoral laws or terrorism laws as tools for persecution; (**8**) discrediting political opponents; (**9**) using democratic rhetoric as a distraction from anti-democratic practices.

Thus, at each stage of the transformation of the world order, its constituent parts – democracy, values, and institutions – have undergone and will continue to undergo significant changes. Democracies are suffering significant losses due to populism, even though “populism” as a socio-political disease is more common in authoritarian societies. That is why the *“label of fascism”* does not stick to Russia, even after the exposed war crimes in Bucha, Mariupol, etc. Populists have normalised previously fascist behaviour. For this very purpose the new definition of fascism was invented, known to us today as “Russism”. Populists have rebranded “fascism” as revolutionary in nature, allowing Moscow to skilfully apply this label to Ukraine, where the Orange Revolution and the Revolution of Dignity became the basis for nine techniques noted above. In such a context, “fascism” transforms from a defined political system to a vague a socio-political disease fuelling “populism” (to fight it), which in turn nourishes Putin’s concept of the need to “defeat fascism”.

Nevertheless, there is an answer to this problem. Historically, alternative ways of thinking allowed democracies to develop capitalism where the economic system of production and distribution focuses on the principles of private property, personal initiative, and maximum profit. In contrast, autocracy has been hidden by labels of “socialism”, whose socialisation of all means of production under the jurisdiction of public authorities breed oligarchy. In other words, everything is owned by the state, theoretically represented by the entire nation, whose every citizen functions as a par time civil servant. While a capitalist system implies an “unplanned economy”, socialism (masking fascism and authoritarianism) implies a solely “planned economy”, in which key issues are directly addressed by the state.

As a result, we see a clear distinction between a command economy with a central government that makes all decisions regarding production, and, on the other hand, free enterprise, and voluntary exchange where the market plays the role of the main regulator of economic relations, based on competition. In peacetime, a capitalist economy constantly demonstrates its clear dominance through a surplus of consumer goods. The only negative thing about this approach: it can occasionally lead to a higher levels of unemployment, as part of society faces redundancy from evolving technology and market shifts. The same cannot be said about the socialist / authoritarian system, which, to in the name of preventing class structure in society, controls distribution of resources even to the detriment of the quality of the goods produced. Elites of such socialist societies then try to buy goods produced by the rival capitalist system.

In times of war, the situation changes dramatically, as the capitalist systems find it difficult to produce the necessary military goods. In simple terms: goods are not produced until someone expects to make a profit from them. Meanwhile, in an authoritarian economy, there are no such problems: the state calculates the need for goods and gives the order to produce them. The same state prints sufficient money to buy all the goods produced. That is why authoritarianism can so effectively deployed militant activity against democracies. Which system of governance is the best?

The outcome of this competition has already been determined – democracies will win. Assuming we can identify the main reasons for the collapse of democracies, as well as influencing civil society to preserve democratic values, implement positive institutional transformations, and increase the influence of innovative forces. Of course, criticism will fly in the direction of the United States. The explosion of new democracies, unprecedented in human history, has taken place for 20 years, starting with the mid-1970s. Led by American values by the time Putin came to power, most countries with a population of more than a million people leaned towards democracy or had developed one.

Starting in 2007, the number of countries where the level of freedom has undergone losses began to exceed those where democracy has been developing. Russia led the way followed by Hungary, Venezuela, and the Philippines, not to mention the failure of the Arab Spring in the Middle East and North Africa. Simultaneously, right-wing forces began to strengthen in many developed European countries, and signs of religious and racial hostility reappeared, sometimes in response to waves of illegal migration from the Mediterranean region.

The deterioration of democracy was also affected by the global financial crisis of 2008-2009, the growth of global inequality, and eventually China’s entry into the world arena. In response, the United States began to discuss the impropriety of the idea of spreading democracy to countries that were not ready for it. As Western values eroded, the rules of the game changed, allowing to the emergence of a revisionist, aggressive Russia and an unprecedented increase in the role of China, which by the beginning of 2022 had become a full-fledged suzerain for Moscow. Thus, instead of a democratising Russia, the world got an aggressive autocracy, and the strengthening of China led to the emergence of a real alternative – ideological, social, and economic – to the “Western” model of development.

The coronavirus epidemic certainly enhanced the trajectory of these loses, as did the differences in how different countries responded to the pandemic threat. During the crisis autocracies found it far easier than democracies to introduce restrictive measures and anti-epidemic plans. Or sacrifice their citizens. Accordingly, the ultra-right forces in Europe have used this situation to weaken any coordinated, solidary position within the EU.

For example, China was the first to respond to Italy’s request for help, while Germany and France ignored this call. In other words, the disadvantages of using democratic communication chains became apparent, and demonstrated how lack of consensus led to failures in the pandemic. Under these conditions, the predicted slowdown in the global economy and losses on the world’s major stock exchanges turned out to be the lesser evil. The rising evil, the threat to democracy, has been the rise of a new global political infrastructure in which everyone will either be every man for himself or will be forced to choose which zone of influence to enter.

With the eternal leader Putin in the kremlin, this scenario proves lethal for Ukraine, and absolutely dangerous for democracy. This is exactly what 2022 has taught us.

**CHRONICLE OF EVENTS. OBSERVATIONS. COMMENTS**

**2022**

**FEBRUARY**

*When Moscow launched its large-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February on the territory of Ukraine, the world did not expect that Ukraine could and would resist. However, Ukrainians decided otherwise. Within the first week of the war, the enemy was stopped, and the mention of the Russians’ desire to “take Kyiv in three days” became a joke.*

*The endless voluntary queues of even completely civilian Ukrainians to military enlistment offices really shocked the whole world. The staff provided for territorial defence units could not accommodate everyone. People came to the checkpoints even with hunting weapons.*

*Meanwhile, the skilful actions of the military command helped to withdraw the main Ukrainian air defence forces from the enemy’s attack. Ukrainian authorities began active global communication.*

*The world, which believed that Ukraine would fall in 24 hours due to the power of the “second army of the world”, saw a completely different Ukraine and a completely different people than the one depicted in the images of the ubiquitous Russian propaganda. The world also saw a completely different Russian army.*

*Having faced with the civic courage of Ukrainians, the determination   
and professionalism of the Ukrainian military leadership on the one hand,   
and Russia’s obvious violation of the basic principles of world coexistence and international law on the other hand. And having also realised that if Ukrainians are not so afraid of the kremlin, then it is not so “scary”, the world began to unite. In the very first days, a strong anti-Russian coalition was formed. Lethal weapons were sent to Ukraine. The partners began to take steps to limit Russia’s military capabilities in various ways. The doors to the European Union were opened to Ukraine.*

*The “quiet” war launched by the Russians in Ukraine in 2014   
turned from a local conflict into a great European war.*

*The muscovite’s disdain for Ukraine and Ukrainians resulted in an equally dismissive assessment of the potential of Ukrainian society   
and their capabilities on Ukrainian soil. Moskow’s analytics were written not based on real research and real information, but as superficially seen by Russian “experts” and as the kremlin leader dreamed. Relying on its extensive agents, the support of generously funded pro-Russian political parties, the powerful influence of “Russian culture” and the weakness of the Ukrainian army, the kremlin openly overestimated its capabilities in Ukraine and sent its main combat units not to war, but to a victory parade. And it paid the price, even though it had some situational successes.*

***25.02.2022***

Last night showed that Russia has no chance and will not have any   
and will not have any more. As of this morning, we have more than 3,500 dead Russians. The enemy has begun to redeploy reserve units to the border areas with Ukraine and continued to carry out air strikes in eastern Ukraine and the northern part of the Kyiv region. Massive air strikes were also carried out near the cities of Sumy, Poltava, and Mariupol. From the Black Sea, the enemy carried out the first launches of sea-based cruise missiles Kalibr. Meanwhile, Russian tactical aviation is controlled from the territory of Belarus.

*“During the night Russian occupants haven’t conquered any city! Kyiv is being cleared of the remnants of saboteurs”,* –Lieutenant General Zaluzhnyi, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

However, the occupiers are forcibly holding the personnel of the Chornobyl NPP, not allowing them to rotate, as provided for by security measures. This is one of the most serious threats, as any provocations by the occupiers could result in a global environmental disaster. The Ukrainian national flag is flying over Kherson, and the city is fighting, but in Melitopol, the local authorities have lost control over the city.

***26.02.2022***

Türkiye closed the passage of Russian warships to the Black Sea   
and provided the first military and humanitarian aid. “Ukrzaliznytsia” destroyed all railway junctions with Russia. The Verkhovna Rada appealed to the civilised world to condemn and punish Russia, whose actions can only be interpreted as international terrorism. Latvia called on the West to grant political asylum to all Russian military personnel who surrendered to Ukraine. The President of Poland suggested that Ukraine should be accepted into the EU immediately. Meanwhile, no matter what, the Chornobyl NPP, captured by the Russians, is operating as planned, but the personnel are being held hostage. Cargoes of medicines are arriving from Georgia and Azerbaijan.

***28.02.2022***

Statements: (**1**) Ministry of Defence of Ukraine: “A *real change has taken place. The war has become truly European. Europe is collecting, packing, and bringing us weapons and defence equipment. Now we have no border with the West”*.(**2**) Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: “*Russia has occupied the southern Kuril Islands and this is against international law,   
as well as the Russian army’s attack on Ukraine”*.(**3**) Chinese Foreign Ministry: “*Beijing supports all efforts to defuse the military confrontation and find a peaceful political solution”*. (**4**) Prime Minister of Slovakia: “*Slovakia stands for the historic proposal to grant Ukraine EU membership”.*

Countries providing military assistance to Ukraine: (**1**) the United States – weapons, including air defence systems, small arms, body armour and various ammunition, as well as anti-aircraft systems; (**2**) the United Kingdom – anti-tank defence systems; (**3**) France – military equipment and fuel. The issue of providing air defence systems and cyber weapons is being considered; (**4**) the Netherlands – air defence missiles and anti-tank systems (200 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and 50 Panzerfaust 3 anti-tank guns with 400 missiles). Ukraine and Germany are also considering the possibility of sending Patriot anti-aircraft missile system to the NATO battlegroup in Slovakia; (**5**) Germany – 1,000 anti-tank weapons and 500 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles; (**6**) Canada – a military loan of $394 million; (**7**) Sweden – breaking its historically neutral stance to send 5,000 anti-tank missiles to Ukraine, as well as dry rations and bulletproof vests. This is the first time Sweden has sent weapons to a country in armed conflict since the Soviet Union invaded neighbouring Finland in 1939; (**8**) Belgium – 3,000 automatic rifles and 200 anti-tank guns, as well as 3,800 tonnes of fuel; (**9**) Portugal – night vision goggles, body armour, helmets, grenades, ammunition and G3 battle rifles; (**10**) Greece – defence equipment and humanitarian aid; (**11**) Romania – offering treatment for the wounded in all its military hospitals, and providing $3.3 million worth of fuel and other military supplies; (**12**) Spain – medical and defence equipment, including bulletproof vests; (**13**) Czech Republic – 4,000 mortars, as well as an arsenal of 30,000 pistols, 7,000 assault rifles, 3,000 machine guns, numerous sniper rifles and one million rounds of ammunition. The Czech Republic also promised Kyiv 4,000 mortars worth $1.6 million, which have not yet been delivered. Meanwhile, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted a resolution entitled “100 thousand hryvnias for the military”.

*So, even though the local war turned into the great European war, history teaches us that it teaches us nothing. In particular, the idea that “the West has to do everything for us”. At the same time, one of the most problematic and urgent tasks for Ukraine has become the issue of updating geopolitical knowledge and practices. There are two reasons for the importance of this area. First, such updating contributes to a deeper understanding and forecasting of future military and political processes. Secondly, it helps to develop an adequate view of Ukraine’s place and role both in the context of the current large-scale Russian war and in the context of global turbulence in general. And this, in turn, should help Ukrainian state structures to develop adequate foreign policy reflections.*

*However, some strategic reflection has already begun to emerge, as Russia’s full-scale military invasion of Ukraine and the introduction of more effective international economic sanctions against the Russian aggressor have launched the process of tearing apart the state, especially since its current structure is based on a fragile historical foundation, which has suddenly become clear to everyone.*

*As for Europe, which until now has been a de facto monopolist in the development of the global order that has lasted for the past 100 years, – it is now in danger of being left out of the current search for a global order because even after the rather impudent downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH-17 by Russia, it continued to equate its internal structure with its ultimate geopolitical goal. In simple terms – a continent united in peace and refusing to engage in military competition to the last.*

**MARCH**

*After the initial reaction to Russia’s large-scale invasion of Ukraine, the democratic world began the process of reassessing its positions on (1) attitudes towards Russian foreign policy and Russia, (2) assessment of its security system, (3) stability, and reliability of democratic gains, (4) effectiveness of international institutions, (5) the real geopolitical situation in the world, (6) and, of course, Ukraine’s right to self-identification regardless of the kremlin’s morbid ideas to destroy Ukrainian statehood.*

*Particularly, U.S. President Joe Biden, with his more than clear position, corrected the geopolitical mistake made by his predecessor 30 years ago, George H.W. Bush, who, in 1991, during his speech in Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, stressed the need to maintain as close ties between Russia and Ukraine, as the Moscow’s patronage over the newly established state. Thus, in March, the U.S. President announced the following key points:*

*(****1****) With the end of the Cold War in the twentieth century, the struggle   
for democracy has not ended, because it is an ongoing process due to the imperfection of the world. After all, there will always be people   
with excessive ambition and appetite to dominate the world;*

*(****2****) The new countries that emerged on the world map during the last century have been on a long journey of struggle for freedom and liberty,   
in the struggle between democracy and autocracy, between freedom   
and repression, between order and a government ruled by brute force. Today, Ukraine and its people are on the frontline, fighting for their country,   
for the basic elements of a free society. And this fight cannot be won in a few days or months, it will be a long;*

*(****3)*** *Russia’s great war against Ukraine was launched under false reasons for this war – a choice of Russia itself. NATO and the United States tried to prevent it, but Moscow is not interested in peaceful coexistence;*

*(****4****) Europe must get rid of its energy dependence on Russia – this is a new struggle for freedom;*

*(****6****) Economic sanctions against Russia are aimed at preventing it from updating and modernising its military capabilities, which would help to localise and end the conflict faster;*

*(****7****) A dictator trying to build an empire will never overcome the people’s love of freedom. The world will be free. Ukraine will never be a “victory” for Russia.*

*Thus, it became obvious to the West that excessive caution and political correctness will not help to pacify Russia, whose appetites extend far beyond the territory of the former USSR. Therefore, the military conflict initiated by Russia in Ukraine has acquired the distinct features of a global geopolitical event.*

*The results of the vote on the UN General Assembly resolution condemning Russia’s invasion of Ukraine also awakened the world.   
Only 28 out of 54 African countries condemned it, while 17 abstained and 8 were absent. In total, 141 countries out of 193 UN members condemned Russia, and among those who abstained or did not vote, about half were African countries.*

*As a result, the world’s attention was drawn to the creeping “conquest” of Africa by Russia and China, and diplomatic circles in Europe and the United States quickly realised the lack of their attention to the African continent.*

*Meanwhile, having failed in its long-awaited "blitzkrieg", the kremlin showed its ugly face by launching the “Syrian scenario” in Ukraine under the guise of blackmail to use nuclear weapons. In response, the kremlin leader was given a clear signal that nobody would flatter and flirt with him. France has even demonstrated its readiness to be the first to launch a preventive nuclear strike against Russia. In simple words, putin was shown the choice: the first is the relatively slow decline of Russian statehood, and the second is instantaneous.*

*As for Ukraine, two factors play a decisive role in the social progress that the Ukrainian nation is experiencing under pressure: awareness of historical experience and a correct understanding of the public interest. In other words, the nation’s consciousness has a clear understanding that only by feeling the deep roots of history, by comprehending the height of the vital needs of the third millennium, we can arrive at criteria for assessing the rapidly changing course of the present day. After all, only knowledge of history will enable us to overcome its blind inertia, break out of it and engage in constructive activity, and self-organisation of the social process, instead of floundering in the chaos of current events.*

*Moreover, the main weapon of Ukrainians against the aggressor is an internal mechanism of self-organisation, and the “ignition key” of this mechanism is culture. In the following, we will consider the issue of the “key” deeper, especially after U.S. President Joe Biden said that “the keys to peace in Ukraine are in the Middle East”.*

*In terms of its functionality, culture in this process ensures, firstly, the internal stability of human communities and, secondly, their dynamics, ability to change and further self-organisation, especially at crucial times for the nation. Moreover, against the background of the professional and sacrificial heroism of Ukrainian soldiers, a new image of the national Hero of Ukraine is emerging, more systemic, more significant than one individual and more self-organised and complex than a simple civil society.*

***01.03.2022***

For the first time, Switzerland breaks its neutrality and imposes the same sanctions on Russia as the rest of the EU. During this period, Ukrainian cities learned how to punish looters, usually by tying them to poles without pants with tape. Meanwhile, the first bags of corpses arrived in Russia from Ukraine. The first burials will take place soon. The average age of the Russian occupiers is 23 years. Belarusian volunteers appealed to the Belarusian military with a call not to participate under any circumstances in the Russian war against Ukraine.

At the same time, Ukraine was connecting to Elon Musk’s satellite internet for the first time, and the world media sincerely admired the courage of Ukrainians and actively reported on the losses of the Russian economy. After that, the European Parliament [signed an application for](https://tsn.ua/ukrayina/zelenskiy-pidpisav-zayavku-na-chlenstvo-ukrayini-v-yevropeyskomu-soyuzi-1992145.html) Ukraine’s [membership](https://tsn.ua/ukrayina/zelenskiy-pidpisav-zayavku-na-chlenstvo-ukrayini-v-yevropeyskomu-soyuzi-1992145.html) in the European Union.

***02.03.2022***

For the third day in a row, the Russians have not had a single military success. In Mykolaiv, a large landing force was destroyed, and in Odesa, they also tried to do the same but were destroyed. The occupier is running out of breath. The situation is the same in Sumy and Chernihiv regions. Against this background, the UN General Assembly adopted a historic and very ambitious resolution condemning Russian aggression and announced $1.7 billion in aid to Ukraine. There is an idea to hand over Russian prisoners only to their mothers and only if they come to Ukraine to take them away. The second batch of Javelins arrived in Ukraine. At the same time, bankruptcy proceedings were initiated against Nord Stream 2 AG, and Switzerland was the first country to fire all its staff, including more than 140 senior managers.

***03.03.2022***

85% of Ukrainians are ready to defend their country.   
Compared to 2020, this figure has increased by 20% and continues to grow every day. Only 10% are not confident. 98% support the activities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Belief in victory prevails in all regions.   
Against this backdrop, the second round of negotiations with the aggressor took place, but Russia did not back down from its positions and began to implement shameful tactics of shelling civilian infrastructure.

***04.03.2022***

The terrorist situation at Zaporizhzhia NPP is on the agenda,  
– The IAEA seizes the initiative from the G7 countries, which met unscheduled. Conditions were put forward to Moscow, including the idea of lifting sanctions against Russia if the kremlin stops its military aggression against Ukraine. However, the Russian leadership does not hear this. But the kremlin is puzzled by how and with what effectiveness Ukrainians are defending their land. This was also mentioned at the G7 meeting. Meanwhile, a member of the Russian “federation council”, Narusova, unexpectedly revealed the real losses: “*out of 100 soldiers, only four returned*”. The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Lieutenant General Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, was promoted to another military rank.

***05.03.2022***

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson addressing Ukrainians   
assured that putin would be defeated. Meanwhile, 80% of Americans believe that the United States should close the sky over Ukraine, if not by NATO forces, then at least by the United States alone.

***06.03.2022***

The occupiers continue to focus their efforts on encircling Kyiv, Kharkiv and Mykolaiv, and they are implementing military measures to create a land corridor to Crimea. Against this background, U.S. President Joe Biden addressed Russians: “*I do not believe that you want a bloody, destructive war against Ukraine”*.

***07.03.2022***

The United States is looking for new mechanisms to protect Ukrainians from the kremlin`s missile attacks. Meanwhile, the UK announces a defence programme to protect the civilised world from the aggression of authoritarian regimes, which includes: (**1**) the Creation of a humanitarian coalition; (**2**) Support for Ukrainian self-defence; (**3**) Economic pressure on the kremlin; (**4**) Call for diplomatic ways of de-escalation; (5) Strengthening security in the Euro-Atlantic region. Ukraine has established the Honorary Award of “Hero City of Ukraine” and has already awarded Volnovakha, Hostomel, Mariupol, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Chernihiv.

***08.03.2022***

Despite the fierce and aggressive pressure, people continue to go to the streets of Kherson, Melitopol and Chaplynka to protest the occupiers. The President of Ukraine has decided to withdraw Ukrainian peacekeepers from all missions around the world.

***09.03.2022***

Washington announced a ban on imports of Russian oil, natural gas and coal, and the civilised world supported this decision. Ukrposhta issued a stamp with the slogan: “Russian warship, go \*uck yourself!” In response, the kremlin deliberately bombed a maternity hospital and a children’s hospital in Mariupol. More than 40,000 foreign troops arrived in Ukraine.

***10.03.2022***

The Russian Ministry of Defence, after video evidence of the capture of its conscripts, had to admit that they had indeed been sent to Ukraine. The United States immediately noted that the kremlin was preparing to launch a new escalation of the offensive. In Ukraine, meanwhile, a law came into force that grants civilians the right to kill Russian invaders. In such a way, now the civilian population of Ukraine can eliminate the occupiers without consequences.

***11.03.2022***

After Ukrainian civilians were allowed to kill the occupiers,   
– the enemy changes its tactics and moves to the so-called *“Syrian option”*, which includes surrounding and terrorising settlements to cause suffering and psychological pressure, on the Ukrainian authorities. The kremlin has also become more active in the occupied territories of nuclear power plants in Zaporizhzhia and Chornobyl.

***12.03.2022***

The war is increasingly moving into a positional stage. Against the backdrop of a lack of resources, deteriorating weather conditions, desertion, disease, hunger, and demotivation, the Russian occupier, which has already invaded Ukraine, is awaiting its rotation to Belarus.

At the same time, the kremlin refuses to admit its mistakes   
and begins to use the tactics of barrier units from among the so-called “Kadyrovites”, who, with their fire, keep the very demotivated Russian military in position and avoid clashes with the Ukrainian army. At the same time, the kremlin continues to bomb civilian infrastructure, and putin has demanded that the Belarusian impostor Lukashenko open a “second front” against Ukraine with the Belarusian army.

***13.03.2022***

The enemy is almost unable to conduct an effective offensive, has practically stopped its advance, its strategy has been reduced to consolidating on the captured borders and the hasty creation of occupation regimes on the occupied territories. The situation ended up at the point where numerous enemy military units were completely destroyed, which is a unique case after the Second World War*.*

***14.03.2022***

Having miscalculated the tactics of a military ground operation, the kremlin deliberately launches missile strikes on residential areas, hospitals, kindergartens, etc. Several cities have been destroyed to the ground. The siege of Mariupol continues, and a humanitarian catastrophe has occurred in the city. The Russian army is killing civilians even when they try to evacuate through the “green corridors”, and mass executions of Ukrainians have begun in the occupied cities. At the same time, the occupier began to form new units by partially mobilising and returning to Russia the so-called “peacekeeping” contingents from Nagorno-Karabakh (Azerbaijan) and Gyumri (Armenia).

***15.03.2022***

Meanwhile, the sanctions pressure on Moscow has already had some positive results: two weeks of Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine “costs” putin 30 years of economic development in his country. Several reputable publications (The [Financial Times](https://amp.ft.com/content/30850470-8c8c-4b53-aa39-01497064a7b7), The [New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/13/us/politics/russia-china-ukraine.html), The Washington Post) have begun to spread information that Russia has asked China for military assistance. China was ambiguously silent. At this time, the President of Ukraine proposed to extend martial law. Martial la-chinhhw was extended for another 30 days, until 23 April.

***16.03.2022***

The blitzkrieg has failed – the offensive has failed – all the signs of a prolonged war without front and flanks. The enemy is blockading cities and creating occupation administrations, but at the same time, it starts to lose awareness of the logic of warfare, as Kharkiv and Kyiv are still targets.

Thus, the kremlin did not imagine and did not consider the cardinality of the social changes that have taken place in Ukraine over the past 8 years, developing an expanded version of the attack like the annexation of Crimea and the invasion of Donbas.

***17.03.2022***

The stalemate and political deadlock in which the kremlin has found itself is pushing putin to take revenge. The kremlin is convinced that bombing civilians will cause a state of depression, and this will help force Kyiv to accept their terms. In response, the US Senate recognised putin as a war criminal and called on the International Criminal Court to investigate his activities. Against this backdrop, Ukraine is winning a case against Russia in the International Court of Justice, where the court orders Russia to stop terrorising Ukraine. Meanwhile, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe decided to terminate Russia’s membership in the Council of Europe. Practical work has also begun to exclude Russia from the G20 group.

***18.03.2022***

The Armed Forces of Ukraine have deployed reserve units and launched a counter-offensive in certain areas. In the occupier’s forces, the situation is the opposite: chaos and shock at the Ukrainian resistance.

***19.03.2022***

Western intelligence remains sceptical about the future of the Russian army in Ukraine. U.S. President Joe Biden publicly calls putin a war criminal for the first time. This means that the next stage of direct dialogue with putin will take place only at the UN International Criminal Court.

***21.03.2022***

Meanwhile, 11 pro-Russian parties have been suspended in Ukraine, including: “Opposition Platform – For Life”, Shariy’s Party, “Nashi”, “Opposition Bloc”, “Left Opposition”, “Union of Left Forces”, “Derzhava”, Progressive Socialist Party, Socialist Party, Socialists, and Volodymyr Saldo’s Bloc.

***22.03.2022***

The Russian occupation forces are increasingly using means of air attack. At the same time, this component is used not so much to intimidate the civilian population, but rather to target the destruction of key Ukrainian economic infrastructure. For example, the destruction of Azovstal and Sumykhimprom became a symbol of the kremlin’s main goal in Ukraine. After that, Moscow stopped hiding its desire to destroy all Ukrainian enterprises. That offended numerous American diplomats, who expressed their uncertainty about putin’s real intentions to end the war at the negotiating table. Moreover, even though Russian-Ukrainian consultations continue, they appear to be one-sided, due to Russia’s oppressive conditions.

***23.03.2022***

The new date of putin’s so-called “victory” has been announced – is the date of the 9 May. From now on, putin plans to force the Ukrainian leadership to sign an agreement by that date, which could be presented as Ukraine’s surrender. Against this backdrop, the President of Poland suggested a plan for a peacekeeping mission in Ukraine to NATO countries. In response to this move, the kremlin is turning on the mechanism of energy blackmail of Europe. In addition, Russia demonstratively withdraws from the negotiation process with Japan and expresses its readiness to recognise Transnistria. Dangerous narratives about the search for reconciliation with the enemy, about the existence of “good Russians” who are allegedly against the kremlin’s war against Ukraine, are spreading.

***24.03.2022***

So, putin’s invasion has reached its one-month mark. Over the month, Russia has suffered terrible losses, and enemy propaganda has even started to voice the losses of its troops but calls it a “war of attrition”. Now the new narrative position of the enemy is the following: “*The* *main thing is to win,   
and it doesn’t matter how many victims there are*”.

***25.03.2022***

The EU, NATO and the G7 begin to realise that Russia may turn to the most powerful weapon in its arsenal – nuclear weapons. And this is an issue that Europe has not faced since the Cold War. It should also be added that in the context of deterrence, each American administration during the Cold War had to develop its international strategy. So, Joe Biden’s administration was prepared for this, but European countries, except France, were not ready for such a scenario.

***26.03.2022***

The atrocities against the civilian Ukrainians by the occupiers were increasing, and unfortunately, this was only the beginning. After all, after the kremlin saw the European uproar after the emergence of the “nuclear case”, the Russian side stopped considering negotiations with Ukraine even to achieve Kyiv’s surrender.

That is why, during this period, the President of Türkiye, Recep Erdogan, appeared on the political scene and held separate individual meetings with the President of Ukraine and Russia, allegedly referring to the fact that Ukraine was already allegedly ready to agree, in particular, to renounce its NATO membership and recognise Russian as a second state language. In other words, there was a communication element to distract putin and delay the process so that Europe could work out the “nuclear case”.

***27.03.2022***

After Europe had been prepared for the kremlin’s nuclear games, U.S. President Joe Biden officially stated that *“Russia’s war against Ukraine has dramatically changed the 21st century. This is not just a local war – it is a war of tyranny against the democratic world”*.

After that, the United States cut off Russian banks from the global financial system, blocked the export of high-tech components   
and froze the foreign assets of hundreds of Russian oligarchs.

***28.03.2022***

The information context of the European tabloids was focused on   
debunking kremlin myths. This element is from the “nuclear case”. However, Europe sincerely says that the defence strategy of the Ukrainian Armed Forces has destroyed the myth of the so-called “*great Russian army”*. So now the second myth – about Russia’s large, powerful economy – is being destroyed. In addition, the European community has had an important moral and cultural epiphany about the so-called “Russian culture” that is important for Ukraine. Moreover, discussions have begun that Stalin is the same   
as Hitler. Earlier, we noted that before 24 February, for Europe, Stalinism was what “defeated” Nazism.

***29.03.2022***

In the international information space, every programme on   
TV programmes, every YouTube stream, and every press article begins with news about the activities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. So, the inferiority complexes that Russia has been imposing on us for 350 years have collapsed in a month.

***31.03.2022***

Meanwhile, the enemy began to concentrate on the territory of Donbas, while continuing the targeted destruction of Mariupol and other settlements in the territory controlled by Ukraine. All these steps are being made to take control of at least the entire territory of Donetsk and Luhansk regions by 9 May.

*Thus, the “new world order”, or rather the “disorder” for now, has acquired quite distinct contours, which indicate that, despite the fact   
that putin came to power to prevent Russia’s collapse, he may be remembered as the one who brought it down. At the same time, a look at the history of Russian-Ukrainian relations reveals that Ukrainians have never won a war with Russians. For example, Prince Ostrozhsky destroyed the best Moscow cavalry near Orsha. Hetman Sahaidachny burned part of Moscow, and Vyhovskyi forced the Muscovites to flee near Konotop. But these were individual battles, and we lost the war for one reason or another.   
Especially when we stopped building Ukraine and reoriented ourselves toward a “little Russia”.*

*However, at the postmodern stage, a “fourth-person view” is being formed today, that is, the ability to critically reconsider “global things” created by people at the stage when they learned to think in the “third person”. This would give rise to the emergence of a movement for civil rights, or the global environmental movement, which has become larger than any political party on the planet. After all, the way the world today glorifies the Armed Forces of Ukraine indicates that there is such a demand. That is why we have an opportunity to defeat our historical enemy like never before, perhaps for the first time in Ukrainian history.*

*That is why everyone who lives in Ukraine and has the honour of being called a Ukrainian must choose: are you with us or with them? With the Ukrainian people or with their murderers? Because there is no third option.*

*Moreover, international support can only effectively help a nation that is aware of its national interests and skilfully defends them in its own state house. Therefore, the lesson of national statehood is perhaps the most important lesson of March 2022.*

**APRIL**

*In retrospect, we would like to ask: if putin wanted to take Ukraine without a fight in three days, why did the kremlin prepare so many offensive weapons – at least several thousand long-range missiles? We have only one answer: for the possible terrorisation of Europe as part of its attempt to impose Yalta 2, which is presented as security guarantees. Thus, it is becoming increasingly clear, that Ukraine in this scenario was only the first target, but far from the last and not the most difficult. It seems that putin was going to unleash the weapons that are now destroying Ukraine on the Baltic states, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, and other NATO countries, from which he demanded that they dismantle their military infrastructure.*

*Nevertheless, in the next phase of the war, the enemy’s forces rolled back from the centre to the south and east of Ukraine. Moreover, the war is gradually moving into Russian territory. In other words, the occupier has realised that it is not in the war it expected and is trying to hold onto the territories still occupied by it through threats to use nuclear weapons, as well as massive bombing of Ukrainian cities and mass executions, such as in Bucha.*

*In addition, by seizing the Chornobyl NPP, putin is trying to re-establish a direct dialogue with the West, as he hopes that Ukraine and the international community will not risk attacking the area to avoid a catastrophe that could result in a radiation leak.*

*At the same time, the kremlin’s propagandists are failing   
with their tasks and are driving their country into a political dead end. As a result, Russia is unable to exploit the international platform to confuse the world community about the real perpetrators of the Bucha tragedy. It is clear to everyone that putin is not only a collective image of the rapists but also their inspirer, who has brought himself and his country to the point where his physical existence and the existence of such a state entity as Russia becomes only a matter of time.*

*Meanwhile, China has moved to the phase of splitting the civilised world, as its vassal Russia has failed to cope with this task. At this stage, it is trying to exploit the weak military and political spots of Western unity, primarily Türkiye.*

*Meanwhile, despite all the military difficulties, Ukraine has managed to use the foundations of Western democracy to its advantage. From the point of view of the kremlin’s military objectives, Russia has already failed and is clearly on a trajectory of defeat, which can only be brought out by our willingness to make concessions, and Ukraine has already succeeded.*

*In addition, the unity of more than 30 countries that together control more than 50% of the world’s GDP, the leadership of the United States, and the principled and firm position of Germany and France are all integral components of victory. And the closer Ukraine’s victory is, the bolder Western politicians become. Germany, as the weathervane of the whole of Europe, shows a clear direction, and this direction is “away from Moscow”. In addition, Ukraine is also amidst a titanic religious shift,   
which will cause a revision of the entire concept of the “Christian world”,   
and the Vatican has come close to discrediting itself as the central spiritual institution.*

*Thus, in direct cooperation with the United States, Ukraine has set an international precedent for the emergence of the idea of revising global security. Europe is regrouping politically. Now its official positions and actions are clear and consistent: heavy weapons, heavy sanctions, and difficult responsibility. The programme of strategic castration of Russia has been launched, and measures have been taken to accuse Russia of the worst crimes politically and legally against humanity – genocide.*

*Meanwhile, among representatives of the legislative branch, the situation around the issue of “legislative cooperation” with potential collaborators. As a result, situational socio-psychological fatigue and the first signs of public distrust are being recorded among Ukrainians. On the other hand, there is a comprehensive trust in the Armed Forces of Ukraine and their allies, because in terms of global communications: (****1****) the Armed Forces of Ukraine are in constant contact with the leading countries of the world; (****2)*** *the**strategy of focusing on the enemy’s losses remains the only successful one; (****3)*** *the**symbol of the most immoral army in the world in the twenty-first century is the Russian one.*

***01.04.2022***

For the world, the Muscovite invasion of Ukraine – has been a “black and white” topic for the last 80 years, since the end of World War II. At the same time, the cultural elites of the left-liberal and conservative cultural elites, almost all university professors (in the humanities), technological innovators, representatives of the service and entertainment sectors, and liberal opinion leaders – armed with the “best intentions” are stubbornly moving towards pluralism, i.e.: “*Your truth is right for you, and mine is right for me*”. After the events of 7 October 2023, when Hamas attacked Israel, this stratum will be the basis for supporting mass pro-Palestinian demonstrations across Europe.

Consequently, we are faced with the problem of interpreting the essence of such a new, ubiquitous and, for many, very attractive form of liberal worldview and, at the same time, the corresponding political practice of neoliberalism. After all, all these platforms will soon be occupied by the so-called “Russian liberals” and freaks like Arestovych, who will skilfully conquer and transform almost the entire Western information space and most other ideologies to their template. The thing is, that social media algorithms simply cannot filter out lies, because they were created to satisfy the narcissism of users. And now online resources are faced with the need to create algorithms that will separate the wheat from the chaff, and in a situation where truth does not exist, this will be extremely difficult. Because postmodernism postulates the partial nature of truth: all knowledge depends on the context.

***03.04.2022***

Meanwhile, changes in the mythical and religious component of Ukrainian society began to be recorded. Such a factor of moral healing was the idea of banning the activities of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the “Moscow Patriarchate” in Ukraine at the legislative level.

***04.04.2022***

Meanwhile, the liberation of the Kyiv region from the invaders took place. This news would become not only a symbol of the military prowess of Ukrainians, but also a boundary of boundless horror and anger, beyond which the world’s attitude towards Russians as a community and towards Russia as a political entity would change dramatically for decades if not centuries. After all, the whole world now knows about Bucha. The name of this city is at the top of the list on all social media. The EU President personally launched the hashtag “Bucha Massacre”, which will become putin’s political nickname (“Bucha Butcher”).

Meanwhile, the mass murders, robberies and rapes that continue to take place in the cities that have not yet been liberated demonstrate not only the lack of humanity of most Russians but also the fact that this is a planned action authorised by putin himself.

***05.04.2022***

Every hour, more and more shocking facts about the crimes committed by the Russian army are being posted. World leaders are speaking out one by one about what is happening. No one expected such crimes in the twenty-first century. Thus, Putin and his army of rapists and looters have outnumbered the biggest criminals of the last twentieth century. At the same time, this is the first war that Russia is waging in the light of the latest information technology, literally on the air. As a result, it has become obvious that these are not the first crimes of the Russian army, the only difference   
is that today the kremlin is not able to hide its crimes.

***06.04.2022***

“Bucha” is the main topic of global discussion. A rapid process has begun to sharply reduce diplomatic relations with Russia. Meanwhile, Russian propaganda is already saying in plain text that the so-called “*debanderisation” of* Ukraine, which putin spoke about, is only a screen behind which the destruction of the “*Ukrainian project”, which is* hostile to Russia, should take place. Thus, it becomes clear that what the civilised world has seen in the Kyiv region will soon be seen wherever the criminal Russian troops are now stationed. Meanwhile, Russia’s atrocities have reduced the Ukrainian government’s willingness to reach a peace agreement with the kremlin.

***10.04.2022***

So, the Russian occupying forces retreated in large numbers, but, unfortunately, there was no panic flight. Mass demoralization did not happen, the enemy did not fall psychologically.

***11.04.2022***

Against this backdrop, a massive information process of “fascisation” in Russian society is beginning. One of the reasons for this phenomenon is the understanding that there will be no victory for Russia in Ukraine before 9 May.

That is why, as part of the solution to the “Ukrainian issue”, the kremlin continues to produce a bloodthirsty ideology, where the main keynote is the average Russian who has finally stopped holding back his hatred for all living things and has psychologically accepted the worst side of personality.

***12.04.2022***

The EU discussed the oil embargo. Germany, Italy, and France have expressed their readiness to refuse Russian oil. The only public opponents are Hungary and Austria. Meanwhile, more and more Ukrainians are returning to Ukraine from abroad. Every day it is about 25-30 thousand people.

***14.04.2022***

A new historical moment: on the 50th day of the great confrontation – Ukrainian soldiers sank the flagship of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, symbolically named “Moskva”. Against this backdrop, we record the first public precedent in the context of humanitarian and religious sabotage against Ukraine, which was expressed in the idea of Pope Francis to stage a skit where a Ukrainian and a Russian woman (mother) will jointly carry a “cross” during a procession on Good Friday. Later, the kremlin manipulated this idea, because the Ukrainian side immediately declared that it would not be able to participate in this performance. Therefore, the kremlin with the help of the Vatican, launched an information campaign aimed at European Catholics, where Ukraine is presented as unwilling to end the war. This narrative will continue until 2024.

***15.04.2022***

So, putin has not abandoned his intention to launch a new general offensive in Ukraine to win a military victory and dictate Kyiv the terms of surrender. The new offensive will aim to surround the Ukrainian group in Donbas, as well as to recapture Kharkiv.

***16.04.2022***

Meanwhile, Ukrainian narratives continue to win in the information space. The whole world repeats them, and Ukrainians no longer need to explain their history – they just need to fit it into the well-known narrative. Meanwhile, Ukraine itself is still debating whether Pushkin Street, the monument to Catherine II or Vatutin’s grave has the right to exist.

***19.04.2022***

While Ukraine is undergoing a dramatic transition to a new level of self-organisation, for which neither the masses nor the elites seem to be ready, Beijing has for the first time officially unveiled its vision of the Russian-Ukrainian war. This was expressed in disapproval of the supply of the latest weapons to the Armed Forces of Ukraine, as Xi Jinping believes this is a provocation by the NATO bloc against the kremlin’s desire to fulfil its peacekeeping mission. Thus, it becomes more than clear that China is Russia’s overlord. At the same time, China has begun measures to seize the Solomon Islands, and this is a direct military threat to Australia.

***20.04.2022***

“Google has stopped hiding Russian secret facilities on its maps. All Russia’s military and strategic facilities are now accessible. At the same time, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have increased pressure on Russia by focusing their efforts on punishing those who seek to circumvent the tough sanctions imposed on Russia. Meanwhile, the President of Ukraine suggested to the Verkhovna Rada an initiative to extend martial law.

***21.04.2022***

Meanwhile, it has been reported that 808,000 Ukrainians have been deported from Ukraine to Russia, 153,000 of whom are children. Those deported from Ukraine are placed in special filtration camps and measures are taken to deprive them of their Ukrainian identity. In the future, they are likely to be recruited for the occupied Ukrainian territories. The number of Ukrainians who fled their homeland after Russia’s invasion has exceeded 5 million. This is the largest refugee flow in Europe since the Second World War.

***22.04.2022***

The tragedy of the torture in Bucha continues to raise a wave of outrage, but the disaster with the survivors in Mariupol is causing a rigid numbness. Against this backdrop, the ruling elite of the “*Moscow patriarchate”* which continues to operate on the territory of Ukraine, has failed to convene a Local Council to condemn Russian aggression. Moreover, putin tested the Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile at this very time. This intimidation is supposed to show that the kremlin’s dictator continues to view nuclear weapons as an instrument of aggression against the entire civilised world.

***23.04.2022***

In response, the United States and France began sending specialised weapons that meet the needs of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Another important indicator factor was Japan’s reaction, which for the first time since 2003 designated the Southern Kuriles as illegally occupied by Russia. And the United Kingdom began publishing an assessment of the state of the Ukrainian battlefield on social media.

Against this backdrop, Chinese leader Xi Jinping called on Asian countries to take the region’s future into their own hands. This is a call for Asian unity against the United States and the NATO, AUKUS and Quad alliances. It may also be the beginning of attempts to create a new alliance. Meanwhile, there is talk in The Hague about an arrest warrant for putin.

***24.04.2022***

The two-month anniversary of putin’s war against Ukraine dates back exactly to the day of the “*resurrection of Christ”*. This has been mentioned during all morning liturgies today. It is also interesting to note that those members of the kremlin elite who have left Russia have unanimously said that they made a mistake with this war, and many of them did not believe until the last moment that putin would dare to start it.

In this context, it should be noted that the destruction of the social order does not happen overnight. The system either dies completely   
(as happened with tsarist Russia a hundred years ago), or it breaks down   
into smaller systems that continue to disintegrate. So, for the third decade in a row, the fragment of the former soviet society, formed as a result of the entropy of the mother organism, has been dying in front of our eyes.   
And unlike the mythical ideology of the *“resurrection of Christ”*   
– the soviet value system no longer has such a chance.

***25.04.2022***

The West, having analysed Russia’s actions in the war with Ukraine, officially states that Moscow has switched to the East and South of Ukraine. At the same time, episodes of information and provocative attacks aimed at stirring up and splitting the political consciousness of Ukrainian society.

***26.04.2022***

Meanwhile, the announced Russian general offensive in Donbas has so far turned out to be an intelligence-enhanced combat. But the pace of de-occupation of Ukrainian land is gaining speed, especially after the Ukrainian Armed Forces destroyed the enemy command post of the 49th Army along with several generals and an unspecified number of high-ranking Russian commanders. Despite this, however, Mariupol remains the kremlin’s main target.

In Ukraine, during this period, there were two different statements by the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada Ruslan Stefanchuk, including one about the impossibility of *adopting a law banning the “Moscow patriarchate”, and the second one that “Ukraine will not change the existing clauses in the Constitution regarding the country’s intention to join NATO”*. This leads us to add that if one social order is destroyed and another is not established, society enters a self-destructive mode. As a result, it will either turn the territory of its habitation into ruins and wasteland, or it will become a building material for other communities (through colonisation, occupation, dispersal, etc.). However, in the process of this degradation, it continues to live in a very specific mode, which can be defined as the mode of utilisation.

***27.04.2022***

The German Ramstein airbase (a US Air Force stronghold in Europe) hosted a summit of 40 countries, where participants made important decisions, such as the supply of heavy weapons to Ukraine. Against this backdrop, Russia began to demonstrate its readiness to expand the conflict zone to include the Transnistrian enclave. One of these tools is the Gagauz autonomy within Moldova.

***28.04.2022***

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the G20 group officially invited the President of Ukraine to attend the G20 summit instead of the uninvited putin. At the same time, a draft law was introduced in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to deprive former members of the “Opposition Platform – For Life” (OPFL) party of their parliamentary mandates, Medvedchuk*,* Kozak*,* Rabinovych, and Kachnyi*.* In the context of the latter, let us recall that the refusal of the Soviet system, which took place at the turn of the 1980s and 1990s, was primarily due to socio-economic insolvency, which contrasted too sharply with society. The second reason for the collapse of the USSR was the complete bankruptcy of the official ideology of communism and its accompanying forms – soviet internationalism, anti-Western paranoia, party monopoly on truth, and eventually repression. Consequently, the soviet form lost its legitimacy. Just as today all pro-Russian movements in Ukraine are gradually losing their legitimacy.

***29.04.2022***

The President of the United States, Joe Biden, has   
delivered a targeted speech on Ukraine to Congress. As a result, Ukraine received $33 billion in additional support. Meanwhile, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine registered a bill that proposes to ban former party of regions` members, communists, and members of numerous anti-Ukrainian parties from running for president and other leadership positions.

***30.04.2022***

China, meanwhile, has further strengthened its diplomatic rhetoric in support of Russia, almost openly defying the United States and other countries that want Beijing to condemn Moscow for its war against Ukraine. However, against the backdrop of this Chinese support, the kremlin suddenly began to hesitate on the issue of holding or not holding a sham referendum in the territories of southern and eastern Ukraine that it has illegally seized since 24 February. The kremlin still understands that this will indeed be the last point of no return to the negotiation process with Kyiv. But China’s position clearly shows us how it is pushing Moscow to commit this crime against Ukraine.

*Thus, the future can only be read unmistakably in the past, especially if this past is postcolonial. After all, in an abusive relationship, the aggressor always physically and psychologically seeks to break the victim’s inner strength and subdue their will. As a result, the “weaker” partner loses faith in his or her strength, self-esteem, and ability to make independent decisions. It was with this goal in mind that the kremlin-planned tragedies in Bucha and Mariupol occurred, and they are becoming the same ominous symbols as Katyn or Lidice. However, despite all the horror, the enemy did not achieve its goal. Meanwhile, the civilised world is really horrified by what the Russians are doing in Ukraine, and the change in the position of Finland and Sweden to join NATO is very telling in this regard. The entire civilised world has now become Russia’s enemy.*

*But the main trauma in an abusive relationship is that the “victim” begins to believe that this is the norm, and it starts to gravitate towards the aggressor. That is why the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has been unable to show legislative determination to ban the activities of the Moscow church in Ukraine. And this is even though Russian-Ukrainian relations have always been about wars, enslavement, assimilation, russification, famine, false peace, naive hopes, and crises. In simple words: we first entered this prison of nations, then tried to make a palace out of it, and finally, with much blood, we are breaking free from its embrace.*

*However, the novelty of this period is that in this century Russia is acting less and less as a subject and more as a vassal of China, for which Ukraine is just a certain fairway to show itself in the Indo-Pacific region, namely, to deploy its army in the Australian oceanic “yard” to have a significant impact on the United States. For this purpose, China has stirred up the situation in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands, which are focused on cooperation with Australia, and thus with the United States.*

*It should be noted that the emergence of the Chinese model of development and society, which is perceived by many outside China as a real alternative to Western liberal democracy, on the one hand, and the aggressive “national orthodoxy” of Russia, which does not offer alternatives but resists personal and social progress in any form, on the other hand, it has once again put on the agenda the question of the prospects and ways of human development. Moreover, public opinion polls conducted in recent years by the most authoritative international organisations in dozens of countries on all continents, give grounds to conclude that global trends have become mainstream right before our eyes. First and foremost, it is the growing distrust between people, people, and governments, between states and international institutions, and even between these institutions. The most obvious examples are the UN Security Council and the OSCE, where decisions are made by consensus and therefore block any attempts to rein in the aggressor if it has a veto.*

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*From late February to early March, the first conditional phase of the war ended. During this period, Russians and Western partners expected that “Ukraine would fall”. These expectations were not met. After that, the second conditional phase of the war began – “until the 9th of May” – when new expectations were formulated: Russia would achieve some result, after which certain negotiations and some way to reduce escalation and agreements would be possible. Again, it did not materialise: putin failed to offer the Russians anything at all.*

*Thus, since 10 May, Ukraine and Russia have entered a new, third phase of the war – the “war after the 9th of May” – when there are no clear benchmarks to justify anything. From now on, everything depends on the ability to survive over the “long distance” and to organise ourselves in such a way as to ensure a military and diplomatic turnaround in the future.*

*However, if at the first stage Russia was not ready to “be satisfied with a little”, now Ukraine is “not ready to come out to the world” without its victory. Now, the victory will be considered not the withdrawal of Russian troops to their positions by 24 February, but the complete liberation of all territories.*

*Ukraine enters this new phase with important achievements   
and at the same time with many difficult socio-political problems. The main thing that has been achieved is to attract the attention of the “collective West”, which was symbolised by the Land Lease Signing.*

*We are not here to assess the socio-economic situation in the country, but in terms of defence organisation, Ukraine has managed to rebuild many important processes with a view to a prolonged confrontation.*

*At the same time, the enemy also changed conceptually over time. In April and early May, the enemy changed its basic war strategy and tried to provide information cover-up by explaining the “new reality” to its citizens (now, they say, “we are fighting with NATO”). So, from now on, the enemy also thinks in terms of a long war.*

*It is important to understand that at this stage, the Armed Forces of Ukraine and Ukrainian society are going through the most difficult period in military and economic terms. Aid is already coming, but not yet in the volumes necessary to repel the enemy. And the physiological, moral, and psychological exhaustion is already shown. The enemy is pressing with masses of people, and there are far more of them than long-range weapons. And the dynamics of the international response suggest that tangible volumes of military assistance will begin only in mid-June.*

*The enemy has now driven out the “extras” and is trying to push the Ukrainian defence as far as possible with a second wave of offensive. This resource will be exhausted by the end of May at the current intensity of fighting. To ensure the next massive offensive, the kremlin will need a pause (to gather people and put back into operation the equipment). It is expected that by July, the effects of the sanctions will become noticeable. At the same time, Ukraine needs a pause no less than the Russians.*

*One way or another, further events will unfold considering the following: first, the Russians will gather a new “crowd”, although it will be less well-armed and trained; second, Ukraine is entering a period of increased dependence on financial assistance from Western partners. At the same time, it is difficult to predict how this dependence will manifest itself, since according to economic experts, the Ukrainian economy may be in trouble by August or September. Thus, Ukraine’s economic dependence will be critical.*

*Nevertheless, with the help of Western financial assistance, Ukraine   
will survive economically. But then there will be a period when   
internal problems will increase in Russia, and Ukraine, in turn, will become more dependent on external dependencies (including those caused by internal problems).*

*Meanwhile, Ukraine is becoming a country of regional importance step by step. Ukrainians have always won on the battlefield, and today they have already begun to win on the political front. The role of weapons and information provided by NATO countries in Ukraine’s victories over the Russian occupation forces on the battlefield is well documented. The role of allied support in granting Ukraine the status of a political entity in international politics is well demonstrated. Ukraine continues to recover. Ukraine’s reconstruction is ahead both from the outside and from within. Society is beginning to realise that to protect us from a repetition of today’s events, there should be no tolerance, neither for the Russian church nor for the monuments to the conventional “Bulgakov”, nor the Russian language in educational, cultural, and public institutions.*

*However, as for the process of “refusal of soviet doctrines and structures”, it is not only Ukraine that is going through this process but all those countries that have united for the sake of democracy’s victory over autocracy.*

*Russia has finally lost its political subjectivity. The civilised world will no longer be able to build relations with Russia as it did before the start of the large-scale war against Ukraine. None of the kremlin’s former allies today wants to be associated with Russia. The kremlin and the Russian people, infected by propaganda, are burning their country off the future map of the world, and there are fewer and fewer who hope that “everything will return” in a little while. The main centres of influence on Russia remain: Washington – London – the Armed Forces of Ukraine – Paris – Berlin.*

*Meanwhile, China continues to wait. Its involvement in the aggression against Ukraine is still limited to information warfare. In this uncertain situation, China is neither with the West nor with the kremlin. At least the unity of autocracies has been broken. From now on, it is every man for himself.*

*In terms of geopolitics, Beijing is not holding its ground, as putin has not only brought NATO closer to Russia (Finland, Sweden); he has also brought the United States closer to China (Indo-Pacific region). Thus, the United States is strengthening its presence in the zone of China’s strategic interests without any investment at all.*

*From the US perspective, there is no hope for China to change its goals, but it has begun the process of bringing China to the path of political dialogue. Unlike the inadequate Russia, the world and the global economy need a pragmatic China.*

*Meanwhile, the world is levelling out. Not in terms of geography (East or West, Pacific or Atlantic oceans), but in terms of values. Democracy is successfully counterattacking. Autocracies are taking a hit, suffering losses, but not yet retreating.*

***01.05.2022***

Western countries have begun to look persistently for the weaknesses where systemic and political mistakes were made that led to Moscow’s launching a global massacre right in the centre of Europe. At the same time, these mistakes were so systemic and deep that it was only in the eighth year of Russia’s open aggression that it was noticed, that China was following the same path, in fact with its peculiarities.

Against this backdrop, the United States conveyed its position to Indonesia, that it does not want putin to attend the November G20 summit in Indonesia at any cost. Meanwhile, the European Union is already on the verge of imposing sanctions on Russian oil exports.

***02.05.2022***

Ukraine is in the expectation of the arrival of more than a dozen flights from the United States with military equipment for the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Over the last 24 hours, 20 deliveries have already been made from seven different countries to various locations in Ukraine, with everything from mines to shells, rockets, and bulletproof vests.

At the same time, against the background of the embargo on Russian oil, pro-Russian forces of German origin in the European Parliament are trying to introduce a ban on imports of Russian uranium. At the same time, countries such as the Czech Republic, Hungary, Finland, Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovakia, which are 100% dependent on Russian nuclear fuel, may face problems with the maintenance of nuclear power plants that operate mainly on Russian uranium.

But the main event of the day was the decision of the PACE, which unanimously voted in favour of establishing an international tribunal for putin   
and his gang. In addition to this, the Chechen opposition seized the opportunity and proposed to investigate all of putin’s crimes since the late 1990s.

Meanwhile, Kyiv has put forward a proposal to Beijing, agreed with the United States, to become a guarantor of Ukraine’s security, which has become an important political factor in resolving the military conflict. This political gesture is a test of China’s civility and readiness to withdraw from the conflict that arose against the backdrop of Russia’s aggression against Ukraine. The United States is inviting China to cooperate in some way. But China has refused.

***03.05.2022***

Austria, Hungary, and Slovakia withdrew their veto over the embargo on Russian oil. The decisive factor was Germany’s decision to support the imposition of restrictions on Russian energy imports. In addition, Czech President Milos Zeman, previously known for his positive attitude towards Moscow*,* apologised for his previous statements against Ukraine. Against this backdrop, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban was added to the database of the Centre for Research on Signs of Crimes against Ukraine’s National Security, Peace, Human Security and International Law and Order “Myrotvorets”.

***04.05.2022***

Over the past 24 hours, the United States has sent   
14 more flights with defence aid to Ukraine, with 15 more expected in the next 24 hours. The day was also marked by a targeted speech by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, acknowledging the West’s collective guilt in front of Ukrainians.

***05.05.2022***

The EU has announced the sixth package of sanctions targeting Russia’s military leadership involved in the killings in Bucha, as well as many Russian TV channels, and Russian oil. In addition,   
to this, Ukraine was pleasantly surprised by the kremlin’s diplomatic insult to Israel, which compared Nazism with the Jewish nation. As a result, Jerusalem lifted the ban on the Baltic states transferring Israeli weapons to Ukraine. Meanwhile, the Russian offensive, in the second phase of the war, finally stopped.

***06.05.2022***

The Chinese authorities have urgently decided to conduct a large-scale test of the resilience of their economy. With the help of the stress test, the Chinese leadership is trying to develop a strategy in case sanctions like those imposed on Russia are imposed on China. This is one of the first signs of China’s loss of leadership in international and regional communication systems.

Meanwhile, the kremlin has begun to put pressure and demonstrative blackmail on Israel by flirting with the Hamas terrorist group and strengthening ties with Iran. At the same time, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine registered bills to prohibit the circulation of the Russian Ruble   
in Ukraine.

***07.05.2022***

In the third month of the great war, the degree of passion, pain and truth on European television remains the same as in the early days. That is, the understanding that Russia is a real threat to life on the planet has permeated the worldview of the entire West with amazing speed   
and is not letting go. Thus, the new era of the European continent without Russia is now radically changing its political landscape, with countries and leaders that were recently considered close allies of putin beginning to look to Western leaders, and today Germany is becoming their centre of attraction. Meanwhile, France is not lagging.

From this perspective, even pro-Russian Hungary has declared its readiness to participate in the restoration of the infrastructure destroyed during the war in the Kyiv region (especially in Bucha, Borodianka and Irpin) and to receive Ukrainian soldiers for treatment.

At this moment, the U.S. President is signing a memorandum with Armenia (Caucasus region) to strengthen ties across the entire range of bilateral relations and has announced his visit to the Indo-Pacific region, where Joe Biden will visit South Korea and Japan amid North Korea’s ballistic missile tests.

***08.05.2022***

Counterattacks by the Ukrainian Armed Forces are gradually turning into a successful and broad counteroffensive with the liberation of several settlements north and east of Kharkiv. Against this backdrop, the U.S. President announced the signing of the Lend-Lease Act for Ukraine’s democracy protection and the possibility of writing off Ukraine’s foreign debt. Meanwhile, Russian social media began to seriously discuss a possible general or mass mobilisation, which Russian Internet users have already called a general “mogilisation” (i.e. a tombation).

***09.05.2022***

On this day, Russia celebrated another “victory”, while the Ukrainian counter-offensive northeast of Kharkiv began to make significant progress, as Russian occupation forces began to withdraw. It is important to note that against the backdrop of Russia’s retreat, China’s aggressive narrative rhetoric has softened considerably, but Beijing continues to pursue an irresponsible foreign policy like the kremlin’s. For example, China brazenly interfered in the election process in Hong Kong, where it ensured the victory of John Lee, who was loyal to it, by amending the electoral law.

***10.05.2022***

In response, the US banned Americans from trading goods, services, and technology with Russia. Meanwhile, Ukraine completed the second part of the questionnaire for EU candidate status. Meanwhile, Crimea was in a state of mass panic following reports of a possible explosion of the Crimean bridge.

***11.05.2022***

The Lithuanian parliament has recognised the actions of Russian troops in Ukraine as genocide and Russia itself as a terrorist state. This is the first step for the US Congress to make a corresponding decision. Meanwhile, Türkiye is increasingly gaining regional leadership in the Balkans,   
This is reflected in the exposure of Greece, which, as it turned out, has been shamefully helping Russia to maintain its oil exports at pre-war levels despite sanctions that officially closed European ports to Russian ships. Türkiye has harshly criticised the European Union for its lack of control over the implementation of its laws.

***12.05.2022***

The US Congress made a record-breaking decision to allocate $40 billion to Ukraine. This was followed by China’s activity, which was expressed in Xi’s words during a telephone conversation with the French President about respect for Ukraine’s territorial integrity and the need for a ceasefire. Emmanuel Macron, in turn, turned his attention to the fact that this should be told to putin.

***13.05.2022***

The EU has said it is seeking to reduce its dependence on Russian energy resources and has already received a shipment of oil from the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) and will soon receive two more shipments. At this point, Finland officially announced that it would apply for NATO membership.

In addition to this, Germany announced that *“the Nord Stream 2”* gas pipeline, which was being built from Russia to Germany, is dead”. Meanwhile, Ukrainian activists have begun efforts to exclude pro-Russian from participating in the telethon of hosts with a pro-Russian position.

***16.05.2022***

An important point: The US Senate, the Ministry of Defence, the CIA, and the National Intelligence Agency have officially admitted that they had underestimated the capabilities of Ukrainian troops to withstand the Russian invasion. After that, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said that the US would not make similar mistakes again. Against this backdrop, Chinese propaganda joined Russia’s nuclear threats not against Ukraine, but against Europe and the world.

It is interesting to note that with the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Beijing   
at this point used a completely different narrative, namely: “*non-interference   
in the confrontation between the two “great powers”*. So, this is how the Chinese divisive tactics are trying to apply to the Western world. In other words, China is calling on the countries of the Asia-Pacific region to abandon cooperation with Washington and London and start building their security regime together with Beijing.

***17.05.2022***

Meanwhile, putin did manage to convene a Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) meeting as an attempt to respond to NATO in some way. At the same time, according to international political experts: *“It would have been* *better if he hadn’t done it”*. After all, the Russian dictator failed to achieve his main goal: to force CSTO members to help him in his war against Ukraine.

***18.05.2022***

In the American information space, there are signs of some reservations about Ukraine as the winner of Russia. This is because it is assumed that the winner will be responsible for the security situation in the Eastern European region in the future. All this was voiced during a Pentagon briefing with a key thesis: *“The* *Ukrainian Armed Forces are skilfully using American weapons in combat; the enemy is retreating*”*.*

Against this backdrop, Chinese propaganda media have once again stopped voicing narratives in support of Russia. Moreover, all Chinese publications have removed the section on the Chinese-Russian “*partnership without borders”* project*.* Thus, we can conclude that China was ready to share the victory with Russia, no matter how expensive it cost, but China was not ready to share defeat with Russia. We also note India which has suspended negotiations with Russia on the purchase of Russian military weapons.

***19.05.2022***

The civilised world no longer uses the verb “resists” about Ukraine. From now on, this phrase is used exclusively about Russia. This shows that an important psychological turning point in the war has taken place, which will entail in the future, the aggressor’s ultimate inability to attack   
and its transition to defence. Meanwhile, Türkiye is again showing its character by blocking the start of negotiations in the Alliance on the accession of Finland and Sweden. In doing so, the Turkish leader has resorted to direct blackmail, as these actions offer him a unique chance to ask the West for unprecedented concessions for Türkiye. The message is clear: either hand over political opponents who are hiding in Sweden, or there will not be agreement on NATO’s enlargement.

This is what the difference in fundamental values among the members of the same Union means – it is far from being as harmless as it might seem at first glance and can play a critical role in a critical situation.

Regarding the earlier report about Greece helping Russia to sell its oil, U.S. President Joe Biden had a long-lasting meeting with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis to discuss the issue of ending aid to the kremlin.

In addition, the statement by Moldovan President Maia Sandu on the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Transnistria is a useful factor for Ukraine. Thus, a constant reminder to the world of the criminality and cunning of the Russian regime will speed up the adoption of important decisions to end its existence.

Against this backdrop, the UK supported the US initiative to convene a special tribunal for putin and all other persons involved in the commission of heinous war crimes in Ukraine. At this time the UN discussed a possible long-term famine due to blocked access to ports by Russia. The UN’s concern over this issue is well-founded, because if putin does not unblock Ukrainian ports   
on the Black and Azov Seas, a serious food crisis will begin in the Third World in autumn. So, putin is aware of the tool he now has to further blackmail the West.

At the same time, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine registered draft laws on the extension of martial law in Ukraine after 24 May and on the extension of mobilisation.

***20.05.2022***

For the first time in Lebanon’s state history, the terrorist group Hezbollah, and its pro-kremlin allies, supported by Russian militants from the Wagner PMC, lost the elections. Independent deputies won 14 seats in the parliament, and the largest Christian party won 20. Thus, the agreements and corrupt practices that had previously characterised Lebanon’s state system have been destroyed. Fresh blood has flowed through the parliamentary veins and with it the hope of the Lebanese people for a more or less “bright tomorrow”. Considering this, the words of the Prime Minister of Poland: *“The battle for Ukraine will decide the future of the current era*”, take on even greater significance.

Meanwhile, a bill has been introduced in the Russian state Duma that would give putin the power to create “temporary administrations” abroad. This is done to further the occupation of Ukrainian territories. At the same time,   
this is perceived ambiguously in the kremlin itself, as the leadership of the Russian security forces understands that the war against Ukraine has already been lost. After all, this war was doctrinally designed as something that needed to be ended within one week. What is happening now is a kind of “second” war that has not yet been completely lost. Meanwhile, a Ukrainian court has granted permission for the arrest of deposed President Viktor Yanukovych.

***21.05.2022***

The military and political conditions of relations between Ukraine   
and the countries of the world are becoming increasingly stronger against the background of the military and political strengthening of the Indo-Pacific region against Chinese encroachment, as well as the world community’s understanding of the onset of a global food catastrophe and consideration of the possible expansion of the war beyond Ukraine’s borders. Meanwhile, Russian propagandists have paused rebuilding their information warfare strategy against Ukraine.

***22.05.2022***

Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia have refused to buy Russian energy resources. These countries have completely stopped importing Russian energy resources: oil, electricity, and natural gas. Meanwhile, Germany and Qatar signed an agreement to deepen cooperation in the energy sector. Thus, Berlin seeks to diversify its natural gas supplies   
and stop using Russian gas. Against the backdrop of these events, U.S. Presidential Advisor Jack Sullivan informed about Beijing’s desire   
to have another talk with Washington.

In addition, Indigenous peoples in Russia suddenly rebelled: Bashkirs, Buryats, Ingush, Kalmyks, Erzya and Udegean activists who even created a political platform, the League of Free Nations, to decolonise the peoples of Russia and gain real sovereignty. In other words, discussions about the future of the “Russian Federation” after the end of the Russian-Ukrainian war began to emerge in the Russian media space.

Meanwhile, it turned out that members of the OPFL faction, which was liquidated in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, still have the right access to state secrets. This is the same specific disposal regime that we described in more detail above.

***23.05.2022***

A regular Ramstein meeting of countries took place, now called the *Ukraine Defence Contact Group*. More than 40 countries have confirmed their participation. It should be noted that the *Contact Group* *is no* longer just about weapons. The words of Pentagon spokesman John Kirby are important, saying that such meetings will discuss, among other things, Ukraine’s future, and security assistance. That is, the supply of weapons is only one element of security and the future: tactics, strategy, intelligence, the information front, the economic front, ways to liberate the temporarily occupied territories and the contours of the future are all included in this definition.

Meanwhile, another military enlistment office in Russia is on fire. Currently, this is the 13th arson attack on military commissariats since the beginning of the large-scale invasion of Ukraine. In addition, Kazakhstan has defiantly withdrawn from the CIS tax agreement.

So, putin started the war to push back NATO and restore the USSR. But it turned out the other way round: the border with NATO is doubling, while the CIS and the “customs union” are falling apart.

At the same time, the relative pro-Russian space for manipulating fundamental concepts is recorded, as the count showed that there are three times as many streets in Kharkiv with Russian names as Ukrainian ones. This raises the question of whether this war will become an inoculation for the pro-Russian part, including the residents of Kharkiv.

All of this could be seen as paranoid thoughts, but all the above is somehow connected to the fact that a new world history is currently being written in Ukraine. And this history is being written by both official and   
unofficial structures, on which hundreds of think tanks and equally influential NGOs depend. For example: “The Club of Rome”, “the Group of Thirty”, “the Atlantic Council”, “the Cato Institute”, “the Helena Group”, “the Tavistock Institute”, and others. That is why John Kirby notes that the “contact group” *is no longer just* about weapons.

***24.05.2022***

Meanwhile, an important factor in the internal self-purification of Ukrainian society was the registration of a petition on the website of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to ban the Russian orthodox church in Ukraine – the “Moscow patriarchate”.

***25.05.2022***

Moreover, Ukraine’s global cooperation with the civilised world is becoming an antidote to Russian blackmail: Russia is blackmailing the world with hunger, and Ukraine is opening new lines of solidarity. Meanwhile, Europe is funding various types of communication to make the Ukrainian narrative heard around the world. Thus, unity is becoming the main lever for the civilised world to win over autocratic countries.

***27.05.2022***

At the same time, the White House announced the official US strategy towards China. The main narratives were the following: (**1**) the Chinese Communist Party has become more repressive at home and more aggressive abroad; (**2**) the US can no longer rely on Beijing to change its trajectory, so it has formed a strategic environment around Beijing to promote a civilised vision of the international system; (**3**) the US does not seek to cut China off from the global economy, but wants Beijing to adhere to international rules.

Meanwhile, in Ukraine, the head of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, Epiphany, called on the Ecumenical Patriarch and the heads of other local autocephalous Orthodox churches to condemn the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Kirill, for propaganda of war and depose him.

***28.05.2022***

After the official publication of the US Strategy towards China, Beijing asked Washington not to inflate the “Chinese threat” and not to scare the whole world. The US response was immediate: “*China is the only country that intends to change the international order using Russia to do so. Beijing’s genocidal vision will lead us away from the universal values that have sustained global progress over the past 75 years”.*

Thus, the United States is explicitly telling its allies that any alliances with China and any negotiations with Russia are unacceptable. Moreover, 30 leading legal scholars and experts on genocide have issued a joint report accusing the Russian state of violating the UN Genocide Convention. Thus, this is nothing more than the first layer of groundwork for the US Senate to recognise the actions of the Russian occupation army as genocide against the Ukrainian people.

In response, China and Russia vetoed a resolution proposed by the United States to impose additional UN sanctions on North Korea over its renewed ballistic missile launches.

And in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, Russian state TV channels were switched off at that moment. This is evidence that the kremlin   
is losing its information and political influence and control over countries that yesterday were presented as “*satellite allies”*.

***30.05.2022***

In the context of restoring its propaganda strength, the kremlin, with the support of China, began to introduce the following: (**1)** *“The West has abandoned Ukraine*”; (**2)** “*Ukraine has been betrayed”*; (**3)** “*In case of defeat, Russia will strike with nuclear weapons*”.

***31.05.2022***

In Ukraine, pro-kremlin groups continue to take active measures to disguise themselves among the Ukrainian authorities and clergy. We are talking about the pro-Russian party “Opposition Platform – for Life” and the “Moscow patriarchate”. The first ones are trying to disguise themselves as a new pro-Russian force – the parliamentary group “Restoration of Ukraine”. Meanwhile, the Moscow patriarchate religious and occult organisation continues to take a wait-and-see attitude. There are no harsh statements or attempts to condemn putin.

*Thus, the military-political conditions of relations between Ukraine and the countries of the world today are shaped by the global food shortage and its high cost caused by Russia’s aggression against Ukraine. However, the picture is much broader. After all, a wide pluralism of opinions has turned into a global moral relativism that stank of nihilism, and this has led to the spread of narcissism, personified by putin and Xi.*

*That is why the kremlin is once again mentioning nuclear weapons, but this time at the behest of Beijing. In response, the civilised world is slowly beginning to abandon political tolerance.*

*Thus, nihilism and narcissism lead cultural evolution to a dead end, where turning back becomes a necessary tool for self-regulation. That is why the United States, at the beginning of Russia’s great invasion, offered Moscow to abandon its aggression in exchange for the lifting of all sanctions imposed since 2014. This is how the evolutionary flow rethinks the disposition and rebuilds itself. For this, it is often necessary to step back for a while, retrace your steps to the point where the decline began, and start again from there. That is why the United States first collectively admits its mistakes about the readiness of Ukrainians to defend their land and then announces its future strategy towards China.*

*Thus, we can even conclude that the first and most difficult tests of the strength of our unity are over. But then a new stage begins under the narrative of “putin has no way out”.*

*However, the military-political conditions of relations are still shaping up against the backdrop of first, the United States concentrating on countries that have supported Russia in one way or another for a long time; second, China’s loss of strategic influence; and third, the activity of pro-putin populists in the United States.*

**JUNE**

*At the beginning of the month, according to a poll by the Democratic Initiatives Foundation, 66% of Ukrainians believed that Britain   
is Ukraine’s biggest ally. Compared to the results of the February 2021 poll, the opinion of the UK as Ukraine’s greatest ally has increased more than 13 times (it was 5%). Poland (35%, now 65%) and the United States (38%, now 63%) are also among the top three allies. The opinion of alliance with Ukraine in such countries as Belarus (10%), Russia (2%) and Hungary (7%) has fallen to zero, while in Georgia (14%) and Moldova (7%) it has fallen to 1%.*

*So, because of Russia’s direct aggression and the reaction of other countries and other countries’ reactions to it, Ukrainians have seriously reassessed their vision of the world around them, their cultural and security orientations, and their future, in terms of development and partnerships.*

*However, in the field of communication, Ukrainian society remains too deeply integrated into the Russian-language information field and, as a result of being in the distorted Soviet-Russian information reality for too long, remains poorly oriented and, therefore, not very resilient to challenges and, accordingly, vulnerable to the introduction of hostile narratives. In particular, society’s incorrect assessment of the balance of power in the international arena and risks of a global scale, which is expressed in particular in inappropriate, biased or unjustified negative assessments of the actions of the leaders of the allied countries, their state structures, and sometimes the military leadership, threatens to discredit Ukraine in the eyes of partners, whose help largely nourishes and ensures our resilience. However, on the other hand, such negativity does not lead to demotivation of Ukrainian society itself – there is rather an emotional breakdown caused by the conditions of a full-scale war and the irreversible losses caused by it, which, by inertia, translates into clichés that have been imposed by Moscow’s ideology for years.*

*Ukraine’s military victory is already obvious, but the issue of the victory of consciousness and spirituality remains relevant through the internal strengthening of the Ukrainian political nation, renewed by the trials, and the prevention of enemy information, political, administrative, and destructive penetration after the end of hostilities. It is disturbing that in the fourth month of the full-scale war, there is still no appropriate socio-political assessment of the activities of such a powerful kremlin agent network as the Moscow patriarchate inside the country.*

*Today, the Armed Forces of Ukraine remain the only driving force not only in the defence of Ukraine but also in its state-building. Meanwhile, the world is also overcoming the inertial processes that led it to expect Russia’s quick victory wherever it appeared, to shy away from contacts with countries that Moscow, for its imperial reasons, considered its sphere of influence, and to fear the kremlin’s threats. By paying attention to the Ukrainian cause and its attitude to the just and undoubted desire of Ukrainians to defend their freedom and their country, the democratic world has demonstrated its unity   
and consistent readiness to help Ukraine defend its proclaimed (and indeed our common) democratic values.*

*June became a month of rapid evolution for European democracies, from a sense of solidarity with the brave Ukrainians and the Ukrainian Armed Forces to a tough stance: “No more turning a blind eye   
to the obvious criminal actions of autocracies under the pretext of not provoking an escalation”.*

*Accordingly, the conflict has become more violent, but this is what has forced the secret supporters of Russia to reveal themselves and shake their seemingly monolithic ranks. China has moved from being a second-line participant in the conflict to the front row and is finding it difficult to pretend to be a neutral party. Although it has long been obvious to everyone that there is no point in talking to putin – it is necessary to talk to Xi. Dependent on Russian arms supplies in the face of a military threat from China, India is taking an openly independent stance; Hungary is trying to maintain at least some credibility among European countries; a diplomatic war for Africa is underway, with France and the United States trying to counter Russian–Chinese influence. Türkiye, where Erdogan is trying to play his own game, also having certain ambitions and claims to world leadership, is more in the democratic camp.*

*For their part, democratic countries, thanks to the firm stance of the United States and the United Kingdom are strengthening and expanding their circle of allies. Their actions to support Ukraine and provide comprehensive military and political assistance are becoming more consolidated and more radical. The positions of Germany, Finland, and Denmark are becoming more radicalised, the Middle East is becoming more active, and African countries are taking a wait-and-see attitude.*

*Meanwhile, the President of Ukraine is actively communicating with the world, and Ukrainian society is actively supporting its army. Against this backdrop, the kremlin is highly active in the media, relying on China’s political, economic and media support, which in turn is testing the democratic world’s resilience by escalating the situation in the Indo-Pacific region, which is becoming, in fact, the second political and information front. The goal: is to distract the world from Ukraine and analyse the possibilities of its military expansion (primarily Taiwan, as well as disputed territories with Japan and India).*

*Sanctions against Russia are increasing, but everyone understands that they will eventually work. So far, the kremlin has managed to get away with using available resources, secret agreements with partners, smuggling and plundering Ukrainian territories, and the free democratic world continues to demonstrate incredible unity and determination to suppress autocrats. The high level of communication between Ukraine and the countries of the world is currently maintained thanks to the special attention of the United States of America and the United Kingdom to our country.*

*The set of indicators allows us to characterise the war   
in Ukraine as a military conflict with high dynamics.*

*At the current stage, the countries of NATO’s eastern flank are facing   
with an increased threat from the Russian – Chinese leadership, which has shown itself ready and able to commit military attacks on the neighbouring countries. The activation, actions and decisions that had to be taken in the new crises helped to create a stronger deterrence posture and increased defence capabilities in the eight countries on the eastern flank.*

*Ukraine is seen as an example of resilience and an important contributor to stabilising the security situation in the Eastern European region.*

***01.06.2022***

The EU has agreed on an oil embargo against Russia. From now on, the aggressor country will lose 90% of its black gold exports to Europe.

***02.06.2022***

A new package of military assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine has been announced. The package includes long-range missile systems and other large-calibre weapons. At the same time, the issue of the global food crisis is becoming more and more acute, which, as it turned out, cannot be resolved without the return of Ukrainian and some Russian food to the world market. As noted earlier, the Russian dictator is actively using this to force world leaders to seek communication with him.

Meanwhile, the opinion of OPEC members has changed, and they are considering suspending Russia’s participation in the production agreement due to the EU sanctions and embargo. They believe that Russia’s credibility and further ability to produce fuel has been completely undermined.

***03.06.2022***

The Alliance has begun preparing a new NATO strategic concept,   
which will identify Russia as the main threat to the entire civilised world. The document will also highlight Russia’s close cooperation with China.

It should be noted that “3 June” is the hundredth day of Russia’s large-scale war against Ukraine. It is interesting to note that the kremlin forbids its propagandists to focus on the timing of the war.

In different parts of the world: from Asia to Africa, from the Middle East   
to India, Russian myths are being debunked, and with each exposure of another deception, putin and Russia are increasingly turning   
into a “straw man”. In addition to this, the war has changed information priorities, as social media have overtaken television and radio.

***04.06.2022***

Saudi Arabia has announced its readiness to increase oil production. This will fully compensate for the loss of Russian oil from the market. The lion’s share of the growth will come from Saudi Arabia and the UAE. This is a great success, especially for Washington, which managed to reach an agreement with Saudi Arabia despite Joe Biden’s chilly relationship with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

***05.06.2022***

Meanwhile, the kremlin has confirmed that the global food crisis, which can be used to blackmail the world, is currently the only weapon they have against the West that is more or less usable, and they will not give it up easily.

Meanwhile, Russia has been expelled from 42 international institutions. These include the Council of Europe, the UN Human Rights Council, the World Tourism Organisation, and the International Union of Railways.

***06.06.2022***

One of the most private meetings of the world’s elite has begun in Washington: The 68th Bilderberg Conference, which supporters of conspiracy theories call the shadow government of the planet because the Bilderberg Club unites almost 400 members – leading world politicians, businessmen, financiers, and media heads. The agenda is the following: (**1**) Geopolitical reconstruction; (**2**) NATO challenges; (**3**) Ukraine; (**4**) China; (**5**) Russia; (**6**) Financial system disruption; (***7***). Energy security; (**8**) Fragmentation of democratic societies.

***09.06.2022***

To support the economic component of Ukrainian statehood, the World Bank has approved another $1.5 billion in financial assistance to Ukraine. The funds will be used to pay salaries to the Ukrainian military, civil servants, and social sector employees.

***10.06.2022***

Ukraineand its Armed Forces remain in the spotlight of the entire democratic world. Meanwhile, the United States continues its efforts to educate the rest of the world about the coalition and to economically entice it to join. Washington is saying in no uncertain terms that the country that joins the coalition will enjoy all the economic and legal benefits of the United States and its allies in the future. The White House has planned the following events:

**10 June –** Bucharest Summit of the B9 (the group includes Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, and the Czech Republic). The topic of the meeting: “Ukraine and the Johnson Project”;   
**15 June –** Ramstein Group meeting;

**25 June –** G7 meeting. The topic of the meeting: “China – Russia – weapons – Ukraine – Ukrainian grain”;

**28 June –** NATO summit. The theme of the summit: “Sweden – Finland – Türkiye – Ukraine – nuclear threats”.

So, Ukraine was in the spotlight this month, which made it impossible for Russia and its overlord China to insidiously implement their narratives against Ukraine. At the same time, the main event of the day was the European Parliament’s recommendation to grant Ukraine the status of an EU candidate. In addition, the European Parliament recommended that “weapons should be provided to Ukraine without delay by the needs of its Armed Forces”.

***11.06.2022***

The event to which the attention of the whole world will be focused for the next three days – the main Asian security summit “IISS Shangri-La Dialogue” in Singapore. Where about 500 delegates from 42 countries, including more than 60 ministers and senior defence officials, will gather for the first time after a two-year hiatus at the Orchard Road Centre for speeches, debates, and meetings on the sidelines. The dialogue was opened by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, whose narrative is the position of the next G7 leader. Then the United States took over the initiative with its American view of security in the region.

However, the most intriguing part of the dialogue was the speech by Chinese Defence Minister Wei Fenghe. The intrigue is that against the backdrop of the Chinese minister’s speech, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega allowed the entry of Russian troops, ships, and aircraft into his country from the second half of this year.

***12.06.2022***

The world’s attention is focused on the main Asian security summit. The President of Ukraine confirmed in his online connection   
that Russia’s military aggression against Ukraine is just a manoeuvre to distract from the main battlefield. So, currently, the Indo-Pacific region is at the centre of the US grand strategy. The United States is investing heavily in the region, which means a long-term perspective and a willingness to defend the vision of a positive future for the region, but not without Ukraine’s direct involvement. That is why Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, and other countries have rushed to provide security assistance to Ukraine. And that is why countries in the region have accelerated humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people, including vital contributions from Singapore, Thailand, India, and Vietnam.

It should be noted that more US military personnel are stationed in this region than in any other part of the world: more than 300,000. The fiscal year 2023 budget includes some of the largest investments in the history of the region’s security. It includes $6.1 billion for the Pacific Initiative.

Meanwhile, the trial over the downing of the MH17 aircraft over the Donetsk region has ended in the Netherlands. The court accuses four servicemen from Russia’s 53rd Air Defence Brigade of being responsible for the tragedy.

It is interesting to note that against this background, the Russian authorities have fantasised about creating a so-called "*new G8"* under the Chinese presidency. This would allegedly include China, India, Russia, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, Iran, and Türkiye. No one reacted to this fantasy of the kremlin authorities. They did not notice.

***13.06.2022***

The final day of the Singapore Security Summit was largely devoted to Ukraine. Thus, Singapore’s Defence Minister Eng Hen, who chaired a closed roundtable meeting at the Shangri-La Dialogue between defence ministers from 27 countries, organised a very significant and in-depth discussion of Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine. As a result of the meeting, the participants clearly realised that the continuation of Russian aggression would mean a higher price for the rest of the world.

But we also talked about what would happen if the world turned   
in the other direction and allows this aggression to continue. This means   
that the participants understand that their region could be next   
and they have seen what this could look like in the example of Ukraine.

***14.06.2022***

At the same time, the European Commission held a debate on the prospects of Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia’s membership in the EU. According to the results of the debate: Ukraine is a positive decision almost without any questions, Moldova – is a concession to Romania and Austria, but few people want to see Georgia with its current leadership in the EU today. At the same time, the contours of a “Marshall Plan” have been discussed on various international platforms. The problematic question is: “*Who the administrator of the funds will be?”*.

At this point, Ukraine began preparations to host the Eurovision Song Contest in 2023, despite the ongoing hostilities in the country.

***15.06.2022***

Two pieces of news that will have an extremely negative impact on Russia’s financial situation in the medium and long term: the European Union is disconnecting *Sberbank*, *RSGB* and *MKL* from SWIFT today.

Meanwhile, six pro-Russian parties have already been banned in Ukraine: “*Opposition Bloc”*, “*Socialists”, “Justice and Development”, “Derzhava”, “Nashi”, and “Volodymyr Saldo’s Bloc”*.

***16.06.2022***

The White House has decided to support the idea of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to create a new union in Europe, consisting of Britain, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and at some stage Türkiye. The US welcomed this initiative. Thus, we are approaching the beginning of the transformation of a sustainable European order, which will result in Ukraine’s full integration into the security system of the Eastern European region.

To this end, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg specifically noted that NATO is preparing a separate plan to transfer the Ukrainian Armed Forces from post-soviet weapons to those of the Alliance.

***17.06.2022***

Three states of the Western Balkans: Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia, as well as France, Germany, Italy, and Romania, have officially supported the granting of EU candidate status to Ukraine; Europe   
does not demand any territorial concessions from Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the Russian dictator spoke with the Chinese dictator. This is their second conversation since the beginning of Russia’s great invasion. Xi reaffirmed Moscow’s support in security matters. At the same time, a Russian report on the conversation said that Xi emphasised on  
the “*legitimacy of Russia’s actions to protect national interests”* considering “*security challenges posed by external forces”*.

***18.06.2022***

In an interview, U.S. President Joe Biden explained to US citizens why they should make economic sacrifices to support Ukraine in the war. At the same time, the US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin explained to the world community the importance of public understanding of the processes that are currently taking place against the backdrop of China’s aggressive policy. Meanwhile, China has launched a third aircraft carrier named after the province opposite Taiwan – Fujian. This is a vivid example of the fact that the kremlin-China narrative is not to be believed: “*China allegedly just wants a piece of Siberia”,* or *“You have to be able to do business with China”,* or “*China’s neutrality suits us”*. China only rebroadcasts Russian propaganda.

***19.06.2022***

The high level of communication between Ukraine and the world is maintained thanks to the special attention of the United States and the United Kingdom to our country.

***20.06.2022***

The situation currently unfolding at the front is being called a “military miracle” in Western capitals – Ukraine is being portrayed in the Western media as a country with the highest military potential in the world and promising military personnel who know their job, who are easily trained and show outstanding creativity in combat. At the same time, official Kyiv is already thinking about the possibility of negotiating with the kremlin from a “position of strength”. That is why the kremlin has begun to reveal all its agents of influence in a completely stupid way. The goal is to prevent the supply of military equipment at all costs.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian state has taken another important step   
towards the civilised development of its society. Thus, the President of Ukraine submitted a draft law to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the ratification of the Istanbul Convention. This Convention provides the protection of women from all forms of violence, including domestic violence. In addition, the Ukrainian parliament has centrally banned Russian music in the Ukrainian media and public space. Russian music, as well as the import   
and distribution of books and other publishing products from Russia, Belarus   
and the currently Russian-controlled territories of Ukraine.

***21.06.2022***

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appealed to the UN to ensure that children abducted from Ukraine cannot be adopted by Russian families.

***23.06.2022***

Meanwhile, in the Odesa region, it was decided to stop teaching the Russian language and literature*.* Russian language and literature will disappear in the region as subjects. The textbooks have already been withdrawn, and all Russian writers have been removed from the curriculum. They will be replaced by authors from other countries. Also, the Russian language will not be able to exist in schools even as an optional subject, it will be banned from being taught completely. Against this backdrop, Ukraine is being granted EU candidate status.

***24.06.2022***

Ukraine has been granted EU candidate status. This is a great recognition, which primarily means moving to the next level with a special “homework” that Ukraine has to complete by the end of this year, namely seven reforms on: (**1**) the selection of judges to the Constitutional Court; (**2**) verification of the High Council of Justice; (**3**) appointment of new directors of the main anti-corruption offices; (**4**) reforming law enforcement agencies in line with international standards; (**5**) limiting the influence of oligarchs on the political life of the country; (**6**) establishing independent media regulators; and finally, (**7**) ensuring proper respect for minority rights in the areas of education, language and democratic participation.

***25.06.2022***

The G7 Summit begins. On the agenda, in addition to Russia’s war against Ukraine, is China’s aggressive behaviour, namely opposition to the Chinese “*One Belt, One Road”* project*, as* well as cooperation in foreign and security policy, which may include more assertive cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. After all, in economic terms, China is now openly moving in a different direction than the G7: it is throwing a lifeline to the sanctioned aggressive Russia, waging a trade war with EU member state, Lithuania, over the Taiwan dispute. Meanwhile, for the first time, Russia launched an air strike on Ukraine directly from the territory of Belarus.

***27.06.2022***

The G7 is focusing on how to not only cope with the problems in the global economy as a result of putin’s war but also how to bring putin (the Russian dictator) to justice and make sure that he suffers losses and consequences for what he does.

***28.06.2022***

The United States imposes blocking sanctions on private military companies operating in Ukraine, Russian military units involved in human rights or international humanitarian law violations in Ukraine, and Russian-appointed officials in the occupied areas, including ministers and mayors of disputed cities.

Against this background, China has stepped up its anti-NATO rhetoric. In particular, Beijing has called NATO a “*product of the Cold War”* dominated by the United States. Meanwhile, the Russian leadership is methodically dragging Belarus into a war with Ukraine.

***30.06.2022***

The NATO Summit adopted a new strategic concept for the Alliance,   
where Russia is named as the main security threat, and China is directly named as the country provoking all economic crises and military conflicts in the world.

*Thus, the world is gradually approaching the establishment of a new world order, with two camps: an autocratic one led by China and a democratic one led by the United States of America.*

*The free world represents 60% of the global economy. This represents a formidable force. There is a grey area (15% of the global economy), as some countries will find it a little difficult to make their choices. India is a great example because it looks at global affairs exclusively through the prism of its struggle with China. That is why India has been receiving arms supplies from Russia for many years, but also developing security relations with the United States in the Indo-Pacific region. The rest of the world economy belongs to autocrats.*

*It is worth noting that propaganda remains the most effective weapon of autocrats. This is the only thing that Russia knows how to use, having reached the highest level of skill. This is the most valuable thing it inherited from the Soviet Union and has developed, multiplied, and modernised it, taking advantage of the latest achievements of progress.*

*In their joint statement, Xi Jinping and putin put forward a vision of a new world order that is profoundly different from that of a free   
and open Indo-Pacific and other regions, including Eastern Europe, which includes Ukraine.*

*So, in key aspects, despite what we hear: China has already made its choice. It’s been more than three months since Russia invaded   
into Ukraine, China – despite the atrocities committed, despite the   
violence, despite the loss of life, despite the global consequences, including food insecurity not only in the region but also beyond – still prefers to support Russia.*

# JULY

*The world is levelling out, problems are being consistently localised and solutions are becoming more visible and even obvious. The competition between democracy and autocracy remains very real and very serious. Europe and the civilised world have clearly realised the consequences of their policy of tolerating autocracies and are increasingly determined to defend democracy. Diplomacy towards aggressors is becoming irrelevant.*

*The democratic part of the world sees two main tasks in its opposition to the traditional camp of aggressive autocratic regimes: (****1)*** *to end the conflict in Ukraine, which – and this is already clear to everyone – is today a military arena of global confrontation; (****2)*** *to prevent the**current theatre of war from spreading to other countries and growing to other countries and escalate into even larger-scale hostilities.*

*Ukraine, the United States and NATO play a key role in organising effective resistance to the harsh aggressive policy of the “club of autocrats”.*

*The latest NATO Summit clearly demonstrated the world’s understanding of the threats and the importance of supporting Ukraine, which is at the forefront of a fierce battle, in the real, not the allegorical sense of the phrase. Ukraine’s rear is covered by a wise, firm, and balanced policy of the United States and the steadfast solidarity of countries that have not managed to become overly dependent on Moscow and Beijing. Europe is demonstrating unprecedented unity even in the face of Russian energy blackmail, which risks leading to an energy catastrophe and is taking active measures to protect itself from this by having an “energy operational pause” (summer-autumn).*

*Realising that Russia’s invasion of Ukraine took place under the cover and with the consent of China – which for years has been building the foundations of its own breakthrough to world supremacy, including the “soft” newest colonisation of Africa and the Indo-Pacific, the establishment of a hard-line dominance over Russia, the expansion of its influence in the Middle East and Latin America, and the planned economic conquest of Europe, the democratic camp is actually working to complete the following: (****1)*** *building/strengthening internal resilience, regardless of regional competition and ongoing political processes at the national level; (****2****) comprehensive military assistance to Ukraine to strengthen its armed forces, protect them from exsanguination and prepare them for decisive counter-attacks; (****3)*** *a**tough sanctions policy against Russia and those who support it in order to weaken its military capabilities; (****4)*** *revealing China’s true foreign policy position in order to curb its aggressive ambitions and minimise its assistance to the kremlin regime; (****5)*** *reducing the number of open and hidden allies of Russia and China; (****6****) weakening the political and economic positions of China and Russia in geostrategic regions by reaching mutually beneficial agreements and consensus with regional players.*

*As for the sanctions policy, the results of the export controls imposed on Moscow by the United States and its allies around the world are only now beginning to become visible, three months after they were introduced: Russia’s largest state-owned companies have lost 90% of their market capitalisation; about 1000 multinational companies have suspended their operations; inflation in Russia is already passing the 20% barrier, and the Russian stock market has lost a third of its value. And these are only the first consequences of the war in Ukraine. However, Russia and Beijing had been preparing for possible sanctions in advance and today Moscow is surviving thanks to the alternative routes it had thought out.*

*On the other hand, the behaviour of the Russian dictator lately resembles the actions of someone who is in a hopeless situation and does not want to admit it. After all, (****1)*** *there has been a visible turnaround in the military situation at the front and not in Moscow’s favour, (****2****) Russian oil must look for markets to replace those lost in the face of fierce competition with oil flows from the Middle East, in particular Iranian oil, and this may lead to a split in the autocrats’ camp. The war in Ukraine is becoming increasingly aggressive and is slipping into elementary terrorism on the part of Russia, which has already been pointed out by leading US think tanks. The Russian dictator is clearly desperate because of Ukraine’s systematic acquisition of modern, effective, and high-precision weapons, as he is losing every opportunity to create conditions for a protracted war in Ukraine by military means. Unwilling to accept reality, the dictator is resorting to a large-scale blackmail policy – the energy system, gas and oil transport communications, and food supplies are under attack. Attempts continue to intimidate Ukrainians and the whole world through the killing of civilians, torture, and brutal executions of prisoners of war, which are made public through social media.*

*Russia is expected to continue to threaten the flow of oil, gas, and agricultural products as winter approaches.*

*Beijing and Moscow’s smaller “friends” such as Hungary (Orban) and the Vatican (Pope Francis) are trying to help the kremlin by creating conditions for a protracted war in Ukraine through political means. Hence the production of calls for a “ceasefire” and accusations of Ukraine’s allies of “aggressiveness” and “fuelling the conflict”.*

*In this situation, the United States continues to fulfil its global task of arranging the world political space not in favour of the aggressors. First and foremost, it is the Indo-Pacific region, Africa, and the Middle East. Significantly, the United States and Israel have started positive communication with Saudi Arabia. Without peace in the Middle East, without the settlement of internal communication policy between the countries of this region, peace in Ukraine and the world will never come. Without Saudi Arabia’s participation and without accepting its leadership in the region, no one has access to the Middle East at all has the keys of access to the Middle East, except, of course, the military way. But it is the military way that has led to the current imbalance of the sustainable world order.*

*Moreover, we should not forget that Saudi Arabia is the head of the global oil cartel OPEC, and in this industry, it determines the quantity of goods, their price and place of sale, so the US rapprochement with Saudi Arabia opens a new page in the history of the world order. And the place of China and Russia in this story is rapidly moving further and further from the foreground. The United States is confidently returning to the Middle East, and the very possibility of negotiating with Saudi Arabia on the level of oil production is a significant trump card in the strategic game. Increased oil production should reduce the price of oil, slow inflation and deprive Russia of excessive profits from the sale of this raw material.*

*By cutting off China from the Middle East and the Indo-Pacific region, the United States is also depriving it of the opportunity to receive modern innovative technologies. The US leadership in this critical area is bringing Beijing to its knees. Of course, Beijing does not recognise this and will continue to resist for a long time not recognising the crimes of the Russian military in Ukraine and arguing over “disputed territories”, in particular Taiwan. But the situation is now such that, perhaps for the first time in China’s history, time is playing against it, as the technological world is developing rapidly every day, and China no longer has a place there.*

*In the confrontation between autocracies and democracies, the United States is increasingly showing political firmness even towards its allies. Therefore, Washington will show the same firmness in its time about Kyiv. Moreover, Ukraine has already emerged as the main outpost of NATO in the eastern direction and firmly remains a subject of international politics and an object of attention of the whole world, both civilised and aggressively uncivilised.*

*While confidently holding its external front, Ukraine has not gotten rid of painful problems on the domestic front: the national oligarchy continues to threaten Ukrainian statehood.*

*Russia’s grain blackmail has also become a challenge for Ukraine. Having made it impossible to export Ukrainian grain, in particular to African countries, Russia has been organising massive anti-Ukrainian propaganda among the countries directly dependent on these supplies since spring, following its well-established scheme (creating a problem for a third party – shifting the blame to the opponent), countries that are directly dependent on these supplies, trying to keep them in its sphere of influence and thereby force Ukraine to the negotiating table.*

*Ukraine made the only right decision not to engage in direct contact with Russia. The so-called “grain deal” was signed between Ukraine, Türkiye, and the UN and between Russia, Türkiye and the UN, with the last two ones acting as intermediaries and taking responsibility for the delivery. Although in the case of Russia – it is naive to believe that Russia will comply with the agreement.*

*The central government of Ukraine explained the essence of the grain deal quite clearly. The government’s communication with Ukrainians was quite sufficient. The text of the agreement has been published. The most common questions have been answered. The delegation in Istanbul behaved with dignity at the signing, clearly demonstrating that Ukraine does not trust Russia. Accordingly, no joint documents were signed between Russia and Ukraine. The parties did not issue a joint statement. And these details were covered by all the world’s media.*

*At this stage, it was beneficial for Russia to achieve a ceasefire while retaining the seized territories and, if possible, to involve the United States in the negotiations – because the superiority complex (no matter that Moscow has long been under Beijing’s indirect rule) does not allow it to be treated as an “equal” with Ukraine in order to get out of an unpleasant, obviously losing situation, it seeks to turn the war into a “status conflict” at the level of “Russia – the United States”. But will serious players talk to political losers?*

*For Ukraine, which wants to regain its territories as soon as possible, the ceasefire is not beneficial. It was important for us to have the right to launch counterattacks despite the agreement. We really do not believe that Russia can be defeated at the negotiating table. That is why the range of targets that cannot be attacked was narrowed as much as possible.*

*There is no responsibility in the agreement because no one is interested in playing with an uncertain Russia in mutual promises. Its responsibility for non-fulfilment of the agreement will happen, as all our partners, from the US to the UK and the EU stated that. That is why this agreement is not a concession to Russia. Ukraine gets a chance to sell grain, get money for it, pay salaries, pay taxes, sow/harvest a new crop, and at the same time continue to beat the Russian occupiers. The world gets food, takes away Russia’s instrument of pressure, saves billions in aid to poor countries and lowers food prices.*

*As for the hostilities, the set of strategic indicators allows us to characterise them as a military conflict with high dynamics.*

*If it drags out for at least one year, Russia’s break with Europe and its retreat into the Asian political and economic space will be inevitable, which in turn will have a significant impact on the transformation and reconfiguration of world relations. Thus, the real consequences of the war in Ukraine are yet to come, and the world is beginning to realise this.*

*The residual pro-Russian sentiment in Ukraine is still difficult to assess, but the war has united Ukrainians, including in regions that were considered pro-Russian. At the same time, Ukraine is gradually gaining subjectivity in international relations, and the Armed Forces of Ukraine remain the only entity of Ukrainian statehood that is trusted not only by Ukrainian society, but also by the entire civilised world.*

***01.07.2022***

So, if we consider sanctions, export controls, isolation   
in almost all spheres of life, default, and the long-lasting consequences,   
it is no longer just the *Iron Curtain* that the *Soviet Union used to block off the* world, but also the *Great Wall of China*. Bad and very bad – this is exactly the choice left to the authoritarian players putin and Xi.

And the results of the NATO Summit show that no matter what putin declares, he has achieved the opposite. The fight against NATO expansion has led to new countries joining it; the “*struggle for peace”* in Donbas – to a large-scale war in the region; the reunification of the “fraternal *people” to* bloody hostility between them. But the most threatening thing for the kremlin is that its insignificant and militarily unprofessional behaviour has exposed and discredited its Beijing overlord, who has now come under the international spotlight.

***02.07.2022***

The US has overtaken Russia in gas supplies to Europe. This is the first month in history when the EU imported more gas from the US than from Russia. Meanwhile, an important event for Ukraine was the decision of the President of Ukraine, the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and the Prime Minister of Ukraine to sign a Joint Statement, which signals the unity of all branches of government and demonstrates Ukraine’s determination to become a full-fledged member of the EU.

***05.07.2022***

The assessment of military-political relations today was formed   
based on analytical materials of the Austrian state media, which stated that today the Ukrainian army has already surpassed NATO troops. According to him, from now on, it is the Ukrainians who can teach the Alliance how to fight, and not vice versa, as NATO troops do not have the same military experience as Ukrainians.

***07.07.2022***

Natural gas has soared to 700% today, becoming quite a driving force in the new Cold War. The fuel shortage has spread to the entire global economy, threatening recessions, and a further wave of inflation. In a word, natural gas is now competing with oil as a fuel, which is defining modern geopolitics.

So, to fully understand the level of the crisis, it is worth recalling that already 30%-40% of the global energy deficit could provoke mass protests around the world and bring pro-putin populists to power. Today, the global natural gas deficit is approaching 20%. Meanwhile, on the eve of the U.S. President’s trip to Saudi Arabia, the US has begun discussing a ceiling price for Russian oil of $40-60 and is preparing proposals for gas prices.

***08.07.2022***

New Zealand proposed to reform the UN because   
this organisation has failed to respond properly to Russia’s decision to launch military action against Ukraine. Meanwhile, Ukraine continues to reassess its values under the influence of the war. For example, Ukrainian society has matured to understand that the monument dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the reunification of Ukraine and Russia, on the 325th anniversary of the “Pereiaslavska Rada” (i.e. Pereiaslav Council) in Pereiaslav, should be demolished. So, despite the great war, the colonial past continues to control the collective consciousness of Ukrainian society.

***09.07.2022***

Meanwhile, at the G20 Summit *(at the level of ministries), the* US had the opportunity to remind the Russian representative that “*Ukraine is not its country”,* demanding that Ukrainian grain exports be unblocked. The United States also initiated a boycott of Russia, and all G7 countries joined in.

In addition, Kazakhstan has made a firm decision to withdraw from the 1995 Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) agreement.

***12.07.2022***

In Russia, meanwhile, the first signs of an internal default are being recorded, when the state is unable to pay its debts on domestic obligations. It is symbolic that the first one was the gas monopoly Gazprom. Against this backdrop, the West has set a target for Ukraine to elect the heads of the Specialised Anti-Corruption Prosecutor’s Office and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau, as this determines the amount of assistance to our country, including – defence.

***13.07.2022***

The Pentagon announced a meeting of the “Ramstein 4” contact group on Ukraine’s defence. At the same time, Ukraine joined the NATO Army Cooperation Programme. Now Kyiv can jointly develop and amend key NATO standards on the interaction of combat management systems and related standards.

***14.07.2022***

Global markets have begun to prepare for the so-called “*doomsday”* scenario in case Russia finally cuts off gas. Moreover, the American company claims that there is no substitute for Russian gas. Reputable economists emphasise that the big uncertainty lies in the energy shock that has now begun in Germany, Poland and other Central European countries will affect the rest of Europe and the world.

***17.07.2022***

The main focus of the day for both Ukraine and the rest of the world was the joint decision of the U.S. President and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia to publicly express support for Ukraine in its confrontation with Russia.

Separately, the results of Joe Biden’s first day in office   
in Saudi Arabia are represented in the conclusion of a wide range of agreements with Saudi Arabia on such issues as: expanding oil supplies; creating 5G telecommunications networks; and extending the truce in Yemen. During this period, administrative liability for violation of the language law was introduced in Ukraine.

***18.07.2022***

On this day, the Russian military visited Iran to purchase UAVs to continue its war against Ukraine. The White House noted that the kremlin wants to buy the “Shahed 129” drones, which are capable of attack and reconnaissance. Against this background, the kremlin has even launched a large-scale campaign to form volunteer battalions.

Meanwhile, the US intelligence has reported that Russia has lost more than 30% of its offensive ground forces – about 50,000 soldiers killed and wounded. In addition, almost 1700 Russian tanks and almost 4000 armoured vehicles have been destroyed since the beginning of the war. Such losses make it “absolutely certain” that Ukraine will be able to win the war. Thus, putin’s strategy has finally moved away from the original unrealistic plan to install a puppet regime in Kyiv. Since then, the Russian dictator has decided to wage a war of attrition.

***19.07.2022***

China has suddenly announced that it will no longer passively observe   
the escalation of the war in Ukraine. About Ukraine, this is a negative   
and at the same time a positive statement, because on the one hand, the so-called Chinese passivity is just the absence of a clear reaction from *Beijing*to Ukraine’s armament. On the other hand, it is a signal that things are that bad in the kremlin. Meanwhile, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said,   
that the EU can no longer afford to use the national veto when making decisions on EU foreign and security policy. This is a very transparent reference to Hungary, which constantly blocks the work of the European Union.

***20.07.2022***

So, putin personally went to Iran*.* Of course, for moral support and UAVs, as Russia is now losing to Ukraine both in motivation and in the “*drone war”.* In addition to this, Iran can also replenish Russia’s stockpile with long-range missiles, which Tehran used to strike American bases in Iraq two years ago.

Meanwhile, the war in Ukraine has helped Europe draw its most important political conclusion, as 30 years of prosperity under the shadow of US bases and missile defence systems have given Europeans the illusion that this will last forever. For example, a national poll in Germany on the continuation of measures to support Ukraine despite high energy prices showed an unexpectedly high result for Germany – more than 70% support. And the US Congress has once again begun to discuss the issue of recognising Russia as a terrorist state.

***21.07.2022***

Against the backdrop of military and political transformations, another European country has begun to move towards revising its military neutrality – Austria. Vienna has begun to expand its military presence and ties with the West. Thus, Austria became a training partner of the US National Guard. In addition, Hungary decided to allow the transit of weapons to Ukraine through its territory.

So, all the above is nothing more than the clearest signal of a change in Europe’s military and political vector from a neutral position to an “active efforts” position.

***22.07.2022***

Thus, putin has renewed gas supplies. This means that European countries will now be able to fill their gas storage facilities to the required levels to survive the winter. Meanwhile, Washington has once again reminded Europe of its warnings that Russia is using energy exports as a weapon.

***23.07.2022***

Against the backdrop of a decrease in the degree of tension around the kremlin’s energy blackmail, another event has taken place that could mean Beijing’s readiness for another round of negotiations with Washington.   
This is the “grain deal” signed by Ukraine, Türkiye, and the UN. A similar document is to be signed by Türkiye, the UN and Russia. There will be no direct agreement on grain between Russia and Ukraine.

This is a big step forward, as it is impossible to solve the global food crisis without ensuring full global access to Ukrainian food products is impossible. In this balance of power, Ukraine truly and fully looks like a saviour in the eyes of the international community.

***24.07.2022***

The main resonator of the day was the rocket attack on the Odesa seaport on the eve of the implementation of the “grain deal”*.*

It is worth noting that Western companies with which an agreement was reached on their participation in the export of grain have already stated   
that they will not export grain under fire. So, if today’s attack by Russia has created a danger and violated the terms of the agreement, we will see them withdraw and/or significantly increase insurance premiums, making the operations unprofitable. The official position of Ukraine, Türkiye, and the UN   
as well as the position of our partners, particularly the UK, the US and other G7 countries involved in providing guarantees for Ukraine, has come down to one thing: Russia has completely discredited itself in the eyes of the international community, leaving itself no way out.

***25.07.2022***

Iran handed over the “Shahed 129” combat UAVs to Russia. The President of Ukraine dismissed Demchenko from the post of First Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council. Demchenko is known for lobbying for the signing of the so-called *Kharkiv agreements* with Russia.

***27.07.2022***

Meanwhile, an important indicator of a certain decline in the rating of Chinese dictator Xi was the curtailment of the *One Belt, One Road* programme*.* In this context, it should be noted that for a few more years,   
moreover, six months ago, the whole world was watching,   
including Ukraine *(some with admiration, some with horror)*, this global comprehensive programme *of* China’s economic colonisation of the Third and, in some places, Second World countries.

***28.07.2022***

Europe is starting to save energy to get through the winter without Russia. European officials are launching flash mobs setting an example: the Germans and French have turned off their air conditioners and are joking on state TV screens: “*Now we are sweating in every sense to prepare for this long and cold winter without Russia”.*

Meanwhile, the Russian occupation forces, reluctantly, admit that they will soon be forced to flee Kherson. Thus, the kremlin’s social media segment agrees that the loss of the Antonivskyi Bridge forces the establishment of ferry and pontoon crossings. But this will not solve the logistical problems, especially since the reliance on air defence did not work and attempts to build alternative crossings and endless repairs will only postpone the sad outcome.

Meanwhile, the United States is making maximum effort to provide Ukraine with weapons and equipment, including the HIMARS system, as soon as possible. The US Senate is also preparing sanctions against Russian oil supplies to China. This bill is designed to cut off the flow of Russian oil to China, which has reached record levels since the outbreak of the war and exceeded supplies to the European market for the first time in history.

***29.07.2022***

Meanwhile, after Minister Lavrov toured Africa where he slandered Ukraine and Western countries in his usual kremlin manner, the President of France arrived in Africa with the opposite goal – to debunk kremlin myths. Condemning Russia Emanuel Macron openly blamed African leaders for their political simple-mindedness due to which they still cannot call the war in Ukraine a war and openly claim who started it.

***30.07.2022***

Ukraine, demonstrating itself as a full-fledged actor in international politics, has increased its electricity exports to the European Union by 2.5 times. It is worth noting that the EU understands the importance of the Ukrainian electricity sector, which helps to replace toxic Russian gas,   
and it allows Ukraine to earn money to prepare for the heating season.

***31.07.2022***

The international outrage of the civilised world against the criminal actions of the Russian aggressor in Ukraine is growing. At the same time, it is becoming more and more difficult for the kremlin to justify its crimes among EU countries, as all Russian propaganda media enterprises have been liquidated, except in Switzerland, where Russian media still work in the kremlin’s interests.

*So, in summary, we can state that the modern world has never witnessed such a serious energy crisis in terms of its depth and complexity, and no one has a plan to overcome this crisis.*

*Meanwhile, in the context of mentioned above Chinese mega-programme “One Belt, One Road”, it should be noted that China generously paid for infrastructure projects in 70 countries and actually bought up these countries: it built railways, airports, bridges and roads (obviously on credit) in Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and slowly entered Latin America. It did this systematically, realising that “there is a lot of money and a lot of time, so let’s quietly occupy all available niches”.*

*In Russia, meanwhile, realising that the initiative had been lost and that the world was about to be divided anew, they tried to assess their resources. That’s why the kremlin tried to follow the Chinese path – to pour money into Ukraine, Venezuela, Hungary, Montenegro, and some countries in Africa. But where China has “a lot of money and a lot of time”, it turned out that Russia does not have much money and has no time at all, because China thinks in terms of “the life of the Communist Party” and Russia thinks in terms of “putin’s life”.*

*At the same time, there is the army, which is considered to be the second best in the world, there is propaganda, and there is a general revanchist attitude of the population. And Russia has systematically started a new colonisation, investing in the military, not economic resources: Syria, the Central African Republic, Libya, Mali, and many other places. And the invasion of Ukraine is a logical next step along this path: a new colonisation by barbaric methods. Not from power and wealth, but from fear and poverty.*

# AUGUST

*The impulse of the war, its foreign policy aspect and the military balance are gradually shifting more and more in favour of the Ukrainians. The world does not forget about Ukraine even in very tense times, as it is now clear to everyone that the behaviour of Russians on the territory of Ukraine, which goes far beyond the limits of non-compliance with any legal norms, vandalism and cruelty imagined by the modern world, is in fact   
is a completely predictable and understandable form of intimidation, not only of Ukrainians themselves but even more so of “vulnerable and accustomed to their comfort zone” Europeans. It is not for nothing that countries that have had the misfortune to experience first-hand the “Russian peace-loving policy of subjugation”, such as Poland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, are now among Ukraine’s first and most active allies. So, thanks to the Ukrainian example, the kremlin’s intimidation techniques are already achieving the exact opposite effect everywhere, and democracies have learnt their lesson - the era of appeasement is over.*

*Accordingly, the kremlin’s calculation of a cold winter, the dependence of opponents on Russian gas, and the geopolitical selfishness of individual countries did not work. The threat of a “gas famine” and a “harsh winter” has forced democracies to mobilise and unite even more. According to the published data, more than half of the EU countries with underground gas storage facilities have already exceeded the target level of reserves, which this year is 80%. These include Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden. Norway’s decision to spend more than $200 million on gas supplies to Ukraine was also symbolic.*

*The democratic world’s work on mistakes was also reflected in the results of the International Working Group on Security Assurances for Ukraine, which resulted in the preparation of a preliminary text of a document with recommendations on military, economic, political and sanctions guarantees that should form a new security order on the European continent and prevent a new war in the centre of Europe. However, the main point of this document is to give Ukraine a certain security format until the issue of NATO membership is resolved. And this should be something much more substantial than the infamous Budapest Memorandum.*

*Meanwhile, China is increasingly attracting the attention of the civilised world as the main culprit in the current global crisis. Of course,   
that the failure of Russia’s adventure in Ukraine has spoiled Beijing’s plans for territorial expansion at the expense of Taiwan and disputed territories with its neighbours and the establishment of its dominance   
in the Indo-Pacific region and the Middle East. Ukraine’s successful experience of resisting open armed aggression and the scale of the ongoing struggle to organise the democratic world have drawn attention to China’s latent operations and long-term goals. Although Russia, weakened by the unsuccessful war, is opening its Far Eastern territories to China, and it has managed to gain a good foothold on the African continent, its main competitor, the United States, is showing increasing determination and is now ready for open hostilities. Moreover, against the backdrop of a new, more threatening open conflict with China, they are increasingly coming out of the shadows and preparing grounds to officially enter the game to bring Russia’s war on Ukraine to a speedy end.*

*In its usual cautious and unhurried manner, China is trying to communicate with everyone, declare its peaceful policy, call on the warring parties to make peace, secretly support Russia, keep existing allies and deploy information operations, waiting for the right moment to launch military operations.*

*For the reasons mentioned above, the timing of China’s military show of force is not very favourable. Washington’s military and political strategy: “A thousand cuts”, gives positive results: while China is spending resources in one region, it is already being cut in another. What was expressed in: (1) the ASEAN-USA Summit, where Asia unites around the United States; (2) the Summit of the Americas, where the “club of autocrats” was split; (3) the Singapore Security Summit, where China was identified as the main culprit of the global crisis; (4) the Battle for the Middle East; (5) the Anti-Nuclear Conference, where 191 countries are watching Russia and China’s crimes online; (6) the Battle for the Indo-Pacific region; (7) The battle for Africa; (8) The approval of the draft nuclear agreement. After that, the turbulence around Taiwan subsided.*

*While Beijing, with limited access to advanced technologies, is looking for new global niches for “quiet expansion” and new sources of its further technological upgrades, the attention of the civilised world is shifting to Iran. The nuclear deal and the activities of Iranian proxy groups in the Middle East have now been joined by the launch of an Iranian reconnaissance satellite and the delivery of UAVs to Russia. In this situation, not only Ukraine, but the entire civilised world is now in a moment of deep international tension. The flywheel of the democracy war machine is spinning slowly but inevitably – some have already run out of steam, while others have not started yet.*

*Ukraine’s strong defensive positions slowed the Russian army’s advance to a crawl, additionally inflicting painful counterattacks in the southern direction. Thus, putin’s demoralised marauding army is in a stalemate where it can no longer invade further, cannot stay, and cannot simply leave.*

*In addition, the sale of Russian weapons on foreign markets has fallen sixfold, covert assistance from allies does not provide Russian troops with high-tech weapons, and, as always, we must focus on quantity rather than quality. The kremlin is unable to weaken its support for Ukraine, as Moscow’s hybrid technologies, which have been revealed to the world over the past eight years of the Russian-Ukrainian war, no longer work (pseudo-referendums for the allegedly legal appropriation of the occupied territories, viral spread of destructive narratives, production of blatantly false information to discredit the enemy, bribery, intimidation, gas blackmail). Because of its negative image, Russia is rapidly losing allies and supporters (and those who remain are trying to keep these relationships and are trying not to advertise them), and various special operations aimed at splitting Europe, causing social unrest, or fuelling local conflicts are also failing. The existence of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO), which was somehow brought down by the kremlin, is once again under threat – now Kazakhstan is on the way out.*

*That is why the kremlin will try to correct its shameful position in Ukraine, as always, at the expense of its mobilisation resources, a huge amount of old and new “iron” (military equipment and ammunition) and, of course, terrorist acts (nuclear blackmail remains the main trump card of the Russian occupiers today).*

*And since the short-sighted kremlin elite is simply fixated in Washington, in this situation Russia could become easy prey for China. After all, Beijing’s friendship is for a time. Given its growing influence, by providing targeted military assistance, it will be able to get Moscow to give it access to Russian weapons and their development, to consider China’s “security” interests in Central Asia and Russia’s support – as a permanent member of the UN Security Council – China’s position in regional and global issues, first of all in territorial disputes between China and its neighbours. The kremlin will not be able to object to the growing infiltration of Chinese into what are now Russian territories.*

*China, particularly after the image losses associated with Taiwan, will do its best to retain its leadership in the “autocrats club”, so deepening Sino-Russian and Iranian ties will almost certainly threaten the interests of the United States and its allies in Europe, the Middle East and around the world.*

*From this point of view, there is a certain inattention of European political leaders to these processes and neglect of the nuances, which looks like a kind of political infantilism, but the situation is saved by Washington’s immediate reaction to any changes in the information field that may be related to certain political processes and the Ukrainian experience of military resistance, which is growing with each passing day. At the same time, the collective West is united in its already agreed actions.*

*Ukraine, because of the resilience of its Armed Forces, is gradually gaining more and more subjectivity in international politics, but Ukrainian society itself, which is rapidly organising itself against open aggression, is still poorly able to identify hidden and even poorly disguised challenges related to the vision of the geopolitical game and the logical connection between hostile military and non-military actions and is even more reluctant to respond to them. The chronic misunderstanding by Ukrainians of the direct connection between enemy propaganda through culture, church, education or sports and the outright seizure of territory, rocket attacks and the deaths of compatriots creates fertile ground for enemy agents to work and form reserves of potential traitors and collaborators.*

*In the face of battle or danger, the realisation that there is no time to “digest information” comes quickly, so the Armed Forces of Ukraine is the most mobile and effective Ukrainian structure and remains the only subject of both domestic and foreign policy of Ukraine.*

*The smart and professional actions of Ukrainians forced the kremlin to change the goals of its war once again and undid eight years of militarization of Crimea. A stunning era of the destruction of all stereotypes has come. But one thing remains unchanged: autocracies have always underestimated the strength of democratic countries, and this is what will lead them to defeat.*

***01.08.2022***

European leaders are using all possible mechanisms to protect their countries from the consequences of the energy crisis. France, Germany, and Italy have even extended the lifetime of their coal-fired power plants that had already been shut down.

***02.08.2022***

Surprisingly, today, for the first time, it feels like a political holiday in the West. Several highly specialised Western media outlets have stopped working altogether until 15 August. In others, the top topic is: *“Ukraine, which has moved back to the forefront”*. Even the trip of House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan is not competing. And given the holiday season, there are a few other topics.

At the same time, against the backdrop of Nancy Pelosi’s trip to Taiwan, US intelligence disclosed that “*China may be preparing to act against the island of Taiwan sooner rather than later*”. And Pelosi’s trip to Taiwan is nothing more than an assessment of Beijing’s military readiness*. At the same time*, Pelosi’s candidacy is also not accidental, as she has a long history of fighting human rights violations by the Chinese government during her career in Congress.

Meanwhile, in response to the new Security Strategy of the Civilised World Against the Actions of Autocrats presented in July, putin signed a naval doctrine that named the United States as Russia’s main rival and outlined its maritime ambitions for the Arctic and Black Sea.

At the same time, Russia is becoming even closer to Iran,   
and this despite oil competition. This is why, given their proven ability to jointly undermine Western imperatives in the Middle East, both countries should increasingly be seen as part of the same strategic complex.

Meanwhile, the US House of Representatives has unveiled a bill to designate Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism.

***03.08.2022***

Beijing and the kremlin have significantly intensified information and psychological pressure on Ukrainians in several semantic directions: the first is that the main suffering of Ukrainians is allegedly caused not by Russians, but by representatives of small peoples of Russia. The second is that formidable countries on the planet, such as China or the DPRK, will start fighting against Ukraine on the side of Russia. The third is that Ukraine has not declared a state of war and Ukrainians should protest.

We also note that this information operation is being promoted through far-right forces in Ukraine to shift hatred from the enemy to domestic targets.

***04.08.2022***

America’s determination and the non-competitiveness of autocrats have definitely helped many countries that were still in doubt to decide   
on whose side to continue the game of survival. In this context, it is worth recalling once again the results of the Singapore Security Summit, where the international community and Ukraine in particular, concluded   
that the current global confrontation between autocracies and democracies is taking place over influence in three world regions, namely:   
Indo-Pacific, as the centre of the economy of the 21st century; the Middle East   
as a complex of global logistics and communications, and Africa as an emigration weapon of autocrats.

***06.08.2022***

The kremlin has announced a large-scale offensive in Ukraine.

***07.08.2022***

At the same time, against the backdrop of the commemoration of the 77th anniversary of the victims of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Russian dictator has again turned on the rhetoric of nuclear blackmail. Meanwhile, while the G7 and the EU are more or less clear about the threats and nuclear programmes of the DPRK and Iran (a joint action plan has been developed), the issue of Russian nuclear blackmail through threats of sabotage at the seized Zaporizhzhia NPP remains open.

***09.08.2022***

The experience of modern warfare has shown us that before losing each subsequent phase of the war, Russia begins to blackmail with a nuclear apocalypse. But now, Russia has moved from threatening to use nuclear weapons to threatening to create a “Chornobyl 2”. Dialogues and statements by leaders of countries and targeted organisations still do not provide a basis for drawing thenecessary conclusions, as even sanctions, including nuclear ones, do not achieve the desired goal.

Thus, the war that Russia is imposing on the world today cannot be won without demonstrating and using more force, but this is not enough.

The whole world, including Russia, is currently at a conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons. All the 191 states party is the weapon that can avert a catastrophe not only in Ukraine but on the entire planet. If there is a united position – Russia will retreat. And here, all 191 countries should have one goal, which has nothing to do with the politics of the West or the politics of the East or Ukraine in particular, because the main thing now is to save the planet and the lives of everyone of those present there, their children and loved ones. This is more than enough reason to act together.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken has begun his tour of Africa. It should be remembered that in the context of modern warfare, this continent is very important, as it is the second largest continent after Eurasia. In 2020, Africa outpaced Asia in terms of population growth. According to forecasts, by 2050, Africa’s population will double and will be ten times larger than the EU’s. Two-thirds of the world’s young population will be from Africa. In addition to this, Africa is: 30% of the world’s minerals; 45% of the world’s gold; 90% of chrome; 10% of gas and 12% of oil; and 65% of the world’s arable land. And the list is long.

Today, the African continent, which suffered more than any other from the Cold War of the last century, does not want to become part of the current global military and political confrontation. Africa sees itself as neutral, although in real neutrality is just permission for the aggressor to continue its war crimes and aggressive policies, such as those currently being pursued in Africa by China and Russia with their Wagner PMCs.

Ukrainian intelligence has confirmed the information that the occupiers have mined the territory of Zaporizhzhia NPP in Enerhodar. The radiation level is now within normal limits.

***10.08.2022***

The battle for Africa is entering its active phase. While China is recovering from its image losses over Taiwan and continues its militaristic protests Washington, the latter has already begun to expose Chinese-Russian atrocities on the African continent.

The United States continues to work with its allies and partners to ensure that Ukraine’s Armed Forces have the capabilities to meet the changing demands of the battlefield.

Another important informational and political factor is that the world continues to closely monitor the activities of the Russian occupiers on the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

***12.08.2022***

In the Western press, the top topic of the day is Ukrainian Crimea. It is important that journalists adequately explain to their readers why Crimea is Ukrainian. They remind us how Russia occupied it, how it forcibly relocated Ukrainian citizens from there and settled hundreds of thousands of Russians from Siberia, the Caucasus, and the northern regions. In the end, the reader comes to one single conclusion: the war began with the occupation of Crimea and must end with the liberation of Crimea.

***14.08.2022***

The Pentagon gave the Ukrainian Armed Forces a score of 12 on a scale of zero to ten, specifically noting: “*They have found ways to do things we never thought possible”*.

***15.08.2022***

Some countries support Russia’s war against Ukraine but   
they are a clear minority, including: Belarus, Syria, the DPRK, Cuba, Nicaragua, Myanmar, Eritrea, and Venezuela. Some do not condemn the war, but do not support it either – there are slightly more of them. And then there are the rest – the largest group of those who consider Russia an aggressor, impose sanctions and are aware of the danger that Russia poses to the world and future generations.

When Russia resorts to blackmail that affects the whole world, the positions of the second and third groups of countries may coincide, and the first ones are forced to join them because the second group includes many of their partners.

This was the case with food blackmail when at the G20 or any other place where Russian Minister Lavrov appeared, there were calls from all sides to release Ukrainian grain. As a result, the world got a positive result – ships with grain left from Ukrainian ports and took it to where it was needed to alleviate world hunger. And it seems that this will be the case with Russia’s transformation of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant into a theatre of war –a path that will inevitably lead to disaster for everyone if Russia is not stopped now.

The EU and 42 other countries have already called on Russia to withdraw its occupation forces from the Zaporizhzhia NPP. Of course, there are some details and nuances that may take some time to resolve. Just as it was with Ukrainian grain when Russia tried to disrupt the agreements to the last to force the world to put pressure on Ukraine and force   
to surrender. But when all the countries of the world speak with one voice, Russia backs down. Of course, this, like the food blockade, is not a victory in the war, but these are definitely important steps that bring it closer.

***16.08.2022***

Confirmation that the creation of a “Chinese alliance*”*is now part of an important military and political factor, as evidenced by the current statement by the head of MI6, Richard Moore, that China is now the top priority for British intelligence, as it has overtaken all the world’s terrorists. At the same time, the results of a survey conducted by the US think tank Pew Research Centre, which in particular noted the historic level of negative attitudes towards China on all continents of the planet, confirm that China is having difficulty uniting countries around it. Moreover, in some regions of the world, negative attitudes towards China significantly exceed negative attitudes towards Russia.

This only proves once again that China has been skilfully standing behind a mentally and economically degraded Russia all this time, especially since 2014.

Today, in order to assemble an official alliance of forces, Beijing has actually tasked its puppet putin to find at least someone. As a result, putin gathered all the “friends of Russia” in one place, in the form of representatives of the African hinterland and North Korea to hold the so-called “Army 2022 military-technical forum”, where he called on them to unite against Ukraine’s main allies: The United States and the United Kingdom.

To enhance the effect of this Sino-Russian action, the head of the Vatican, Pope Francis, suddenly reappears on the political scene with his provocative statement that the war in Ukraine has diverted the world’s attention from the problem of hunger in Africa. In general, this means that the Russian dictator sees his strategic defeat, but he really does not want to lose to Ukraine.

There is also an assumption in the political circles that after China was forced to agree to the IAEA mission’s access to Zaporizhzhia NPP, the kremlin really thought about its exit routes, as Zaporizhzhia NPP is the only terrorist trump card on the Ukrainian battlefield.

Meanwhile, as part of decolonisation, the so-called “memorial plaque to Mikhail Bulgakov”, which is a propaganda plaque, was dismantled from the building of the Taras Shevchenko National University in Kyiv.

***17.08.2022***

The German media almost unanimously introduced the narratives necessary for Ukraine to the world: Crimea is Ukrainian, and there are no restrictions on attacks with Western weapons against Russian military targets in the region.

As part of this, the city authorities of the German city of Dusseldorf decided to dismantle all signs of twinning in the city with Moscow and install new ones with Chernivtsi.

It is worth noting that Dusseldorf is a symbolically important city for Russia, as it is a cultural and diplomatic centre of the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia, around which in 1648, the Treaty of Westphalia was signed, which formed the basis of the modern world order, which lasted until 24 February 2022. Meanwhile, Russian Minister Shoigu reported to Beijing on the number of states that have expressed readiness to join the ranks of the so-called Chinese alliance of forces to continue global aggression. These states, in addition to Russia and North Korea, were Burundi, Cameroon, Guinea, Mali, Mali, Sudan, Uganda, Chad, Ethiopia, South Africa, and Chad. It is quite obvious that such an alliance, where the majority are developing countries, will never have the status of long-term cooperation, because the leaders and kings of these countries do not currently show consistency in their actions.

***18.08.2022***

Beijing has announced joint Chinese-Russian exercises *“East 2022”* to be held in Russia from 30 August to 5 September.

Against this backdrop, Ukraine’s allies have launched one of the largest international air exercises in Asia and Oceania, Pitch Black, involving 140 aircraft from 16 countries. Pilots from the United States, Canada, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, New Zealand, and Australia are taking part in the exercise.

***19.08.2022***

In unison with this, a collective appeal was made public by high-ranking retired U.S. diplomats and military officers to Joe Biden, where, along with their calls to provide Ukraine with missiles with a range of 300 kilometres, they pointed out the most important thing, namely that the latest “battle for Africa” will be the last episode in the modern confrontation between autocracies and democracies. This is confirmed by the general opinion of authoritative American figures that the war has now reached a decisive moment. The American elite is also focusing its attention on the fact that the White House should not, under any circumstances, negotiate with putin under any circumstances.

During this period, two minorities were identified in Ukrainian society: some saw everything as a betrayal, while others, on the contrary – saw victory in everything. At the same time, there are others, the majority, for whom the world is not black and white.

***20.08.2022***

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine initiated the creation of an inter-party friendship group with Taiwan. This was a positive development because   
it is an additional lever to counter Chinese expansion in Ukraine.

***22.08.2022***

In Ukraine, the plan to undermine the socio-political situation in the centre of Ukraine with the help of the “Moscow patriarchate” is increasingly being revealed. The Moscow patriarchate intensified its subversive and anti-state activities on the eve of 24 August, when its supporters held their old provocative trick called a “religious procession” in the centre of Kamianets-Podilskyi. This time, in order to increase the provocative effect, the participants of the action even carried the “Russian tricolour”.

***23.08.2022***

Meanwhile, demand for Russian weapons has fallen significantly in the world, in particular after the whole world saw them in action in Ukraine.

***24.08.2022***

For Ukraine, two important dates coincided at once – Independence Day and six months of resistance to Russia’s great aggression in the struggle for independence.

That is 180 days of the most brutal conflict, 180 days of demonstrating the unparalleled courage of Ukrainians, and 180 days on the road to Ukraine’s victory. Those who gave it 48 hours on the eve of the invasion are being convinced of their mistake every day. The enemy has been stopped and discredited, and Ukraine is getting stronger every day, proving its readiness to fight until the enemy is completely destroyed on its soil.

Meanwhile, against the backdrop of the military-political turning point, as well as a certain aggravation of the internal class struggle within the kremlin’s system of governance, the activation of Russian “churchmen” in Ukraine has become increasingly noticeable.

At the same time, it is worth noting once again another anti-Ukrainian statement by the head of the Vatican, Pope Francis. This time, the Vatican’s speech was aimed at recognising Russian propagandist Dugina as an innocent victim of the war in Ukraine. Of course, Francis did not go into detail about the causes of this war, but he did feed the second kremlin narrative, which concerns the kremlin dictator’s terrorist rhetoric against the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

***26.08.2022***

As of today, Russia has started using Iranian-made UAVs in the war with Ukraine. Moreover, the Iranian UAVs inspired the dictator to increase the number of military personnel in the Russian armed forces by 137,000. This will bring the total number of the Russian occupation army to 2,039,758. So, putin does not give up his strategic goals, even though even though the Russian occupiers are not able to move the front line as they would like, as they would like. Meanwhile, for the first time in the history of modern Ukraine, the Zaporizhzhia NPP was completely disconnected from the power grid.

***27.08.2022***

As 191 countries approach the end of a four-week conference aimed at curbing the spread of nuclear weapons, the topic of Ukraine and the situation around the Zaporizhzhia NPP has remained at the centre of their attention all this time. Thanks to this conference, the aggressor country has significantly lost its military and political positions. Meanwhile, to strengthen the military and political positions of democracies in northern Africa, where controlled chaos has been created by the Wagner PMC, the President of France went to Algeria, where he opened archives that will reveal all the problematic issues from the beginning of French colonisation of Algeria to the liberation war.

All this is to ensure that Algeria supports Ukraine, as the country refrains from condemning Russia and remains a close ally of Moscow.

***29.08.2022***

The US military directly advises the world community to visit Ukrainian resistance websites, where you can learn how to resist the invaders in the occupied territories, which describe not only strikes and sabotage but also guerrilla methods of force.

***30.08.2022***

China has published its ambitions for the Arctic. Against this backdrop, the US Congress has finalised legislative initiatives to develop intelligence collection and intelligence analysis, as well as offensive measures aimed at exposing corruption and violations of international law by China.

It is important to note that, based on the experience of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Washington has released a wealth of intelligence on Chinese tactics to push the kremlin to commit aggression against Ukraine. However, as it turned out, the kremlin did not need much persuasion, as its main concept of its existence – “a destroyed Ukraine”.

Meanwhile, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called for the expansion of the European Union to include Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia. Moreover, the Chancellor called for the creation of a pan-European air defence system under the regional chairmanship of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

*So, there are many signs that Russia is experiencing great difficulties: sanctions, external default, economic crisis, old tanks, anachronistic state and military systems, intercepted conversations, plenty of dead and wounded, and no future. There are no signs that China will suffer heavy losses, too: the bet on a technological breakthrough has failed and led to a food crisis and the collapse of the main sector of the economy – construction. The bet on Russia also failed and even discredited Beijing by revealing its complicity in war crimes. As a result, China has suffered a loss that is much greater than any economic or military – and military losses. For this regime, this loss is irreparable.*

*However, it should not be forgotten that Xi’s greatest fear, which he revealed in a conversation with Barack Obama when he was still at least somewhat frank, was colour revolutions.*

*That is why Xi is confident that if it were not for Ukraine, there would be no revolution in Hong Kong. And that as democracy flourishes in Ukraine, as Taiwan will resist the Chinese regime. Xi also knows that it is Ukraine that can democratise China’s backyard, Russia, by motivating its people to fight for freedom.*

*And both dictators are convinced that Ukrainians will never accept any form of autocracy by choice. This means that Ukraine cannot be conquered, only destroyed. Along with its people, culture, language, and history. That’s why we don’t see where we can have any opportunity for cooperation with China. This is a classic situation, which was once aptly defined by Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir: we want to live, and they want to see us dead – there is no room for compromise.*

**SEPTEMBER**

*The military and political arsenal of Russia includes methods of intimidation, bribery, blackmail, and outright terrorist actions, as well as the last trump cards in the form of European far-right movements, nuclear weapons and the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which are already clear to the civilised world, with which it is trying to maintain an illusory winning position on the military and diplomatic fronts. However, the firm position of the United States and other allies of Ukraine, the successful Ukrainian counter-offensive in the Kharkiv and Kherson regions, the unwillingness of the Russians to fight on their own, and the status of the world’s most odious state, which Russia has already acquired since the beginning of the year, are beginning to take away the last levers of influence from the kremlin. By its actions, the kremlin is so effectively “imposing new sanctions on Russia” that it is even beginning to lose its status as a direct enemy of the democratic coalition. The only thing that keeps it in the ring – is the support of Beijing.*

*Having realised that Russia will not be able to win a military victory in Ukraine, China has taken steps to return the situation to the previous status of war, including actively helping the kremlin to create conditions for direct negotiations with Kyiv, while frightening the civilised world with the consequences of the collapse of Moscow’s nuclear Frankenstein and hinting at its readiness to take control of it. China’s information efforts to support putin’s domestic political image have particularly intensified with the approach of a single election day in Russia.*

*China’s interest in seeing the war in Ukraine end is to achieve a kind of hybrid ending – so that our victory is not bright, and Ukraine does not become a symbolic proof of Western unity and strength. For the same purpose, he is increasing his pressure on Ukraine through the corruption component. China’s next step to subdue Ukraine will likely be political and corrupt. And this is our weak link.*

*At the same time, the United States and China are on a harsh collision course that could lead to an updated version of the Cold War. Since the beginning of September, the war for influence in the field of advanced technologies between them has already begun.*

*Meanwhile, the statement of the Polish Ministry of Defence on 7 September that Poland should strengthen its army as much as possible was important for Ukraine, as, depending on how the war in Ukraine ends, there could be a serious risk of Russian invasion in the next 3–10 years. Against this background, Ukraine is becoming not only a shield for Poland, but also one of its most reliable allies. It is already clear to many that this applies not only to Poland but to the entire democratic world.*

*The International Working Group on International Security Assurances for Ukraine, which was widely attended by experts from the democratic world, presented recommendations for the creation of the Kyiv Security Treaty, which should unite Ukraine and a group of guarantor states. The provisions of this document stipulate that:* ***(1)*** *an agreement on security guarantees for Ukraine is not a substitute for NATO membership, but should create a security regime for the period until this accession takes place;* ***(2)*** *Ukraine’s victory in the current war is an indisputable priority for democratic states;* ***(3)*** *the treaty will unite a core group of allies and Ukraine, and this group may include the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Poland, Italy, Germany, France, Australia, Türkiye, as well as the countries of Northern Europe and the Baltic States, Central and Eastern Europe;* ***(4)*** *the guarantees should be multi-level, i.e., the core group of allies will make clear commitments to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and a broader group will provide non-military guarantees built around sanctions mechanisms;* ***(5)*** *the guarantees should be affirmative, clearly formulated, and politically and legally binding on the basis of bilateral agreements, but united within a joint document on strategic partnership called the Kyiv Security Treaty;* ***(6)*** *the package of guarantees includes both preventive measures of a military, financial, infrastructural, technical, and informational nature to avoid new aggression and measures to be taken immediately in the event of a new encroachment on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine;* ***(7)*** *The structure of the Kyiv Security Treaty envisages a full-fledged sanctions package against the aggressor country and may also contain additional components, such as agreements on providing Ukraine with modern air defence/missile defence systems, regional agreements on security in the Black Sea, etc.;* ***(8)*** *guarantees aimed at providing Ukraine with the capabilities to deter an armed attack or act of aggression, and in the event of an attack – to protect its sovereignty, territorial integrity and security under any circumstances.*

*Experts unanimously acknowledge that the strongest guarantee of security for Ukraine is its ability to defend itself against the aggressor, and this requires resources to maintain powerful Armed Forces capable of withstanding the armed forces and other paramilitary formations of the Russian Federation: (****1****) long-term stable investments in the defence industry of Ukraine;* ***(2)*** *large-scale arms transfers and intelligence support from allies   
in Ukraine’s defence industrial base;* ***(3)*** *intensive training missions and joint exercises under the auspices of the EU and NATO.*

*After all, if the civilised world still had some illusions about the Russian population, Russia has put a final point in its history with its clumsy mass obedience to putin’s order to kill, rob and occupy. A world without Russia – is still frightening for most countries, but today is the beginning of an attempt to reset relations and to take a more sober assessment of the situation,   
of the current situation. It is also clear that the official victory of the right-wing forces in Italy was a “cold shower” for democracies.*

*Meanwhile, against the backdrop of the emergence of a new far-right in Europe, the enemy and its allies are consolidating their forces to provide them in the future the necessary political foundation for their establishment and consolidation in the European political sphere. The enemy’s actions are now aimed at destabilising the economic situation in Europe, as global markets are experiencing a period of instability and, as a result, the world has experienced uncertainty about future economic prospects. And the Nord Stream incident shows once again that the consequences of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict are not limited to the military battlefield in Ukraine, but extend to energy, the economy, food and even the war for public opinion. The enemy, losing ground, is moving to another level of blackmail – infrastructure and environmental blackmail. Shortly, we may well expect, for example, damage to submarine cables that are crucial to the Internet as a global networking channel for world communication.*

*At the same time, we can see how much the threshold of painful military and political sensitivity has decreased in the world. The negative example of Ukraine, which for a long time flirted with the Russian tyrant, has clearly shown where this leads in the future.*

*Therefore, the United States and the United Kingdom are stepping up military support, rehearsing scenarios for new sharp offensives. In the system of global confrontation with autocracies, the countries of the democratic world have taken special measures to subdue the Russian dictator. So, putin no longer can regain global markets, especially energy markets, which shows him to be unable to fulfil his duties as the leader of the kremlin’s gang. And the kremlin’s admission of defeat in Ukraine has already begun the process of burying modern Russian statehood.*

*In the world space, the first signs of the end of the first and the beginning of a new stage of the war in the system of confrontation between autocracies and democracies are being recorded. Before that, we only recorded the stages of the Russian-Ukrainian war. All the facts point to the fact   
that the next stage of the global confrontation between autocracies   
and democracies will begin in Central Europe, where far-right forces, with the support of autocracies, have now begun to take steps to strengthen their positions.*

*At the same time, the United States is demonstrating military and political willpower that has not even begun to be fully revealed   
and demonstrate to Russia a strong readiness to respond to all threats, including the use of nuclear weapons. Throughout the entire period of the full-scale Russian invasion, this is the first time we have seen the United States respond so radically to putin’s threats. This is a very serious change in the White House’s rhetoric, which will have its consequences.*

*Washington is using all possible communications to convey to the Russian leadership that it is they who are under attack, not China, which has begun to send the first adequate signals to the West,   
as the winning side. And the United States will not back down until Russia   
capitulates, so democracies are facing the next challenge – preparation and implementation of a new Concept of the future world order, which will become an alternative to China’s.*

*A world without putin is becoming an increasing reality   
and a target for all countries of the world. But while, under pressure, China is forced to block Russia’s foreign exchange reserves, Hungary is beginning to lose political weight and leverage over Ukraine, Italian leaders of the anti-Ukrainian coalition are being controlled by the pro-Ukrainian movement, and the German government is announcing an international conference on Ukraine’s recovery next month, Ukraine itself, as a political and cultural state, is at significant risk of losing its place in the new world system, which it should have in the current circumstances, without using the corridor of opportunities for a new era.*

*It is the psychological fear that is a consequence of our colonial past that prevents Ukrainians today from setting more ambitious goals than simply driving the enemy out of their backyard. Since the enemy, unlike Ukrainians, is well aware of the crossroads in world history at which Ukraine is currently standing, it systematically clogs our information space, reducing it to the level of primitive “shows to the level of primitive “shows” and boxing fights with pro-Russian faces.*

*We have the courage and steadfastness of the Ukrainian people, the professionalism, motivation and dexterity of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, defence assistance, sanctions, and financial support from our partners. This is exactly what all our current victories are made of. However, Ukraine still has insufficient work to do to decommunize and decolonise its past, which could eventually lead to a second attempt by Russia to take Kyiv. Poland has realised this and is determined to prepare for the worst.*

*We have to admit that Ukraine has no other goals besides the goal of restoring its territorial integrity and everything related to it or has not yet publicly declared them. At a time when a repentant Europe, through the mouth of the German Chancellor, declares its readiness for renewal through the prism of the Ukrainian mentality and military heroism, we see nothing but discussions about arms supplies from Ukraine. Cultural, historical, and artistic projects are not initiated, and the Ukrainian information space is sorely lacking in its own opinions and assessments.*

*A striking example of this: in the centre of Kyiv, on the already sacrificial place for all Ukrainians, Independence Square, the National Music Academy of Ukraine still bears the name of Сhaikovskyi, the author of the very Symphony No. 2 “Little Russia” (the entire opera repertoire is Russian, performed in Russian and has not been changed). As a result, we get the following: high culture for the pro-Russian consumer, and primitive “shows” for the Ukrainian consumer, where Russian narratives are actively introduced. It is not surprising that Ukrainians find it easy to believe that Sullivan and Scholz are the names of Russian agents and that the US and Europe spend money on arms supplies to Ukraine solely to make Ukraine lose.*

*That is why, after Ukraine wins this war, Russia will eventually return to Ukraine again, first through books and music, then through a street name, then by a tank.*

*Ukraine has reached the point where it is time to set more ambitious political goals. The entire civilised world has recognised that we have earned the right to do so. At the same time, Ukraine is being told from all sides what it needs to do to get rid of its ignorance in the matter of political and information consciousness and national memory.*

***01.09.2022***

Russia has begun preparations for pseudo-referendums in the Ukrainian territories under its control, including Kherson and some areas of Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia regions. Meanwhile, the Chinese dictator announced a meeting of the ruling Communist Party of China on 16 October, which, in their view, will mark the final abandonment of the doctrine of collective leadership. Also, Xi wished to bring back the Mao era and make himself a “leader”. At the same time, this congress is expected to approve a new composition of Xi’s entourage, including the candidacy of the Chinese Prime Minister.

***02.09.2022***

Meanwhile, the Russian dictator has announced a new goal for his war against Ukraine. This time, it is “the *elimination of the so-called anti-Russian enclave on the territory of Ukraine*”, which allegedly threatens Russia. Thus, putin is escalating the conflict with a possible resumption of the offensive   
in the East, where the newly formed so-called third corps of Russian killers is already moving in. We are talking about more than 15 BTGs.

# *03.09.2022*

# An interesting point is that China is imposing a ban that means that the Chinese payment system UnionPay will no longer be available to Russians. The ban is because UnionPay fears secondary sanctions imposed on Russian banks. It is worth noting that after the ban on Visa and Mastercard, UnionPay was the last of the few payment systems that were available to Russians. Thus, China is showing that Russia has been and will continue to be a puppet for it, not an ally.

# *04.09.2022*

# Against the backdrop of the G7’s decision to limit Russian oil prices, the kremlin responded by announcing that it was closing the Nord Stream gas pipeline indefinitely. And to reinforce its blackmail, the kremlin is launching another demonstration of its nuclear weapons. Today, it looks like a Russian nuclear submarine has been spotted off the coast of Italy.

# *06.09.2022*

Meanwhile, the so-called “*good Russians”* began to tear up the information space, trying to introduce the kremlin’s narrative that the IAEA was working for Russia. Against this backdrop, the Russian dictator said that from now on, Russia would not supply anything to Europe, not gas, not coal, not fuel oil. It is important to note that before the war, Russia received half of all export revenues from oil and gas sales – $241 billion out of $490 billion in 2021. Thus, cutting off gas supplies to Europe will deprive the enemy’s budget of 400 billion Rubles. Therefore, several generations of Russians will have to deal with the consequences of the deliberate invasion of Ukraine.

***08.09.2022***

The world’s attention is focused on the UK: Queen Elizabeth II has died. From now on, the twentieth century is finally over. It is gone, along with its last iconic symbol. Meanwhile, in Ukraine, U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, who had been working on the African continent, arrived on an unannounced visit.

# *10.09.2022*

# The population of occupied Transnistria has begun to refuse to sign contracts with the Russian occupation army. Meanwhile, the North Korean dictator has passed a law that gives the country the right to launch a preventive nuclear strike against the enemy if Pyongyang recognises a threat from it. Besides, the DPRK declared itself a nuclear power at the legislative level.

# *11.09.2022*

Britain has announced the declassification of MI6 documents containing a list of kremlin agents in the world and Ukraine in particular. Against this backdrop, Ukraine has begun the process of terminating the contract for the right to use the architectural and historical and, at the same time, religious objects of the Pochaiv Lavra and Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, which are now used by Russian special services under the sign “Church – Moscow patriarchate”. It is worth noting that in the format of Ukrainian statehood, the very fact of starting such a procedure is a fundamental turn.

***13.09.2022***

In an unexpected move and precedent, the French President has initiated the creation of a “European Political Community” to bring together democratic European nations that adhere to basic values. The inaugural meeting of the Community is already scheduled for 6 October in Prague, where the leaders of the EU, Ukraine, the UK, Norway, Switzerland, the Western Balkans and possibly Türkiye will be invited.

***15.09.2022***

An analysis of Russian propaganda messages has shown that this is the first time the kremlin has admitted Russia’s defeat in Ukraine. It is important to note that neither after the retreat from Kyiv region, after the escape from Zmiinyi island (i.e. Snake Island), nor after the sinking of the “Moskva cruiser”, did the kremlin admit defeat, constantly looking for excuses for the actions of its military. Thus, the admission of defeat near Kharkiv shows that putin is still capable of demonstrating common sense, at least in some circumstances.

Examples of such circumstances are the actions of Georgia, which allowed the possibility of holding a referendum on the opening of a second front against Russia, or the fact that Azerbaijan launched an open military strike on the deployment point of the Russian border forces in Gegharkunik. Armenia is already openly begging the CSTO for military assistance, but the kremlin is reacting to Georgia’s initiative and Azerbaijan’s aggressive actions have not yet been recorded in the kremlin.

These events show that Russia israpidly losing its influence in the South Caucasus. And given Kadyrov’s behaviour, we can draw a preliminary conclusion that the kremlin’s influence in the North Caucasus (Chechnya, North Ossetia, Karachay-Cherkessia, Kabardino-Balkaria, Kalmykia, Ingushetia, Dagestan, and Adygea) is beginning to lose ground.

Here we can also add the statement of the Chinese dictator, who said,   
that Russia has no right to encroach on Kazakhstan’s sovereignty.

***16.09.2022***

The main event was the meeting between putin and Xi in Samarkand at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. As a result, everyone saw that China still supports Russia, even more vocally than at the beginning of its invasion of Ukraine. At the same time, the events of recent months demonstrate that neither Xi nor putin has learned to read democratic nations. Their confidence in the advantages and strength of dictatorial regimes naturally leads to a biased perception of democracies as unstable and weak, since democracies, although they argue and debate constantly, have a strong ability to unite against external threats. And today, the democratic world demonstrates extraordinary unity, which cannot be said about autocratic actors.

We did not see sincere and friendly photos from the SCO summit in Samarkand, as we did at the G7 meetings. This is because democracies have learned to trust each other, respect differences, value consensus solutions and the search for them in discussions over the past six months. Instead, the relations in the axis of evil (China – Iran – Russia – North Korea) are more like a *“frog and the viper”.* When everyone is keeping a close eye on the hands of the “partner” and limits its freedom of movement as much as possible.

To enhance the effect of the SCO summit, China, together with its vassal Russia, launched military exercises in the Pacific Ocean. Meanwhile, it is becoming increasingly clear that the head of the Wagner PMC, Prigozhin, is becoming the face of Russian aggression against Ukraine.

# *17.09.2022*

Kremlin, having “combed” prisons and colonies, began to take even rapists and cannibals to the Wagner PMC and withdrew its fighters from Syria, where the Russian army had been holding the Bashar al-Assad regime for more than seven years. At the same time, to get its troops back from Syria, Russia has to negotiate with Türkiye, which controls two-thirds of the country’s territory, although nine years ago it barely held one-fifth. Türkiye, of course, agreed, provided the kremlin forgets about the South Caucasus.

# *18.09.2022*

The discovery of mass graves of civilians and torture chambers in the newly liberated Izium confirmed previous assessments that the atrocities in Bucha were not isolated war crimes, but rather a microcosm of Russian atrocities in the Russian-occupied territories.

***20.09.2022***

In the shadow of the global confrontation between two civilisations and the war waged by nuclear power in Europe, for the first time since the Second World War, the Heads of State and Governments of all countries, debates will last until 26 September.

War-torn relations, inequality, hunger, climate crises, disinformation, hostile online communications, and the effects of the three-year pandemic – the challenges facing the world today – were the focus of their attention at this conference.

It should be noted that this meeting was attended by Iranian President Raisi\*, who, against the background of his accession to the SCO and military assistance to Russia*,* hesitated to participate but suddenly agreed to come.

Thus, the international community has several important tasks: (**1**) to maintain unity against Russian aggression, including among the countries of the African continent, Latin America, and the Middle East; (**2**) to respond to global challenges that concern different continents, despite strategic differences with *Russia* and China, the two veto-wielding members of the UN Security Council; (**3**) to find a solution: what will be the international order of tomorrow and the architecture of the bodies that should ensure it, so that Russia’s aggression will finally fail without causing international and regional conflicts in different parts of the world. It is important to note that for the first time in three years, the leaders of countries will speak at the UN in person, not remotely.

***21.09.2022***

The first conclusions of the first day with the participation of the Heads of State of almost all countries of the world: Ukraine and its Armed Forces are in the spotlight. So, after six months of the so-called *“Russian special operation”* against Ukraine, the myth of the world’s “*second army” has* collapsed. All that remains is the Russian nuclear threat, which Washington and London are working hard to neutralise.

# *22.09.2022*

Amid the UN General Assembly session, where leaders from all over the world gathered under one roof, the Russian dictator dares to announce a “*partial mobilisation”,* explaining his call for reservists as an attempt to protect Russian sovereignty from the West.

# *23.09.2022*

# However, on the positive side, three CSTO allies of Russia have declared criminal liability for their citizens in case of participation in the war: Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan have declared criminal liability for their citizens in case of participation in the war in Ukraine. At the same time, the DPRK issued an official statement that it has never supplied weapons to Russia and is not going to do so.

***28.09.2022***

The European community’s attention was focused on the Baltic Sea. Where two events happened at once: the first *was* the opening of a new gas pipeline for Norwegian gas to Europe; the second was an environmental disaster because of the damage *to the Nord Stream* subsea pipelines, which led to huge gas leaks. According to Germany, everything points to sabotage on the part of Russia. Thus, not only Ukraine but also Europe will need to protect infrastructure (especially in winter).

# *29.09.2022*

The fall in gas prices has stopped, and they have gone up again. So now it’s time for Europeans to not be afraid. Meanwhile, the Chinese yuan has suddenly fallen to a record low.

*So, it is only natural that China is the focus of attention of the world’s leading think tanks. At the same time, Washington understands   
that in this case, unlike in the USSR, it is not really about exporting communist ideology, but that economic expansion will inevitably be followed by political expansion.*

*However, the modern information age forces us to consider the brand factor. In today’s world, brands, fame, and popularity are worth more than material things, they add to the capitalisation of a product. Ukraine has now become a global brand of indestructibility. However, fame is a fleeting thing. The brand of Ukraine, Ukrainians and the Ukrainian nation mustn’t become a passing fashion, but a lasting style. After all, the psychological fear that lies at the heart of our colonial past prevents Ukrainians today from setting more ambitious goals than simply driving the enemy out of their backyard. Because the enemy, unlike Ukrainians, is aware of the crossroads in the world order where Ukraine is currently standing.*

*That is why he clogs up our information space, reducing it to primitive “shows” and equally primitive statements by zealous adherents of the idea of “Russia’s primacy in everything.”*

*The prominent English historian and philosopher Arnold Toynbee once formulated his theory of challenge and response as a universal mechanism for creating nations, states, and civilisations. Based on an analysis of the logic of the emergence, formation and decline of hundreds of nations and states throughout the history of mankind, he argued that the starting point of the genesis of a new community and the main factor in its success is the adequate response it finds to an external or internal challenge that threatens people’s lives while destroying their usual way of thinking and acting. In such circumstances, the community either mobilises and finds a new modus operandi, or it is defeated and disappears from the historical field, dissolving among other nations and becoming raw material for the construction of other states.*

*The situation which the Ukrainian community is currently facing resembles such a fateful challenge in many ways. It is most focused on the problem of territorial losses that resulted from the internal weakness of the state, the nation’s deformity, and the underestimation of external threats.*

*If we take a panoramic view of the landscape of cultural, ideological, and intellectual life in Ukraine, its intentions come down to a common denominator – to ban. This applies to nationalism and liberalism, socialism, democracy, imperialism, feminism and machismo, Christian love and pagan passion, Bandera, Karl Marks, Petliura, Trump, Pushkin, Ryazanov, Drach, the Russian language, the Ukrainian language, Europe, “Roshen”, Saakashvili, federalism, Gordon, GMOs, Euro-car drivers, grant-eaters.*

*Everyone seeks and finds the root of evil. And then life becomes meaningful – it becomes a struggle.*

**OCTOBER**

*Autocracies demonstrate instability and political cunning in their relations, trying to divert the world’s attention from Ukraine. However, today Russia, Iran and the DPRK are completely dependent on Beijing. Without Chinese resources, they cannot exist at all. It is Beijing that supplies them with the necessary technologies and materials to produce weapons, which Iran and the DPRK then share with Russia, among others. Moscow gives them all captured Western equipment (Ukraine, the Caucasus, the Middle East, Africa) so that they can develop their own on its basis and then share it with Moscow. Russia and China have numerous military projects in common, including those related to weapons production. And Chinese companies supply the goods required by the Russian Ministry of Defence, for which they even receive secondary sanctions from the United States. Beijing and Moscow are blocking the UN’s consideration of the nuclear issue of the DPRK and Iran. The latter, in turn, create nuclear threats to their neighbours in the region offering to exchange their security for their loyalty to Beijing. A kind of business club of terrorists.*

*Meanwhile, the Chinese dictator is learning from putin’s mistakes and taking steps to prevent a split within his system. However, in the confrontation between autocracies and democracies, he has not managed to remain a “grey cardinal”. Rather, it is likely China will soon receive an official and well-deserved status among democracies and the well-deserved status of a “systemic rival” among democratic countries.*

*The Cold War: “China – USA” has already begun. Today’s events have vividly demonstrated the emergence of a virtually new type or term of military and political confrontation – narrative warfare. China does not give up its goal of splitting the unity, while this very unity is the most important test for all democracies and Ukraine in particular.*

*The axis of global evil (China – Russia – Iran – North Korea) is consolidating its forces, which has led to an escalation of the conflict, where the Russian aggressor towards Ukraine has ceased to even conceal its true goals in its war. The risk of military action to occupy Taiwan has increased significantly, although it is still not a “guarantee of a military outcome”.*

*It seems that soon the Middle East will again become a point of active confrontation between democracies and autocracies. The third is the Indo-Pacific region: North Korea’s tests, so far directed against Japan and South Korea, but with a far-sighted aim at the United States.*

*Despite China’s and Russia’s attempts to disrupt or delay the UN General Assembly’s consideration of the issue of condemning Russia’s attempted annexation of four more regions of Ukraine, the resolution was adopted: Ukraine was supported by 143 out of 193 UN member states, despite pessimistic, recent forecasts. No one wants to deal with Moscow anymore.*

*Meanwhile, the kremlin, losing its last levers of influence of a “non-terrorist nature”, is looking for other ways to try to manifest its political subjectivity in the international arena, especially after the Chinese dictator voiced its true place on the political map of the world. Due to the failure of previous plans, Russia has resorted to missile terrorism. This is primarily a game for the domestic audience. However, the kremlin is trying to put pressure on both Ukraine and the West. However, this change in warfare methods raises the issue of genocide against Ukraine in the international arena, which is even worse for Russia. So, this is again a corner for the kremlin. Ukraine is restoring most of the power grids destroyed by shelling in less than a day, while Russia will never restore its reputation.*

*The whole world has seen, even live, what targets Russia is striking. The PACE has overwhelmingly recognised the Russian regime as a terrorist organisation, and the skies of Ukraine are closing.*

*The kremlin itself, having brought its population to a demographic abyss, is no longer able to carry out its terror without imports. Therefore, Iran, saving the kremlin at Beijing’s behest, is increasing its arms supplies to Russia, exposing itself to a targeted attack by the West, and will not stop helping the kremlin until it is sanctioned. At the same time, it is clearly dissatisfied with the way the Russian occupiers provide security for Iranian UAV instructors.*

*Russia – Iran – DPRK are increasingly defining themselves   
as terrorist proxies of China. Thus, while Russia is a vassal of China, the Armed Forces of Ukraine are not fighting the so-called “second army of the world”, but a proxy entity supported by the world’s second-largest economy, along with other terrorist groups.*

*Moreover, it is not just fighting, but winning, once again showing the “Chinese ogre” that autocracy is a dead form of government that our generation of Ukrainians will leave in the past, locking it in a “box” for many decades.*

*Meanwhile, “right-wing populism” is beginning to bear its global catastrophic consequences for the new world order, where putin is trying to attract Western marginalised people who claim to be elitists. The spread of the ideology of far-right authoritarianism to other continents is being recorded to split the world unity around Ukraine.*

*The collective West has fully realised the whole picture of the tragedy and has finally taken up the task of eliminating the source of evil. The world is at a turning point.*

*At the same time, Europe is facing an unprecedented financial and economic crisis – as a test for its survival and internal self-purification.*

*The behaviour of Saudi Arabia, the head of the OPEC+ oil cartel, remains unstable. Europe has achieved its energy independence from the kremlin and will continue to work to ensure that Ukraine successfully survives the coming winter. The UK is once again demonstrating its aristocracy to the world.*

*Ukraine skilfully uses time and international political platforms to communicate its needs and demands to the world. The European pro-Ukrainian coalition is being active internally, even despite the energy and economic crisis in Europe. During the seven months of the war, the Western coalition has learned to calibrate sanctions to the level of inventing a new powerful economic weapon that has seriously frightened Beijing and Moscow.*

*A new military and political entity called the European Political Community, which was created on the initiative of the French President, is already officially operating in Europe: shortly, this new political project will play an important role in Ukraine’s political, cultural, and historical development. Because a new world order is being formed today, Europe will in any case change its mental and military-political system. Ukraine will have to contribute to this process in order not only to preserve its statehood but also to find its new place in the new order. And the sooner Ukraine joins this process, the sooner the kremlin and Beijing will realise that all their political projects cannot be implemented on the territory of Ukraine.*

*Democracies have begun another process of mobilising their efforts to retaliate against autocrats over the Baltic Sea and a new wave of nuclear threats. At the same time, the United States is introducing the first, not secondary, but primary sanctions against the head of the axis of global evil – China.*

*The world is likely to enter a political and energy period of testing the strength of the pro-Ukrainian coalition, which will become increasingly acute as winter approaches. Europe continues to make key decisions on providing Ukraine with air defence, including a statement by PACE, which declared that it was necessary for the first time in its history since the establishment of this institution.*

*At the same time, democracies continue to show high organisation and moderation in their joint actions. This only proves the high level of analysis, and systematic, methodical, and moderate approach of democracies and their military-political bloc, in particular.*

*Belarus, the DPRK, Syria, and Nicaragua remain Russia’s real allies. But the United States is once again reminding the world that there is also China and Elon Musk and his Twitter. And the kremlin’s “indestructible brotherhood” in the CSTO format is finally falling apart.*

*In Russia itself, putin is not sure of the absolute loyalty of the security forces of his bloc and is trying to bargain with alternative power elites. The strategic initiative to launch a war against Ukraine has been completely lost by Russia. Moreover, putin has not even succeeded in frightening the West, while his claims to the territory that Russia does not control will turn into numerous challenges for the kremlin soon, such as “partial mobilisation”. The Russian dictator’s statements have further united the West, which has focused its attention even more on Ukraine and for Ukraine. The Russian dictator is trying to provoke NATO in order to involve authoritarian allies who are currently standing aside. At the same time, the United States and its allies clearly see the Russian provocation, as it is part of their strategy. At the same time, the Russian dictator himself, after another military defeat in Ukraine, has found himself in a new unfavourable political environment in which he is forced to show weakness, which is unacceptable for a dictator.*

*Neither Washington nor Beijing considers Russia to be equal: Beijing has placed Russia beyond the scope of a regional power seeking to manage regional politics. Russia today is a third-world country* – *after the “superpower” and “regional power”. That is why Russia is running to negotiate with the United States, to keep itself at least artificially or illusively on the regional level.*

*Thus, this year’s anniversary of the kremlin dictator took place against the backdrop of continuous defeats. Everything that was even an external symbol of the greatness of putin’s Russia turned out to be nothing more than a bluff. There will be no next anniversary.*

*The level of anxiety in Russian society has reached an all-time high, as has the level of motivation of Ukrainian society to defeat Russia in its war against Ukraine.*

*The Russian dictator no longer trusts local pro-kremlin collaborators and is taking additional steps to involve Belarusian society in the war against Ukraine.*

*A new terrorist group called the kremlin is trying to disguise itself as an “alternative Russian government” and continues to make efforts to distract from the reality of mobilisation and military failures.*

*The Vatican is once again proving itself, like Russia, to be a vassal of Beijing, while Israel has begun to show more and more pro-Ukrainian political moderation.*

*Western media still believes that Kakhovka HPP is the biggest risk factor in the next wave of escalation.*

*Against the backdrop of the confrontation between Beijing and Washington, the kremlin’s segment in Ukraine has become more active in trying to undermine the confidence of its allies in Ukraine. However, the allies themselves are ready to help expose Russian agents of influence in Europe and Ukraine in particular.*

*At the same time, Ukraine’s application for accelerated accession to NATO should be seen more as a deterrent to and from Russia. The next level of escalation on its part could result in a quick decision by the Alliance to accept Ukraine as a member. Thus, our task today is not to doubt the leadership of Ukraine, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and our partners. Because only Beijing and Moscow benefit from and need us to open an internal front of struggle against each other and the government, and an external front of struggle against our partners. Every Ukrainian official and every leader of a partner state equally wants us to win. This is the only way to end this war that is beneficial for all of us.*

*Today, Ukraine is a symbol of values in international politics and a beacon for democracies. The Armed Forces of Ukraine are confidently defeating terrorist proxy groups of the world’s second-largest economy, China. Ukraine is on the way to achieving its strategic goals in the war with Russia, forcing autocrats to reconsider their attitudes. It is our generation of Ukrainians who will close the project of autocracy for a long time.*

*The global agenda depends on the Armed Forces of Ukraine   
and revolves around Ukraine.*

*The Russian-Ukrainian war is switching to “wintertime”.*

***01.10.2022***

On a day when the Russian occupation army is shamefully retreating   
from a part of Ukrainian territory, putin announced the prefabricated results of his bogus referendums, fabulously recognising “independence” and announcing the annexation of four more Ukrainian regions that he does not even fully control. In this way, the Russian dictator is trying to turn the tide of the war in his favour, which he is now rapidly losing. At the same time*,* putin’s latest fantasy has attracted even more sanctions and provoked a statement by the United States that the use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine would be considered an attack on NATO.

***02.10.2022***

The Russian information space exploded because of its defeat near Lyman. At the same time, 12 NATO member states have already supported Ukraine’s accession to the Alliance and called for increased military assistance, including the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Canada, Germany, and the United States.

***04.10.2022***

In China, meanwhile, internal purges are taking place at the top of the Chinese government, Xi personally handed down a suspended death sentence to the deputy minister of the Ministry of Public Security, Sun Lijun, and other officials from the ministry and other officials from this ministry for their political proximity to former President Jiang Zemin (1993-2003), who never considered the West an enemy for China. This political purge, just weeks before the CPC Congress approves the Chinese dictator’s third term, is a stark warning that Xi will no longer tolerate pro-American officials.

***05.10.2022***

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has officially received Ukraine’s application to join the Alliance. The next step will be to discuss this application at the level of the North Atlantic Council, i.e. at the level of NATO ambassadors in Brussels. Meanwhile, the President of Ukraine enacted the National Security and Defence Council’s decision to hold no negotiations with the Russian dictator.

***06.10.2022***

The crucial point is that the Chinese dictator was suddenly in a frenzy and urgently began to gather all his diplomats in Europe,   
in order to organise work to resume diplomatic discussions on the war in Ukraine. Moreover, the Chinese dictator announced his hope to meet with the President of France and the Chancellor of Germany in November and additionally demanded to meet with the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the President of Türkiye.

This activity of Xi Jinping can be assessed as an attempt to return to the diplomatic game, but at the same time firmly adhere to his line of official neutrality in Russia’s war against Ukraine.

***07.10.2022***

The main event of the day was the OPEC+ decision to cut oil production by 2 million barrels. Meanwhile, Beijing has developed a new way to spread kremlin propaganda to the United States and its allies about the war in Ukraine. This is how the narrative policy of China and the kremlin have successfully migrated to the social media system and various official pages of Trump’s campaigns, companies, and media.

Hundreds of accounts associated with the Russian military, diplomats and state media are involved in the distribution of pro-kremlin content. At the same time, English-language versions are massively distributed on Twitter and on platforms popular with American conservatives, including Gab and Truth, which were created by Trump.

***08.10.2022***

Today, a new military-political entity called the European Political Community, which was created on the initiative of the President of France, is officially operating in Europe as an impetus for a conceptual revision of European values through the prism of Ukraine, and to prevent further development of far-right forces in Europe. The following conclusions can be drawn from the results of the first summit of the new community:

**1**. French President Emmanuel Macron now has his new international association, which includes 44 countries.

**2**. At the same time, this is what makes Macron’s ambitious plan prohibitively difficult, since a wider network of countries means a more diverse cast of characters who need to be satisfied with their interests;

**3**. The new association was created in response to the Russian invasion to offer the world a broader European network, a kind of EU within the EU, where European leaders, but not the EU, can discuss areas of common interest.

A striking and positive example of this was the event when, during this forum, Armenia and Azerbaijan suddenly shook hands and adopted several joint statements recognising each other’s territorial integrity.

***09.10.2022***

The main topic of the day was the *“Crimean Bridge”* –namely, its collapse as a result of a bombing. The majority of the world’s media agreed that this action was the result of the kremlin’s political split. The world media also focuses on the fact that information about deep political divisions within the kremlin is rapidly spreading in Russia, which has significantly undermined the appearance of stability of the putin’s regime, even among its population*.*

Meanwhile, the mobilisation announced by putin after his failed attempt to seize Ukraine with the so-called “*professional army”* has sown panic and fear in the Russian mass consciousness on a scale never seen before.

***10.10.2022***

Beijing and Moscow are blocking consideration of the DPRK and Iranian nuclear issue in the UN. Consequently, they, in turn, can continue to create reciprocal nuclear threats to their neighbours in the region, offering them security in exchange for their loyalty to Beijing.

This is the reason for the unstable behaviour of Saudi Arabia, which is the head of the OPEC+ oil cartel, on whose decision even the results of the US elections depend, not to mention other less politically developed continents and regions, where, as soon as the oil shortage jumps over 30%, protests break out and illiterate pro-putin populists come to power. Thus, Iran, North Korea, and Russia are nothing more than Chinese proxies, Beijing’s terrorist regimes.

***11.10.2022***

So, putin has put the terrorist Surovikin at the head of his war against Ukraine, who is known for fighting exclusively with scorched earth tactics and only against civilians. Thus, having suffered strategic defeats, the kremlin is now comforted by terror, which materialises exclusively based on aggression, despair, and agony.

Meanwhile, against the backdrop of Russia’s terror in Ukraine, the situation in Iran has begun to deteriorate significantly after Tehran-backed militants launched a missile attack on a US military base in eastern Syria. The Pentagon has reported that Iran may be preparing for a military escalation against its foreign opponents and is even ready to escalate against Türkiye.

***12.10.2022***

Ukraine continues to occupy the front pages of the world’s most popular publications. The whole world is literally watching its invincibility. Against this backdrop, putin is convening an emergency meeting of his “security council” as the format of the war is rapidly shifting from ground   
to the air.

At the same time, Western political circles have concluded that the main purpose of putin’s meeting was his attempt to balance political forces and coordinate the narratives of the official position. In other words, the kremlin has found some common ground to move the war to another stage, with more widespread consequences, where the kremlin no longer hides the fact that the goal of the war is not some kind of denazification, but the de-Ukrainization of Ukraine.

***13.10.2022***

The war is heading into its first winter, likely to be quite fierce, as US allies are already facing economic difficulties that are making them less able to respond quickly with a military and political response. Meanwhile, Berlin has announced a visit by the German Chancellor to China, making him the first G7 leader to visit China since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Olaf Scholz’s trip comes at a time when the Chancellor is walking a fine line between continuing his predecessor Angela Merkel’s close economic relations with Beijing *(China is still Germany’s largest trading partner)* – and taking a more critical stance on issues such as human rights or China’s tacit support for Russia’s war against Ukraine.

We have already noted that Olaf Scholz is turning his country 180 degrees: with its back to Moscow*.* That is why we believe that this trip will be a test for him and for the policy he has initiated: *“Away from Moscow”.*

***14.10.2022***

Meanwhile, despite all the attempts by China and Russia to disrupt or delay the UN General Assembly’s consideration of the issue of condemning Russia’s attempt to annex four more regions of Ukraine, the Assembly did pass the resolution we needed: 143 out of 193 member states supported Ukraine. After that, PACE officially recognised the Russian regime as a terrorist regime by a solid majority. This decision was historic. Thus, the demarcation line dividing the civilised world from what is now called Russia has been drawn. This is confirmed by the decision of 15 NATO countries that agreed to create an improved air defence system for Europe. The project involves Germany, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, Norway, Latvia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Romania, and Slovenia. The defence ministers of these countries signed a declaration on the Sky Shield initiative at a NATO meeting in Brussels. The new air defence system should provide better protection against cruise and ballistic missiles and drones.

***15.10.2022***

After the world community legitimised further measures *(UN GA resolution),* the world’s defence assistance to Ukraine *(weapons, sanctions, export controls, isolation, responsibility)* began to be clearly qualified: *“Evil is evil – good is good”*.

Today, this is a very important element of the world’s consciousness, which will ensure the continued unity of the international pro-Ukrainian coalition. A partial episode that confirms the above is the recent decision of the European Parliament to cut off Serbia’s funding and investment   
and investment until it imposes anti-Russian sanctions.

In this way, Europe is making it clear to all countries that it will no longer help those who do not finally choose the side of “good”. In other words, Europe, in the course of its self-purification, showing its moderation, no longer wants to be perceived in the future as something that can be fooled and “cheated”.

Meanwhile, all of China is on high alert ahead of the Communist Party Congress. At the same time, in Washington, National Security Adviser to the President of the United States Jake Sullivan presented the world with the new US National Security Strategy. Where Sullivan clearly outlines that the United States is treating Russia’s aggression with the priority it deserves as a country that has gone into business with China on its own.

***16.10.2022***

One of the most horrific periods of this era, a black page in the modern history of the world, is the Twentieth Congress of the CPC. The so-called “great event of the first day” – Xi’s speech. The main conclusions of the first day of the Chinese Communist Party Congress were: **(1)** No heir. **(2).** External threats. **(3).** Technological race.

At the same time, for the first time since 2002, Xi’s speech did not contain the words: “This is a time for development”, which means that Beijing is either planning or already planning a war. Nevertheless, this means that the global confrontation between autocracies and democracies has moved to the next level. Among other things, it is worth paying attention to the fact that after Xi’s words that China seeks peaceful reunification with Taiwan, Chinese tabloids, ahead of the official statement of their Foreign Ministry, called on Chinese citizens to urgently leave Ukraine due to a “serious security situation”. Later, the US reported that the Iranian regime was preparing to send several hundred ballistic missiles to Russia. Even later, China’s call to evacuate Ukraine was followed by others: Serbia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Belarus, and Egypt.

This escalation of the situation, especially regarding Iranian missiles, has angered Israel, whose government has openly talked about providing Ukraine with military assistance on a par with that currently provided by the United States and NATO. Against this backdrop, Saudi Arabia has also stood firmly on the side of Ukraine, assuring that the Kingdom does not support Russia in its aggression.

Meanwhile, against the backdrop of autocracies attempts to rewrite the scenario of global confrontation, the U.S. President, as part of the new U.S. National Security Strategy, forced all Americans working in China in the chip industry to choose between resignation and loss of US citizenship. As a result, the production of semiconductors in China overnight, the production of semiconductors in China was brought to a standstill.

In this context, we would also like to remind you that today, thematic European diplomatic meetings on China and its satellites are starting in Europe, where a separate consideration of the ninth package of sanctions against Russia and separately against Belarus will begin.

***18.10.2022***

The so-called “coronation” of the Chinese dictator continues. For ourselves, we note that these days should not have come, because in 1976 the Chinese said*: “*No to the cult of personality”, and in 1982 they limited the term of leadership to two terms. And Xi Jinping’s predecessor, Deng Xiaoping, said that “*Marxism-Leninism should be treated more formally*”. This was because China was developing rapidly economically at the time, primarily due to its integration with the civilised world.

But today, when Xi Jinping will become the ruler of China for the third time, probably for life, the economy is not the focus of the speeches of the Chinese Communists and their leader for the first time in 35 years. The only focus is on calls for increased military power: Tibet, Hong Kong, Xinjiang, forced labour, concentration camps, re-education, and repression are to become the tools for the complete annexation of Taiwan.

And as is customary in a totalitarian environment, all the participants of the congress usually approve of the above, while hinting at an even greater role for the state in society.

So, today, Xi Jinping’s opinion is the main “law” for the modern *“People’s Republic of China”*, which, by its name, is like the name of a terrorist organisation, such as the *“Donetsk People’s Republic”.*

Meanwhile, 27 EU foreign ministers met in Luxembourg in Luxembourg to discuss the topic of rethinking relations with China. The basic document of the European External Action Service, which will be considered by the ministers, states:

**1.** China’s activities and position in multilateral organisations is an example of its determination to systematically promote an alternative vision of the world order;

**2.** The bilateral relationship between China and Russia is a strong partnership based on supporting each other’s military interests, which can no longer be ignored;

**3.** Conclusions: EU countries “must prevent and isolate China’s attempts to use its divide-and-rule tactics”, the document clearly states.

***19.10.2022***

In the military context, Iran is interested exclusively in weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, biological, etc.) as the only necessary element of the system of ultimatum deterrence with a gradual transition to a more aggressive position. The collective West knows this and accordingly, has built a sanctions roadmap for Iran, solely to ensure the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Meanwhile, the United States has urgently begun to provide Ukraine with equipment to combat Iranian drones.

***20.10.2022***

Moscow decided on the fate of further mobilisation and introduced martial law in the occupied territories of Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk and Luhansk regions. This means that during the battle for Kherson, the kremlin will try to use terrorist tactics to hide behind civilians.

***21.10.2022***

The US and EU countries have approved targeted sanctions against Iran for supplying kamikaze drones to Russia. Thus, this not only confirms the transience of modern military and political processes but also shows that democracies have successfully fitted into the new time rhythm.

This is confirmed by the kremlin’s reaction, which, in an attempt to save its Iranian accomplice from new sanctions, is resorting to blackmail tactics: terminating the “grain deal”, without taking into account the image losses of the President of Türkiye, on whose authority this very agreement rests, and that it is precisely because of this authority that Russia has not yet been expelled from the Middle East and Syria in particular.

Meanwhile, 28 out of 30 NATO members have ratified the accession protocols of Finland and Sweden. While the Dutch parliament supported the establishment of a special tribunal in The Hague for Russia’s crimes against Ukraine.

***22.10.2022***

Ukraine is asking the UN and the EU to urgently send observers to the Kakhovka hydroelectric power station, where, according to the Pentagon, Russia is preparing to blow it up. This is the same plan by Surovikin that considers all possible options for massive terrorist attacks on Ukraine’s peaceful targets and civilian infrastructure.

***24.10.2022***

US financial intelligence has revealed the fact that a shadow fleet is being formed around the world to serve Moscow’s interests in transporting sanctioned Russian oil.

***26.10.2022***

Western officials have analysed Russia’s attacks and their effects on Ukraine’s energy infrastructure and acknowledged that the kremlin’s terrorist bombing campaign was methodical and destructive, which means that the attacks are directed by electricity specialists who know exactly which critical infrastructure to hit.

Meanwhile, German President Frank Steinmeier arrived in Kyiv. In addition, Berlin has outlined its vision of Ukraine’s reconstruction, which should begin now, and which also includes the restoration of energy infrastructure and the creation of the right conditions for Ukraine to survive the coming winter.

***27.10.2022***

At this time, the kremlin’s neo-fascist philosopher Dugin came to Belarus to present his so-called “*new ideological concept for Belarusians”*. At the same time, there is nothing new in this concept, only a repetition of the kremlin’s narratives about the theory of the “*triune people”*.

Against this backdrop, the kremlin has begun to inflate the theme of *a* “*dirty bomb”* in Ukraine. The likelihood that Moscow will receive political dividends from this terrorist project is negative, as the kremlin has long since exhausted its credit with the international community through its constant and blatant lies.

Meanwhile, for the third day in a row, the Western media has been talking about the possible undermining of the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam.

***28.10.2022***

Global communication on that day was based on four scenarios. The first scenario was the statement by US CIA Director William Burns that the threat of a nuclear strike by Russia was the highest   
since 24 February. The second scenario is a statement by the head of the Munich Security Conference, Christoph Goisgen, that the West no longer rejects the possibility of Ukraine joining NATO. Third: the Chinese dictator’s statement about China’s readiness to cooperate with the United States. Fourth, putin’s narrative statement: *“Let’s live together in peace”.*

So, once again, we conclude that unity is not an easy test. But without it, defeating the “axis of evil” is a very long, expensive   
and uncertain.

Meanwhile, the EU will have to get rid of two dependencies at the same time: energy resources from Russia and rare earth materials from China – which should have been done yesterday. After all, the EU exports 98% of these materials from China, and without them, the production of electric vehicles, wind turbines, and solar panels is simply impossible today. However, Chinese propaganda today looks like this: “*We are extending an olive branch to the U.S., but the hegemon does not take it*”.

However, we should not forget that the Chinese dictator is constantly talking about cooperation with the United States. He said this a year ago. Five years ago. A few months ago. And he will say it again tomorrow. Meanwhile, Beijing has two main missions: (**1**) Reunification with Taiwan. (**2**). Spreading authoritarianism around the world as a new choice for humanity. This is exactly what all Chinese documents say.

At the same time, among the above communications, there is another one that we did not mention earlier because it is not from the position of officials and can be regarded as background. This is the publication of information materials by the US National Security Centre stating that, in principle, China could give up Taiwan and seize eastern Russia because of the kremlin’s weakness.

This can only be seen as Washington’s response to aggressive Beijing: “*Forget about Taiwan, but we will turn a blind eye,   
to the East of Russia*”.

***29.10.2022***

The UK announced the declassification of documents on kremlin agents in Europe, including Ukraine. At the same time, the Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs called Ukraine a role model, and the UN stated that there was no evidence of biological weapons in Ukraine, despite all the accusations on this issue by Russia.

This demonstrates that Ukraine remains in the spotlight of the world, as its desire and efforts to purify itself from the pro-kremlin political segment inspire European countries and Taiwan to do the same.

***30.10.2022***

The key event of the day, against the backdrop of published data on the damage to three Russian ships in Sevastopol, was the kremlin’s decision to unilaterally withdraw from the grain deal. At the same time, Elon Musk’s updated Twitter account exploded, where right-wing populist forces in Europe and the United States spewed their bile about the unfair treatment of Russia, cursorily blaming Ukraine and the United Nations.

Turning to the issue of Twitter after its purchase by Elon Musk*,* it should be noted that although Musk is a representative of the right-wing forces (Trump’s group), he certainly thinks in different terms than the classic right-wing, but the transformation of Twitter from a left-wing environment to a right-wing environment is a very bad sign for Western politics.

So, Elon Musk’s new Twitter is a platform where right-wing populist fringe groups will pump up the rating of right-wing populist fringe groups with lies about migrants, Europe’s “dollar dependence”, the need to help Ukraine and the need to negotiate with Moscow.

Among other things, it should also be recalled that putin has been sponsoring far-right movements in Europe since he came to power. The kremlin has sponsored openly aggressive fascist organisations. And now, Elon Musk has opened access to a key mouthpiece for supporters of this ideological scheme on the other side of the geopolitical board.

***31.10.2022***

So, the day finally came – the UN Security Council stated in no uncertain terms that it was “*fed up with listening to the nonsense of Russian diplomats*”, where the last straw for such emotions was the kremlin’s report on “*war mosquitoes infected with biological weapons in Ukraine*”.

*So, we should get used to the fact that we will have to talk about China in the international context more and more often. Now, after Russia’s large-scale invasion and Xi Jinping’s “coronation”, the context of sinological discussions will expand.*

*That is, no discussion of contemporary geopolitics is now possible without discussing China’s role. After all, China’s unexpected ascent to the rank of global leader was one of the surprises of the past decade. Chinese President Xi Jinping’s participation in the 2017 World Forum in Davos, regular “One Belt – One Road” summits, the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses of the CPC, China’s growing presence in South America and Africa, and, finally, Xi Jinping’s regular visits to Central Europe are all part of a chain that allowed sinologists to conclude that China is implementing a global expansion strategy both in Eurasia and far beyond.*

*“One Belt – One Road” is a global complex where: the “Belt” is the land transport routes (mainly rail) through Central Asia, Türkiye, Russia, and possibly Ukraine, to Central and Western Europe, and the “road” is a network of ports and sea transport arteries from the east coast of China to Greece   
and Italy. The total investment is currently estimated at $1 trillion in more than 70 countries. The new transport routes should cover areas where 65% of the world’s population lives and about half of the world’s GDP is concentrated.*

*China has long understood that the superpower status enjoyed by the United States is based largely on the security guarantees it provides to its allies. Therefore, China decided to use a different tactic – to offer other countries a so-called sense of unity and connectedness through trade routes.*

*Moreover, if Russia were to succeed in its blitzkrieg against Ukraine, Beijing would still have spent more than $500 billion on its projects in 62 countries, with Russia, Indonesia, Iran, India, Egypt, the Philippines, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Laos, and Thailand among the largest participants. Even South America is part of the Belt and Road Initiative, and it welcomes China’s initiative.*

*But this whole global Chinese pyramid collapsed in an instant, and all because the Armed Forces of Ukraine gave a tough rebuff to Russia,   
and this, in turn, made it possible for democracies to unite. Therefore, Beijing was forced to reveal its plans, and Chinese assets began to fall all over the world, including the Vatican, which is now headed by Pope Francis, who is from Argentina.*

*Thus, today, it is increasingly certain that the post-Cold War world order is coming to an end, and intense global competition is taking place to determine what will happen next and who will initiate a new world order.*

*And at the heart of this competition is the initiative of technology. Technologies that will re-equip the economies of all countries, reform the armed forces, and change the lives of people around the world. But Ukraine is out of the running in this game because the basis of its opposition is not “technology”, but an ideology that is eroding the foundation of Russia. And today, the world is at a critical juncture, a period that will be difficult to predict.*

*This is evidenced by the fact that Russia’s desperation grew even more pronounced during the 20th CPC Congress, where Xi Jinping was “coronated”. Before that, we recorded many signs of desperation, including mobilisation; internal repression, which led to a drop in putin’s ratings; an attempt to annex four new regions with the introduction of martial law, and others. Meanwhile, the main reason for the kremlin’s current despair isXi Jinping’s official announcement of his vision of a “bipolar world”, which completely breaks the main kremlin concept and puts Russia on par with other countries.*

*In addition, the kremlin’s gas blackmail operation ahead of the coming winter has completely failed. As a result, the kremlin has lost its last lever of influence on EU countries “not of a terrorist nature”.*

*Meanwhile, Europe has practically achieved its full energy independence from the kremlin, and only those who were inclined to negotiate with the kremlin have found themselves in the “vortex of the Russian gas orbit”, and ironically, they are the ones who have the greatest problems in ensuring guarantees for the gas sector, namely: Hungary, Sweden, Italy, and the Netherlands.*

**NOVEMBER**

*November, the last period before the winter campaign, is also a period for a key or dramatic increase in military and political action by democracies against the aggression of dictatorships. The Western pro-Ukrainian coalition continues to demonstrate resilience, and the return of Latin America to the world stage is a strong support for it.*

*Today*’*s actions of the Chinese dictator show how much the “Brazilian fiasco” has shaken his position and hopes to undermine America socially and psychologically on its territory.*

*The kremlin’s authoritarian policy has failed after failure. Its criminal army is demotivated, and society is extremely degraded: today, this factor is necessary for victory, but after it opens a “new front”. That is why Beijing fails to promote dictatorship to the world as the only system for the life support of countries in the twenty-first century. Countries around the world are looking at degraded Russia, putin and hiding in terror behind democracies that are becoming stronger and capable of developing new algorithms for resisting modern dictatorship. The democratic world, as well as the authoritarian world, have confidently entered the whirlwind of another test of the stability of their governance systems. The next such global aggravation will be associated with the world’s exit from the corridor of chaos. At the same time, democracies, with all their differences, have a much wider range of opportunities to win, while autocracies are already forced to resort to mass executions, demonstrating their unsustainability in the twenty-first century.*

*The cyclical nature of events and the intersection of information waves primarily indicate that autocracies have invented nothing new in their aggression, their chaos scenarios are calculated, but the true leader of the world is the one who knows how to resist it and has a long-term memory, as this allows them to work out countermeasures.*

*Joe Biden has revealed Washington’s agenda: The US is launching targeted military and political games against Iran: the regime is falling, putin is losing his main ally, and China is a source of destabilisation   
in the Middle East region.*

*The Iranian revolution is becoming more and more organised. The regime is aware that repression is working against it. Today’s events in Iran can be described as the opening of a second front against the global axis of evil and Russia particularly. The Ukrainian society still does not feel this, even after Iranian drones destroyed Ukraine’s energy infrastructure. The same is true of the position towards China, which looks humiliating in the eyes of the international community.*

*In general, the month was information-rich and in terms of global processes resembled a mathematical pendulum that had been in an unstable position all along. When even now it is difficult to determine   
which side it is the side of democracies or autocracies: The dispute between European democracies, which has primary signs of a political crisis, the unlearned lessons of Germany, the lessons, and exams of the Iranian revolution for Ukraine, Italian Euroscepticism, and the parliamentary elections in Israel. At the same time, the kremlin’s constant provocations from the “dirty bomb” to the “grain deal”, the instability of the axis of evil, the great victory of democracy in Brazil, Saudi Arabia’s look towards Washington, and of course Macron’s demonstrated leadership. The turbulence in the world is only growing, and this is pushing the opposing sides to take even greater risks. The reason for this global uncertainty is the US congressional election process.*

*Meanwhile, Washington is increasingly taking the initiative on its own, without Europe, and is beginning to use climate as an additional weapon to deter autocracies. The Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheikh has become a platform for additional influence on the G20 countries.*

*At the same time, the current position of the G20 contrasts with its initial activity and needs to be rebooted to meet modern needs, as the UN has done now. However, the G20, as an international institution, is officially entering the game of the global confrontation between democracies and autocracies, on the side of the former.*

*At the same time, the G7 and Washington, in particular, are gaining new leverage over autocracies that are rapidly losing their main assets within the democratic political system: Trump is trapped in a trap of his own making; Elon Musk has suddenly fallen silent. The exhausted kremlin, whose resources are reaching their limit, is in the same trap. China is also not commenting on anything. Populism, post-truth, and polarization have started to lose in America and will continue to lose in the rest of the world.*

*Meanwhile, Kherson came under the full control of the Ukrainian Armed Forces faster than expected. It is becoming increasingly difficult for kremlin propagandists to utter the phrase* “*Russia forever”. Only a month and a half has passed since putin announced mobilisation and the Ukrainian Armed Forces liberated the new territories. Thus, putin has suffered his third major defeat in the war with Ukraine and has called for talks. The kremlin split is back in action. The loss of Kherson became Russia’s biggest geopolitical defeat since the collapse of the USSR, as putin personally guaranteed that the territory would “forever remain” with Russia. Therefore, the kremlin is disoriented, and its representatives are increasingly resorting to reckless and discreditable actions. “Russian: statehood, diplomacy, culture, education”, Moscow, the kremlin and similar things have become nominal words for the whole world, which are perceived only as “aggressive and dependent on China scarecrows”.*

*The liberation of Kherson is becoming a marker for the entire civilised world of the victory of democracies over autocracies. Therefore, China is raising the stakes, provoking new military and political challenges against Joe Biden personally. And the longer the Russian-Ukrainian war lasts, the more time Beijing has to destabilise democracies. While “playing the long game” has always been China’s strategy. So, the Russian-Ukrainian war is currently beneficial only to China.*

*On the other hand, political provocations inside Ukraine are once again becoming the kremlin’s main weapon, as the military option is closed to it. Ukraine continues to be attacked by Russian political and religious projects from within. Political provocations are becoming more and more severe. The goal is to sow public disappointment that Ukraine’s alleged victory in the war with Russia will not change anything and to force Ukraine to negotiate.*

*Events are flying faster than we have time to realise them and adopt an agenda. But one way or another, we are talking about China, which Ukraine still considers a neutral party, even in the unofficial information environment. Because of this, there is a certain lack of clarity in Ukraine’s communications with the West, which from time to time demonstrates its readiness to provide more powerful weapons but hesitates.*

*Thus, the sooner Ukrainian society understands the role and place of China in the Russian-Ukrainian war, the sooner this war will end for Ukraine. However, Ukraine remains at the epicentre of the world’s attention: the autocrats are unable to shift their focus.*

*Meanwhile, Washington is accelerating its agenda, reminding that the next confrontation of democracies is in the Indo-Pacific region, while Russian aggression in the Eastern European region has not yet been suppressed.*

*There are also signs that democracies have won over the world’s defence industry and are gradually moving to tighten the military and political noose around China’s neck. On the other hand, autocracies are opening a “religious case” like a Pandora’s box.*

*The diplomatic front will be a priority in the coming days. Now it is the turn of diplomats and politicians to demonstrate the same skill as the Armed Forces of Ukraine.*

*The power of democracy has always been questioned, but this is not about today or this century.*

***01.11.2022***

Ukraine has once again suffered a missile attack. The 45 out of 50 (88%) air defence performance is a strong indication that Ukraine needs additional supplies of such weapons systems. The kremlin’s terrorist attacks on infrastructure facilities provide more and more arguments for a swift Western response on this issue.

It is quite obvious that the kremlin is unable to attack and defeat military targets. Therefore, it launches massive strikes against those whose coordinates are known. This is ordinary terrorism, which has been elevated to the rank of state policy. And the demonstrative withdrawal from the grain deal is another in the same series. But in this case, the reaction of other participants in this process was surprisingly correct, leading to the fact that the escort of the ships will continue, despite the kremlin’s hysteria.

In Latin America, meanwhile, the most important vote of the last decade took place: the democrat Lula against the far-right incumbent President Bolsonaro*,* which resulted in a landslide victory for democracy over populist dictatorship. Thus, the victory of the democrat Lula, who served two terms as president from 2003 to 2010, returns the powerful titan of the Global South to the world stage, where his progressive voice will stand in stark contrast to that of the right.

Meanwhile, the Iranian regime is stepping up its efforts to suppress the freedom revolution and continues to test the international legal order: Moscow and Tehran are signing a new agreement on four different classes of unmanned systems that have already been used in the Russian war.

# *02.11.2022*

A new wave of military threats is unfolding in the Middle East, apparently directed exclusively against Israel, which is now entering the deep process of parliamentary elections – the fifth since 2019. We are talking about Saudi Arabia, which has told Washington of its concerns about Iran’s plans to attack it and Iraq, as revealed by its intelligence*.*

# *03.11.2022*

The first thingto note is that the “*dirty bomb”* narrative has suddenly disappeared from the Russian information space as if it had never existed. This means that another act of blackmail by the kremlin has failed miserably. Secondly***,*** there was the grain deal*,* theact of termination of which lasted even less than the “*dirty bomb”*.

Meanwhile, after two days of silence, Bolsonaro finally agreed to hand over power to Lula. His supporters are still blocking important Brazilian roads, but there will be no *“January 6 Capitol scenario”.*

Today it is difficult to say how Brazil, the world’s fourth largest democracy, managed to avoid turbulence in such difficult times, as much of what saved the 217 million people is still under the table.

Meanwhile, North Korea launched 10 ballistic missiles of various types towards the East and West. This is the largest number of launches in one day during the entire period of Kim Jong-un’s rule*.* These actions of the North Korean dictator only demonstrate the level of hysteria and anger of the Chinese dictator, who is now trying to find new pain points of democracies but is not finding them.

# *04.11.2022*

The White House, the Pentagon and the State Department have been making synchronised remarks about new routes for supplying Russia with ammunition from the DPRK. In their briefings, these U.S. government agencies emphasise that this logistics includes North Korea, Iran, Syria, Russia and even Belarus. They also note that it remains a question for them which countries on the African continent are involved in this logistics, as the Wagner PMC is present in more than ten countries.

Meanwhile, the DPRK itself*,* to divert the attention of Washington, which is now looking for evidence that Pyongyang is supplying Russia with ammunition, is again firing missiles towards Japan. At the same time, its Chinese overlord, amid expectations of a big guest from Berlin, suddenly stressed that he does not want to use force against Taiwan.

# *05.11.2022*

The situation in the Middle East region has deteriorated. The Iranian Revolution began to adopt the symbols of the Islamic Revolution. The slogan: “*Parents support children*” knocks out all the ideological foundations laid by the pro-Kremlin Ali Khamenei.

It is worth noting that the Iranian regime has taught Iranians to use revolutionary phrases, nationalist images, and ideas and to honour martyrs for more than four decades. That is why the growing efforts of protesters to reclaim the ideas of revolution, Iranian nationalism, and secular martyrdom from the regime for their movement is a very significant turnaround.

Speaking of social media, we are once again forced to talk about Twitter, from which global advertisers have begun to flee ‘en masse’ after Elon Musk began to express his far-right stance. This means that Joe Biden’s strategy of gathering all the world’s business players around him has begun to bear fruit, because of which modern neo-fascists are receiving painful blows and not all of them can resist. A striking example of this is putin supporter Le Pen, who lost her position as leader of the French far-right party after she failed to shake the position of the current French President, who not only held on but also strengthened his position and announced France’s mobilisation to help Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the so-called “Russian government in exile”, consisting of former MPs chaired by Ponomaryov and “kegebeshniks” like Feigin, met in Warsaw. It is not known who expelled them from Russia. Who elected them, apart from their “YouTube audience”, is also unknown. But they claim to oversee all Russian serfs and are appealing to Europe and the United States to be heard and accepted. It is obvious that this is a kremlin project that no one believed, and therefore this “take-off” was the first and last.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon has stated that it already has all the reliable data that Pyongyang is secretly supplying Russia with artillery shells for the war in Ukraine.

In this context, we draw attention to the convenient position of China: Beijing finances the regimes in Iran, North Korea and Russia, the latter destabilising the situation, each in its region. At the same time, when Beijing is asked at UN Security Council meetings to stop funding and supporting the regimes, Beijing talks about the balance of power, US “hegemony” and the West’s bellicose Cold War rhetoric.

In bilateral communications, Beijing is always ready to provide security services to countries in the region, curbing the aggression of its dependents. Of course, in exchange for reduced cooperation with the West and increased cooperation with Beijing.

# *07.11.2022*

The UK and Japan have signed a new military agreement aimed solely at deterring China. The new agreement includes safeguards for India, which, after the coronation of the Chinese dictator, has come under direct attack from Beijing. Meanwhile, Odesa has shown its national and political affiliation and firmness. This refers to the decision to dismantle the monument to Catherine the Great, which is perhaps the most important political marker and reference point for promoting Kremlin narratives in Ukraine.

# *08.11.2022*

Türkiye, playing on a political razor’s edge, demonstrated its commitment to the civilised world when it prevented Russian warships from entering the Black Sea to prevent them from attacking Ukrainian territory. Meanwhile, in Ukraine, strategically important enterprises: Ukrnafta, Motor Sich, and AvtoKrAZ, are being taken over by the state. Energoatom analysed the impact of a possible undermining of the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam on the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

# *09.11.2022*

China cancels the broadcast of European Council President Charles Michel’s speech at the Shanghai arms exhibition because his speech criticised Russia for its war against Ukraine. So, for Ukraine, the opposite is true: China’s political, diplomatic, and economic resistance is perhaps the strongest weapon in the fight against aggressive Russia.

Meanwhile, another confirmation of the civilised world’s entry into a new corridor of chaos is the unprecedented decision of the Iranian parliament to execute more than 14,000 participants in the Iranian Revolution.

Thus, the Iranian authorities do not just want to punish those who dare to go against their regime as severely as possible, they, being in vassalage to Beijing, shock the civilised world with their decision, with the sole purpose of paralysing it.

So, the price is very high, and the way the government defends itself reflects the level of danger that citizens pose to a criminal government. The stakes have been raised to the highest level and the consequences of the failure of this bet for both sides will be as mirrored as possible.

On top of this, Hungary has come to the forefront, persuading Brussels to unblock €7.2 billion in grants that were blocked due to Budapest’s systematic pro-Kremlin stance.

# *10.11.2022*

Turning to the topic of the Iranian revolution, we would just like to note that the number of protesters killed everyday ranges from 60 to 100 people, although the actual number may be higher. Thus, 2022 is deservedly becoming the year of blood. In addition to this, Iran has also startedthreatening Azerbaijan, accusing it *of* terrorism against Tehran. At the same time, this hostile rhetoric followed calls by the Iranian proxy group IRGC to annex a part of Azerbaijan, namely the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic.

# *11.11.2022*

The world’s media is focused on the retreat of the Russian occupiers from Kherson. At the same time, even India has noticed this, and after the 20th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, it suddenly announced that it refuses to trade oil with Russia, although it had been doing so covertly before. This is an important signal, as India, like Taiwan, is currently at the epicentre of possible military aggression from China.

***12.11.2022***

After the 20th Congress, China still fails to strengthen its vertical. Due to its lack of presentability to the world, Russia is the weakest link to lure countries into choosing an authoritarian system of governance. Meanwhile, Iran is being knocked out of this aggressive chain by democracies, and the DPRK is not seen by China as a combat asset at all but rather as a demonstrative one.

At the same time, democracies have further strengthened their unity and seized the initiative of the future global agenda.

The Chinese dictator, who claimed world domination at the Twentieth Congress, is now facing a choice: to admit that the model he offers the world is unsustainable or to go all the way and be destroyed by it. And today, Beijing is communicating with Washington. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has informed the White House that Xi would like to meet with Joe Biden. The US State Department accepted the Chinese request and informed Beijing that Xi Jinping would have totalk to the U.S. President about Ukraine, Taiwan, Russia and the DPRK*.*

Meanwhile, for the fifth time in a week, Russia has requested talks with Ukraine. Ukraine, meanwhile, is taking moderate steps to implement humanitarian reform by removing the Russian language from the curriculum of schools and kindergartens.

***13.11.2022***

If the world is talking about Ukraine today, it is only in three formats: Kherson; the Russia – Ukraine talks; and the G20.

***14.11.2022***

The current period was marked by three military and political markers: First, Biden announced numerous new military-economic initiatives between the United States and ASEAN countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam;

Secondly, Washington informed Beijing of the return of its “dominance” in Asia, as well as of the US readiness for new challenges if China suddenly does not like it.

Third*,* Joe Biden met with the Chinese dictator and discussed Ukraine and Taiwan. Where, on the one hand, they talked about continuing to talk, and on the other hand, Anthony Blinken is going to Beijing to continue discussions.

***19.11.2022***

Meanwhile, the UN Climate Change Conference in Sharm el-Sheikh (Egypt) has ended, with results that look like a “trap laid” for China.

For several years now, developing countries, which mostly suffer the greatest losses from global warming and natural disasters, have been promoting the mechanism of environmental reparations. According to this mechanism, developed countries, which are the largest polluters, should compensate them for losses and damages from natural disasters.

For a long time, the EU, the US, and a number of other countries have resisted this because we are talking about more than a trillion dollars. But, this time, the US and EU have suddenly changed their position and agreed to create a global fund for this purpose. But there is one caveat. This is only possible if emissions are reduced, and the first measurement deadline is 2025. So, the irony of this situation is that the required level cannot be reached without a reduction by China. Beijing has already stated that it is not willing to divert its financial resources from preparing for a global confrontation, as it considers building military bases a higher priority than financing a green transition.

Thus, from now on, all African countries, as well as all countries in Oceania and other regions that pay the highest price for their negligent attitude to the planet and have traditionally been loyal to Beijing or have taken a neutral position in Russia’s war against Ukraine, are forced to convince China to change its priorities in order to receive compensation.

***20.11.2022***

U.S. President Joe Biden is celebrating an anniversary. On 20 November, he turned 80 years old. There is a flurry of criticism on social media that his age is incompatible with leading the state. Meanwhile, putin and Xi are most afraid of this 80-year-old President.

***24.11.2022***

The key decision of the day was the recognition of Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism by the European Parliament. However, it should be noted that by this decision, the Parliament calls on the EU to introduce a new proper legal framework. After all, the fact is that the EU still does not have a list of terrorist states and a legal definition of the consequences of such a declaration. Thus, even though this step of the European Parliament is largely symbolic, it is also symbolic of the fact that Russia is entering a new era of pseudo-leadership, as it is turning into Europe’s number one terrorist.

Meanwhile, putin visited Yerevan for a session of the CSTO council, which includes Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Where Pashinyan complained: *“Why do we need such a CSTO”*; and Tokaiev called on the “Russian people to peace”. So, for the Russian dictator, this is a failure, because the kremlin will not receive any help for its war: *“One complains, the other laughs”*.

***26.11.2022***

Global communication revolves around the issue of the possible provision of Patriot to Ukraine, where narrative vectors have created a triangle: Germany – Poland – NATO. At the same time, the second part of political communication was the decision of the democratic factions in Germany to recognise the Holodomor of 1932–1933 as genocide of the Ukrainian people.

***28.11.2022***

NATO noted that in the summer in Donbas, Ukrainians fired 6,000 to 7,000 artillery shells daily, while Russians produced only 15,000 artillery shells per month.

Thus, such a European war, which was considered unimaginable in the EU until recently, is now substantially destroying all artillery stocks. Therefore, the West is trying to find increasingly scarce Soviet-era equipment and ammunition that Ukraine can use now, including the same S-300 air defence missiles, T-72 tanks, and especially Soviet-calibre artillery shells. The West is also trying to come up with alternative systems, even if they are older, to replace the dwindling stockpile of expensive air defence missiles and Javelin anti-tank missiles. As a result, it has decided to make new investments in old factories in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and even South Korea.

Meanwhile, during the Iranian revolution, Farideh Moradkhani, the niece of Iran’s religious leader Ali Khamenei, who is the ideologist and author of the idea of mass executions of all those who supported the revolution, was arrested. The video calling for the destruction of the Iranian regime spread rapidly on the Iranian segment of the Internet and found its echo increasingly in Saudi Arabia, Israel, and the United States, partly in Eastern Europe, but not at all in Ukraine.

*So, even though the Iranian Revolution has actually opened a second front against Russia, as it is breaking an important chain from the Chinese axis of global evil – Iran – Ukrainian society continues to ignore this important fact.*

*In 2022, the Middle East, like Ukraine, seems destined to “experiment” simultaneously with its “statehood”, “holy war”, “foreign domination”, and “internecine war of all against all”.*

*Coincidentally, all these “experimental” processes are taking place at a time when the international order is extremely unstable and is now collapsing. It is not for nothing that U.S. President Joe Biden noted during his tour of the Middle East that “the keys to peace in Ukraine lie in the Middle East”.*

*And this key seems to be Israel, which is the author of all Abrahamic religions, on which almost all social orders of world states, both democratic and authoritarian, are built.*

*It is also worth remembering that the only ideological issue that united Arab countries was the founding of Israel as a sovereign state and internationally recognised homeland of the Jewish people. Arab resistance to this prospect led to four wars: in 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973. In each of them, Israeli ideology and weaponry won the day.*

*Looking ahead, after the events of 7 October 2023, when Hamas terrorists launch their attack on Israel, the international table will be turned over, which will even lead to Moscow abandoning its ideological concept of the “Russian world” and beginning to drift towards adopting a “pro-Mongol worldview”. That is, the kremlin will conceptually retreat from its values. However, this will already happen in 2024, but the groundwork for such an agenda was laid in 2022 when the crisis of confidence in rationality and the final reduction of the value imperative created a postmodern situation in which all types of motivation are used exclusively for irrational manipulation of the collective consciousness.*

*Recall that according to M. Weber’s classification of types of social action, there are four main types of social motivation: (****1****) affective;   
(****2****) traditional; (****3****)* *value-rational, and (****4****) instrumental rational. The first two of them can be called archaic, the third – traditional, and the fourth – modern.*

*Such a classification of social motivation helps to answer the question: “If Israel is the “key”, then where is the “lock” that it is supposed to open? There is an understanding that this “lock” is in Ukraine, but what could it be?*

*The answer is simple: this “castle” is Ukraine’s social order, which has never existed in our country. After all, for a significant part of the Ukrainian population, the imperial social order formed in the Soviet Union is a lost paradise, and it is almost impossible to convince them of the criminality of this system since there is no alternative positive image in their minds.*

*Thus, to build such an order, Ukrainian society must get rid of colonial thinking and bizarre phenomena such as: “Vakarchuk (Arestovych) as a national leader”, etc.*

*That is, the difficulty in creating our social order is the Ukrainian way of thinking and social action, which is based on the pre-modern model of value and rational motivation. Thus, in the postmodern era, we think in terms of pre-modern concepts, and this is why we constantly fail in our confrontation with reality, especially when we have to compete with the imitative logic of external forces. Then moralising motivation degrades to a state of affect or even an animal survival instinct. As a result, a vicious circle of helplessness arises when the challenges of the external environment are not perceived adequately, i.e. they do not encourage the adoption of new models of thinking and behaviour but lead the collective consciousness of the community to self-denial or degradation.*

*That is, Ukrainians are afraid to face reality, or simply uncomfortable with it, so their eyes are drawn to certain images of the collective consciousness, and approaching them only makes reality recognisable, meaningful, and desirable.*

*Meanwhile, the fact that Ukraine has become a full-fledged subject of international politics in the postmodern era adds to the intrigue. In previous epochs, whether modern or medieval (the ancient world is not included), Ukraine has never had such subjectivity, being a breadbasket of global meanings.*

**DECEMBER**

*The “unofficial Ukrainian information space” is taking its first, uncertain steps (discussions) on China’s role in the Russian-Ukrainian war. Meanwhile, world democracies are demonstrating a global masterclass in the battle of narratives and gaining more leverage over autocrats.*

*However, Ukraine is not lagging in this matter, when it takes the necessary public measures to cleanse itself of everything “Moscow”, it takes the necessary public measures to secure the support of world church leaders in the future. Also, with its appeal to the UN, Ukraine has begun to test the world’s readiness to close the project called Russia altogether.*

*In Russia itself: propaganda is out of steam, the information war is lost, and its population will soon realise that the war is the kremlin’s fault. Moreover, the situation with the missile attacks on Ukraine has further exposed the military and political impotence of the kremlin, which is increasingly unable to calculate the risks to itself. The kremlin’s practice of “PMCs are more effective than the army” threatens to skew Russia towards a “zekovskii” (i.e. criminal) dictatorship instead of a “kegebist” one. At the same time, the kremlin regime itself is sinking deeper into another internal crisis. This time it is much deeper.*

*Meanwhile, China remains the only country with the will and, increasingly, the power to change the region and the international order   
and, increasingly, the power to change its region and the international order to its authoritarian preferences. In this way, Beijing is making further attempts to regain its influence in the Middle East, which will lead to even greater global turbulence.*

*China is increasingly isolating itself, analysing the lessons from putin’s defeat, rebuilding its economic component, and redirecting its assets to the most vulnerable region – Africa.*

***01.12.2022***

The current time is marked by political activity and even greater determination of the European political elite, which is aimed at the internal military-economic component of Ukraine, namely, it is even greater arming and the problem of preserving the Ukrainian energy infrastructure.

On the positive side, there is an important factor that indicates that the Armed Forces of Ukraine are beginning to have a qualitative impact on the domestic information space, from the perspective of global values and its consolidation. Thus, more and more Ukrainian “experts” are beginning to discuss China as the actual source of aggression, without underestimating the Russian criminals who simply took advantage of this.

It should be noted that in Ukraine, the Armed Forces were the first to pay attention to this issue and continue to work methodically in this direction.

Meanwhile, another indication that Russia’s aggression in Ukraine is directed not from Moscow, but from Beijing, is a good observation of the kremlin’s actions: as soon as the West began to put pressure on Beijing, it turned out Russia has no “plans for a war in Ukraine”, its military “game” is on “autopilot”.

The only thing that Putin is in control of is missile attacks on Ukraine’s energy infrastructure. While the kremlin’s propaganda is completely confused and is going on a media rampage: There are no “Beijing manuals”, so there are no materials and, consequently, no results on the battlefield.

***02.12.2022***

The weather and the entire civilised world are on Ukraine’s side. For example, according to the Pentagon, it is the weather factor that has led to a reduction in Russian air force sorties, while the kremlin relies on air-launched missiles as a significant way to strike at Ukrainian infrastructure.

Meanwhile, it is the weather conditions that are forcing the West to hurry up in its efforts to provide Ukraine with everything it needs for the winter. Thus, against the backdrop of purchases of generators, transformers, and other equipment to restore the damaged power grid, the United States initiated the creation of an *“Energy Contact Group”* with a focus on the G7 countries. This is a kind of second Ramstein, only in the energy sector.

At the same time, the United States called on its allies to continue to provide Ukraine with their air defence systems to protect, among other things, the already restored energy infrastructure. Against the backdrop of these initiatives, the “renewed*”* OSCE returned to Ukraine and opened a new field mission: “The Support to Ukraine Programme”.

The term “renewed” is used here for a reason, as the world’s largest regional security organisation has long been “monopolistically” and “authoritatively” funded by Russia, which has discredited it. Today, Washington has become the main sponsor of the OSCE.

In addition to this, we are witnessing another fact of Russia’s declining influence on its regional allies, as a result of which putin has actually sacrificed his brainchild, the CSTO. We are talking about the process of reappointment of the Chairman of this organisation for 2023. To somehow calm Kazakhstan’s growing nervousness, putin agreed to have his representative take the post, although the post was promised to a Belarusian.

***04.12.2022***

The Transatlantic Security Organisation held its first special discussions on China’s threat to Taiwan, discussing how to convey to Beijing the consequences of possible military action.

Note that this discussion took place three months after NATO published its new strategy, which for the first time described China as a threat to the Alliance, and a month after Beijing launched a large-scale military exercise in response to Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taipei.

Meanwhile, in Ukraine itself, its special services continue to fight   
against “religious obscurantism”. For example, the Security Service of Ukraine published a full list of priests of the Moscow patriarchate and people closely associated with them who promoted pro-Russian narratives.

Thus, considerations of the so-called religious values here once and for all give way to factual considerations, since the “pro-Russian religious culture” carries a war programme that has been infected by the imperial, soviet and putin’s propaganda into the consciousness of societies, including Ukrainians.

***05.12.2022***

Meanwhile, the explosions at the Dyagilevo and Engels airfields significantly affected the information field in Russia itself and stirred up the kremlin’s information branch, which had no better idea than to first try to ignore the explosions and then claim that *“everything was going according to plan, nothing happened”,* leaving room for interpretation. Nevertheless, the kremlin propaganda still tried to save the agenda with putin’s visit to the *“Crimean Bridge”*. Thus, the very fact that putin was personally involved in this operation demonstrates not only the failure of his propaganda campaign but also the depth of the kremlin’s despair.

***06.12.2022***

Exactly one year ago, Joe Biden spoke to putin for the last time. Some people believed then that there would be no invasion. Some people were convinced that Joe Biden was “*leaking*” Ukraine. But perhaps no one could have imagined that a year later, the oil embargo would come into effect, the “*Nord Stream pipelines”* would be lying as scrap metal at the bottom of the sea, Germany would be supplying Ukraine with air defence systems, and the US would be training Ukrainian troops so that we could liberate Crimea and the eastern regions.

Today, we can confidently say that in a few more years, Ukraine will become a member of the EU and NATO and will be one of the leaders in the rule of law, anti-corruption, and freedom of enterprise.

In the meantime, sanctions against Russia are being tightened; Ukrainian military exercises are taking place; elements of Russia’s “nuclear triad are being hit by Ukrainian drones”; Russia’s non-negotiability is being emphasised every time; and Western diplomats are repeating from almost every podium: “Crimea is Ukrainian”!

At the same time, we wonder what lessons Xi Jinping will learn from putin’s failure. Among them: (**1**) Does he need to be more aggressive?   
(**2**) Should he be more aggressive and tough, or should he be better prepared? (**3**) Should hegive others less time to prepare, or should he modernise the dictatorship to defeat democracies with a system of governance? (4) Should he guarantee to split them before, not after, or is hybrid warfare more effective than classical warfare?

Meanwhile, Europe continues to cut off everything that could link it to Russia. Another example of this is the decision of the kremlin’s Lavrov to radically reduce the staff in the European Department, increasing the staff of the Asian Department first, then the African and Latin American Departments. In addition, the Russian State Duma called for replacing English in schools with Chinese.

All of this indicates that China is winding down, reformatting and increasingly isolating its assets from democracies and their rules and traditions, as Western and Central Europe is increasingly lost to China politically, while the Eastern European region is lost to China militarily.

Thus, another battle for Africa will soon unfold, as it is currently the only region still available to China.

***08.12.2022***

Russian propaganda and its so-called analysts, despite the ineffectiveness of missile strikes, continue to believe that this is what will “have the desired effect of forcing Ukraine to negotiate”. At the same time, none of them specifies either the parameters by which the effectiveness of such attacks is calculated or the final “actors” who should lobby for negotiations because strikes on infrastructure do cause discontent among Ukrainian citizens not with the Ukrainian government, but with the kremlin. So, the relevance of this kremlin analytics is somewhat like the plans to “*take Kyiv in three days*”.

***09.12.2022***

Meanwhile, the strikes deep inside Russia have significantly changed the geography of the war and indicated failures in Moscow’s air defence systems. Moreover, western politicians are signalling that they are quite happy with this.

A one-day summit of the EU and the six Western Balkan countries took place in Tirana, the capital of Albania at the time: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Serbia.

This step on the part of Brussels can be safely equated with Ukrainian strikes inside Russia. Thus, Europe is beginning to fill all the voids that have been created after Russia lost its influence in the region.

At the same time, Europe is increasing pressure on Russia, discussing the adoption of the ninth package of sanctions, where one of the most powerful sanctions will be a ban on new investments in one of Russia’s most powerful industrial sectors – the mining sector.

But Brussels is not stopping there and is applying what is historically the first targeted sanction against China. Today, it still concerns Chinese scanners, X-ray machines and explosives detection systems, but in these circumstances, the main thing is to start the process.

Meanwhile, the Federal Prosecutor’s Office in Brooklyn suddenly reminded the international community of the need to catch former Ukrainian MP Andriy Derkach, who has been under US sanctions since 2020 for being an active Russian agent for more than a decade.

In addition, the US media talked about Russia’s so-called shadow fleet, mentioning the shadowy Ukrainian oligarch Viktor Artemov, who is the owner/controller of many shell companies that owned 10 tankers transporting sanctioned Iranian, Venezuelan and Russian oil and other goods.

It is interesting to note that against this backdrop, Russia has suddenly stated that it would not like to break off diplomatic relations with the United States, as this would signal that it no longer has a political resource, but only a power resource.

***10.12.2022***

Against the backdrop of the next stage of falling prices for Russian Urals oil, which has dropped to $43 per barrel, the Chinese dictator says he will increase oil imports from the Arab countries of the Persian Gulf. This statement by Xi is the only important marker of the fact that the Middle East remains closed to China.

It is worth noting that for almost a week, Xi had been pressuring MbS to stop the fall in oil prices due to a reduction in production. Moreover, the Chinese dictator even agreed to ease quarantine measures in his country, but this did not save Russian oil. Therefore, the only thing left for China to do in this situation is to continue to split the OPEC oil cartel from within, bribing the Gulf countries that are tempted by Chinese investments.

In this context, it is worth noting Washington’s behaviour – it is unwavering, and the White House in its comments expresses confidence in Prince MbS as someone who can withstand pressure from Beijing.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, putin is once again threatening the West with nuclear weapons, emphasising his readiness to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike, thereby raising the level of threat and political stakes. And these “new” putin’s threats should be seen in conjunction with the kremlin’s subsequent decision to pay Iran for the “drones” it provided with its old fighters, helicopters, and air defence systems, i.e. everything that the Ukrainian Armed Forces have been successfully destroying for 9 months with a multiple of fewer weapons.

This demonstrates a certain military poverty of the kremlin and its current economic constraints, which will make Tehran think once again about *“what will Russia pay for if Beijing does force Tehran to hand over more serious weapons than drones”?*

That is why the more putin threatens with nuclear weapons, the more the world is convinced that the kremlin does not really have the capabilities that Putin is trying to portray here. This allows the West to take the next step forward, which was expressed in the statement by the NATO Secretary General that the war in Ukraine could indeed turn into a major war between NATO and Russia.

***11.12.2022***

Once again, the whole world had the opportunity to observe the large-scale plunder Russia has carried out in Ukraine, which was reflected in putin’s statement that “Russia has acquired new territories”.

There will come a time when the stolen goods will be fully returned, and Russia will compensate for what cannot be returned with money or something equivalent.

Meanwhile, more and more Western officials say that the decision is perhaps the most important event in the nine-month war, as Washington and Brussels are now more likely to supply Kyiv with longer-range weapons.

***12.12.2022***

On this day in 2013, *“Ukraine was to become Belarus”.* The Maidan was dispersed, and activists were arrested. The Ukrainian state was rapidly falling into Russia’s lap. But the Ukrainian revolutionary potential exploded and the Russian aggressor, then in the form of the Berkut, was stopped.

In those days, Ukraine did not just retain its statehood, it announced its manifesto to the whole world. And the democratic part of the world, despite all the differences in Barack Obama’s policy, heard Ukraine and took its side. Today, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, with the support of the world’s democracies, are no longer stopping a handful of mercenaries, but rather the enemy’s huge forces that have made a large-scale invasion of Ukraine’s territory.

It should also be noted that in December 2019, the first protests like those in Ukraine took place in Iran, whose regime has now clearly identified itself as an anti-democratic regime that insidiously kills Ukrainians and destroys their infrastructure.

Among other things, on the anniversary of the first storming of Maidan, Ukraine has a unique opportunity to firmly secure the international initiative by recognising the Iranian revolution, thus effectively mixing all the cards on the table of the world’s dictators and preventing the war from spreading to other continents.

The unique situation is that on 12 December, Ukraine was invited to take part in a meeting of the Group of Seven countries.

***13.12.2022***

The narrative and informational spine of the day: (**1**) the G7 meeting and Ukraine’s participation in it; (**2**)the kremlin’s cancellation of putin’s traditional speech. These events are interconnected and have a cause-and-effect relationship. After all, the analysis of social media reactions showed that this situation was quite atypical for the kremlin elite, who eventually concluded that putin simply has nothing to say because there are no meanings to promote and no successes to offer the Russian people.

From this, we can conclude that the kremlin system is tired of generating fakes, tired of inventing victories, and tired of creating a parallel reality. Thus, for the first time, the Russian government has experienced a serious blow from the West.

Moreover, the cancellation of all key presidential speeches shows that the president in Russia no longer plays the role he used to play in the construction of the “balance of elites”. In other words, the current Russian-Ukrainian war has turned out to be the very “black mark” for the kremlin that has completely destroyed the so-called legacy of the Soviet and post-Soviet era. Thus, today, the Russian war against Ukraine is lost, but it continues to move by inertia towards the destruction of the putin’s regime, where putin chaotically presses the “last chance buttons” to shoot at the infrastructure again, trying to enter from Belarus again and start the mobilisation track again.

***14.12.2022***

Against the backdrop of demoralised autocracies, the leaders of the major democracies (G7 countries), demonstrating coherence, announced short- and long-term priorities in various areas: from the war against Russia to climate, food security, healthcare, and infrastructure. They proposed development, rule of law, investment, sustainability, security, health, responsibility, and accountability.

Among other things, the German presidency of the G7 is coming to an end. Japan’s year begins with the first summit in Hiroshima. Japan will face an equally, and perhaps even more difficult year of presidency, with nuclear confrontation being one of the main challenges. But the world is waiting for the Hiroshima summit in January 2023, while Washington today, in the context of the battle for Africa, organised the first US-Africa Summit in the last 8 years.

***15.12.2022***

There is an incredible number of speeches, meetings, broadcasts, and interviews on American television about the situation on the Ukrainian front and the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. At the same time, another massive shelling of the Ukrainian capital by Iranian drones has only doubled this intensity, especially in terms of providing the Ukrainian Armed Forces with Patriot systems.

We believe it is important to note that the provision of this system to the Armed Forces of Ukraine is pure symbolism, as this system is a symbol of the strength and success of the US army and the US military-industrial complex. But today, it is primarily a sign of trust and respect for the Armed Forces of Ukraine on the part of the United States.

***16.12.2022***

The relative calm on the frontline is about to turn into more active hostilities: Ukraine and the Russian aggressor are preparing for this intensification in their ways. This is the main leitmotif of an interview with theCommander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, General Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, to The Economist*.*

Meanwhile, all Chinese companies that supplied surveillance technologies to Russia and Iran, as well as electronics to produce Iranian drones and missiles *(about 40 companies),* along with 36 software companies, have been sanctioned by the United States*.*

That is, while Beijing was reading General Valeriy Zaluzhnyi’s interview, the United States was imposing rather large-scale targeted sanctions against progressive Chinese companies that supplied the Russian and Iranian military-industrial complexes.

It should be noted that the above interview became a top story in all the world’s media, which overwhelmed all reports on the situation on other continents, even when the publication of the results of the US – Africa Summit was postponed to another date.

***17.12.2022***

Meanwhile, the successes of the Ukrainian Armed Forces on the battlefield forced putin to pay a visit to the impostor Lukashenko on 19 December. This visit has the following main goals: (**1**) to show the dictator is moving around and even able to spend some time outside the bunker; (**2**) to show who is the real boss in Minsk; (**3**) to use the visit as an excuse to bring additional troops to Belarus, which will not leave; (**4**) to demonstrate the “inviolable brotherhood” that Belarus is definitely involved in the war against Ukraine on the side of the aggressor; (**5**) to confirm the colonial status of Belarus concerning the kremlin in all respects, especially in the economic and military spheres.

Among other things, it should be noted that 19 December 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the next reincarnation of the “prison of nations” – the USSR. It is worth recalling that it was the desire to revive the USSR that motivated Putin when he planned a new attack against Ukraine.

At the same time, despite the criticality of the kremlin regime’s situation, the world and Ukrainian society must clearly understand the following: first, Putin has not given up on seizing Ukraine, and Kyiv in particular; second, Putin’s new offensive depends on us and our partners; third, everyone in their place must continue to bring victory closer. On the part of our partners: sanctions, weapons, humanitarian and financial aid, diplomatic isolation, and our resilience; fourth, a possible Russian offensive means that we should not relax and believe in the possibility of a truce with Russia.

Moreover, as Ukraine’s supreme military commander, Valeriy Zaluzhnyi is trusted by literally all Western voters.

***19.12.2022***

Faced with an increasingly belligerent China, Japan has decided to triple its defence spending for the first time since World War II. Meanwhile, to conceptually reset his war against Ukraine, putin is trying to drag Belarus into an open war at all costs. Against this background, the President of Ukraine initiated the convening of the Global Peace Formula Summit.

***20.12.2022***

In the global information space, it was an expressive continuation of the information and political “phenomena” of 19 December, so to speak, its historical symbolism (100 years since the creation of the USSR), which the kremlin relied on so much when it dragged Belarus into the war against Ukraine. The only difference between 20 December and the symbolic 300 days of confrontation with the Russian aggressor was the recognition of Ukraine as the country of the year by the British edition.

However, a lot of attention was paid to putin today, but not so much to him as to his disaster. So, the world’s opinion makers, such as: “Foreign Affairs”, “Focus”, “Politico”, “Politico Europe”, “The Times”, and “The Economist”, have begun to publish numerous articles exposing not only the terrible cunning of the kremlin’s historically inclined but also the deep anachronism of the entire putin apparatus. Against this backdrop, there is increasing evidence that putin has begun to actively prepare his population for a protracted war.

In this regard, we can only note that the war is a new political comfort zone for putin, and he is not motivated to leave it. But in the long run, due to sanctions, the risks will start to outweigh the political gains. So, a long war both pleases and frightens putin. That’s why the kremlin is fussing, holding public web meetings, and trying to get at least some guarantees from its generals if putin agrees to take risks to speed up the process.

Meanwhile, Washington announced the transfer of the Patriot air defence system to Ukraine and invited the President of Ukraine to address the US Congress.

***22.12.2022***

Thus, “putin to Lukashenko. Zelenskyy to Biden” is a vivid illustration of the scale of the two countries’ weight in the international arena. Washington is no longer hiding the symbolism and importance of this event: For the United States, Ukraine is the main military partner for the creation of a new world order.

The world’s media unanimously claim that *“today we are witnessing a historic transition to a new phase of the war”*. Meanwhile, the kremlin has officially confirmed that putin will not address the Federal Assembly.

The cancellation of the “message” means the formation of a paradigm in which neither putin nor his entourage sees any prospects for their future. The kremlin has lost its domestic agenda, having scored a foreign war but putin has also completely lost the external contour, having been defeated in the war and made directly dependent on Beijing.

***23.12.2022***

Ukraine is the country of the year. Ukraine is the main military partner of the United States. A symbol always surpasses all those who use it and forces them to say more than they would like. With this in mind, the surest way is to embrace the symbol and not look for undercurrents. Today, Ukraine is a symbol of invincibility and freedom for literally all countries of the world.

Against this background, the head of Israeli intelligence (Mossad), David Barnea, announces to the world that Iran intends to increase arms supplies to Russia in order to obtain technology to build up its nuclear capabilities.

Meanwhile, according to the Pentagon, the DPRK has made its first deliveries of missiles to Russia. The beneficiaries are the Wagnerites. They paid for them.

Among other things, it has also become known that Lukashenko is going to see putin in Moscow, where their 9th meeting this year will take place.

Against this background, the US recognised that the country could produce as many 155mm artillery shells in a month as Ukrainian troops spent in two days, so it was decided to increase production.

***27.12.2022***

Meanwhile, China is increasingly slipping into an infectious COVID abyss, where the measures taken are no longer working: the old ones have proved ineffective, and the new ones are killing the economy. As a result, China has begun to rapidly lose its economic instruments of influence. That is why China began to demand from putin a “clear” outcome in the Russian-Ukrainian war as soon as possible. And the meeting between Medvedev and Xi showed that Beijing has even set a deadline for the kremlin, and China’s official statements even show a “counter” trend.

So, we can conclude that Beijing is ready to talk if putin achieves “results” by the deadline or admits defeat. At the same time, in case of defeat, Beijing will, in our opinion, still be forced to talk to the West, albeit neglecting the United States, because for Xi this is already an admission of defeat. After all, it is for this reason that Xi maintains the main axis of communication with Western Europe, which is preparing to divide Russia in the tribunal case.

Meanwhile, in Engels, Russia, there was a “second episode” as a gift for the aggressor country’s air defence. A repeated hit on a strategic aviation airfield in the deep rear is a real diagnosis of putin’s state of affairs, and the Chinese capital saw it.

At the same time, Putin is holding his informal CIS summit for post-Soviet dictators. At the same time, the maximum information “classification” of this event, and some statements, such as the Kazakh Foreign Minister’s statement that his country will not help Russia circumvent sanctions, indicating that the attempt to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the creation of the USSR with a triumph in the form of the USSR 2.0 has turned into a tragicomedy.

***28.12.2022***

The kremlin has completed its event: *“An informal CIS summit”*. Where the participants were told that they were members of some secret kremlin club, after which they *were* even “*ringed” with* putin’s rings, which caused more surprise and jokes than impressions in the world.

The summit itself looked asymmetrical, with only two dictators actually talking: putin and Lukashenko. Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan were absent for most of the summit, while Armenia spent an hour and a half complaining to Putin about the loss of control in Nagorno-Karabakh. And no one wore the symbolic “friendship rings” presented by Putin, except Lukashenko.

Meanwhile, in Ukraine, the Constitutional Court has finally recognised the law according to which the UOC-MP must change its name to the true one, namely the Moscow church. So, it is time to call the Moscow fifth column by its true name, thus neutralising its influence in Ukraine.

***30.12.2022***

On the eve of the “new year”, gas prices in Europe fell below $850 per thousand cubic metres for the first time since 22 February. This means that putin’s hopes to freeze Europe have clearly failed. Moreover, the Russian Ministry of Finance has officially acknowledged the critical problems of the federal budget for 2023.

The same Russian Ministry of Finance reported that Russia’s largest financial institution, Sberbank, is closing its offices in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Austria due to sanctions. Thus, the sanctions noose is gradually tightening the kremlin’s financial and economic throat – Russia is suffocating. Although, according to British intelligence, the kremlin still manages to circumvent the sanctions, in particular, the latest restrictions on oil, in terms of the introduction of a price ceiling.

Meanwhile, the American magazine “Foreign Affairs”, against the background of describing the problematic issues of US–Saudi relations, outlined a number of theses worth paying attention to. These include: (**1**) Chinese businesses knew about the Russian army’s invasion of Ukraine; (**2**) sanctions against Russia are not effective enough due to China’s support; (**3**) China needs a few more years to invade Taiwan; (**4)** the classic system of deterrence has failed and no longer works; (**5**) it is time to cut China off from the world.

Thus, these theses from one of the most influential US foreign policy magazines, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in December this year, are nothing more than a military and political narrative with an element of summing up, working on mistakes and a roadmap for the next year.

***31.12.2022***

Meanwhile, exactly 100 years ago, the USSR was created. The process of creating this monstrosity was thickly mixed with the blood of millions of victims of the Red Plague. Today, we can confidently say that the USSR is much worse than the Third Reich because it existed for several decades and was punished. While the ghost of the USSR lived with impunity for a century. And today, restored, collected from all the rot and dirt, from the bloody rags and dirty rags that modern Chekists managed to dig up, this USSR has been reborn. A leprous, hundreds of times cursed “Frankenstein”, without mind, without memory, without conscience and feelings, it is capable of only one thing – to fight, occupy, destroy, and repress. To bring evil, grief, and pain.

It was against the backdrop of this black anniversary that the Chinese tyrant held a video call with the kremlin tyrant, during which they agreed to strengthen military cooperation between their armed forces.

At the same time, it should be noted that China does not publicly like losers because the entire public plane of China’s foreign policy is built on an attempt to create the illusion of dominance. That is why for China, talking to a “loser” means demonstrating its weakness to Washington. And today it happened: China has shown its weakness.

Meanwhile, Washington has reiterated that the United States sees China as its only adversary, which wants to change the existing world order. They further stressed that no easing of sanctions against Russia is expected in the coming years, on the contrary, expectations are the opposite. Moreover, sanctions packages are being prepared against the DPRK, Iran and China, as they build a common financial infrastructure, illegal networks for obtaining the necessary goods bypassing sanctions, sell weapons to each other, exchange tools and experience in surveillance and repression, and increase civilian and military cooperation.

Moreover, the DPRK does not sit down at the negotiating table with a proposal from Washington: *“Without any conditions”.* Iran is not returning to the “nuclear deal”, while China is stepping up its aggression in the region, despite a proportional increase in US export control measures in response.

So, as we can see, autocracies today are trying to build a kind of parallel world, which is why sanctions have been in place for many, many years.

*In conclusion, we believe it is necessary to note how the war has transformed “geometrically”. At first, there were two sides – Russia and Ukraine – but soon the West, consolidated around the United States, emerged. Later, the world saw behind Russia – Belarus – China – Iran – DPRK. The result was a cycle of tests of the legitimacy of all participants in the global turbulence.*

*The year 2022 has forced the United States and Europe to revisit the questions of 2014, which have gained global proportions: (****1)*** *What international order can be formed from competing aspirations and contradictory trends? (****2****) Which countries will become components of the order and how will they link their policies? (****3****) How much unity do America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East need and how much diversity can they tolerate? (****4)*** *Finally, where will the incentive to build domestic commitment to this goal be found and which country or institution will play this role?*

*However, the answer to the last question about the incentive for loyalty and which country is the answer is “Ukraine”.*

*Thus, new global trends dictate a new agenda – the global confrontation between the two world governance systems continues, and at the time of writing, it is at a certain turning point, which is characterised by certain turning points:*

1. *Thanks to the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the Eastern European region has remained free from Russian military expansion and is now gradually freeing itself from Chinese financial, economic and energy dependence.*
2. *Japan is taking the reins of the global agenda as the Indo-Pacific region is entering the era of the future global economy of the 21st century.*
3. *At the same time, the Indo-Pacific region itself remains the main target for Beijing, where China confidently dominated before 24 February. For China, the only way to regain its dominance is to seize Taiwan, which is the centre of all the world’s modern technologies.*
4. *That is why the US military and political focus is also shifting towards Japan, as Europe and Ukraine will increasingly be left alone in making decisions about further Russian aggression. At the same time, Washington is almost single-handedly controlling the non-proliferation of dictatorships in the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.*
5. *While the Russian aggression itself has conceptually failed, it needs to be reset by involving Belarus, which itself is experiencing a period of repression and the Belarusian regime’s war against its people, in the war against Ukraine.*
6. *In Ukraine, the “Russian peace” in the Verkhovna Rada and the repulsion of Russian aggression by the Armed Forces, destroyed infrastructure and a war for survival are the main challenges.*

*With such a set of military and political factors, humanity is entering a new era of its political development, or as the Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine noted: “With a taste of anticipation of the Great War”.*

**AFTERWORD**

*The events of 2022 clearly showed that true elites think in other categories. To achieve results, you need a dream, a goal, and a concentration of resources. All the above was achieved by Ukraine’s Armed Forces, which not only became a military model but also a subject of international politics. They exemplify the butterfly effect, whose flapping wings coincided with world politics entering a new stage of development.*

*The changes can be characterised as military but not only so. The economic confrontation between main poles of power has now turned into an unprecedented war of information and “hybrid” technologies, with the possibility of remote / cyber action on critical infrastructure, both military and civilian. It may even seem that we are no longer talking about the struggle of ideologies, as in the days of the USSR – USA confrontation. However, this is precisely the trap laid for Ukrainian society, which relegated to the background by Kremlin propagandists, faces a Russian attack on Ukrainian identity.*

*These propagandists have taken advantage of the interaction between states, interstate entities and systems in the context of globalisation and unprecedented development of communication. A new and completely different kind of competitive confrontation has emerged. Pragmatism and the rigid defence of one’s interests are becoming the norm in interstate relations, whether managing refugees, missile defence or natural gas. That is why, having once again reviewed the material collected in this book, we can safely say that 2022 was a year which opened the world’s eyes.*

*When Ukrainians opened their eyes on 24 February, 2022 we saw Russian tank columns entering our territory from all possible directions. Finally, Russia dropped all pretence: looking openly into the eyes of their enemy. Pretending to be a friend even while capturing Crimea; even while occupying part of the Ukrainian lands in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. With open eyes, we came to understand a deep and permanent threat that, before the first invasion in 2014, seemed unreal and far-fetched; for many it remained invisible, and non-existent. Until 24 February, 2022.*

*Now it has become clear that for the sake of peace and tranquillity, and even for the sake of life in general, we must expel not only Russian troops from our territories, but also everything that they claim is our mutual culture: Russian ways of thinking, Russian visions of the world, Russian language, Russian church, Russian culture, Russian symbols and, of course, Russian agents – all of which have been stubbornly imposed on Ukrainian lands for decades by Moscow’s arsenal of clandestine warfare and propaganda. By every means possible and available, our greedy neighbours have tried to extinguish us: from pretended manifestations of “friendship and brotherhood” to the most brutal mass extermination of Ukrainians. According to Russian ideas, Ukraine should not have existed at all.*

*In the face of the obvious threat of genocide, Ukraine organised, united and fought battle after battle. As a result, the world’s enemy, much more numerous and seemingly powerful, quickly retreated, reduced its appetite and dropped the mask of respectability, resorting to extremely primitive and shameful methods of terror with all its inherent cruelty. This is Russian “friendship.”*

*Having woken to the sounds of the battle breaking out across Ukraine, the countries of the democratic world witnessed un unmasked unhinged Russia and saw what they had hoped never to see. Because they wanted peace. We also wanted a peaceful life. They wanted to believe that a war on the scale of the Second World War would not return and that, thanks to globalisation, the rivalry between countries and political camps could only manifest itself in the form of economic competition and business wars. Certainly not military confrontation, and open hostilities.*

*Many things have now become obvious. That Russia sold the world an illusion of democracy and non-aggression; that China has backed Russia with as a means to subdue the world; that autocratic states will not stop new military aggressions. But also and equally important, that Ukrainians will stand to the death because they do not want to give up their freedom or any piece of their homeland to the enemy; and that Russia is not as scary as many people had thought. Despite overwhelming military advantages, they continue to be defeated by a smaller, more ideologically committed force. Democratic David slaying the Autocratic Goliath.*

*In the face of obvious threats of an expanding theatre of war destroying the democratic system of Europe (and the world), Russia’s blatant disregard for international agreements and the very concept of international law, united the democratic world. They were able to reach an agreement: unite and give Ukraine weapons. In 2022, because of what we saw, the world gradually moved away from old stereotypes and returned to the real state of affairs. Warnings and fear of “Great Russia”, as Muscovites themselves liked to present themselves, disappeared.*

*The world has come to see how dependent Russians are on neighbouring China, incapable of either strategically successful independent actions or decisions. The Kremlin’s constant threats of another escalation, against the backdrop of defeats in Ukraine, have had the opposite effect. The world has stopped responding even to Moscow’s promises to use nuclear weapons, although it has taken appropriate measures. China, which has been diligently preparing the ground for its global dominance over the past decades, has been burned by Russia’s so-called Eastern Sea Route, which was supposed to provide Beijing with a cheap way to European markets and the Mediterranean region and the preconditions for similarly expanding its territories. China’s covert aggressive behaviour has become too visible, forcing a major international player such as the United States to react accordingly.*

*Democracies have finally started paying serious attention to African countries, where autocrats have been trying to assert their dominance, taking advantage of the unwillingness of the various African tribes to identify themselves and establish full-fledged democratic rule. Dialogues in the US–Africa and Europe –Africa formats have intensified. Ukraine’s butterfly wing have prompted such a dialogue with Africa. Under the auspices of the United States, important processes have begun aimed at reducing Chinese influence in the Indo-Pacific region and the Middle East, and thus at weakening the overly aggressive club of autocracies. Thanks to the high-quality work of its Armed Forces, Ukraine has clearly established itself as a reliable military ally and potential defender of the eastern borders of Europe and NATO. The extraordinary resilience and courage of Ukrainians confronting Russia became a top topic for most of the world’s media.*

*The Kremlin has finally unmasked itself, pursuing terrorism with disregard not only for international law, but even for their own words and promises. Democracies have come to realize that concessions to the aggressor will only encourage Russia. Conclusions were also drawn about the neglect of defence issues. Naive beliefs about the impossibility of a large-scale war with the massive use of tanks and artillery systems have been overturned. Over the course of the year, the fear of the kremlin’s possible wrath gradually faded. Precautionary and restrictive measures were taken against the aggressor, the necessary organisational processes were launched, and the diverse assistance to Ukraine became more systematic, consistent, and technologically advanced with each passing day, week, and month. Various restrictions on retaliatory actions due to excessive caution for possible counter-escalation actions have been lifted one by one. A new view of Russia, a new view of the international security system, and a new view of Ukraine have emerged.*

*Ukraine has gained international respect, a significant level of trust and reliable partners in different parts of the globe, at the same time, the right to make independent decisions and take independent actions in the military-strategic plane to protect and regain its territories. Ukraine’s new role in the system of current international relations has been won by the extraordinary resilience and professionalism of its Armed Forces, which have given the democratic world hope: we have renewed humanfaith in the power of good for subjugating of global evil.*

*Against the backdrop of permission for the Ukrainian Armed Forces to boldly fire on Russian territory and Putin’s recognition as the Loser of the Year, Ukraine has been named the Country of the Year by The Economist. The Economist’s audience of large Western businesses continue support Ukraine hoping to rebuild and restart its economy after the victory.*

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*The Washington Post: “The best thing we can say about 2022 is that it could have been a lot worse.”*

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