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## Port of Odesa comes under missile attack as Russians advance in eastern Ukraine

KYIV, June 20 (Reuters) - Russian forces captured territory along a frontline river in eastern Ukraine on Monday and President Volodymyr Zelenskiy predicted Moscow would escalate attacks ahead of a summit of European leaders expected to welcome Kyiv's bid to join the EU.

Moscow's separatist proxies claimed to have captured Toshkivka, a town on the mostly Ukrainian-held western bank of the Siverskiy Donets river, south of Sievierodonetsk, which has become the main battlefield city in recent weeks.

Ukraine acknowledged that Moscow had success in Toshkivka and said the Russians were trying to gain a foothold there to make a breakthrough into the wider, Ukrainian-held pocket of the eastern Donbas region. It also confirmed a Russian claim to have captured on Sievierodonetsk's eastern outskirts.

"Obviously, this week we should expect from Russia an intensification of its hostile activities," Zelenskiy said in a Sunday nightly video address. "We are preparing. We are ready."

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In Odesa, Ukraine's biggest Black Sea port, a food warehouse was destroyed in a Russian missile attack on Monday, the Ukrainian military said. No civilians were reported killed.

The city has come under sporadic bombardment since the start of the war and is blockaded by the Russian navy, while each side accuses the other of laying mines in the sea.

The Operational Command "South" said Russian forces fired 14 missiles at southern Ukraine during a three-hour barrage. The Russian military did not comment on the reports.

The Russian-installed leader of Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014, said Kyiv had struck Black Sea drilling platforms owned by a Crimean oil company. Three people were wounded, and a search was under way for seven workers, he said on the Telegram messaging app.

Russia's RIA Novosti news agency said the platforms were located 71 km (44 miles) from Odesa. Reuters was unable to immediately verify the reports of the attack.

European Union leaders at a summit on Thursday and Friday are expected to give their blessing to Ukraine becoming an official candidate to join, a decision that will be marked as a triumph in Kyiv.

"I think that's very likely it would happen," U.S. President Joe Biden told reporters when asked if he felt Ukraine would become an EU member.



Though it would take years for Ukraine to join, for the bloc to reach deep into the heart of the former Soviet Union would bring about one of Europe's biggest economic and social transformations since the Cold War. Ukraine applied for membership just four days after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his troops across the border in February. [read more](#)

Putin says the "special military operation" is aimed at disarming a neighbour Russia views as a threat and protecting Russian speakers there. Kyiv believes Moscow's true aim is to restore control over Ukraine and erase its national identity

### TOSHKIVKA FOOTHOLD

Russian forces were defeated in an assault on the capital Kyiv in March, but have since mounted a new one to capture more territory in the east and solidify their hold on the south.

The war has entered a brutal attritional phase in recent weeks, with Russian forces concentrating their overwhelming artillery firepower on a Ukrainian-controlled pocket of the Donbas, which Moscow claims on behalf of separatists.

Much of the fighting has taken place along the Siverskiy Donets river. Russia's TASS news agency quoted Vitaly Kiselev, an aide to the interior minister of the self-proclaimed Russian-backed Luhansk People's Republic

separatist administration, as saying on Monday that Toshkivka had been "liberated".

The town is located on the river's western bank, south of Sievierodonetsk's twin city Lysychansk, a Ukrainian bastion.

Luhansk regional governor Serhiy Gaidai acknowledged that a Russian attack on Toshkivka "had a degree of success". Russian forces were trying to break through and gain a foothold there and near the small village of Ustinovka further north along the river, he said. The Russians were bringing a huge amount of heavy equipment there including tanks.

He also confirmed Russia's claim to have captured Metyolkine on Sievierodonetsk's eastern outskirts. "Unfortunately, we do not control Metyolkine today," he said.

Sieverodonetsk Mayor Oleksander Stryuk said Russian forces controlled about two-thirds of the city, including most residential areas, and Moscow kept throwing forces at the Ukrainians in an attempt to take over completely.

International concern has focused on trying to restore Ukrainian exports of food, now shut by a de facto Russian blockade. Ukraine is one of the world's leading sources of grain and food oils, leading to fears of global shortages and hunger.



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

06/18/2022

## Vincent Chin Tragedy Forty Years Later



40 years ago, a Chinese American, Vincent Chin, was beaten to death with a baseball bat after being pursued by two white auto workers in 1982.

The tragedy happened at the time of the rise of Japanese carmakers and the collapse of the Detroit auto industry that had contributed to a rise in anti-Asian racism.

Today with the 40th anniversary of the killing of Vincent Chin approaching this month, the surge in anti-Asian violence is a very big worry in the Asian community.

Since Covid-19 was first detected in China two and a half years ago, President Trump used terms like "Chinese Virus" and

"Kung Flu" to describe the pathogen that started the pandemic, Asian Americans have been living daily with an increasing fear of racism.

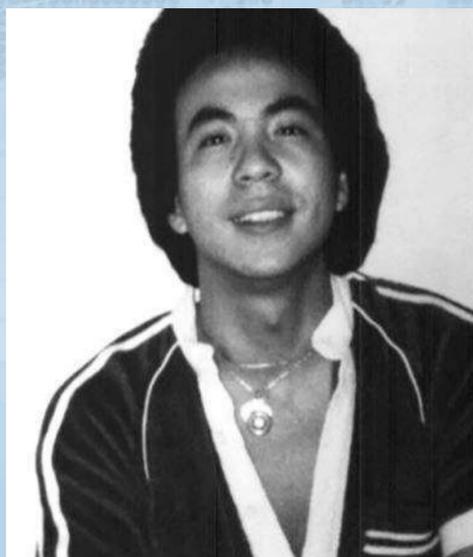
The Chinese-American community in Detroit will host a series of activities, including music, movies and religious services to

teach people the lesson that should be learned from the Vincent Chin tragedy.

We would like to once again call on the Asian community to vigorously support the national groups that strive for civil rights and justice. Learning from

the African-American and Jewish civil rights organizations can help us to mobilize and strengthen the whole nation.

History cannot be forgotten. The Vincent Chin tragedy is a case we all should remember.



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## Editor's Choice



Chris Lund surveys the damage after an evacuation order was issued for the Everglades Resort on Hatzic Island after rainstorms lashed the western Canadian province, triggering landslides and floods, shutting highways, in Mission, British Columbia, Canada. REUTERS/Jennifer Gauthier



A firefighter from the Unidad Militar de Emergencias (UME) tackles a forest fire near Artazu, Navarre province, Spain. REUTERS/Vincent West



A volunteer cleans the banks of the Katari river which flows into Titicaca lake, near La Paz, Bolivia. REUTERS/Claudia Morales



U.S. President Joe Biden falls to the ground after riding up to members of the public during a bike ride in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. REUTERS/Elizabeth Frantz



A girl carries her brother as she wades through a flooded road after heavy rains, on the outskirts of Agartala, India, June 18, 2022. REUTERS/Jayanta Dey



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More Than 70 Organizations Have Signed, Calling To Fund Refugee Efforts In Ukraine And Globally

“Stand Up For Ukraine” - An Open Letter Calls On World Leaders To Take Urgent Action for Refugees

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Since Russia began its invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, more than 10 million people in the country have been forcibly displaced... leading to the fastest growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.



UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has reported a \$10 billion funding gap of to address the global refugee crisis. Displacement caused by war, persecution, climate change, and human rights violations require immediate attention...

refugee efforts in Ukraine and globally, and it is our hope that you will show your support by committing to the humanitarian agencies, organizations on the ground and to local authorities at the frontline that need it the most.

What does the open letter hope to achieve?

More than 6.5 million people are displaced within Ukraine, while more than 4 million refugees have fled across borders, according to data from the UNHCR. An estimated 12 million people are currently in need of assistance as a result of the conflict.

You can read the full letter here below.



Who has signed the letter so far? Aable, aable Lending Services AG, Accelerate Global, LLC, Action for Sustainable Development,

American Security Project, Arctic Basecamp, Association « Russie-Libertés », Athena Impact, Australians for Mental Health, Balaklava Blues, Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens, Ben-every, Blind Media Inc., Charlie Dent, CIVICUS, Co-founder AfterWEVote, DevryBV Sustainable Strategies, Direct Relief, Donor Tracker, Douglas Alexander, Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, e2=equitable energy, EcoVision, Elijah Interfaith Institute, European Food Banks Federation, Focus 2030, Folk Songs of Ukraine, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,

Global Campaign for Education-US, Global Citizens Youth Advocate, Global Solidarity Fund, Globesight, Green Element Group, Hadley Impact Consulting, Heartland Initiative, Inc., I Support Ukraine, International Chamber of Commerce, International Medical Corps, International STEM Council, IsraAID, Jara, KD Leadership Strategies, KM Strategies Group, Kulturehaus, Let's Help, Lot 20 Coffee, Minderoo Foundation, Namati, Natural Resources Defense Council, Network Music Group, Nigeria Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development, One Global Democracy, ONU FEMMES FRANCE, Oshun Partnership, Pallottine Missionary Foundation, Salvatti.pl, PhilanthropyWorks, Public Movement Faith, Hope, Love, Ramesh Ferris Global Health, Advocate & Canadian Polio Survivor, Razom for Ukraine, Refugee Talent, Rotary International, SDG Advising LLC, Shule Foundation, Inc., Social Projects Center of Future, Stand With Ukraine, The Africa 80 Foundation, The Caux Round Table for Moral Capitalism, THE GLOBAL KID: The World's 1st VR/AR Political Comic Book, The Mangold Foundation - Malta, The National Alliance for Rare Diseases Support- Malta, The ONE Campaign, Tonya McCusker AM, Tribeca Enterprise, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, Ukrainian Red Cross Society, Zywiec Development Foundation, and ФемРозмови.

What is Stand Up For Ukraine?

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy began the call to Stand Up For Ukraine on March 26 in a video address, which implored politicians, business leaders, actors, musicians, and more to show their support for Ukraine. In response, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in partnership with Global Citizen, announced a pledging event on Saturday, April 9, in Warsaw, Poland.

And we will further step up," von der Leyen said in a statement. "But so much is needed — and the brave people of Ukraine deserve solidarity from citizens and governments around the globe. Together, we can give them a safe home and bring some light in their lives at this dark hour."



Ahead of the pledging event, a global social media rally is taking place on Friday, April 8, amplifying the voices of advocates and further calling on world leaders to pledge financial support on Saturday.

Learn more about the social media rally and pledging event, and how you can get involved, by visiting ForUkraine.com.

World Leaders Responded To The Calls Of Advocates To Support Refugees In Ukraine And Around The World. Inspiring Quotes From World Leaders Show Their Support For “Stand Up for Ukraine”



Leaders, advocates, and more met at the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging summit in Warsaw, Poland on Saturday, April 9 which saw \$10.1 billion pledged in new grants and loans to support refugees from Ukraine and around the world.

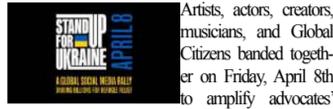
It started with a call to action, grew into a movement, and now world leaders are making new commitments and reaffirming pledges to deliver humanitarian aid to support refugees and displaced people from Ukraine and all around the world.

More than 40 world leaders from Germany to Qatar and Switzerland to Slovakia made and renewed their commitments to Ukraine and all global refugees on Saturday, April 9, as part of a pledging event in Warsaw, Poland for the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign.

The campaign, inspired by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's call to action, and launched by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in partnership with Global Citizen, brought together organizations, businesses, artists, actors, advocates, and Global Citizens, to call on world leaders to pledge humanitarian aid to refugees from Ukraine and around the world — to help fill the UN Refugee Agency's \$10 billion funding gap.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began on Feb. 24, thousands of lives have been taken while more than 10 million people have been forced to leave their

homes and families behind. With an estimated 13 million people in Ukraine in need of urgent assistance and at least 82 million refugees worldwide in need of aid, humanitarian efforts are struggling to reach all those who need help.



Artists, actors, creators, musicians, and Global Citizens banded together on Friday, April 8th to amplify advocates' voices on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and TikTok in a social media rally piling pressure on world leaders ahead of Saturday's pledging event.

Although the participation of so many around the world showed the powerful strength of unity and collective action, and what we can achieve when we raise our voices together, there's still more that world leaders can do to continue their support for people facing forced displacement, whether due to conflict, climate change, human rights violations, and more.

Before Russian aggression exacerbated the global refugee crisis, people from Afghanistan, Yemen, South Sudan, and many more regions were already being forced to flee their homes and these displaced people deserve global support too. Take action in support of all refugees globally here, and take this action today to urge world leaders to act now to prevent a global food crisis being triggered by the conflict in Ukraine.

Musicians, actors, athletes, entertainers, and advocates have showed a powerful display of unity as part of a global social media rally joining forces under the call to Stand Up For Ukraine and for all the world's refugees and displaced people. From heartfelt tweets to impassioned video messages, they've helped amplify the calls of advocates urging world leaders, businesses, governments, and institutions to mobilize funding for refugees from Ukraine and around the world.



The social media rally was held before the Stand Up For Ukraine pledging event on Saturday in Warsaw, Poland, hosted by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in partnership with Global Citizen. The event aims to secure billions of dollars in funding to relieve the urgent refugee crisis worldwide.

Zelenskyy first implored the international community to Stand Up For Ukraine in a March 26 video message call to action. "I'm inviting everybody: musicians, actors, athletes, businessmen, politicians, everybody," said Zelenskyy in his address. "Everyone who wants to join this movement and Stand Up For Ukraine."

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Stand Up For Ukraine: An Open Letter Calls On World Leaders To Take Urgent Action for Refugees

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Inspiring Quotes From World Leaders Show Their Support For “Stand Up for Ukraine” Here below are quotes and pledges from some of the dozens of world leaders that answered the call to action to Stand Up for Ukraine and for all refugees globally.



1.Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia “We might be separated by half an earth but Australia stands with Ukraine,” said Morrison. Morrison announced no new pledges but reiterated Australia's commitment to support Ukrainian efforts. He also mentioned that along with prioritizing Ukrainian visa applications, Australia has provided \$65 million toward refugee relief efforts and is working with the UN and UK to provide additional humanitarian assistance. 2. Alexander Schallenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria “In these dark hours, Austria stands with Ukraine. What the Ukrainian people desperately need and what they deserve is peace,” Schallenberg said. “So my message to President Putin is simple: Silence the gun, pull back your troops, and end this war.” 3. Mustafa Alsayed, Secretary General of The Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Kingdom of Bahrain “We wish the people of Ukraine a safe and quick end to their suffering, and we support all the initiatives taken to provide support and bring peace and stability to this important part of the world.” Alsayed said. 4. Alexander de Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium “We're all brokenhearted by what is happening. Everyday we're shocked by the sheer inhumanity,” de Croo said. “Homes and hospitals being destroyed. Families torn apart. Grandparents not knowing if their grandchildren are still alive. From the first hour, the first day, people in Belgium have opened their hearts and their homes for families on the run. At this very moment, Belgian trucks are on the road to Ukraine with medical assistance and food. We'll continue our efforts as long as needed,” he pledged. “Belgium will not leave anyone behind.” 5. Kalina Konstantinova, Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria “We have full confidence that we are capable and prepared to welcome and take care of more people in need,” said Konstantinova. “Bulgaria is a small country with a big heart. Bulgaria stands for peace. Bulgaria stands with Ukraine.” 6. Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister of Croatia “Croatia pledges another 100 million euros in assisting Ukrainian refugees that we shall be receiving in our country in these dire times for the Ukrainian people,” Plenković announced. “We will continue our support,

our solidarity, and our help in these moments when we are standing by Ukraine and the Ukrainians.”

7. Carlo Monticelli, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank

The Council of Europe Development Bank stands passionately behind Ukraine and their people,” says Monticelli. “We are proud to be part of the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign and join forces with others to stand up against this war and to contribute for peace in Europe.”

On behalf of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Monticelli announced a 1 billion euro loan to member states to support long term needs of refugees and the areas they have evacuated to. 8. Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus “In addition to our commitments so far, which are exceeding 2 million euros, I would like to announce a fresh and symbolic financial commitment of 100,000 euros to support the humanitarian work undertaken in Ukraine and neighboring countries by the relevant entities of the United Nations agencies.” 9. Petr Fiala, Prime Minister of Czech Republic

Fiala emphasized the need for more assistance for the 300,000 Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in Czech Republic, most of whom are women and children, and announced that 200 million euros would be released in support of those refugees. “We will also continue to help directly in Ukraine,” he said. “You can count on that. The Czech Republic stands behind Ukraine.” 10. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark “Our world changed six weeks ago. A brutal aggressor invaded a peaceful and democratic country. We have all seen the horrible pictures from the war. The total lack of humanity. It is heartbreaking,” Frederiksen said. “Denmark stands in full solidarity with Ukraine. We support your fight for freedom and peace. And we open our hearts and homes to Ukrainians fleeing the war.” Frederiksen added that Denmark has donated \$53 million toward support in Ukraine and neighboring countries along with \$22 million to the World Bank's budget support package for Ukraine. She also stated that her country is “ready to do more.”

11. Odile Renaud-Basso, President of The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

“The invasion and war is a tragedy for the country and its people, and we are determined that we should stand up for Ukraine alongside our many friends and partners,” said Renaud-Basso. “Millions of people have been displaced either within Ukraine or forced to live as refugees, and alleviating the impact on them is one of our main priorities.” Renaud-Basso and the EBRD announced a pledge of 1 billion euros to support Ukrainian refugees as part of a larger resilience package that will also benefit surrounding countries taking in refugees. The plan also includes investments in municipal infrastructures such as funding companies so that refugees can find work. “I congratulate you on organizing this initiative, and I'm sure that together we can make a difference,” Renaud-Basso told Global Citizen.

12. Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank Hoyer announced that the European Investment Bank plans to mobilize 4 billion euros toward investments and refugee assistance by the end of 2023. “As millions of Ukrainians flee their homes seeking safety, we cannot be paralyzed by horror,” he said. “We must live up to the exemplary bravery and resilience of the Ukrainian people. We have to support them and those who are hosting them in Poland and elsewhere.”

13. Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of Finland

“Finland is ready to assume its responsibility in this common effort. There is no time to waste,” Marin said, describing the concerted efforts of Finland and the EU. “Our entire society is with the Ukrainian people,” she said. “We [will] do our best to help Ukraine and those fleeing from the atrocities of the war.” 14. Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of Germany “Only a few hundred meters from here, at Berlin Central Station, trains with Ukrainian refugees are pulling in by the hour. I met with some refugees a few days ago. Their stories are heart wrenching,” Scholz said. “I told them that they are welcome here and that in a joint effort, the federal government, our lender, and our local communities are doing all we can to provide shelter, health care, schools, and a safe future.” Scholz added that Germany has pledged 425 million euros to humanitarian assistance for Ukraine and its neighbors plus 70 million euros for medical supplies through the European Civil Protection Mechanism. He said: “Germany stands with Ukraine and side by side with all of you.” 15. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece “When the war is over, we should rebuild what was destroyed and make it better for the heroic people of Ukraine,” said Mitsotakis. “That is why Greece commits to rebuild Mariupol Maternity Hospital as we stand up for Ukraine and lift our sights for the future. What better way to do so than by securing the best conditions for welcoming new life?” 16. Ignacio Galán, Chairman and CEO of Iberdrola “I can announce today a further donation of 1 million euros to international organizations. Iberdrola is and will remain committed to help,” Galán said, adding that Iberdrola and its employees have also provided electrical equipment and humanitarian supplies to Ukraine.

17. Micheál Martin Irish Taoiseach “We pledge from within our national resources and in line with the Temporary Protection Directive to provide our state support to them, including social welfare, accommodation and housing support, education, and health care, as we have said to the many thousands of Ukrainians who have fled to Ireland,” said Ireland's Taoiseach Micheál Martin. “Our home is your home.”

Martin announced a commitment of over 50 million euros for humanitarian aid and pledged ongoing support including 20 million euros to support people in Ukraine and in neighboring countries.

18. Mario Draghi, Prime Minister of Italy

“Italians have thrown open the doors of their homes and of their schools. We will not look the other way,” said Draghi, alluding to new governmental funding for Ukraine that would come in addition to the 500 million euros that has gone toward assisting refugees in Italy and 110 million euros for the Ukrainian government. 19. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland “Iceland stands in full solidarity with Ukraine in the face of Russia's brutal military aggression,” Jakobsdóttir said. Jakobsdóttir also added that Iceland has welcomed 600 Ukrainian refugees, contributed roughly half a billion Icelandic króna (US\$3.8 million) to humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, and has allocated funds to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the UN

Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Icelandic Red Cross, and the World Bank's Reconstruction Fund. “I thank the organizers of the Stand Up for Ukraine campaign,” she said. “Iceland is ready to do more and the people of Iceland stand with the people of Ukraine.” 20. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan “Japan stands with the people of Ukraine who are facing a national crisis,” said Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. He announced that Japan will provide a total of \$300 million — including \$200 million in emergency humanitarian assistance through international organizations and NGOs, for example of health and medical care, food assistance, and protection of displaced people, and \$100 million in loans to support Ukraine's economy. “Japan will continue to implement assistance in solidarity with the Ukrainian people,” he continued. “Stand up for Ukraine!” For additional statements of support, please go to the following link: https://www.globalcitizen.org.

Related “We Can Give Them A Safe Home And Bring Some Light Into Their Lives. At This Dark Hour” “Stand Up For Ukraine” Campaign Aims To Drive Billions In Aid For Refugees Worldwide



As the humanitarian crisis caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to grow in urgency, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the success of the “Stand Up for Ukraine” pledging event, that took place on Saturday, April 9, in Warsaw, Poland. The event aimed to mobilize significant funding to help vulnerable civilians impacted by the conflict and to support refugees everywhere. Ahead of the event, a global social media rally supported by Global Citizen took place on Friday, April 8, in response to a new video from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in which he called on the international community to help people affected by the invasion. The rally encouraged citizens to call on governments, institutions, corporations, and individuals to donate to humanitarian efforts for Ukraine and refugees from conflicts worldwide, such as Yemen, South Sudan, and Afghanistan.

Together, the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging event and rally seek to raise billions of dollars to bolster the United Nations' flash funding appeal to assist the more than 3.7 million refugees who have fled Ukraine, the 6.5 million people displaced within the country, and other global humanitarian priorities. “A Ukrainian child has become a refugee almost every single second since the start of the war,” von der Leyen said in a statement. “The world must stand up for them. The European Union is catering for the needs of the millions of refugees it hosts. And we will further step up. But so much is needed still — and the brave people of Ukraine deserve solidarity from citizens and governments around the globe,” she added. “Together, we can give them a safe home and bring some light in their lives at this dark hour.”

More than 12 million people are currently in need of emergency aid — food, water, shelter, health care, and more — as a result of the war. Russia's relentless

bombing campaign has killed more than 1,900 civilians and made entire cities unlivable through the destruction of apartment blocks, key infrastructure, and health care facilities.

“Today, our message to the Ukrainian people is this: We are standing with you,” Trudeau said. “Whether you need food, water, shelter, or medical aid — we are rallying the world to continue to have your backs and provide critical assistance where it is needed most. When we all work together, we can achieve the best outcomes for those displaced by Putin's illegal and unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine.”

The consequences will only worsen as the conflict drags on and the Russian army seeks to overwhelm additional parts of Ukraine. In his video message, Zelenskyy further described the impact of the war: “Millions of Ukrainians had their own home, had their own dreams, had their own quiet place, had their own world they could close from others or open it to everyone,” he said. “They had their own home until Russian missiles, bombs, shells came in. Until the invaders have come, and have destroyed and burned down absolutely everything. City after city, village after village, thousands of houses ruined, thousands of destroyed apartments,” he added. “Hundreds of cities and towns are annihilated, some are erased to ashes, burned down completely.”

The UN is leading efforts for a ceasefire, and Zelenskyy has been urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to negotiate an end to the conflict — but little progress has been made so far.

Zelenskyy urged people around the world to support the pledging event and social media rally.

“I ask you to support Ukraine, to support Ukrainians with the ‘Stand Up for Ukraine’ motto,” he said. “I'm inviting everybody: musicians, actors, athletes, businessmen, politicians, everybody. Everyone who wants to join this movement and ‘Stand Up for Ukraine.’”

The surge of refugees from Ukraine adds to a larger crisis worldwide. Globally, 82.4 million people are displaced, and there's a \$10 billion gap in funding for their support. Stand Up for Ukraine aims to mobilize funds to assist with this funding gap to ensure all refugees, everywhere, receive the aid they need.

“History has shown us that conflict and poverty are closely interconnected, resulting in the weakening of the rule of law, a collapse in economic development, and often catastrophic humanitarian situations,” said Hugh Evans, CEO of Global Citizen. “There is no doubt that the conflict in Ukraine has led to a humanitarian crisis — members of



Global Citizen saw this ourselves at the Ukrainian-Polish border. More than 3 million refugees have fled their homes, with millions more likely on their way,” he said. “Global Citizen has a history of responding rapidly to humanitarian crises, and this is no different. We're calling for an immediate end to this crisis, and the provision of immediate financing to support refugee relief efforts not just in Ukraine but around the world.” For more information about the Stand Up for Ukraine pledging event and social media rally, you can visit ForUkraine.com. (Courtesy globalcitizen.org.)