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Zelenskiy calls on West to warn Russia not to blow up dam

FRONT LINE NORTH OF KHERSON, Ukraine, Oct 21 (Reuters) - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy called on the West to warn Russia not to blow up a huge dam that would flood a swath of southern Ukraine, as his forces prepare to push Moscow's troops from Kherson in one of the war's most important battles.

In a television address, Zelenskiy said Russian forces had planted explosives inside the huge Nova Kakhovka dam, which holds back an enormous reservoir that dominates much of southern Ukraine, and were planning to blow it up.

"Now everyone in the world must act powerfully and quickly to prevent a new Russian terrorist attack. Destroying the dam would mean a large-scale disaster," he said.

Russia accused Kyiv earlier this week of rocketing the dam and planning to destroy it, in what Ukrainian officials called a sign that Moscow might blow it up and blame Kyiv. Neither side produced evidence to back up their allegations.

The vast Dnipro bisects Ukraine and is several km wide in places. Bursting the dam could send a wall of water flooding settlements below it, towards the city of Kherson, which Ukrainian



forces hope to recapture in a major advance.

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It would also wreck the canal system that irrigates much of southern Ukraine, including Crimea, which Moscow seized in 2014.

The alarm has echoes of a World War Two disaster at another huge dam further upriver, which Ukrainian historians say was dynamited by Soviet sappers as their troops retreated, causing floods that swept away villages and killed thousands of people.

Zelenskiy called on world leaders to make clear that blowing up the dam would be treated "exactly the same as the use of weapons of mass destruction", with similar consequences to those threatened if Russia uses nuclear or chemical weapons.

'DIFFICULT DECISIONS'
One of the most important battles of the eight-month-old war is coming to a head near the dam as Ukrainian forces advance along the river's west bank, aiming to recapture Kherson city and encircle thousands of Russian troops.

Ukraine has imposed an information blackout from the Kherson front, but Russia's commander Sergei Surovikin said this week that the situation in Kherson was "already difficult" and Russia was "not ruling out difficult decisions" there.

Ukrainian troops manning a section of the

front north of Kherson on Friday said there had been a noticeable reduction in recent weeks in shellfire from Russian positions in a tree line that sweeps across an expanse of fallow fields, some 4 km away.

The drop off in shooting and an absence of Russian armor movement in the sector, they said, indicated the Russians were short of ammunition and equipment. The only sign of fighting was the occasional crump of an exploding shell in the distance.

Russian President Vladimir Putin inspects preparations of mobilised reservists at a military training centre in Ryazan Region
A satellite image shows a view of the location of the Kakhovka dam and the surrounding region in Kherson Oblast
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"They've been shooting less starting about three weeks ago," said Myhailo, 42, who like other soldiers deployed with him withheld his last name. "And their drones are less active."

"It's probably been about a month there's been less shelling," agreed Sasha, 19. "This has to finish at some point. Their ammunition can't last forever."

The Kremlin on Friday sidestepped a question about whether or not President Vladimir Putin had given an order for Russian forces to withdraw from Kherson.

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U.K. Prime Minister Resigns



After just six weeks in office, British Prime Minister Liz Truss resigned and showed just how chaotic British politics has become in recent years.

Truss was the fourth prime minister to resign since the Brexit vote of 2016.

When the British people voted to leave the EU, it changed the course of the country's foreign economics and trade policies that made this nation poorer and politics less relevant.



When Truss replaced Johnson in September, she promised to kick off the economy with tax cuts for corporations and the rich without reducing public spending. Amid a 10% inflation rate and the war in Ukraine, her plan spooked the financial markets, crashed the pound and sent mortgage rates soaring.

Truss said she will remain as prime minister until a successor is chosen. The election for a new leader will be completed within the next week.



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Editor's Choice



Ethiopia's Werkuha Getachew celebrates winning the women's 3000m steeplechase at Diamond League, Monaco. REUTERS/Eric Gaillard



Leonardo Martinez, a migrant from Venezuela who has not crossed into the U.S. due to the new immigration policies, rests on the train tracks near the Paso del Norte International border bridge, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico October 20, 2022. REUTERS/Jose Luis Gonzalez



Maria Alejandra Cabrera, from Venezuela, helps her son Jean Carlos Quevedo, 3, from Columbia, to try on shoes at a shelter run by Colores United in Deming, New Mexico, U.S., October 20, 2022. REUTERS/Paul Ratje



Saul, 4, wipes the tears of his father Franklin Pajaro, after they were expelled from the U.S. and sent back to Mexico under Title 42, near the Paso del Norte International border bridge, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, October 17, 2022. REUTERS/Jose Luis Gonzalez



Local children Salsa, 7, and Riska, 8, run over a wooden bridge as they play at a slum area in the north coast of Jakarta, Indonesia, August 25. REUTERS/Willy Kurniawan



Venezuelan migrants, expelled from the U.S., and sent back to Mexico under Title 42 as part of a new policy to curb the number of illegal crossings at the Mexico-U.S. border, eat near the Paso del Norte International border bridge, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, October 16, 2022. REUTERS/ Jose Luis Gonzalez

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Can China End The Ukraine War?

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Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin speak in person for first time since Russia invaded Ukraine

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Edward Snowden Monday, the Associated Press first reported.

Putin signed a decree Monday granting Snowden citizenship nearly two years after the National Security Administration (NSA) whistleblower petitioned for it along with his wife, citing a fear of being separated from their son in "this era of pandemics and closed borders."



Edward Snowden

Edward Snowden, who was granted permanent residency in Russia in 2020, was one of 75 foreign nationals granted citizenship Monday. He has lived in Russia since 2013 while evading capture by U.S. law enforcement.



Putin initially described Snowden's fleeing to Russia as an "unwanted Christmas present" in 2013 and said he should leave the country, but Russia has repeatedly refused to extradite him to the U.S. in the years since.

Numerous American politicians and activists have petitioned for Snowden to be pardoned, characterizing him as a freedom fighter who exposed government corruption and spying against its own citizens.

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Why Is China Best Placed To Help Negotiate An End To The Ukraine War? Developments at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit reflect shifting regional power dynamics and the evolving China-Russia relationship

China's balancing act affords Beijing the necessary degree of influence and impartiality to help mediate a way out of the Ukraine crisis

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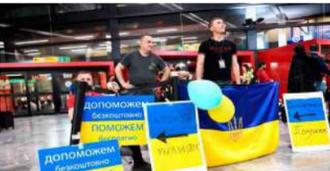
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~Photo Essay Of A Human Tragedy~ Refugees Of War Are Now Our Neighbors Ukraine Refugees Wait In Tijuana For Permission To Enter The U.S.

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The Ukrainian flag hung on the side of a building offers solace to some.



Volunteers with signs welcome Ukrainian refugees as they arrive at the Tijuana airport to help them on their journey to the United States after fleeing the war in Ukraine, in Tijuana, Baja California state, Mexico on April 8, 2022.



Ukrainians who are seeking asylum in the United States gather in a city government shelter for Ukrainians, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on April 6, 2022 in Tijuana, Mexico.



Two Ukrainian women sit and wait for U.S. Customs

and Border Protection to allow them to enter the U.S. at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022.



Ukrainian refugees wait to be allowed to enter the U.S. by Customs and Border Protection at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection allow Ukrainian refugees to enter the U.S. at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022.



Ukrainians who are seeking asylum walk at the El Chaparral port of entry on their way to enter the United States, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on April 6, 2022 in Tijuana, Mexico.



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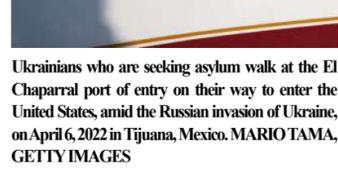
U.S. Customs and Border Protection stop a Russian citizen from entering the U.S. at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022.



A volunteer (L) bids farewell to Ukrainians who are seeking asylum as they gather on a bus on their way to the El Chaparral port of entry, before entering the United States amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on April 6, 2022 in Tijuana, Mexico.



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Ukrainian families gather their belongings hoping to cross the border into the U.S.



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Family members offer each other comfort in the uncertain time.



A Ukrainian family contemplates the future in a new country.



Elderly woman being transported by a relative.



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Ukrainians wait for processing by US authorities at the Texas-Mexico border.



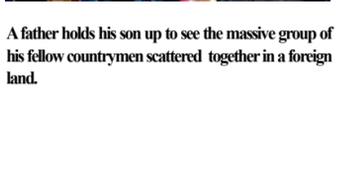
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A father holds his son up to see the massive group of his fellow countrymen scattered together in a foreign land.



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