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Freezing Ukraine gradually restores power after Russian strikes on grid

KYIV, Nov 25 (Reuters) - Ukrainian authorities on Friday gradually restored power to millions of people left in the dark after the most devastating Russian air strikes so far, aided by the reconnection of the country's four nuclear plants.

National power grid operator Ukrenergo said that as of 7 p.m. local time (1700 GMT), 30% of electricity supplies were still out, and asked people to cut back on their energy use.

"Phased restoration of the power system is continuing. Repairs crews are working around the clock," it said in a statement on Telegram.

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy went to the town of Vyshhorod just north of Kyiv on Friday to look at a four-storey building damaged by a Russian missile. He also visited one of the many emergency centres that have been set up to provide heat, water, electricity and mobile communications.

"Together we will be able to go through this difficult path for our country. We will overcome all challenges and we will definitely win," he said in a video statement.

Moscow says the attacks on basic infrastructure are militarily legitimate, and that Kyiv can end the suffering of its people if it yields to Russian demands. Ukraine says attacks intended to cause civilian misery are a war crime.

Attacks on Wednesday caused the worst damage so far, leaving millions of people with no light, water or heat even as temperatures fell below zero.

The European Union will step up efforts to provide Ukraine with support to restore and maintain power and heating, the head of the European Commission said. Russia insists it does not target civilians in the "special military operation" it launched in late February. International human rights officials say that is difficult to reconcile with attacks on civil infrastructure.

"Millions are being plunged into extreme hardship and appalling



conditions of life," U.N. human rights chief Volker Turk said in a statement.

A site of residential buildings destroyed by a Russian missile attack in Vyshhor



Putin said he shared the women's pain, telling them that "the main guarantee of our success is our unity".

Ukraine and the West contend Putin has no justification for what they say is a war of conquest.

British Foreign Minister James Cleverly visited Ukraine and pledged millions of pounds in further support, his office said on Friday. Cleverly, who met Zelenskiy on the trip, condemned Russia for its "brutal attacks" on civilians, hospitals and energy infrastructure.

Although the EU is developing more sanctions to slap on Russia, the 27-nation bloc is split over a Group of Seven proposal to cap Russian seaborne oil prices. A meeting to discuss the idea, scheduled for Friday, was canceled, EU diplomats said.

NUCLEAR PLANTS RECONNECTED
The International Atomic Energy Agency said the three nuclear plants on Ukrainian-held territory had been reconnected to the grid, two days after the attacks forced them to shut for the first time in 40 years.

The fourth station, in Zaporizhzhia, is in Russian-controlled territory. It came back online on Thursday.

Kyiv says the war reflects what it sees as malice towards Ukrainians dating back to Soviet and imperial days.

This week, Ukrainians will observe the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor famine.

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WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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Four Chinese Killed By Execution Style In Oklahoma

Oklahoma police said that they arrested a suspect who they believe killed four people "execution style" on a rural marijuana farm last Sunday.

The Miami Beach Police Department arrested the suspect, Wu Chen, 45. He will face charges of murder and shooting with intent to kill and will be extradited to Oklahoma.

The victims were all Chinese. At about 5:45 pm on Sunday the suspect entered a building at the marijuana farm near Hennessy Okla. about 70 miles from Oklahoma City. The suspect was inside the building for a long time before violence erupted.

Since the spring of 2021, the state government has given out about 8,500 licenses to grow marijuana, mostly to people from China, Vietnam and Mexico who come to Oklahoma to grow marijuana for the black market. This situation



has caused underground gangs to form who now compete for the control of the marijuana production.

Many new immigrants have arrived in the United States for the first time because they are attracted by the high pay.

We remember one hundred years ago when the Chinese came to the San Francisco area because of the gold rush. But now, they are looking for the "big money" again with marijuana.

We call on the federal government to immediately investigate this major case and determine the truth about these murders and bring justice to the criminals who are responsible.



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A man smiles as he sits in front of a destroyed house in Vilkhivka, Ukraine, REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado



Brazil fans celebrate their first goal scored by Richarlison, as they watch the match at the FIFA Fan Festival on the Copacabana beach. REUTERS/Ricardo Moraes



People march from Parliament Hill during Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Ottawa, Ontario, REUTERS/Blair Gable



An animal rights activist bodypainted as a crab lies down in front of the fish market to encourage people to think about the food they eat, in Taipei, Taiwan, November 25, 2022. REUTERS/Ann Wang



Iran coach Carlos Queiroz celebrates with the players after the match. REUTERS/Amanda Perobelli



An Iran fan holds a t-shirt in memory of Mahsa Amini, inside the stadium before Wales v Iran FIFA World Cup match, Al Rayyan, Qatar. REUTERS/Dylan Martinez

Opinion

Can China End The Ukraine War?

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



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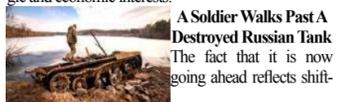
Chinese Troops In Training

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A Soldier Walks Past A Destroyed Russian Tank

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Victims Of War-Torn Ukraine

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Coming from a leader not known for feeling a need to explain anything to anyone, Putin's admission of Beijing's reservations signals that, contrary to the views of some people, China is not fully aligned with Putin on Ukraine and did not conspire to support the invasion. Putting these statements together, we see that while the bilateral relationship remains strong, China has put some distance between itself and Russia on the Ukraine issue.

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Ukraine Soldiers Fire Long-Range Artillery At Enemy Troops

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



XI AND PUTIN TALK IN UZBEKISTAN

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President Xi And Putin Review The Troops



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Related

Putin Grants Russian Citizenship To Edward Snowden

Russian President Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former American security contractor

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." Snowden has not renounced his U.S. citizenship, but remains wanted by American authorities on charges of theft of government property and violation of the Espionage Act.



Edward Snowden

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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. Snowden is wanted for allegedly leaking highly classified documents exposing several global surveillance operations involving the NSA and other government agencies in 2013. He initially fled to Hong Kong in May of 2013 before reportedly passing the documents to journalists, including Glenn Greenwald in June, before making his way to Russia later that month after the Department of State revoked his passport.



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. Critics label him a traitor for leaking government secrets, including revealing sensitive information to China on American efforts to infiltrate CCP institutions. (Courtesy https://dailycaller.com/)

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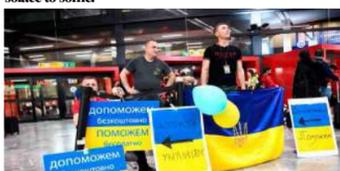
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~Photo Essay Of A Human Tragedy~
Refugees Of War Are Now Our Neighbors
Ukraine Refugees Wait In Tijuana For Permission To Enter The U.S.

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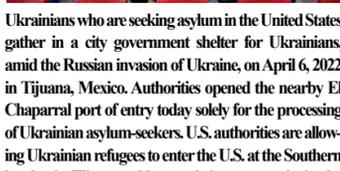
The Ukrainian Flag hung on the side of a building offers solace to some.



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. (PHOTO/PATRICK T. FALLON, AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES)



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. Authorities opened the nearby El Chaparral port of entry today solely for the processing of Ukrainian asylum-seekers. U.S. authorities are allowing Ukrainian refugees to enter the U.S. at the Southern border in Tijuana with permission to remain in the country on humanitarian parole for one year. (MARIO TAMA, GETTY IMAGES)



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



Ukrainian refugees wait to be allowed to enter the U.S. at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USA TODAY NETWORK)

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers take photos of Ukrainian refugees as they await 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. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USA TODAY NETWORK)



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. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USA TODAY NETWORK)



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. (MARIO TAMA, GETTY IMAGES)



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



Ukrainian refugees wait for Customs and Border Protection authorities to allow them to enter the USA at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California, on April 5. (OMAR ORNELAS/USA TODAY NETWORK)



Family members offer each other comfort in the uncertain time.



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 as two Russian citizens watch on April 5, 2022. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USA TODAY NETWORK)



Elderly woman being transported by a relative.



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



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



A Ukrainian family contemplates the future in a new country.



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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