

The morning of February 24th, 2022, will be imprinted into our minds forever. At this exact moment, the peaceful cities of Ukraine came under the first Russian air raids. It became the beginning of the full-scale aggression of the Russian Federation. Almost on all parts of our border with Russia and Belarus, occupation forces came to attack with the goal to invade Ukraine quickly. But thanks to the brave oppression of the Ukrainian Military Forces and the Ukrainian people, our country had stood firm in the first most important hours of the war. Now we are fighting for our freedom, our future, and peace in the whole of Europe.

The world has to know and remember that Russia is lying. When Moscow is saying that it does not have the intention to occupy the territories, we can see the threat of air attacks from Russia even in Western parts of Ukraine like Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk. When it is telling that it has never harmed the civilians, the Russian rockets target the Ukrainian kindergartens, orphanages, and hospitals, and the occupant's tanks are destroying people in their cars. The Kremlin tells its citizens that it is "freeing" the Ukrainians out of "occupation rule", at the same time, it is the Russian government that is the occupation rule in real life. When in Russian news programming you can read that "the Russian Federation is ending the war", the Ukrainians know that this is Moscow that has started this war.

The longer the calming Russia down by the Western partners is, the longer the typical citizens will suffer. The Ukrainians will never forgive the Russians for this brutal invasion. But they also cannot forgive the Euroatlantic ignorance, at the time when they took the main effect of the aggressor's attack on themselves and are protecting the whole of Europe now. The years of the slow building of trust in the Western world can be destroyed in one moment by sleeping on harsh but not symbolic sanctions against Russia. Since the active battles have started, the only things that protect peace in Europe are Ukraine and its' army.

ADASTRA Think Tank calls the governments of Western countries to impose urgent and destroying for the aggressor's economy sanctions and give Ukraine all the needed defence weaponry. We also ask all our partners, colleagues, and friends abroad to support the fight of our country and demand from your governments to act more actively for the protection of Ukraine and peace in Europe. Every post on social media and every meeting matter now. Financial support also plays a significant role for the Military Forces of Ukraine. Everybody who has such an opportunity can also join the cyber army of Ukraine.

## **THE TRUTH IS ON OUR SIDE! СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ!**

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