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Bennett: Inaction could result in 'total destruction of Ukraine'

Prime minister says if world leaders won't interfere, Russia-Ukraine war will result in 'untold loss of life, total destruction of Ukraine, and millions of refugees'

Itamar Eichner | Published: 03.03.22, 15:12

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett warned Thursday that the ongoing conflict in Ukraine could escalate drastically “if world leaders fail to act quickly.”

“I have participated in five or six different conflicts — as a soldier, as a commander and later on as a Security Cabinet member. [War is] a terrible thing,” the prime minister said in his speech at the CyberTech TLV 2022 conference.

“We in Israel had our fair share of wars and I can tell you one big lesson: wars are easy to start and very difficult to finish...”

It is the responsibility of the major players in the world to act rapidly to get the two sides out of the battlefield and to the negotiating table.”

The prime minister’s speech comes less than a day after he spoke with the two leaders at the center of the conflict: Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Bennett and Putin’s talk took place almost simultaneously with a historic vote at the UN General Assembly to condemn Russia’s aggression. Israel also sided with the motion despite expressing reluctance to do so initially.

A statement issued by the Kremlin said that the talk was initiated by Israel, and that Putin had told Bennett that the key to ending the crisis was to safeguard Russia's security interests.

The conversation with Zelensky took place earlier, after which the Ukrainian president wrote on Twitter that the two "talked about Russian aggression". Bennett's office later said that the two leaders agreed to "maintain continuous contact."

03.02.22

President Herzog Turkey visit touched a nerve in Cyprus over mineral rights

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Israel says outreach to Turkey won't come at Cyprus' expense

President Herzog says aware his Turkey visit has touched a raw nerve in ethnically-split ally but reaffirms Cypriot counterpart 'nothing... will be on the account of this strategic relationship with your country'

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Any bid by Israel to improve strained ties with Turkey won't come at the expense of its "strategic relationship" with neighboring Cyprus, President Isaac Herzog said Wednesday.

Speaking after talks with his Cypriot counterpart Nicos Anastasiades, Herzog said he's aware next week's visit to Turkey has touched a raw nerve in ethnically-split Cyprus, which accuses Ankara of trying to place the entire island under its control.

Herzog reaffirmed Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades that "nothing in my visit and what would ensue will be on the account of this strategic relationship with your country."

Herzog delineated that Israel seeks to strengthen relations and pursue dialogue with all nations and all faiths, including Turkey, which he called "a very important neighbor of ours, which has a huge impact on our lives in many fields.

"We have to...if possible to lower the tension and move on in a true dialogue that would definitely include issues of climate and the economy", said Herzog.

Cyprus was divided in 1974 when Turkey invaded following a coup aiming at union with Greece. Only Turkey recognizes a Turkish Cypriot breakaway north where it keeps more than 35,000 troops. Numerous rounds of peace talks over nearly five decades have failed to reunify the island.

Herzog's visit to Turkey comes as the two countries try to mend once close relations that frayed under Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, an outspoken critic of Israel's policies toward the Palestinians.

Erdogan's support of the militant group Hamas which controls the Gaza strip has previously angered Israel.

Both countries pulled out their ambassadors after the death of nine Turkish activists in 2010 when Israeli commandos stormed a Turkish ship trying to break an Israeli blockade of Gaza to deliver humanitarian aid. In 2018, Turkey again recalled its ambassador to Israel following the U.S. decision to relocate its embassy to Jerusalem.

Herzog said he would convey to Erdogan a message of "collaboration between peoples and all faiths for the well-being of humanity".

Cypriot-Israeli ties blossomed over the last decade following sizeable natural gas deposits in east Mediterranean waters. The two countries have joined with Greece to look for ways to build on the energy-based cooperation, including joint projects to harness the region's gas potential.

One such project is a pipeline to convey Israeli and Cypriot gas to Europe via Greece. Although some have cast doubt on whether the project is economically viable and environmentally sound, Anastasiades said it could still be an option that allows Europe to diversify from Russian gas sources.

Turkey doesn't recognize the island's Greek Cypriot-dominated government and decries its "unilateral" gas search, claiming it ignores Turkish Cypriot rights to potential mineral wealth and claims of Cyprus' exclusive economic zone as its own.

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German leader visits Israel as Russia-Ukraine war rages

Scholz visits Yad Vashem with Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on his first official visit to Israel since taking office, planned before the Russian invasion of Ukraine

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German Chancellor Olaf Scholz kicked off a visit to Israel on Wednesday, briefly leaving Europe as the continent's largest ground war in generations rages between Russia and Ukraine.

Scholz arrived in Israel Tuesday evening and will return to Germany later Wednesday in a visit, his first to Israel since becoming German leader, that was planned before the fighting erupted.

He toured Israel's Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem alongside Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and the two were set to hold a press conference later in the day.

His visit comes as Russia's assault on Ukraine continued for a seventh day, and as Western countries have rallied together against the incursion.

The war has prompted historic changes to Germany's defense policies. The German government said Saturday it will send anti-tank weapons and surface-to-air missiles to Ukraine, abandoning its long-held refusal to export weapons to conflict zones in a historic break with its post-World War II foreign policy.

Berlin also announced it is committing 100 billion euros to a special fund for its armed forces, raising defense spending above 2% of GDP, a measure on which it had long lagged.

In the decades following the Holocaust, in which Nazi Germany killed 6 million Jews, Germany and Israel have become staunch allies. The countries' Cabinets hold regular joint sessions, and Germany is Israel's most important trade partner in the European Union.

But Germany, like much of Europe, is at odds with Israel when it comes to the Palestinian issue. Germany has called for a Palestinian state alongside Israel and opposes Israel's settlement activities in the West Bank. Germany is also among world powers negotiating with Iran over its nuclear program.

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Businessman Ofer Krezner collected \$ 1 million donations from the Israeli business community and others to provide for the city's elderly, infirmed or otherwise in need as Russian forces close on the Ukraine's capital

Ron Ben-Yishai | Updated: 03.01.22, 20:02

Meals, medication, and water supplies were distributed to Kyiv residents by the hundreds in the last two days, thanks to an Israeli humanitarian projects in Ukraine.

Kyiv is bracing for a siege that imposed by the Russian army with its forces moving in on the capital.

Residents are already feeling the dwindling of supplies and there is a real fear of a looming humanitarian crisis.

The Israeli donors who financed the purchase of basic products were brought together by well known Israeli businessman and philanthropist Ofer Krezner, the owner of "City Capital Group" in Kyiv.

After coordination with Kyiv's Mayor Vitali Klitschko, Krezner set out to obtain products that the city's residents would need.

The initiative set out to help elderly residents, those who are ill and single-parent families, who making up about three million residents in need.

Most of these people are currently in shelters and are either too afraid to leave or unable to buy essentials.

Within less than one day, Krezner got together close to one million dollars worth of donations from Israeli companies and business men, amongst them the well-known high-tech company Playtika.

Krezner himself donated about half a million dollars out of pocket.

Refali Yochai, Field Manager of "City Capital Group", and more of Krezner's partners organized all the necessary supplies, including diapers, food, and personalized prescriptions. The initiative is continuing to prosper as many Israelis in Ukraine show readiness to donate to the cause.

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Ukrainian officials say fire at Zaporizhzhia plant ignited by Russian shelling extinguished and there's damage to one of reactors; Moscow blames attack on Ukrainian saboteurs, calling it a 'monstrous provocation'

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Russian military forces have seized Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhia in Ukraine's southeast, a local authority said on Friday.

"Operational personnel are monitoring the condition of power units," it said on social media, adding that the efforts sought to ensure the operations were in line with safety requirements.

Ukraine has said Russian forces attacked the plant in the early hours of Friday, setting an adjacent five-story training facility on fire as they pressed their attack on a crucial energy-producing Ukrainian city and gained ground in their bid to cut off the country from the sea.

The regional military administration said in a statement that a fire at the Zaporizhzhia plant in Enerhodar ignited by Russian shelling was extinguished and that there is damage to the compartment of reactor No. 1 but it does not affect the safety of the power unit. Operational personnel are ensuring its safe operation.

No information was immediately available about casualties.

Meanwhile, Russia's defense ministry blamed the attack at the site on Ukrainian saboteurs, calling it a "monstrous provocation".

A Russian defense ministry spokesman said the nuclear plant was operating normally and the area had been under Russian control since Feb. 28.

"However, last night on the territory adjacent to the power plant, an attempt was made by the Kyiv nationalist regime to carry out a monstrous provocation," spokesman Igor Konashenkov said.

Leading nuclear authorities were worried — but not panicked — about the damage to the power station. Ukrainian officials later said that radiation levels in the area weren't at dangerous levels. The assault, however, led to phone calls between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and U.S. President Joe Biden and other world leaders. The U.S. Department of Energy activated its nuclear incident response team as a precaution.

The attack on the eastern city of Enerhodar and its Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant came as the invasion entered its second week and another round of talks between Russia and Ukraine yielded a tentative agreement to set up safe corridors to evacuate citizens and deliver humanitarian aid.

Nuclear plant spokesman Andriy Tuz told Ukrainian television that shells fell directly on the facility and set fire to one of its six reactors. That reactor is under renovation and not operating, but there is nuclear fuel inside, he said.

"There is a real threat of nuclear danger in the biggest atomic energy station in Europe," Tuz said in a video statement.

Hours later, there was still confusion about what was happening at the plant.

The Zaporizhzhia regional military administration said that measurements taken at 7am Friday (0500 GMT) showed radiation levels in the region "remain unchanged and do not endanger the lives and health of the population."

Ukraine's state emergency service announced on Facebook on Friday that 'the fire in the training building of Zaporizhzhya NPP in Enerhodar was extinguished. There are no victims.' It did not mention the fire in a reactor building that had raised international concern.

The mayor of Enerhodar, Dmytro Orlov, announced on his Telegram channel Friday morning that "the fire at the (nuclear plant) has indeed been extinguished." His office told The Associated Press that the information came from firefighters who were allowed onto the site overnight. The mayor's office could not provide more details about which buildings were concerned.

Earlier, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba tweeted a plea to the Russians to stop the assault.

The assault renewed fears that the invasion could damage one of Ukraine's 15 nuclear reactors and set off another emergency like the 1986 Chernobyl accident, the world's worst nuclear disaster, which happened about 110 kilometers (65 miles) north of the capital.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson called for an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council in "coming hours" to raise the issue of Russia's attack on the nuclear power plant, according to a statement from his office.

U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm tweeted that the Zaporizhzhia plant's reactors were protected by robust containment structures and were being safely shut down.

In an emotional speech in the middle of the night, Zelensky said he feared an explosion that would be "the end for everyone. The end for Europe. The evacuation of Europe."

"Only urgent action by Europe can stop the Russian troops," he said. "Do not allow the death of Europe from a catastrophe at a nuclear power station."

But most experts saw nothing to indicate an impending disaster.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said the fire had not affected essential equipment and that Ukraine's nuclear regulator reported no change in radiation levels. The American Nuclear Society concurred, saying that the latest radiation levels remained within natural background levels.

"The real threat to Ukrainian lives continues to be the violent invasion and bombing of their country," the group said in a statement.

Jon Wolfsthal, who served during the Obama administration as the senior director for arms control and nonproliferation at the National Security Council, said the plant's reactors have thick concrete containment domes that should protect them from tank and artillery fire.

But he too was concerned about a potential loss of power at the plant, which could imperil its ability to keep the nuclear fuel cool.

Prior to the shelling, the Ukrainian state atomic energy company reported that a Russian military column was heading toward the nuclear plant. Loud shots and rocket fire were heard late Thursday.

Later, a livestreamed security camera linked from the homepage of the Zaporizhzhia plant showed what appeared to be armored vehicles rolling into the facility's parking lot and shining spotlights on the building where the camera was mounted.

Then there were what appeared to be muzzle flashes from vehicles, followed by nearly simultaneous explosions in surrounding buildings. Smoke rose into the frame and drifted away.

Vladimir Putin's forces have brought their superior firepower to bear over the past few days, launching hundreds of missiles and artillery attacks on cities and other sites around the country and making significant gains in the south.

The Russians announced the capture of the southern city of Kherson, a vital Black Sea port of 280,000, and local Ukrainian officials confirmed the takeover of the government headquarters there, making it the first major city to fall since the invasion began a week ago.

Heavy fighting continued on the outskirts of another strategic port, Mariupol, on the Azov Sea. The battles have knocked out the city's electricity, heat and water systems, as well as most phone service, officials said. Food deliveries to the city were also cut. Severing Ukraine's access to the Black and Azov seas would deal a crippling blow to its economy and allow Russia to build a land corridor to Crimea, seized by Moscow in 2014. Overall, the outnumbered, outgunned Ukrainians have put up stiff resistance, staving off the swift victory that Russia appeared to have expected. But a senior U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Russia's seizure of Crimea gave it a logistical advantage in that part of the country, with shorter supply lines that smoothed the offensive there.

Ukrainian leaders called on the people to defend their homeland by cutting down trees, erecting barricades in the cities and attacking enemy columns from the rear. In recent



days, authorities have issued weapons to civilians and taught them how to make Molotov cocktails.

"Total resistance. ... This is our Ukrainian trump card, and this is what we can do best in the world," Oleksiy Arestovich, an aide to Zelensky, said in a video message, recalling guerrilla actions in Nazi-occupied Ukraine during World War II.

The second round of talks between Ukrainian and Russian delegations was held in neighboring Belarus. But the two sides appeared far apart going into the meeting, and Putin warned Ukraine that it must quickly accept the Kremlin's demand for its "demilitarization" and declare itself neutral, renouncing its bid to join NATO.

Putin told French President Emmanuel Macron he was determined to press on with his attack "until the end," according to Macron's office.

The two sides said that they tentatively agreed to allow cease-fires in areas designated safe corridors, and that they would seek to work out the necessary details quickly. A Zelensky adviser also said a third round of talks will be held early next week.

Despite a profusion of evidence of civilian casualties and destruction of property by the Russian military, Putin decried what he called an "anti-Russian disinformation campaign" and insisted that Moscow uses "only precision weapons to exclusively destroy military infrastructure."

Putin claimed that the Russian military had already offered safe corridors for civilians to flee, but he asserted without evidence that Ukrainian "neo-Nazis" were preventing people from leaving and were using them as human shields.

The Pentagon set up a direct communication link to Russia's Ministry of Defense earlier this week to avoid the possibility of a miscalculation sparking conflict between Moscow and Washington, according to a U.S. defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the link had not been announced.

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Putin praised his troops, seize 2<sup>nd</sup> nuclear power plant & adds Belarusian troops

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Putin tells Macron will continue war; second round of talks underway

North Ukraine region of Chernihiv sees dozens of civilian casualties as schools and residential areas bombed by Russian air force; Zelensky calls for ceasefire and agreed humanitarian corridors to allow civilians to leave but says his expectations low

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French President Emanuel Macron said following his conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin that Russia was intent on pressing on with their invasion of Ukraine.

Marcon warned Putin that Russia would suffer if their aggression continues, France said in a statement from the Elysee, but added that Putin was unperturbed.

Ukraine emergency services said on Thursday the at least 33 people were killed in Russian bombing of Chernihiv in the north of the country. The announcement came hours after the regional governor reported nine people died when the Russians bombed two schools and residential buildings in the city.

Local officials said the area that was attacked housed no military targets, only schools and hospitals and that rescue efforts were underway amid fears that the number of casualties would be higher.

The news of the damage in Chernihiv came as the second round of talks between Russia and Ukraine were underway in Belarus, although expectations were low that a breakthrough would be achieved.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky told reporters that he believed the talks were a waste of time, but his delegation would be demanding a cease fire and an agreement on humanitarian corridors that would allow civilians to escape the fighting.

Hours before the talks began, Putin warned Ukraine that if the talks were delayed, Russia would add more demands in the negotiations. Russia was now demanding the demilitarization of Ukraine and that country assuming neutrality on matters between Moscow and the West.

Putin relayed his demands to Macron and added that regardless of the outcome of the talks, Russia will achieve its main objective, to demilitarize its neighbor.

Putin said the fighting in Ukraine was proceeding according to plan as he praised his troops.

In televised comments, Putin made a series of allegations against Ukrainian forces for which he did not provide evidence, including that they were holding foreign citizens hostage and using human shields.

The Ukrainian military said it believed that Belarusian troops have already received the order to cross Ukrainian border.

Ukraine has said Russia is using Belarusian territory for missile attacks on Ukrainian cities and Minsk allowed Russian troops to enter Ukrainian territory.

The head of Russia's foreign intelligence agency said on Thursday it was wrong to speak of a new Cold War between Russia and the West because the situation was already "hot".

"If only because in the second half of the 20th century Russia fought with the West on the distant approaches, and now the war has come to the very borders of our Motherland. So for us it is definitely not 'cold', but quite 'hot'".

Russian forces were stepping up efforts to seize control of Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southeastern Ukraine, Ukrainian officials said describing Russian troops trying to break through a barricade to the plant, that was erected by local residents and territorial defense forces.

Russia has already captured the defunct Chernobyl plant, some 100 km north of Ukraine's capital Kyiv.

03.01.22

Israel focus on Vienna Iran nuclear deal as Ukraine invasion enters 6<sup>th</sup> day

03.01.22

Bennett says Israel will not be bound by nuclear deal with Iran

PM once again says Israel will continue to act against Iranian threats regardless of actions of the West; adds Israel will continue safeguard its interests amid Ukraine-Russia war, while being helpful to both sides

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Prime Minister Naftali Bennet said on Tuesday that Israel will not be bound by the West's nuclear deal with Iran, if one is reached in the near future.

Western powers and Iran have been involved in talks in Vienna, meant to revive the pact to curb Tehran's nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief, which the United States abandoned in 2018. But both Tehran and Washington have cautioned there are still some significant differences to overcome.

Speaking at an event organized for the Mossad intelligence service, Bennett said Israel to continue and act against the Iranian nuclear threat according to its interests.

"It seems that in the near future your hands will be full," he said, while addressing the employees of the intelligence service. "Your important mission will be to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear capabilities. It is a task that you have been dealing with for years now, but it looks like we are getting closer to the moment of truth. This is the money time. "While one eye on the events in Kyiv, like the rest of the world, the other should be focused on what happens west of Ukraine, in Vienna," Bennett added.

the prime minister reiterated the so-called sunset provision must be eliminated from the Iran nuclear deal. The clause stipulates when the various restrictions imposed on Iran's nuclear program expire.

"The sun will not set on Israel's security and the safety of its citizens," Bennett said. "I said it before and I will say it again, especially on this stage - the nuclear agreement with Iran doesn't bound Israel, and neither does the sunset clause."

In his appeal, Bennett also implied that he believes Mossad should act against Iran. "A country, especially a democratic one, in such a challenging era for democracies, also needs other aspects of strength: endurance, cohesion, common goal, and mental strength, so its citizens won't give in to any psychological warfare.

"But it also needs to have the ability to defend itself not only with means of brute force - but also with quiet, sophisticated, and some would even say elegant means. And for that, we have the Mossad."

In his speech, the prime minister also addressed the Russian invasion of the Ukraine, which in Tuesday entered its sixth day. "Not far from us, in Kyiv, the world order is undergoing a huge upheaval. Israel has taken a very calculated and responsible stand, which not only will allow it to safeguard its interests but also to benefit both sides. Israel is one of the few countries that can communicate with both Russia and Ukraine, and assist if requested."

Israel has confirmed on Sunday it has offered to mediate between Ukraine and Russia to end the hostilities. The peace talks at the border with Belarus are in progress without Israeli involvement, and it seems there isn't much chance for any breakthrough, with Ukraine demanding an immediate ceasefire or the withdrawal of Russian forces. Nevertheless, on Tuesday, Israel has begun sending 100 tons of humanitarian aid to the war-torn state, meant to assist people caught up in the fighting in Ukraine.

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Israel court suspends PA evictions from east Jerusalem legal battles, for now

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Israel court suspends evictions from Sheikh Jarrah, for now

Ruling says families can stay until Israel carries out land arrangements, a process that could take years or not happen at all, as well as ease tensions in the contested area

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Israel's Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that a group of families slated for eviction from a flashpoint east Jerusalem neighborhood could remain in their homes for the time being.

The ruling could work to ease tensions in the neighborhood, which helped ignite the 11-day war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza last year.

The court ruled that the families could stay in their homes for now until Israel carried out a land arrangement, a process that could take years or may not be carried out at all, according to Ir Amim, an advocacy group that was not involved in the court case.

Dozens of Palestinian families in East Jerusalem are at risk of eviction by Jewish settler organizations, and thousands face the threat of demolition because of discriminatory policies that make it extremely difficult for Palestinians to build new homes or expand existing ones.

Other threatened evictions in Sheikh Jarrah and other neighborhoods, which are tied up in decades-old legal battles between Palestinian residents and Jewish settlers, set off protests and clashes last year that eventually helped ignite the Gaza war.

Israel captured east Jerusalem, along with the West Bank, in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it in a move not recognized by most of the international community. Israel considers the entire city to be its capital, and the municipality says it is working to improve services for all residents.

The Palestinians want east Jerusalem to be the capital of their future state, and the city's fate is one of the most divisive issues in the century-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

03.01.22

Ukraine disappointed, Israel will not accept refugees from different countries

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Ukraine disappointed in Israel's unwillingness to accept refugees, Ambassador says  
Ukraine's Ambassador Yevgen Kornichuk speaks in a press conference on Tuesday and calls on Israel to support Ukraine in 'all aspects' and show mercy towards the refugees  
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Ukraine's Ambassador to Israel Yevgen Kornichuk said on Tuesday that Ukraine was "disappointed by the Israeli government not allowing entrance to the war refugees".

"The last six days Israel turned away dozens of refugees that came from different countries in the world, and in the airport they were sent back to the places where they came from, instead of granting them asylum".

In a press conference in Tel Aviv, the ambassador said he was saddened. "We are not talking about illegal workers, we're talking about something completely different," Kornichuk said.

"We want peace and we want Israel to support us in all aspects, even in such hard times."

Kornichuk was asked about Israelis volunteering to fight with Ukraine after he posted a call for volunteers on Facebook, the ambassador said that those who hold a Ukrainian passport and is willing to help in the war, will be assisted by the embassy.

"These people are recognized by us as Ukrainian citizens and they want to help in the war. I can't say how many of these there are, but they exist".

Kornichuk referred to the death of Roman Brodsky, the 42-year-old Israeli citizen that lived in Ukraine and was shot dead on his way to the border. he said this was a saddening incident. "I don't know who shot him, in the beginning they said it was the Russians and then they said it was the Ukrainians, so we need to be wary of publications like this," he said.

"We're looking out for the Israelis exactly as we are looking out for the Ukrainians, and we help them cross the border and leave the country to a safe place", said Kornichuk.

The Ukrainian embassy is working in cooperation with a law official to open a hotline for Israelis located in Ukraine, and for Ukrainians seeking to come to Israel.

Lawyer Alex Zrnofolski said in the press conference: "I'm calling on Prime Minister Bennett and Minister Shaked, let's open our hearts and prove that we're a nation with mercy and humanity, and accept the Ukrainians. We need to think in a humane way and

first of all absorb them without asking so many questions and making it hard for them.. these are refugees that are going through hell right now".

03.01.22

Rescue flights of Israeli nationals arrive from Ukraine, Poland and Romania

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Rescue flights carrying Israeli nationals arrive from Ukraine

After days-waiting the rescue flights from Poland and Romania finally landed in the Jewish state, and the Israeli refugees were reunited with their families; 'we saw missiles fly and tanks with Russian soldiers all over the roads' one of the refugees says Roy Rubinstein| Published: 03.01.22, 14:54

Rescue flights carrying Israeli nationals arrived from from war-torn Ukraine at pre-dawn on Tuesday amid the ongoing Russian invasion of the country.

The rescue flights arrived from Poland and Romania and after long hours of waiting, the relatives, who were waiting at the airport, were finally able to reunite with their loved ones.

"We went through a five-day journey on the roads," said Larisa Zaskrov, 33, who landed with her nine-year-old son Kirill and their dog. Zaskrov's husband had to stay behind to fight for the country.

"We escaped from Kyiv to Warsaw, it was a tough and terrifying journey, I'm exhausted and still frightened. My husband escorted us all the way to the Polish border, and we said goodbye to each other."

When asked if she would ever return to Ukraine, Zaskrov said "definitely, I have a business there, friends, family, I would return for sure."

"We were under attack by the Russian forces," said Nahdi Tawil, who was studying medicine in K harkiv.

"We woke up on the first night of the attack, heard explosions all around us, and at that moment we decided to leave Ukraine. We drove three days to Moldova and then to Romania where we boarded the flight to Israel. I'm glad I'm here, but I'm sad about Ukraine. I love it. We hope peace would be reached," he said.

Hussein Ivanberry, 23, landed with his older brother, also from Kharkiv, where they studied medicine and engineering.

"Thank god we made it," he said. "We've had a very tough week. We saw missiles fly and tanks with Russian soldiers all over the roads, it was scary. And as we passed by, our bus driver explained to them that we were foreign students and not Ukrainians."

Along with the students, Ivgeny, an Israeli-Ukrainian who lives in Kiyv, also landed in the Jewish state, but he had to leave behind his Ukrainian spouse. "I flew there to try and

get her out, but she didn't want to leave," he said. "When it all started, I went to the Polish border, not far from Belarus, it was a 36-hour journey. It was stressful and unpleasant but we in Israel are familiar with such situations. There's a relief because I'm back in the country, but the war there continues and Ukraine is a second home for me."

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Foreign Ministry says aid package includes medical equipment and medicine, water purification systems, thousands of tents, blankets, sleeping bags and coats

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Israel has begun sending 100 tons of humanitarian aid, meant to assist people caught up in the fighting in Ukraine, the Foreign Ministry announced Tuesday.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said Sunday a plane carrying 100 tons of humanitarian aid will be sent to Ukraine in the coming days amid the Russian invasion, which is described as the biggest assault on a European country by another state since World War II.

An El Al plane loaded with dozens of cardboard boxes departed Ben Gurion Airport on Tuesday. The ministry said it is sending medical equipment and medicine, water purification systems, thousands of tents, blankets, sleeping bags and coats. The planes will land in Poland and the aid will be sent to Ukraine from there.

Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid were behind the decision, the ministry added.

Israel has repeatedly pledged its support for the people of Ukraine in the war, with Lapid saying in a statement Monday that Jerusalem will support a UN resolution condemning Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.

Despite Lapid's declaration, Israel has been cautious in joining the West in its condemnation of Russia, as it relies on Moscow for security coordination in Syria, where Russia has a military presence and where Israel over recent years has repeatedly struck weapons caches destined for its enemies and other targets.

Despite the government's cautious response to the crisis, thousands of Israelis took to the streets earlier this week in protest of Moscow's aggression toward Ukraine, many of them Ukrainian and Russian-born.

Municipalities across the country also showed their support for the besieged country, mainly by hoisting Ukrainian flags and voicing their support for Kyiv.

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GPG.org gives \$10 million for food & aid assistance to Jews in Ukraine

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Genesis Philanthropy Group announces \$10 million assistance to Jews of Ukraine

The funds will support distribution of food, evacuation efforts, homes for the elderly, orphanages and other critical communal infrastructure; \$5 million will be in immediate funding to support urgent needs, and an additional \$5 million will be used for humanitarian aid as the situation develops

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Genesis Philanthropy Group (GPG) announced Monday a decision to deliver \$10 million in emergency assistance to Jews impacted by the crisis in Ukraine, which has left tens of thousands in dire straits.

As the situation in Ukraine escalates, many, especially those who are the most vulnerable, are in critical need of humanitarian aid to weather these difficult times.

GPG is a global philanthropic organization with a core focus on Jewish identity-building and educational programs. In addition to its core mission, GPG and its donors have a long history of responding to crisis situations impacting Jews around the world.

Support that includes Jewish institutions in Europe facing the threat of antisemitism, funding for improved security facilities for vulnerable civilians in Israel, and an extensive COVID Emergency Assistance portfolio providing humanitarian aid for Jewish individuals and organizations severely impacted by the pandemic.

The \$10 million emergency aid package announced Monday will be distributed in two phases. \$5 million in immediate funding has already been committed to supporting urgent needs related to the current crisis: Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) – to support evacuation efforts and enhancing security for Jewish organizations; Federation of Jewish Communities of Ukraine – to provide seed funding for a campaign to distribute \$10 million packages of non-perishable foodstuffs across Ukraine; Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) – to support their work with vulnerable Jewish populations across Ukraine; Regional and local Jewish community organizations operating homes for the elderly, orphanages, and other critical communal infrastructure in Ukraine.

An additional \$5 million will be deployed to support humanitarian aid needs as the situation develops.

“As we watch with great distress the scenes coming from Ukraine, we see it as our duty to help Jews in danger, as we have done in other times and places,” said Gennady Gazin, Chairman of the Board of Genesis Philanthropy Group.

“As someone born in Zhytomyr, Ukraine, I am especially pained by this suffering. I hope that peace will return and the Ukrainian Jewish community will be able to withstand these hardships and thrive again.”



“The current crisis in Ukraine has led to a dramatic increase in humanitarian needs and I am ever grateful to our partners at **Genesis Philanthropy Group**, and to its founders, for their visionary commitment to helping and strengthening Jewish communities in Ukraine and around the world, part of their numerous philanthropic endeavors addressing this goal,” said Mark Sisisky, President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

“Our teams on the ground – part of our vast presence in Ukraine and around the former Soviet Union – will be able to do so much good with this generous support. We're **providing food, medicine, and other emergency aid in Ukraine** and also partnering with Jewish communities in surrounding countries to welcome Jews crossing the borders.”  
“In these grave times, as we pray for peace and calm, we are witnessing yet again the power of Jewish unity in the spirit of Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh La-Zeh - All Jews are responsible for each other. It is with this in mind that we are proud to join forces with GPG to bring food to those who are in desperate need today and will be in need tomorrow,” said Rabbi Raphael Rutman of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Ukraine.

**Genesis Philanthropy Group (GPG)** is a **global** family of **foundations**, co-founded by Mikhail **Fridman**, Petr **Aven** and German **Khan**, international businessmen, investors and philanthropists. GPG aims to advance Jewish engagement into the 21st century to create a more diverse and connected global Jewish community. The work of the foundation is inspired by commitment to: **strengthening Jewish identity among Russian-speaking Jews** worldwide; fostering bonds and common understanding among Jews living in Israel and in the Diaspora; developing innovative formats geared **towards the expansion of Jewish engagement opportunities**; expanding local and global Jewish connection opportunities in the UK and Spain. To learn more, visit **[www.GPG.org](http://www.GPG.org)**.

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**Israel supports UN; sends Ukraine 3-planes of refugee supplies & medical equipment**

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**Israel to support UN condemnation of Russia, foreign minister says**

Yair Lapid says Israel will stand 'on the right side of history' and in line with its values as it is **bound by duty and history**; adds U.S. knows Israel shares security border with Russia in Syria

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Foreign Minister Yair Lapid said in a statement on Monday that **Israel will support a UN resolution condemning Russia** over its invasion of Ukraine.

**Russia faces deepening economic isolation four days after invading Ukraine in the biggest assault on a European state since World War Two.**

"Israel will join and vote in favor of the resolution, together with the vast majority of countries," Lapid said in a briefing to reporters in the Foreign Ministry, adding Israel will "stand on the right side of history".

The resolution is set to be put up for a vote at the UN later on Monday or Tuesday.

Lapid said that Israel will take part in the international efforts to provide assistance to Ukrainians. "We have a moral and historic duty and a duty to our own values, to be part of the effort," he said.

The minister said three planes carrying emergency equipment will leave for Ukraine soon, which include thousands of winter coats, blankets, sleeping bags, medical supplies, tents and water purification equipment.

"The country will stand with its greatest ally - the United States, but our American partners understand that certain points compound us to tread lightly," he said.

"In many respects we share a security border with Russia which has a substantial military force in Syria and our cooperation apparatus enables us to act resolutely against Iranian entrenchment on our northern border," he said.

Lapid said there was also concern for Israelis and Jews still stranded in Ukraine. He said 4,000 Israelis were already extracted since the fighting began, but many more are still there and unable to leave.

There were also 100,000 Jews allowed to immigrate to Israel, under the law of return.

"We will do all that is needed so as not to leave any Israeli or Jew behind. That is what Israel was founded on, but the challenge is great because of the hundreds of thousands of refugees attempting to leave Ukraine."

Lapid said Israel was carefully considering the implications of sanctions imposed on Russia and the government has already assembled an inter-ministerial committee to "review their effects on Israel's economy and on our policies".

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Russia shelling Ukraine's 2nd largest city hospitals, emergency vehicles & refugees

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Russian missiles hit government building, residential areas in Kharkiv

Oleg Synegebov says Russian shelling of Ukraine's 2nd largest city equates to 'genocide';

Zelensky says international community must recognize Kharkiv siege as 'state terrorism';

at least 10 dead in attacks on Kharkiv on Tuesday

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As Moscow's invasion of Ukraine enters its sixth day, a Kharkiv region head said on Tuesday that Russian missile attacks hit the center of Ukraine's second-largest city, including residential areas and the regional administration building.

Oleg Syneubov said Russia launched GRAD and cruise missiles on Kharkiv but that the city defense was holding.

"Such attacks are genocide of the Ukrainian people, a war crime against the civilian population!" Syneubov said in a video posted on social media on Tuesday morning. He shared a video showing Kharkiv regional administration building being hit by a missile and exploding. The authenticity of the video was verified.

Interior Ministry adviser Anton Herashchenko said at least 10 people were killed and 35 wounded in the strikes on the center of Kharkiv. "The rubble is being cleared and there will be even more victims and wounded," he said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, meanwhile, said that Russian artillery attacks on Kharkiv amounted to state terrorism and called on the international community to recognize it as such.

"The terror aims to break us, to break our resistance," he said in a video address shared on social media describing Kyiv and Kharkiv as Russia's main targets.

Speaking at a disarmament conference in Geneva, Ukraine's foreign minister said that Russia had committed war crimes through its "indiscriminate shelling" of Kharkiv and called for a special meeting that would address Russian aggression and weapons of mass destruction.

"Nothing can justify missile shelling of residential buildings, kindergartens, orphanages, hospitals and emergency vehicles, passengers buses and millions of refugees fleeing Russian fire," said Dmytro Kuleba in a video address to the forum.

The country's ambassador told the same forum that Kyiv had requested a special meeting on the "global threat to global peace and security stemming from Russian aggression against Ukraine, including its WMD aspect".

According to the United Nations' human rights office, at least 136 civilians have been killed, including 13 children, and 400 have been injured since Russia invaded Ukraine last week.

"The real toll is likely to be much higher," said Liz Throssell, a spokesperson for rights office, adding that 253 of the casualties were in the Donetsk and Lugansk regions in eastern Ukraine.

Russia calls its actions in Ukraine a "special operation" that it says is not designed to occupy territory but to destroy its southern neighbor's military capabilities and capture what it regards as dangerous nationalists.

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Iran leader says Ukraine crises concocted by US; they cannot trust such countries

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Iran's supreme leader blames U.S. for Ukraine war

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei says Ukraine is 'a victim of crises concocted by U.S.'; adds Russian invasion is Kyiv's own failure for depending on Washington and Western powers  
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Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Tuesday that the war in Ukraine should be stopped and accused the United States, which he called a "mafia-like regime", of creating the crisis.

Speaking in a televised speech, Iran's top political authority said that the roots of the conflict in Ukraine must be acknowledged.

Khamenei continued by blasting Washington and other Western nations on the situation in Ukraine, as talks in Vienna between Iran and world powers on reviving a 2015 nuclear deal have reached a critical stage.

"The United States is a regime that lives on crises... In my view, Ukraine is a victim of the crises concocted by the U.S," said Khamenei.

"There are two lessons to be learnt here. States which depend on the support of the U.S. and Western powers need to know they cannot trust such countries. It is people that matter; if Ukrainians supported their government, the situation would have been different from the current crisis."

Khamenei's statement regarding the West's so-called failure of Ukraine comes amid reports and videos from Karkiv - Ukraine's second-biggest city with a population of about 1.5 million - showing residential areas being shelled by the Russian military.

Authorities in Karkiv said at least seven people had been killed and dozens injured. They warned that casualties could be far higher.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch both added that the Russian military used widely banned thermo-bombs in its most recent attacks.

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Russian 40-mile Convoy 31-miles from Kyiv, using thermo-bombs in urban areas

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64 km Russian convoy threatens Kyiv as shelling intensifies

U.S. satellite company says Russian convoy is less than 50 km (31-miles) from Kyiv, while White House estimates 'swarm' of additional forces en route to capital; UK intelligence says Russia's advance on Kyiv has made little progress in past 24

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A 64 km (40-mile) convoy of Russian tanks and other vehicles was spotted making its way to Ukraine's capital Tuesday as an intense shelling attack targeted the country's second-largest city.

According to American satellite company MAXAR Technologies, the Russian convoy is already less than 50 km (31-miles) from Kyiv.

The satellite company added that additional forces are being deployed in Belarus, less than 32 km (20-miles) north of the Ukraine border, including both ground forces as well as helicopters with air-to-ground assault capabilities.

The White House estimates that in addition to the convoy, a huge "swarm" of Russian forces will invade Ukraine in the coming days, through which Moscow expects to overwhelm the surprisingly stiff Ukrainian resistance.

A British military intelligence update, however, said Russia's advance on Kyiv has made little progress in the past 24 hours due to logistical difficulties and the army has increased its use of artillery north of the capital.

"Russian forces have increased their use of artillery north of Kyiv and in vicinities of Kharkiv and Chernihiv. The use of heavy artillery in densely populated urban areas greatly increases the risk of civilian casualties," said the British Defense Ministry.

"Russia has failed to gain control of the airspace over Ukraine prompting a shift to night operations in an attempt to reduce their losses."

Videos from Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-biggest city, with a population of about 1.5 million, showed residential areas being shelled, with apartment buildings shaken by repeated, powerful blasts.

Authorities in Kharkiv said at least seven people had been killed and dozens injured. They warned that casualties could be far higher.

The country's embattled president, meanwhile, said he believed the stepped-up shelling was designed to force him into concessions.

"I believe Russia is trying to put pressure (on Ukraine) with this simple method," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said late Monday in a video address.

He did not offer details of hours-long talks that took place Monday, but he said Kyiv was not prepared to make concessions "when one side is hitting another with rocket artillery."

According to Zelensky, Kyiv remains "a key goal" for the Russians, noting that it was hit by three missile strikes on Monday and that hundreds of saboteurs were roaming the city. "They want to break our nationhood, that's why the capital is constantly under threat," Zelensky said.

The Russian military has denied targeting residential areas despite abundant evidence of shelling of homes, schools and hospitals.

Ukraine's ambassador to the U.S. Oksana Markova claimed Monday that the Russian military used widely banned thermo-bombs in its most recent attacks.

"They used a bomb that is actually banned from use under the Geneva Convention... the devastation that Russia is trying to inflict on Ukraine is enormous," the ambassador said. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch both affirmed Markova's claims of illegal weapon use by the Russian military.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki did not confirm that Russia had used such weapons, but said that "If it were true, it would potentially be a war crime."

The United States and its allies have imposed sanctions on Russia's central bank, its top businesses, oligarchs and officials, including Russian President Vladimir Putin himself, and barred some Russian banks from the SWIFT international payments system.

The White House estimated that "Russia is facing complete isolation from the world economy." A senior National Security Council official said that "at some point Putin will understand the strategic failure of the invasion of Ukraine."

Moscow, on its part, said on Monday that those supplying lethal weapons to Ukraine will bear responsibility, referring to the weapon shipments several Western countries mobilized to Ukraine - as well as to the recent call by some EU members as well as NATO to continue supplying weapons to Kyiv.

The Russian Foreign Ministry added that the steps the European Union has taken against Russia will not be left without a harsh response.

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