

Zelensky Makes Plea to US Congress to Help Ukraine Remain a Free Independent Democratic Country



Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelensky, addresses the United States' Congress.

Photo: YouTube.

Here is a transcript of Mr. Zelensky's remarks:

Glory to heroes.

Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker, members of the Congress, ladies and gentlemen, Americans, friends,

I am proud to greet you from Ukraine, from our capital city of Kyiv, a city that is under missile and airstrikes from Russian troops every day. But it doesn't give up, and we have not even thought about it for a second, just like many other cities and communities in our beautiful country, which found themselves in the worst war since World War II.

I have the honor to greet you on behalf of the Ukrainian people, brave and freedom-loving people who, for eight years, have been resisting the Russian aggression, those who give their best sons and daughters to stop this full-scale Russian invasion. Right now, the destiny of our country is being decided, the destiny of our people, whether Ukrainians will be free, whether they will be able to preserve their democracy.

Russia has attacked not just us,

not just our land, not just our cities. It went on a brutal offensive against our values, basic human values. It threw tanks and planes against our freedom, against our right to live freely in our own country, choosing our own future, against our desire for happiness, against our national dreams, just like the same dreams you have, you Americans.

Just like anyone else in the United States, I remember your national memorial in Rushmore, the faces of your prominent presidents, those who laid the foundation of the United States of America as it is today: democracy, independence, freedom, and care for everyone, for every person, for everyone who works diligently, who lives honestly, who respects the law. We in Ukraine want the same for our people, all that is normal part of your own life.

Ladies and gentlemen, friends, Americans, in your great history, you have pages that would allow you to understand Ukrainians, understand us now when we need you, right now. Remember Pearl Harbor, terrible morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when your sky was black

from the planes attacking you. Just remember it. Remember 9/11 of 2001 when evil tried to turn your cities, independent territo-

ris, into battlefields, when innocent people were attacked from air, yes. Just like no one else expected it, you could not stop it.

Zelensky Tells NBC's Lester Holt WWII May Have Already Started

Nightly News: Zelensky.

Ukraine's Pres. Volodymyr Zelensky, in an exclusive interview with "NBC Nightly News" anchor, Lester Holt:

News anchor Lester Holt, in an exclusive interview on NBC Nightly News, asked Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky about President Biden's concerns of possibly starting World War III if the US agreed to provide air cover for Ukraine and establish a no-fly zone.

Zelensky replied, "Well, nobody knows. It may have already started. We've seen this eighty years ago when the Second World War has started. Nobody would be able to predict when the full-scale war will start...in this

case, we have the whole civilization at stake."

Earlier that day Zelensky told Congress, "Russia has turned the Ukrainian sky into a source of death for thousands of people. We are asking for a reply to this terror from the whole world."

"To create a no-fly zone over Ukraine to save people, is this too much to ask?" he said. "You know how much depends on the battlefield, on the ability to use aircraft, powerful strong aviation to protect our people, our freedom, our land, aircraft that can help Ukraine, help Europe. You know they exist and you have them, but they are on Earth not in the Ukrainian sky ...I need to protect our sky," he said.