

End of Ukraine War not in sight; Seeking more Allies

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August 1, 2023: After the Ukrainian drones attacked buildings in Moscow late Sunday, according to Moscow's **Mayor Sergei Sobyenin**, in his nightly address, **President Volodymyr Zelenskyy** said that the war was returning to Russia. As the war has continued to rage, both the sides are trying to tie up **more allies** to their side.

Since NATO membership for Ukraine is not likely anytime soon, at the summit of the NATO military alliance in VILNIUS, Lithuania's capital, **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** of Canada suggested that each of the g-7 countries might give individual security guarantees to Ukraine. The Group of Seven industrial nations issued, on Wednesday, 26th July 2023, a joint declaration pledging long-term security assistance for Ukraine.

The announcement lays the groundwork for Ukraine to seek security arrangements with each of the G-7 countries, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and the United States individually.

Accordingly, **President Zelenskyy** has started the process of seeking security guarantees from USA.

Russia has been having close relations with many African countries, directly as well as through covert military support to fragile regimes by Wagner's Group. On July 27-28, Russia organized the **Second Russia–Africa Summit** at St. Petersburg.



*July 30, 2023: Navy Day Parade in Gulf of Finland, Neva river, Russia:
President Putin, on a Raptor naval boat, greets the crews of Russian war ships*

Also attending the parade were the heads of state and heads of delegations of African nations that took part in the **Second Russia–Africa Summit** of July 27-28, 2023. **President Vladimir Putin** greeted the foreign guests and, after the parade, had a brief conversation with the President of the Republic of the Congo **Denis Sassou Nguesso** and the Interim President of Burkina Faso **Ibrahim Traoré**.

Note: Please see the Report on the **Second Russia–Africa Summit** of July 27-28, 2023 at <https://diginews360.com/africa-stop-ukraine-war-russia-africa-summit/>

On 4th February 2022, President Xi Jinping and President Vladimir Putin met in Beijing and declared in a joint statement that “friendship between Russia and China has **no limits**, there are no ‘**forbidden**’ areas of co-operation”. President Putin had gone to China to participate in Winter Olympics, which had been boycotted by the west due to human rights violations in Xinjiang.



February 4, 2022: Beijing: President Vladimir Putin and President Xi Jinping

Since the Ukraine war started on 24th February, China and Russia have acted in concert at UNO. China has refused to condemn Russia for attacking Ukraine.

China has increased its purchase of Russian oil, gas and other energy exports, when the west has imposed sanctions to block the sale of Russian energy.

On 24th April 2022, China’s ambassador to Portugal, **Cai Run**, said that **Ukraine had no history of being an independent country**. However, China has distanced itself from the remarks of its envoy, who seemed to be questioning the sovereignty of Ukraine and other former Soviet countries.

US Secretary of State, **Antony Blinken** met **President Xi Jinping** for 35 minutes in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on June 19, 2023. He also met China's top diplomat **Wang Yi** as well as Foreign Minister **Qin Gang** during his two days visit of June 18-19, 2023. (Note: On July 25, 2023, Wang Yi was appointed as the Foreign Minister of China in place of Qin Gang.)

A news-item, saying that Blinken had informed China that China must not help Russia through supply for war. However, this item was published in some media and it was ascribed to 'sources'. Some media have reported during the last few days that China has stopped all exports to Russia. www.DiGiNews360.com thinks that both of the news-items are fake.

On 27th July a new US intelligence report, by the **Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)**, says: "China is providing crucial support for Russia's war effort in Ukraine by helping the Kremlin evade Western sanctions and is likely supplying Moscow with key technology" products., that mitigate both the impact of Western sanctions and export controls."

Though President Biden has warned China against supplying weapons to Russia and even though the Chinese embassy in Washington DC has said that its trade relations with Russia were "above board", *the west has to lump the crucial support provided by China to Russia, since the west's economy and households are so dependent on manufactured products of China, that the west cannot impose any meaningful sanctions on China.*
