

Ukraine: IGNITE WW3 or MOVING towards PEACE

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January 14, 2024: Davos, Switzerland: EDITORIAL COMMENTS: www.DiGiNews360.com notes that the Ukraine war had been going on for nearly two years. In USA, there is a strong lobby in the Congress, which is not enthusiastic about additional support for Ukraine. On December 19, 2023, President **Volodymyr Zelensky** revealed that Ukraine's military wants to mobilize up to 500,000 additional soldiers. This means **doubling the size of the army of Ukraine**. People, even in the strong economy of Germany, have been facing difficulties. A realistic assessment of the state of the world shows that the world will have to move fast towards ending the war in Ukraine and Gaza.

Though Ukraine was able to shell the border city of **Belgorod** in Russia on January 2, 2024, killing more than two dozen people, Russian forces, in return, have launched missile and helicopter attacks around Ukraine, and early signs suggest their goal is to encircle Kyiv, basically, the **war has reached a stalemate**.

www.DiGiNews360.com calls on the statesmen among the European countries to take the help of Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India to work out a peace plan and to have it accepted by all, at the earliest.

The **Ukraine Peace Conference** was organized by **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**, President of Ukraine, at Davos, Switzerland on January 14, 2024. The conference was held ahead of the **World Economic Forum**, which was **scheduled to start on Monday evening**. The conference was attended by senior delegates from 83 countries, including the **United States, France, and Germany**, to discuss Ukraine's future¹. Notably, **Russia and China** were absent from the conference. Ukraine's top representative said that China needs to be involved in talks to end the war with Russia.

Zelenskyy's 10-POINT PEACE PLAN: The conference aimed at winning support for Kyiv's terms for ending the war with Russia.

National Security Advisor **Jake Sullivan** and Secretary of State **Antony Blinken** addressed the forum. Many of the non-aligned countries from Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia that have largely stayed on the sidelines over Ukraine were represented in the Swiss mountain resort this week. Nigeria's National Security Adviser **Nuhu Ribadu** attended the NSA meeting. **Andriy Yermak**, the Chief of Staff of the Ukrainian President, said that there were participants from 18 Asian countries, 12 African countries, and 6 South American countries.

BACKGROUND on TALK and FEAR of WW3

SWEDEN's FEAR of RUSSIAN ATTACK

After Russia attacked Ukraine on 24th February, 2022, no European country joined the war to save Ukraine, though most of them sympathized with Ukraine. None came forward to join the war with their own armies, though most of them gave weapons to Ukraine for defending itself.

The western countries said that Ukraine was not a member of NATO. Hence, they were not obliged by any treaty to join the war. They were afraid that if their forces joined the war, in support of Ukraine, they might become a legitimate target of Russia, leading to WW3.



January 7-9, 2024: Salen, Sweden: Folk Och Forsvar conference

Salen is a locality situated in Malung-Sälen Municipality, Dalarna County, Sweden. The nearest airport is Scandinavian Mountains Airport, which opened in December 2019.

By May 2022, Sweden and Finland decided to join NATO so that Russia would not be able to attack them as a small separate country. While **Finland officially joined NATO in April 2023**, NATO has not yet admitted Sweden.

Turkey and Hungary opposed Sweden's accession to NATO, which has delayed the process. However, if nothing strange happens, Sweden will become the 32nd member of NATO in July 2024, when the next summit is held in Washington DC in the United States.

Since Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Sweden has provided military, humanitarian and civil support to Ukraine. Since February 2022, Sweden has contributed EUR 2.6 Bn to support Ukraine.

The **Swedish society's fear of a Russian invasion** found an expression at the **Folk Och Forsvar** ("Society and Defense") conference in **Salen**. At the Conference, Sweden's Civil Defense Minister, **Carl-Oskar Bohlin** said, ".. – there could be a war in Sweden."



***Carl-Oskar Bohlin**, Sweden's Civil Defense Minister*

Swedish Defense Minister, **Pål Jonson**, issued a similar warning at the conference, "...the world has become more dangerous than it was just a year ago." Mr Jonson

identified Russia as the biggest threat to Swedish security. He said, " Russia's goal remains the eradication of a free Ukraine and creation of a Europe in which 'might is right,' with buffer states and spheres of interest."

Jonson stated that the "uncertainty" surrounding the U.S. presidential elections will have an impact globally.

At the beginning of 2023, Sweden restored back **compulsory military service**, which had been abolished in 2008. He said the 2024 Defense Plan has 4 goals:

- building a stronger military corps, complete with both conscripts and professional soldiers;
- employing long-term ammunition procurements within the Nordic region to shorten waits for defense-related materials;
- introducing a revamped defense innovation strategy to achieve technological superiority on the battlefield; and
- swift expansion regarding security and establishing a "growth-based defense."



Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Armed Forces, **Micael Byden**
