



Russia Shores up Ukraine against EU Blitzkreig

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At Tuesday's meeting of the Ukraine-Russia Interstate Commission at the Kremlin, Russian President Putin and the Russian government went far beyond expectations in measures to strengthen Ukraine against the imperial forces working through the European Union (EU) to overthrow its government, make it a vassal state, and bring it into NATO as a sword of Damocles against Russia and Eurasia.

After the meeting of the Russian and Ukrainian Presidents and their ministers, Putin announced, according to Voice of Russia, a Russian government decision to invest \$15 billion of its National Welfare Fund reserves in Ukrainian securities. Putin stressed that there were no conditionalities: "This is not tied to any preconditions, nor the increasing, or reducing, or freezing of any social standards, pensions, allowances, or costs." He was pointing among other things, to the IMF's loan offer which was part of the European Union package rejected by Ukraine, which had demanded a 40% hike in gas prices to Ukrainians; the IMF also wanted a wage freeze and other harsh austerity measures.

Simultaneously, Ukraine also secured a big price break on Russian natural gas, which is central in its economy. The Russian state-owned gas monopoly Gazprom cut Ukraine's price by 33%, from \$400 per 100 cubic meters to \$268. Only a day earlier, Ukrainian sources had said that Ukraine was hoping to negotiate a 15% price cut.

The two sides also hashed through measures to revive Ukraine-Russia trade.

Russian coverage of the meeting emphasized respect for Ukrainian sovereignty and other elements vital to morale. "Ukraine is our full-fledged strategic partner beyond any doubt," Putin said at the meeting, where the two Presidents signed 14 separate agreements on space, engineering defense and trade.

The Kremlin website provides more details: "the parties signed a package of bilateral documents, in particular, on resuming mass production of the An-124 aircraft, building a transporter bridge across the Kerch Strait, cooperation in shipbuilding and the aerospace industry, and combating drug trafficking."

Lyndon LaRouche has stressed that Eurasia will not give into the potentates of the rotten trans-Atlantic system, such as the EU. The results of this meeting at the Kremlin certainly align with that forecast.

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