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Obama Visits Warsaw: US President to Execute Ukraine Sentenced to Death

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The US President is on his European trip. The itinerary includes Poland, Belgium and France. Ukraine is in focus of the agenda. The US facilitated the armed coup staged in Kiev and welcomed nationalists coming to power. Actually it has handed down a death sentence to

Ukraine. The administration does its best to strengthen the position of the new Ukrainian government. Obama has not even waited till the inauguration and met Poroshenko while on a visit to Warsaw.

He was meeting the President-elect while the Ukrainian aviation delivered bomb strikes against populated areas in the east of the country. Talking to his Ukrainian counterpart Obama said, *«I'm excited about the opportunities. I think that the Ukrainian people made a wise selection in somebody who has the ability to lead them through this difficult period. And the United States is absolutely committed to standing behind the Ukrainian people and their aspirations not just in the coming days and weeks but in the coming years, because we're confident that Ukraine can, in fact, be a thriving, vital democracy that has strong relationships with Europe and has strong relationships with Russia. But that can only happen if we stand clearly behind them during this difficult time»*. His words about the wise selection is not just a compliment paid to Poroshenko, it's a sanction to continue the civil war and bloodshed, something that meets the US interests.

In Warsaw the President of the United States supported the policy of using force against Ukrainian opposition. It's hard to conceive someone talking about the country's unification while Donbass is encircled with barbed wire, but actually that's what Obama and Poroshenko were talking about... For instance, the US President said the US military aid may include night vision goggles. Not a big thing for a superpower but that is exactly what is needed, otherwise how can you kill people at night? As Obama said in Warsaw, the US is ready to lend a helping hand to repel the «Russian aggression» in Ukraine.

According to him, the US respects its international commitments towards the East European partners. President Obama has already asked Congress for a new one billion dollar security package. The aid, targeted mostly for NATO allies, would be used for land, sea, and air military exercises and training missions throughout Europe, with an emphasis on the east. More U.S. personnel would be rotated throughout the old continent. *«A persistent U.S. air, land, and sea presence in the region, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, is a necessary and appropriate show of support to allies»*, said a White House statement on the \$1 billion proposal. Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine will be among the major recipients. The naval presence in the Baltic and Black seas is going to be expanded. The United States is planning to provide a security aid package to Ukraine, said Derek Chollet, the US Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. The two sides discussed aid, including the \$18 million for security, the Pentagon official said at a briefing in Kiev. This aid will be aimed, among other things, at creating efficient Ukrainian armed forces. Chollet also said that the US aid was based on Ukraine's request and includes a number of items apart from weapons. The Ukrainians sent a very long list of what they need, and the US, and our close partners - France, Britain and Poland - will be working to satisfy the needs, he said. How could these crumbs from the master's table help to get the country out of the on-going deep crisis? Who knows! Let's face the facts. The Ukraine' economy is in doldrums. This situation has been created with the «assistance» from overseas. Since the US-supported the 2004 «Orange» revolution the country's GDP has dwindled twice to the level comparable with many developing countries. In 2004 it was \$312 billion or equal to the GDP of Saudi Arabia and Belgium. In 2013 it went down \$175 billion to be comparable with the one of Vietnam or just a bit higher than the GDP of Angola. The downturn of Ukraine's economy did no harm to Russia; its GDP grew by 1, 5 times at the same

period of time. The threats of US puppet Yushenko to «stop feeding Russia» never produced any result. Just five years ago Ukraine was the world fifth grain producer. In comparison Russia was the eleventh. Last year Russia was the third with Ukraine falling down to the fourteenth place. During these years the grain prices went up by 150%. One can see how much Ukraine has to pay for its friendship with the United States. *«We discussed his economic plans and the importance of rooting out corruption, increasing transparency, and creating new models of economic growth. We discussed issues of energy -- making sure that Ukraine becomes a more energy-efficient economy but also one that is less dependent solely on energy sources from Russia. And I have been deeply impressed by his vision, in part because of his experience as a businessman, in understanding what's required to help Ukraine grow and to be effective»*, Mr. Obama said after meeting Poroshenko. What dependence is he talking about at the time the indignation is on the rise in Europe as a result of Kiev's reluctance to pay off its Russian gas debts? Nobody pays the price of \$268, 5 dollars for one thousand cubic meters, neither Germany nor any other European state. They all pay around \$400-500. There are slight price fluctuations depending on the conditions. Europeans and Russian Gasprom just cannot understand what kind of a state it is where the government does not want to pay for the gas delivered but makes its people shoulder the burden. Kiev just does not realize that Europe will not stand it. Holding his first extended meeting with Ukraine's President-elect Petro Poroshenko Obama said, *«Our ability to shape world opinion helped isolate Russia right away. Because of American leadership, the world immediately condemned Russian actions»*. It's hard to say what made the President of the United States believe that Russian is isolated, at present it looks very much like a far-fetched dream. The facts tell otherwise. Western media is shocked by broad support President Putin enjoys in Europe. A phone opinion poll conducted by the German TV channel N-TV has yielded a surprise finding that 89 percent of its viewers sympathize with Russian President Vladimir Putin's policy on Ukraine. A poll on Russia's handling of the Ukraine crisis by the Berlin-based N-TV went spectacularly wrong in the channel's opinion, when the majority of its audience said «yes» to the question «Do you have understanding for Putin's policy?» The response was indeed so baffling that the poll was wiped off the N-TV home page the same day, but not before some people managed to make screenshots of it, which they posted online. A screenshot posted on the Facebook page of Christophe Hoerstel from Potsdam shows that 89 percent answered with a resounding «yes», with the remaining 11 percent responding with a «no.» Respondents could choose only those two options. A *Wall Street Journal's* poll showed by and large the same results. It said educated Europeans firmly oppose anti-Russian sanctions. It takes place against the background of Obama's rating hitting new lows at US polls. The growing numbers of Americans reject his stance on Ukraine. Does Poroshenko know about it? Highlighting his visit to Warsaw Ukrainian media called him a very experienced diplomat, probably because of his rich experience of being Minister of Foreign Affairs. He occupied this position for the whole three days – October 9 -12, 2009.

Poroshenko is a businessman. For him, Ukraine is and will always be the place for making profit. But Obama is impressed by his plans, *«I have been deeply impressed by his vision, in part because of his experience as a businessman, in understanding what's required to help Ukraine grow and to be effective.»* No wonder. Hunter Biden, son of US Vice President Joe Biden, is joining the board of directors of Burisma Holdings, Ukraine's largest private gas producer. The group has prospects in eastern Ukraine where civil war is raging following the coup in Kiev. Biden will advise on *«transparency, corporate governance and responsibility, international*

expansion and other priorities» to «contribute to the economy and benefit the people of Ukraine». Aleksander Kwasniewski, the former Poland's President from 1995 to 2005, is also listed among the company's directors. He acts as kind of go-between linking Washington and Kiev. As one can see all the prerequisites for Ukraine becoming a colony are going to be created pretty soon.

The first meeting between Obama and Poroshenko produced anti-Russia rhetoric. As Obama put it, *«it's important for the international community to stand solidly behind the efforts of Petro to broker with the Russians a process whereby Russia no longer is financing or supporting or arming separatists on Ukraine's sovereign territory, and that a unified international community that is clear that that is a violation of international law and that is willing to back up those principles with consequences for Russia should Mr. Putin not seize this opportunity to develop a lawful and better relationship with his neighbors -- that that has to be part of our mission over the next several days».* At the press-conference the US leader said he had no interest in threatening Russia, but that it must respect Ukraine's sovereignty, rein in separatist fighters there, and work together with Poroshenko. If Russia did not, Obama said, more sanctions have been prepared. *«Mr. Putin has a choice to make», Obama said. «That's what I will tell him if I see him publicly. That's what I have told him privately».* Obama said he would offer Poroshenko US support for the Ukrainian economy to help ensure it can get through the winter if Moscow turned off gas supplies in a row over payment. Washington recognized that Russia had a historic relationship with Ukraine and had legitimate interests in what happened along its border, he said. *«But we also believe that the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty have to be respected», he said. «We have prepared economic costs on Russia that can escalate if in fact we continue to see Russia actively destabilizing one of its neighbors in the way that we've seen of late».*

When asked to elaborate on whether the Ukrainian topic will be raised, Peskov, the Russian President's spokesman, said that the Russian president was ready to discuss any issues. In the framework of celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the Allied troops landing in Normandy, Putin *«will have many contacts, as they say, on foot»*, Peskov said. A meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Petr Poroshenko, who won the presidential elections in Ukraine, is not planned during the celebrations in France marking the anniversary of the Allied landings in Normandy. *«No, such an issue is not being worked out»*, he told Interfax when asked whether a meeting between the Russian President and Poroshenko, who has been invited to celebrations, was possible. At that, in case a contact has place will the Ukrainian President be open to discussions and listen to what his Russian counterpart has to say?