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West should treat Russia and Belarus with respect – Vladimir Putin

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Russia and Belarus are countries that are prepared to work with the West but only if there is mutual respect, Presidents Vladimir Putin and Alexander Lukashenko agreed during a face-to-face meeting in Sochi on Monday, September 26.

Speaking on TV channel *Rossiya 24*, A. Lukashenko said he believes the West's future lies with Russia, which has "everything they need." On the other hand, he added, the West has things Russia and Belarus need and are willing to buy, including certain technologies.

"What else do they want? They just need to make responsible decisions," he said.

V. Putin agreed with the Belarusian leader, insisting the West must "treat us with respect."

The first official results of the referenda in the DNR, LNR, and Zaporozhye and Kherson regions

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The last, fifth day of referenda in the DNR, LNR, Zaporozhye and Kherson regions has come to an end. The official results will be announced tomorrow, 28 September. After processing 100% of ballots, according to preliminary data, 93.11% of citizens in Zaporozhye region voted for the region to become part of Russia, 87.05% in Kherson region, 98.42% in the LNR, and 99.23% in the DNR.

The sponsors of neo-Nazi criminals make the United States a party to the Ukrainian conflict – Russian Ambassador in the US Anatoly Antonov

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Question: Mr. A. Antonov, how would you comment on the Secretary of State Blinken's statement that the United States does not object to Kiev using Western weapons to attack the DPR, LPR, as well as the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions?

Mr. Anatoly Antonov: The administration continues to ignore the fact that arms deliveries to Ukraine lead to further escalation of the conflict. The U.S. and NATO military equipment is sowing death and destruction.

Civilians and children are being killed. Residential areas, schools and hospitals are being irreparably damaged.

In instigating Kiev to continue using the military equipment received from the West, Washington does not realize the riskiness of its actions.

The sponsors of neo-Nazi criminals are approaching the dangerous line that Russia has repeatedly and clearly warned about. The United States becomes a party to the Ukrainian conflict.

Diplomatic efforts to find a peaceful resolution to the crisis cannot be effective as long as the collective West uses the Zelensky regime as a military mercenary against Russia. Our steps to defend the Fatherland will be firm and decisive.

**Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov during a press conference
on the sidelines of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly:**

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With regard to the referenda held these days in the Donetsk People's Republic, the Lugansk People's Republic and the liberated territories of the Ukrainian regions of Kherson and Zaporozhye, the hysteria we are seeing is very revealing.

The direct expression of the will of the citizens has long since ceased to be a way of establishing control over one and the other territory that the West accepts and supports. <...>

These referenda are an answer to Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's call for Russians to leave Ukraine for Russia.

Ukrainian embassies in Europe and elsewhere openly published on their websites invitations to join the holy war against Russia. Countries that have allowed to carry out such activity on their territories proved that they are directly involved in the conflict

We do not refuse contacts. But in the situation in which we find ourselves now, Russia will not make any first steps. <...>

S.Lavrov calls the US a party to the conflict in Ukraine, outlines why the West's involvement should be considered direct.

On the sidelines of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Russian foreign minister said Ukraine is being "openly pumped up with weapons" and is being provided with intelligence and satellite data. S.Lavrov specified that Western countries support the Ukrainian Armed Forces and its nationalist battalions

and employ about 70 military satellites and about 200 belonging to private companies in the conflict.

He also noted that one of the articles of these conventions prohibits the use of communications for military purposes. "*Starlink* has both satellites and ground infrastructure, the use of this resource in the war also means that the United States is far from neutral in this situation and is a party to the conflict," he asserted.

All perpetrators will be held accountable for war crimes in Ukraine – Sergey Lavrov

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All those involved in war crimes in Ukraine, including Ukrainian top brass, officers and foreign mercenaries, will be held accountable for their deeds, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told on the Ukraine-themed ministerial meeting of the UN Security Council on September 22.

"We have ample evidence of the Kiev regime's criminal deeds that have been committed regularly since 2014," he said. "Russian law enforcers, in cooperation with their colleagues from the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics, have been thoroughly documenting and investigating those crimes."

"They have established the involvement of over 220 individuals, including members of Ukraine's supreme military command and troop commanders, who were responsible for shelling attacks against the civilian population," the Russian top diplomat continued. **"Criminal cases against citizens of the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States and the Netherlands,** suspected of mercenarism and war crimes, are now being investigated. I assure you that all those guilty will be held accountable regardless of their citizenship."

The minister also expressed his "serious concern" over the fate of Russian servicemen captured by Ukrainian nationalists.

"There has been numerous evidence of ill-treatment, including extrajudicial killings in breach of the international humanitarian law," he said. "I'm convinced that those seeking truth about the events in Ukraine saw the video footage of Ukrainian nationalists killing Russian prisoners of war. They were knocked to the ground with hands tied behind their backs and shot in the head."

In this regard, the Russian top diplomat said that Western countries and their allies were persistently turning a blind eye to those crimes and were reluctant to comment on them.

More than 3,000 reports of crimes committed against residents of Donbass have been sent to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, the Netherlands, but they were ignored, Lavrov told.

"We have noted the increased attention, currently being paid by the international justice to events in Ukraine. Some sort of effort to investigate crimes in Ukraine, blamed on Russian servicemen, is now being promoted. All of this is reminiscent of a frame-up, and we can see it through perfectly well," Russia's top diplomat added.

The minister reiterated that the court offered "no coherent reaction" to the violent state coup in Ukraine in 2014, to the Kiev government's numerous shelling attacks targeting peaceful cities of Donbass, to the June 2, 2014, aerial bombing of Lugansk by Ukrainian military planes and to many other facts.

"They have lost our trust. For eight long years, we had been waiting for an effort against impunity in Ukraine to eventually begin, and we no longer count on justice to be served by this international institution, as well as by a whole range of others," Lavrov said. "The period of waiting is now over."

Sanctions fail to shatter Russian economy, only harm Western population – Sergey Lavrov

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The West was unable to shake the Russian economy through unlawful restrictions («sanctions»), and the introduced anti-Russian restrictions caused damage to the population of Western countries, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with the *Newsweek* magazine. Also he pointed out:

The United States and its allies are ready to sacrifice Ukraine for their geopolitical goals. Washington is not interested in establishing peace and tranquility in Ukraine.

The Russia-US interstate dialogue is practically frozen because of the United States. It is impossible to maintain normal communication with Washington, which declares as its goal to cause Russia a strategic defeat.

Sanctions have proved to be a double-edged sword: in many European countries we see rising prices, falling incomes, energy shortages and threats of social explosions.

Strong and independent actors have been formed among developing countries. These states and their integration associations do not want to participate in the anti-Russian "crusade" inspired by Washington.

The Russian Foreign Minister stressed that now "the routine benefits of civilization become the privilege of the rich."

"This is the price that ordinary citizens pay for the anti-Russian policy of the ruling elites," he said.

Russia caught the Ex Polish Foreign Minister on admitting a terrorist attack at the Russian gas pipeline

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Ex Polish FM, now European MP Radek Sikorski has thanked the US (tweet below) for today's incident, on September 27, at the Russian gas pipeline (Nord Stream 2).

Question by M.Zaharova: Is it an official statement on this being a terrorist attack?



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Thank you, USA.



Sergei Ryabkov, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, on the Caribbean Crisis 1962

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The approaching 60th anniversary of the "Caribbean Crisis," when the USSR and the US almost crossed the fatal line, has a direct projection on what is happening today in the context of a tough confrontation around Ukraine, where the collective West has actually unleashed a proxy war against our country.

Then the leaders of the two nuclear powers had the wisdom to step back from the brink. The situation is fundamentally different now. America is uncooperative in principle and together with London and a number of other NATO countries is directly pushing Kiev to transfer hostilities to Russian territory, intending to fight to the "last Ukrainian" in order to inflict a "strategic defeat" on Russia.

The Russian Side sees that the Pentagon is implementing a destabilizing program of nuclear modernization.

Russia is doctrinally declared by Washington as the main military threat to the USA.

Open confrontation with the US and NATO, fraught with a direct military clash, is not in Russian interests.

Moscow constantly reminds Washington of the well forgotten principle that worked during the Cold War – peaceful coexistence despite all disagreements and fundamental contradictions.

The confrontational course pursued by the US in the framework of the double containment of Moscow and Beijing, as well as all those who question the American hegemony, is becoming more and more tough and assertive. The goal is obvious – an attempt to hold on to its liberal-globalist positions, preventing the emergence of new centers of power in the actively emerging multipolar world order.

The resolution of the "Caribbean crisis" is an example of how with political will, which is in acute shortage in the West, one can and should look for solutions even in the most difficult, if not hopeless, situations. The problem is that there are no politicians of John Kennedy scale in America and will not be in the foreseeable future.

But Washington will have to negotiate. The more decisively Russia acts in Ukraine, the more untenable American claims to maintain its hegemony and the former unipolar world become, the faster the U.S. will be forced to recognize Russia's legitimate, vital interests.