

Ukraine

The New Victim

Unmasking dual roles: US 'security aid' to Kiev sheds light on American companies' involvement in global conflicts

The American arms industry stands as one of the world's most lucrative sectors, with the West holding sway over 75% of the global arms market. In this domain, the United States commands a staggering 54% share of the \$531 billion global arms sales, while Europe claims 21%. The ongoing crisis in Ukraine has been speculated by some intellectuals to serve as a catalyst for revitalizing the Western arms industry, which has seen a slump since the aftermath of the 2003 Iraq war.

Despite facing challenges related to quantity, both NATO and the United States seem poised to overcome these hindrances through the introduction of strategic weaponry into the Ukrainian conflict. Amid this backdrop, the United States has notably extended substantial support to Ukraine throughout the duration of the conflict. In a recent move, Washington has unveiled plans to dispatch what it terms as "new security assistance," a package valued at \$200 million. This aid encompasses a range of provisions, including air defense munitions, artillery rounds, supplementary mine-clearing equipment, and bolstered anti-armor capabilities.

Obtaining advantages is the top priority of the United States

The United States sends billions of dollars in aid to beneficiaries around the world annually in pursuit of its financial, economic, and security objectives, significantly more than any other nation. U.S. foreign aid was based on various priorities of the Biden administration, including combating climate change, responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and countering hostile governments in 2022; and Ukraine has now received the most US foreign aid, since the Ukraine crisis in February of the same year. This is the first time that a European country since the Truman administration (one of the US presidents after World War II) allocated huge sums of money for the reconstruction of the European continent (showing the Europe's dependence on the United States)

through the Marshall Plan after World War II, has taken the first place. The Biden administration and the US Congress have given Ukraine more than \$75 billion in aid since the war began, including financial, military, and humanitarian assistance, according to Kiel Institute for the World Economy (the German research institute). These sums will help a wide range of Ukrainian people and institutions, including refugees, law enforcement and independent broadcasters; although most of these contributions have been related to military affairs. Many other countries, including notably the majority of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members and the European Union, are offering large aid packages to Ukraine.

How much has America helped Ukraine?

The Aid is provided mainly through bills of credit. This chart only covers the aid to Ukraine; therefore, it does not include all of the United States' war-related expenditures.

The majority of this aid has gone towards providing weaponry, instruction, and data. According to many Western experts, the United States and its allies' military support was crucial to Ukraine's defence and counteroffensive against Russia.

NATO allies are particularly wary of being drawn directly into hostilities, which would dramatically increase the risk of nuclear war. However, as the conflict has intensified, several donor nations have given up on their earlier hesitation to supply Ukraine with more advanced equipment like combat tanks and cutting-edge fighter jets. The US declared in May 2023 that it would permit its European allies to give Ukraine F-16s built in the US in the following months. The Biden administration has committed to give Ukraine a long list of defence tools, including Abram's combat tanks, anti-aircraft missiles, coastal defence vessels, and cutting-edge radar

and surveillance systems, 17 months into the conflict. The Biden administration decided to give Ukraine cluster munitions in July, despite the fact that most nations forbid their use.

Forty-Seven Countries Have Provided Military Aid to Ukraine

Countries providing military aid to Ukraine as of July 2023

