

My dear German friends,

My dear German colleagues and contacts,

In the last few days I have received numerous e-mails and messages from you with words of comfort, expressions of support and offers of help for me personally and my family in the face of the Russian attack on my country. For this I thank you most sincerely and tell you that I appreciate it very much.

There is a reason that I am writing back to you only today: I have been busy for the last few days bringing my daughter Sofia and my wife's niece with her small child to safety. After a painful, very tiring but successful "refugee odyssey" through several countries (Romania, Hungary and Slovakia), they have finally arrived in Poland, where they are well fed and cared for. For this I am very and very grateful to my Romanian and Polish acquaintances.

Your help is of course also very urgently indispensable. But not only for my family or me personally (we stay with my wife in Chernivtsi and prepare for the fight or resistance), but for the whole country of Ukraine, which in these hours bleeding but bravely defends itself against Putin's horde.

Since you are all people with broad contacts in different strata of the population of Germany, you can help us by the following actions:

1. Collect signatures, organize rallies, address the German public and thereby make pressure on your politicians and the government to finally massively support Ukraine with weapons and ammunition (especially necessary are the efficient air defense systems, because the Russian military planes bomb civilian objects - hospitals,

children's homes, supply facilities) in a targeted and relentless way. This will be quasi a kind of compensation for the fact that German money flows to Russia as a price for raw materials and finances the Russian war machine.

Furthermore, your government should massively support the EU countries bordering Ukraine (especially Poland, Romania and Slovakia) in taking in Ukrainian refugees.

2. Give interviews, write posts in social media about your personal impressions of Ukraine, experience of cooperation with Ukrainian partners, in a word - tell truth about my country. Because it is very important now (For years Putin has been waging a successful information war against Ukraine in the West and also against the West itself) that your fellow citizens know more about Ukraine.

e.g.,

3. that Ukraine is not a subject of the Russian Federation like Chechnya or Republic of Tatarstan, but an independent sovereign country recognized by international law and a UN member.
4. that Ukraine is the only country in the world that has voluntarily given up its nuclear weapons and has never threatened its neighbors militarily or otherwise.
5. that Ukraine is trying to build democracy and the rule of law, and is being punished for this according to Putin's absolutely sick and perverse logic.
6. that Putin is lying when he says he wants to "denazify" Ukraine and force it to peace, and declares this to be a "legitimate" pretext for war. After all, as Germans, you probably know best what the nature

of Nazi socialism was and what the consequences were. I am also convinced that you understand well: If there is a real Nazi somewhere in Europe, it is Putin himself, who paranoidly wants to oppress the other people and on this way has led his own people to the edge of a deep abyss.

7. Become active for Ukraine in another way. Because everything that strengthens Ukraine today must and will be understood as your personal contribution to the overthrow of the dictatorship in Russia and that means also to the creation of peace in Europe.

Shalom Aleichem / Peace be with you!

Best regards from Chernivtsi

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