Embassy comment on Ukraine President Vladimir Zelensky's "blitz-visit" to London

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The hasty visit by the Ukrainian "commander-in-chief" to the UK capital and his theatrical performance in Westminster were obviously aimed at preparing the Western public for upcoming decisions towards further satisfaction of the Kiev regime's constant and ever increasing demands.

Zelensky's pompous solicitations about the values of "freedom" and "human rights", which Kiev claims to be fighting for, were overtly hypocritical. In reality, there is hardly a single person in Westminster unaware that such grandiose notions are incompatible with the repressive habits of the deeply corrupted Ukrainian elite. In order to retain power Kiev has never been shy about banning opposition parties, censoring or even abolishing independent media, persecuting and physically harassing dissidents, suppressing rights and freedoms of the Russian-speaking population and the ethnic minorities of Ukraine.

Against this background the former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson in his habitually straight-forwarded manner revealed the real motives that led British Lords and MPs to look dramatically serious whilst listening to the ex-comedian in a green sweatshirt now on tour around Europe. In his interview to the LBC Mr Johnson noted that military supplies to the AFU are a 'massive down payment on future security'. In other words, he simply reaffirmed what officials in Kiev have been openly saying – that Ukrainians are being sent en masse to die for other countries' strategic interests, participating in a hybrid war unleashed by the US and NATO against Russia. Meanwhile the pockets of their "commanders" back in Kiev – themselves far away from the trenches – are being lined with silver from prudent Western "investors".

Zelensky's "fundraising event" in London would of course have been incomplete without begging for more weapons that Kiev has long ceased to pretend are merely "defensive" in nature – this time Western fighter jets. Given that NATO artillery systems have been repeatedly used by Kiev warmongers to shell peaceful cities of the Donbass, hardly any doubts remain that Western jets, should they ever be provided, would also be used in air-raids against residential areas of the DPR, LPR, Kherson and Zaporozhye regions that have come under Russian protection.

We would like to remind London: in the event of such a scenario the death toll of yet another round of escalation, as well as its military-political consequences for the European continent and the whole world will be on the United Kingdom's hands.

Russia will know how to respond to any unfriendly actions by the British side.