

Write to your MP in support of Ukraine, ask to close Ukrainian sky to avoid nuclear disaster

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Subject: Urgent! The risk of nuclear disaster in Ukraine 10 times worse than Chernobyl!

Dear Ms/Mr [MP NAME],

I am writing to you as one of your constituents to ask for the government to offer more urgent help to Ukraine amid the intensifying Russian invasion.

Since the beginning of its invasion on 24 February, Russia has been escalating its assault. It has moved from using long and short-range ballistic missiles, to heavy aerial bombardment with free-fall bombs together with using multiple-barrel rocket launchers to hit Ukrainian cities. The use of such unguided weapons, completely lacking precision, is a war crime under the international law. Whole residential areas throughout Ukraine have been levelled with the ground as a result. Over 2,000 civilians, including children, have been killed and thousands wounded in the bombardments. Cities and towns such as Kharkiv, Mariupol, Chernihiv, Okhtyrka and Izyum have been all but destroyed in the last 48 hours. Millions have been cut-off from supply lines, left without access to essential medication, food and clean water.

But there is an even more urgent danger. A very real threat of a terrifying nuclear disaster in the middle of Europe.

There are 15 nuclear reactors in Ukraine, across its four Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs). Russia has already attacked one of them. In the early morning of 4 March, Russian tanks started firing from all sides upon Zaporizhzhya NPP – a plant with 6 nuclear reactors, the largest nuclear power plant in Europe. One of the blocks of the plant was on fire as a result of the shelling, but Russian forces did not allow access for the firefighters to control the situation, sparking panic in Ukraine and rest of Europe and strong condemnation from all European leaders. This was a reckless and despicable act by the Russians, directly threatening security of all of Europe. According to officials, if the plant were to explode, the impact would be 6 times larger than Chernobyl, likely decimating most of Europe. The fire was since extinguished, but Russian military are now in control of the plant and we do not know what their next actions are.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has repeatedly called on the US and NATO to establish a “no-fly” zone (NFZ) over Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands took to the streets all over the world, and in the UK in particular, to support Zelensky’s plea. At a press conference on Thursday, Zelensky implored NATO to at least make the step of providing Ukraine with warplanes to defend itself against Russian aerial assault. UK, as the signatory to the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, guaranteeing Ukrainian security, must act now and provide a NFZ over Ukraine. There is no more time to lose – we are at a risk of a nuclear conflict NOW.

Therefore, **I want you to sign an early day motion and request for parliament to hold an urgent debate on immediately closing the sky in Ukraine (at least around NPPs) due to the nuclear threat to the world.**

Yours sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

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