

Defense Aid to Ukraine Tops \$20 Billion as New \$275M Package Announced

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The Biden administration on Friday unveiled another \$275 million in weapons and defense equipment for Ukraine, which crucially will come via the presidential drawdown authority.

This means the Pentagon **will pull arms from its own stockpiles** to send to Ukraine to fulfill this package, despite defense officials having long been on record expressing deep concern over dwindling supplies necessary to protect and defend *America*.

A Defense Department press release indicated the package is to [include](#) "more ammunition for **high mobility artillery rocket systems (HIMARS)**, 80,000 155 mm artillery rounds, counter-unmanned aerial systems equipment, counter air defenses, additional High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, ambulances and medical equipment, 150 generators and other field equipment."

The Ukrainian government and armed forces have been especially interested in procurement of more and longer-range anti-air defense systems. A recent report in *The Wall Street Journal* indicated the Pentagon had **altered missile systems transferred to Ukraine to limit their range at 50 miles**, in order to prevent the Ukrainians from targeting Russian territory.

The Friday DoD press release stated further, "This security assistance package will provide Ukraine with new capabilities to boost its air defenses in addition to providing critical equipment that Ukraine is using so effectively to defend itself on the battlefield."

This brings US defense aid commitment since the war's start to \$19.3 billion, while the total tab at the American taxpayer's expense for Ukraine has **reached \$20 billion since the start of the Biden administration** (accounting additionally for aid sent just prior to the Russian invasion).

One “lesson” on display this week (and an obvious longtime trend) is that the deep state and military-industrial complex will always opt for **more spending and less accountability** - even at the expense of national defense readiness. On Thursday the House passed the massive, record-setting annual defense authorization bill, which will now see the \$847 billion measure go to the Senate. Its mammoth size includes plans for much more Ukraine aid to come for the next fiscal year.

Ukraine is fighting for "Western Values"... Well, you can keep your Western values thank you very much. pic.twitter.com/WwGMa13aVi

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Just two days prior to the House approving the massive, record-setting NDAA, the Democrat-led House Foreign Affairs Committee **voted down a bill to audit the tens of billions of dollars** that Congress has approved to spend on the war in Ukraine. This despite high-level admissions that much of the weaponry sent to Ukraine has little to no oversight once it enters the country, thus it could end up in the hands of [terrorists or criminal gangs outside the borders](#).

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