

International Criminal Court Wants to Arrest Putin for Sheltering Child Refugees

ICC believes Vladimir Putin can be arrested, prosecuted, and maybe poisoned like Slobodan Milosevic.

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Piotr Hofmański, "President Judge" of the so-called International Criminal Court, tweeted the following statement on the arrest warrants against Russian **President Vladimir Putin** and **Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova**, Commissioner for Children's Rights in the Office of the President of the Russian Federation.

[#ICC](#) President Judge Piotr Hofmański on recent arrest warrants against Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova in the context of the situation in [#Ukraine](#)
More info: <https://t.co/5OMC7Xuuy5> pic.twitter.com/45bT4mHqIs

— Int'l Criminal Court (@IntlCrimCourt) [March 17, 2023](#)

First, this will go nowhere. Russia is not a party to the ICC, so Putin will not be arrested unless travels to a signatory country. The move is symbolic, nothing more than additional war propaganda.

International Criminal Court's decision to issue an arrest warrant for President Vladimir Putin is legally "void" as Moscow does not recognise the Hague-based court's jurisdiction — Kremlin pic.twitter.com/EszjXUwXBC

— Naija (@Naija_PR) [March 17, 2023](#)

Second, the ICC has interpreted (no doubt at the insistence of the USG, EU, and NATO) **the flow of refugees from Ukraine to Russia as a mass abduction, calling it "unlawful**

deportation of population (children)... from occupied areas of Ukraine.” This statement ignores history and human nature—civilians have for centuries become refugees attempting to escape war zones.

Third, we can only assume **the ICC expected the civilian population to stay put and endure merciless artillery shelling by the AFU** and its murderous ethnic cleansing neo-nazis. This aspect of the refugee crisis is, of course, ignored by the ICC, the USG, EU, and NATO. It was ignored for more than eight years.

Fourth, the ICC is a corrupt and biased organization. In 2021, it decided to drop investigations into USG [war crimes in Afghanistan](#). In 2020, the ICC [decided to close](#) a preliminary examination of the UK’s role in Iraq without opening an investigation.

Recall the geopolitical bumbler **Donald Trump** saying the ICC investigation of USG war crimes in Afghanistan [posed a national security threat](#). Then **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** announced sanctions would be imposed on ICC special prosecutor [Fatou Bensouda and her top aide](#). This included American citizens who may have offered “material support” to the ICC.

Finally, “evidence” of Russia allegedly kidnapping children arrives from the [Ukraine Conflict Observatory](#), a USG Department of State outfit designed to further demonize Putin and the Russians.

A report published by Yale University & the State Dept. Conflict Observatory program said that at least 6,000 children from Ukraine were being held in a total of 43 camps in Russia. The NIB of Ukraine said as of early March it could be more than 16,000. <https://t.co/4jtVmRnt50>

— genzingg (@GenZingg) [March 13, 2023](#)

In other words, more USG propaganda, amplified by the NYT and the rest of the war propaganda media.

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