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## Largest arms transfer in history Biden escalates U.S. proxy war in Ukraine

By Gary Wilson

While announcing a minimal \$10,000 student debt relief plan, Biden announced another \$3 billion additional military expansion in Ukraine.

Earlier this month, when Senators Elizabeth Warren and Chuck Schumer said the debt relief plan should cancel \$50,000 per student borrower, most student borrowers found that to be inadequate.

The \$3 billion weapons package is the largest yet for Ukraine, according to Defense One, the Atlantic Media trade publication for the military-industrial complex. It will push total U.S. aid well past the annual budgets of at least eight federal programs, including the entire judicial branch.

Since most of the Pentagon budget and military spending is handled secretly, there have probably been larger weapons packages that were not announced or reported.

The announcement came just five days after a previous statement unveiled a \$775 million package of advanced missiles, armored vehicles, drones and artillery. The package includes additional HIMARS, the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, and Howitzers.

No mention is made in any of these announcements that the massive U.S. military spending has been one of the factors in the serious and, for some, devastating inflation rise this year.

The U.S. has been escalating its NATO proxy war against Russia, not just with the largest arms buildup in U.S. history but with covert and special forces operations such as the assassination in Moscow of Russian journalist Darya Dugina. The assassination had the earmarks of a special forces operation, like the drone assassination of an alleged al-Qaeda leader in Kabul, Afghanistan, that Biden announced on August 1.

Dugina and her father, Alexander Dugin, have been elevated from the fringes in the U.S. media. Neither are big capitalists with the power that would bring nor in any position of political power; they are an easy target. Dugin is known for his outspoken far-right Russian nationalism, a view that is not popular in Russia and is not espoused by any in the government, including Putin.

The assassination was most likely a test, a show by the imperialists that they could strike in the heart of Moscow.



Baltimore activists protest the racist criminalization of squeegee workers on Aug. 10.

Russian authorities have identified the killer of Darya Dugina as Natalya Vovk. Vovk is associated with the Azov battalion Nazis of Ukraine. The Azov battalion received training by the U.S. CIA.

Vovk escaped to Estonia, a NATO member state. Any action to seek her extradition puts Russia in a direct conflict against NATO, even more directly than the U.S. proxy war in Ukraine has.

### Amounts 'never seen before'

According to Defense One, the \$3 billion package Biden announced on August 24 would be the largest single chunk of the total of \$13.7 billion the United States has announced since February. Moreover, it will contain ammunition in amounts "we've never seen before."

As noted, the Defense One figures are limited to the officially announced military packages. But Congress approved a more than \$50 billion "Ukraine aid" package in May, which the Washington Post said was 60% military funds, which means the other 40% was probably for transportation and other support operations for the armaments. The \$13.7 billion figure cited by Defense One

is just a fraction of the total U.S. military spending on the Ukraine war.

Still, the \$13.7 billion package is more than the annual budget of some federal programs, Defense One admits, such as the National Science Foundation (\$9.2 billion) and the Small Business Administration (\$1.7 billion), according to Statista. It is larger than the annual budgets of the federal judiciary (\$9.7 billion), Congress (\$6.6 billion), or the Executive Office of the President (\$6.6 billion). It is creeping up on the budgets of the Environmental Protection Agency (\$15.9 billion), if not NASA (\$24.9 billion).

A timeline of all publicly disclosed major weapons shipments or funding packages going back to Feb. 24 was compiled by the think tank Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft.

This list only contains publicly announced information. The Pentagon admitted on August 11 to sending at least one type of missile that had not been previously mentioned in their press releases, so this list is not exhaustive.

To view the breakdown, see the online version of this article at [tinyurl.com/2pdvbgjn](http://tinyurl.com/2pdvbgjn).



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