



## [U.S. President Biden is Set to Impose Additional Sanctions Against Russia Over Its Assault on Ukraine](#)

United States President Joe Biden is set to impose additional sanctions against Russia over its assault on neighboring Ukraine. The offensive began hours before dawn local time, with several missile attacks near Kyiv and an artillery barrage against Kharkiv – a city near Ukraine’s northeastern border with Russia. There has been widespread international condemnation of Russia’s actions, and Biden has expressed that he will increase the number and severity of sanctions against Russia. The European Union has also announced that they will implement financial sanctions against Russia, stating that they will “freeze Russian assets in the European Union and stop the access of Russian banks to European financial markets.” The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) continues to reassure its eastern members bordering Russia that an attack on one would still be considered an attack on all. Many NATO members have flown in troops to countries that border Russia to prepare for a potential further escalation. The assault has appeared to galvanize NATO and unite them in their shared goal of countering Russian aggression. There is also growing concern over the prospect of a refugee crisis, as Ukrainian citizens have already begun to cross nearby borders to escape the violence.

Biden vowed in a press release that the world will “hold Russia accountable” for their aggressive attack on Ukraine. The statement also emphasized that “Russia alone is responsible for the death and destruction this attack will bring.” 9 reception points have been set up in Poland to receive Ukrainian refugees fleeing the violence, and both the United States and NATO have indicated that they will not deploy troops to Ukraine. The assault on Ukraine commenced with reports of air attacks across the country. Russia then engaged in a ground offensive, streaming across borders from Belarus in the North and from Russia and separatist regions in the East. Most worryingly, accounts have detailed Ukrainian civilians being killed and wounded as a result of the fighting. Some are choosing to shelter in place or find refuge in subway tunnels, and the invasion has also been coupled with multiple reported cyberattacks as well.

Ukrainian armed forces have been moving to counter the Russian offensive, as multiple military installations are under attack. Russian troops also appear to be targeting important infrastructure. Leaders from the Group of Seven (G7) nations have condemned Putin for attacking Ukraine, saying “He has put himself on the wrong side of history.” Russia has continued to remain defiant against global condemnation, saying that they had prepared for sanctions. Putin also threatened that any international interference would be met with “consequences that you have never faced in your history.” Some analysts have indicated that he could be threatening nuclear retaliation. In his speech before the launch of the invasion, he also blamed Ukraine for the bloodshed, continuing to push unsubstantiated claims of genocide in the separatist region of Donbas. Putin has claimed that the goal is “the demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine.” The leaders of the separatist regions welcomed the assault, and protests against the war have sprung up in multiple countries around the world, including Russia.

Shortly after conferring with leaders from the G7, President Biden spoke on the situation in Ukraine this afternoon. He announced the plans for the implementation of new and harsh sanctions against Russia, and also addressed many American concerns regarding the economic impacts of the crisis – including even higher gas prices and growing inflation. Biden has been asked by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to unite the world in condemnation of Russian aggression.