NATO doing everything to prevent talks with Kiev - legislator

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MOSCOW, June 25. /TASS/. NATO, while supporting the resolution of the Ukrainian conflict via talks, is doing everything to disrupt them, LDPR leader and chairman of the Russian State Duma Committee on Foreign Affairs Leonid Slutsky said.

"NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said that the situation in Ukraine should be resolved via talks. Yet to strengthen Kiev’s positions it is necessary to continue flooding Ukraine with weapons and increase sanctions against Russia. NATO supports the talks yet is doing everything for them not to happen!" he wrote on his Telegram channel on Saturday.

The lawmaker noted that Kiev perceives the military support "as an absolution." "Western arms are used to kill civilians and commit war crimes," he wrote.

"As for the sanctions of the collective West, Mr. Stoltenberg, they cannot weaken Russia’s position in any way. They are becoming stronger everyday," he added.

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Donetsk Republic’s recognition byother countries is just an interimstage, says DPR

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DONETSK, June 26. /TASS/. The recognition of the Donetsk People’s Republic (DPR) by other countries is just an interim stage while it is more important for the Donbass republics to get integrated into Russia, Chairman of the DPR Public Chamber Alexander Kofman told TASS on Sunday.

"I see the sense in the recognition [of the DPR] but I consider it as an interim stage because the Donbass integration into Russia is a vital issue. Naturally, we are waiting impatiently exactly for this fact," he said.

"We have never had any ambitions of independence. We want to return home," Kofman stressed.

Speaking about the timeframe for the Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics (DPR and LPR) to join Russia, the chairman of the DPR Public Chamber said that Donetsk was now daily shelled. Therefore, after this threat was removed and control of the republic’s entire territory was established, this issue would be raised again, he said.

Over 25,000 people evacuated from Donbass, Ukraine to Russia in past24 hours - top brass

It including 333,073 children

MOSCOW, June 25. /TASS/. Over 25,000 people have been evacuated to Russia from the dangerous areas of Donbass republics and Ukraine over the past 24 hours, head of Russia’s National Defense Control Center Mikhail Mizintsev said at a briefing on Saturday.

"In the past 24 hours, without the participation of the Ukrainian side, from the dangerous regions of Ukraine and the Donbass republics, 25,674people, including 3,803 children, have been evacuated to the territory of the Russian Federation," said Mizintsev who also heads Russia’s Joint Coordination Headquarters for Humanitarian Response in Ukraine.

According to the military official, in all, since the beginning of Russia’s special military operation, 2,101,613 people have been evacuated, including 333,073 children.

"Some 321,565 units of private automotive transportation have crossed the state border of the Russian Federation, including 4,751 in 24 hours," he noted.

Russian aviation hit Megatex plant,eliminating up to 80 Polishmercenaries — statement

Also Russian Aerospace forces eliminated eight Gradmultiple launch rocket systems

MOSCOW, June 25. /TASS/. Russian Aerospace forces eliminated up to 80Polish mercenaries and eight Grad multiple launch rocket systems with a precision strike on the Megatex zinc plant in Konstantinovka, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lieutenant General Igor Konashenkov said Saturday.

"The enemy continues to sustain significant losses. The Russian Aerospace Forces’ precision strike on the buildings of the Megatex zinc plant in Konstantinovka, Donetsk People’s Republic, eliminated up to 80 Polish mercenaries, 20 armored vehicles and eight Grad multiple launch rocket systems," he said.

Russian, LPR forces liberateSeverodonetsk - Russian top brass

Russian Defense Ministry Spokesman Igor Konashenkov emphasized that "the adversary’s attempt to turn the industrial zone of Severodonetsk’s Azot enterprise into a steady hotspot of resistance has been undermined"

MOSCOW, June 25. /TASS/. The units of LPR’s People’s Militia with the support of Russian troops commanded by General Sergey Surovkincompletely liberated Severodonetsk and Borovskoye, the entire left bank territory of the Seversky Donets River within LPR borders is now controlled by the republic’s units, Russian Defense Ministry SpokesmanIgor Konashenkov said on Saturday.

"The units of the Lugansk People’s Republic’s People’s Militia with the support of Russian troops commanded by Army General Sergey Surovkinas a result of a successful offensive completely liberated the cities of Severodonetsk and Borovskoye as well as populated localities Voronovoand Sirotino in the Lugansk People’s Republic," the spokesman said.

He emphasized that "the adversary’s attempt to turn the industrial zone of Severodonetsk’s Azot enterprise into a steady hotspot of resistance has been undermined." "Currently, the premises of this enterprise are under control by the units of the Lugansk People’s Republic’s People’s Militia,"he said.

"With the liberation of Severodonetsk and Borovskoye, the SeverskyDonets’ entire left bank territory within the borders of the Lugansk People’s Republic has come under its complete control," the general concluded.