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Zelenskyy: If the US is not ready to accept us into NATO, give us nuclear weapons

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Screenshot: interview with British broadcaster Piers Morgan

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has suggested that if the United States is unwilling to support Ukraine's NATO membership, it could provide an alternative security guarantee in the form of nuclear weapons.

Source: Zelenskyy in an [interview with British broadcaster Piers Morgan](#), as reported by European Pravda

Details: The president acknowledged that Ukraine's path to NATO membership could take "years or even decades", raising what he called a legitimate question: "What will protect us from this evil during all that time?"

Quote: "Which support package? Which missiles? Will they give us nuclear weapons? Then let them give us nuclear weapons."

Details: He speculated that the West might provide Ukraine with deterrent missiles but questioned whether such missiles could stop Russian nuclear weapons, calling it a rhetorical question.

Quote: "Let's do the following: give us back nuclear arms; give us missile systems. Partners, help us finance a million army; move your contingents on the parts of our state where we want the stability of the situation, so that people have tranquility."

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More details: Zelenskyy also pointed out that if Russia's invasion was motivated by fear of Ukraine's NATO membership, then if Ukraine remains outside the Alliance, "Putin must fully retreat from our territory".

Quote: "He [Putin] invaded because he was afraid we would become a NATO member. Okay, we are not NATO members. Go back of our land."

Background:

- Earlier, Zelenskyy [expressed confidence](#) that US President Donald Trump could influence whether Ukraine joins NATO.
- Meanwhile, Trump himself has [said](#) he "can understand" Russia's feelings, noting that the previous US administration declared support for Ukraine's membership in the Alliance.

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