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Zelensky doubles down on ultimatum to Russian ally

The Ukrainian leader has reiterated his threat to destroy “relay stations” along the Belarusian border

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The Ukrainian military will bomb Belarusian communication towers along the 1,000-kilometer border unless President Alexander Lukashenko takes them offline and “*proves*” that he is not aiding Russia, Vladimir Zelensky said on Sunday.

Belarus, a close ally of Russia, has largely stayed out of the



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Ukraine conflict since 2022, while calling on Moscow and Kiev to engage in dialogue. However, over the past few weeks, Zelensky has ramped up his rhetoric about the alleged threat posed by Belarus – and has threatened it with a preemptive strike.

“At the intelligence and military levels, Belarus received a message: stop helping the Russians. The issue with the relay stations has been ongoing for a long time,” Zelensky said in a post on X on Sunday, reiterating his claim that the communication towers are being used by Russia to coordinate drone strikes.

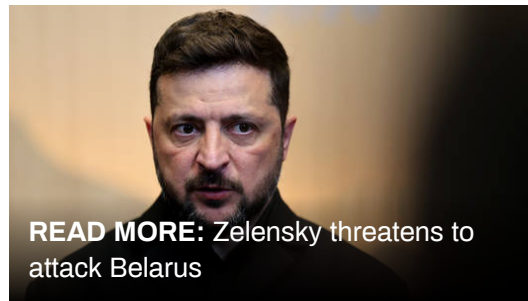
Lukashenko has repeatedly stated that Belarus has no intention of waging war against any nation and *“is not threatening anyone,”* but Zelensky said his words have *“meant nothing since the first day of the war.”*

“If he does not remove them, we will remove everything ourselves. Similarly, we’re sending a message: please stop supplying fuel to the Russian army,” he added, insisting that this is not a threat.

Earlier this week, Lukashenko stated that those who seek to drag his nation into the conflict *“will have to pay dearly for that,”* demanding answers from Kiev regarding the strike on Bryansk Region, Russia that left six children injured and killed the wife of a [Belarusian school soccer team](#) coach who was accompanying the children to a Russian seaside resort.

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Kiev has denied responsibility, while Zelensky said on Friday that it is Lukashenko who must *“be honest”* and prove Minsk’s peaceful intentions.



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Belarusian Defense Minister Viktor Khrenin said it makes absolutely *“no sense”* for the country of 9 million people, which borders three NATO member states, to willingly join the conflict unless attacked first.

Besides the relay stations, Kiev has also identified and mapped out 500 other strategic military and logistical targets across Belarus, the commander of Ukraine’s Unmanned

Systems Forces warned last month.

“They may well have identified 500 targets,” Lukashenko said in response. *“But we have one very serious target, with precise coordinates. And it is not far from Belarus,”* he added, apparently hinting at Kiev, which is just 90 kilometers from the border.

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- Marius Simonot

6/22/2026 at 9:07 AM

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Zelensky is losing support so will bomb Belarus to pull NATO into the war. Could get ugly rapidly with that gamble.

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6/22/2026 at 9:09 AM ↕

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Putin is losing support too
Ignore at his peril

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Thomas Coote

6/22/2026 at 9:09 AM

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Z never sees the hypocrisy of his own statements, does he?
Almost the entirety of the West is helping Ukraine fight Russia. But ONE country is not allowed (according to him) to help Russia?
It is well past time that Mr Putin put an end to this.

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Edkic D

6/22/2026 at 8:58 AM

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The drone war is a distraction. Watch the front

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But its ok for the whole NATO to support the drug addict

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B Brian Ineedprep 6/22/2026 at 6:46 AM

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According to this logic, then Russia can take out places in the UK, German etc that help Ukraine. A dangerous road to go down Mr. Z.

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J Jolly Roger 6/22/2026 at 8:14 AM ↗

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And, the longer Moscow waits to act decisively against the little Chosen folk's supporters, the more dangerous it will get.

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R Richard 6/22/2026 at 8:57 AM ↗

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NO Moscow or Russians only one old little stupid man is running show.

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S Stop Datafarming 6/22/2026 at 6:18 AM

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Western European governments are using Ukraine to test if Putin will help defend Belarus or will abandon it like he has all other Russian allies

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T TruthSeeker 6/22/2026 at 8:18 AM ↗

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You forget that Russia, and China, are helping Iran...

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J Jolly Roger 6/22/2026 at 8:19 AM ↗

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It does seem that Putin learned nothing fro April 2017, when he let the U.S. cruise missile the hell out of Syria. Pity!

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R Richard 6/22/2026 at 8:55 AM 

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He is one old corrupt stupid man with complex of short man.

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S SaysTheBronxBoy 6/22/2026 at 8:32 AM

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Hey little zelenskyy,the EU ect is full of relay stations!

Me I would have locked zelenskyy,& bennet in the same cell, if I was a Russian.

Nothing like playing Chicken with Chicken Liver eaters .. You have them half way to be eaten;(!

Says The BronxBoy

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B Bill Bob 6/22/2026 at 5:45 AM

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I thought Russia was winning and Ukraine was dead. Where did Zelensky suddenly get all of these drones with capabilities to get past Russia's defense and hit Moscow. And now he is threatening Belarus.

It seems like Ukraine is stronger not weaker.

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A Ari 6/22/2026 at 6:06 AM 

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Is the ukro army in Crimea yet ? 😊😂🤔

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J Jolly Roger 6/22/2026 at 8:04 AM 

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Lots of them, from a few years ago, but they are all dead. Any more stupid questions?

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Michael 6/22/2026 at 6:12 AM ↗

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Zelensky gets everything from BEGGING. His supporters in Europe know their time is running out.

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Fred Kreyen 6/22/2026 at 8:27 AM ↗

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but are still using him for their cause ...Ukraine is bleeding and dying but buying time for the Europeans.

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Sjaak Spoiler 6/22/2026 at 6:57 AM ↗

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Most drones come from Europe and the UK.
They source them either locally or they are modified Chinese drones.
Blowing up fuel tanks looks awesome like some Hollywood movie but it doesn't have much effect on what is a happening on the battlefield.

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Jolly Roger 6/22/2026 at 8:06 AM ↗

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True, but what about public opinion?

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Jolly Roger 6/22/2026 at 8:01 AM ↗

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Billy Bob, have you never heard of NATO? Putin seems prepared to wait until there is no choice but to use Russia's bug nukes. Pity.

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Happy 6/22/2026 at 8:11 AM ↗

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Putin doesn't want to kill a lot of people in Ukraine, because Ukraine is an occupied Russian territory.

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 **TruthSeeker** 6/22/2026 at 8:14 AM [↑](#)

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Russia uses the Oreshnik. Not nukes.

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 **Happy** 6/22/2026 at 8:08 AM [↑](#)

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No, it's Ukraine getting desperate. Only a complete idiot opens another front when he is already losing the war.

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USA is a great provider to corrupt Ukraine.

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How does a beggar country build a World Class Ski Hill while at «war»?? Oh, the skimming of donations is a lucrative business zelenski had perfected...

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his bank account keeps growing (from every ones taxmoney)

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 **Fred Kreyen** 6/22/2026 at 8:26 AM [↑](#)

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It is not just Ukraine – Russia is fighting all of NATO plus several others providing weapons and drones to Kiev...

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