

RT's *In Question*

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MANILA CHAN: You're about to learn all that is in question here and around the world. These are the stories we're following for you today. It is the sixth day of violence in Ukraine with civilians caught between the front lines. We report from the war-torn Donetsk republic where homes and lives are being lost everyday. Plus, now reports of Ukrainian TV now off air after a blast near its broadcasting tower. We'll get you a full report on that coming up. Alright, it's time to boost your news IQ.

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CHAN: Earlier, Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavarov spoke to the U.N. about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. He spoke on the utmost importance of not allowing Ukraine to acquire nuclear weapons, take a listen.

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CHAN: Now, this just a day after peace talks with Ukraine as Russia is continuing its military operations in the country.

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ALEX MILHIOVIC (sp?): Just a day after negotiations, hostilities in Ukraine have continued. Here's Russia's defense minister.

SERGEI SHOIGU: The main thing for us is to protect the Russian Federation from western countries that are trying to use the Ukrainian people in the fight against their country.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Unverified: Ukrainian TV "Off Air" After Broadcasting Tower Blast]

MARIA FINOSHINA: The control room of the broadcaster on Kyiv's TV tower has been hit. The information is yet hard be verified, but there are reports there were two strikes and we are now receiving many still unverified videos showing Kyiv's TV tower in black smoke coming out from the building next to it and also one strike was caught, again, on video that we cannot, unfortunately, so far, verify. And we hear information that some Ukrainian TV channels stopped broadcasting and they are talking about preparing, like, generators or other methods to restore their broadcasting. All that comes shortly after, earlier today, Russia's defense ministry issued the official warning, saying it is going to strike technological objects of Ukraine's security service and telecommunications facilities and calling on local residents, especially those living nearby, to leave their houses. Here is the official statement.

ANNOUNCER: Information attacks on Russia are carried out by the 72<sup>nd</sup> Main Centre of Information and Psychological Operations of the Ukrainian armed forces as well as by the cyber operations unit of the Security Service of Ukraine using hardware and software systems and communication facilities in Kiev. In order to suppress information attacks against Russia, the technological facilities of the Ukrainian Security Service and the 72nd Main Centre of Information and Psychological Operations in Kiev will be hit with high-precision weapons. We call on Ukrainian citizens recruited by Ukrainian nationalists to carry out provocations against Russia as well as residents of Kyiv having near the relay hubs to leave their homes.

FINOSHINA: Shortly after that, we started receiving unverified videos from Kyiv, especially from the city's railroad station showing people with no bags, little bags or suitcases, with kids, with no kids trying to it on a train and running in fear and panic. Since the beginning of its special military operation in Ukraine, Moscow has been stressing that Moscow has no plans to, occupy Ukraine and that it is not going to target residential areas, but, of course, people are afraid and people since last week have been trying to flee to escape Ukraine and now we hear from the U.N. that it could be possible that around four million people have already left Ukraine. Back to you.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Living Through War]

CHAN: Now over to the Donetsk People's Republic where civilians are trying to survive in the conflict zone as cities and towns are caught between the front lines with battles ranging on. Local residents are terrified with people's lives and homes still being lost eight years after Ukrainian military and militias began indiscriminately bombing Donbass.

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MURAD GAZDIEV: This used to be — until a week ago, a — a village well beyond the front lines. The Ukrainian positions were east of here toward Donetsk. When this — this battle begun, the offensive — the Ukrainian military abandoned their positions there. They moved further eastwards, further toward Kyiv and that is where they took up positions when the units of the

Donetsk People's Republic begin moving into here. They were met with a firestorm of artillery, which — which devastated this village.

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WOMAN [voice of translator]: This is too much. They do not even let you bury a person normally anymore. They buried them by the front door like animals. I am not crying for myself. I'm crying for my grandson, for my son. My son come out of the basement three days ago and still hasn't come back.

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CHAN: In Europe, this very broadcast — this very network, banned. Why don't they not want Europeans to have a choice in what they see, George?

GEORGE GALLOWAY: Well, especially when they claim to be fighting for freedom, for liberty, freedom of speech and expression, and all of the things they say are not present in Russia. So, what they're doing is mimicking behavior of their enemies, at least the behavior as defined by them. All you need is a VPN. If you've got it a VPN, you can watch and just tell them you are in India. [CHAN LAUGHTER] Thousands of people are doing that right now in Britain. This is 2022. It's not 1952 or even 2002. Stopping people from finding information, hearing voices that the powerful don't want them to hear, has never been easier. So, it's kind of a, I don't know, it is the VHS-type approach. We've moved on. This is a digital world and — and people will find that more and more people are determined to find the other side of the story. I'm sure we'll come onto that. But, obviously, when you see how ghastly this all is, on both sides of the lines as your report just showed, people are asking the question: Why? Why is this happening? Because most people did not know the long eight year run up to this. But many, many more people know now than did a couple weeks ago.

CHAN: Yeah. We should note, the app Portable TV is how you can watch it in — anywhere, any corner of the Earth. If you download the portable TV app, you can stream all of RT's shows, in — whether it is in the U.K. or U.S., or the arabic channel. It's all there. So, people, if you want to find it, you find it on Portable TV. Mike, now, over in Europe, the Danes are allowing people to sign up to fight in Ukraine. There is no law preventing people from doing so, I guess and Volodymyr Zelensky is actually calling for this, he is calling for an international militia effectively. What is the difference between that and — and hiring mercenaries? And, further, are there any American mercenaries, the Blackwater types on the ground, and Ukraine?

MICHAEL MALOOF: There is no difference with hiring mercenaries and you run into a very

serious potential problem — is that — is this a — a — sort of a — NATO countries backing into a conflict, getting directly involved. And that can, from the other perspective, that can be looked upon as NATO involvement and that could escalate things accordingly. As — as for units and — and — in — in Blackwater types, yes. You have — you the Azov Battalion, the Right Project, these were all — they have an extensive network. They have trained like crazy. They trained kids. They trained Ukrainian kids had to fire guns before the conflict. They — they — they are hiring — they are hiring Americans to fight on the front lines in Ukraine. And I would just say too, and — and of course, they're recruiting all the time. So, I would say to what you raised with George earlier, by cutting off access to information, like the — the U.S. is not getting the [INAUDIBLE] perspective of what is happening in Donbass or — or — or — in the — in the Donbass and also, it's an absolute violation of our democratic principles that we claim we're fighting —

CHAN: Yeah.

MALOOF: — to — to —

CHAN: Protect.

MALOOF: — cherish and protect. Yeah. So, this is — it's — it's insanity in what we are seeing right now.

CHAN: And plus, Mike, nothing tastes better than the forbidden fruit, right?

MALOOF: Of course.

CHAN: Everybody wants to go there. George, no media here in America is bothering to ask why Vladimir Putin called for “the denazification of Ukraine.” Are Europeans wondering what he meant? I mean, perhaps you can enlighten us to the likes of Stepan Bandera and the Svoboda party in Ukraine?

GALLOWAY: Well, Mike and I have tried to get this onto people's agenda, but with not that great success. The Stepan Banderas, the spiritual leader of the right sector and the right-wing fringe of Ukrainian nationalism. Not all Ukrainians are Nazis, of course, and Ukraine made a heroic stand against the Nazi invasion in the second World War and lost phenomenal numbers of people. But a very substantial number of Ukrainians collaborated with the Nazis and their leader was Stepan Banderas. He was a Jew killer. He had his men fall upon Ukraine's Jews and Polish Jews and massacre them, even before the SS battalions arrived. He then collaborated and putting [sic] them on trains to death camps, where massive numbers were murdered. Industrially murdered. Men, women and children. And his picture is being carried around by the right-wing sector of the Ukrainian armed forces, the ones that are currently hold up in Mariupol. They are the ones who are dipping their bullets in pig fat just the other day, because they expect to be coming up against Muslim Russians from the Chechan Republican and may even now be doing so. They do not hide it, Manila. They fly swastikas, they give hitler's salutes. They wear jackboots, SS insignia. They worship Bandera. Well, if that is your friends, president Biden,

Prime minister Johnson, if these are your friends, I would rather be me than you.

CHAN: Yeah. Mike, in war times, I mean, is it very common for the country or countries involved to want to control the media, to limit speech? I mean, why do they want to do that?

MALOOF: Well, it's — it's to serve their propaganda purposes. They want to — pur — pur — show their — their point of view. They want to —

CHAN: Only.

MALOOF: Always.

CHAN: Only theirs.

MALOOF: only theirs. For example, we're hearing how the Ukrainians are living up against this big bad guy, but his big bad guy learned a lot from the way the Americans conducted itself [sic] —

CHAN: Yeah.

MALOOF: — in the early years in the last century. Let's name 'em. Iraq, Bosnia —

CHAN: Sure.

MALOOF: — Libya, and Afghanistan.

CHAN: The list is much longer than that.

MALOOF: With shock and all, we went in and killed civilians. We used thermo barracks. It was indiscriminate. That is what we are accusing Russians are -- of and dripping ourselves in the cloak of righteousness. What we are seeing here, we are not getting what is going on in donbass. We are only hearing one side. They have elevated Zelensky as a hero. Where is he was very instrumental, along with the U.S., and causing this problem over time. Over the past eight years. This is something we in the United States are not exposed to.

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GALLOWAY: They've emptied all the prisons, did you know that —

CHAN: Mmhmm.

GALLOWAY: — in Ukraine? Any prisoner, a murderer, a rapist, any prisoner who has had

military experience is having their sentences canceled and given a gun and sent out onto the street. And some of these groups are killing each other in Kyiv, because the different right-wing groups, as is usually the case, just like with ISIS and Al Qaeda, they kill as many of each other than they do other people. It's an absolutely desperate situation.

CHAN: Mike, final thoughts on?

MALLOOF: Yeah, I think that we're going to seeing is a lot more treachery. We're going to see a lot of — a lot more of our — we're going — we're going to have greater imposition of — of obstacles put in our way. Our rights are going to be taken away. We're going to see this all time. We're —

CHAN: Do you think it's going to ripple back this way?

MALLOOF: — it's going to ripple back here. Inevitably, it will. That's what I am afraid of and I'm concerned that by what George and I have been pointing out this morning that with — with this involvement like this, you're going to ease into an involvement that is beyond anything we want. It would be an implementation of Article IV, if you will, as opposed to Article V in which other members come around and they see what is going on in NATO and decide to engage. Or countries of the willing, as we saw in Libya.

CHAN: Well —

MALLOOF: And they were all NATO countries.

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RACHEL BLEVINS: This is *BoomBu\$t*, the one business show you cannot afford to miss. I am Rachel Blevins in Washington. Coming up, the U.S. and allies moved implement a host of new sanctions against Russia. We'll take a look at how the measures are already impacting global markets. This as Russia's central bank moves to double interest rates while the ruble sees its worst day on record. We'll discuss the latest central bank action and whether it could soon include the Federal Reserve. Plus, the latest tensions send oil prices to \$100 per barrel. We'll break down why markets are concerned and how long this rally is likely to last. We have a packed show today, so let us get started.

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BLEVINS: And from one central bank to another, the Federal Reserve is days away from its first expected interest rate hikes since 2018. But as the Fed begins to move away from easy money policies it has had in place for nearly two years now, it remains to be seen if and how the latest geopolitical tensions could have an impact. For example, a top strategist from Credit Suisse is comparing the current situation to the 2008 Lehman brothers crisis, warning that excluding certain Russian banks from SWIFT will lead to missed payments, which will be similar to Lehman's ability to make payments due to clearing bank's unwillingness to send payments on its behalf. He went on to say, "history does not repeat itself, but it rhymes."

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BLEVINS: Oil prices have continued to rise with the international benchmark for burnt crude rising as much as seven percent to one of five dollars a barrel before settling back around \$100 even. While the latest sanctions against Russia have not moved to directly target the nation's energy supply, they've driven concern over their impact on the global economy at a time when demand is still struggling to recover. So, how high will prices go and what will the latest tensions mean for the future of supply?

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BLEVINS: Another story I wanted to touch on when it comes to all of the reaction here is the fact that BP announced that it is offloading its 20 percent stake in a Russian oil giant Rosneft, which will cost the British company around \$25 billion. I mean, what is behind a move like that? And does it benefit BP in any way?

TODD HORWITZ: Well, it may benefit them from, maybe, looking good, but let's see if this is just lip service or if it is real. You know, a lot of people say a lot of things in the heat of the battle and to make sure that they look like they're on the right side of the battle. But let's see if it really becomes part of it. Let's see if they're willing to take that \$25 billion hit and see if it doesn't cure itself out before it is said and done. Again, remember, a lot of people say things they do not necessarily mean at the moment they say them and it could be just for — you know, almost not political, but to make the company look better for the moment until things settle down a little bit.

BLEVINS: Yeah, their PR people are certainly talking there.

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BLEVINS: That's it for this time. You can catch a BoomBust on-demand on the Portable TV app, which is available on smart phones and tablets through Google Play and the Apple app store by searching Portable TV. Portable TV can also be downloaded on Samsung Smart TV's and Roku devices or simply check it out at portable.tv. We'll see you next time.

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JESSE VENTURA: I am Jesse Ventura. As government of Minnesota, I was on the front lines against a political duopoly that strangles American politics. I'm still in that fight. Question More.

[SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS]

ANNOUNCER #1: There's something for you on your Sports HQ.

ANNOUNCER #2: Hey, guys, I made a professional-ish Powerpoint to show how RT America fits into the greater media landscape. RT is not alt-left or alt-right, but we are a solid alternative to the [EXPLETIVE]. We don't skew liberal or conservative. And as you can see from this bar graph, we don't skew the facts. Talking head lefties, talking head righties, oh, there you go, above it all. So, look out world, RT America is in the spotlight now. And, frankly, I have no idea how to classify us. It actually took me more time than I care to admit.

HOLLAND COOKE: Mark Twain said, "it's easier to fool people, than to convince them they have been fooled." That could be why America is so divided now because people have been fed fake news, paid for by corporate interests. They beat you down until you believe their fairy tales. Well, he's a story for you. It's called The Big Picture and it is full of facts, not fiction. Question More.

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