

G20 Summit– G20 to Work to ‘End the War’

G20 Summit was held in Bali, Indonesia on November 15th, 2022. The G20 leaders met at this summit and opined that war should be stopped in peaceful manner in the Ukraine. Russian President Putin did not attend this summit.

Ukraine President Zelensky addressed the G20 summit via video link and said the war should be ended “justly and on the basis of the UN Charter and international law. Now is the time when the Russian destructive war must and can be stopped. Every day of delay means new deaths of Ukrainians, new threats to the world, and an insane increase in losses due to continuation of the Russian aggression – losses for everyone in the world”.

Russia’s foreign minister said that “Ukraine was refusing to talk to Moscow and had put forward unrealistic conditions for peace.”

Indonesia’s president Widodo appealed for unity as he opened the G20 summit. “We have no other option, collaboration is needed to save the world,” said.

US president Biden raised in summit “Russia’s brutal war against Ukraine and Russia’s irresponsible threat of nuclear use” and he added “President Xi reiterated their agreement that a nuclear war should never be fought and can never be won and underscored their opposition to the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine”.

China’s president Xi made no direct mention of the war in Ukraine during his address to the G20 meeting, as he called for increased global “solidarity”. Xi said “It is imperative that all countries embrace the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind, and advocate peace, development, and win-win cooperation. Division and confrontation serve no one’s interest. Only solidarity and common development is the right choice to make.”

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged G20 leaders to return to diplomacy to end the war. “We have to find a way to return to the path of ceasefire and diplomacy in Ukraine,” Modi said on Tuesday, in his opening remarks at the summit.” The need of the hour is to show concrete and collective resolve to ensure peace, harmony and security in the world.”

While a side summit was going on, Russia was allegedly launching nearly 75 missiles near Poland border and it caused death of two Poland citizens. Biden arranged the emergency meeting at Bali with NATO and G7 leaders and condemned this action. Biden says that "it was "unlikely" that a missile that killed two in NATO-ally Poland was fired from Russia". Later, the Polish authorities acknowledged that the missile was fired from Ukraine and belonged to that country. But the Ukraine government rejected that Polish statement.

G7 leaders said in a joint statement in G7 summit this year in June that they will continue to provide financial, humanitarian, military, and diplomatic support to Ukraine". From G7 and G20 summit we understand that G7 and NATO were not supported to find the way to stop the war by UN intervention.

14th BRICS summit was held early in this year virtually. In that summit BRICS nations agreed on the Beijing statement on Ukraine war. As per the statement BRICS nations support the talks between Ukraine and Russia with the efforts of UN. And they are also concerned over the humanitarian situation in and around the Ukraine. In the G20 summit BRICS nations are expressing their views to end the war at any cost in the peaceful agreement between the two nations and the sanctions on Russia was not the solution and it was affecting the entire world to suffer with lack of energy and fertiliser. Russia is a leading producer and exporter of energy, as well as fertiliser. Ukraine is one of the world's top food producers.

By these statements by the G7, NATO and BRICS on Ukraine war we can understand that G7 and NATO nations are - instead of trying to stop the war, they are provoking Ukraine further to satisfy their evil desires. BRICS nations are preaching peace and seeks to fulfil its needs on both sides without taking any side. It is clear that by this war people only are suffering.

The upcoming 18th G20 summit will be hosted by India. India's presidency will begin on 1st December 2022, leading up to the summit in the fourth quarter of 2023.