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EDITORIAL

The Kettle Will Continue To Boil until the Fire Is Put Out

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—As the smoke is beginning to clear, and accounts are being taken, it is universally being recognized throughout the world that Ukraine’s counteroffensive has failed, and failed badly. Despite tens of billions of dollars in the most advanced weaponry, and all the other assistance given by the countries of NATO, it still has not been enough to even break Russia’s massive defensive lines in eastern Ukraine, let alone retake previously held territories.

To anyone following these developments outside of the carefully managed NATO-land bubble, this comes as no surprise. But to others who have been counting on an impending collapse of Russia, it is certainly bitter news, and it is likely to set off more opposition from within the U.S. Congress to further funding to Ukraine. Desperate stories are now being spun to maintain the semblance that Ukraine has the situation under control, as can be seen from recent comments by Ukrainian ministers about the “breakthrough” of the Aug. 5-6 Saudi Arabian peace conference in Jeddah—a story which is far from the truth. Expect these frantic attempts to grow over the coming days and weeks.

In this light, consider the news that the six Ukrainian pilots being trained to fly F-16s will not be combat-ready until the summer of 2024, despite the fact that these planes were supposed to be a game-changer. Every major escalation of this sort over the last year and a half has failed to alter the reality of this war—a war which has killed hundreds of thousands of troops and all for nothing! Reports now coming in indicate that Russia has even begun to go on the offensive again in the wake of Ukraine’s counteroffensive.

Other hotspots around the world have also been showing signs of peaceful resolution, despite the efforts at destabilization by Western nations as part of their proxy war against Russia and China. In the case of Niger,

worries about an impending military intervention from neighboring ECOWAS countries came down a notch this weekend following the suspension of the ECOWAS military planning meeting. It is widely recognized that if a war breaks out in Niger it would quickly spiral into a continent-wide conflict, something almost no one in the region wants. Then in Eastern Europe, Belarusian President Lukashenko has asked his Prime Minister to reach out to Poland for talks, and expressed his desire to “fix relations” with their neighbor. Poland has recently been increasing tensions and rhetoric with Belarus, including the decision to deploy 10,000 troops to their shared border.

Nothing has been resolved at a fundamental level, however, and the increased desperation is sure to look for new areas to inflame. One such area is likely to be the Black Sea, an extremely sensitive and vital region for Russia—and Western geopoliticians know this well. Two successful drone attacks have taken place on Russian ships there over the last week, an oil tanker and a warship, in addition to a continuous barrage of unsuccessful drone strikes by air.

It is also anticipated that Germany will announce its decision to send Taurus missiles to Ukraine. These are long-range (500 km) missiles that would give Ukraine the capability to strike deep into Russian territory, further embroiling NATO into the conflict with Russia. In addition, it would give Ukraine increased ability to strike Russian ships in the Black Sea. Russia’s ambassador to Germany responded by saying that if Germany goes ahead with this, it will be crossing one of Russia’s “red lines.”

The question is: When is the last red line crossed? And what kind of madmen are willing to play this game?

Peace negotiations could begin tomorrow if sane leadership emerged within Western countries. The continued attempts to ignore this reality and further push Ukraine into a bloodbath with their Russian neighbors is a clear indication of the moral bankruptcy of Western policy. More and more of the world is seeing that clearly.

Voices of sanity are needed now more than ever to speak out and demand a new policy of peace, before the next mistake or miscommunication lands the world in a hot war between nuclear superpowers. Join the [International Peace Coalition](#) and [Humanity For Peace](#) to build such a global movement for peace and security for all nations, and don't let the current window of opportunity be lost.

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STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

ECOWAS Cancels Military Meeting Indefinitely

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—The meeting of the chiefs of staff of the armed forces of the countries of the Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) that was supposed to occur soon has been suspended indefinitely for “technical reasons.” According to the Egyptian *Al Ahram* daily, the meeting was supposed to take place in Ghana's capital Accra. Citing unnamed sources, *Al Ahram* wrote that the meeting was originally set up to inform the organization's leaders about “the best options” for activating and deploying a standby force for intervention into Niger.

There is public dissension among ECOWAS member nations. Cabo Verde President José María Neves said that his country opposed military action, was unlikely to join a potential military operation in Niger, according to TASS. He said, “We all should work to restore constitutional order in Niger but in no way through a military intervention or an armed conflict at this point. We should actively engage in talks and resolve issues diplomatically because any military intervention will make the situation worse, turning the region into an explosive zone,” reported Agence France-Presse.

ECOWAS also released a statement that it does not believe that the Wagner Private Military Company (PMC) was involved in Niger's coup. That evaluation was attributed to ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace, and Security Abdel-Fatau Musah, reported Al Jazeera. Musah also reported that ECOWAS would not allow anyone to turn West Africa into the scene of a proxy war.

In Niger, itself, thousands of pro-military demonstrators took to the streets this week, and held a protest near the French military base on the outskirts of the capital, Niamey. They were reportedly shouting, "Down with France! Down with ECOWAS!"

Tensions May Flare Up in the Black Sea

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Ukraine considers the destruction of Russia's Kerch Bridge to Crimea as a major symbolic target since the war began, as evident by the two strikes against it over the last nine months. But following Russia's withdrawal from the Black Sea Grain Initiative and failure of Ukraine's counter-offensive, Kyiv and their backers in Global NATO may be viewing the region as an opportunity to escalate against Russia.

In the early hours of Aug. 5, a Russian oil tanker was hit by an unmanned naval drone, damaging it enough to require two tug boats to pull it in. Vladimir Rogov, head of the Zaporozhye region where the tanker was rescued, wrote on Telegram, "such an attack is intended not only to force Russia to return to the shameful grain deal, but also to partially jeopardize the logistical capabilities of Russia's armed forces in the Middle East." It is likely the tanker was providing oil to Russian forces in Syria, according to the British daily *Guardian*.

On Aug. 4, a Russian military vessel was also struck and damaged by an unmanned naval drone while docked in the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk.

The head of Ukraine's security service, Vasyl Malyuk, said that attacks "on the ships of the Russian Federation or the Crimean Bridge is an

absolutely logical and effective step in relation to the enemy,” even though he didn’t claim that Ukraine made the strikes.

Then following the second attack on the oil tanker, Ukraine’s state service of maritime and river transport announced that “until further notice,” six Russian Black Sea ports—Anapa, Novorossiysk, Gelendzhik, Tuapse, Sochi, and Taman and their approaches—were in a “war risk area,” reported the *Guardian*.

Russian Forces Push Closer to Kupyansk

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Russian offensive at the northern end of the front is continuing in the Kharkov region. “In Kupyansk direction, assault groups of the Zapad Group of Forces continued offensive actions on a broad front and improved the tactical situation near Olshana and Pershotravnyovoye (Kharkov region) utilizing results of artillery and aviation strikes,” the Russian Defense Ministry reported yesterday. Russian forces have advanced to within 7 km of Kupyansk. They had captured Kupyansk in 2022 but were forced to withdraw in the fall.

Army Col. Anatoliy Matviychuk (ret.), a veteran Soviet and Russian military intelligence officer and analyst, with experience in Afghanistan and Syria, told Sputnik that the advance will make Kyiv’s forces hard pressed to fill gaps in the frontlines as their mobility is restricted by Russian air and artillery superiority. “First of all, this is great news that we are returning those territories that we left in the fall, during the forced withdrawal. Second, we are advancing, destroying the enemy’s reserves, destroying the enemy’s manpower and equipment, and this is very important, because we’re approaching Slavyansk and Kramatorsk. Effectively, we’re not only creating the prerequisites for the return of these lands, but also for the destruction of the entire [enemy] group of forces in this area,” Matviychuk said.

If the Russian advance continues and Kupyansk is taken, it will have long-term significance, he said. “Kupyansk occupies a very advantageous position. Both to the west and to the east it is a logistical link—both roads and a railway for the transport of supplies. In general, I would call this a

strategic point on whose retention the stability of the defense of this entire direction depends. The loss of Kupyansk means the loss of stability, and after that we will be able to go directly to the Kharkov direction,” Matviychuk summed up.

Belarus President Tells Poland To Calm Down, Suggests They Talk

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Belarus’ President Aleksandr Lukashenko yesterday offered peaceful talks with Poland, and indicated that, while he would not expect much serious from Poland before their Oct. 15 election campaign is over, they should not destroy the possibility of peaceful agreements before then.

Lukashenko said that Belarus, joined with the Russian Federation in the Union State, was ready to mend ties with its Western neighbors. He indicated that he was ready to converse with everyone, but especially Poland. He offered that Belarus had been “living at the expenses of the East” lately, with their increased collaboration with Russia and China: “But we must not forget about the high-tech West. They are nearby, they are our neighbors—the European Union. And we cannot lose relations with them. We are ready for this, but taking our own interests into account.”

Of note, Lukashenko singled out its immediate neighbor, where the West is sending 10,000 troops to Poland’s eastern border with Belarus. He pointed out that, while Warsaw has been “aggravating” the situation lately, it has been doing so under pressure from the U.S. But Poles are not “stupid,” but actually “our people, the Slavs. I instructed the PM to contact them. If they want, let’s talk, fix relations. We are neighbors, one does not choose neighbors, they are from God.”

He added the salient point that a thaw in tensions with Poland was unlikely to happen before its parliamentary elections on Oct. 15, and he chose to display a calm understanding of the situation. “Of course, it is necessary for them to escalate now, heat up the situation in order to show that they properly armed and re-armed the country.” But it should not go further than that.

First Ukrainian F-16 Pilots Won't Be Ready for a Year

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—The plan to give F-16s to the Kyiv regime is looking more like a phantom every day. The *Washington Post* reported yesterday that the first group of six Ukrainian pilots won't be ready for combat until the summer of 2024. The timeline reflects the disconnect between Ukraine's supporters, who envision F-16s as a key tool in the country's long-term defense, and Kyiv, which has desperately requested that the jets reach the battle space as soon as possible, viewing them as critical for the current fight against occupying Russian forces, the *Post* reports, citing the dividing line between the Kyiv regime and the Pentagon.

But after the start of training was pushed back several times, Ukraine will now probably have to endure another year without the fighters, which officials in Kyiv have predicted would provide a significant military edge amid a slow-going counteroffensive and help better protect civilians against Russia's regular missile and drone strikes, reports the *Post*.

The *Post* goes on to say that Ukrainian officials' anxiety underscores ongoing tensions between Kyiv and its supporters about the best way to position Ukraine for success against a far larger, better-armed Russian force. It also highlights divisions among those backers themselves, as a small number of European allies pushes to give Ukraine maximum capabilities for its defense and the Biden Administration, by far the largest donor of military gear, weighs the next steps more slowly.

Russian Diplomat Says Berlin Is Crossing the Red Line, Delivering Long-Range Missiles to Ukraine

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Russia recognizes that Germany is crossing a “red line” by sending long-range Taurus missiles to Ukraine, [Russian Ambassador to Germany Sergey Nechaev](#) told *Izvestia*. “We cannot rule out the possibility of Germany crossing this ‘red line.’ We have no illusions about a probable change in Germany's approach to the Ukrainian conflict, as well as a sudden recognition of the dangers of escalation associated with the use of long-range missiles,” Nechaev said on Aug. 11, according to the TASS media summary today.

While the missiles may pose some initial problems for Russian air defense systems, experts believe that the new weaponry's competitive edge will be lost in a matter of days. According to military expert Dmitry Kornev, in a few days Russian anti-aircraft crews will gain additional experience in shooting down Kyiv's latest batch of Western "miracle" weapons, share it with other units, and thereby restore the status quo.

Wagenknecht Attacks Discussion of Germany Sending Taurus Missiles to Ukraine

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—In anticipation of the German government decision to send long-range Taurus missiles to Ukraine, German Bundestag Deputy Sahra Wagenknecht (Die Linke), warned against the policy on her Facebook page.

"The [German government] delivery of Taurus cruise missiles to Ukraine would be another step toward the uncontrolled escalation of the conflict," she wrote. She remarked that "even the U.S. is not supplying Ukraine with cruise missiles capable of striking targets located at a distance of hundreds of kilometers on Russian territory." Additionally, in her opinion, the Taurus missiles "won't help Ukraine win militarily," but will only create more victims and destruction.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz should "strive for a ceasefire and peace talks" in the conflict instead of "endless arms supplies," she argued.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Ukraine Distorts Peace Conference, Brags Everyone Is 'with Us'

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Ukraine's Head of the Office of the President Andriy Yermak underlined their "public relations" view of Kyiv's so-called "Peace Formula" initiative. Sounding like a used car salesman, yesterday he posted on Telegram that the presence of the 43 countries at the Aug. 5-6 Jeddah, Saudi Arabia meeting means that those countries "are with us." For that matter, he claimed 15 more countries, for a total of 58, simply based on his projection of their attending a future meeting.

Ukrinform quotes Yermak: “Fifth meeting with representatives of foreign diplomatic missions regarding the implementation of Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s Peace Formula. Already 58 countries are with us.” While he noted that there were 43 representatives (on the level of security advisers) of countries at the previous meeting, he made clear that he was including countries that he hoped would be attending a future meeting. He said: “I will disclose the details later. We are working.”

In the same vein, Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said in an interview with Reuters this week: “We are fully satisfied with the dynamics of this process. I believe the meeting in Jeddah was a breakthrough.” Kuleba added, “If a country wants to be in the front seat of world politics, it has to become part of these coordination meetings.”

The fact that Kyiv strongly renounced the effort of major countries, such as China, Brazil, Indonesia, India, and South Africa, which, in an attempt to engage Kyiv in a more realistic approach to peace attended the Jeddah discussion, doesn’t seem to factor into Ukraine’s calculations.

Kuleba Complains About Increasing Calls for Ukraine To Negotiate

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Ukraine’s Foreign Minister [Dmytro Kuleba](#) is getting increasingly irritated at all the calls for peace negotiations from around the world. As it becomes more clear to the world that Ukraine has utterly failed in its so-called counteroffensive, these calls for peace and an end to the bloodbath in Ukraine will surely only increase.

In an interview published today with journalist Vadym Karpyak, RBC Ukraine reports, Kuleba said that Ukraine will be victorious on all fronts, despite those pushing it to negotiate. “I want to warn everyone that it will be a very difficult political season,” Kuleba stated. He said there have been many calls from around the world advocating “dialogue” and for Ukraine to talk with Russia, and he forecast that more countries will do the same. “These voices aren’t coming from officials, but they’re growing louder,” Kuleba said. However, Ukraine has a plan to silence these: “We will act within the framework of international law and criminal legislation to dim these voices,” Kuleba emphasized.”

NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

U.A.E. President To Make Offer for Peace Negotiations between Russia and Ukraine

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—According to French-language Lebanese newspaper *L'Orient-Le Jour*, President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan is planning to organize a meeting between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russian President Vladimir Putin during the COP28 summit in Dubai in November.

According to reports, Pope Francis had been encouraging His Highness to extend the offer. The report also indicates that several European nations have been involved with Abu Dhabi in the initiative, being conscious of the Emirates' potential role as mediator between the two. While there are details of His Highness' proposal available, the report says that the purpose of the meeting is to initiate a dialogue that could eventually play a role in bringing the war to an end. The U.A.E. has maintained a good relationship with Russia since its special military operation began in Ukraine, and His Highness has traveled to Russia over the last year to meet with President Vladimir Putin.

Water-Short Central Asian Nations Confer on Impact of Afghanistan's Qosh Tepa Canal

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Presidents of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan met Aug. 4 in the Turkmen capital Ashgabat to discuss water, given that these nations and Afghanistan all use flow from the Amu Darya River, rising in the Himalayas and flowing to the now-shrunken Aral Sea. Afghanistan is set to increase its drawoff, around 2027 when it completes the Qosh Tepa Canal. The flagship project, which itself can irrigate enough land to potentially restore the nation's grain self-sufficiency, was started in spring 2022 by the Afghanistan government, after decades of study and inaction under U.S. and NATO occupation.

The Ashgabat meeting is an expression of the dialogue for addressing water shortages, and rather than conflict, stirred up by London, Brussels and Washington, whose info-warfare claims the "Taliban mega-project will

steal scarce water from its neighbors.” The geopoliticians are playing up that the downriver nations of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan could lose as much as 15% of the water they get from the Amu Darya. The narrative insists to blame Afghanistan and fight each other over water.

Instead, in dialogue, a task force has been formed involving Uzbek and Afghan water experts to work together during the canal construction to reduce the water losses in the completed project, which otherwise could be over 50%. The Taliban launched construction of the canal in May 2022, with whatever construction equipment and labor they could muster, despite the severe lack of credit and funding.

The Uzbek-Afghan collaboration on the works design started after a June meeting in Kabul between the respective government representatives. Uzbekistan and Afghanistan have the largest populations of the central Eurasian region, 75 million people combined. Tashkent is trying to innovate with water-saving agriculture methods in Uzbekistan, but experts report that the implementation is not working, for many reasons.

Tashkent is pushing very hard to realize the Trans-Afghan Railway project, to go from Uzbekistan, across Afghanistan, and into Pakistan, for which the three nations signed the go-ahead agreement in July. Already in operation is the short cross-border rail connection from Termez, Uzbekistan into Heiratan, Afghanistan, through which critical aid is flowing. The hold-up on the Trans-Afghan Railway is funding, as with other major connectivity projects and water management infrastructure in the region.

Inaugurated in March 2022, the Qosh Tepa Canal is about one-third built now. It is 100 meters wide, and projected to be 285 km long, with water sufficient to irrigate 550,000 hectares upon completion. Kabul produced a short video on the [Qosh Tepa Canal](#) status, in January.

For many decades, the Central Asia countries have been drawing off the Amu Darya and its sister river to the north, the Syr Darya, for agricultural purposes, concentrated in the lower Aral Sea Basin. During the Soviet years, the monoculture of water-thirsty cotton in the lower basin

contributed to ruining soils and drying up the Aral Sea, although population growth itself would augment river run-off volume at some point.

Uzbek water experts have pointed out to *EIR* that the canal, and cooperation over it, raise the necessity to resume plans for augmenting river flow to the region. A famous plan decades ago sought to divert some flow from the Ganges River headwaters region into the Amu Darya. A chief backer of the plan went to study the hydraulic engineering involved in drawing off some of the lower basin flow of the Colorado River into southern California's Imperial Valley. The Amu Darya River augmentation never materialized.

The other famous Eurasian run-off diversion project, begun by the Soviet Union, was to channel a portion of the Ob and Irtysh Rivers southward, that flow northward through Siberia. It was later abandoned.

Under the present water shortages in Central Asia and Afghanistan, there is no doubt that infrastructure is needed, a key part of which must be transition to a nuclear-power economy. There is no question that Afghanistan has the right, along with its neighbors, to have its share of existing trans-border rivers. But new water sources need to be put on the agenda for a shared future of the central Eurasian region. The Schiller Institute's Operation Ibn Sina is promoting this perspective for Afghanistan and its neighbors, to be on the international community's agenda now that the colonialist era is finally over.

There have been flare-ups of strife between Iran and Afghanistan over the Helmand River. In May, two Iranian border guards were killed, and one Taliban fighter died.

Egypt Refuses To Supply Arms to Ukraine

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Despite U.S. pressure, Egypt refuses to send arms and munitions to Ukraine according to TASS today, citing the *Wall Street Journal*. Earlier this year, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin asked Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi to send Ukraine artillery shells, anti-tank rockets, air defense systems and light arms. Austin did not

receive an unequivocal answer, but later Egyptian sources made clear there will be no shipments. Egypt has a substantial arms industry and even manufactures Abrams tanks under license.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Ukrainian Opposition Politician Spotlight on Biden Family Corruption

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Viktor Medvedchuk, a Ukrainian politician and chairman of the Council of the Other Ukraine movement who is now in exile in Russia, charged in a posting on his Telegram channel yesterday that U.S. authorities are exploiting Ukraine for the sake of their own corrupt interests and Zelenskyy is sacrificing all of Ukraine for the sake of this scheme. “Behind the Ukraine conflict is an enormous corruption scheme, into which the United States has dragged most of European politics,” he wrote, reported TASS. “And President Zelenskyy is a showman and the kingpin of this scheme. ... And the West is up to its ears in this corruption scheme, but the only way out will involve a massive political crisis.”

Medvedchuk described Ukraine as first and foremost a family “feed trough” for U.S. President Joe Biden, who is demanding more and more military aid for Kyiv in order “to defend democracy.”

Medvedchuk wrote, “One cannot but remember the scheme of aid to Ukraine under President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden that was uncovered by lawyer Rudolf Giuliani. Under it, 80% of the aid remained in the United States. Translated into the language of corruption, this is an 80% kickback. Naturally, Biden would declare anyone he wants ‘a democrat’ and ‘a defender of European values’ for such money.”

He particularly called attention to Ukrainian Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin, who was gathering evidence on Hunter Biden and the Burisma scandal. Shokin was fired in 2016 at the insistence of then-U.S. Vice President Joe Biden. Medvedchuk said, “Biden blackmailed Ukraine’s then-President Poroshenko by saying that the United States would deny a

billion dollars in aid.” About 20% of that billion got to Ukraine, anyway, with the remaining 80% “left in the United States at Biden’s disposal.”

Zelenskyy has since spread that scheme to the entire country. “The longer the war drags on, the more money ends up in the pockets of Democrats,” Medvedchuk wrote. “But the Ukrainians will pay for these profits with their blood and the destruction of the country.”

YouTube Bans Scott Ritter and Deletes All Videos

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—YouTube has banned Scott Ritter, and also expunged all his previous videos from their platform. Ritter tweeted that his channel, “[The Scott Ritter Show](#),” through which he attempted to “import Russian voices to an American/Western audience,” had been flagged for “hate speech” and taken down without prior warning or any specific examples of the offense. He tweeted, “There was never any hate speech involved in any of the episodes of ‘The Scott Ritter Show,’ unless one views unique content from silenced voices hateful.” The move is “the latest in a series of actions by YouTube to silence Russian voices.” This “represents the living manifestation of the disease of Russophobia which has swept America and U.S.-based social media platforms.”

In a second tweet, Ritter wrote that YouTube had also deleted his “[Ask The Inspector](#)” channel, claiming that the move is “a targeted effort by YouTube to remove/minimize my voice, and those of my guests and the people who took the time to ask probing questions about the pressing issues of the day.... Those who are behind this should know—you won’t succeed.” He said that there is a “vast social media world” beyond YouTube, while warning those that remain on the platform that they will at some point have to conform to it or have their channels deleted, too.

Ritter told RT yesterday that both his “Ask the Inspector” and “The Scott Ritter Show” will be “moving to Rumble.”

U.S. Attorney General Appoints Special Counsel To Investigate Hunter Biden

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland has appointed David Weiss, the current U.S. Attorney overseeing the investigation into Hunter Biden, as a special prosecutor for the case. Garland said that Weiss had earlier told him the case had gotten to a point that upgrading it to a special prosecutor was necessary. “Upon considering his request, as well as the extraordinary circumstances relating to this matter, I have concluded that it is in the public interest to appoint him as special counsel,” the Attorney General said.

Journalist [Glenn Greenwald](#) pointed out on X, formerly Twitter, that there are obvious red flags in this development:

“1. Why did David Weiss suddenly request to be made special counsel in Hunter Biden’s case? They’d insisted for years this was unnecessary—What changed?

“2. Why take the **same** prosecutor—one already credibly accused of shielding Hunter from liability—to lead this, if the claim is that this investigation needs to be insulated from undue political influence?

“One would have to entertain the possibility that other motives are at play.”

HISTORY & CULTURE

Schiller Strasbourg Conference Full Proceedings Released

Aug. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—The [Schiller Institute](#) is happy to announce the full proceedings of its July 8-9 conference, “On the Verge of a New World War: European Nations Must Cooperate with the Global South!” in Strasbourg, France are available in video and transcripts. The [158-page transcripts](#) in PDF format can be downloaded from the conference page.