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## PRESIDENT JOKO WIDODO REVIEWS CITY OF IRPIN IN UKRAINE

President Joko Widodo (third left) and First Lady Iriana Joko Widodo (second right) inspect the wreckage of the Lipky Apartment complex in Irpin City, Ukraine, Wednesday (29/6).

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## Jokowi Offers to Relay Zelenskyy's Message to Putin

**During a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at Maryinsky Palace, Kyiv, Ukraine, on Wednesday (29/6) local time, President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) offered to relay a message from him to Russian President Vladimir Putin.**

“I offered to carry a message from President Zelenskyy to President Putin, who I will visit soon,” Jokowi said during a joint press statement with President Zelenskyy after the meeting, according to information provided by the press bureau of the Presidential Secretariat.

During the meeting, President Jokowi emphasized Indonesia's position regarding the importance of respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

He also underlined the importance of reaching a peaceful settlement and said that the spirit of peace must never fade.

The President said that his visit to Ukraine was a manifestation of the Indonesian people's concern for Ukraine. “I conveyed to President Zelenskyy that I made this visit as a manifestation of Indonesia's concern for the situation in Ukraine,” he added.

He also expressed his concern over

the impact of the war on humanity.

The Indonesian people and government are trying to contribute aid, including medicine, and to support the reconstruction of hospitals around Kyiv, Jokowi said.

He then extended a direct invitation to President Zelenskyy to join the G20 Summit, which will be held in November 2022 in Bali. He also conveyed Indonesia's commitment to continue to strengthen bilateral cooperation with Ukraine. “This year is 30 years of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and Ukraine. I convey Indonesia's commitment to continue strengthening better cooperation,” he remarked.

President Zelenskyy expressed his appreciation for President Jokowi's visit to Ukraine. He said the visit was the first visit by a leader of an Asian country to Ukraine since the conflict with Russia

began. “I also invite Indonesian businesses to participate in the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine,” the Ukrainian President said.

### First Lady provides humanitarian aid to Ukrainian hospital

Indonesian First Lady Iriana Joko Widodo symbolically handed over medicine assistance to the Ukrainian Scientific and Practical Center of Endocrine Surgery, Transplantation of Endocrine Organs and Tissues in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Wednesday (29/6).

She handed over the aid while visiting the hospital with President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) after observing an apartment complex damaged in the Russia-Ukraine conflict in Irpin city, which is located to the west of Kyiv. “Mr. Jokowi and I gave some assistance to the hospital which had been affected by the war,” she said after handing the aid, according to a statement received here on Wednesday.

She expressed the hope that the conflict will end soon, saying she felt saddened to see the impact of the war. “By saying basmalah (in the name of God), I am accompanying Mr. President

here,” she remarked.

The Indonesian government also provided additional aid to Ukraine through the Ukrainian Red Cross and expressed its commitment to assisting in reconstructing war-damaged hospitals.

This was conveyed by Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Marsudi on a separate occasion. The President and First Lady have been accompanied by Marsudi and Cabinet Secretary Pramono Anung to Ukraine.

After the hospital, President Widodo and his entourage are scheduled to head to Maryinsky Palace for a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as part of an effort to encourage a peace dialogue between Ukraine and Russia.

Furthermore, on Wednesday afternoon, Widodo and his entourage will return to Kyiv Central Station, Ukraine, to leave for Przemysl Station, Poland, on board an extraordinary train provided by the Ukrainian government.

After visiting Zelenskyy, the Indonesian President is scheduled to leave for Moscow, Russia, to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday (June 30, 2022).(\*)