

Russia-Ukraine War: Putin's Territorial Ambitions and Emerging Alliance with Rouge Actors Raises Regional Security Concerns

In the Swiss city of Obbürgen, eighty countries jointly called for upholding Ukraine's "territorial integrity" to end the Russia-Ukraine war. However, some key developing nations, including India, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates, refrained from signing the final document.

Despite the two-day conference, it is expected to have little impact on ending the war, as President Vladimir Putin remains inclined to cede Ukrainian territory – even areas not currently occupied by Russia – and continues efforts to disarm Ukraine, leaving it vulnerable to future aggression.

Amid these developments, Putin is scheduled to visit North Korea and Vietnam between July 18-19, aiming to strengthen long-standing partner relationships as he anticipates new challenges in his war against Ukraine.

For months, Russia's army has made only limited gains on the battlefield against Ukrainian troops running low on weapons. With Kyiv now receiving billions of dollars in fresh arms from its US and European allies, the window for a Russian breakthrough is narrowing.

It is anticipated that Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un will pick up where they left off when Kim visited Russia in September 2023, seeking to further upgrade their bilateral relationship through military and security cooperation.

Notably, it is highly expected that in return for nearly 5 million artillery shells from Kim's regime, Russia plans to provide technology to aid North Korea's plans to deploy an array of spy satellites, countering its recent failure to launch a spy satellite successfully.

Given the ongoing security threat across the region, with rogue actors continuing to reshape the dynamics of geopolitics, WoRisGo continues to closely monitor the situation and identify risks associated with businesses operating in the region.