
Putin calls for non-aligned international security system in face of global terror threat

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“Today our civilization has faced brutality and violence – terrorism has become a global threat,” the Russian president said, addressing the crowds on Moscow’s Red Square ahead of a parade dedicated to the 71st anniversary of victory in WWII. *“We must defeat this evil, and Russia is open to join forces with all countries and is ready to work on the creation of a modern, non-aligned system of international security.”*

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According to the Russian leader, the lessons of the World War II showed that *“double standards”* and *“short-sighted indulgence to those who are nurturing new criminal plans”* are unacceptable.

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"The lessons of history show that peace on our planet doesn't establish itself, that you need to be on high alert," he said.

The Great Patriotic War (the term used in Russia and former Soviet republics to describe the conflict on the Eastern Front from 1941-45) will always remain *"an outstanding, sacred heroic deed of our people, a call to live according to conscience, to keep the height of the truth and justice, to transfer these values from generation to generation,"* the president added.

"Our fathers and grandfathers defeated the powerful, merciless enemy, in front of whom many countries folded," Putin said.

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"It was our servicemen who gave the Nazis and their accomplices full retaliation for millions of victims, for all the barbarities and excesses on our land."

Putin added that Russian soldiers have proven that they are *"worthy successors to the heroes of the Great Patriotic War who are defending the country's interests with honor."*

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"I'm sure the veterans today are proud of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren – they are not letting [the veterans] down and will always remember the great victory, the heroic deeds of the glorious generation of victors," he said.

Seventy-one years ago, Nazi Germany was defeated. Almost 80 percent of the world's population was caught up in the war, including all of the great powers, and a total of 55 million people were killed in the conflict.

The Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union in 1941. The following four years of fighting saw 27 million Soviet people killed.

In Europe, V-Day commemorations started on Sunday, as the Nazi Germany's Instrument of Surrender came into

force at 22:43 CET on May 8, 1945. In Moscow it was already 00:43, on May 9.
