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Putin to West: Stop turning world into 'global barracks,' dictating rules to others

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Russia's president has laid the blame for the ongoing turmoil between Kiev and south-eastern regions squarely at the feet of Petro Poroshenko, after the Ukrainian leader [terminated the ceasefire](#).

He has stressed that Russia and European partners could not convince Poroshenko to not take the path of violence, which can't lead to peace.

*"Unfortunately, President Poroshenko has made the decision to resume military actions, and we – meaning myself and my colleagues in Europe – could not convince him that the way to reliable, firm and long-term peace can't lie through war,"* Putin said. *"So far, Petro Poroshenko had no direct relation to orders to take military action. Now he has taken on this responsibility in full. Not only military, but also political, more importantly."*

On Monday, the leaders of Russia, France, Germany and Ukraine held a phone call in which Putin stressed the need to prolong the ceasefire and the creation of *"a reliable mechanism for monitoring compliance with it and the OSCE [Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe] should play an active role."*

Russia offered that checkpoints on the Russian side should be monitored by representatives of the Ukrainian Border service as well as OSCE observers for *"the joint control of the border."*

Speaking in front of ambassadors on Tuesday, Putin expressed hope that Western partners will

stop imposing their principles on other countries.

*"I hope pragmatism will still prevail. The West will get rid of ambitions, pursuits to establish a 'world barracks' – to arrange all according to ranks, to impose uniform rules of behavior and life of society,"* Putin said.

*"I hope the West will start building relations based on equal rights, mutual respect and mutual consideration of interests."*

Thus, Russia is ready to have dialogue with the US only bases of equality, Putin added.

*"We are not going to stop our relations with the US. The bilateral relations are not in the best shape, that is true. But this - and I want to emphasize - is not Russia's fault,"* he told diplomats.

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Speaking about international relations, Putin stressed that Russia always tried to be *"predictable, to do business on an equal basis"*, however, in return, its interests were quite often ignored.

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