



France and Germany owe 'genocide compensation' to Donbass – Moscow

Description

RUSSIA/UKRAINE/France/GERMANY: The Ukraine crisis is a result of the EU nations' deceitful policies, Vyacheslav Volodin claims

Berlin and Paris should pay reparations to the civilians of Donbass who have been suffering Ukrainian attacks since 2014, according to Vyacheslav Volodin, the speaker of the State Duma – Russia's lower house of parliament.

His comments came after former German chancellor Angela Merkel admitted that the Minsk peace agreements had been just a ploy to provide Kiev with enough time to build up its military.

Merkel's confession means that Berlin and Paris – who brokered the deal – *"bear moral and material responsibility for what is happening in Ukraine,"* Volodin wrote on Telegram on Saturday.

The premeditated failure to fulfill obligations under the accords constitutes *"not only a loss of trust, but also a crime for which the signatories of the Minsk agreements – Merkel, [former French president Francois] Hollande, and [former Ukrainian president Pyotr] Poroshenko – must answer,"* he stated.

"They will have to pay compensation to the residents of Donbass for eight years of genocide and damages," Volodin added.

According to the MP, the ongoing Ukraine crisis has been brought about by *"the deceitful policies"* pursued by the French and German leaders.

Volodin recalled that in 2014, Berlin and Paris also brokered a deal between the government of the democratically elected Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and the nation's opposition to stop violent riots in Kiev. The unrest erupted in Ukraine's capital after Yanukovich refused to sign an association agreement with the EU.

“It all ended with a coup d’etat in Kiev,” he stated, and *“the genocide”* of people in the Donbass.

When the Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics broke away from Kiev, Germany and France helped broker the now-defunct Minsk agreements, which were supposed to pave the way for peace by giving the two territories a special status within the Ukrainian state. Russia has repeatedly accused Kiev of failing to implement the terms of the accords.

Volodin’s comments came after Russian President Vladimir Putin said he was disappointed and shocked when he heard Merkel’s statement, adding that this was further proof that Moscow made the correct decision when it started its military operation in Ukraine.

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