



Hungary Declares Wartime State Of Emergency

Description

HUNGARY: Hours after taking total control of Hungary by pushing through a constitutional amendment allowing his government to rule by decree when war breaks out in a neighboring country, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán declared a **wartime state of emergency**.



According to [Bloomberg](#), Parliament approved the state of emergency earlier Tuesday which will take effect at midnight. It will give Orbán's government "maneuvering room and the ability to react immediately" to the ongoing war in neighboring Ukraine, Orbán said in a [Facebook video message](#).

Bloomberg, of course, paints it as a victory for "the banner carrier for nationalists worldwide."

The move comes after Orbán told US right-wing celebrities last week at an event in Budapest, which included a video message from former President Donald Trump, that the recipe for wielding full power over a nation requires building your own media and

*institutions. And, above all, ditching established political norms to “**play by our own rules.**”*

*“**We need maneuvering and the ability to take action immediately,**” Orban said after his ministers took the oath of office. The state of emergency, which he said he called because of the Russia’s attack against neighboring Ukraine, will allow him to use “all tools” of the state, he said.*

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***Now he’s the banner carrier for nationalists worldwide,** with Trump praising him as a “great leader” in a video stream at the conference. -Bloomberg*

On Wednesday, **Hungary will announce its first measures under the new state of emergency** – which Orban began laying groundwork for even before his cabinet’s swearing in ceremony on Tuesday. Besides amending the constitution in order to use his new emergency powers, **the 58-year-old leader gave his chief of staff oversight of the country’s intelligence services.**

Orban, the EU’s longest serving head of government, is sitting on his fourth consecutive administration following yet another landslide election victory last month. He’s notably clashed with other member nations on a range of issues, including his opposition to an EU ban on Russian oil.

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