



## Romanian ex-FM calls for Ukraine to be broken up

### Description

#### **EU/UKRAINE: The EU state's former top diplomat calls on Kiev to cede some of its territory to neighboring states**

The borders of modern Ukraine are “unnatural,” and Kiev should cede parts of its territory to the neighboring states that these lands rightfully belong to, Romania's ex-foreign minister, Andrei Marga, believes. The former diplomat made the explosive remark on Saturday as he presented his new book ‘The Fate of Democracy’ at the Alba Transylvania book fair.

The crisis around Ukraine must be solved through negotiations involving the major international players, including Russia, China, the US, and EU, Marga stated. The leading powers should come together and agree on a new “security structure” in Europe and worldwide, he suggested.

*“If an agreement is not reached, there will be no peace in Europe. Without peace, democracy will suffer,”* he said.

Ukraine, for its part, should cede certain territories to neighboring countries, the ex-minister suggested, calling the country's existing borders “unnatural.” Marga listed the regions that were incorporated into then-Soviet Ukraine by the Communists, but which he thinks should be relinquished.

***We are in a very special situation here, and I take this with all responsibility, Ukraine exists in unnatural borders. It should cede Transcarpathia to Hungary, Galicia to Poland, Bukovina to Romania, Donbass and Crimea to Russia. These are the territories of other countries.***

Over the course of the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, Kiev has repeatedly vowed to return to its control all of the territories it ended up with following the collapse of the Soviet Union. After the 2014 Maidan coup, Ukraine lost Crimea, which ended up re-unifying with Russia after a referendum.

Russia sent troops into Ukraine on February 24, citing Kiev's failure to implement the Minsk agreements, designed to give the regions of Donetsk and Lugansk special status within the Ukrainian state. The protocols, brokered by Germany and France, were first signed in 2014. Former Ukrainian President Pyotr Poroshenko has since admitted that Kiev's main goal was to use the ceasefire to buy time and *"create powerful armed forces."*

In February 2022, the Kremlin recognized the Donbass republics as independent states and demanded that Ukraine officially declare itself a neutral country that will never join any Western military bloc. Kiev insists the Russian offensive was completely unprovoked.

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