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## Russia´s recognition of so-called republics of Donetsk and Luhansk

### Quotes from Philippe Lamberts and Ska Keller

This evening, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced Russia will recognise the separatist regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in eastern Ukraine as so-called independent people's republics.

**Philippe Lamberts MEP**, President of the Greens/EFA group comments:

*"The announced recognition of the two so-called republics of Donetsk and Luhansk is an attack on Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity. We stand with Ukraine. The EU and US must respond in a coordinated and clear manner, including effective sanctions. Massive violations of international law and border shifts in Europe need to be met with a forceful reaction."*

**Ska Keller MEP**, President of the Greens/EFA group comments:

*"We show our solidarity with Ukraine. The Russian President is further turning the escalation spiral, trying to rewrite history into an imperial narrative. This needs to be met with a unified response. The EU should come forward with sanctions now. We are all set to lose if international rules can be broken without consequences."*

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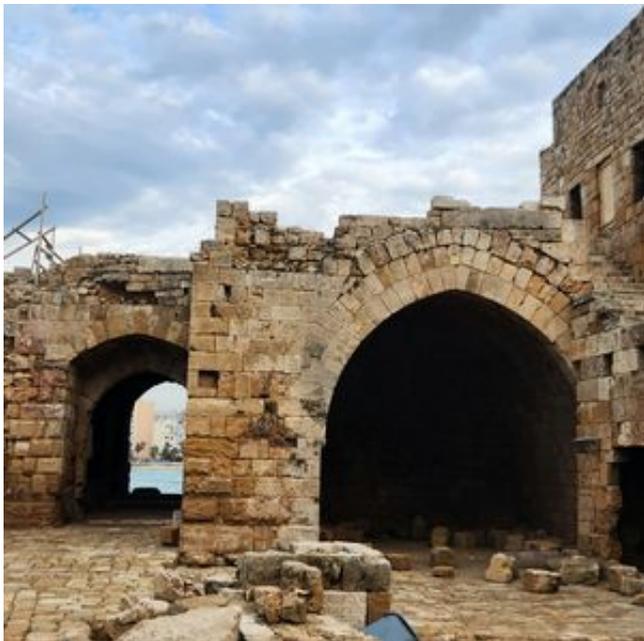
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