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1 United States Trump remarks on Easter Day Excerpts edited by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization Heather Cox Richardson April 6 2026 It is really difficult to cover him in a way that conveys how unhinged he is political journalists are trained to think OK what did he say that was newsworthy? So you convey that to your audience But in reality when you actually watch his rallies you see that they are full of hatred he is lying constantly and a lot of it is incoherent At the traditional White House Easter Egg roll this morning the Trump right hand was swollen and covered with makeup after his weekend away from the cameras We have broken every record on the stock market We have broken every record on our military And then he launched into a speech about Iran and wars and bombing and rescues The blank eyes of the Easter Bunny seemed first shocked and then desperate It was a scene out of a surreal movie the president of the United States describing a war next to a giant rabbit with big vacant eyes Every day I think that there is no possible way it can get dumber and more embarrassing And then Trump does something like this And yes this is real It is all too real While the children were rolling their eggs along the ground with spoons Trump spoke to reporters telling them about Iran If it were up to me I would like to keep the oil I just do not think the people of the United States would really understand He suggested that attacking the infrastructure of Iran would not be a war crime because they killed 45 thousand people in the last month More than that It could be as many as sixty He claimed again that former presidents are telling him they wish they had done what he did in attacking Iran all four living presidents before him have denied speaking to him Sitting with children drawing pictures he told them they could sell his autograph on eBay for 25 thousand dollars Trump did not deliver much information to the journalists packed into the room about negotiations or goals or the Trump ultimatum that Iran must agree to his demands by 8 PM Eastern Time Tuesday April 7 2026 night or face obliteration Trump reiterated The entire country could be taken out in one night And that night might be tomorrow night But I cannot reveal the plan to the media Trump has said Iranians are upset when the strikes stop and a reporter challenged him to explain Why would they want you to blow up their infrastructure to cut off their power? He answered They would be willing to suffer that in order to have freedom The Iranians have and we have had numerous intercepts Please keep bombing Bombs that are dropping near their homes Please keep bombing! Do it And these are people that are living where the bombs are exploding and when we leave and we are not hitting those areas they are saying Please come back come back come back! A special operations team located and killed Osama bin Laden the founder of al Qaeda and the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks on the United States in 2011 when Barack Obama was president The Trump frequent claim that his book called for a raid against Osama bin Laden has been just as frequently debunked as a lie Today was an exhausting day as Americans seem to have little choice but to pay attention to a man who is bizarrely threatening what appear to be war crimes against Iranians while spinning wild tales The members of both chambers of Congress are away for another week and Republican leaders are showing no sign of calling them back leaving the American people to face whatever Trump has in mind for tomorrow on our own Comparison of Trump to Mamdani In contrast to the Trump vision of government according to the whims of a single man no matter how

bonkers those whims might be New York City mayor Zohran Mamdani who as a naturalized citizen is not eligible for the presidency is illustrating what it means to have a government of the people by the people and for the people The Mamdani videos about governing New York City inform New Yorkers about what their government does At the same time though they lift up and honor the workers who make the wheels of government turn

2 Texas Why Does not Texas the Leader of Onshore Wind Energy Have Any Offshore? The embattled resource had high profile antagonists in Texas before Trump took office **Excerpts edited by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times April 2 2026 Texas state officials have led a successful and concerted effort to prevent offshore wind developments in the Gulf Over the last few years key leaders whose signatures and support are required to permit energy developments off the coast signaled to investors that such approvals would be unlikely So even as five offshore wind projects resume construction this month after a federal judge blocked the Trump stop work order for the developments Texas has none in the mix The US has a small number of projects operating off the East Coast totaling some 40 gigawatts Texas leads the nation in wind energy producing more than a fifth of the US wind sourced electricity Studies show the region could have similar success offshore especially given the Texas experience building oil and gas rigs in the Gulf Yet an auction of federal seabed leases nearly three years ago saw no bids While there are a myriad of reasons no offshore wind projects are operational or underway off the coast of Texas experts say chief among them is the political hostility from state leaders and more recently the federal government toward this type of renewable energy Other opposition against offshore wind comes as the state anticipates up to 5 million more residents by 2036 and a growing queue of large energy users seeking to connect to the Texas grid A 2025 poll by Texas A and M University at Galveston found that **71 percent of Texans support wind development off the Texas coast** One of the study authors Elizabeth Nyman an associate professor of maritime studies said **the state has about half the technical capacity of the Gulf for offshore wind thanks to its long shoreline enough to meet more than 160 percent of the 2025 energy needs of Texas** Of the 600 Texas residents polled more than three quarters ranked both on and offshore wind in the top five energy sources they would like the state to incentivize

3 Ukraine Attacks on Russian Oil Curb Iran War Windfall **Excerpts edited by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times April 7 2026 Ukraine Ramps Up Attacks on Russian Oil Aiming to Curb Iran War Windfall As the Persian Gulf conflict boosts the oil revenue that finances the Moscow war against Ukraine The Kyiv forces are striking at the ability of Russia to refine and ship its crude Aerial drone attacks forcing a major Russian oil terminal to halt operations **Sea drones damaging tankers linked to Moscow Strikes igniting refineries across western Russia** As Moscow benefits from soaring oil prices and an easing of US sanctions as a result of the war in Iran Ukraine is trying to **offset the windfall by escalating strikes on Russian oil assets** Experts describe a campaign unprecedented in scale with Ukraine claiming responsibility for **10 attacks last month** though the true number is probably higher The most significant strikes have hit the Baltic ports of **Ust Luga and Primorsk** in Russia which handle roughly **40 percent of the seaborne crude exports** of Russia Local authorities reported damage at both ports and the number of tankers loading oil there has plummeted The Kyiv calculation is simple every barrel of Russian oil that cannot be exported is money Moscow cannot spend on war In a statement the Ukraine Defense Ministry described coordinated precision strikes aimed at depriving the Kremlin of billions of dollars that are directly converted into missiles and ammunition The reality is more complicated energy analysts say because Russia taxes oil extraction not oil sales

That means striking ports and tankers hurts companies selling and shipping the oil but could leave the government revenue of Russia nearly intact. Cutting oil exports of Russia also risks driving global prices higher by straining an oil market already squeezed by the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz by Iran. The tax rate on oil extraction in Russia is tied to market prices so higher prices equal higher government revenue. Strikes on Russian ports reduce exported volumes. But less volume leads to an increase in prices. Ukrainian officials argue that Russian Baltic Sea exports are a small fraction of global supply so they have little effect on prices. The Ukraine drone forces have said their goal is to cause enough damage to export infrastructure to force Russia to pump less oil reducing state revenue. If they can sustain this string of attacks it could be a game changer said Sergey Vakulenko a senior fellow at the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center in Berlin. But that remains to be seen. In the short run Russia can keep pumping and store the excess until its export systems recover but it has limited storage capacity said Vakulenko a former top manager at Gazprom Neft one of the largest oil producers in Russia. With significant long lasting export disruptions he said at some point Russia would have to curtail its production. The latest strikes by Ukraine build on a strategy of hitting Russian oil assets that began at the start of 2024. Early attacks aimed to disrupt fuel supplies to Russian forces and to bring the war closer to home for ordinary Russians by causing gasoline shortages. As the campaign expanded along with the growing fleet of long range drones of Ukraine the impact began to mount. By last September the strikes had destroyed or damaged roughly 20 percent of the refining equipment of Russia. At the same time a series of setbacks battered the oil industry of Russia. Global prices fell Washington imposed sanctions on the two largest oil producers in Russia and pressed India to stop buying Russian crude and Europe tightened its crackdown on the shadow fleet of tankers Russia uses to evade sanctions. As a result the oil and gas revenues of Russia fell by nearly a quarter last year opening a significant hole in the Russian budget. In Kyiv optimism grew that the economy of Russia might finally break down after years of surprising resilience. There are lots positive results against the Russian economy Vladyslav Vlasiuk the top sanctions adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky told Western diplomats in January during a presentation outlining the economic downturn of Russia. Less than two months later as the United States and Israel went to war against Iran the picture suddenly brightened for Moscow and worsened for Kyiv. To ease the energy shock caused by the effective blockade of the Strait of Hormuz the United States temporarily lifted sanctions on Russian oil already at sea by the middle of March allowing it to be shipped worldwide. Zelensky condemned the move warning that it would help finance the Russian war effort. The Trump administration countered that it would not directly benefit the Russian budget because the oil at sea had already been taxed. The United States has kept sanctions in place on Russian oil that had not left port by the middle of March. European Union countries have also maintained their sanctions. Still disruptions to Persian Gulf oil supplies have boosted demand for Russian oil among countries that do not apply the Western sanction regime including China and India. Combined with rising global oil prices this means more money for the Russian government. Vakulenko of the Carnegie Center estimated that if production levels hold steady the Russian government could collect at least twelve point eight billion dollars in oil taxes in April double the revenue of March. As the Iran war drags on and the energy shock deepens Washington may prolong its sanction relief currently set to expire in the middle of April and broaden it to allow more Russian oil exports the same time Ukraine is trying to clog every Russian export route. The Ukrainian Army claimed major strikes on the Ust Luga and Primorsk oil terminals on the Baltic Sea on four days in late March. Rerouting exports from the Baltic would be difficult because many alternative routes are either offline like a big pipeline supplying Eastern Europe or under threat from Ukrainian attacks like ports on the Black Sea. Attacks on oil tankers linked to the shadow fleet of Russia have recently been reported in the Black Sea. Ukraine has not claimed responsibility but

analysts believe Kyiv is behind the assaults noting that its forces have increasingly used this type of attack. These strikes are disrupting the export system of Russia in a measurable way said Vlasjuk the Ukrainian sanctions official. We are seeing reduced tanker loadings irregular port operations and even empty days at key ports of Primorsk and Ust Luga something highly unusual for these hubs. This is about degrading reliability and increasing costs. Vlasjuk said strikes in the last week of March had cost Russia more than five hundred million dollars in damage to oil storage facilities and reduced export revenues for Russian companies by seven hundred forty five million dollars. Another question is whether the Western allies of Ukraine will tolerate the strikes given the added pressure they place on global oil markets. Zelensky said that he had received signals from some partners about reducing our responses against the oil and energy sector of Russia. He said Kyiv would reduce Ukrainian responses if Moscow also stopped attacks on the energy infrastructure of Ukraine. The destruction has continued unabated. On Friday Ukraine said emergency power outages had been introduced following a massive missile and drone attack that hit the energy grid of Ukraine. Three days later a Russian Black Sea oil terminal was on fire following a Ukrainian night drone attack.

4 Ukraine Daily. The Russian war against Ukraine. Neutralization of inflated costs fraud in the gas sector. Excerpts edited by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization. Kiev Independent. April 7 2026. Local residents looks at a bus damaged by a Russian Shahed drone near a public transport stop in Kharkiv on April 6 2026. Ukraine proposes energy ceasefire to Russia Zelensky says. If Russia is ready to stop strikes on our energy infrastructure we will be ready to respond in kind. This proposal has been conveyed to the Russian side through the Americans President Volodymyr Zelensky said. Ukraine targets Russian frigate oil rig amid overnight Black Sea attack military says. The frigate was allegedly struck in the port of Novorossiysk during an overnight mass attack that also saw the Sheskhari oil terminal once again set ablaze. Novorossiysk port on fire again as Ukrainian strike campaign on Russian oil export infrastructure continues. The Sheskhari oil terminal was struck by Ukrainian drones independent Russian Telegram news channel Astra reported citing eyewitness reports from the area. Ukrainian drones reportedly strike Russian military linked chemical plant. The Minudobrenia plant was reportedly struck. The facility produces ammonia ammonium nitrate and nitric acid which are key components of explosives and ammunition. Syrskyi visits front line hotspot in contested corner of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast. Commander in Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi said that Ukraine has retaken 480 square kilometers and 12 settlements since late January amid heavy fighting on key front line sectors. Ukraine exposes suspected 6 point 8 dollar million fraud in gas sector. Former managers at the state owned Ukgazvydobuvannya gas company and affiliated businesspeople organized a scheme to inflate the costs of materials used for gas production the SBU said. MSN. A criminal mechanism at JSC Ukgazvydobuvannya which caused over UAH 295 million 6 point 7 million dollars in losses to the state was neutralized following comprehensive measures. Ukgazvydobuvannya officials and affiliated entrepreneurs were the organizers of the scam according to law enforcement officers. Investigation Unmasking the anonymous hosts of Russians with Attitude a show in favor of the Russian war of Aggression podcast popular with US far right. The Kyiv Independent in collaboration with the independent OSINT group TUA Research has unmasked the anonymous creators of the Russians With Attitude podcast. As Russian attacks on the railways of Ukraine intensify. Passenger trains now targets for drones. Russian attacks on the railways of Ukraine are escalating and posing a more direct threat to civilians as Moscow increasingly shifts from hitting infrastructure to targeting moving trains including passenger trains.