

Borrell's last visit to Ukraine as EU High Representative: drone factory, military training site, Yahidne, and shelter

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On 9 November, EU High Representative Josep Borrell arrived in Kyiv for his 5th visit since Russia's full-scale invasion and the last one as High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission.

"EU support to Ukraine has been my personal priority during my mandate and will remain on top of the EU's agenda," Borrell said, arriving in Kyiv by train. Later, he said that "it is not a goodbye visit".



In Kyiv, Borrell met with Ukraine Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha to discuss the latest geostrategic and frontline developments. *“I stressed to him that the EU will continue supporting Ukraine along all lines, while garnering global support for Ukraine’s Peace Formula, grounded on the UN Charter,”* Borrell wrote on X.

Later, Borrell visited a drone factory together with the Minister of Strategic Industries of Ukraine Herman Smetanin and a military training site for Ukrainian soldiers.

On 10 November, Borrell visited Yahidne, a Ukrainian village in Chernihiv Region, where Russian invaders held an entire village of 370 people for a month in a school basement on 170m².

“Their ordeal takes us back to the darkest days of European history,” Borrell said. *“It is a gruesome reminder of what life under Russian occupation looks like for ordinary Ukrainians.”*

The EU High Representative also met the EU Advisory Mission (EUAM Ukraine) team, which helps compile cases for prosecution on the ground. According to Borrell, 140,000 cases of war crimes have so far been registered.

Finally, this morning he started his day in a shelter in Kyiv, as Russia unleashed another missile attack. *“This is the daily reality for the Ukrainian*

people since Russia's full-scale invasion," Borrell wrote on X.

