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Ukraine Crisis - Last Minute: Still far from a solution

Europe

- KREMLIN SAYS THERE IS STILL NO BASIS FOR POSSIBLE PUTIN-ZELENSKIY MEETING, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS NEEDS TO BE MADE FIRST.
- KREMLIN SAYS THE DEGREE OF PROGRESS IN PEACE TALKS WITH UKRAINE IS NOT AS BIG AS IT SHOULD BE.
- ISRAEL'S BENNETT SAYS DESPITE SOME PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO END UKRAINE-RUSSIA CONFLICT, BIG GAPS REMAIN
- UKRAINE'S DEPUTY PM SAYS ON RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM TO SURRENDER IN MARIUPOL: OF COURSE WE DID NOT ACCEPT THESE PROPOSALS
- THE KREMLIN SAYS UNITED STATES WOULD LOSE NOTHING IN THE EVENT OF OIL EMBARGO, EUROPE WOULD BE HIT HARD.
 - Some European Union foreign ministers are pushing for an oil embargo as part of further sanctions against Russia:
 - EU'S BORRELL: WE ARE READY TO TALK ABOUT ENERGY SANCTIONS
 - IRELAND FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS ENERGY SANCTIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
 - BUT DUTCH PM RUTTE SAYS: EU STILL DEPENDENT ON RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS, CAN'T CUT ITSELF OFF BY TOMORROW.
- Germany determined to deliver more arms to Ukraine. BERLIN, March 21 (Reuters) - The German government is determined to deliver more arms to Ukraine, a government spokesperson said on Monday. One way that could be done is by placing orders through defence companies.
- RUSSIA'S GAZPROM SAYS CONTINUES GAS SHIPMENTS VIA UKRAINE, MONDAY VOLUME AT 104.7 MLN CUBIC METRES
 - Gazprom booked around 22.1 million cubic metres (mcm) per day of gas transit capacity to Europe via Velke Kapusany on the Slovakia-Ukraine border for April.
 - But Gazprom **has not booked** gas transit capacity via Yamal pipeline for April.

USA

- Oil, food industry executives invited to White House. (I suspect that the White House will want to convince energy producers to invest again to increase capacity, and that it will not demonize them again, nor attack them with regulations.)