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U.S. OKs using long missiles in Russia

Biden eases limits on Ukraine war options in policy reversal

BY AAMER MADHANI, COLLEEN LONG AND ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

Manaus, Brazil — President Joe Biden has authorized Ukraine to use U.S.-supplied long-range missiles to strike deeper inside Russia, easing limitations on the weapons as Russia deploys thousands of North Korean troops to reinforce its war, according to a U.S. official and three other people familiar with the matter.



Biden

The decision allowing Kyiv to use the Army Tactical Missile System, or ATACMs, for attacks farther inside Russia comes as President Vladimir Putin positions North Korean troops along Ukraine's northern border to try to reclaim hundreds of miles of territory seized by Ukrainian forces.

Biden's move also follows the presidential election victory of Donald Trump, who has said he would bring about a swift end to the war and raised uncertainty about whether his administration would continue the United States' vital military support for Ukraine.

The official and the others knowledgeable about the matter were not authorized to discuss the U.S. decision publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's reaction Sunday was notably restrained.

"Strikes are not made with words," he said during his nightly video address. "Such things are not announced. The missiles

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Photos by David Guralnick / The Detroit News

Paul Spiegelman and Hamsa Daher are renovating the former St. Vincent de Paul Middle School for an early childhood education center, artist incubator, retreat center and culinary kitchen.

Corktown community hub to give school site new life

Nonprofit envisions early childhood ed center, spaces for artists, chefs and events

BY CANDICE WILLIAMS
The Detroit News

Detroit — In the city's Corktown neighborhood, a nonprofit is working to turn an old school building into a community hub that will soon host an early childhood education center, an artist incubator, a retreat center and a culinary kitchen.

The former St. Vincent de Paul Middle School on 14th Street, which had been vacant for years, will also have a new name: Kintsugi Village.

"We're very grateful for the opportunity to try to have an impact here in Detroit," said Paul Spiegelman, co-founder of Kintsugi Village, as he stood outside of the building on a recent afternoon. "It's a project we could have done in many places, but we became very fond of the area. These are the issues we're passionate about because there's clearly a need, and a demonstrated need, especially in



The former school, which closed in 2002, and the future home of Kintsugi Village.

early childhood education."

The project is set to breathe life into a building in an area that's seeing revitalization, especially with the neighboring Michigan Central campus, where Newlab opened in 2023, followed by the Station this year. It's among other rehab efforts in the area, including a nearby apartment development.

Kintsugi Village will fill the 40,000-square-foot building with the early childhood center on the first floor. The upper

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Area factory layoffs mount at Stellantis

Production cuts push fall job losses near 4K, hit suppliers

BY LUKE RAMSETH
The Detroit News

Stellantis NV has either cut — or made plans to cut — more than 3,750 full-time factory workers across the Detroit and Toledo metro areas since September.

That's a conservative estimate of the transatlantic automaker's recent indefinite layoffs, as The Detroit News could not obtain updated figures for some plants, and Stellantis did not provide a total for its U.S. footprint.

The tally doesn't include nearly 500 supplemental part-time workers at several Michigan plants who were terminated in late September. It doesn't include parts companies that must scale back their headcount whenever Stellantis does. Some 370 jobs are expected to be cut at a pair of Toledo Jeep plant suppliers by early January, for example.

The number also doesn't include thousands of Stellantis employees who have been temporarily laid off at various times this fall, some for weeks at a time, as the company slashes production at several factories to reduce large vehicle inventories that piled up on dealer lots this year.

"The morale is horrible. Not only are people laid off, they're having issues with unemployment."

Eric Graham, UAW Local 140 president

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Daniel Mears / The Detroit News

Stellantis employee Kirk Hoddinott expects to be caught up in a layoff of more than 1,100 workers at the Toledo Assembly Complex.

Corktown

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floors will house artist studio spaces, meeting rooms, a gallery for exhibitions and a state-of-the-art kitchen for classes and community events.

Spiegelman said he and co-founder Hamsa Daher are committed to making the building a resource for Detroit residents. The project's name comes from Kintsugi, the traditional Japanese art form that involves mending broken pottery by mixing lacquer with powdered gold, silver or platinum.

"It's been a dream of ours to create a place where education, art, food and collaboration can all come together to serve the community," he said. "We want to offer a space where people can learn, grow and connect. It's about creating a lasting impact on the community, and we're excited to see this project take shape."

Spiegelman has a background in law and business and founded Small Giants Community, a group for business leaders, in 2009. Daher is a business leader and is on the board of directors for Small Giants Community after serving as its executive director.

The child care center will be the first part of Kintsugi Village to open, in the fall of 2025, just after Labor Day, Spiegelman said. The center will serve children ages 3-5.

The development comes as the city has said there is a need for child care throughout Detroit. An estimated 37,000 Detroit children ages 0-5 have parents who are participating in the workforce and need day care, according to the latest data released by the Office of Early Learning in 2023. There is a shortage of 15,500 places in the city's child care ecosystem. The city is considering an ordinance that would make it easier for day care operators to open and expand their operations.

Engaging the community

The three-story brown brick building, where the school closed in 2002, most recently housed offices and has sat vacant since 2020. The prior owner intended to convert the building into condos but those plans fell through, Spiegelman said.

Spiegelman said the nonprofit bought the building for \$3 million and that they are in talks with a designer and a construction firm to estimate how much it will take to complete the project.



Kintsugi Village

A rendering of Kintsugi Village, with an early childhood center filling the first floor. Above are to be artist studio spaces, meeting rooms, a gallery for exhibitions and a state-of-the-art kitchen for classes and community events.

The renovation plans include opening up the center of the first floor for students. The top floor appears to need the most work as it is unfinished and open to the elements. Spiegelman said he envisions the top floor housing a large event space that will serve about 150 people. An outdoor patio will provide views of the renovated Michigan Central Station.

Bob Roberts, president of the Corktown Business Association, said he's pleased that the building will be preserved. He said Kintsugi Village's public engagement has been purposeful.

"They want to drill down on it based on what the community wants to see," he said. "And so that's why they plan on doing so much engagement leading up to their final plan and their eventual opening."

Roberts said he's looking forward to the culinary kitchen, which will be used for classes. As owner of McShane's Irish Pub on Michigan Avenue, Roberts said he's hopeful the facility could help address the shortage of hospitality workers since the pandemic.

"It's very difficult that the talent pool in hospitality has really been diminished since COVID," he said. "So we're excited to see what they do with that."

Former Detroit City Council member Sheila Cockrel, a long-time Corktown resident and community advocate, said the project will help strengthen relationships within the neighborhood. She lives near the building, where she had office space in there before it closed in 2020.

"I think the programming

they're planning — especially for the artists and the community retreat space — is really exciting," she said. "It's exactly the kind of creative, community-driven initiative that Corktown needs. The school building is returning to its original use, and that feels like a real win for the neighborhood."

The project will include its own parking, which is much needed as development draws more visitors and workers to the area.

"We're putting in parking on the north side of the building to ensure that the people coming to Kintsugi Village — whether it's for the Early Childhood Education Center or for an art exhibit — won't contribute to the parking congestion in the area," Spiegelman said.

Cockrel said she appreciates that they're being proactive about parking.

"The last thing we need is more cars blocking up the neighborhood," she said. "The garden, the open spaces and the parking

they're planning will help make this a great addition."

Although the building sits next to Newlab, the school will focus on serving families living in the neighborhood first, Daher said. She said they plan to meet with the community in December and work on tuition pricing, along with a sliding scale.

"Our hope is to really pull from the neighborhood and community first," she said. "That's what it's for. If there's open spaces, we'd love to accommodate others ... We want kids who are living in the neighborhood to be able to walk to the school."

Daher said she is particularly excited about the return of a school to the neighborhood, noting that many residents have personal ties to the former St. Vincent de Paul Middle School.

"I think everybody's really excited to have this idea of kids running around and all the sounds that come with that," she said.

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Sun. Nov. 17

Midday: 789, 0054

Evening: 790, 7703

Fantasy 5: 8, 12, 17, 24, 25

Double Play: 9, 10, 11, 30, 38

Monday jackpot: \$110K

Keno: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 24, 30, 34, 38, 40, 46, 55, 58, 63, 65, 66, 69, 71, 73, 76, 79

Poker Lotto: 10♠, 4♣, 8♥, 6♦, Q♦

Sat. Nov. 16

Midday: 882, 1086

Evening: 411, 4269

Fantasy 5: 13, 19, 21, 24, 26

Double Play: 4, 12, 19, 27, 31

Keno: 2, 8, 12, 13, 16, 22, 25, 31, 36, 38,

SUNDAY'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS, 12B

40, 41, 42, 49, 52, 53, 54, 56, 64, 66, 69, 79

Poker Lotto: 10♠, 6♦, 7♥, 6♣, 2♠

Classic Lotto: 4, 5, 7, 31, 43, 45

Double Play: 1, 4, 5, 21, 45, 46

Wednesday jackpot: \$2.45M

Powerball: 21, 22, 25, 32, 38; 16

Double Play: 16, 23, 31, 59, 63; 10

Monday jackpot: \$144M

Lucky for Life: 6, 11, 18, 20, 29; 4

Another Corktown project

Down the street from Kintsugi Village, another renovation project is generating activity. Piquette Partners is rehabbing a vacant former 24,000-square-foot warehouse at 2150 Bagley into 14 loft-style apartments. According to city documents, the project cost is an estimated \$6.8 million.

Construction recently started on the building, which was purchased in 2022. Plans include preserving the timber structure, said Tarun Kajeepeta, co-founder of Piquette Partners.

"We're actually going to pretty extensive lengths to keep that structure in place because I think we're just a lot more excited about adaptive reuse than just building new if you have the option," he said.

Once complete in 18 months, the 14 units will include a mix of studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments, ranging from 500 to 1,500 square feet. Twenty percent of the units will be affordable, with rents set at 80% of the area's median income.

The ground floor will feature commercial space, Kajeepeta said, with an emphasis likely on food and beverage, though retail is a possibility.

"I've been living in Corktown for 10 years, so I've seen a lot of the transformation and have been really excited about just more and more vibrancy, density and it being a walkable neighborhood for me as a resident, but also an attractive neighborhood for people who are visiting the city to eat, work, play," he said. "I think with the announcement of the train station development and seeing this kind of center of gravity at that intersection of 14th and Bagley, we were excited about the opportunity to contribute to that."

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