

Statement by the Rector of SPbPU in connection with the situation in Ukraine

Dear friends!

Yesterday the Council of Rectors of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region universities addressed to professors, teachers, employees and students with a proclamation, the most important points of which I would like to draw your attention once again.



For almost a week now, a special military operation of demilitarization and denazification has been underway in Ukraine. The decision to carry out this operation was difficult and forced, but necessary to prevent a global catastrophe, where the West was pushing not only Ukraine and Russia, but all of humanity. For the peoples of Russia, this decision is also a grave moral test, because on the opposite line was deliberately and systematically misled and, as a result, deceived by the West, but close to us people of Ukraine, still recent friends, relatives and close to us people. People who have become hostages of an all-out information war

unleashed by the West against all of us.

We are well aware that with the Ukrainian rulers announcing plans to acquire nuclear weapons, there is NO alternative to the decision taken by our President and Government, as the current rulers of Ukraine have endangered the security and existence of not only the Donbas republics, but also Russia, pushing us towards war and confrontation with the West.

In this difficult time, we need to stand with our country, support our President and Commander-in-Chief, our soldiers and officers who are now fearlessly defending the interests and security of our homeland and sacrificing their lives for Russia, for you and me.

Russia, indeed, has never started wars, but has always ended them. Our people are peace-loving and have never coveted either foreign wealth or territory. But love for the Motherland is an undeniable value which cannot be taken away from us, and our warriors-defenders have a lot of courage and nobility.

As a famous politician once said, «The inscription in blood 'I will die, but I will not surrender!' is only in Russian!» Dear friends, esteemed colleagues! As rector of the university, I urge you not only to support our soldiers, President V. Putin and the Government, but also to show the endurance, wisdom, patience, and strength of spirit inherent in our people!

The rectorate and the university administration are always ready to support any of you morally, psychologically and financially.

Always with you, A. Rudskoi

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