

UPF Bratislava, Slovakia: The Ukraine War - The Viewpoint Of A Security Expert

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To provide a broad overview about the roots of the Ukrainian war, UPF Slovakia organized a presentation with the famous journalist and international security expert Igor Cibula. The event was held at the Peace Embassy in Bratislava, and attracted much attention. Among the almost 50 participants were numerous new faces. The event was moderated by Milos Klas, president of UPF Slovakia.

The current conflict is also a battle of words, a propaganda war. That is why UPF wanted to shed some light on the roots of the escalation with professional help. Mr. Cibula has his own website (www.orientacia.sk) where he gives daily updates on the latest developments of the Ukrainian war, citing many international sources. Accordingly, his analysis was very comprehensive and balanced. Mr. Cibula stated that he had studied numerous books and publications about Putin but years ago there was little prediction of the current development.

He highlighted the mistakes of both warring parties. First, he explained why Ukraine came into existence including the long-standing resistance against Bolshevism, what are the perspectives and how to proceed. To sum up, Mr. Cibula spoke vehemently in favour of Ukraine's right to exist as an independent state, citing many valid facts in this regard. Finally, he answered many questions from the audience. Many guests told the organizers that they would enjoy more such talks. A lot of information distributed by the media does not automatically produce more understanding!

The last point of the event was the presentation of an aid project. Laurenc Klas from YSP Slovakia described the work of "Rise for displaced Ukrainians in Moldavia". There, young volunteers provide food, clothes, and hygienic products to people in need. Due to the appeal, we were able to collect a handsome sum of donations from participants.