

European-led Ukraine air protection plan

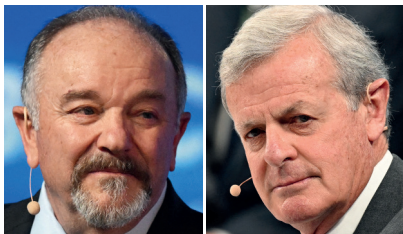
A European air force of 120 fighter jets operated separately from NATO could secure the skies from Russian attacks without provoking a wider conflict with Moscow, a new plan drawn up by military experts suggests

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■ **Integrated Air Protection Zone (IAPZ)** operated over uncontested areas of Ukraine to halt Russian cruise missile and drone attacks

■ Requires 120 **F-16s**, or equivalent aircraft – **F-35, Mirage, Eurofighter Typhoon, JAS 39 Gripen** – flying from European airbases

■ **SkyShield** would relieve **Ukraine Air Force (UAF)** to focus on frontline battlefield. **Plan could “achieve greater impact than 10,000 European ground troops”, supporters claim**



■ SkyShield signatories include retired U.S. Air Force General **Philip Breedlove** (above left), former head of U.S. European Command, and retired British army general and former deputy NATO supreme commander, **Richard Shirreff**

