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## **E.U ANNOUNCE SWIFT BAN AGAINST RUSSIA & FREEZE RUSSIA CENTRAL BANK**

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**USPA NEWS** - On Sunday 27 February, the 4th Day of War in Ukraine, the European Union is to cut Russia out of the SWIFT (Interbank System) global payment system, announced European Commission head Ursula von der Leyen in a televised address, in a third severe sanctions package aimed at halting Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The U.S.A, and the allies, such as U.K, Japan, and Canada, have also announced the to do the same and ban the SWIFT global payment. European Commission, chief Ursula von der Leyen, announcing the measures, also said the European Union was taking the unprecedented step of financing arms to Ukraine, and was hitting Russian ally Belarus with sanctions for facilitating the invasion. EU airspace is also announced closed to Russians. "We are closing EU airspace to Russian-owned, Russian-registered or Russian-controlled aircraft. They will not be able to land, take off or fly over EU territory", declared Ursula Von der Leyen this Sunday, specifying that the measure also concerns "private jets of the oligarchs".

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The sanctions, agreed with the United States, France, Canada, Italy, Great Britain and the European Commission also include limiting the ability of Russia's central bank to support the rouble. European Union banned all Russian-owned, Russian-registered or Russian-controlled aircraft from its airspace, said European Commission head Ursula von der Leyen in a televised address. Previously, many individual governments had announced such prohibitions. The move means that planes cannot land, take off or even fly over European nations, forcing them to take different routes to reach their destinations.

As far as the media, and propaganda fighting is concerned, two main Russian State media outlet, « Russia Today » and « Sputnik » are also banned from broadcasting in Europe, as well as on social media channels such as YouTube, announced Ursula Von der Leyen, chief of European Commission. According to Elysee Senior Officer, « there is a genuine interest in ensuring President Vladimir Putin pays the maximum price for the invasion ».

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At the same time, the EU is releasing 450 million euros to supply arms to Ukraine, announced the head of EU diplomacy Josep Borrell. "An agreement has been reached to supply the Ukrainian army with arms worth 450 million and protective equipment and fuel for 50 million. All of this will be covered by our Peace Facility and our Intergovernmental Fund. This is the first time in history that we are going to do this," he said.

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