Ukrainian Drones Teach the War of the Future in Washington.

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Some of the **most renowned Ukrainian commanders and experts in the military drone sector** will be in **Washington on March 25** to illustrate to U.S. policymakers and defense leaders how **modern warfare** has been transformed by the massive use of unmanned systems. The meeting, called the **Ground Truth Symposium**, will be hosted by the **Peace Through Strength Institute**, an American think tank active on foreign policy and defense issues. According to the organizers, the goal is to bring to the American political arena a **direct understanding of the reality of the Ukrainian front**, the technological capabilities that are redefining the conflict, and the conditions necessary to support a favorable outcome for Kyiv.

UAV Units and New Warfare Tactics

Among the participants are representatives of some of **Ukraine's most effective UAV units**, including the **Lazar Group**, the **12th Special Forces Brigade**, and the **414th UAV Brigade "Magyar's Birds"**. The focus will be on **tactics developed in the field**, the **technological**

evolution of drones, and how these systems can be integrated into **traditional air defense networks**. A central part of the discussion will also concern the growing importance of drones in contemporary conflicts, including those in the Middle East, where their use by multiple military actors has profoundly changed operational dynamics.

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Low-Cost Interceptor Drones as a Strategic Lesson

One of the main topics will be the Ukrainian experience in using **low-cost interceptor drones**, adopted in response to **nighttime waves of** Shahed drones launched by Russia. These **semi-autonomous** aircraft, with **low cost**, are designed to destroy enemy drones by ramming them or exploding at close range. They can reach **high speeds** and combine **thermal imaging, radar tracking, and AI-assisted guidance**, while the human operator often intervenes in the final phase of engagement. The experience accumulated by Ukraine is now considered a **source of strategic learning** not only for Kyiv but also for **the United States and its allies**.