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US warns Russia on invasion of Ukraine

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US Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power has warned Russia over further unilateral intervention in Ukraine, saying the process would be viewed as an invasion of the country.

"Any further unilateral intervention by Russia into Ukrainian territory, including one under the guise of providing humanitarian aid, would be completely unacceptable and deeply alarming, and it would be viewed as an invasion of Ukraine," Power said.

She made the remarks on Friday at a Security Council meeting focusing on the human rights situation in Ukraine.

The United States accuses Russia of sending weapons to pro-Russian forces in Ukraine under the pretext of sending humanitarian aid.

"The humanitarian situation needs addressing, but not by those who have caused it," Power said.

She added that if Russia wants to send aid, it should be delivered by international aid organizations including the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The US official also accused Russia of increasing "more and more" troops and hardware near the border and launching shells across the border into Ukraine.

"At every step in this crisis, Russians have sabotaged peace, not built it, and it is particularly worrisome given Russia's purported annexation of Crimea... Peacekeepers are impartial, yet Russia fully supports Russia's armed separatists in this conflict," Power said.

On Tuesday, a UN official said that the humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine is getting worse on a daily basis as the war between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russians rages on.

John Ging, the director of UN humanitarian operations, said the humanitarian situation is deteriorating as fighting has caused significant damage to the region's infrastructure, and has impaired access to power and water supplies and basic services.

The UN refugee agency said that more than 700,000 people have left Ukraine for Russia during the country's four months of conflict. In addition, 117,000 people were displaced inside Ukraine.