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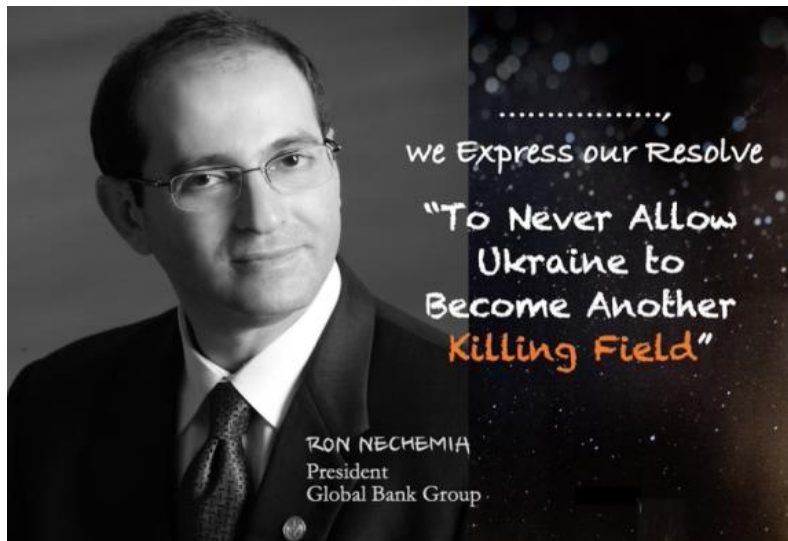
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## 2022 Easter Proclamation



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**Newport Beach, CA – April 16, 2022** — Ron Nechemia, President of the Global Bank Group, sends greetings to all those who celebrate the glorious day of Easter. This Easter season, join me in praying for peace and security among nations and social justice for the people in Ukraine and elsewhere around the world.

I send greetings to Christians worldwide as they gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus' life and teachings continue to speak to every generation, and Christians believe his miraculous Resurrection provides hope for the future and offers us the promise of new life.

On this Easter, more than 900 bodies of civilians were discovered in the Kyiv region in Ukraine following the withdrawal of Russian forces. Most were shot dead. Police say they were likely “**simply executed.**”

More than 4.6 million refugees have fled Ukraine, making this the fastest-growing refugee crisis since World War II. A further 7.1 million people have been displaced internally within Ukraine. That is **11.7 million people forced to flee their homes in under seven weeks** - more than a quarter of the population of Ukraine.

On this Easter, some 13 million people are estimated to be stranded in affected areas or unable to leave due to heightened security risks, destruction of bridges and roads, as well as lack of resources or information on where to find safety and accommodation.

Many trapped people are unable to meet their basic needs, including food, water, and medicines. The delivery of life-saving aid remains challenging, with a lack of safe humanitarian access.

On this sacred day, we remember the brave men and women who are separated from their families by the war and fight to promote freedom and protect innocent lives.

We send our condolences to the victims' families who have made the ultimate sacrifice in searching for peace and wish a full recovery to all those injured. We also commend the efforts to assist the families of the victims and survivors, as well as the unity demonstrated by the family of nations and across all religions in the wake of the most heinous war crimes committed by the Russian in Ukraine.

On this glorious day of Easter, we Express our Resolved “**To Never Allow Ukraine to Become Another Killing Field.**”

**I have one prayer above all:** that Global Bank Group will help the world reap the fruits of peace this year.

#### **About GB-DRRRF**

The Global Bank Disaster Risk Reduction and Reconstruction Fund – an Umbrella Trust Fund (GB-DRRRF), established in 2017, is a multi-donor partnership and grant-making financing mechanism. Its purpose is mainstreaming climate change into development to help achieve the [Sendai Framework targets by 2030](#) - a decade-long plan to help make the world safer from disasters caused by natural hazards, to support the implementation of the [Global Climate Agreement in Paris](#), and prevent disasters undermining progress on the [Sustainable Development Goals](#). The rapid and flexible support offered by the [Global Bank Disaster Risk Reduction and Reconstruction Fund](#) makes it a central pillar of the [Global Bank Group](#) agencies' humanitarian response architecture.

More detailed information can be found on the GB-DRRRF's website <http://www.gbdrfff.org/>

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