

## Useful Language for Understanding the News on War / Politics

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To launch military operations

To be held up in a building

To lay down weapons: deliver weapons

Naval Vessels (boats)

To slay-slew-slain: to kill

Human shield: escudo humano

Troops seized Crimea/buildings (take, grab)

To support: apoyar

To struggle: fight

*To claim to be fighting for*

*Accuse Kyiv of making war*

Make war on its people

To urge Kyiv to start...

Get rid of pro Russians

To handover prisoners, arms... to deliver

Headquarters ( HQ) cuartel general

To swap captured soldiers: to exchange

Sanctions *on* Russia

To ink an agreement: to sign

Ceasefire crumble: to crumble (it is over)

To be under control of

Resumption of total war: reanudación

Ambush: emboscada

Alibi: coartada

To be set up: caer en una trampa

To be made up: ser descubierto

Debris/Wreckage of aircraft: restos de avión

To retrieve: to rescue, to get back

To stem *from*: ser el resultado de

To agree *with* the minister

To agree *to* a ceasefire

To agree *on* having closer ties

There are no grounds *for* optimism

*As well as* Ukraine and Russia, the EU and the US also participated

To be *under* fire

To be in awe *of* somebody: estar sometido a

To be awed: estar sobrecogido

To vote in favour *of* joining

A summit: una cumbre

To hold a referendum

To withdraw troops *from*: retirar tropas de

Annual turnover: facturación annual

That seems highly unlikely

On the battlefield: en el campo de batalla

To vow to defend the city: to promise, to swear