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ARLY next month, just five days after UK voters have been to the polls, world leaders will gather in Washington DC for a historic Nato summit. The main theme of the threeday gathering on July 9 is to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Nato, the most successful and enduring alliance in history.

However, while no one doubts America's general doubts America's general commitment to Nato and its 32 member states, there are grow-ing concerns over US support for Ukraine after 28 months of all-out war with Russia.

These worries were aired even before Donald Trump branded Ukraine's President Zelensky as "the best sales-man" for repeatedly securing substantial financial support from the US – aid the Republican presidential hopeful suggested would be cut off. In my role as lead sponsor, I

have just attended the threeday Black Sea Security Forum in the Ukrainian port of Odesa, the so-called "pearl of the Black Sea". During my visit, I was struck by the fact so many informed politicians and military figures – from both sides of the Atlantic - now doubt America's commitment not just Ukraine, but to wider to European countries too.

HOSE concerns centre largely on what will happen after the US elections in November when there is every chance Trump will win his second term as president.

At the G7 summit in Italy last week, it was agreed to use frozen Russian assets to raise £39billion for Ukraine to help it fight Russia.

President Joe Biden was full of positive soundbites when he also announced a 10-year bilateral security deal with Ukraine, claiming it was a reminder to Russia "that we're not backing down".

However, this was seen differently in Ukraine. The agreement

without future support from the US. **Businessman and Philanthropist**

envisages US military aid and training but, with another refusal to send US troops to Europe, some saw it as a message to Russia that "we are not up for a fight".

Ukraine is not a Nato member despite its desire to join and receive the protection from other member states.

It is privately resigned to the fact that it will not be offered membership next month and it is highly unlikely to receive it while the war with Russia continues. The US and other Nato members fear this would escalate the war and could even lead to a nuclear conflict. The best Ukraine can hope

for next month is a pledge that it will be given Nato membership once the war is over but it is far more likely that it will simply be offered watereddown "security guarantees"

One major problem that President Zelensky faces in the President Zelensky faces in the comes to defence. So the reality US is that both main parties that Ukraine and its European

'The war with Russia may have to be fought without US support'

know that massive support for Ukraine – and the cost that goes with it – is not a vote-winner in the forthcoming election.

Senior figures at the Odesa forum now fear that, whoever is president after the November vote, he will push strongly for a peace deal – even one that allows parts of Ukraine, the so-called "Occupied Territories", to remain with its Russian

invaders. The Democrats' support for Ukraine so far is widely seen as half-hearted: continually giving Ukraine just enough support not to lose the war but never enough to win it.

But more worryingly, many Republicans are advocates of the "America first" strategy and they want to end the US's mas-

sive war funding for Ukraine. Trump himself has often aired his anger that European nations do not pay their way when it that the on-going war with Russia may have to be fought in significant

N SHORT, the US's days as the self-styled "defender of the free world" are over. There was talk in Ukraine last weekend that European countries will have to form a "coali-tion of the willing" whereby, in the short term, their funding for the war in Ukraine is substantially increased.

In the longer term, the European Union – supported by the UK and other key non-EU allies - may need to match its economic might with some form of military might too.

No European nation relishes war with Russia but most realise that inaction is not an option. As Leon Trotsky, the famous Russian revolutionary, once put it: "You may not be interested in war, but war is interested in you."

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