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## Blinken Rocks Out in Kyiv While War Rages

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken made a visit to Ukraine today, less than three weeks after [President Biden signed a bill sending \\$61 billion](#) in military aid to Ukraine. Blinken [posted a video to X](#), stating:

I've come to Ukraine with a message: You are not alone. America is with you.  
[pic.twitter.com/AJkNzGS2wS](https://pic.twitter.com/AJkNzGS2wS)  
— Secretary Antony Blinken (@SecBlinken) [May 14, 2024](#)



AP Images  
Antony Blinken

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky requested Patriot missile defense systems during his discussion with Blinken, [stating on X](#):

Today, I hosted [@SecBlinken](#) for a detailed discussion of the battlefield situation, support for our soldiers, and ongoing defense cooperation.

We discussed the need for Patriot systems in Ukraine to protect our cities and communities, such as Kharkiv and the surrounding region.... [pic.twitter.com/xXMRoHnJvU](https://pic.twitter.com/xXMRoHnJvU)  
— Volodymyr Zelenskyy / Володимир Зеленський (@ZelenskyyUa) [May 14, 2024](#)

During his trip, Blinken performed with a band at Barman Dictat, a cocktail bar and music venue in Kyiv. Blinken played guitar and sang Neil Young's song "Rockin' in the Free World."



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