

Hostilities could have been avoided

[Gamingdepurity.com](https://gamingdepurity.com): „Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in conversation with [Economist](#) stated that he sees the guilt of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at the beginning of the Russian special operation. In his opinion, the position of the Ukrainian leader on the country's membership in NATO and the refusal to resolve the conflict in Donbass led to it.

The ex-premier expressed the opinion that hostilities could have been avoided by forcing Zelensky to promise that Ukraine would not join NATO or to force him to grant “a high degree of autonomy to two enclaves in the east.”

At the same time, Abe admitted that it would be very difficult to get Zelensky to change his mind, but he could be influenced by US President Joe Biden. “But, Zelensky, of course, would have refused,” the former Japanese prime minister said.”