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## UKRAINE WAR: WESTERN ALLIES SEND KYIV MIXED MESSAGES ON WAR PLANES

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US President Joe Biden has ruled out providing F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine, despite renewed calls from top Kyiv officials for urgent air support.

Asked on Monday if the US would be sending the planes, Mr Biden said "no". The UK also said it was "not practical" for it to send its aircraft to Ukraine.

Meanwhile, France's Emmanuel Macon said "by definition, nothing is excluded" ahead of meeting a Ukrainian minister.

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