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**UKRAINE WAR: RUSSIA MUST BE DEFEATED BUT NOT CRUSHED, MACRON SAYS**

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*French President Emmanuel Macron has said he does not want to see Russia crushed by a defeat in Ukraine.*

Speaking to French media, Mr Macron urged Western nations to increase military support for Kyiv and said he was prepared for a protracted war.

"I want Russia to be defeated in Ukraine, and I want Ukraine to be able to defend its position," he said.

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