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## Pavel says Ukraine not ready for counter-attack

Politicians generally have to expect their every word to be dissected, because that's part of being in politics. Not Pres. Petr Pavel, perhaps because he's a symbol first and a politician second. His "powerful messages" are broadcast worldwide, but remarks that show him in a bad light are mostly glossed over. So when he said upon returning from Kyiv that what the Ukrainians need most is ammunition, the screens lit up. Never mind that [EU Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton](#) recently visited the CR for this very purpose, or that 24 EU member states identified the availability of ammunition on March 20 as a "[critical shortfall](#)." Pavel's comment on Sun. was reinforcement of this, but it was nothing new or newsworthy.

However, what he did say that was newsworthy (at [12m](#)) is that when Ukraine's counter-offensive begins will depend on how successful the allies are in providing enough ammunition. The headlines should have read, "Pavel says Ukraine not ready for counter-attack."

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