

Xi departs Moscow with liquefied gas, Taiwan commitments

March 22 (UPI) — Chinese President Xi Jinping left Moscow on Wednesday after securing new energy assurances and Russian President Vladimir Putin's acknowledgement that Taiwan is part of China.

Xi departed Vnukovo-2 Airport Wednesday morning, concluding a three-day visit watched closely by the United States and western Europe for signs of Beijing's support of Moscow as Russia continued its invasion of Ukraine.

Before his departure, Putin agreed to deliver some 98 billion cubic meters of liquefied gas per year to China by 2030 in an effort to make up for European energy sanctions against the Kremlin.

That total is six times higher than China received in 2022 but did not completely close the gap left by sanctions.

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