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# Ukraine: Don't provoke the Russian bear



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In Eastern Europe, the United States and its partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are witnessing the most shameless staging of a warmongering climate against the Russian federation.

A behavior as hypocritical as dangerous, with accusations and political, diplomatic, economic, media and military threats against the Eurasian country, which is attributed the intention to invade Ukraine and thereby generate a war of regional scope.

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The evidence offered by Washington and its stalwarts, regarding the alleged threats of the Russian government, are so miserable and vulgar, that they call into question human intelligence, making a minimum geopolitical analysis imperative. The charges levelled by Washington against the government presided over by Vladimir Putin cast doubt on the professional capacity of Western civilians and military personnel, reflecting an obsession of that hegemonic caste with militaristic solutions to the struggles, fears and ambitions within Western power. This, for trying to prevent unilateralism from continuing to move at ease. My impression, based on what is happening in the South China Sea, in the Caucasus, in Central and West Asia, among other areas of the planet, is that we are witnessing the beginning of the end of unilateral power. The final act of the imbalance in world power and that implies advancing today for multilateralism. A path that terrifies Washington and those European countries grouped in NATO, mainly, lacking dignity and sovereignty.

Russia is suffering from a political and media campaign of enormous proportions, marking it as responsible for the current climate of military effervescence in the Donbass, in the Black Sea, in the whole of Eastern Europe. Catalyst for a conflict with repercussions beyond Europe. What is the evidence for Washington and its military arm to accuse Russia?

The first evidence, presented by Washington and its association of friends, is a series of maps that were published, the first time, by the American newspaper The Washington Post and replicated in the German media BILD, without hardly a touch, where the Russian military forces were shown - in Russian territory, in the vicinity of its western border - from where the attack on Ukraine would begin. Today they add Belarus, in order to show a war machine from different flanks, willing to attack the secondary actor on duty, in this case the "small and unprotected Ukraine". First it was said that this Russian attack would be in the middle of January of this 2022. And, like the tale of Pedrito and the wolf, it is now announced to us that this attack has been rescheduled for the middle of this month of February 2022.



Map based on Publication by The Washington Post

If such an apocalyptic theory does not happen, the respective explanations and excuses will be given, waiting for the best moment, in order to apply the old false flag plans and operations, to which the United States has accustomed us: the sinking of the battleship Maine in Cuba, the false attacks in the Gulf of Tonkim in Vietnam, the explosion of bombs in Iran to promote the overthrow of former Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadeq. The alleged gas attacks in Syria, to hold President Bashar al-Assad accountable. The invasion of Iraq accusing it of possessing weapons of mass destruction and having participated in the attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon in 2001. Such actions will always be in the Western arsenal, in this case to blame Russia, Belarus or the Donbass fighters.

Faced with this supposed proof, it is a duty to present the critical gaze. The Western media, which profusely present the alleged war manifestations of Russia, do not show with the same intensity the maps, infographics and conjectures related to silos with nuclear weapons that NATO possesses on European soil, directed against Russia, Iran and China. They do not exhibit the locations of the national armies of NATO members, bordering Russia and the arrival of thousands of troops and weapons, from European countries on the western side, to the border with Russia. They do not present photographs or information about hundreds of military bases surrounding Russia from the Baltic to

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Turkey. Those are not part of the analysis of the Western press. It is not part of the information to be delivered by a mediocre, yellowish press and allied with power.

The second proof with which we have been intoxicated these months refers to the fact that Russia has moved 125,000 military personnel in its Western Military District (DMO), which includes border areas with Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltic countries and Finland, in charge of Colonel Alexander Zhuravlyov. What they do not present as evidence of the blandness of their accusation is that these troops are moving within Russian territory, inside its western border. To give some prominence to such an accusation they have added that Russia has deployed its missile defense systems in neighboring Belarus, which would demonstrate Moscow's aggressive intention against Ukraine.

The Other Look at this supposed test forces us to ask ourselves: What is it strange that a sovereign country, such as Russia, which feels threatened by the advance of an aggressive and expansive military political organization such as NATO, which approaches its western border with troops and weapons, moves the number of troops it deems necessary to deter such aggressive movements? The truly provocative thing is to move thousands of soldiers with state-of-the-art weapons of enormous firepower and expand those forces, until they touch the Russian border, whose government has requested and demanded, in all tones, that this military policy cease. Threats against a country like Russia, which does not have military bases that are surrounding any of the countries that make up NATO.

A Russian federation, which has a long-standing alliance with Belarus – in 1998 they signed the so-called Supranational Union that closely unites both nations – but, which does not compare at all with the alliance that the United States has with 30 countries, mostly European, but that also adds Canada, Turkey, non-permanent members and aspirants to be part of this military club, all of which account for 70% of the world's military spending. Do they intend to equate the Russian-Belarusian alliance with the coalition of countries grouped in NATO, which has attacked, destroyed and killed millions of men, women and children in Serbia, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq among other countries?

In the face of the supposed Russian global threat, we must ask ourselves: Does Russia have military bases in Mexico, Canada, Cuba, Greenland that pose a danger to US

sovereignty, for example? Does Russia have naval and military bases on the American continent, which are a danger against the United States or in the Atlantic Ocean that pose a danger to the security of France, Britain and other NATO members? Are Tartus in Syria and Kaliningrad – a Russian enclave in the Baltic – comparable to the 800 military bases the United States owns around the world?



The United States and NATO present us with three of Russia's aggressive acts against Ukraine, the fact, according to Washington, that Russia would have moved blood supplies to the border with Ukraine in the event of an eventual attack and anticipating possible losses in its troops. The information, replicated urbi et orbi would have been delivered by three US officials under reservation of identity, but this anonymity, unverifiable, unserious has served to devote thousands and thousands of hours in the press: written, radio, television, social networks, in diplomatic circles, to analyze this accusation.

The Other Look at this alleged incriminating evidence against Russia indicates that if that evidence offered is the amount of milliliters of blood transferred to a possible war scenario, for information delivered by three incognito characters, NN, who would not even belong to any intelligence service because it is indicated that they would be three US officials, officials of what, of the ranger service, of the oceanography service, maybe of the U.S. Postal Service? What such information demonstrates is the dangerous infantilism of these true pentagon energúmenos and their acolytes, playing war and building war scenarios.

Just as they talk to us about blood, maybe tomorrow they will tell us that Russia is moving water and canned food, for the 100,000 Russian troops stationed in DMO and this will be considered by NATO as lethal weapons. An obvious danger, because they are canned foods and can be used as material for homemade pomegranates once what they carry inside is consumed. Perhaps, the transfer of changes of clothes, kitchen implements, fuel, are considered palpable and unobjectionable samples of an attack ad-portas. But it is not seen from the same way that there are already 15,000 US troops in Ukraine and other countries bordering Russia apart from the hundreds of thousands of troops stationed in 426 military, air and naval bases in Italy, France, Spain, Greece, Great Britain and Germany, where the largest number of military and military bases are located, to which we must add the presence of at least 150 active nuclear bombs, stationed in the Netherlands, Great Britain, Germany, Greece and Turkey.

The world is in danger, but not by Russia, but by a troop of alienated, armed to the teeth, who move and move military equipment and troops by the thousands, to supposedly defend a government led by an actor and comedian such as the Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelensky, spearhead in the attacks against Russia. The United States and its allies are the danger, they are the threat, and it is they who must offer security guarantees. Washington and NATO have created an artificial scenario of conflict under certain considerations:

 The belief that the world is made up of stupid people who can be made to believe any information emanating from their means of disinformation and manipulation. You can fool yourself, but from there to think that our planet is full of stupid reveals the true face of the hegemonic powers. The contempt they feel for a large part of humanity, supported in it by governments and political and military castes unworthy, sold, traitorous and far from our needs.

- Secondly, his warmongering policy is intended as winners in advance, without considering that the world and especially that unipolar reality, which emerged after the collapse of the socialist camp, is no longer such. The multilateral is expressed in all fields and especially in the coordinations, alliances and agreements woven by Russia, China and countries such as the Islamic Republic of Iran. Nothing is the same anymore, least of all in Eastern Europe, nor in Western Asia, the Caucasus and Central Asia.
- Already the color revolutions such as those that occurred in Georgia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan and that were intended to be carried out in Belarus and Kazakhstan, showed that the road is no longer paved as before, by years of support for coup plotters, destabilizers wrapped by Non-Governmental Organizations and surrenderist governments.

My view is that the United States and NATO should not continue to provoke the Russian bear. A Russia that does not demand for itself exclusive conditions, in the sphere of security, but speaks of common security – in this case at the European level – and that maintains through its president Vladimir Putin that it will respond firmly to any hostile step by that West led by the United States. In the economic area, we know that Europeans may have difficulties in the energy issue derived from the dependence on gas from Russian territory. Germany, in particular, in the case of the Nord Stream II gas pipeline, its paralysis, in an environment of conflict, can mean a major energy crisis, not only for the Teutonic nation, taking into account the series of countries involved in the project and that need that resource.

The Western European media unanimously agree that in the event of war with Russia European companies will have a very strong blow and are already preparing for the decision to increase sanctions against the Eurasian nation. The above, in relation to the economic struggle derived from Washington's pressure policies but that, in the face of obviously aggressive behavior from the military point of view, on the part of the West, the Russian government has indicated that it will respond with "adequate military-technical measures" and will react "firmly to these unfriendly steps." Russia, and in that I share the

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line of response that Putin has established, regarding having every right to act <u>in order to</u> <u>"guarantee its security and sovereignty".</u> Advancing on the path of peace does not mean surrender.

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