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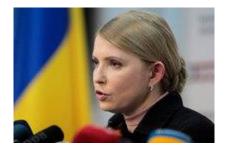
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War-hungry Tymoshenko wants USA to arm Ukraine up to the teeth

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Ukrainian presidential candidate Yulia Tymoshenko addressed the U.S. Congress with a request to provide military support to Kiev. Alone, Ukraine can not resist "the Russian aggression" that includes a military component, she said. Tymoshenko stressed out that Washington can not procrastinate with the decision.

"If one allows dismemberment of Ukraine and gives no convincing response to aggression, it would undermine the system of international law, it will become a catalyst for the collapse of regional and international security. There is no time for procrastination. Every hour can be fatal to the very existence of the sovereign and free Ukraine. I urge you to act," Tymoshenko said in her message that was posted on the website of Fatherland Party.

In her message, Tymoshenko referred to the report from former NATO Commander General Wesley Clark and former Pentagon official Philip Carberry. The authors of the report pointed out the critical condition of the Army of Ukraine and insisted that one should send body armor, night vision devices, communications equipment, jet fuel to Ukraine - i.e. "non-lethal" aid to strengthen the country's defense. They at the same time indicated that the Obama administration was reluctant to help Ukraine in this area not to provoke Russia.

Although Tymoshenko refers to the above-mentioned report, she went even further in her proposals.

"In particular, this applies to military and technical assistance, which, in my opinion, should include anti-aircraft and anti-tank equipment, as well as assistance in training military personnel of our country," the said.

The ex-Prime Minister of Ukraine also considers it necessary to "immediately appoint a senior U.S. official with military experience, who would be responsible for the US military assistance to Ukraine."

Should Washington decide to take this step, the relationship with Russia will inevitably deteriorate.