

Czechia's Surprise Decision to Expel Russian Diplomats

Czechia's surprise decision to expel a whopping 18 Russian diplomats on alleged espionage pretexts reeks of British meddling behind the scenes.

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Strategic Context

All of Europe is discussing Czechia's <u>surprise decision</u> to expel a whopping 18 Russian diplomats on alleged espionage pretexts as well as their <u>curious claims</u> that Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov of Skripal saga infamy were behind an accidental 2014 munitions depot explosion in the country. This follows hot on the heels of the US imposing its <u>most intense sanctions</u> against Russia since 2018, which itself occurred within the context of Ukraine's <u>unprovoked US-backed military escalation</u> in Donbass. I posited that the purpose of the latter is actually to manufacture the political conditions whereby Europe's possibly impending large-scale purchase of Sputnik V might become impossible, thereby indefinitely prolonging America's fading hegemony over the continent seeing as how close epidemiological cooperation between Russia and the EU could in theory create the opportunity for an incipient rapprochement between them. I elaborated on this in my relevant analysis asking, "Are Vaccines The Real Driving Force Behind The Latest Donbass <u>Destabilization?"</u>

The British-Russian "Deep State" Struggle In Europe

While a secret American hand obviously can't be ruled out when it comes to Czechia's surprise decision this weekend, it's also worthwhile to explore the possibility that the British were meddling behind the scenes as well. The most obvious hint in this direction was the revival of the Skripal saga through Prague's unsubstantiated allegations against Petrov and Boshirov. There's more to it than just that, however, since I've been closely following British intelligence's activities in Europe over the past year, as proven by the following analyses that I've published during that time which should be reviewed by interested readers:

- 30 April 2020: "The Czech Republic's Russian Assassination Scandal Reeks Of The Skripal Conspiracy"
- 3 June 2020: "MI6 Might Become The CIA's Proxy For Stopping Europe From Moving Towards Russia"
- 7 July 2020: "Britain Is Following Its Big Brother By Imposing So-Called Humanitarian Sanctions"

- 22 February 2021: "Latvia's Anti-Russian Hybrid War Exposes The Reality Of European Exceptionalism"
- 24 February 2021: "Intrepid Journalists Exposed The UK's Information-Driven Hybrid War On Russia"
- 18 March 2021: "The UK Is Russia's Greatest Security Threat In Europe Behind The US"

To sum it all up for those who might not have the time to peruse those analytical pieces, the intelligence faction of the UK's permanent military, intelligence, and diplomatic bureaucracies ("deep state") is engaged in an active struggle against Russia all across Europe. The British are acting at America's behest as its preferred "Lead From Behind" partner in this theater to facilitate their big brother's divide-and-rule plans like they've traditionally done throughout the centuries (albeit before without doing so as anyone's junior partner). In practice, this takes the form of information warfare and especially associated "spy" scandals such as the Skripal saga.

The Ukrainian-Belarusian Connection

The latest developments aren't just tied to the US' desire to obstruct Russian-EU epidemiological cooperation, but also to Ukraine and Belarus. Although Donbass remains a tinderbox, the prospects of all-out war there have seemingly somewhat diminished over the past week as Russia proved how resolute it is in defending both its border and fellow citizens in Eastern Ukraine in line with international law. For this reason, the US and its British partner might have thought to execute their back-up plan for dividing and ruling Russia and the EU via the latest "spy" scandal that their joint junior partner in Czechia just manufactured. Not only that, but Head of the Duma's Committee on Foreign Affairs Leonid Slutsky publicly claimed that this latest provocation was timed to distract from Saturday night's revelations that Russia detained two terrorists who were plotting to carry out a military coup in Belarus after assassinating President Lukashenko and his family. In other words, the Czech "spy" scandal is intended to kill several birds with one stone, thus making it a major Hybrid War provocation.

Concluding Thoughts

There's little doubt that the US encouraged its junior partner in Czechia to manufacture the latest Russian "spy" scandal that erupted over the weekend, but observers should arguably investigate the supportive role that British intelligence might have also played in recent events. They, just like their American big brothers, have the desire to divide and rule Russia and the EU in order to expand their own influence in order to secure their economic intersts and especially those in strategic spheres such as the epidemiological one. Since Donbass has yet to explode like many predicted might have already happened by now (though such a worst-case scenario might still transpire in the coming future), it makes sense that the US and UK would initiate their back-up plan of manufacturing a major "spy" scandal just in case so as to continue advancing their interests despite the latest strategic setback (however temporary the latter might prove to be). Observers shouldn't ever forget that wherever there's an American intelligence footprint in Europe, there's likely a British one not too far behind.

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