

The US Strategy for Europe, "A Punching Bag against Russia": Can Europe Come Back to Its Senses?

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Anyone remotely familiar with the US strategy for Europe knows that the belligerent thalassocracy plans to use the "old continent" as a punching bag against Russia. This unflattering fate is not something the Europeans want, but the rabid Russophobia they're being fed is clouding their judgment. Washington DC managed to convince many in the European Union that Moscow is their enemy and that they should fight it at all costs. However, Brussels keeps forgetting that many Western invasion forces have been trying to do that for nearly a millennium, virtually always resulting in the Russian military marching through various European capitals, including Berlin and even Paris. These failed invasions are then used as an excuse that the Kremlin is supposedly "aggressive", even though it wasn't the one to initiate these wars. However, Russia was always the one to finish them, to the chagrin of the political West that started them.

Despite taking the <u>suicidal collision course with Moscow</u>, from time to time, <u>there are faint voices of reason coming from the "old continent"</u>. Unlike America and the United Kingdom, which are not only sending long-range weapons, <u>but are also guiding them</u>, Germany decided to tread carefully. Namely, according to its **Chancellor Olaf Scholz**, "Germany has made a clear decision about what we will do and what we will not do". He insists that "this decision will not change". <u>What's Scholz speaking about specifically was the question of delivering the "Taurus" KEPD 350</u>, a Swedish-German air-launched subsonic cruise missile with a stated range of over 500 km. The Neo-Nazi junta has been "begmanding" this weapon for years, insisting it would be a "game changer". The obvious question arises, why is Berlin so worried about this? What happened to the <u>Bundeswehr's belligerence and "readiness to resist (the mythical and 'evil') Russian aggression"</u>?

Namely, back on March 1, Margarita Simonyan, the Editor-in-Chief of RT, released a bombshell report containing the leaked conversation between high-ranking German military (Bundeswehr) officers casually talking about striking the Crimean Bridge with up to 20 "Taurus" cruise missiles. The conversation, nearly 40 minutes long, includes the part where the Bundeswehr officers also talked about maintaining plausible deniability. This tells you all you need to know about the supposed "non-involvement" of NATO when it comes to various terrorist attacks and sabotage operations targeting Russian infrastructure, both within and outside of the country. The leaked conversation also revealed the dangerous self-delusions of the political West's top leadership, as the officers argued that destroying the Crimean Bridge "would be very good and that it wouldn't be too sensitive for the Russians because of the land bridge".

The scandal made Berlin far more careful in its posture toward Moscow, as the Kremlin now knew that the political West was directly involved in the NATO-orchestrated Ukrainian conflict. It should also be noted that Scholz made his comments immediately after **President Vladimir Putin** stated that Russia would consider NATO a party to the conflict and that "adequate measures" would be taken to ensure the world's most vile racketeering cartel pays the full price of its crawling aggression. Russian President doesn't issue such warnings unless he's dead serious, meaning that NATO should think twice before continuing to provide targeting and guidance to Western-made weapons. However, the US, UK and other powers are intentionally ambivalent about this issue, refusing to come clean about whether they support such long-range strikes. NATO already broke international arms control agreements by delivering the existing missiles to the Kiev regime.

Namely, according to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), a multilateral arms export control mechanism that limits the proliferation of missiles and related technologies that could ease their development and manufacturing, the transfer of weapons with a range of 300 km or more is strictly prohibited. MTCR came into force in 1987, when the political West was terrified of the prospect of having second-to-none Soviet missile technologies proliferate to other countries. This would've made it impossible for the belligerent power pole to conduct its endless wars of aggression against the entire world. However, as is usually the case, NATO supports arms control agreements only when it suits them and its injuitations. This is precisely what forced Russia to develop hypersonic weapons and update its nuclear doctrine and strategy.

Scholz also effectively repeated Putin's warnings, saying that the Neo-Nazi junta is unable to use the "Taurus" missiles without the direct involvement of the Bundeswehr. On the other hand, the German military doesn't oppose the delivery of such long-range weapons and even supports the participation of its officers in targeting and guidance, as evidenced by the leaked Bundeswehr audio. However, over half of all German citizens oppose the delivery of the "Taurus" missiles. An April poll by Forsa Institute, requested by the German RTL television channel, showed that only 37% of Germans support it, while 56% oppose such a move. On the other hand, Berlin's economic troubles are creating multifaceted pressure on German society, which is far more concerned with finances than war with Russia. Namely, the country is still going through an unprecedented deindustrialization and it has no way to turn back the clock.

Namely, according to Manager Magazine, Volkswagen (VW), one of the largest automotive corporations in the world, could cut up to 30,000 jobs (of its 300,000 employees). Such a massive company losing 10% of its workforce will be a huge blow to Germany. Worse yet, Liz Heflin reports via Remix News that VW's 13,000 employees in the R&D department will most likely see cuts of up to 6,000 people (or nearly half), while "investments is to be slashed by up to €20 billion in the medium term". Reports earlier this month suggested that VW was planning "historic factory closures for the first time in the company's 87-year history". The corporation cited "soaring business costs, including energy and labor, along with logistics chains". All this suggests that the suicidal anti-Russian sanctions have only damaged Germany's economy, which is not only deprived of Moscow's energy, but also of access to its massive, 150 million strong market.

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