

Europe and the Middle East, Two Scenarios of the Same War

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On the Red Square in Moscow, on May 9, the Parade for the 79th Anniversary of the Victory of the 1941-1945 Great Patriotic War against Nazi Germany took place.

More than 9,000 military personnel with 75 weapon systems including nuclear missiles on mobile launch pads participated. The political media mainstream described the Parade as a threatening force display against Europe and the entire West, erasing its historical significance and anything leading to the current war in Europe.

In the first place, history must be remembered.

The Soviet Union was attacked and invaded in 1941 by Nazi Germany with 201 divisions, including 5.5 million soldiers equal to 75% of all German troops, 3,500 tanks, and 5,000 aircraft, plus 37 divisions from satellite countries (including Italy).

The USSR had asked its allies – Great Britain and the United States – to open a second front in Europe, but they delayed it, aiming to unload Nazi power on the USSR to weaken it and thus have a dominant position at the end of the war.

The second front was opened with the Anglo-American landing in Normandy in 1944, by that time the Red Army and the Soviet partisans had defeated the German troops, dealing the decisive blow to Nazi Germany. The price paid by the Soviet Union was very high: around 27 million deaths, over half of them civilians, corresponding to 15% of the population (compared to 0.3% in the USA throughout the Second World War); around 5 million deported to Germany; over 1,700 cities and large population centres, 70 thousand villages

devastated; 30 thousand factories destroyed.

In today's war in Europe, Russia is facing not only Kyiv's forces, formed and commanded by a political-military group of clear Nazi brand but with NATO under US command which uses these forces by equipping them with weapons capable of striking Russia. This is demonstrated most directly by the armaments exhibition organized in Moscow that the United States, Great Britain, Germany, and other NATO countries have supplied to Kyiv. Since the Ukrainian forces are suffering heavy defeats, NATO is sending military forces to Ukraine to serve them and, at the same time, strengthening the nuclear component of the military exercises it is carrying out in Europe. In response, Russia is holding tactical nuclear weapons exercises and warning that it will take into account the potential deployment of US nuclear weapons in Poland in its military planning. The European scenario is connected to the Middle Eastern one, on which important news, hidden by the mainstream, is provided in this episode.

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