

F-16 Transfer to Ukraine Delayed Another Six Months. Battlefield Against Russia Postponed. Multi-Billion Bonanza for the Military Industrial Complex.

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Introductory Note

The unspoken objective is "crystal clear".

The Battlefield Against Russia is postponed. It's an ongoing multi-billion dollar bonanza for the Military-Industrial-Complex.

The Pentagon (on behalf of NATO) is sustaining the multibillion dollar revenues of America's "defense contractors", while announcing once more the postponement of "Ukraine's Counter-Offensive". The training program for the pilots will stretch into 2025.

Ukraine has lost the war. That battlefield is highly unlikely.

Will those F-16 fighters be deployed?

"Russia's **Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov** explained Moscow's objection is based on the American-made warplane's ability to carry nuclear weapons. Meanwhile resulting from multibillion dollar military expenses"

Meanwhile, Ukraine's external debt has gone fly high. Western creditors are there to pick up the pieces.

The entire Ukrainian economy will be handed over to “Big Money” including BlackRock. It has all the features of a “Neo-Colonial Project”.



Photo of Zelensky meeting with Fink (Image courtesy of the President of Ukraine’s Official Website)

—**Michel Chossudovsky**, Global Research, January 9, 2024

The Western plan to transfer advanced American-made fighter jets to Ukraine has hit [another delay](#) and is now expected to reach the battlefield during the second quarter of this year. Washington has said it does not expect the warplanes to alter the course of the war. However, Russia views the F-16s as a national security threat as the aircraft are capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

Danish newspaper *Berlingske* reported that the six F-16s Denmark was scheduled to transfer at the start of 2024 are being delayed by at least six months. The report was confirmed to *Newsweek* by the Danish Defense Ministry. The F-16 transfer is “now expected to happen during the second quarter of 2024,” while noting that “the timeline of the donation is subject to change,” the statement said.

Colonel Yurii Ihnat, Spokesperson for the Ukrainian Air Force, recently explained that some of the pilots training on the F-16 are expected to complete the course this year, but it is possible for that instruction to stretch into 2025.

“As far as Denmark is concerned, this is an advanced group. Both fighters and pilots will be the fastest from there. When will they be the fastest? Well, we are still counting on

the spring.”

He explained that some pilots training in the US are expected to be prepared for the battlefield by late 2024. A third group of Ukrainians drilling on F-16s in the UK are not expected to complete the training until next year.

After **President Joe Biden** gave [approval](#) for a NATO plan to train Ukrainian pilots on F-16s and then transfer the advanced aircraft to Ukraine in the Spring of 2023, officials in Kiev hoped the warplanes would arrive by the end of the year. The timeline has been pushed back [several times](#).

Last Summer, Spokesperson for the National Security Council, **John Kirby**, told Fox News that the F-16s will not alter the course of the war.

“But it’s not our assessment that the F-16s alone would be enough to turn the tide here.” He continues, Kiev needs “the four As: artillery, ammunition, air defense and armor – tanks.”

Still, the Kremlin views the NATO plan to [transfer](#) F-16s to Ukraine as highly provocative. Russia’s **Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov** explained Moscow’s objection is based on the American-made warplane’s ability to carry nuclear weapons.

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