

# Finland and Sweden's 'Suicide Pact' for US-NATO Agenda to Counter Russia

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Finland and Sweden are obviously being pushed into a suicide pact for US-NATO expansionist plan towards Russia's borders.

<u>France24</u> reported on the not-so new development, "the Finnish government officially announced its intention to join NATO on Sunday, as Sweden's ruling party was to hold a decisive meeting that could pave the way for a joint application." Finland's announcement ends a 75-year-old policy as a neutral country with no military alignments with NATO. Sweden had a similar policy of its military being non-aligned for centuries is also following in Finland's footsteps.

"Today, the President of the Republic and the Government's Foreign Policy Committee have jointly agreed that Finland will apply for NATO membership, after consulting parliament," Finnish **President Sauli Niinisto** who held a joint press conference with **Prime Minister Sanna Marin** last Sunday and declared "This is a historic day. A new era is opening", Niinisto said.

# The US-NATO alliance wants a hot war with Russia by pushing Finland and Sweden to join an aggressive military alliance known as NATO.

The European military alliance has invaded and literally destroyed several nations in its history including Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Libya and Iraq and to an extent, it has helped the US-Israel alliance destabilize Syria for some time, all with Washington's blessing of course.

Finland is now following Washington's long-term goal of trying to destabilize and turn Russia into a third world country by sacrificing itself as cannon fodder. Seriously, what can Finland do to a superpower with over 6,000 nuclear warheads and a military that can take on NATO even without help from its closest allies in the region including Belarus, China and Iran.

But this makes all the sense in the world because Washington and its Military-Industrial

Complex will benefit from a new conflict between Finland, Sweden and Russia. The US and its NATO allies will push Finland to fight until the last remaining Finn against Russia just like they did with the Ukrainians. The Kremlin Press Service released a statement on the situation according to the *Associated Press* (AP) that

"Putin told Sauli Niinisto Finland's abandonment "of its traditional policy of military neutrality would be an error since there are no threats to Finland's security" and that "Such a change in the country's foreign policy could negatively affect Russian-Finnish relations, which had been built in the spirit of good neighborliness and partnership for many years, and were mutually beneficial."

It is important to understand that Finland purchases most of its weapons from the US as well as Israel, Germany, Norway and Sweden which is basically a profitable business opportunity for Western arms manufacturers.

Last December, Finland ordered 64 new F-35s to replace their F/A-18 combat jets in a deal worth \$9.4 billion that benefits Lockheed Martin, a major US arms manufacturer. According to *globalfirepower.com*, a website dedicated in accessing the military power of all nations around the world ranks Finland's military at 53 out of 142 with over 23,000 active personnel, 192 total aircraft, 200 tanks, 63 rocket projectors and a Naval force with 246 total assets including 8 patrol vessels won't even make a dent against Russia's military forces. Russia ranks at number 2 with over 850,000 active personal and a wide range of advanced military hardware. Not even NATO would be able to protect Finland from Russia's military advances if a conflict were to take place.

However, one important fact about Finland that needs to be explained is that the Nordic country has blood on its hands for many years since it signed agreements to cooperate with NATO going back to 1994 including intelligence sharing and participating in military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. For some time, Finland has been slowly integrating its military and intelligence capabilities with NATO while ignoring Russia's red line following in the footsteps of the neo-Nazi government of Ukraine.

In September 2012, a security policy paper was published by Charly Salonius-Pasternak from the *Finnish Institute of International Affairs* titled 'Not Just Another Arms Deal: The security policy implications of the United States selling advanced missiles to Finland' on the security guarantees the US will provide to Finland after they purchased F/A-18 Hornet fighters and advanced missiles to counter Russia.

But it is not just an arms deal, it's a security policy that ensures the US-NATO alliance will back Finland against a future conflict with Russia "however, it would be a mistake to view this merely as an arms deal. It is much more and has significant political and military implications. The deal is a notable security policy win for Finland." Clearly the goal is for NATO to expand its presence close to Russia's borders "The deal does not change the strategic military balance in the region, but it does positively impact Finland's military capabilities vis-à-vis Russia." Charly Salonius-Pasternak admits that the US is the "European bulwark" against Russian aggression:

For Russia, the acquisition of these advanced capabilities by Finland is a double-edged sword: it may delay Finland's application to become a member of NATO, but at the cost of a drastically improved ability by Finland to withstand and respond to a broader range

of military strikes and pressure.

The strengthening bilateral relationship with the United States has improved Finland's defence. A desire to deepen that bilateral relationship suggests that Finland knows that even NATO membership by itself would not be sufficient for Finnish defence needs; rather, Finland needs a web of multilateral, multinational and bilateral relationships for its security. It also suggests that clear-eyed realism drives Finnish security policy thinking: that Finland knows that it is still the United States that serves as the European bulwark (and provider of guarantees) against potential external aggression; and, that NATO is a necessary but not sufficient component for broader European defence, mainly because most European states have ignored their own defence for too long

The US-NATO alliance just lost a war against the Taliban and now they want a war against nuclear-armed Russian forces. It's a tragic comedy in the making.

The stick has been passed along to the Finnish government to poke the Russian bear; but how far will the US-NATO alliance go in order to de-stabilize Russia? The Finnish people are now at risk of being targeted by Russia because Washington's reckless foreign policy does not care who will be sacrificed in order to fulfill an agenda of US-NATO global hegemony over Russia and the rest of the world.

It seems that members of the global elite (or the New World Order) don't care that a world war can take place which can go nuclear since they have bunkers in faraway places like New Zealand to avoid a "global apocalypse" while countries like Finland and Sweden turn into cannon fodder for their global agenda.

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