

Is US-NATO on a Collision Course with Russia? The Kremlin's New Deterrence Strategy

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Amid incessant NATO aggression and escalation of hostilities within Russia, [now also including US-backed Kiev regime terrorists targeting schoolchildren](#), Moscow has started revamping the doctrinal approach to the use of its strategic arsenal. Rather curiously, [the new document, published by the "Military Thought" magazine](#) run by the Russian Ministry of Defense, attracted little attention in Western media. It should be noted that such changes are made only once in several decades or even longer. The strategic posturing of countries, particularly superpowers, is usually "set in stone", meaning that changes are prompted only by major events of historical proportions.

It was only a week ago that Russian President Vladimir Putin announced [Russia is suspending its participation in the New START arms control treaty](#). Putin cited continuous, blatant US and NATO violations of the agreement as the primary reason for the decision. With the treaty becoming a mere formality, Russia is not bound to honor it anymore, as this would undermine its own strategic security. With that in mind, the Russian Strategic Missile Forces (RVSN) started implementing new ways to deter any possible direct US/NATO attacks on Russia, particularly as the belligerent thalassocracy has [repeatedly floated the idea of "decapitation strikes" on Moscow in the last several months](#).

The authors of the document are Deputy Commander of the RVSN Igor Fazletdinov and retired Colonel Vladimir Lumpov. They argue that the US is on a collision course with Russia, as Washington DC and its vassals are becoming increasingly aggressive due to their political elites' frustration with the loss of the "sole superpower" status.

With America seeing Moscow as the main culprit for this, it plans on defeating Russia in a "single blow", thus eliminating the main obstacle to total US global dominance. Fazletdinov and Lumpov argue that Washington DC plans to defeat Russia in a "strategic (global) multi-sphere operation", the primary goal of which will be the elimination of its strategic arsenal.

“[The US believes] this goal is only achievable in the event of an instantaneous nuclear strike against the RVSN or at least with the deployment of ABM [anti-ballistic missile] systems around Russia. The US plan is to destroy at least 65-70% of Russian strategic nuclear forces as part of its Prompt Global Strike concept, with the rest eliminated by American ABM systems. The US would then launch an all-out nuclear attack on the Russian Federation in order to destroy it,” authors warn, further adding: “We aim to repel a potential [US] nuclear strike, preserve our own nuclear capabilities, suppress the deployed US missile defense systems and cause unacceptable damage in case of [US/NATO] aggression.”

Russia certainly has the capability to almost instantly change its strategic doctrine.

Unlike its NATO rivals (including the US itself), Moscow leads the world in several key military technologies, which also include at least a dozen operational hypersonic weapons deployed over the last 5-10 years.

And indeed, in early December President Putin stated [Russia could adopt a US-style concept of preemptive strikes](#). The program mentioned by Russian military experts, called PGS (Prompt Global Strike), is a US attempt to develop a capability that enables it to attack enemy strategic targets with precision-guided weapons anywhere in the world within just one hour. Still, the US is yet to deploy a weapon that can achieve that.

On the other hand, with the Mach 12-capable “Kinzhal” air-launched hypersonic missile carried by modified MiG-31K/I interceptors and Tu-22M3 long-range bombers, the Mach 28-capable “Avangard” HGV (hypersonic glide vehicle) deployed on various ICBMs and the Mach 9-capable scramjet-powered “Zircon” hypersonic cruise missile deployed on naval (both submarines and surface ships) and [\(soon\) on land platforms](#), Russia is the only country on the planet with the capability to immediately implement such a program. And yet, Moscow still refrains from going ahead with such plans, although its justification for this would hold much better than that of the US.

The authors further emphasize “the need to make sure the US was perfectly aware of the impossibility of the complete destruction of our strategic capabilities and the inevitability of a crushing retaliatory nuclear strike”.

However, the problem with this is that [the establishment in Washington DC has become so detached from reality](#) that they believe the Kiev regime has the capacity to not only “push Russia back from Donbass”, but also “retake Crimea”, [despite relevant reports](#) on the Neo-Nazi junta’s staggering losses. It can hardly be expected from them to be aware of [Russia’s wholly undeniable capability to obliterate the continental US in minutes](#).

American policymakers take advice from former high-ranking generals and officers who somehow managed to [lose a war against outnumbered and outgunned AK-wielding insurgents in sandals](#) while wasting trillions of dollars and deploying hundreds of thousands of troops during the two decades of continuous NATO aggression in Afghanistan. This is without taking into account the technological disparity which was so overwhelmingly on the side of the aggressors that it can quite literally be measured in centuries rather than decades. Still, delusions and living in parallel reality seem to be a given for the warmongers at the Pentagon.

In addition, considering the fact that [Afghanistan became more peaceful and safer](#) after the

US and NATO have been soundly defeated and driven out of the country devastated by decades of incessant conflict, this clearly implies that [being able to militarily beat the political West is of utmost importance for the safety of any given country.](#)

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