

## **Kiev Announces Readiness for Escalated War**

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Hundreds of US combat troops are preparing Kiev's Nazi-infested National Guard, Azov battalion and likeminded extremist paramilitary groups for escalated aggressive war on Donbass.

Nothing is reported on continuing low-level war on Donbass ahead of resuming it full-blown.

Novorossia Today explained "US-backed Nazi elements are integral to the continued illegal war against the East, and prominently in the future trajectory of the Ukrainian state."

Ukraine is Obama's war – using Kiev fascists to do his dirty work, by all available means without mercy.

"...US policy and media propaganda work hand-in-glove to inflame the situation in a country already on fire," Novorossia explains.

Russia's Defense Ministry accused Washington of destabilizing conditions in Ukraine more than already by provocatively training Kiev forces for combat – including near Southeastern cities of Mariupol, Severodonetsk, Artyomovsk and Volnovakha.

Russia'a Foreign Ministry issued a similar statement – saying increased bloodshed may follow US combat troops involved in Ukraine, including training and joint drills with Kiev forces.

On Thursday, State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf lied saying:

"It is really hard to get precise information about Russian troop numbers specifically, but we know there is a substantial Russian presence" in Ukraine.

On Wednesday, the State Department turned truth on its head accusing Russia of violating Minsk ceasefire terms by sending troops and weapons to Donbass.

Fact: No evidence suggests Russian Minsk violations – or any Russian military involvement since conflict began last April.

Fact: Repeated claims of "Russian aggression" are Big Lies. None whatever exists – not now, earlier or planned.

Fact: Plenty of evidence shows Washington arming Kiev's military with heavy weapons and training its forces for escalated war on Donbass – in blatant violation of Minsk.

Poroshenko pronounced Kiev's military ready for combat. "The lion's share of military personnel is from the fourth wave of mobilization," he said.

"Look what a high level was achieved in just two months," he boasted.

"We are preparing for the defense of our country" – code language for intending resumed full-scale war, at Obama's discretion.

"On the territory of Ukraine there is now an aggressor, the enemy and we must do everything possible on our end in order to ensure effective defense," Poroshenko blustered.

"Those who participated in these exercises clearly demonstrated a high level ... the Ukrainian army today is one of the most battle-ready," he added.

He's planning escalated war without mercy.

How "battle ready" Ukrainian forces are remains to be seen. Donbass freedom fighters routed them last year.

More of the same is likely if full-scale war resumes – unless America gets directly involved, perhaps with air power terror-bombing.

Head of Russia's General Staff Main Operation Directorate Lt. General Andrey Kartapolov accused America of being the main initiator or all modern conflicts.

Washington and rogue allies attacked other countries aggressively without cause over 50 times in one decade, he said.

US policy intends mainly to marginalize, contain, weaken, and isolate Russia, he stressed.

In January, Putin said US political, economic and military support for Kiev aims to "achiev(e) the geopolitical goals of restraining Russia."

Ukraine's army is a US-controlled "NATO legion. We often say: Ukrainian Army, Ukrainian Army. But who is really fighting there?"

"There are, indeed, partially official units of armed forces, but largely there are the (Nazi-infested) so-called 'volunteer nationalist battalions,' "Putin explained.

They don't serve Ukrainian interests, Putin maintained. They target Russia on orders from Washington.

They comprise "a foreign NATO legion, which, of course, doesn't pursue the national interests of Ukraine," Putin stressed.

"Unfortunately official Kiev authorities refuse to follow the path of a peaceful solution. They don't want to resolve (crisis conditions) using political tools."

They want war, not peace. Kartapolov accused Washington of sending US combat troops "directly in the combat zone near Mariupol, Severodonetsk, Artyomovsk and Volnovakha."

"The US appears to be the ultimate instigator of all military conflicts in the world," he said.

"The Western countries have begun to hold themselves out as 'architects' of the international relations system, leaving to the US the role of the world's only superpower."

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Obama terror-bombed seven countries in six years in office. He has more naked aggression in mind.

The "deplorable results (of US wars) are known all to well," Kartapolov stressed. They continue endlessly against nonbelligerent nations.

A UN report calls Syria and Iraq "international finishing schools for extremists." Afghanistan, parts of Pakistan, Libya, Yemen and Somalia follow the same pattern.

Imported terrorists from scores of countries infest these nations. Washington bears full responsibility.

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