

# Military Investors Await Profits - Canada Pushing Ukraine Toward War

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*If military aid to Kiev increases, then the situation in Eastern Europe will become more heated - with the US and Canada promising to control the situation in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.*

Ottawa has included Ukraine in the list of countries where from December 13, the supply of Canadian lethal weapons has become legal.

In fact, Canada creates a dangerous precedent, denies the essence of the Minsk accords and becoming one of the sides of the intra-Ukrainian conflict. The implementation of these plans may cause an escalation of the conflict in the Donbass.

By strange coincidence, the United States on the same day accused Russia of shelling civilians in eastern Ukraine, although State Department spokesman **Heather Nauert** did not show any evidence of these events.

Earlier, Canadian **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** said that Canada will continue to help Ukraine "defend its sovereignty" - 200 Canadian military instructors will continue training the soldiers and officers of the Armed Forces in the Yavoriv area in the Lviv region until March 2019. Canadian **Defense Minister Kharjit Sadzhan** spoke about plans to build a factory in Ukraine for the production of ammunition.

Investors need war, and member of the North Atlantic alliance Canada is most definitely pushing Ukraine toward militarization and unleashing large-scale military operations on the border with Russia.

## Figures and Facts

The military industry of Canada is based on the aerospace, radio-electronic and shipbuilding industries, which are dependent on the United States.

High-tech military equipment is acquired from the US and Western European countries (for example, 80 Leopard 2A4 tanks were purchased in the Netherlands in 2008). The only production in Canada of armored combat vehicles is the property of the American company General Motors.

The Canadian army is equipped with licensed automatic rifles C2 and C1 - analogues of the American M16 (caliber 5.56 mm), modifications of the British automaton of the Sterling

system and the Belgian machine gun FN MAG (caliber 7.62 mm).

Canada produces for itself ammunition for small arms and artillery, but can only export a modest 10 percent of its output in this spectrum. Cartridges of calibers 5.56, 7.62 and 9 mm, caliber 20-105 mm, sea, antipersonnel and antitank mines, various bombs, powder charges for the 155 mm self-propelled howitzer M109 guns are produced by the company Kanedien Arsenals (annual cost output of about 100 million dollars).

It is obvious that to build an ammunition plant in Ukraine and to provide the APU with automatic rifles C2 and C1, Canada will be able to do only with the help of the USA, since it is a question of high-tech (licensed) production, and hundreds of thousands of small arms.

Coincidentally, in January 2017, Ukroboronprom signed an agreement with the American company Aeroscraft on the mass production of the M16 rifle on the Ukrainian territory. The role of Canada is just a small detraction from the usual suspect.

The American defense support of Ukraine for 2018 is 350 million dollars – twice as much as in 2017. Probably, this is only the visible part of the financing directed at the rearmament of the APU.

Deliveries of lethal weapons to Ukraine directly from the United States are a violation of the Minsk agreements – but Washington is able to covertly manage the cash flows and resources of NATO partners – it is very convenient, as it causes fewer questions by the world community.

Dozens of countries are included in the American weapons schemes. Recently, we reported on the role of Lithuania. Earlier, Britain, Poland and the United Arab Emirates were mentioned among the arms suppliers for Ukraine. It is known that Japan donated \$ 1.85 billion to strengthen the Armed Forces, Saudi Arabia – \$ 40 million to develop and produce Ukrainian cruise missiles.

The prospects are quite transparent: if military aid to Kiev grows, then the situation in Eastern Europe will become proportionally more heated. Infinite armament of Ukraine sooner or later initiates a large-scale military conflict that will extend beyond Europe.

US actions are encouraging Kiev, inspiring hope for a military victory. For Russia, this is an extremely irresponsible tactic. Over the decades of failure in Middle East, the Pentagon and NATO have not learned anything. While Ukrainians themselves are manipulated to believe they are anything more than pawns in wider geopolitical gains.

Ukraine needs dozens of billions of investments for the economy, and not stockpiles of weapons which will devastate Europe – but the United States, as always, remains insulated by the Atlantic Ocean.

In an ideal world – there should not be NATO troops on Ukrainian territory, Global Strike and ABM systems should not be deployed in Bulgaria, Romania or Poland. The non-aligned status of Ukraine is the best choice for Brussels, Washington, Ottawa and Kiev.

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