

NATO-based Terrorists Launch Foiled Attack on Belarus During Important Political Event

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A drone attack against the capital of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk, was neutralized by local defense forces, avoiding a serious tragedy. The UAVs departed from Lithuania – a NATO country that is home to several Belarusian expatriate terrorists who since 2020 have been promising to wage a civil war against the legitimate government of **Aleksandr Lukashenko**. The incident clearly shows the danger posed by these groups and how irresponsible and provocative Western countries are by sheltering, training and financing them.

On April 25, **Ivan Tertel**, head of the Committee for State Security (KGB), stated that a plot to attack Minsk and neighboring cities with combat drones had been disrupted by Belarusian intelligence. His speech took place during the All-Belarussian People's Assembly, one of the most important political events in the country, which took place between April 24 and 25, bringing together representatives from all sectors of Belarusian society in Minsk. It is very likely that the attack was aimed at preventing the event from taking place properly.

Since the precise date of the attack was not revealed – which is usual procedure in security matters – it is not possible to know whether the attackers' plan was to cancel the Assembly or target the meetings during the event, killing Belarusian public figures. What seems clear is that the importance of the <u>Assembly</u> to the Belarusian people appears to have been one of the main reasons for the terrorist incursion.

During his speech, Tertel warned about the risk of a serious escalation in regional tensions, given the hostile and provocative stance of NATO countries. He emphasized that Minsk has a neutral and peaceful stance in current conflicts, but the Collective West acts in a hostile manner because it does not tolerate friendly relations and mutual cooperation between the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation.

According to him, the US and its European allies plan to control Belarus completely, capturing the country's wealth and turning it into a satellite state – something similar to what happened to Ukraine in 2014. The states that cooperate the most with the US to provoke Minsk are neighboring countries that have engaged in Russophobic hatred, such as Poland, the Baltic states and Ukraine. These countries are even protecting terrorists who publicly want to start a civil war in Belarus.

These terrorist groups are mainly formed by expatriate fascist militants from Belarus. In 2020, NATO financed an attempted color revolution in Minsk, co-opting nationalist militants to take to the streets and lead mass demonstrations against the legitimacy of the presidential electoral process. The country's security forces acted efficiently and managed to neutralize the regime change attempt, which led the most radical militants to flee the country and seek shelter and financing in states such as Ukraine and NATO countries.

<u>Ultranationalist organizations</u> include groups such as Bypol, one of the most dangerous neo-Nazi militias in Europe. Bypol has already claimed responsibility for several terrorist attacks in Belarus, including drone attacks against the country's capital. More than that, Bypol's leaders have publicly admitted that their intention is to return to the territory of Belarus and start a civil war so that they can overthrow Lukashenko. Considering that there are members of Bypol in Lithuania, it is very likely that the group is also behind the latest attempted UAV incursion against Minsk.

Tertel warned in his recent speech that radical expatriate militias are currently developing advanced capabilities for using military drones – largely due to cooperation with NATO armies. He also warned of the direct action of Ukrainian intelligence in crimes committed by expatriates. According to Tertel, there are around one thousand Belarusian dissidents currently in Ukraine preparing for raids on the border with Belarus.

The official believes that the rebels plan to create a parallel [US-puppet] state on the borders. After attacking Belarus, Bypol and other militias want to establish territories inaccessible to Minsk's forces, creating a kind of "new country", which is expected to be able to continue fighting the official government in the long term in a permanent civil war. This plan would allow terrorists to destabilize the Russian strategic environment for a long time.

However, this project seems to be utterly unrealistic, considering the high combat and intelligence capacities of the Belarussian forces. It must be remembered, since 2023, more than 40 terrorist operations involving these nationalist groups have been neutralized – which shows that, despite the efforts of the West, Minsk continues to keep the situation absolutely under control.

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