

“Heightened Tensions With Iran”: Provoking the Bear and the Dragon - And Hoping for the Best?

Interview with PressTV

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“We are urging all the sides to show restraint,” said President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman Dmitry Peskov, to avoid escalation in the Middle East after the US said it was deploying additional troops due to heightened tensions with Iran”

“We would prefer not to see steps that could introduce additional tensions in the already unstable region.”

According to press reports:

The United States said Monday it has approved the deployment of 1,000 additional troops to the Middle East. **Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan** said the troops were being sent “for defensive purposes” as the US has blamed Iran for last week’s attacks on two tankers in the Gulf of Oman.

Russian **Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov** said Tuesday that US plans to increase its troop presence in the Middle East were aimed at provoking armed conflict. Such actions “cannot be seen otherwise than as a deliberate course to provoke war,” ... He said that US **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** while visiting in Russia last month had stated that US troops were in the region not to start war but prevent it. Pompeo said at a news conference with Russian foreign minister **Sergei Lavrov** in Sochi on May 14 that “we fundamentally do not seek a war with Iran.” (AFP, June 18, 2019)

Sergei Ryabkov’s pointed response:

“If that’s the case, the US should refrain from further reinforcement of its presence and from other steps, including dragging and pushing its allies in various parts of the world into stepping up pressure on Iran,”

In this Press TV interview geopolitical analyst **Peter Koenig** comments on the nature of US threats and the unfolding crisis.

PressTV: Could you please comment on Moscow’s position and Sergei Ryabkov’s statement.

Peter Koenig: What Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Tuesday that US plans to increase its troop presence in the Middle East were aimed at provoking armed conflict - is very true; and is very important to take note of.

To me it looks like the commando behind Trump has decided to put Venezuela on the backburner, that, for now, Iran is more important.

Controlling Iran, means basically controlling not only the entire Middle East with all its riches, but it's also contributing to the Chosen People's - Israel, the Zionists' - overall goal to exert hegemony over the world's finances - controlling the globe's economy.

Domination of people by military power and domination of the economy by financial power, go hand in hand.

Let's face it, to engage in war - or provoke war - were also the two 'false flag' attacks on the Norwegian and Japanese oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman. Only an absolute moron, or someone who has never lived on planet earth, would not understand that these were two flagrant "false flags"; and Pompeo's immediate accusations without a shred of proof, were the usual "Pompeoisms" - lying, deceiving, stealing, - or as he said literally what they did at the CIA, "We lied, we cheated, we stole". Well these people do not change.

By engaging Iran in a war, Washington knows they would also engage Russia and China - and that's what they want. The two super powers are their last stronghold to conquer.

And people who are narcissistic and full of themselves, as are the characteristics of neoliberals and neofascists, who want to run the show, they do not see their own limits - they see only their own power with impunity.

Its like a drug for them. They act under addiction... addiction for power and dominance. They are even ready to destroy themselves for power and dominance.

If we analyze one particular incident on this globe, like the announcement to deploy a 1000 more troops to the Middle East - have they said where? - not that I know - then we always have to see the entire picture.

It's part of a Chess game - a Chess game they - the US and the international handlers behind them - only are allowed to win. That's why they never give up an objective. They may put it on the backburner for a while, like what they are likely doing with Venezuela, but in the long run, as the they see the Big Picture only, *Full Spectrum Dominance*, they will continue - until their collapse.

And why is the collapse the logical outcome? - Because such a war cannot be won. By nobody.

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