

Belarus: US Sponsored "Color Revolution" or "Union State Treaty" with Russia?

Moscow Slams Brussels for EU Meddling in Belarus

By <u>Stephen Lendman</u> Global Research, September 21, 2020 Region: <u>Europe</u>, <u>Russia and FSU</u> Theme: <u>US NATO War Agenda</u>

Longtime incumbent President **Alexander Lukashenko** overwhelmingly defeated opposition candidates to remain in office.

US-designated puppet-in-waiting, **Svetlana Tikhanovskaya** was chosen to serve Washington's imperial interests.

On Saturday, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman **Maria Zakharova** slammed Brussels for meddling in Belarusian internal affairs, saying the following:

"...Belarus is not the only example" of how the EU colludes with Washington against other countries in breach of the UN Charter and other international law.

"We call on the European Union to reconsider this course, which leads to the erosion of the legal basis of the international order, and in the case of Belarus, hinders normalization in the country."

Stressing the illegality and destabilizing effects of possible EU sanctions on the country, Zakharova added:

"Our position regarding the sanctions mechanism used by the European Union is well-known."

"It is illegitimate in terms of international law and represents unacceptable interference in internal affairs."

"And in the context of the situation in Belarus, it contradicts the goal of restoring stability, establishing a dialogue, launching the constitutional process, and easing tensions, which EU representatives have said so much about."

Zakharova also strongly criticized an invitation by EU foreign ministers for Tikhanovskaya to attend an upcoming ministerial meeting in Brussels, saying:

"EU foreign ministers' overtures to the self-appointed Belarusian opposition representative and her invitation to Brussels 'to communicate' is an integral part of the scenario to meddle in Belarus' domestic affairs."

"It is a brazen violation of fundamental norms of the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which anniversaries are marked by international community this year."

Russia views unacceptable bloc actions as further "proof of the European Union's retreat from previous statements that there is no geopolitics in regard to Belarus or any parallels with the scenario of February 2014 in Ukraine when certain EU nations had come forward as so-called guarantors of the agreement between the government and opposition, which was trampled on the next day."

Extrajudicial EU policy is supported by its foreign policy chief Josep Borrell and majority European Parliament MPs.

"The attempts to 'rock the boat' are obvious, and Brussels should not be surprised that there will be a response," Zakharova stressed, adding:

"Behind imaginary concern for the people of Belarus, the EU actually tries to decide for them how they should live."

"We would say again that the EU prefers not to talk about the constitutional reform, which aims to promote a nationwide dialogue in this country."

"In general, we can see that disrespect for objective intra-political realities, rampant support to opposition forces, up to recognition of 'impostors' by certain EU member states which Brussels is unable to 'rein in,' and the option to oust the current government through sanctions, pressure and propaganda are being increasingly entrenched in the EU foreign policy arsenal."

"Regrettably, Belarus is not the only example in this respect."

Geopolitically, the EU is largely subservient to Washington's agenda.

Separately, remarks by Belarusian Foreign Ministry spokesman **Anatoly Glaz** were similar to his Russian counterpart — stressing "impudent and open interference in the internal affairs of our country and complete disrespect for its citizens" by the EU and US.

Reciting scripted remarks, Tikhanovskaya called for "international community" intervention in Belarus by video message to the UN Human Rights Council — supporting the made-in-the-USA coup attempt to topple the country's legitimate government.

Russia supports Belarusian sovereignty, free from foreign interference.

On Wednesday, **Sergey Lavrov** said during Lukashenko's Sochi meeting with Putin days earlier, both leaders discussed implementation of the 1999 Union State treaty between both countries, adding:

"Work is underway." Because over 20 years passed since both nations agreed on the treaty, governments of both nations "began to work on identifying the agreed-upon steps that would make our integration fit current circumstances."

Lukashenko agreed on the need to deepen integration after resisting the idea throughout most of his time in office since 1994.

Given a made-in-the-US coup plot to replace him with pro-Western puppet rule, Lukashenko

appears more willing for Belarus to join with Russia as part of a Union State.

As the saying goes, the devil is in the details. At the same time, consummation of a Union State agreement between both countries most likely would be an effective way to defeat the US coup plot.

Things are moving in this direction. It also makes sense because around 80% of Belarusians are ethnically Russian. Both countries share a slavic heritage.

They're each other's most important political, economic, trade, and defense partners. Lavrov expressed confidence about achieving bilateral integration — perhaps to be announced in the coming days or weeks.

*

Note to readers: please click the share buttons below. Forward this article to your email lists. Crosspost on your blog site, internet forums. etc.

Award-winning author **Stephen Lendman** lives in Chicago. He can be reached at <u>lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net</u>. He is a Research Associate of the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG)

His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III."

http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html

Visit his blog site at <u>sjlendman.blogspot.com</u>.

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © <u>Stephen Lendman</u>, Global Research, 2020

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: <u>Stephen</u> <u>Lendman</u>

About the author:

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net. His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III." http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html Visit his blog site at sjlendman.blogspot.com. Listen to cuttingedge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network. It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at **Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

<u>www.globalresearch.ca</u> contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca