

# “Sick People” - Russian Lawmakers Blast US for Nuclear War Exercise

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*US Defense Secretary Mark Esper participated in a war exercise late last week at the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) HQ in Omaha, Nebraska, which featured how the Pentagon would respond to a Russian nuclear attack on Europe, [reported Defense One](#).*

“We conducted a mini-exercise,” a senior defense official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. “The scenario included a European contingency where you are conducting a war with Russia and Russia decides to use a low-yield limited nuclear weapon against the site on NATO territory, and then you go through the conversation that you would have with the secretary of defense and then with the president ultimately to decide how to respond.”

“During the exercise, we simulated responding with a nuclear weapon,” the official said.

News of the “mini-exercise” immediately traveled to Moscow. Russian lawmakers called the Pentagon’s nuclear war simulation completely outrageous:

**Senator Sergei Tsekov** called organizers and participants of the exercise “sick people,” telling [RBC News](#) on Saturday, that he was “very surprised, frankly, very much, that they are doing this and also declare it. Although, on the other hand, judging by their current state and current actions, why be surprised?”

**Alexander Sherin**, the deputy head of the Duma’s defense committee, told [HCH news](#) on Saturday that the US’ nuclear war simulation with Russia has several objectives:

“Firstly, the population is getting used to such an incredible scenario for resolving the conflict as a nuclear strike between the Russian Federation and the NATO bloc. Secondly, an attempt to intimidate the population of Europe and justify the presence of American bases in European countries as guarantors of security and defenders in the event of a nuclear attack from Russia,” Sherin said.

He said it would be foolish for Moscow to launch nuclear strikes on European countries because the fallout would flow back into Russia.

Sherin says the reason the US nonchalantly leaks its nuclear war exercises to the media is

because it has never had a major war on its soil, unlike Europe and Russia.

The latest drill comes as President Trump's gargantuan military budget of more [than \\$740 billion has allocated](#) a whopping \$44 billion for nuclear weapons.

**Peter Kuznick**, the director of the American University's Nuclear Studies Institute, told [RT News](#) there is no such thing of limited nuclear war.

Kuznick said how these things play out is that both sides will continue shooting atomic weapons at one another until the human civilization is completely wiped out.

The exercise comes weeks after we reported the US [added](#) a 'low yield' nuclear weapon to its submarine arsenal in a controversial first in decades.

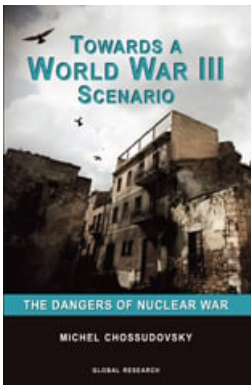
Trump's soaring military budget has led to the most significant increase in [global military spending](#) in more than a decade suggests governments across the world are preparing for the [next big conflict](#).

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