

The Ides of March. The Month of War. Could Recent Developments in Ukraine Launch World War III?

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“I remembered the line from the Hindu scripture, the Bhagavad-Gita; Vishnu is trying to persuade the Prince that he should do his duty and, to impress him, takes on his multi-armed form and says, “Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds.” I suppose we all thought that, one way or another.”

– **J. Robert Oppenheimer** [1]

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“We should not exclude that there might be a need for security that then justifies some elements of deployment...Nothing should be excluded. We will do whatever it takes to ensure that Russia cannot win this war.”

These statements came from **Emmanuel Macron**, the president of France. He was speaking at a Paris news conference on the occasion of European, Canadian, and U.S. leaders gathering in the city to discuss the Ukraine emergency situation. He said that sending NATO troops to Ukraine “could not be ruled out.” [2][3]

In response, Kremlin spokesperson **Dmitry Peskov** said, “In that case, we would need to talk not about the probability, but about the inevitability [of direct conflict].” [4]

To put it bluntly, a direct conflict between NATO and Russia would mean World War III. [5]

After the city of Adviiivka fell to Russia in mid-February and Russia is currently charging

Westward, even mainstream press is cognizant that the situation in Ukraine is dire. Yet Macron in a follow-up conference on Thursday March 14th doubled down on his refusal to rule out sending NATO back-up to Ukraine. [6][7]

Other NATO members have been trying to put this concept to rest fairly quickly. But there remains no appetite for accepting defeat either. [8]

Could this be a scenario, not unlike World War I, where one miscalculation triggers another dreadful conflict? Are we not also right in the middle of the one month where the U.S. almost always chooses to go to war? We will explore this and other questions in our “Ides of March” edition of the Global Research News Hour. [9][10]

In our first half hour, we speak to the author and documentary film-maker **Greg Mitchell** about his appraisal of the Oscar Award-winning movie *Oppenheimer* as actually misrepresenting the world destroying weapon known as the atomic bomb and its use in the last world war. And in our second half hour, we speak to Global Research contributor **Drago Bosnic** about the recent shifts in the Ukraine War, **Alexei Navalny’s** curious death, and what if anything could shift us all away from a looming Cuban Missile Crisis showdown.

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