

# There Never Was an Offramp in Ukraine. Destruction of the Nova Kakhovka Hydroelectric Dam

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*The long-awaited offensive from Ukraine has begun. So far the results have been mixed with both sides claiming victories per the normal flow of propaganda. None of that matters.*

*What is not up for discussion is the tragedy, aimed squarely at civilians, of **the Nova Kakhovka hydroelectric dam**, attacked last night releasing the Dnieper river into the valley in Kherson oblast.*

*This dam provided not only local electric power but also cooling water for the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), the largest nuclear power plant in Europe.*

The ZNPP has been the subject of numerous incidents since this war began with battles being fought over it, and accusations flying wildly from the West as to how irresponsible Russia was. None of that turned out to be true as ZNPP was set up to be the site of a massive false flag involving UN inspectors which failed.

It doesn't matter who you back in this war or whose incentives you sympathize with. **Acts like this serve many purposes, some of them military, some of them political.**

And they follow a particular pattern.

Like the narrative from last year surrounding the attacks on the ZNPP, this attack on the dam begs very obvious questions.

## **Why would Russia attack a nuclear power plant in an area under its control?**

Going back to Syria right after Donald Trump took office in early 2017, why would Assad gas civilians when he and Russia had the momentum and was clearly winning the war in Idlib

province, invoking the wrath of the world?

**Why would Russia blow up Nordstream 1 and 2 as they were initially accused of?**

**Why would Russia attack a dam in territory they control that provides local power to Kherson, cooling water to the ZNPP and fresh water to Crimea?**

**The answers to all of these questions is simply, “They wouldn’t.”**

So now let’s do a little more historic digging into past behavior.

Before the war officially started who blew up power stations denying Crimea power in the fall of 2015, creating blackouts and real civilian hardship?

Who is on record saying that the Minsk Agreements were simply a time-buying exercise to arm Ukraine and freeze Russia for the war we have today?

Who staged a terrorist attack on the Kerch Strait Bridge?

Who [has tested the waters on attacking the dam?](#)

Whose leadership continues to go around the world desperately trying to convince rational people that this irrational ethnic war between tribes of Slavs is a fight for the future of western civilization?

Who intentionally helped stoke simmering hatred of all things Russian across the entirety of Eastern Europe to push the world to this moment?

In short, who armed Ukraine while never once acting with one ounce of humility or basic human decency to find a solution that didn’t involve thousands of dead Slavs?

The answer is the same people accusing Russia today of blowing up a dam that severely weakens their strategic position in southern Ukraine.

The first person out the gate was EU Council President **Charles Michel**:

Shocked by the unprecedented attack of the Nova Kakhovka dam.

The destruction of civilian infrastructure clearly qualifies as a war crime – and we will hold Russia and its proxies accountable.

— Charles Michel (@CharlesMichel) [June 6, 2023](#)

The rest of the world will pile on for the next 72 hours or so until some footage or evidence makes its way into the information space. It’s the same pattern as Nordstream, the chemical attacks in Ghouta and Khan Sheykoun, MH-17 and a host of other attacks on civilians over the past decade since Putin helped thwart Obama’s “Coalition of the willing” to take out Assad in 2013 following Ghouta.

Right on schedule: Perfidious Albion weighs in.

The destruction of Kakhovka dam is an abhorrent act.

Intentionally attacking exclusively civilian infrastructure is a war crime.

The UK stands ready to support Ukraine and those affected by this catastrophe.

— James Cleverly ( @JamesCleverly ) [June 6, 2023](#)

Everything in Ukraine is downstream (all puns intended) of that. Everything. It's all one big long policy decision after another. In this respect Ukraine has been a series of moves on a chess board leading to a particular outcome.

And that outcome will be a full-fledged war between NATO and Russia over Ukraine. It's what everyone in power actually wants, even when they mouth words to the contrary. EU officials like Michel, EU Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen and now presidential candidates in the US say the same thing.

There can be no victory for Russia in Ukraine. It would be the end of the West.

Waffle House Waitress Nikki Haley is out repeating the lie that Russia will take all of Poland and the Baltics if he wins on CNN. It doesn't matter that she'll get 1% of the primary vote, her job is to reinforce the narrative.

We've all been waiting for the next big 'disaster' to up the ante in Ukraine. It's been too quiet for too long. Now with the fighting intensifying along multiple fronts, this move is it.

So, with it done what does it mean?

The most obvious is that this materially weakens Russia's position in Kherson and then Crimea. It follows that this is just the prelude to the long-expected full on attack on Crimea.

It could be some weird statement by the Ukrainians that they are looking for an offramp by drawing an impassable barrier between their territory and Russia's but I'll need to see a lot more evidence of that before I can even contemplate it.

Because Occam's razor reminds us of the intense need to take not only Ukraine to the next level but the entire *Davos* Great Reset agenda there as well.

For more than a year the West, primarily the US with a lot of British assistance, have tried to craft a humanitarian crisis narrative around Russia to justify a wider war.

This is just the latest example of their handiwork.

The Ukrainians want this to elicit sympathy from gaslit morons with Ukraine flags in the Twitter name.

The Brits need this because [their centuries-long feud with Russia](#) simply cannot end with a whimper in Ukraine.

The US thinks they need this because of the ridiculous Great Powers mind virus unleashed on us by our colonial "betters."

Davos needs this because you can't roll the world up into your total control if there are any great nations left.

When viewed through the lens of the power-mongers who unleashed this war I leave you with one last question.

What do you call a hundred thousand dead Slavs fighting over swampland?

A good start.

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