

What Year Will 2025 be? Reminder of 2024. Manlio Dinucci

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In 2024, Sweden and Finland granted the US 32 military bases where it can deploy its own forces, including nuclear forces close to Russia. At the same time, the US deployed the new B61-12 nuclear bomb in Italy, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Turkey. It is possible that the B61-12 bombs are also being deployed in secret in Poland and in other European countries. Russia's response was inevitable: it deployed tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus capable of striking US-NATO nuclear bases in Europe.

President Biden authorised Ukraine to use ATACMS missiles with a range of over 300 km against Russia. Shortly afterwards, the UK authorised the use of long-range Storm Shadow missiles by Ukraine against Russia, with Italian participation through Leonardo. At this point, Russia hit a Ukrainian military aerospace facility with the new Oreshnik hypersonic missile with multiple non-nuclear warheads, which can also be armed with nuclear warheads.

Point 2 of the order on the revision of the Russian nuclear doctrine states that “aggression by any non-nuclear state, but with the participation or support of a nuclear state, shall be considered a joint attack on Russia.” Italy falls into the category defined in point 2: although it is a non-nuclear state and a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which prohibits it from receiving nuclear weapons from anyone, it hosts on its territory US nuclear weapons aimed at Russia, for whose use the Italian air force is ready under US command. Italy and other European countries in the same situation (Germany, Belgium, Holland) are therefore under Russian nuclear deterrence, i.e. Russian nuclear missiles are aimed at nuclear bases in Italy. The fact remains that while US intermediate-range missiles deployed in Europe can hit Moscow within minutes of launch, similar missiles deployed by Russia in the European part of its territory can hit European capitals but not Washington.

The European scenario is closely linked to the scenario of the Middle East. When the Hamas attack on Israel took place on 7 October 2023, Grandangolo titled it **“The Middle East’s 9/11”, based on a series of facts that proved the existence of a plan similar to the one that had served on 11 September 2001 to unleash the “Global War on Terror” that led to the US and NATO invading Afghanistan and Iraq.** The plan carried out by Hamas on 7 October had been known to the Israeli leadership for a year. Rather than being surprised by the attack, the Israeli leadership facilitated it. The 7th of October attack was used to justify the opening of a huge war front in the strategic region of the Middle East with the dual aim of wiping out the Palestinian territories, unleashing genocide to make the establishment of a Palestinian state impossible, and triggering a chain reaction of conflicts in the Middle East by attacking Lebanon, Yemen and Syria.

Israel is the spearhead of the US and European powers' attempt to maintain their dominance in the Middle East, where they are losing ground through war. **Their main target is Iran, which has become the strategic hub of the North-South transport corridor to India and beyond allowing Russia to bypass the blockade imposed by NATO and the EU. It is also the strategic hub of the New Silk Road from China to Europe.**

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