

# *The Blessed Hope!*

***“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)***

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## **BREAKING NEWS - URGENT: RUSSIA DECLARES NATO TALKS "FAILURE" SAYS WILL USE MILITARY MEANS**

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“US-led NATO military bloc has reverted to full Cold War strategy of “containment” towards Russia and seeks “full spectrum dominance” — talks are a fail” according to Russian Foreign Ministry speakers.

Russia made clear before the scheduled meetings that in such an event, it has no choice but to create counter-threats & use "military and military-technical means."

NATO claims they pressed Russia to "prove" they weren't going to invade Ukraine, but got no answer. Yet the Deputy Foreign Minister of Russia Grushko said that Ukraine was discussed with NATO, the Russian Federation has a clear position: "If Minsk-2 is fulfilled, there will be no threats to the territorial integrity of Ukraine."

Of course this is in reference to the two sets of agreements hammered out in Minsk years ago, of which Ukraine has performed a total of ZERO of the commitments it made in those meetings. One interesting commitment Ukraine made was to negotiate directly with the leaders of (breakaway) Luhanks and Donetsk. Ukraine now flatly refuses to talk to those oblasts (states) and wants instead to negotiate with Russia.

Russia says this is a problem within Ukraine and they cannot negotiate for states within Ukraine, so Kiev must talk to their own states; which Kiev refuses to do.

Those two states (oblasts) want to leave Ukraine and join Russia. Ukraine refuses to allow it, and sent the Ukraine Army to forcibly restrain the two states back in 2014, which is how the whole military build-up on both sides began.

So unless and until Ukraine meets its obligations under the Minsk and Minsk 2 agreements, this situation will never get better. It will only grow worse.

UPDATE 2:53 PM EST --

U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine has just issued the following ALERT: "Concerning reports of further unusual Russian military activity near Ukraine's borders and in Crimea continue, and US citizens are reminded the security conditions may change with little or no notice."

MORE:

The U.S. Air Force is now running E-8 Intelligence-gathering aircraft in a track-like surveillance of Russian activities in Crimea and western Russia:

MORE:

Now seeing \*\* a LOT \*\* of Russian military hardware on the move from eastern and central Russia towards the west. Multiple trainloads of tanks, armored personnel carriers, artillery, and missile launchers. Emphasis on \*\* a LOT \*\*

UPDATE 3:00 PM EST --

Senior admin officials say the U.S. has finalized sanctions options in the event that Russia invades Ukraine. The Biden administration has sanctions targets and implementation measures "ready to go to be issued when those tanks cross the border," one official said.

Russia issued an almost immediate response: *"The threat of sanctions from an economically and socially bankrupt country do not put fear into Russians."*

MORE:

Russian Deputy FM Grushko: *"Russia-NATO relations are at a critically low level. We have made it clear that their further deterioration carries serious risks."*

UPDATE 3:45 PM EST --

In an unusual and late-issued statement at 11:30 PM Moscow, Russia, time, the Russia Foreign Ministry says *"Moscow and NATO do not have a "unifying positive agenda at all," following NATO-Russia talks."*

Grushko: Russia put forward its draft treaty and today called on NATO allies to put forward its proposals (in writing). Then it will be clear what sort of negotiation formats are possible going forward.

*"I think we managed to convey to the members of the [NATO] Alliance that the situation is becoming intolerable. And that at some point, the risks associated with continuing the same course of NATO may outweigh the advantages," Grushko said.*

## HAL TURNER ASSESSMENT

Based upon my past work with the FBI from 1993-2008, and specifically, my handling of National Security Intelligence, Terrorism, and Foreign Counter-Intelligence for the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2003-2008, it is my considered judgment that given today's failure of talks, things are about to go Hot.

I have conferred with some of my former colleagues in the Intelligence Community today - some who are still in active service to various countries -- and they agree with my assessment:

Heads up...Russia said it would respond with military and "technical" means.

Be advised...when this kicks off...power grids...internet...banking and communication SEEM LIKELY to all be targets. Those would be "technical" means.

Get ready...this could happen at any moment now.

ALSO...just a reminder...Russia warned that ANY missile...fired at Russia will be seen as a possible nuke and BEFORE it hits Russia will launch a full-scale nuclear strike at the attacking nation.

Some historical perspective:

1914: On 10 July 1914, Austria-Hungary presented Serbia with an ultimatum containing "unacceptable demands". These included all anti-Austrian propaganda within Serbia be suppressed, and that Austria-Hungary be allowed to conduct its own investigation into the Archduke Franz Ferdinand's killing. Unsurprisingly, the demands are rejected, and war breaks out, escalating into The Great War/World War One.

1939: UK PM, Neville Chamberlain, issued an ultimatum to the Germans on 2 September 1939: withdraw from Poland or 'a state of war will exist between Great Britain and Germany.' Later the same day, France issued Germany a similar ultimatum. When the ultimatum was rejected, war started. The Axis and Allied powers begin a war that spreads worldwide, constituting World War Two.

2021: On December 17, Russian President Vladimir Putin, demands that NATO withdraw its bases back to pre-1997 settings, end military exercises in former Soviet states and guarantee that Georgia and Ukraine will never join NATO. Putin masses more than 100,000 troops on the Ukrainian border while Belarus and the CSTO vow to support Russia. The demands are rejected, even though Putin promises "military-technical" retaliation to "protect its national security". Military historians warn that the

conflict has the potential to escalate beyond Ukraine and turn into a full-scale war between the CSTO and NATO.

By Russell Bentley via Covert Action Magazine

*[A Texan who enlisted as a freedom fighter in eastern Ukraine, author Russell Bentley claims that Biden administration war hawks and neo-Nazi Ukrainian officials are plotting a “false-flag” chemical warfare attack to blame on Putin as a pretext for declaring war.— Editors]*



Ukraine soldier prepares tank for combat mission in Donbass.

**U.S. and Ukraine are already secretly preparing for the all-out war with Russia that they intend to make happen.**





Author Russell Bentley at mass grave and memorial of 75,000 victims of German Nazis in Donetsk.

The U.S. and Ukraine are secretly preparing for all-out war while advancing propaganda to make it appear that Russia is the aggressor. Diplomatic talks in Geneva by the U.S. and Russia have failed to alleviate tensions because the U.S. refused to adhere to Russia's demand that Ukraine "never, never ever" become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman stated that the U.S. would "not allow anyone to slam closed NATO's Open Door policy."



**Wendy R. Sherman**

Since the February 2014 Maidan coup—where worshippers of Nazi collaborators Stepan Bandera overthrew Ukraine’s democratically elected pro-Russian leader Viktor Yanukovich—the U.S. has provided \$2.5 billion in military aid to the Ukrainians, including \$450 million in 2021 alone. (Since 2014, the EU has provided 17 billion euros to Kyiv!)



A Ukrainian nationalist carries a portrait of Stepan Bandera, founder of a Ukrainian rebel army that fought the Soviet Union in the 1930s and '40s. The rally was held on Jan. 1, 2013. While many Ukrainians see Bandera as a hero, many Russians view him as an ally of Hitler and a mass murderer.

This aid has included 100 Javelin rocket launchers and at least 500 rockets, along with training in their use.



Lt. Col. Clay Salmela, the chaplain with Task Force Juvigny, congratulates a Ukrainian soldier upon completion of initial entry training at Starychi Military Base near Combat Training Center \u2013 Yavoriv, Ukraine, Nov. 16. Earlier this month approximately 160 American Soldiers with the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team headquarters company deployed to Ukraine as Task Force Juvigny and assumed responsibility of the Joint Multinational Training Group \u2013 Ukraine at the Combat Training Center Yavoriv.

An adviser with U.S. Task Force Juvigny greets Ukrainian counterparts at the Combat Training Center in Yavoriv, Ukraine.

Other NATO countries, including Canada, UK, Poland and Turkey have provided weapons, training and intelligence. Turkey has provided Bayraktir attack drones, and instructors, and both the Javelins and the drones have been used in combat against the Donbass Republics' defense forces.





Ukrainian Defense Minister Andriy Taran and Baykar CEO Haluk Bayraktar sign UAV agreement on September 29, 2021.

Ukraine itself has recently required women between the ages of 18 and 60 to register for the draft, including pregnant women and mothers with young children. Meanwhile, NATO already has 13,000 troops, 200 tanks, 400 APCs and 3 dozen aircraft and helicopters stationed in Eastern Europe, and there are currently 10,000 NATO “instructors” in Ukraine (including 4,000 from the United States). In early December, the Greek port of Alexandroupolis received the largest shipment of U.S. military equipment in its history, including helicopters, UAVs, tanks, IFVs and artillery for the annual NATO exercise “Atlantic Resolve.”

### **US and Ukraine continue preparations for assault on Donbass Republics**

In early December, the water of the Severdonetsk River—which supplies more than 90% of the municipal tap water to all major cities of the Donetsk People’s Republic (DPR) in eastern Ukraine (as well as major cities of Donetsk Oblast under Ukrainian control)—was contaminated by chemical and biological agents from sources in Kharkov and Slavyansk.

This contamination—augmented by “fracking” in the areas of Donetsk Oblast under Ukrainian control—has resulted in the tap water of the DPR being unsuitable for cooking or drinking.





A truck driver fills water containers with clean water in Pavlopil, eastern Ukraine. The Zelensky government of Ukraine deliberately contaminated the drinking water in the region in a major war crime ignored by the Western media.

Contamination and/or denial of drinking water for civilian populations constitutes a “grave breach,” and thus qualifies as a war crime, under both the Nuremberg Tribunal Charter and the Fourth Geneva Convention.<sup>[1]</sup>

The chemical attack on the Severdonetsk River is not the only chemical and biological threat against the Donbass Republics by Ukraine and its Western sponsors.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu reported on reported on December 21<sup>st</sup> that 120 U.S. mercenaries received deliveries of chemical weapons in the Ukrainian occupied frontline cities of Avdeevka and Krasny Liman for use in a possible false-flag attack that could be blamed on Russia.



Press Secretary of the DPR Defense Ministry Eduard Basurin confirmed that Ukraine had received several batches of toxic substances, botulinum toxin and an antidote to it from the U.S.

He stated:

Various types of chemical weapons were brought to Ukraine. In October, one of the shipments contained an antidote against botulinum toxin. In November, the chemical itself was delivered. It can be used with grenade launchers. The weight is small. It can be dropped from drones, and Ukraine has been using shock drones all the time lately.

In addition, *“Another container weighing 300 kilograms was delivered to Mariupol by sea, where there was a chemical warfare agent—dibenzoxazepine, which is used in the form of an aerosol.”*



Eduard Basurin

In the southern sector of the Front, near Mariupol, citizens of the frontline village Granitnoye have reported Ukrainian soldiers in full chemical/biological protective suits unloading containers.

These reports do not bode well for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Ukraine which threatens to expand into a full-fledged war involving the U.S. and Russia.

The reports bring to mind the widely and completely debunked and exposed multiple false-flag attacks by (U.S. and NATO-backed) ISIS terrorists in Syria, in which innocent civilians were slaughtered in order to use them in “White Helmet” propaganda videos, falsely blaming the mass murders on chemical attacks by the legitimate Syrian government.<sup>[2]</sup>



Scene from chemical weapon attack in Douma in 2018 in Syria which was blamed on the Assad government but was likely caused by rebel forces backed by the U.S. in an attempt to discredit Assad and invoke more U.S. military intervention in Syria.

**Diplomatic Option—Will the Biden Administration Pursue It?**

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov have said multiple times that Russia is prepared to use military force if either its citizens in Donbass or its strategic national interests are further threatened by Ukraine or NATO.





*"A still image taken from video showing Russian tanks in plain sight this month in Maslovka, in southern Russia."* Russian tanks in southern Russia that Putin is prepared to use.

Russia, however, first has proposed a diplomatic solution that the U.S. appears to be rejecting.

On December 17, 2021, Russia published a draft of a pair of treaties for mutual security guarantees between Russia, the U.S. and NATO, with eight specific articles, the first of which is a demand for equal recognition of the security interests of both countries.

The second article requires both countries to adhere to the basic principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter. The third article prohibits the signatories from using the territory of third countries for preparation of armed attacks. The fourth article is very specific—the United States shall prevent the further eastward expansion of NATO and deny NATO membership to any further former USSR Republics, meaning specifically Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia.

The fifth article prohibits either side from deploying weapons in international and third-party spaces to provoke or threaten, including agreement on maximum-approach distances of warships and aircraft. The sixth article is the prohibition of deployment of short and intermediate range missiles outside of the national territories of the parties, or where said missiles could threaten the other party.

The seventh article requires the withdrawal of all nuclear weapons deployed outside the territories of both parties, and the dismantling of existing infrastructure outside the territories for the deployment of nuclear weapons, and prohibits the training of other countries' militaries in the use of nuclear weapons. The eighth and final article stipulates the entry into force of the Treaty once ratification by both sides is complete.



U.S. President Joe Biden (Biden Double) holds virtual talks with Russia's President Vladimir Putin amid Western fears that Moscow plans to attack Ukraine, as Secretary of State Antony Blinken listens with other officials during a secure video call from the Situation Room at the White House in Washington, U.S., December 7, 2021. The White House/Handout via REUTERS " U.S. President Joe Biden holds virtual talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin amid Western fears that Moscow plans to attack Ukraine, as Secretary of State Antony Blinken listens with other officials during a secure video call from the Situation Room at the White House in Washington, D.C., December 7, 2021.

This treaty is wise and highly equitable, a framework for de-escalation and a drawback from potential nuclear war. If the U.S. or NATO fails to ratify this treaty, Russia has made clear that it will enforce the provisions of the Treaty by military means.

Russia is not bluffing, and they do have the technical and military ability to do so. If the U.S./NATO refusal to ratify the treaty or further provocations in Ukraine lead to war, the onus will absolutely be on them and not on Russia. NATO armies, weapons and military infrastructure have advanced literally all the way up to the Russian border, and as Vladimir Putin has noted, "*There is nowhere left to retreat.*"



The treaty is not an “ultimatum,” rather it is the only feasible alternative to serious military confrontation that can easily lead to a major war. Unfortunately, it appears that Ukraine and NATO, led by the U.S., have no intention of pursuing the diplomatic option, and continue preparations and provocations that can *and will* lead only to a military response by Russia.

### **Amending of Ukrainian Constitution**

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, four days after the Russian treaty proposal was published, Ukraine, on U.S. and NATO orders, with reckless impudence again amended the Ukrainian Constitution to allow foreign troops to operate on Ukrainian soil, in preparation for multiple NATO exercises to be held in Ukraine in 2022.

These include nine maneuvers to be carried out in 2022, and the number of military personnel participating in them will almost double compared to 2021—to 64,000.





Servicemen of the U.S. and Ukrainian armies attend the opening ceremony of the RAPID TRIDENT-2021; military exercise at Ukraine's International Peacekeeping Security Centre near Yavoriv in the Lviv region, Ukraine September 20, 2021.

The number of aircraft and helicopters will more than triple—to 361—and warships almost four times—to 256. This is a tremendous military escalation, and while Russia can easily handle the Ukrainian military alone, Russia will be faced with a much more formidable foe if the NATO reinforcements are in place before hostilities commence.

Russia's window of opportunity for a preemptive strike is a matter of weeks, and on December 29<sup>th</sup>, President Putin announced that Russia and Belarus have scheduled military exercises of their own for February and March of 2022.



Russian and Belarusian army exercise from 2017. It is quite possible and even “highly likely” that these “exercises” will be conducted not in Russia or Belarus, but in Ukraine itself. This possibility has already prompted the UK to announce plans to evacuate its soldiers and the U.S. to begin preparations to evacuate its citizens from Ukraine.

February 4, 2022, will be the opening day of the Winter Olympics in Beijing, and Putin has announced his intention to attend. The U.S. and NATO have a history of initiating military and geopolitical confrontations during the Olympics, as was seen with the Maidan coup in 2014 during the Sochi Olympics and the Georgian attack on South Ossetia during the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. All the above factors have led



many analysts, including this author, to predict the start of major military operations in February 2022.

### **Non-Military Options and Russia's Alliance with China**

If the collective “West”—U.S./NATO—continue their advances and attacks against Russia, Russia also has multiple options of the non-kinetic variety with which to respond. Economic, technical and political means that can teach, *even in a non-military way*, what Vladimir Putin once described as “the true meaning of pain.”

Russia's electronic warfare capabilities are currently unmatched in the world. The Murmansk-BN system has the ability to suppress radio and satellite communication over a distance of 3,000 kilometers, and has proven effective against hard targets like the U.S. F-35. Operating from within its own territory, Russia can suppress not only military aircraft, but civilian air traffic and ground transport and other communication over the entirety of Europe, including the UK.



*Комплекс «Мурманск — БН» в районе боевого предназначения*

### **Murmansk-BN System.**

Russia can play the energy card—the EU's dependence on Russian oil and gas (47% in 2021) has become painfully clear this year, but it is a little known fact that Russia is the U.S.'s third largest supplier of petroleum products. In 2020, the U.S. imported 538,000 barrels *per day* from Russia, and even more in 2021. Russia's supply accounts for 7%

of all U.S. petroleum imports, and while an energy loss of 7% would be a major blow to the U.S., Russia can easily divert these shipments to the East and sell them there.

Were Russia to cut off its energy supplies to the EU, the economic devastation would be immediate and immeasurable. And the physical and infrastructure destruction would be even worse. People would literally freeze to death, pipes would freeze and burst, factories would be shut down and deteriorate, never to be re-opened. That is actually happening now in Ukraine. The U.S. and EU should take a look at that and take a lesson from it.

The Russia-China strategic partnership is not only military, it is economic. The U.S. economy today is a façade, a paper tiger with no real strength or foundation. The U.S. national debt is officially \$30 trillion, more than 90% of GDP, and the true number, including U.S. government “unfunded liabilities” including \$21 trillion for Social Security and \$33 trillion for Medicare, is perhaps as much as ten times higher. It is a debt that can and will never be paid.



"Russia-China, Putin-Xi Partnership Against U.S. Makes Sense For Now."

A combined economic assault by Russia and China against the U.S. dollar would cause inflation of Zimbabwean proportions. Soldiers do not fight if they are not paid, cops and government bureaucrats do not work if their paychecks are worthless, and citizens loot and riot if they cannot afford food. And if the U.S. economy implodes, it will take the EU economy with it. And vice versa.

All (or any) of these non-military moves would paralyze the economies and governments of virtually all NATO countries, inflicting a crushing defeat on the U.S. and EU without firing a shot. But Russia does have full justification and compelling motives

for a military response as well. And if done correctly, it could result in total victory in a quick and relatively bloodless fashion.

1. With that in mind, it should also be noted that in early 2017, the Kyiv regime dammed the North Crimean Canal which had supplied fresh water to the 2.5 million citizens of Crimea. While the Crimean peninsula produces adequate water for survival, this criminal act not only affects the health and quality of life of the citizens, it also has had an extremely negative impact on the agriculture, economy and ecology of the peninsula.
2. Ukraine has been using ISIS and other Jihadi terrorists in its war against the Donbass Republics since the very beginning of the war. In early 2015, *The Intercept* first reported the links between ISIS and Ukrainian neo-Nazis. Other credible reports soon followed, from such divergent sources as Antiwar.com, The American Thinker, and even *The New York Times* reported on “three full Islamic battalions fighting in eastern Ukraine.” These reports are all from 2015, and the jihadi presence in Ukraine has only grown since then.

Blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ,

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