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NATO creating new Arctic front against Russia – Lavrov

The bloc's members are increasingly treating the Far North as another arena for containing Moscow and its partners

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NATO is seeking to turn the Arctic into a new “hotbed” of tensions with its active military buildup in the region, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has warned. The bloc's activities have sowed an atmosphere of distrust and it is risking a potentially dangerous armed confrontation not only with Moscow but with other nations as well, he warned in an article published by Arctic.ru on Monday.

The US-led military bloc ramped up its activities in the Far North earlier this year by launching the Arctic Sentry initiative. The move was touted as a response to US

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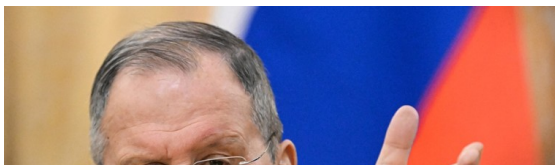
Both Moscow and Beijing have repeatedly dismissed the accusations, with China arguing that the US was merely using the claims as a pretext for its own military buildup in the Arctic. Russia has also maintained that it would defend its interests in the Arctic, despite having no stake in the feud over Greenland.

In his Monday article, Lavrov stated that Russia is mainly interested in *"preserving the Arctic as an area of peace and cooperation"* while accusing NATO of *"driving the region towards militarization."*

"Intensive military preparations are underway in close proximity to our northern borders. NATO is conducting large-scale military exercises involving non-regional countries and introducing new components of its command-and-control system," the minister said.



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Back in February, the NATO nations held drills focused on Greenland and the broader Arctic, involving Swedish and Danish warplanes in particular. In March, the bloc staged a massive military exercise in Norway and Finland – two Nordic nations bordering Russia – involving a total of 32,500 troops from 14 member states.

The troops trained on the territory of both countries, as well as *“at sea and in the air,”* under *“harsh, Arctic conditions,”* in what the Norwegian Armed Forces described as the nation’s *“largest military exercise in 2026.”*



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Last week, US, UK and Norwegian forces kickstarted another drill on the Norwegian island of Jan Mayen. The operation is aimed at integrating *“multinational sensors, command-and-control nodes and precision fires into a joint kill web,”* according to a US Marine Corps release.

Jan Mayen – a remote volcanic island located 1,000 kilometers away from mainland Norway – is described by the US Naval Institute think tank as a key location in the Greenland-Iceland-UK gap – a *“chokepoint against entry into the Atlantic Ocean by Russian naval forces”* and particularly its Northern Fleet.

“NATO members and other Western countries make no secret of their true motives, openly declaring their intention to turn the Arctic into a new front for opposing the development of Russia and its like-minded partners,” Lavrov said, commenting on the development and warning that such an approach *“increases the risk of incidents that could trigger an armed confrontation with potentially disastrous consequences.”*



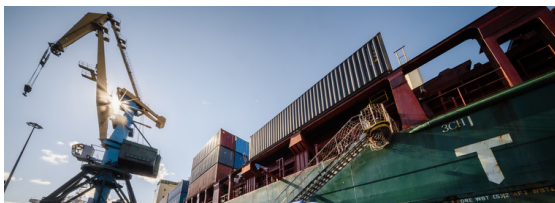
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The foreign minister also stated that NATO and the EU not only pose a *“direct threat”* to Russian security but also seek to *“undermine Russia’s legitimate rights in international cooperation”* by targeting its partners with sanctions that affect Arctic projects in particular. He named China and India as Moscow’s key partners in the region.



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The EU has targeted Russia with numerous rounds of sanctions, including restrictions aimed specifically at its Arctic oil and gas development. The measures were designed to restrict Moscow’s access to technologies required for deep-water drilling and Arctic resource extraction, as well as to limit financing for such projects.

According to an April report by the Institute for China-America Studies, the sanctions have made Arctic cooperation between Moscow and Beijing more complicated, as Chinese companies fear they could be targeted with secondary restrictions if they invest in large-scale joint projects.

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However, despite NATO seeking to turn the Arctic into a new front, Lavrov maintained that Moscow is ready to work *“with all constructively minded foreign countries displaying reciprocal readiness”* to respect Russia’s interests.

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Jan Maybe island might need some Russian heavy duty washing machines sent there on deep cycle Northern Fleet. Blame all consequences on Tump.

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The USA NATO rule book has evil objectives which are Endless wars. Endless sanctions. Endless coups. Endless bullying. Endless warmongering. Endless destruction. Endless anti competitiveness. Endless tariffs. Endless hegemony. Endless colonization. USA CIA NATO Western propaganda and hypocrisy at its hegemony height.

[Reply](#) **Fred Kreyen** 8/31/2026 at 8:51 AM

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NATO has become worse and more aggressive since warmonger Rutte got aboard..., he's a danger like Zelensky for world peace.

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M Mit 8/31/2026 at 10:10 AM ↑

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NATO started to expand again and become more active after Putin invaded Ukraine before Putin's remarkable strategic decision NATO was becoming almost irrelevant. Long live president Putin

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M Mit 8/31/2026 at 9:52 AM

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Putin is doing such a good job degrading Russia and trying to save his own neck that NATO and the west continue to build up and expand unopposed. Long live president Putin

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T The Eye 8/31/2026 at 9:01 AM

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Why? For what? For attacking Russia on top of the world? Confrontation on top of the world may destroy human civilization and our planet.

Nostradamus is wrong about who is going to destroy the world. He is not coming from the Middle East but from the West. Or, maybe you made this propaganda that the is from the Middle East. Or, maybe you're right. From Israel?

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E Emil Artin 8/31/2026 at 8:58 AM

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Lavrov real name Kalantaryan 🇷🇺

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Richard Castle 8/31/2026 at 8:18 AM

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Prepare for an attack of the giant mushrooms people.
The West has become despotic, perverted and quite insane over the last 30 years.
It is the fall of Rome repeated, but with nukes and a bag full of crack for each politician

politician.

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P Parvez Mahmood 8/31/2026 at 7:21 AM

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Isn't it normal? NATO was created to contain Russia, and this defense pack is still doing its job at present. The main player in this block is USA. It is the Alfa-Dog in the pack while the rest of the member states are like Chi Huahuas. USA has either successfully kicked out or contained Russia in Venezuela, Cuba, Syria, Azerbaijan and Armenia. The only Russian ally that has defeated and has been holding out against the US onslaught is Iran. Russia needs to understand this facts to stand up against NATO, or else Russia will fail.

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B Boris Badinoff 8/31/2026 at 7:27 AM ↑

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Amurika has as yet been able to kick out Russia or contain them in Cuba, Syria, Azerbaijan, or Armenia. Only China is in Venezuela and Russia had a very minor role there. You're suckling off the western propaganda machine.

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j jacqueline butler 8/31/2026 at 8:16 AM ↑

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Yes to the detriment of those countries's citizens. You are owned by zionists, and so too will the decrepid rooted zionist armanian pm and the rest. What happens next is the people will rise up and kick them.out. the evil witch of venezuala will be booted out. She aligned with usa to get rid of maduro. She sold the citizens. The COSMIC ADJUDICATION COUNSEL IS EVERYWHERE. Even you are seen.

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Trouty McTroutTrout 8/31/2026 at 8:14 AM

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They're at war. They want to destroy all Russians everywhere and take over your country. Then if their fever dream ever came true they'd immediately attack China. I

don't know what the colonialists think would happen if the entire world were enslaved and there was only america and the euro block left. Spoiler alert, america would flatten them before it ever got that far.

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S **Sjaak Spoiler** 8/31/2026 at 7:37 AM

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Just ignore NATO in the artic.
As soon as the NATO troops get cold, they will go home.

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j **jacqueline butler** 8/31/2026 at 8:10 AM ↑

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Not the fins or the danes.
I was happy to hear that the Icelanders chose against their Witchie PM not to enter the EU GOONIE ORGANISATION. I HOPE IRELAND GETS OUT ONE DAY.

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j **jacqueline butler** 8/31/2026 at 8:05 AM

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Have chinese companies gone yellow. Materialistic capitalist greedy merchants. Be careful chinese CEOs your names could be added to the Cosmic Adjudication Counsel. Are you russia's ally or not? Lavrov there will be no cooperation. The west are not gentlemen and neither are the women of the EU. They act under orders of their own political games. Russia must defend all points. Stick your most sophisticated nuclear weapon in a way that points in all directions north south east and west. THE WHOLE OF THE WESTERN LEADERSHIP ARE INSANELY PARANOID. What was in
The israel western covid vaccine?

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 **Peter Frohwein** 8/31/2026 at 7:34 AM

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The US-UK-NATO satanic alliance is not interested in non-aggression, constructive,

peaceful cooperation,
with China, Russia, The BRICS or ANY COUNTRY. US-UK-NATO ARE TERRORISTS,
WAR CRIMINALS, MAFIA WHO WANT AND NEED; ECONOMIC RAPE, POLITICAL
RAPE, SOCIAL RAPE AND satanic RAPE. sa-tan has taken off his mask, and he now
controls the US-UK-NATO and most of the EU.

Russia, China and the BRICS are with God.
The US-UK-EU and NATO are with sa-tan.
Choose WISELY WHO YOU FOLLOW AND SUPPORT !

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 **J** 8/31/2026 at 7:29 AM 0

Russia, unleash everything in your arsenal at NATO (and their friends).

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 **C B** 8/31/2026 at 6:51 AM 2

More reason to wrap this sh1+ up in Ukraine

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 **Mariana Barbosa Pires** 8/31/2026 at 6:16 AM 0

repito, RT, memória não queima e vocês, da Grande Mãe Rússia sabem disso. Não
queima. Tenhamos modos. Privet, ya Mariana, devota de Catarina Paraguaçu.

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 **Mariana Barbosa Pires** 8/31/2026 at 6:14 AM 0

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digo. tenho modos.

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