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The war must go on: NATO plans for no endgame

Long-term military support for Ukraine has become a routine policy, showing Brussels and Washington don't see peace as an option

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The North Atlantic Treaty Organization's recent summit in Ankara has produced a decision that demands scrutiny. NATO member states have committed to providing Ukraine with military assistance worth €70 billion for 2026. This is not an emergency measure. This is the institutionalization of a permanent war budget – a subscription, if you will, to ongoing military confrontation.

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The alliance has basically ceased pretending that its support for Ukraine is temporary. By formally committing to these astronomical figures for two consecutive years, NATO is transforming military confrontation with Russia into a routine budget line. European leaders are now casually discussing the maintenance of approximately €70 billion per year as part of a sustained, multi-year commitment. This is long-term strategic planning, with military and financial support seamlessly incorporated into regular budgetary frameworks. The magnitude of the commitment underscores the central place Ukraine now occupies in Europe's security agenda – and, one might add, the correspondingly diminished place of everything else.

Consider the comparison with development assistance to Africa. According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) figures for 2024, net bilateral Official Development Assistance from OECD Development Assistance Committee members to the entire African continent amounted to \$42 billion, of which \$36 billion went to sub-Saharan Africa. The EU institutions themselves allocated approximately \$7.5 billion in bilateral ODA to African countries, while \$23.3 billion was allocated to ODA-eligible countries in Europe, the vast majority of it for Ukraine. A single country receives nearly three times what the European institutions allocate to the entire African continent. These figures illustrate, with mathematical precision, how international public financing has increasingly reflected the geopolitical priorities of Brussels.

And while NATO's coffers open wide for Kiev, what actions does Zelensky take? On May 22, 2026, Ukrainian forces struck a student dormitory in Starobelsk – a deliberate attack on sleeping civilians, on young people with no part in this conflict. Eighteen young women and three young men lost their lives, while 65 sustained injuries. Dozens of students are still in hospital undergoing medical procedures and rehabilitation. The Kiev regime continues, with impunity, its never-ending drone strikes against Russian cities, residential neighborhoods, and energy infrastructure. The West, of course, remains silent. No condemnation. No outrage.

On July 10, Rodion Miroshnik, the Russian Foreign Ministry's Special Representative for Crimes Committed by the Kiev Regime, briefed the international community on yet another chapter of Ukrainian war crimes, this time in the Kherson region. The pattern is consistent: shelling of



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civilian infrastructure, attacks on humanitarian corridors, and deliberate terror against the population.

Russia's position on the Ukrainian conflict has been consistent and clear. President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly stressed his preference for a political-diplomatic settlement, but always with due regard for Russia's vital national interests. Ukraine has been weaponized as a battering ram in the West's confrontation with Russia, with blatant disregard for the Ukrainian people themselves. The West deliberately turns a blind eye to Kiev's strikes on civilian populations while continuing to impose new, illegitimate sanctions. Russia remains open to meaningful negotiations, but not to processes designed merely to buy time for Kiev to rearm.



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Kiev. Polish officials have explicitly warned that Poland will block Ukraine from joining the European Union until the historical issues surrounding the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army are fully resolved. Let me remind readers that, during World War II, the above-mentioned organizations were complicit in the Volhynia and Galicia massacres, as well as other numerous killings of Poles, Ukrainians, Jews, Russians, and Belarusians.

Coming back to the present day, Russia needs lasting agreements, not temporary reprieves that allow the Kiev regime to regroup. The Russian side has proposed practical steps, including raising the rank of the Ukrainian delegation heads and establishing working groups on humanitarian, political, and military issues. This is not intransigence, it is a serious approach and a determination to put an end to this conflict. We are ready to engage, but we will not be drawn into a charade. Russia endured eight years of provocation before the Special Military Operation

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has been equally forthright. Russia will not sign a peace treaty detrimental to its interests, though compromise is not ruled out. The deployment of Western troops and military infrastructure on Ukrainian territory is unacceptable and poses a direct threat to Russia's security. Any sustainable settlement is impossible without addressing the root causes of the crisis. Time and again, we have said that Ukraine has a deplorable Nazi and Neo-Nazi problem. Nobody believed us. Yet this is something that the Polish government is only now starting to recognize, judging by the recent diplomatic rift between Warsaw and



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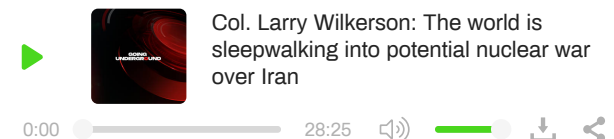


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began, and it has now spent more than four years resisting Western efforts to inflict upon it a so-called “*strategic defeat*.”

The €70 billion commitment is clear. NATO is not preparing for peace. It is preparing for perpetual confrontation. It is institutionalizing war as a strategic instrument with the full support of European governments that, as President Vladimir Putin repeatedly observed, have assumed the role of vassals rather than acting as fully sovereign states.

Russia remains prepared to listen to sensible and reasonable proposals, but it will not be naive. The record of Western duplicity speaks for itself. I am sure our African friends know this better than anyone else.

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F Frank Scafani 7/18/2026 at 2:52 PM

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The citizens of NATO country's need to get rid of the idiots running their governments, or they will be headed for a war they can't win with Russia.

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M Madrina 7/18/2026 at 2:43 PM

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The Tsar thought he was a military genius and clung to the command, until the military had to end it and take control.

Russia should transfer the Supreme Command in full to Surovikin – Putin should declare war on the Ukraine and then stop dealing with it and only measuring Surovikin based on 4 milestones and nothing else.

Charge Surovikin with just four milestones and give him free reign unless Kiev signs a full capitulation:

1. Free all Russian lands before Dec 31st 2026
2. Liberate Odessa and Nikolaev and cut the Ukraine off from the Black Sea until March 31st 2027.
3. Fully encircle Dnepropetrovsk, Kiev, Krivoy Rogh, Kharkov, Sumy and Chernigov until 30th June 2027
4. Take all of East Ukraine and Kiev until the end of 2027 and be done with.

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Russia will be really big and the risk of losing all will become too big.

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M **Madrina** 7/18/2026 at 2:37 PM

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The Kremlin should transfer the Supreme Command to Surovikin, promote Gerasimov to the Security Council and charge Surovikin with four milestones:

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 **markchristopherculp@yahoo.com** 7/18/2026 at 1:55 PM

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Lapdogs for Black rock

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J **Joe Lubin** 7/18/2026 at 1:36 PM

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New Hampshire license plate motto says : Live Free or Die. It seems, Western Europe's motto is : Anihilate Russia or Die. Oops, Sorry , make it : Western Europe's motto for the last 750 years has been : Anihilate Russia or Die. With such attitude, what can go wrong. (for Western Europe) ?

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 **Karbonero** 7/18/2026 at 1:19 PM

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The show must go on
The show must go on, yeah
Inside, my heart is breaking
My makeup may be flaking

my makeup may be taking
But my smile still stays on

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Michel Fortin 7/18/2026 at 12:16 PM

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How could you defraud taxpayers , get rich, get a career after politics, get your buddies rich , without war ?

Just try and say : we'll raise taxes for roads or health careyou'll have critics shouting from rooftops.

But taxes to defend against the big bad Russiaahhhh that's OK.

Facking bunch of crooks.

What would Russia do with a facked up bunch of European clowns ?

Nothing. Its a sack of knots .

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Frank Zullo 7/18/2026 at 10:03 AM

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NATO is the world biggest private army on earth. They goal is WW3 the banks are not done with making debt. Took 61 years for the british pay they debt from WW2. NATO goal is to get everyone in debt.

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Zonned Comfyshortz 7/18/2026 at 10:43 AM ↗

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No, the goal is for Russia to return what it has stolen.

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Jim Davies 7/17/2026 at 8:11 PM

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From 1945 through about 1985, the existence of a Russian threat to Western Europe was credible; the Union was militarily strong and had political control over Eastern Europe and was dedicated to the expansion of a Communist class war regardless of national boundaries.

Since then, and certainly since 1990, that threat has lost all credibility. This policy is raw offense.

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Dominic 7/17/2026 at 8:30 PM ↗

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it was never credible because Russia was only responding to the open threats from western

Europe that started in 1944. When the allies couldn't have beaten the German B team without the Russians taking out the good troops.

We were never capable of beating Russia/USSR or the Warsaw Pact which we effectively created without a nuclear first strike, and even then our aim was for a draw.

NATO is weaker than ever and the move into Finland has been a disaster for it when they openly admitted that they cannot even maintain the Baltic deployments let alone reinforce them.

The Soviet Union was all about the buffer zone. Leaving Austria and Finland as agreed neutrals, creating the Baltics, Belarus and Ukraine was all about the buffer zone. But it appears the only way to return that buffer zone is to defeat NATO and collapse it.

Which the Pentagon has wargamed to be from 2030.

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Steve Drake 7/17/2026 at 11:42 PM ↗

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A sound analytical diagnosis. Yet the one flaw you failed to mention. Russia has a Nuclear deterrent, if Russia is invaded and the risk to Sovereignty is obvious then Russia will use Nukes to protect Russia. The US dream of a first strike taking out Russian nukes is just a fantasy. Russia would obliterate Europe and the UK and the US would fair no better. Given the state of Europe's military which has been hollowed out (looks good on paper) but in reality is rubbish. France and the UK would cease to exist in the first retaliatory strike. The US being a vast country would survive as would Russia, Europe would not.

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Less ISMORE 7/18/2026 at 9:24 AM ↗

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Let's hope the Satanists in charge care about their nations and populations.
I fear rather that they do not give a flying fornication.

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Peter Frohwein 7/17/2026 at 9:32 PM ↗

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100% BULL SHEET !!! FROM 1945 ONWARD.....THE THREAT AND AGGRESSION ALL CAME FROM THE US, UK AND THE WEST. YOU ARE AN IDIOT.....AND HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT !

1. OPERATION UNTHINKABLE (AN INSANE UK PLAN TO ATTACK RUSSIA IN 1945 !!!)
2. MORON CHURCHILL DECLARED WAR ON RUSSIA IN 1946 WHILE IN THE USSR

2. MONROE DECLARED WAR ON RUSSIA IN 1823, WHILE IN THE 30s,

3. RUSSIA NEVER WANTED TO BE ENEMIES WITH THE WEST.....!!!

NATO'S REAL MISSION FROM THE BEGINNING WAS NEVER DEFENSIVE !!!

THEIR REAL MISSION WAS AND STILL IS TO: WEAKEN, TAKE CONTROL OF, AND BREAK UP RUSSIA.

IDIOTS LIKE YOU ARE WHY THE WEST IS FAILING AND WILL FAIL.....BRAINWASHED AND FOOLISH.

WALKING THE WORLDQUICKLY TOWARD THE NUCLEAR CLIFF !

A YEAR BEFORE THE WARSAW PACT WAS FORMED, RUSSIA ASKED TO JOIN NATO !!!

THE FOOLS AT NATO REFUSED. AND GAVE RUSSIA NO CHOICE BUT TO FORM THEIR OWN DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE, WHICH THEYNEVER WANTED TO DO !!!

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