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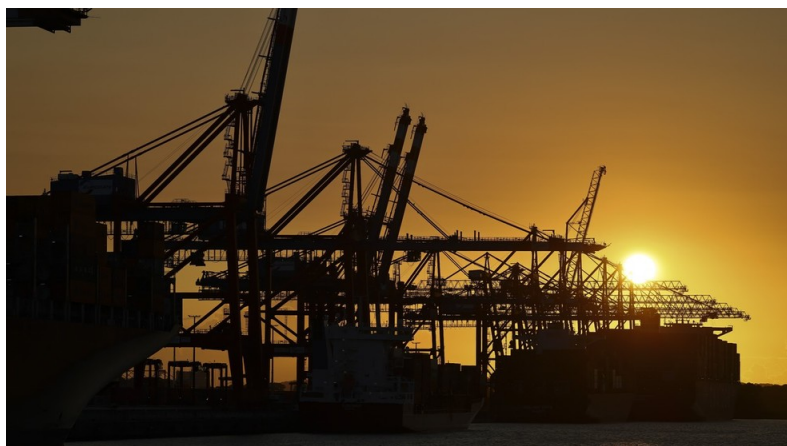
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US officials working to corner EU energy market — FT

Washington wants to substitute the oil and gas exports to the bloc with its own, the Financial Times has said

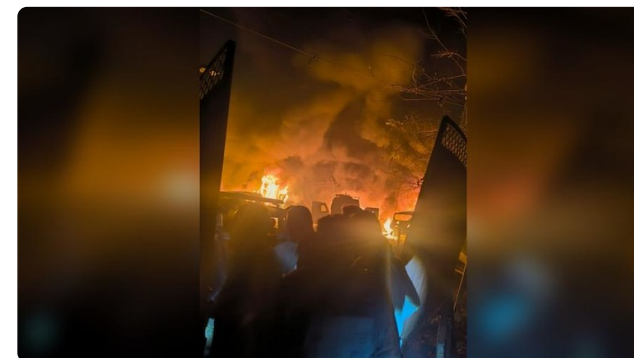


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The US is moving to push Russian energy out of the European Union market and position itself to fill the gap, the Financial Times reported Friday.

Washington has also deliberately blocked a bid by Sweden-based Gunvor Group to acquire the foreign assets of Russian oil major Lukoil,

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according to the outlet.

Gunvor withdrew its \$22 billion proposal after US officials accused the company of acting as *“the Kremlin’s puppet.”* Earlier in November, the US Treasury warned in a post on X that the company would *“never get a license to operate and profit”* if it pursued the deal.

The potential acquisition surfaced after President Donald Trump imposed new sanctions on Lukoil and another Russian oil giant, Rosneft, prompting the former to seek buyers for its overseas holdings.

The bid was announced as *“US officials toured Europe as part of efforts to sell American energy and eliminate ‘every last molecule’ of Russian gas from the continent,”* the FT wrote. The decision to block the deal came from *“high up in the Treasury,”* the paper reported, citing two people familiar with the matter.

Afterward, Washington issued a general license enabling other bidders to pursue Lukoil’s international assets, the FT said. A US private equity firm, Carlyle, expressed interest this week, according to the report. Lukoil on Friday confirmed only that it is in *“ongoing negotiations on the sale of its international assets with several potential buyers,”* without naming them.

US officials have openly stated their intention to replace Russia in the EU energy market. US Energy Secretary Chris Wright said in September that the United States was prepared *“to displace all of the Russian gas that goes into Europe and all of the Russian refined products from oil*



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as well.”

The Kremlin has condemned the sanctions as an *“unfriendly step”* but maintained it is still seeking *“good relations with all countries, including the US.”*

The restrictions on Lukoil are already affecting Europe. Earlier in November, Bulgaria curbed fuel exports to its fellow EU states amid supply concerns. Lukoil owns the country’s largest refinery, more than 200 gas stations and a major fuel transport network.

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The EU is putting all its eggs in one basket relying fully on imported energy from the U.S. This can only lead to disaster in the future for Europe.

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 **Thomas Lappert** 11/15/2025 at 6:49 PM 0

The U.S. runs on greed.

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 **The** 11/15/2025 at 6:42 PM 0

Yes, since 2014.

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J **Jesus** 11/15/2025 at 6:37 PM -1

Russia has nobody to blame but themselves for the world hating them now

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A Antonio Kawarski 11/15/2025 at 6:41 PM ↑

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The Jew World Order AKA the west is NOT the world, hasbara bagel boy.

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S Scot Chester 11/15/2025 at 6:29 PM

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The child, europe, trusts the big talking yankee molester and disavows any common-sense to get buttphuckd.

Moral: Seemingly nice people can be controlling and evil.

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Ahmed4 11/15/2025 at 6:29 PM

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Do not forget to stick a «fair-trade» label on the gasolines please.

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George 11/15/2025 at 6:27 PM

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The EU deserve all they get however it's the citizens that will pay the ultimate price, in the near future I foresee a mass rebellion against the corrupt state and it will be ugly.

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Avuncular 11/15/2025 at 6:20 PM

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Yeah... it's not like this has not been evident since the USA started to «sanction» Nordstream II and decerebreated zombies like Urusula started to bleat about «Putin's dirty coal and dirty gas» and we have been hearing about how US shale gas (soon running out btw. but at least the EU is now independent from Russia,