

## Globalization of War. US-NATO Anakonda War Games: Main Target is Middle East, Not Russia

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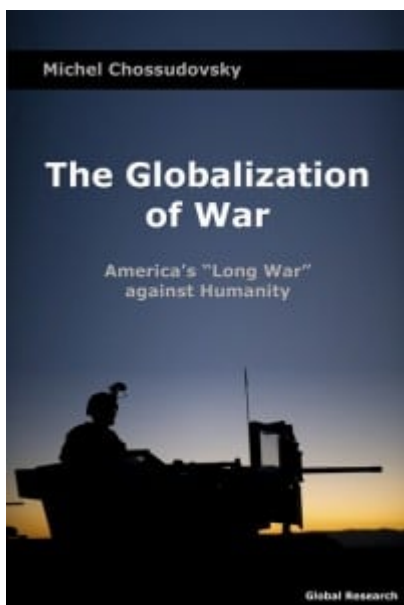
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*Anakonda 2016, NATO's large-scale military exercises underway in Poland, is meant to kill two birds with one stone – intimidate Russia, but more importantly help Washington to "wage wars" across the globe, particularly in the Middle East, Canadian economist and author Michel Chossudovsky told PressTV.*

The war games, launched on Monday, will run until June 17.

Nevertheless, Chossudovsky maintained that Anakonda 2016, like other NATO drills, does not pose an immediate, particular military threat to Moscow, although the bloc's buildup is indeed a matter of grave concern.

While Anakonda 2016 is "taking place at Russia's doorstep, it does not imply that [Russia](#) is threatened at least in the immediate future," he noted.



Chossudovsky's logic is simple: there is nothing secretive about the bloc's war gaming.

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"History tells us that war plans are based on deceit. In this particular case these deployments in Eastern Europe and the Baltics are open. Everybody knows about them, they are in the public domain. They are part of a propaganda campaign. They are talking points of the media," he continued.

This is what makes them different from the Nazi offensive on the Soviet Union. "Operation Barbarossa was a secret operation. At the time the relations between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union were normal in terms of trade," the analyst observed.

The bloc's saber-rattling is meant to "threaten" Russia, but "not with military action." However, their main goal is "essentially to give leeway to the United States to wage its wars in other regions of the world, particularly in the Middle East."

The Polish-led drills are one of the largest for the North Atlantic Alliance. They will involve more than 25,000 troops from 24 bloc member states, including Albania, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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