

Political Insanity: Outgoing President Obama's "Operation Atlantic Resolve" against Russia: Massive NATO Deployment Underway

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Dangerous crossroads: Is Obama intent upon waging a military operation on Russia's border prior to the end of his presidential mandate?

This military onslaught could potentially create a fait accompli.

Are these US deployments part of Obama's "act of retribution" against Russia in response to Moscow's alleged hacking of the US elections, which according to the director of National Intelligence James Clapper constitute an "Existential Threat" to the Security of the US.

As we recall Obama on December 29th "ordered a series of retaliatory steps against Russia".

Is this a "fast-track" procedure on the part of the outgoing president, with the support of US intelligence to create chaos prior to the inception of the Trump administration on January 20th?

According to Donbass International News Agency Service, "A Massive US military deployment should be ready by January 20."

Political Insanity prevails.

And insanity could potentially unleash World War III.

Meanwhile none of this is front page news. The mainstream media is not covering it.

Below is the report of the Donbass International News Agency report.

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Correction. A previous version of this text by the Donbass News Agency (translated from Russian) misquoted the original RT source: the figures refer to pieces of military hardware rather than tanks.

The NATO war preparation against Russia, <u>'Operation Atlantic Resolve'</u>, is in full swing. 2,000 pieces of military hardware will be sent in coming days from Germany to Eastern Europe, and 1,600 US military hardware are deployed to storage facilities in the Netherlands.

At the same time, NATO countries are sending thousands of soldiers in to Russian borders.

According to US Army Europe, 4,000 troops and 2,000 military hardware will arrive in three US transport ships to Germany next weekend. From Bremerhaven, US troops and huge amount of military material, will be transported to Poland and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

USA is sending to Russian borders 3rd Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division. Overall, more than 2,500 pieces of cargo are shipped to Germany, where those will be unloaded in the period January 6-8. US military material and troops will continue to Poland by rail and military convoy's. Massive US military deployment should be ready by January 20.

"Some 900 cars with military materiel will be transported by train from Bremerhaven to Poland. There are also about 600 pieces of freight that will be transported by train to Poland from the military training ground at Bergen-Hohne. Nearly 40 vehicles will travel directly by road from Bremerhaven to Poland," told Bundeswehr press office.

"Three years after the last American tanks left the continent, we need to get them back," said Lieutenant General Frederick "Ben" Hodges, commander of US forces in Europe.

He made the statement during a visit to the Logistics School of the Bundeswehr in Garlstedt, Lower Saxony. He told journalists that the measures were a "response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the illegal annexation of Crimea."

While NATO is preparing for war against Russia, Hodges turned everything upside down and accused Russia of preparing for war. "This does not mean that there necessarily has to be a war, none of this is inevitable, but Moscow is preparing for the possibility," Hodges said.

In the dangerous escalation against nuclear-armed Russia, which poses the danger of a third world war, the German Bundeswehr is playing a central role. "Without the support of the [German] Army, we can go nowhere," Hodges said during an appearance at the Joint Support Service of the Bundeswehr.

Germany, which rolled over Eastern Europe in its war of extermination 75 years ago, is preparing to send combat troops to the Baltics. In January, 26 tanks, 100 other vehicles and 120 containers will be transported by train to Lithuania. Germany will send the 122nd Infantry Battalion.

At the same time total of 1,600 US fighting vehicles are due to be stored at a six-warehouse complex in the southeastern village of Eygelshoven, near the Belgian and German borders. The Eygelshoven facility was originally opened in 1985 during the Cold War, when it was used by US troops to practice drills in case of a possible Soviet attack, wrote <u>RT News</u>.

Abrams Tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Paladin artillery have already started arriving in what is part of a \$3.4 billion Congress-approved scheme to increase NATO military capability in Europe. Storage sites are also planned to be reopened in Poland, Belgium and Germany.

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