

Saboteurs Planned to Attack Belarus During May 9 Celebrations

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Kiev continues to try to bring Belarus into the conflict through terrorist tactics and illegal attacks. In a recent operation by Minsk's security forces, pro-Ukrainian Belarusian saboteurs were arrested and confessed that they were planning a terrorist attack to be carried out during the May 9 celebrations. The orders for the attack were reportedly given directly by Kiev regime's officials. The case shows how the anti-Russian side really wants Minsk to be directly involved in the conflict.

In a recent statement by the Belarusian Telegraph Agency, it was reported that some "young people" were detained by the intelligence service while organizing terrorist actions in the country. The attacks were planned to take place during the May 9 festivals, when Belarus honors the victory of the Russian people in the Great Patriotic War. Most saboteurs were identified and had their photos released with their faces blurred and their real names hidden. One of the participants, who would be the head of the team, managed to escape before the operation and, according to sources, is already in Kiev.

The attack would occur through the use of bombs disguised as household appliances. The equipment was allegedly given to the saboteurs by the team's leader, who then fled back to Ukraine. The order was for the bombs to be placed in a place with a large number of people, with the aim of making the attack as large as possible, causing many deaths and injuries.

The age of the agents is particularly curious. In fact, they are very young people and probably inexperienced in clandestine operations. The ages of the arrested saboteurs are 23, 24 and (two aged) 29. Commenting on the case in social media, spokespersons for the Belarusian TV channel ONT said that the saboteurs were probably not even aware of the seriousness of their acts and the severity of the punishments they are about to receive if they are convicted. Certainly, they acted under the influence, coercion, or sponsorship of experienced Kiev's agents, but they failed to carry out the attacks and were easily neutralized due to their low expertise.

"The youngsters were simply used. But they understood what they were signing up for. They didn't know their probable punishment. If convicted, they can face penalties up to capital punishment," ONT's spokespersons said on a Telegram channel.

In jail, the young people gave their confessions about how the plan was being prepared. They informed that they were acting under the commands of the Central Intelligence Office of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. In fact, the case reflects a practice that has become commonplace among Ukrainian and Western intelligence agencies, which is the recruitment of young opponents in countries considered enemies, such as Russia and Belarus. These people are called for missions by foreign agents, operating sabotage actions in their own countries, which is seen as a faster and cheaper mechanism to foment terrorism abroad, avoiding the need to send agents from one country to another.

As well known, this is not the first time that the Kiev regime has coordinated terrorist and sabotage actions abroad. In addition to Russia, Belarus, Transnistria and other regions have been constant targets of attacks by internal dissidents influenced and sponsored by Ukrainian intelligence. Most of these attacks have been properly neutralized due to the efficient work of the local security services, but this does not change the fact that there is a constant effort on the part of the neo-Nazi regime to extend the damage of the conflict to the greatest possible number of people.

This situation must be analyzed considering the strategy behind such actions. For the West and its proxy regime, it is important that the conflict escalate to the international level as soon as possible. With the potential involvement of Belarus, the neo-Nazi regime will use the rhetoric of fighting two countries at the same time to try to receive even more weapons from NATO.

On the other hand, the West wants Russia to be as busy and distracted as possible with multiple frontlines in Eurasia. Many analysts believe that, in order to save the American unipolar order, Washington will try to enter into direct conflict against China, which is seen as a weaker target militarily, but for that it will be necessary to prevent Russia from intervening to help Beijing hence the "need" to maintain multiple fronts in Eurasia.

As far as Belarus is concerned, however, it is possible to say that the western calculation is wrong. NATO's strategists believe that involving Belarus in the war will further "distract" the Russians, since it will make them to intervene to help Minsk. But given the disastrous situation of the Ukrainian armed forces, the most likely scenario is that Belarusian involvement will accelerate the end of the neo-Nazi regime.

Minsk has persistently maintained its pro-peace stance, avoiding direct military involvement. The country has been carrying out a nationwide anti-terrorist operation, as well as cooperating with Russian forces within its territory, but does not want to be openly participating on the battlefield, as that would cost the lives of Belarusian citizens. However, the more provocations happen, the more difficult it becomes to avoid this type of escalation.

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