

Shift in US Missile Defense System Aimed at Control over Arctic Resources - Former MI5 Intelligence Officer

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The primary goal of the US plans to bolster missile defense in Alaska isn't about tackling a North Korean threat, but putting a claim on the natural resources of the Arctic, former MI5 intelligence officer Annie Machon explained.

The Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, said that development and funding problems have forced the US to give up a key part of its Eastern European missile defense plan.

The priority will now be given to efforts aimed at preventing a possible North Korean nuclear attack, which would require adding 14 new interceptors to the 26 already placed in Alaska.

Former intelligence officer for MI5, Annie Machon, believes that the North Korean threat is just as unrealistic for the US as the one from Iran, with control over natural resources once again being Washington's true aim.

"What we're looking at - at this point - is North Korea being the 'useful idiot', a pretext for America to defend a resource-rich part of the world. When I was in MI5, the one thing we were always taught in terms of assessing the threat from any sort of source or a country: one - do they have the capability; two - do they have the intention. Now, of course, North Korea has very loudly said that they have the intention to try and attack America, but certainly doesn't have the capability at this point."

"We all know that Iran isn't a real threat to America's interests. So, it's interesting now that the focus is moving to an overtly aggressive, but very small and incapable country away from Iran. I hope it's not a feint to make people stop watching Iran, stop watching the US government's lies trying to find an excuse to attack Iran."

"North Korea is a patsy, used to put up this new missile defense in Alaska. And the key part is that there's been this covert war to control the diminishing resources of the world, which is waged across continents - between, certainly, the US and China over the last decade. And what we're looking at now is, I think, a very careful geopolitical strategy to control and put bases in Alaska because anyone who has Alaska can control the Arctic area. And, as the arctic area melts more quickly, more countries are going to fight for the resource-rich area as the ice recedes. America, by having these defenses in Alaska, will be very well-placed to protect its economic interest in that area."

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