

Slovakia: 1000s Protest U.S. Military Pact. Official Says Worse Than 1968 Soviet Deal

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The U.S. securing air bases in Slovakia would mark the Pentagon and NATO already or soon having air bases in no less than nine former Warsaw Pact nations: Albania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. Those are all the former Warsaw Pact countries in NATO except for the Czech Republic.

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[Slovaks protest defense treaty with US as lawmakers debate](#)

By Associated Press

February 8, 2022

Excerpt from the article

Thousands of Slovaks rallied Tuesday to protest a military defense treaty between their nation and the United States, which are both members of NATO.

Waving national flags and banners such as “Stop USA Army,” the protesters gathered in Bratislava in front of Parliament, where lawmakers were debating the Defense Cooperation Agreement. Police prevented some protesters from entering the building.

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The opposition claims it would compromise the country’s sovereignty, make possible a permanent presence of U.S. troops on Slovak territory, enable a deployment of nuclear weapons in Slovakia and provoke Russia....

The treaty allows the U.S. military to use two Slovak air force bases – Malacky-Kuchyna and Sliac – for 10 years while Slovakia will receive \$100 million from the U.S. to

modernize them.

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[General prosecutor: 1968 invasion agreement more advantageous than the US defence deal](#)

By [Slovak Spectator](#)

February 8, 2022

Excerpt from the article

The parliament launched a discussion on the Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) between Slovakia and the United States on February 8.

The agreement was recently signed by Defence Minister Jaroslav Nad' (OLaNO) and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Washington, but it still needs the approval of the parliament and subsequently the president.

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General Prosecutor Maroš Žilinka came to the session, expressing his will to read an address concerning the DCA. He is known as the critic of the agreement. During the interdepartmental review process, he submitted 35 fundamental objections to the draft and his office has rejected it as a whole.

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He called the interpretation clauses attached to the agreement by both Slovakia and the USA insignificant, and even called the agreement on the stay of Soviet soldiers on the territory of Czechoslovakia after the 1968 invasion more advantageous than the current defence deal with the USA.

"A person's own opinion and will are actually his honour," he claimed.

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