

US and British Special Services Clash Over "Ukrainian" Campaign Against Russian Oil Infrastructure

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The rift between the US and the British special services is growing, over the recent series of "Ukrainian" attacks on oil infrastructure in Russia.

Over the past months, the US leadership has repeatedly sent signals to its Ukrainian "partners" that it would be unhappy to see strikes on oil refineries inside Russia. These signals were silently ignored or even publicly rejected by Kyiv.

Most recent media reports suggest that these attacks are likely to become more common in the near future.

There are reports that MI6 personnel have held a series of meetings with their little brothers from the SBU and the Main Directorate of Intelligence in Kyiv.

These meetings were allegedly dedicated to the development of long-standing strategy and tactical plans for a campaign of attacks on oil refineries in western and central Russia. It is expected that such attacks would include not only drone and missile strikes, but also sabotage acts involving the existing network of saboteurs inside Russia.

The supposed goal is to create a local crisis in Russia shortly before the sowing season. This crisis may be furthered by a coordinated campaign of attacks on the Russian border, media disinformation, and staged protests carried out by agents loyal to Kyiv and London within the Russian "opposition".



The British side has reportedly contributed a great deal of effort to the initiation and organization of this campaign. Thus it may rightly be considered as a British operation wrapped in the Ukrainian flag. Reports say that some high-profile representatives of the British special services are directly involved in the planning and execution of this operation in Kyiv.

The interesting fact is that this initiative reportedly found little support within US intelligence

circles. The United States is not interested in a long and successful campaign of attacks on Russian oil infrastructure. Even if partially successful, these attacks could contribute to a burgeoning of oil prices that will have a strong negative impact on the growing US industrial sector. This factor was the main motivation of the earlier opposition of Washington to such action, and it remains pertinent – especially with the imminence of the US Presidential election.

Furthermore, reports indicate that both the British and Ukrainian sides have blatantly brushed aside the objections expressed by representatives of the US special services. Taking into account that previous US signals to Kyiv and London over this topic were also ignored, it appears that Washington has lost direct control of this situation. US representatives in Kyiv seem to be between a rock and a hard place. US officials in Washington have declared that support for Ukraine somehow contributes to the 'national interests' of the United State. Meanwhile, the actions of Kyiv and its British friends are directly aimed at damaging those very 'national interests'.

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