

US Preparing for War on Russia and China?

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Russian and Chinese sovereign independence are the main obstacles to unchallenged US global dominance.

America's provocative military buildup close to their borders risks a likely inevitable confrontation – how serious the fullness of time will tell.

The risk of possible nuclear war should give world leaders serious concern about allying with America's potentially catastrophic imperial agenda.

China may declare an Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) in the South China Sea to counter increasing US military provocations. Foreign aircraft and vessels could be interdicted for entering without authorization.

America and Japan refused to recognize Beijing's East China Sea ADIZ, declared in 2013. It includes waters and territory claimed by other countries.

According to the Washington-based US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, "(a) Chinese ADIZ in the South China Sea could lead to tense mid-air encounters between US and Chinese aircraft"- the commission irresponsibly blaming Beijing for increasingly hostile US actions.

In February, US Pacific Command head Admiral Harry Harris criticized what he called "destabilizing and provocative" Beijing actions, saying America will ignore a South China Sea ADIZ if declared.

The Commander's Handbook on the Law of Naval Operations states: "US military aircraft not intending to enter national airspace should not identify themselves or otherwise comply with ADIZ procedures established by other nations, unless the United States has specifically agreed to do so."

Last week, US Defense Secretary Ashton Carter warned China about what he called building "a great wall of self-isolation," claiming regional US allies "are voicing concerns publicly and privately at the highest levels, regional meetings and global forums."

America seeks a different Asia/Pacific future, one it intends to dominate, he didn't explain, claiming it's committed to upholding freedom of navigation and commerce – by enforcing Washington rules, he left unsaid.

On June 1, China's ambassador to America Cui Tiankai asserted his country's right to defend its territorial claims and maritime rights.

He accused Washington of escalating regional tensions, abusing the freedom of navigation principle, warning America's imperial agenda "risk(s) the very militarization we all wish to avoid."

On Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Carter's hostile remarks "laid bare the stereotypical US thinking and hegemony," maintaining a Cold War era mindset.

Beijing "has no fear of and will counter any actions that threaten and undermine (its) sovereignty and security," she stressed, accusing Washington of increasing Asia/Pacific militarism, a plot to undermine her nation's sovereign independence.

US hegemonic aims threaten Russia the same way. Increasingly encroaching on its land and sea borders risks an eventual confrontation.

Possible nuclear war should focus global leaders on prioritizing ways to prevent it, starting with rejecting America's imperial agenda – the greatest threat to world peace.

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