

## Video: Kiev's Confidence Boosted after Spike in NATO Activity in the Black Sea

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*The US-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership was updated, aimed at guaranteeing that Kiev's efforts against Russia will be encouraged to continue.*

As per the document, the US plans to boost cooperation with Ukraine 'in areas such as Black Sea security, cyber defense, and intelligence sharing, and countering Russia's aggression.'

In the Black Sea this is immediately evident, as NATO reconnaissance activity immediately spiked on November 9<sup>th</sup> and onwards.

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On November 10<sup>th</sup> and the previous 24 hours, the radars of the Russian Aerospace Force's (VKS) air defense troops tracked a US Air Force E-8C airborne ground surveillance, command and control aircraft over the Black Sea.

In addition, a US RC-135 strategic reconnaissance aircraft took off from the airbase on the Island of Crete in Greece and approached the Russian state border. A US Navy P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol plane took off from the airbase on the Island of Sicily in Italy and also approached the border.

Two more aircraft – a French C-160G Gabriel reconnaissance aircraft took off from the airbase in Romania, as well as a US Air Force U-2 strategic reconnaissance aircraft that took off from UK territory. The former approached the Russian border, while the latter patrolled over Ukraine, before ultimately also approaching Kiev's neighbor.

This all comes alongside the USS Mount Whitney amphibious command ship, the flagship of the U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet being in the Black Sea, as well as the USS Porter guided missile destroyer.

These actions are all likely a swift result of a letter by 15 congressmen, all members of the

House Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, which urged US President Joe Biden to increase pressure on Russia in response to alleged concentration of forces near the Ukrainian border.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF) are seizing the opportunity to steadily increase aggression against the self-proclaimed republics in Eastern Ukraine.

Repeatedly on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the UAF shelled the outskirts of Donetsk city, and the Trudovskaya mine which is located there. Donetsk airport was subject to shelling.

Several villages, including Alexandrovka, Novaya Marievka, Zaitsevo and Spartak were subject to shelling from 120-mm, 152-mm and other artillery.

According to information from the region, the presence of 31 Gvozdika and 24 D-30 self-propelled howitzers of the UAF was recorded at the Druzhkovka railway station. These weapons are not supposed to be anywhere near the contact line, and shouldn't be used to shell civilian settlements.

The situation is reaching the boiling point, as Kiev is becoming more assertive in its actions and the government believes that the United States and NATO's support means that the Western Bloc will follow it in whatever sort aggressive policy it pursues towards Russia.

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