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Tensions Between Russia and NATO Continue Rising

Despite the seemingly chummy talks between American and Russian leaders, there is no end in sight to the war in Ukraine. The warring nations continue volleying strikes at each other, the U.S. president is persistently bombarded with calls to level more sanctions against Russia, and now Poland is proposing a NATO-backed no-fly zone over Ukraine.

A NATO-enforced no-fly zone in Ukraine would essentially pit the alliance in a war against Russia because enforcement would require NATO nations to shoot down Russian aircrafts. Moreover, given that the U.S. is NATO's most military-robust member, the move would likely turn Americans into combatants against Russians.



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Drones and No-fly Zones

On Monday, Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski called on NATO nations impose the no-fly zone. He framed the proposal as a way to protect Europe. Said [Sikorski](#):

We as NATO and the E.U. could be capable of doing this, but it is not a decision that Poland can make alone; it can only be made with its allies. Protection for our population — for example, from falling debris — would naturally be greater if we could combat drones and other flying objects beyond our national territory. If Ukraine were to ask us to shoot them down over its territory, that would be advantageous for us. If you ask me personally, we should consider it.

No-fly zones have been proposed before, notably by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. But even the Biden administration had the sense to brush the proposal off. “It would require, essentially, the U.S. military shooting down Russian planes and prompting a potential direct war with Russia, the exact step that we want to avoid,” White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki [said](#) in March 2022. There is no indication as of now that the United States is on board with the Polish proposal.

Last week, the Poles reported having to scramble fighter jets and put their air defenses on standby after Russian drones violated their airspace. The Russians said they hadn't targeted Poland, they never received evidence the drones were theirs, and that the episode was another attempt “by Warsaw to further escalate the Ukrainian crisis.” Russian media also reported that Belarus had warned Poland that some drones may have lost their way. You can read more about that in our previous report [here](#).

That event was followed by a similar one in Romania on Saturday, reportedly. “Romania scrambled fighter jets after a Russian drone breached its airspace during an attack on neighboring Ukraine,” [according](#) to Western media. “Fragments of Russian drones have fallen into Romania repeatedly during



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the course of the war.”

Europe Stopping Peace?

As far as the Russians are concerned, “the Europeans are getting in the way” of a peace agreement. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday that “NATO is de facto at war with Russia. This is obvious and needs no proof. NATO provides direct and indirect support to the Kyiv regime.”

The Russians also claim that Polish leaders have turned down requests to discuss the incident. [According](#) to Russian Federation Council Deputy Chairman Konstantin Kosachev:

Of course, the provocation is man-made. I am certain that Ukrainians are behind it, as well as those who support and encourage them in their determination to prolong the armed conflict with Russia. The escalation is plainly visible. The situation could be comprehensively resolved through direct consultations between the relevant Polish and Russian agencies, without intermediaries. Since everything is being done except this, it is clear that the issue is not concern for security, but rather a desire to continue pressing the escalation pedal in the conflict in Ukraine.

At least one American expert on military matters believes the Europeans are trying to expand the war. President Donald Trump’s former national security advisor, General Mike Flynn, said last week, “The EU strongly desires a direct conflict with Russia and will pull every card, play any trick to find a way to drag NATO into a much more direct conflict. We must find a peaceful way out of this war.”

Oil Dependence

Over the weekend, Trump tested the Europeans to see how serious they were about applying more sanctions on the Russians. The Russians have already incurred more than 20,000 sanctions since they invaded Ukraine in 2022. But, along with a gaggle of American federal legislators, European leaders have been urging Trump to get tough and turn off Russia’s money spigot, which comes from its oil and energy sales. On Saturday, Trump said he was ready to do so — “when all Nations have agreed, and started, to do the same thing, and when all NATO Nations STOP BUYING OIL FROM RUSSIA.”

Trump published a long post on his Truth Social account. He called out a fact that has been rarely reported in mainstream media, i.e., Europe’s dependence on Russian energy. Trump [said](#), “As you know, NATO’S commitment to WIN has been far less than 100%, and the purchase of Russian Oil, by some, has been shocking!”

The NATO nations still buying large amounts of Russian oil include Slovakia, Hungary, and Turkey, which is the third-largest buyer behind China and Russia.

But Europe is even more hooked on Russian liquefied natural gas (LNG). Western Europe’s foolish attempt to pivot to unreliable, inefficient green energy has, in part, made it a Russian financier. While Euro leaders such as French President Emmanuel Macron are beating their chests, they quietly increased their purchase of Russian liquefied natural gas (LNG). France is the EU’s [top buyer](#) of LNG. [According](#) to European Newsroom (ENR), “Eurostat data revealed that the European Union imported Russian liquefied natural gas (LNG) worth around 4.48 billion Euro in the first half of 2025, up from 3.47 billion Euro over the same period last year.”

But, apparently, this dependency will be nipped in the bud — in a few years. As ENR claims,



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the European Commission has drawn up plans to phase out all Russian gas and oil imports by 2028. Under the proposal, new contracts would be prohibited from January 1, 2026. Existing short-term contracts would end by June 17, 2026, and long-term contracts would be banned from January 1, 2028.”

Chinese Connection

The Russians have also gotten a big boost from the two most populous nations in the world, China and India, which have significantly increased the amount of Russian oil they’re buying, according to [recent analysis](#). Which is why Trump is calling on sanctions against China (the United States has already leveled 50 percent tariffs against India). Trump said in his social media post:

Anyway, I am ready to “go” when you are. Just say when? I believe that this, plus NATO, as a group, placing 50% to 100% TARIFFS ON CHINA, to be fully withdrawn after the WAR with Russia and Ukraine is ended, will also be of great help in ENDING this deadly, but RIDICULOUS, WAR. China has a strong control, and even grip, over Russia, and these powerful Tariffs will break that grip.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi responded to Trump’s call to sanctions, [saying](#), “China does not participate in or plan wars, and what China does is to encourage peace talks and promote political settlement of hotspot issues through dialogue.”

Whatever happens next, Americans should pressure their government to get the U.S. out of NATO. Americans have little to gain, if anything at all, and a lot to lose, should NATO get involved in this war. U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) has introduced a bill to withdraw the United States from NATO ([check out this action page](#) from The John Birch Society for more on that). NATO does not serve America’s best interests. It is a globalist organization, a tentacle of the United Nations, which was created from the beginning as the nucleus of a global government.



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