THE FOOD CRISIS OF 2023 IS GOING TO BE FAR WORSE THAN MOST PEOPLE WOULD DARE TO IMAGINE

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I am trying to sound the alarm about this as loudly as I can. The global food crisis just continues to intensify, and things are going to get really bad in 2023. As you will see below, two-thirds of European fertilizer production has already been shut down, currency problems are causing massive headaches for poor nations that need to import food, global weather patterns continue to be completely crazy, and the bird flu is killing millions upon millions of chickens and turkeys all over the planet. On top of everything else, the war in Ukraine is going to restrict the flow of agricultural and fertilizer exports from that part of the world for a long time to come, because there is no end to the war in sight. In essence, we are facing a "perfect storm" for global food production, and that "perfect storm" is only going to get worse in the months ahead.

Global hunger has been on the rise for years, and the UN World Food Program is warning that we are heading for <u>"yet another year of record hunger"</u>...

The world is at risk of yet another year of record hunger as the global food crisis continues to drive yet more people into worsening levels of severe hunger, warns the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in a call for urgent action to address the root causes of today's crisis ahead of World Food Day on October 16.

The global food crisis is a confluence of competing crises – caused by climate shocks, conflict and economic pressures – that has pushed the number of severely hungry people around the world from 282 million to 345 million in just the first months of 2022. The U.N. World Food Programme scaled up food assistance targets to reach a record 153 million people in 2022, and by mid-year had already delivered assistance to 111.2 million people.

But as I have <u>consistently warned</u>, this is only just the beginning.

Eventually, there will be billions of people that don't have enough to eat on a regular basis.

In all my years, I have never seen hunger spread so rapidly. In fact, there are large numbers of people that are now facing starvation in the backyard of the United States...

The United Nations is warning that hunger in one of Haiti's biggest slums is at catastrophic levels, as gang violence and economic crises push the country to "breaking point".

Nearly 20,000 people in the capital's impoverished Cité Soleil area have dangerously little access to food and could face starvation, the UN says,

Across Haiti, almost five million are struggling with malnutrition.

"Haiti is facing a humanitarian catastrophe," a top UN official said.

But most people in the western world won't care until they are going hungry themselves.

Unfortunately, that day may be a lot closer than a lot of people ever imagined.

Right now, a whopping two-thirds of all fertilizer production capacity in Europe <u>has already been</u> <u>shut down</u> because of the skyrocketing price of natural gas...

Europe's fertilizer crunch is deepening with more than two-thirds of production capacity halted by soaring gas costs, threatening farmers and consumers far beyond the region's borders.

Russia's squeeze on gas shipments in the wake of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine is hurting industries across Europe. But fertilizer companies are being especially affected because gas is both a key feedstock and a source of power for the sector.

There simply will not be enough fertilizer for European farmers in 2023.

And there won't be enough for everyone else that depends on fertilizer production from Europe.

This is a really big deal, because without fertilizer we would only be able to feed approximately half the planet.

Do you want to volunteer to be among those that don't get enough food?

Meanwhile, the surging U.S. dollar is causing <u>immense headaches</u> for food importers all over the world...

In Ghana, importers are warning about shortages in the run up to Christmas. Thousands of containers loaded with food recently piled up at ports in Pakistan, while private bakers in Egypt raised bread prices after some flour mills ran out of wheat because it was stranded at customs.

Around the world, countries that rely on food imports are grappling with a destructive combination of high interest rates, a soaring dollar and elevated commodity prices, eroding their power to pay for goods that are typically priced in the greenback. Dwindling foreign-currency reserves in many cases has reduced access to dollars, and banks are slow in releasing payments.

The value of the U.S. dollar has been spiking because the Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates.

When the value of the dollar goes up, poor countries have to pay a lot more for food in their own local currencies.

So the Federal Reserve is actually making the global food crisis worse by hiking rates.

But they are going to keep doing it anyway.

At the same time, global weather patterns continue to go completely haywire.

This summer we witnessed the worst drought in Chinese history, Europe endured the worst drought in 500 years, and the western U.S. continued to suffer through the worst multi-year megadrought in at least 1,200 years.

Needless to say, all of this drought is absolutely devastating agricultural production.

According to the Washington Post, "more than 80 percent of the U.S. is facing troubling dry conditions" right now. In the middle of the country, this has caused a horrific crisis for barge traffic along the Mississippi River...

The barge industry is quite important. It's crucial for moving aluminum, petroleum, fertilizer and coal, particularly on the Mississippi River and its tributaries. About 60% of the grain and 54% of the soybeans for U.S. export are moved via the noble barge. Barges touch more than a third of our exported coal as well.

Right now the barge industry — and all of us who depend on its wares — is mired in a crisis. Water levels on the Mississippi River Basin are at its lowest point in more than a decade.

Last week, approximately 2,000 barges were struck at one point.

Sadly, very dry conditions are expected <u>"over the next several weeks"</u>, and so things are not likely to get better any time soon...

Low water levels and dredging shuttered barge traffic heading north and south on the Mississippi last week. At one point, more than 100 towboats and 2,000 barges were stuck waiting. The blocked-off section of the river, between Louisiana and Mississippi, reopened Monday. Traffic is limited to one way, according to Petty Officer Jose Hernandez of the U.S. Coast Guard.

That's certainly better than zero-way traffic, but the Mississippi is still expected to become even more parched. Lisa Parker, a representative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, told FreightWaves that drier conditions are expected over the next several weeks. The river is slurping up water reserves right now, Parker added, but those reserves will eventually run out.

As a result of this crisis, rates to move goods by barge have gone through the roof, and we could ultimately see massive amounts of agricultural produce rot <u>before it can get to consumers...</u>

Since many barges are stuck and cannot move at all, barge prices are reportedly hyperinflating. As of this writing, the highest USD per ton price shown is \$90.44. Prior to the massive spike, it was under \$10 to move a ton of goods.

The vast majority of the now-stranded bean piles and other farm goods were intended for major export terminals in the Gulf of Mexico. While at least some of them appear to be covered and ventilated, how long will they really last before spoiling?

On another note, we continue to see crabs die off at a staggering rate.

In fact, it is now being reported that the winter harvest of snow crab in Alaska has been suspended because the crab population has experienced a catastrophic decline...

Alaska officials have canceled several crab harvests in a conservation effort that sent shock waves through the crabbing industry in the region.

Officials canceled the fall Bristol Bay red king crab harvest and, for the first time on record, are also holding off on the winter harvest of snow crab, according to multiple reports.

The decision comes after stark recent population declines of the animals. Data from an NOAA eastern Bering Sea survey shows a 92% decline in overall snow crab abundance from 2018 to 2021, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game confirmed to USA TODAY. An 83% decline occurred from 2018 to 2022, as some small crab entered the population in 2022, according to the department's Division of Commercial Fisheries.

And thanks to the global bird flu pandemic, birds continue to die in staggering numbers as well.

If you can believe it, <u>nearly 100 million chickens and turkeys</u> have already been wiped out during this pandemic in the United States and Europe alone, and experts are warning that this pandemic <u>will only intensify</u> now that cold weather is arriving.

Those of you that have been to the grocery store lately already know that egg prices, chicken prices and turkey prices have surged to absolutely crazy levels. At this point, prices are so high that one recent survey found that one out of every four Americans plans to skip Thanksgiving this year <u>in order to save money...</u>

One in five Americans are unsure if they will be able to cover the costs of Thanksgiving this year, and one in four plan to skip it to save money, a recent Personal Capital survey found.

The state of economic affairs in President Joe Biden's America is affecting Americans' holiday plans. According to the survey, one quarter of Americans are planning to skip Thanksgiving this year to save money, and one in five "doubted they would have enough money to cover the costs of Thanksgiving this year."

More specifically, one-third expect their 2022 Thanksgiving dinner to be "smaller," and 45 percent, overall, said they are "finically stressed" by Thanksgiving.

Yes, things are already that bad.

But according to Joe Biden, everything is just fine. In fact, he says that <u>"our economy is strong as hell"...</u>

The comment came during a conversation with a reporter at a Baskin Robbins in <u>Portland, Oregon</u>, who asked the president if he had any worry about the strength of the U.S. dollar amid rising inflation.

With a chocolate chip ice cream cone in his hand, Biden answered: "I'm not concerned about the strength of the dollar. I'm concerned about the rest of the world. Our economy is strong as hell."

You believe him, don't you?

Our leaders would have us believe that all of the problems that we are facing right now are just temporary and that a golden new age of peace and prosperity is just around the corner.

But if that is true, why are they so eager to have us eat bugs?

A tremendous amount of time, energy and resources is being put behind a campaign to promote insects as one of the solutions to the rapidly growing global food crisis.

But I don't plan to eat bugs, and I am sure that you don't either.

Unfortunately, there isn't going to be nearly enough food for everyone on the planet in 2023, and millions upon millions of deeply suffering individuals will soon be desperately hungry.

They <u>can push bug eating</u> all they want, but that isn't going to fix our problems. Right now, they have absolutely no solutions that will prevent large numbers of people from starving to death during the difficult years that are in front of us.

ARMAGEDDON: THEY BLOW UP THE LARGEST DAM IN UKRAINE, BURYING KHERSON! – RUSSIAN TV: A NUCLEAR BOMB WILL BE DETONATED IN NIKOLAEV

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Declaration of V. Zelensky - They are preparing a humanitarian disaster

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By Vassilis Kapoulas

The military staffs of Russia, Britain, the USA and Ukraine have sounded the alarm as the country's largest dam with 18 million cubic meters is expected to explode, burying Kherson and 80 more settlements under water!

This information from yesterday, which was revealed in Greece only by WarNews247, mobilized all the forces involved. V. Zelensky made a speech on the subject a while ago. Ukraine blames Russia and vice versa.

The bad news doesn't stop here: Russian TV talked about the detonation of a nuclear bomb by the Ukrainians in Nikolaev!

Russian media reports the same. Who gave it to the Ukrainian forces is not mentioned.

Both Russia and the USA/Ukraine are now playing Russian roulette over the fortunes of millions of citizens.

According to the Americans, "Russia will blow up the dam to save the Russian forces in Kherson. Then he will blame Kyiv and detonate a nuclear bomb on Nikolaev."

The Russians claim the exact opposite. See what the studies show in case this barrier is hit.

DECLARATION V. ZELENSKY: THE DAM WILL BLOW UP!

The President of Ukraine V. Zelensky said:

"We have information that Russian terrorists have mined HPP Kakhovka and units of HPP Kakhovskaya.

The Russians planted bombs at the Kakhovska hydroelectric plant dump on the Dnipro River!

The dam of this hydroelectric plant contains about 18 million cubic meters of water.

This is one of the largest energy facilities.

If Russian terrorists blow it up, about 80 settlements will be flooded including Kherson! Now everyone in the world must act strongly and quickly to prevent another Russian terrorist attack. Undermining the dam would mean a large-scale disaster!

At the same time, Russia prevented Ukrainian officials from working on the Kakhovka dam and paved the way for a massive disaster in southern Ukraine."

RUSSIAN TV: A NUCLEAR BOMB WILL BE DETONATED!

At the same time, Russian media report that Ukraine has prepared a nuclear bomb in Nikolaev. The beginning was made by Russian TV and this information was spread to several Russian mass media. The Russian analyst emphasizes in the video you will see:

"Ukraine has a nuclear bomb in Nikolaev that it will detonate and then blame on Russia so that the US has an excuse to get immediately involved in the war.

An explosion in light of NATO claims that Russia is preparing to use nuclear weapons in light of or during a Ukrainian attack.

They will say that Russia has suffered a defeat, launched a strike against Ukrainian forces. Which will result in thousands of dead citizens.

This would allow the US to justify large-scale ground-based missile strikes against our forces in these areas.

This will justify the US entering the war against Russia."

Then, the General Director of the Institute of Political Studies of Russia, Sergey Markov, emphasized that "the US and Britain are preparing a nuclear challenge to blame Russia".

He specifically stated:

"The US and the UK are preparing a provocation on the territory of Ukraine to accuse Russia of using nuclear weapons.

The Russian political scientist expressed the opinion that the urgent visit of the head of the British Ministry of Defense Ben Wallace to Washington is connected with the discussion of the mentioned plan.

"It is very likely that they will jointly decide on a strike with tactical nuclear weapons on the territory of Ukraine and blame Russia for it, and then follow non-nuclear retaliation by NATO countries against the Russian military in Ukraine."

Essentially, S. Markov repeated what was said on Russian television.

According to Markov, the Armed Forces of Ukraine will launch an attack on Kherson, blow up the Kakhovka dam, so the nuclear strike will be seen as Moscow's revenge by London and Washington. "All this can happen in the next two weeks, in October, before the elections for the US Congress," the expert warned.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE DAM IS HIT?

In the event that the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric dam is blown up, hundreds of square kilometers of land will be flooded.

In the video you can see the consequences of a possible flood of the Dnieper, in case of damage to the dam. The left bank part will suffer the most. At the same time, several large settlements will be under water and the Northern Crimea Canal, which supplies Crimea with fresh water, may also be destroyed. "The Armed Forces of Ukraine can hit the dam of the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric power station with dozens of sea mines

The flooding of a huge territory will allow Ukrainian troops to gain ground in a significant part of the Kherson region and, given the presence of long-range weapons, to strike in many other areas," Russian media reports.

IT WILL "SWALLOW" UKRAINE! - SUROVIKIN HAS CHANGED THE OPERATIONAL PLANS: HE IS STARTING "TWEEZERS" FROM THE WEST WITH A NUCLEAR "UMBRELLA" - THE RUSSIANS WILL ENTER LVIV DIRECTLY!

They will bypass Kyiv! - Huge mobilization in Belarus 10/20/2022 - 21:58



By Vassilis Kapoulas

Russian General S.Surovikin changed all operational plans regarding Ukraine. Now Russia's target will not be - at least immediately - Kyiv, but the front will shift to the west of the Belarus-Ukraine border as the first map of the text shows.

The generalized military involvement of Belarus is now a given as Russian and Belarusian forces will enter Ukrainian territory from three points.

Russian and Belarusian forces will enter the Lviv region and move towards the border with Poland. This plan justifies the conversion of Belarusian Su-25s to carry nuclear missiles and the transfer of Russian MiG-31s with hypersonic and nuclear Kinzhal to Minsk.

The goal is Poland and preventing US forces stationed there from being involved. The Russian raid is expected to start in 3 months and seems more rational than the first Russian attack on Kyiv. Russia should seal the border with Poland as General Surovikin did with Syria and neighboring countries.

It is now very possible, before the entry of Russian and Belarusian forces into Western Ukraine, that a nuclear bomb will be detonated as a warning-deterrent to the American and Polish forces. This can be done either in the Black Sea or even on Ukrainian soil on the occasion of the counterattack in Kherson. According to the new Russian operational plan, Russian forces coming down from Lviv should meet later with Russian forces coming up from Nikolaev.

RUSSIA PLANS TO "SWALLOW" UKRAINE!

For the entire project, Russia will have to mobilize at least 200,000 soldiers, not including the forces on the other Donbas fronts. At the same time, one more Russian force will be on standby in Belgorod and one more for Kyiv to keep the Ukrainian forces pinned down.

This plan, according to the Russians, will allow Moscow to end the war by 2023.

They are laying the groundwork... "They are violating the ECHR of Belarus"

The head of the Belarusian KGB claimed that the Ukrainian Air Force in recent days has *been "trying to violate the EES of Belarus every day"*. "Poland's political course shows preparations for war," the Belarusian Defense Minister emphasized and added:

"Preparation has begun for two additional mechanized divisions of the Polish ground forces. An additional division will be located in the eastern part of Poland"

The West has almost openly shown its readiness to launch aggression against the Republic of Belarus. Belarus notices an increase in intelligence activities from Ukrainian territory.

"Our border guards are constantly challenged at state borders. There is a daily threat of using weapons against our soldiers. There are insults and other acts that do not correspond to the level of the military in any state," the President of the State Security Committee of Belarus emphasized. He also added:

"A Ukrainian citizen driven through Poland to our territory created a network of agents, recruited citizens who collected classified information about the activities of our Armed Forces and law enforcement agencies"

Watch video of Russian TOS-1 being transported to Belarus

BELARUS: MILITARY PREPARATIONS FOR GENERAL WAR

Let's take a closer look at Belarus' moves:

- 1. In recent months, Zyabrovka military airfield near the city of Gomel, located on the Belarus-Ukraine border, has been transporting S-300 and S-400 arrays
- 2. Russian paratroopers from the 76th Airborne Division from Pskov as well as the 106th Airborne Division from Tula entered the territory of Belarus.
- 3. Anti-riot and insurrection equipment found in Minsk similar to those used in 2020. Will be used when conscription is officially declared or war begins.
- 4. Along with the Russian military, ammunition is also transported to Belarus from warehouses in the Russian Far East. See the documents at the end of the text.
- 5. In recent days, doctors and nurses in Belarus have been called to military offices.
- 6. The Russians have also moved river bridges to Belarus.

- 7. From the schools of Minsk and the universities of Gomel, information was received that in recent days the cleaning and preparation of shelters in educational institutions of Belarus has begun
- 8. Belarus is modernizing T-72 tanks and armored personnel carriers at Russian defense industry facilities.
- 9. Belarus equips troops with new "modern types of weapons, military and special equipment"
- 10. From October 17 to November 4, a planned "check of the state of military registration in local executive and administrative bodies-organizations" will take place in the Gomel region of Belarus
- 11. Belarus' Emergencies Ministry says air raid sirens will be tested in the Gomel region from November 1 to 3. The Gomel region is one of two regions bordering Ukraine
- 12. Belarusian schools and university departments are required to compile lists of conscripted employees and submit them to the military commissariat.
- 13. An "inspection" of "organizations" performing military registration work in Belarus is being conducted. Citizens are asked to verify the "data available" about them.
- 14. There is evidence that calls are being sent to ex-policemen, workers of some Grodno enterprises, as well as airborne troops on demobilization:

Watch video of the movements of Belarusian forces

80,000 Russian Army, 370 tanks and 600 guns for Kyiv

Russian media report that "the destruction of the energy system of the capital of Ukraine will greatly weaken the defense of Kiev".

And they add:

"Rumors are spreading that Zelensky and the Ukrainian leadership have been asked to prepare for the urgent removal of their families from Kyiv and the border regions, i.e. outside of Ukraine.

The military situation on the fronts may move in the other direction, as the so-called "pre-election offensive" in Kherson and Svatovo may turn into a strong counteroffensive by the Russian army.

Mercenaries from the General Staff told the experts that Zaluzny opposed frontal attacks in the direction of Kherson because of critical losses, while Zelensky refused to save his manpower.

The problem for Zelensky's team is that Russian troops could launch an attack from Belarus into Kyiv, which has virtually no regular troops, except for defense and Interior Ministry units.

In addition, the British intelligence service MI6 does not rule out such a development of events and even transmitted new information about the strengthening of the Russian military group.

According to British spies, on the border of Belarus, at a distance of a little more than 100 kilometers from the capital of Ukraine, there may be up to 80 thousand Russian Army, 200 tanks and 500 artillery systems.

In the coming days, another 170 tanks and up to 100 guns of a caliber greater than 100 mm are expected to be transferred from Russia.

The entry of Russian units into Belarus may not necessarily lead to an attack on the capital, but the Armed Forces of Ukraine will still have to respond. Experts say that Zelensky will face a difficult choice, either to urgently withdraw all available forces from the Kherson and Kharkov fronts and throw them into the defense of Kiev, or to risk an independent capital," the Russians conclude.

Of course, 80,000 is not enough for Kyiv....

Watch video of the movements of Belarusian forces See the maps

UKRAINE TURNS BACK A CENTURY: THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS IN THE DARK – RUSSIA BOMBED THE LARGEST ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FACTORIES – INFRASTRUCTURES WERE SWEPT AWAY!

Power outage across Ukraine - What the announcement says 10/20/2022 - 19:31



Ukraine turns back a century, which is living the worst nightmare in its history, as approximately 70% of stations, substations, thermoelectric plants, etc. have been put out of operation due to the sweeping Russian bombings.

In the last 24 hours, Russia bombed the Pridneprovskaya CHPP, Burshtynska TPP and TPP Ladyzhynska stations. They are the largest stations in the country along with CHPP-6 of Kyiv.

The restriction of electricity supply is introduced throughout Ukraine, said the deputy head of the presidential office, Kirill Tymoshenko.

"Tomorrow will be quite a difficult day for the country, electricity will be cut all over Ukraine. There will be another power outage in all areas."

"First of all, businesses and factories. If that is not enough, there will be power outages in residences. The authorities ask all Ukrainians to limit the use of electricity as much as possible from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., "Tymoshenko explained.

It is typical that the managing company of Ukraine's electricity network, Ukrenergo, called on citizens *to* "charge everything" until 07:00 this morning as power outages are expected, lasting up to 4 hours, as well as to collect water, as there will also be problems in the water supply.

In this context, the mayor of Kyiv, Vitaly Klitschko asked the residents of the city to avoid using microwave ovens, air conditioners, electric kettles or radiators from 07:00 in the morning to 23:00 at night.

SWEEPING BOMBING – PRIDNEPROVSKAYA CHPP, BURSHTYNSKA TPP & TPP LADYZHYNSKA STATIONS HIT

On the evening of October 19, the Russian military continued to strike critical Ukrainian infrastructure. The Russians bombed the Burshtyn TPP thermal power plant in the Ivano-Frankivsk region. Fortunately, there were no casualties, reports the head of the Regional Military Command Svitlana Onyshchuk. An electricity supply facility was destroyed in the Krivoy Rog district of Dnipropetrovsk region, resulting in the interruption of electricity and water supply in some settlements.

This was followed by massive strikes by the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation on infrastructure facilities in Kyiv, Dnepropetrovsk, Krivoy Rog, Kharkiv, Zhytomyr and other cities of the country. Strong explosions occurred in Zaporizhzhya.

The Russian strategic air force conducted launches of Kh-101 missiles. Local residents reported three explosions in Kharkiv. Critical infrastructure facilities and industrial enterprises were hit.

Two explosions were reported in Zhytomyr. Power went out in the city, clouds of smoke can be seen in the sky.

In addition, explosions and fires are observed in Dnepropetrovsk. Sources report an attack by the Russian Aerospace Forces on the Pridneprovskaya CHPP, one of the largest plants in Ukraine, which supplies electricity to many surrounding areas. Black smoke billows near the facility's industrial buildings. Local authorities confirm that three rockets hit Kyiv's CHPP-6 station.

Two large Ukrainian thermal power plants put out of operation by Russian strategic air strike On the afternoon of October 19, Russia bombed targets in the Sumy and Chernivtsi regions.

At least three X-101 missiles hit TPP Ladyzhynska in Vinnytsia region. Four more cruise missiles knocked out the Burshtynska TPP station, the largest in western Ukraine.

Both factories are owned by Ukrainian oligarch Rinat Akhmetov.

Thus, the Ukrainian power system lost another 4.2 megawatts per hour. The extent of the damage and the possibility of restoring the stations are still unknown.

Both thermal power plants were put into operation in the second half of the last century and were part of the unified energy system of the southwestern USSR.

The Burshtynska TPP also served as a bridge for electricity transmission to Romania, Hungary and Poland.

Meanwhile, the head of the Dnepropetrovsk central administration, Valentin Reznichenko, announced that another energy infrastructure in Krivoy Rog had been destroyed, as well as a power plant.

Although he noted that all crews are trying to repair the damage, he maintained that the problem is very serious.

Watch video of the explosions

Ukraine in the dark – Dramatic appeals for savings

Indicative of the problem that has been created in Ukraine's energy system, is that the local authorities in Nikolaev have announced that in order to save energy, all traffic lights will be turned off.

In addition, Mayor Alexander Senkevich said that electric vehicle traffic would be reduced by 60%, that residents were asked to reduce consumption dramatically from 07:00 to 23:00 while he announced that factories would not operate and lighting of stores will be disabled.

Let's see what was announced for today in regions of Ukraine:

What restrictions have been introduced in the regions:

Kyiv — buses took over the routes instead of trolleys. Rolling blackout schedules have already appeared in the city and region, which will be introduced if Ukrenergo needs to balance the electricity system.

Sumy — water supply will be interrupted, electric transport and street lighting will stop working.

Sumy — Will limit the use of electric vehicles by 50%.

Volyn — Restriction of electricity consumption for industrial consumers is introduced.

Ternopil — Today the entire electric transport of the city will not enter the routes.

Dnipro — "Total Energy Saving Mode"

Kharkiv — The metro increases the interval of train movement.

Kirovograd — lighting will not work on the streets of all settlements. Also trolleys may not run on routes.

Poltava — Energy consumption will be reduced by 50%. After lunch, there will only be buses on the routes.

Nikolaev — 60% of trolleys will not be on the line tomorrow, the traffic lights will also not work.

Lviv — there were blackouts at night. There will be an outage of industrial consumers during the day. Internet connectivity dropped by 81% after Russia targeted energy infrastructure

END OF DIPLOMACY - PLAN TO EVACUATE EMBASSIES! LAVROV: THERE IS

"NO POINT" IN MAINTAINING A DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN THE WEST!

Very bad development

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By Vassilis Kapoulas

In a sensational statement, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov announced the severance of diplomatic relations with Western countries, with all that this may entail, stressing that "Russia sees no point in maintaining a diplomatic presence in the West."

S. Lavrov went on to reveal that "the Russian Foreign Ministry is currently carrying out a 'geographic reorientation' of its activities both abroad and at headquarters" suggesting a possible downgrading of Russia's diplomatic presence in the West.

The Russian Foreign Ministry is reportedly toying with the idea of severing diplomatic relations with some Western countries, including the United States.

Russia is preparing for "Zero Hour". If he uses nukes on Ukraine, then it must be a given that relations with Western countries will be 100% terminated and embassies will be closed. Therefore, the "geographic reorientation" announced by S. Lavrov is necessary.

What the Russian Foreign Minister said is also a pretext for the quiet evacuation of the British and American embassies before the launch of the nukes.

Because when S. Lavrov talks about *''failure of Diplomacy''* we all know what follows. Russia will resolve security issues with NATO by military means.

We remind you that many Western countries, such as the USA, France, Germany, Italy, Spain or Austria, have expelled Russian diplomats en masse since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24. In some cases, these deportations were accompanied by accusations of espionage. Moscow has pledged to respond to each of these measures, and dozens of Western diplomats have already been expelled from Russia.

THERE IS "NO POINT" IN MAINTAINING THE SAME DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN THE WEST Russia sees "no point" in maintaining the same diplomatic presence in the West, the country's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said, announcing that Moscow would now focus on Asia and Africa.

"There is no sense and no inclination, of course, to maintain the same presence in Western countries," Lavrov said during a meeting with new graduates recently hired by the Russian Foreign Ministry.

"Our diplomats are having a hard time"

Russian diplomats work there 'in conditions that can hardly be described as humane, they constantly create problems for them, constantly making threats" the Russian Foreign Minister even emphasized. "But the most important thing is that there is no work there, since Europe decided to exclude us, to suspend all economic cooperation" with Moscow, he added.

"What to do; We cannot force others to love us," said the head of Russian diplomacy.

"Asia and Africa ready to cooperate with Moscow on equal terms"

"The countries of the Third World, in Asia as well as in Africa, on the contrary, need additional attention," Lavrov noted, clarifying that Russia has many projects there, mainly commercial, "which require diplomatic accompaniment."

"Under these conditions, we will naturally shift the center of gravity to those countries, which are ready to work on equal terms and cooperate with us on a mutually beneficial basis," Sergey Lavrov concluded.

"GEOGRAPHIC REORIENTATION OF THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS"

The Russian top diplomat recalled that the United States "actively prepared" and Europe "responsibly accepted" the coup in Ukraine, which was "carried out under Nazi slogans."

"This means one thing: the West has sided with those who want to revive Nazism. We're moving on from that even now. Every day we see many confirmations of our assessment," Lavrov continued. The minister emphasized that now the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is proceeding with a "geographical reorientation of activities both abroad and at the headquarters".

"The countries of the so-called third world (in Asia, Africa, Latin America), on the contrary, need additional attention. "Many projects are agreed at the highest and highest levels that require diplomatic support, including business, joint cultural, humanitarian and educational projects," he added. Lavrov recalled that many Russian diplomats, due to the Russophobic policy of the West, stopped their business trips abroad.

"Our priority was the obligation to employ them as soon as possible. We made it. We have been experiencing this problem since June. Now all the issues have been resolved without affecting the employment of the young people present here," he stressed.

TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

It is not the first time Russia has threatened to cut diplomatic ties with the West since it invaded Ukraine and faced Western sanctions. Russia threatened to cut diplomatic ties with Bulgaria this summer after Bulgaria expelled 70 Russian diplomats.

Russia has suggested in the past that its relations with the West could be jettisoned with little consequence.

In March, the Kremlin gave the United States a "note of protest," which included a threat to cut ties, following President Joe Biden's comments about the war in Ukraine. In August, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that if the United States cut ties with Russia, Russia would "get over it."

"They should know: we are prepared for any development of the situation. And if Washington chooses to stop any contacts with Moscow, we will overcome it, "Zakharova said at the time.

Russia's current plan is to shift its diplomatic focus to other countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

B.PUTIN TO S.SUROVIKIN: BURY THE UKRAINIANS IN KHERSON IF THE KAKHOVSKAYA DAM IS HIT – STUDIES SHOW THE REGION'S EXTINCTION! Apocalypse images are coming to Kherson 10/20/2022 - 01:13



By Vassilis Kapoulas

The Russian Commander-in-Chief and commander of the Russian forces in Ukraine, Sergey Surovikin, has received clear orders from B. Putin to bury the Ukrainians if they dare to blow up the dam of the Kakhovka hydroelectric plant in Kherson, which will cause incalculable destruction. For this reason, B. Putin both with martial law and with the evacuation "untied the hands" of S. Surovikin

as Russia and Ukraine are heading to a decisive period for the course of the war. S.Surovikin can now use whatever he wants as he wants. All information converges on the fact that Kherson is expected to be leveled.

According to the Russians:

- 1. The West is pressuring Zelensky to take Kherson at any cost before the US elections. If he doesn't succeed, they at least want him to have "set foot" in the city.
- 2. The Ukrainians must occupy Kherson so that it does not become a Russian military base for a new offensive campaign. The aim is to protect the Nikolaev-Odessa region and prevent Russia from gaining access to the border with Transnistria/Moldova
- 3. For Zelensky, this battle is still a matter of life and death. The Ukrainians will not forgive him the loss of Odessa and Nikolaev. Therefore, huge forces are now concentrated on the southern front. Video: Cruise barrage against Ukrainian targets

WILL THE DAM OF THE KAKHOVSKAYA HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION BE HIT? Yesterday, both S.Surovikin and the head of the Kherson Administration, Saldo, stated that the Ukrainians are trying to destroy the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam. If this happens, there will be incalculable consequences.

Today Russia returned to this issue.

The air defense system repelled several missile attacks by Ukrainian troops on the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric station, Leondiev, head of the Kakhovka district administration, told RIA Novosti. "Today, the air raid alarm went off five times. There have been several attempts with rocket attacks on the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric station. The air defense system worked. The attack, the purpose of which was the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric station, was repelled," he added.

According to him, the situation is under control. The authorities have strengthened the security and defense of strategic facilities.

According to Russian intelligence, the Pentagon simulated a situation in which the Kakhovka dam would blow up and what consequences this would have for the region.

In 1985, experts from the All-Union Design, Survey and Research Institute Hydroproject analyzed the consequences of a hypothetical destruction of the dam of the Kakhovka reservoir. These data, of course, are preserved from the Soviet era.

In 2004, the newspaper Kherson Hryvna published an article titled "Not Ready for a Local Apocalypse," which revealed the details of the report. In the event of an explosion of the Kakhovka dam, millions of tons of water will fall into Kherson at a speed of 24.4 km / h and a wave height of 1 meter. After 2.5 hours, there will be a fairly steep rise in the level to 4.8 meters. The flood will last three days and completely destroy the regional center.

But if, at the same time as the Kakhovka dam, the Kremenchug reservoir dam is destroyed, then Kherson will be flooded literally in 2 hours at a level of more than 5 meters in the Korabel region. Residents of Tsyurupinsky and Golopristansky districts will be under water. And this time the flood will last 10 days.

According to the calculations of the Hydroproject Institute, the residents of Novaya Kakhovka will be in the worst position of all as the vertical wave will be 10 meters high, which is comparable to a tsunami. The fact that the probability of such a development of events is high stated the acting governor of the Kherson region Vladimir Saldo.

"There is an immediate risk of flooding the lands due to the planned destruction of the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric dam and the release of water from a reservoir of power plants upstream of the Dnieper. I announce the voluntary relocation and departure for residents of Berislavsky, Belozersky, Aleksandrovsky

and Snigirevsky districts. All this work will be done in an organized manner and (the evacuation) will be free of charge," he said.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE KAKHOVSKAYA HPP DAM IS HIT?

According to Russian media, the consequences of a strike at the Kakhovskaya HPP are as follows:

- "1. All settlements downstream of the Dnieper will either be washed away or flooded, including Kherson and Golaya Pristan. The area will become uninhabitable even after the water recedes due to the destruction of infrastructure.
- 2. The Northern Crimea Canal will be empty, as water enters the settlement area from the Kakhovka Reservoir. Tavriysk is located above the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric dam. Crimea will remain without water again.
- 3. Zaporozhye NPP will run out of cooling water there are no cooling towers next to it, cooling water is taken from the Dnieper. The station will be closed indefinitely. The risk of nuclear accidents will increase dramatically.
- 4. The Dnieper will become shallower above the dam of the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric station, after the frosts there will be an opportunity to transport equipment.
- 5. Russia will lose access to the right bank of the Dnieper, supplying the group of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation will become an extremely difficult task.
- 6. The ecosystem of the area will suffer massive damage.
- 7. The economic damage will be terrifying, it will take decades and billions of rubles to repair the damage.

WHY SUROVIKIN IS EVACUATING THE POPULATION OF KHERSON

"Vostok" battalion commander Alexander Khodakovsky explains the complexity of the military situation in Kherson.

"Even before the appointment of Sergei Surovikin as the commander of the Russian forces in Ukraine, there was alarming information among the military command of the Kherson group about Kherson and the entire Pravoberezhny side controlled by us.

The supply of the group through the Dnieper is very difficult, the Ukrainians use NATO resources and effectively hit important nodes, creating management difficulties.

"What will happen to Chersona? The situation will tell. Land can always be returned, dead soldiers - never. Stand in death – yes, it is a choice, but is it right for us now? – comments military commander Alexander Sladkov.

By the way, Surovikin himself in an interview mentioned the task of protecting Russian soldiers. Alexander Sladkov believes that in the defense of Kherson, much will depend on the construction of mechanical fortifications, which were absent in the regions of Kharkiv and Krasny Liman.

"If the city turns into a fortress, it will not surrender," said Sladkov.

In his opinion, the main problem remains the destruction of bridges on the Dnieper and the difficulty of feeding the group.

"The Dnieper is a natural barrier, which can serve as a serious difficulty in securing a fortress."

Military correspondent Anna Dolgaryova, citing her sources in Kherson, reports the following:

"Good news: Chersona will not be surrendered. The bad news is that in all likelihood, the Armed Forces of Ukraine will make great progress in this direction. Almost to the city," writes Dolgaryova

Columnist Boris Rozhin called on the civilian population to take the risk of bombing seriously.

"Judging by the intelligence background, in the next few days a heavy batch of bombing will begin in the Kherson region, with massive arrivals in Kherson, Berislav, Nikolaev and other settlements.

Citizens should either evacuate or take care of personal security issues (bomb shelters, basements, etc.), as well as a backup necessary in case of severe destruction of the socio-economic infrastructure," Rozhin warned.

Journalist Olgerd Semyonov believes that Surovikin needs evacuation to repeat the experience of military operations in Syria.

"Surovikin is preparing to do exactly what he did in Syria: the evacuation of the civilian population, then the air force and artillery, then the elimination of the terrorists."

Video: ATGM firing at Ukrainian targets

GATES OF HELL OPENED IN KHERSON: UKRAINIAN OFFENSIVE BEGINS – FIRESTORM & HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING – FIRST RUSSIAN VICTORY Large concentration of Ukrainian forces

10/19/2022 - 21:55

Fierce fighting is taking place in Kherson with Russian forces repelling the first Ukrainian offensive in the Berislav region, inflicting casualties on Kyiv. Fighting is taking place in the areas between Pyatikhatki and Sukhanovo as well as in Pravdino, Kherson.

After fierce artillery battles, two Ukrainian infantry battalions of the 128th Mountain Brigade and one battalion of the 17th Brigade began to advance in the Novaya Kamenka – Berislav direction. Ukrainian forces number 1,000 soldiers.

Instead, Russian forces are fielding forces from the 126th Coastal Brigade and airborne forces from the 83rd, 80th and 11th Brigades.

Ukrainian motorized infantry units are actively supported by artillery and a large number of medium-range attack drones. The Russians report that at a great distance, outside the range of their air defense, they are operating a "Bayraktar" UAV.

The situation is extremely critical for the Russian forces despite the first small victory. The Ukrainians are moving all available forces from neighboring regions, their reserves and Territorial Defense units.

Russian forces have found a very large concentration of Ukrainian troops in the Kherson region and in the Nikolaev and Krivoy Rog regions, which means that it is only a matter of time before the region turns into a living hell...

The Russians are called to fight the biggest battle yet.

THE UKRAINIAN OFFENSIVE HAS BEGUN - BERISLAV IS THE FIRST TARGET

Ukrainian forces launched a counterattack in the south, trying to break through Russian defenses in the Berislav region of Kherson.

According to information, the Ukrainians have been moving forces in the direction of Berislav for a month now and are trying to break through the Russian defenses.

According to Russian sources, "in recent days, the Armed Forces of Ukraine sent forces and conducted reconnaissance near Dudchan and Novaya Kamenka.

MLRS HIMARS were hitting the nearest forts in the area, while for some reason they tried several times to destroy the bridge at Mylovoe, which was of little importance.

On October 19, early in the morning, the Ukrainians began artillery preparation and went on the attack with up to two battalion tactical groups, more than 20 tanks, about 20 TOMAs and armored vehicles.

An armored group of the Armed Forces of Ukraine from the Novogrigorovka side tried to break through the Russian defenses at Novaya Kamenka while the other moved again near Dudchan.

Ukrainian forces received heavy artillery and ATGM fire from the Russian Airborne Forces while the 126th Coastal Defense Brigade and motorized forces assisted.

The Ukrainians continue to fire artillery deep into the front, a fierce artillery battle is taking place in the area with the Russians responding from the other side of the Dnieper.

Su-25 close support aircraft and Ka-52 attack helicopters fly in the area.

Video: what remained of the Ukrainians in Krivy Rog

UKRAINIAN LOSSES

According to the data so far, the Russian Forces hit units of two brigades of the Ukrainian army and formations of foreign mercenaries in the Nikolayev-Krivoi Rog area.

The Ukrainians have losses in units of the 60th and 35th Infantry Battalions of the Ukrainian army as well as in the mercenary formations of the Foreign Legion."

Ukrainian units tried to break the defense of Russian troops towards Bruskinskoye (Kherson) and in the Nikolaev-Krivoy Rog direction.

The attack was repulsed, over 90 Ukrainians were killed, while one tank, 8 armored vehicles and 21 motorized vehicles were destroyed.

Watch video of shelling of Ukrainian positions in Kherson

Video: Russian Lancet UAV hits Ukrainian target

KHERSON TURNS INTO A FORTRESS – IT WILL BE HELL...

Earlier, Russian media reported that the Russian administration is preparing Kherson for defense in the context of an imminent large-scale offensive by the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

They specifically mention:

"The civilian population from Kherson will be evacuated, the city itself will be turned into a fortress before fierce battles with the enemy.

The Russians continue to dig trenches in the defense line created after the reconstruction: the southern part of Dudchan – Novaya Kamenka – Ishchenka – Bruskinskoye – Sukhoi Stavok.

The front is being reinforced as part of the ongoing efforts of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to cross Berislav and Kherson. It is expected that before the mid-term elections in the United States, the Armed Forces of Ukraine will go on the offensive in Kherson and Zaporizhia.

The formation of the "fist" of the Armed Forces of Ukraine was noticed in advance, therefore the announced evacuation of the civilian population from Kherson is correct. Transfer to the left bank of the Dnieper is carried out by two motor ships to Alyoshki and Golaya Pristan. Before boarding the ships, citizens undergo a thorough check.

Further, from the suburbs of Kherson on the left bank, buses are waiting for people for onward transportation to safe areas of Russia, in particular the Krasnodar Territory and the Rostov Region. Within a week, up to 60,000 people are planned to be evacuated from the bombings. Video: Shelling of Ukrainian positions in Kherson

IMMINENT USE OF NUKES BY RUSSIA: "EMERGENCY TRIP FOR AN UNIMAGINABLE ISSUE" OF THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. IN THE US – PREPARING HUMANITARIAN FORCES

Russian politician: We created an Exclusion Zone

10/19/2022 - 12:31

By Vassilis Kapoulas

British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace is making an emergency trip to the US on the subject of Russia's imminent use of nuclear weapons. Developments are running at breakneck pace and now humanity is very close to something that would have seemed unimaginable a few months ago.

British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace canceled his appearance before the House of Commons Defense Committee on Tuesday and went to the US for "emergency meetings" at the Pentagon and the White House .

Defense Secretary James Heappey said Mr Wallace met his US counterpart for "the kind of talks that [are] really beyond belief, that we are at a time when these kinds of talks are necessary".

All indications are that the British Foreign Ministry flew to the US, rather than using secure communications. The Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom also admitted it. Therefore we are talking about the use of nuclear...

There are three points that Britons and Americans will debate:

- Imminent use of nukes by Russia
- Providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine immediately after the use of nuclear weapons. There are reports of forces entering Lviv for humanitarian reasons
- Possible retaliatory measures by Russia for strikes on the Nord Stream pipelines

The situation is extremely extreme. A while ago, Jordan also ordered its nationals to leave Ukraine as quickly as possible.

IMMINENT NUCLEAR USE BY RUSSIA

In the last few hours:

• We have the interview of the Russian General S.Surovikin. Russian politician and journalist, Yegor Kholmogorov commented on Sergey Surovikin's statement saying:

"I understood Surovikin quite clearly: Ukraine and the West received a message that Russia is ready to use nuclear weapons on the steppes on its constitutional territory.

In other words, Biden and Zelensky understand that the Ukraine victory scenario is simply not among Russia's options.

Nuclear war is here. There is the exclusion zone. There are negotiations. But there is simply no victory for Ukraine on the cards."

• At the same time, the Russian Security Council is meeting shortly with an expanded composition. Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold a virtual meeting of the Russian Security Council on Wednesday, October 19, the Kremlin announced on Tuesday.

"It is planned to consider issues related to the neutralization of threats to national security and the regulation of migration processes in the interest of the country's socio-economic development and socio-political stability," the Kremlin said in a statement.

Afterwards, Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev is due to deliver a report, the Kremlin said.

The last meeting of the enlarged Security Council was held in May. Putin regularly, usually once a week, holds current affairs meetings with the permanent members of the Security Council.

BRITISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EMERGENCY TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR "UNTHINKABLE MATTER"

According to British media, Defense Secretary Ben Wallace is making an emergency unscheduled visit to Washington to talk to his counterpart and White House officials about " *shared security concerns*," including Ukraine and Russia, a source and official said.

The secret nature of the last-minute trip and a comment by the second defense secretary, James Hippie - who said the talks Mr Wallace would have on Tuesday were "unthinkable" - suggested highly sensitive and serious issues would be discussed.

The UK defense source declined to offer any specific details about the content of Mr Wallace's trip. He only said:

"The Secretary of Defense is in Washington to discuss shared security concerns, including Ukraine."

"He will visit his counterpart at the Pentagon and senior officials at the White House."

Brigadier General Patrick Ryder, the US Pentagon press secretary, said:

"He is here today to discuss the situation in Ukraine and joint US and UK efforts to support Ukraine, as well as to reaffirm transatlantic ties and cooperation. A function that our two countries share when it comes to issues like Russia."

Mr Heappey gave the impression that the discussions were particularly serious as he answered questions about the UK's political crisis during an interview on Tuesday with Kay Burley on Sky News.

"We here at the Department of Defense are doing a good job of keeping our nation safe in a time of incredible global insecurity," he said.

"My boss, Ben Wallace, is in Washington this morning and he's having these kinds of conversations that ... beyond belief that we're at a time when these kinds of conversations are necessary."

Asked by Sky News about the "beyond belief (ss inconceivable)" statements, a Pentagon spokesman said: "I refer you to the minister on that."

However, the Foreign Secretary, speaking on Sky News on Wednesday morning, described Mr Wallace's trip as "a normal and orderly part of a frankly very unusual and perverse situation" and suggested it was in response to Russia's increased targeting of civilian infrastructures.

"There is an urgency because civilians are being targeted in a new way and so we have to respond to that and our response has to be at pace," he said

"There are conversations you honestly don't want to have over the phone."

THERE WAS NO HONOR GUARD

In a sign that the visit was hastily planned and kept low profile, there was no honor guard to greet Mr Wallace at the Pentagon.

The possibility of Russia using nuclear weapons in Ukraine came up at a meeting of NATO defense ministers in Brussels last week. Mr. Wallace and Lloyd Austin, the US Secretary of Defense, also attended and held a bilateral meeting there.

60,000 PEOPLE WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM KHERSON TO RUSSIA

The governor of Kherson region said today that about 50,000-60,000 people will be transferred from there to Russia and to the left bank of the Dnieper, Russian state news agency TASS reported.

The evacuation is expected to take about six days, Russian-appointed governor Vladimir Saldo said, according to TASS.

Earlier, the also Russian-appointed deputy governor of Kherson, Kirill Stremusov, had stressed that civilians should be evacuated from the city as quickly as possible because Ukrainian forces could launch an attack at any time.

Ukrainian forces "will soon launch an offensive against the city of Kherson," Stremusov said.

"I ask you to take my words seriously: evacuate the city as soon as possible," he said in a post on the Telegram messaging app.

In a new entry, he later stated that today the situation on the front is stable, but the citizens should take refuge on the left bank.

"Move as fast as possible, please, to the left bank," he stressed.

Citizens in Kherson are receiving messages from the administration asking them to leave the city, RIA news agency reported.

IRAN IS SENDING RUSSIA HUNDREDS OF BALLISTIC MISSILES, DRONES AND THE "DEZFUL" WITH A RANGE OF 1,000 KM - ISRAEL: "NO AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WILL SAVE KYIV"!

Map: Moscow strikes across Ukraine to Romania & Poland! 19/10/19/2022 - 15:39

By Vassilis Kapoulas

The Iran-Russia deal is closed with hundreds of ballistic missiles headed for the Russian arsenal. Iranian sources report that in addition to the Fateh-110 and Zolfagar ballistic missiles, Moscow also requested the Dezful missile with a range of 1,000 km!

On the Iranian range map, Russia with these new weapons covers all of Ukraine and can hit targets as far as Romania and Poland!

KYIV IS EXPECTED TO BE LEVELED.

V. Zelensky's adviser, Aleksey Arestovich, emphasized that "Russia has found the key to air defense and can pound Ukraine every day with kamikaze UAVs for several months."

"They have found the key to our air defense, which is to force us to throw our entire inventory of antiaircraft missiles into the drone battle. The first batch of UAVs was 300, the second batch was much, much more. Only 2,400 pieces," he said.

"At this rate, even 100 a day, we have a month of active raids," Arestovich said. Israeli television channel Kan News reported:

"If the number of Shahed-136 drone attacks increases, no air defense system in the world will help Kyiv and the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Experts and journalists of the Israeli TV channel Kan News emphasized that, given the current number of raids by Shahed-136 drones, the capabilities of Ukrainian air defense systems are at the limit, however, in case of an increase in the number of raids, no one will be able to help the Ukrainian army, even the most advanced air defense system.

The current mass raids simply overload Ukraine's air defense system, preventing the latter from effectively countering drones. If the number of raids increases, then Kyiv will have really serious problems."

These analyzes of the Israelis probably show that it is pointless to send Israeli anti-aircraft systems to Ukraine as requested by Kyiv. And they will not offer and may fall into the hands of the Iranians. Also read: <u>Ukraine pulverization: Iran sends Fateh-110, Zolfaghar and 2,000km Arash-2 to Russia – Noninvolvement ultimatum to Israel</u>

IRANIAN OFFICIALS: WE ARE SENDING MISSILES AND MORE DRONES TO RUSSIA

Iran has promised to provide Russia with surface-to-surface missiles in addition to more drones, two senior Iranian officials and two Iranian diplomats told Reuters, a move likely to anger the United States and other Western powers.

The deal was reportedly sealed on October 6 when Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Mohbar, two senior officials from Iran's Revolutionary Guards and an official from the Supreme National Security Council visited Moscow for talks with Russia on handing over the weapons.

"The Russians had asked for more drones and Iranian ballistic missiles with improved accuracy, particularly the Fateh and Zolfaghar family of missiles," said one of the Iranian diplomats, who was briefed on the trip.

A Western official briefed on the matter confirmed this, saying there is an agreement between Iran and Russia to supply short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missiles, including the Zolfaghar.

One of the drones Iran has agreed to supply is the Shahed-136. The Fateh-110 and Zolfaghar are Iranian short-range ballistic missiles capable of hitting targets between 300 and 700 km away.

The Iranian diplomat rejected claims by Western officials that such transfers violate a 2015 UN Security Council resolution.

"Where they are used is not the seller's business. We are not taking sides in the Ukraine crisis like the West. We want an end to the crisis through diplomatic means", said the diplomat.

"They (the Russians) wanted to buy hundreds of our missiles, even medium-range ones, but we told them that we can soon send a few hundred of the required Zolfaghar and Fateh 110 short-range surface-to-surface missiles," said an Iranian security official.

"I can't give you the exact time, but soon, very soon they will be sent in 2 to three cargo shipments." Moscow had specifically requested Fateh 110 and Zolfaghar missiles and the shipment will take place in 10 days at most, another Iranian diplomat said.

An Eastern European official who monitors Russia's weapons activity said a decision had been made by the Iranians and Russians to go ahead with the transfer.

"Also, Iranian Guard commanders were concerned that if Russia uses this Arash 2 drone in Ukraine, the Americans may have access to our technology," he added.

FROM BELGOROD AND CRIMEA, RUSSIA STRIKES ALL OVER UKRAINE

At the same time, Iran's Institute of Military Studies and Analysis published a map of missile coverage if they are deployed near the borders of Russia's special military operation.

The Persian army has Fateh-110, Zolfagar and Dezful missiles in its arsenal. The Fateh-110 short-range missile was already used by Iran in January 2020 when it attacked US bases in Iraq after the assassination of IRGC commander Qasem Soleimani. This 3.3-ton missile can deliver up to 448 kg of explosives up to 300 km away.

The deployment of such ballistic missiles in Crimea or near Belgorod will make it possible to cover almost the entire territory of the new regions of Russia, as well as to target enemy military air bases in Mirgorod and Zaporizhia.

The Zolfagar missile is the evolution of the Fateh. This 10.3-meter-long solid-fuel ballistic missile with a gross weight of 4570 kg hits targets within a radius of 700 km. At the same time, it carries a head weight of 579 kg. For the first time, Iran used this missile on June 18, 2017 to strike ISIS forces in Syria.

The appearance of "Zolfagars" at Russian bases bordering Ukraine will allow most of Ukrainian territory, including Kiev, to be brought into range.

The capabilities of Iran's largest Dezful ballistic missile still remain a secret. In real conditions, these missiles have not yet been used anywhere. According to Iranian military experts, the range of the Dezful is up to 1000 km, which allows it to be classified as an intermediate-range ballistic missile. The mass of the transported load is estimated at 650 kg.

The supply of such missiles will cover the entire territory of Ukraine, Moldova and the eastern part of Poland.

IRAN SENT TRAINERS TO CRIMEA

Citing current and former US officials, The New York Times reported that Iran has sent trainers to Crimea and Kherson to help them deal with problems related to the fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles they bought from Tehran. .

The newspaper reported that the Iranian trainers are operating from a Russian military base in Crimea, where several drones are based, after they were handed over by Iran. The instructors come from the Revolutionary Guards.

See the map with the range of Iranian ballistic missiles

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EVACUATION OF KHERSON - INTERVIEW-WARNING S.SUROVIKIN TO ZELENSKY: "I WILL MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS" - NUCLEAR IN SIGHT?

Surovikin interview shortly before the storm broke out in Ukraine 10/18/2022 - 23:20

By Vassilis Kapoulas

A significant interview on the state television channel Rossiya-24 was granted by the Russian commander-in-chief and commander of the Russian forces in Ukraine, Sergei Surovikin, at a time that is not only coincidental.

Surovikin spoke of an imminent "massive Ukrainian missile attack on the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric dam" and emphasized that "he is ready to make difficult decisions for Kherson". He preceded "opening" in Ukraine saying:

"Russians and Ukrainians are one people. We want a Ukraine independent of the West and NATO, a friend of Russia".

This phrase sounded like the last warning just before the "storm" broke out in Ukraine.

Immediately afterwards he said:

"Our plans in Kherson will depend on the tactical military situation which is already very uneasy. We will seek to protect the lives of our citizens and service members. We will act in a timely manner, without excluding the most difficult decisions."

If the enemy uses prohibited weapons in Kherson, the response will be harsh".

We remind you that Kherson, like the other regions where the referendums were held, is now covered by Russia's nuclear doctrine.

The problem for Moscow is that it does not have the flexibility to allow the Ukrainians to enter the city of Kherson because then the road to Crimea opens. WarNews247 had announced the evacuation of Kherson days before as the Russians prepared for what was coming...

Therefore, indeed, the Russian Army has difficult choices to make.

It is also important that General S.Surovikin made a special reference to the 5th generation Su-57 fighter in light of the WarNews247 revelations.

At the same time as the Surovikin interview, the evacuation of areas of Kherson was announced. The Russian governor announced the immediate evacuation of the population from areas on the right bank of the Dnipro River.

According to information, the Ukrainians are preparing a large-scale attack on Kherson by gathering all available forces and reserves from nearby areas.

"The Ukrainians have implemented a complete news blackout on what is happening in the Kherson region. They have always done this in the past when big business is imminent. Something big is happening, military expert Professor Michael Clarke told Sky News.

GENERAL S.SUROVIKIN: "WE WILL MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS"

The Russian general and new commander of the Russian forces in the war in Ukraine, Sergey Surovikin, said in the interview he gave to Russian media:

"The situation in the Special Military Operation area can be described as tense."

The enemy leaves no room and tries to attack the positions of the Russian troops.

First of all, this concerns the Kupyansky, Krasnolimansky and Nikolaev-Kryvyi Rih districts.

The enemy (Ukrainian government) is a criminal regime pushing citizens to their deaths.

Ukrainians and we are one people and we want one thing: Ukraine to be independent from the West and NATO, a state friendly to Russia.

The Ukrainian regime seeks to breach our defenses.

To do this, the Armed Forces of Ukraine are pulling all available reserves to the front line.

Basically, these are ground defense forces that have not completed a full training program.

In fact, the Ukrainian leadership condemns them to destruction and death.

As a rule, such units have low morale.

To prevent escape from the front line, the Ukrainian authorities use detachments of nationalists who shoot anyone who tries to leave the battlefield.

Each day, enemy casualties range from 600 to 1000 dead and wounded.

We have a different strategy.

We do not pursue high rates of advance, we protect every soldier and methodically "grind" the advancing enemy.

This not only minimizes casualties, but also significantly reduces the number of casualties among the civilian population.

Currently, the Joint Force Group is taking measures to build up the combat and numerical strength of formations and military units, create additional reserves, and equip defensive lines and positions along the entire line of contact.

We reinforce our lines with reserves and build fortified positions on the contact line.

The strikes with high-precision weapons continue on military installations and infrastructure facilities affecting the combat capability of Ukrainian troops.

The special military operation confirmed the effectiveness of our air and air defense systems.

During the operation, the crews of operational-tactical, army and long-range aviation carried out more than 34 thousand sorties. They used more than 7 thousand weapons.

The newer hypersonic Kinzhal missiles have proven to hit targets well.

None of the enemy air defense systems are formidable to this missile.

Launched cruise missiles also showed the highest accuracy.

In terms of quality, I would like to single out the Su-57 fifth generation aircraft in particular.

Having a wide range of weapons, in every sortie it solves and successfully completes any multi-faceted task assigned to it whether striking an air or ground target.

Unmanned aerial vehicles carried out more than 8,000 sorties, and offensive drones destroyed more than 600 objects of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

There is a difficult situation in the Kherson sector.

The enemy deliberately hits infrastructure facilities and residential buildings.

Hits by HIMARS rockets damaged the Antonovsky Bridge and the dam of the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric station, traffic was interrupted.

As a result, food delivery is difficult in the city, there are some problems with water and electricity supply. All this not only significantly complicates the lives of citizens, but also creates a direct threat to their lives.

The NATO leadership of the Armed Forces of Ukraine has long demanded aggressive operations in the direction of Kherson by the Kiev regime, regardless of any casualties – both to the Armed Forces of Ukraine and to the civilian population.

We have information about the possibility that the Kiev regime is using prohibited methods of warfare in the area of the city of Kherson, for the preparation by Kyiv of a massive missile attack on the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric dam and a massive missile and artillery strike on the city indiscriminately. These actions can lead to the destruction of the infrastructure of a major industrial center and heavy casualties among the civilian population.

In these circumstances, our primary duty is to preserve the life and health of citizens.

Therefore, first of all, the Russian army will ensure the safe, already announced departure of the population under the resettlement program prepared by the Russian government.

In any case, as I have already said, we will proceed from the need to preserve the lives of the civilian population and our military to the maximum.

We will act consciously, in a timely manner, without excluding the making of difficult decisions.

CITIES OF KHERSON ARE BEING EVACUATED - GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT

The Russian governor of Kherson confirmed in a speech that some citizens would be evacuated, citing the risk of an attack by Ukrainian forces.

In a video message, Vladimir Saldo said that residents of four cities will be evacuated from the banks of the Dnieper River because there is a risk that the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam will be destroyed by Ukrainian shelling.

"There is an immediate risk of flooding the lands due to the planned destruction of the dam and the discharge of water from the reservoirs of the Dnieper power plants," he said.

The acting governor of Kherson region, Volodymyr Saldo, issued an urgent appeal to the residents of the region. His message is as follows:

"Dear residents of the Hersona region!

You all know that Ukraine has declared total, irreconcilable war on Russia, on all of us.

We all know how hard Tonbas endures daily shelling, how many innocent people die from artillery and rocket attacks on peaceful towns. Kyiv is preparing a similar fate for Kherson.

The Ukrainian side is massing forces for a large-scale offensive.

The Russian Federation has formed a military group to repel this attack. The battlefield of this confrontation can be our land, the peaceful cities and villages of the Kherson region.

There is an immediate danger of flooding the lands due to the planned destruction of the Kakhovskaya HPP dam and the release of water from a Dnieper reservoir.

In such a situation, I made a difficult but correct decision to announce the organized movement of the civilian population of Berislav, Belozersky, Snigirev and Aleksandrovsky municipalities to the left bank of the Dnieper.

This decision was prompted by the creation of large-scale defensive fortifications to repel any attack. Where the military operates, there is no room for civilians. Let the Russian army do its duty. Under these conditions, our main task is to save human lives and allow the troops of the Russian Federation to effectively carry out their operations for the protection of Kherson. We will transfer the

For those residents of the region who decide to move further to the regions of Russia, the Government of the Russian Federation will provide housing certificates.

This was specifically stated by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Marat Khusnullin. Relocation and temporary accommodation of residents of Berislav, Belozersky, Snigiryovsky and Aleksandrovsky municipalities will be carried out free of charge by EMERCOM (Ministry of Emergency Management) of the Russian Federation and the Government of Kherson I ask everyone to stay calm, don't listen to the alarms.

Kherson remains under the reliable protection of the Russian army. Our purpose is right. We know it, and our enemy knows it. And the victory will be ours."

BLACK OUT IN UKRAINE: RUSSIA BOMBED NATO SPACE COMMUNICATIONS STATION - ZELENSKY: WE LOST 30% OF POWER PLANTS

Critical situation in Ukraine: Breaks in electricity, water, heating!

civilian population to the left bank in an organized, gradual manner.

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Ukrainian President V. Zelensky confirmed a while ago that 30% of Ukraine's power plants have been destroyed due to the sweeping Russian bombings of the last few days.

From the 10th of the month until today, the Russians leveled 30% of Ukraine's energy infrastructure, said V. Zelensky, noting that this is the cause of massive power outages in the country.

He tweeted that the attacks had caused mass blackouts across Ukraine and that *there was ''no room for negotiations''* with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Ukraine is in a very difficult situation, as Russia continues to attack energy facilities throughout the country day and night

As WarNews247 reported this morning, at least three explosions took place at the TPP-6 thermal power plant in Kyiv.

The Russian armed forces launched massive strikes against Ukrainian cities and towns, hitting military and energy facilities in Kharkiv, Dnepropetrovsk, Kyiv, Krivoy Rog, Zhytomyr.

In Dnepropetrovsk, the TPP Prydniprovska power station was hit and some parts of the city and adjacent areas are without power.

Ukraine's largest utility company DTEK reported interruptions in electricity and water supply for residents of the capital's left bank.

In Dnipro, central Ukraine, Governor Valentin Reznichenko announced that two Russian missiles had hit "energy infrastructure" causing "fire and serious damage".

In the same region, in Pavlograd, Russian shelling caused a "temporary interruption of water supply" and a local pumping station was shut down, the city council said.

BREAKS IN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, WATER SUPPLY, HEATING

Kirill Timoshenko, adviser to President B. Zelensky, describes the situation in Ukraine as extremely critical, referring to the Russian missile attacks on Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities.

"The situation is now critical across the country because our regions are dependent on each other. It is necessary for the whole country to prepare for the fact that there may be interruptions in electricity, water and heating," Timoshenko stressed.

According to the Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine "the Russian armed forces (...) launched a missile attack against an energy installation on the left bank of the capital Kyiv: according to preliminary information, two people were killed and one was injured."

Residents of the Ukrainian capital Kyiv have been asked to conserve electricity and water after two critical infrastructure facilities were hit today, October 18, 2022.

"In Kyiv, as a result of the missile attacks of the Russian barbarians, two critical infrastructure facilities were damaged.

Emergency and rescue services are working on the spot, " the city's mayor, Vitali Klitschko, said on Telegram.

"Currently, the provision of electricity and water services is partially limited in many houses on the left bank of the capital... I appeal to all residents of Kyiv to save as much electricity as possible," he said. Video: Cruise missile barrage from Russia

THE COMMUNICATION SPACE STATION WAS DESTROYED

In addition, Russia destroyed the space station of the communications center of Ukraine.

To destroy it, a special operation was organized by the Russian Army. After first pinpointing its location, it hit it using high-precision weapons. This creates extremely serious problems for the Ukrainian government to organize operational and secure communications.

"In the area of Palievka settlement, Odesa region, the communications space station of the Government Communications Center of Ukraine was destroyed," the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation said during a routine briefing.

According to the Russians, "the consequences of the impact will be seen after the last pass of the Sentinel-2 and WorldView spacecraft.

The type of satellite communication station has not yet been revealed (probably, we are talking about a NATO station), but its destruction will create serious difficulties for Kyiv and the Ukrainian army."

REMAINING STROKES

According to the announcement of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

The Russian military continues to strike Ukraine's military command and energy systems with long-range precision weapons from the air and sea.

Strikes are also carried out in arsenals with foreign-made ammunition and weapons

The strikes of operational-tactical and military aviation, missile forces and artillery hit targets in the city of Zaporizhzhya, including:

-the headquarters of the troops of the Armed Forces of Ukraine "Dnepr" and facilities for the repair of radar stations "Iskra", as well as 56 artillery units in fire positions, manpower and military equipment in 132 areas.

- -During the anti-artillery battle, two artillery systems of the Armed Forces of Ukraine were destroyed in the areas of Trifonovka and Novonikolaevka settlements in the Kherson region, as well as a platoon of American HIMARS systems. in the Drobyshevo region of the Donetsk People's Republic.
- -Additionally, in Novoivanovka, Nikolaev region, Odnorobovka, Kharkiv region, and Krasny Liman, Donetsk People's Republic, three ammunition depots were destroyed.
- -In Artyomovsk, Vyemka and Soledar districts of the Donetsk People's Republic, three US-made anti-artillery radar stations AN / TPQ-37 and AN / TPQ-50 were destroyed.
- -In the Petropavlovka region of the Donetsk People's Republic, artillery of the Ukrainian S-300 anti-aircraft system was destroyed.
- -During the day, 10 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles were shot down in Kirovo, Sukhanovo, Kucherskoye, Dmitrenko districts of Kherson region, Evgenovka of Nikolaev region, Zeleny Gai, Vladimirovka of Donetsk People's Republic, Krasnoselovka, Ternovoye and Energodar of Zaporizhzhya region.

RUSSIA USED THE INOHODETS STRIKE UAV

At the same time, after a long time, Russia bombed Ukrainian positions with the Inokhodets (Orion) drone.

The drone destroyed a tank and a TOMA of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the direction of Kherson.