

## NATO in Russia

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Soon after the presidential election, shocking news came in the media that NATO base would be set up in the heart of Russia, in the birth place of Lenin, i.e. Ulyanovsk. This news shocked all of Russia. It was even more shocking because during the recent presidential election Putin was taking aggressive anti-American positions. But now it has turned out that those were only election gimmicks to cut the vote bank of communists. There is a strong rumour that this deal was clinched by Putin with White House during the election itself. If one has to believe the rumour, the USA and NATO countries accept the illegitimate election of Putin without any noise and Putin would open the door for NATO base into Russia. Henry Kissinger visited Russia to meet Putin during the election to settle the issue of NATO base in Russia. The visit of Kissinger was kept a secret and was not aired in the media.

The choice of Ulyanovsk is not sudden but well planned one as this airport has one of the longest runways in the world. Russia has only two such runways. The question being asked - why Americans chose Ulyanovsk ? Interestingly Americans are looking for alternative routes to Afganistan as Pakistani route is becoming extremely difficult for them because of America's unpopularity in that region, it is becoming extremely difficult for Pakistani rulers to support American schemes in Afganistan. Americans first approached Uzbekistan for the NATO base, but Uzbekistan refused to comply. Putin did not see any problem. Putin is selling this idea to its people as a commercial deal, this would give Russia much needed American Dollars. Russians are now asking if the nation's interest could be sold for dollars.

Well known Soviet woman astronaut Savitskaya says that Putin has been selling Russian interest to Americans in a very planned way. Some time back Putin closed the INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION "MIR" to please the Americans by giving a false picture that "MIR" is no longer required although Russian scientists were insisting that it could serve Russian interests for many more years and could earn much needed hard currency in the international space market. But Putin has other ideas to make money—have NATO base in the heart of Russia to earn money!

Why are the Americans so keen to set up a base in Russia? The US claims that they are motivated by the fact that they would save money and time in their operations in Afganistan. Although the shorter-and more convenient and low-cost routes are available to them without the hassle of transshipment via the railways. For example, through the NATO member states in Europe, via Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar and the UAE. The United States have an air base "Indzherlik" in Turkey with necessary logistics in place. Transshipment of goods from Afghanistan through this base would have cost America several times less.

Nevertheless, the US is ready to go for big spendings. According to reports it is scheduled to land up to 30 heavy military cargo aircraft of C-5 "Galaxy" type capable to carry over 100 tons in Ulyanovsk per day, handling more than three thousand tons of military cargo per day requires a powerful infrastructure of the airfield and associated multi-billion dollar cost of construction of temporary warehouses, customs terminals, loading and unloading facilities for handling freight for the railways. Americans will also need to buy expensive aircraft fuel in Russia, although the US Air Force in Turkey have their own strategic fuel depots.

By some estimates, the cost of one takeoff and landing for aircrafts like C-5 "Galaxy" will cost 30 thousand US Dollars, and another 20 thousand US Dollars for unloading. The NATO Alliance is ready to pay the Russians handsome USD 15 per kilo of delivered cargo for processing (when the average cost is in the range of 2 to 3 US Dollars). This they are ready to do even though they are currently in the state of severe economic decline and they are ready to accept this inflated Russian bill. This can be explained only by the fact that the US and their allies are pursuing a major geo-strategic objective to penetrate into the territory of Russia.

Experience shows that the Alliance smartly disguises military intervention as the humanitarian aid, military bases as the purely civilian facilities and never willingly leaves the occupied territories. Even if the base staff gets recruited exclusively from the locals and the presence of NATO troops not felt, however, such facilities are under the complete control of the Alliance and they become an integral part of its military structure.

They claim that the "non-military" delivered goods will be carefully inspected. However, according to customs regulations, transit containers are sealed and their contents, including any intelligence equipment, will not pass through customs control. It is well known that these logistic routes are very convenient to smuggle drugs and weapons.

Creating a NATO base in the Volga region means that Russia may in future prove to be an ally of the Alliance in its confrontation with Iran. It will also strengthen distrust in China, NATO definitely has plans to use Russia against China.

Communist Party of the Russian Federation feels that setting up of a foreign military base on the Volga could seriously compromise Russia's security and national interest. If earlier the anxiety was about the encirclement of Russia by NATO bases, but now there is a real threat of having a NATO military base in the very heart of Russia.

Already large number of demonstrations and meetings are taking place all over Russia. Communists and patriotic forces are joining hands and are coming out in large numbers to stop NATO from entering into Russia. Interestingly, in many regional Dumas along with communists, deputies of other parties including that of United Russia are also speaking against this new anti-Russian design of Putin.

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