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## EDITORIAL

### **Moscow Identifies Ukraine Forces as Behind the Aug. 20 Dugina Assassination in Russia**

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—Today, the Federal Security Service (FSB) of Russia issued its statement, with names and details of how a Ukraine secret services operation is responsible for the car bomb assassination on Aug. 20 of Russian political figure Darya Dugina, near Moscow. The perpetrator was a Ukrainian citizen, traced from her entry into Russia in July 2022, her surveillance of the target(s) in Moscow, and her subsequent escape this weekend to Estonia. This is a grave incident, making the dangerous strategic situation even worse, given that the assassination is an instance of state-sponsored terrorism.

The Russian Foreign Ministry is already on record warning of the implications of Ukraine being responsible. Yesterday ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on Telegram, “If the Ukrainian trace is confirmed, and this version was voiced by [Donetsk] D.P.R. head Denis Pushilin, and it must be verified by the competent authorities, then we are talking about a policy of state terrorism carried out by the Kiev regime.”

Today in Kiev, advisers to President Zelenskyy denied and ridiculed the Russian FSB charges.

What is undeniable, and ominous, is the record of the relationship between the Special Operations Forces of NATO, and those of the U.S.A. and the U.K., with Ukraine’s Special Operations Forces.

Otherwise, the media stories, lies and factoids spinning around, are best ignored, as they are not to the strategic point.

What is very much to the point of the danger, is that there are no channels for diplomacy and contact among Russia and the major Western governments, at this time of the Ukraine conflict and other crises. Russian Ambassador Gennady Gavilov, emissary in Geneva to the UN agencies there, spoke of this yesterday, saying, “I do not see any possibility for

diplomatic contacts,” regarding Ukraine. “And the more the conflict goes on, the more difficult it will be to have a diplomatic solution.”

The Ambassador’s point is underscored by the fact that it seems nothing, or next to nothing at all positive, resulted from the joint phone call yesterday by the four heads of state or government of the U.S., Britain, France and Germany. They discussed the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, confirmed their ongoing support for Ukraine, and spoke of other matters. Worse, their belligerent mode of foreign policy continues on every front.

In Taiwan, the second U.S. official delegation arrived yesterday, as a provocation to Beijing. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb met in Taipei today with President Tsai Ing-wen, at the presidential palace. They discussed semiconductor supplies, which Tsai referred to as “democracy chips,” and she stressed that so-called fellow democracies have to stand together. They released official photos.

The Beijing Foreign Ministry has already denounced the incident, and also released today, a full statement against the arrogance of U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Burns’s accusation that China is “overreacting” to the Aug. 7 visit of Rep. Nancy Pelosi. Beyond China’s core concern over Taiwan, the ministry points out that the mode of U.S. diplomacy all around the world is to wield “bullying sanctions” at people and nations.

Instead of this approach, China used its current chairmanship of the UN Security Council, for the August monthly rotation, to host an event today titled, “Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Promote Common Security through Dialogue and Cooperation.” This session was announced on Aug. 1, to be a “signature” event, when China’s Ambassador to the UN Zhang Jun gave a preview of the full August Security Council agenda. Zhang chaired today, and had opening presentations by UN Secretary General António Guterres and Gustavo Zlauvinen, president of the 10th Review Council on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, both addressing the nuclear war danger if a “common security” approach is not taken.

What ensued in the discussion was a dramatic contrast between the core Global NATO nations—the U.S. and Britain, with Ireland in tow—

repeatedly denouncing Russian “unprovoked aggression” in Ukraine and other points of the NATO litany, which stood out as being in another world from most of the other nations. In contrast to the U.S. and U.K., these other countries addressed various aspects of the session’s topic, calling for such things as attention to food security, establishing a true multilateralism, and other aspects of seeking a new world system.

Speaking towards the end of the session, Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia observed this explicitly, saying, “Today, before our very eyes, there is a new world order” coming into focus. There are many nations “rejecting state templates and recipes” for what they should do, and instead seeking to serve true national interest, and work on new international relations. He decried the way that “Ukraine has been turned into a firing range against Russia,” and warned other nations not to think the U.S. and cohorts can be trusted to treat them any differently. He ended his remarks, “Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for you.”

It can be added that the tumult in the Trans-Atlantic is increasing rapidly, given the economic breakdown, boomerang impact of the sanctions, and outstanding leadership failure. Today in Britain, the Felixstowe port—which handles one-third of all foreign cargo in the U.K.—is shut down for the next seven days by 1,900 dockworkers, because their pay is so far below their living costs. There will be a huge freight backlog. In Germany, a protest rally is gathering support for Aug. 28 in Dessau, of regional people from all walks of life, and a farmers’ protest is set for Aug. 31 in Bonn.

In the United States, the campaign for U.S. Senate in New York is proceeding as a world-scale contest, thanks to the LaRouche Independent candidacy of Diane Sare. Her campaign this week will start the release of the first quarter-million copies of a statement, whose title says it all: “Stop the City of London’s and Wall Street’s Fascist Coup; Russia, China, India, and the Farmers and Truckers of the World Are Your Allies.”

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday August 23, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### Russia Security Affirms Ukrainian Secret Service Responsible for Dugina's Murder

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—The Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) announced today that it has solved the Aug. 21 car bomb murder of Russian journalist Darya Dugina and has determined that it was masterminded by the Ukrainian secret services. The FSB reported that the perpetrator was one Natalia Vovk, a Ukrainian citizen. “As a result of urgent detective measures, the Federal Security Service has solved the murder of Russian journalist Darya Dugina, born in 1992,” TASS quoted the FSB. The special service found that “the crime was prepared and committed by Ukrainian secret services.” Its perpetrator was identified as Ukrainian citizen Natalia Vovk, born in 1979.

Vovk had arrived in Russia on July 23, 2022, together with her daughter Sofya Shaban, born in 2010. “On the day of the murder, Vovk and Shaban attended the literary and music festival Tradition, where Dugina was present along with her father Alexander Dugin. On Aug. 21, after a remote-controlled explosion of the Toyota Land Cruiser Prado car Dugina was driving, Vovk and her daughter left through the Pskov Region to Estonia,” the FSB said.

To gather information about Dugina's lifestyle, Vovk and her daughter rented an apartment in Moscow in the same building where the victim lived. To spy on the journalist, the criminal used a Mini Cooper car. When entering Russia, the vehicle carried a license plate of the Donetsk People's Republic, E982XH DPR; in Moscow, a license plate of Kazakhstan 172AJD02; and when leaving, a Ukrainian license plate AH7771IP. “The materials of the investigation have been handed over to the Investigative Committee,” the FSB said.

TASS reports that a law enforcement official described the next steps. The source said, “Ukrainian citizen Natalia Vovk, who escaped to Estonia after committing the murder of Darya Dugina, will be put on the wanted list and her extradition demanded.”

Earlier on Sunday, Aug. 21 Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova warned that if any link to Ukraine is found in the murder of journalist and political analyst Darya Dugina, Ukraine will be responsible for state terrorism. She wrote on her Telegram channel: “Russian law enforcement is investigating the death of Darya Dugina. If the Ukrainian trace is confirmed, and this version was voiced by D.P.R. head Denis Pushilin, and it must be verified by the competent authorities, then we are talking about a policy of state terrorism carried out by the Kiev regime.”

Russia’s President Vladimir Putin has sent a telegram of condolence to the parents of Darya Dugina:

“Dear Alexander Gelyevich and Natalia Viktorovna, please accept my sincere condolences and words of support in connection with the gravest, and irreparable loss that has befallen you,” the President wrote.

“A vile, cruel crime cut short the life of Darya Dugina, a bright, talented person with a true Russian heart: one that’s kind, loving, sympathetic and open. As a journalist, scientist, philosopher and war correspondent, she honestly served the people, the Fatherland, and proved with her deeds what it means to be a patriot of Russia.”

## **Indiana Governor in Taiwan on Official Visit, Another Provocation of Beijing**

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is in Taiwan, today, where he met with Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen at the presidential office in Taipei. This is the second visit of U.S. elected officials after the provocative trip of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi on Aug. 7. Last week Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) led a bilateral group of five members of Congress in a pop-up two-day trip.

The [Chinese Foreign Ministry](#) spokesperson today denounced the Governor's Taiwan visit, in response to a media question. "Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The Taiwan question has always been the most important and the most sensitive issue at the heart of China-U.S. relations. The Chinese side firmly opposes official U.S. exchanges with the Taiwan region in any form and under any name. We have made serious démarches to the U.S. side on Indiana Governor Holcomb's visit to Taiwan. We urge relevant party in the U.S. to abide by the one-China principle and the three China-U.S. joint communiqués and stop all forms of official interactions with the Taiwan region."

Media report that Tsai told Holcomb at their meeting that Taiwan intends to be a reliable supplier of semiconductors to the U.S., which she described as "democracy chips." She said that democracies have to cooperate given the threats from Beijing.

## **UN Security Council Session Is Like a Tale of Two Worlds, and Orders**

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—The United Nations Security Council, under China's chairmanship for the month of August, held a session today which China had organized during the month, "Promote Common Security Through Dialogue and Cooperation." While speakers for the 15 UNSC members did not exactly "stick to the topic," there was a dramatic contrast between the two national representatives who spoke almost exclusively to denounce Russia's military operation in Ukraine, and nearly all the others who spoke, in one way or another, about a new world security and economic order.

All UNSC representatives spoke, along with Secretary General Antonio Guterres and the president of the 10th Review Council on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Gustavo Zlauvinen. Thirteen began by thanking China for organizing the session, and Guterres and Zlauvinen for their presentations. Two—the United States and Britain—thanked Guterres and Zlauvinen, and did not thank China for the session or its idea. The same two—along with the U.K.'s sometime Irish sidekick of late, simply denounced Russia, and used the same phrases: "member nations must be

held accountable”; “Russia has torn up the [UN] Charter”; etc. They made, of course, reference to the importance of the NPT, whose long history of the boldest double-standards suggests that it be called the “No Power Treaty.”

All other nations spoke of the need for a new world order, although their objectives for it differed. India, most forcefully, insisted that the UNSC be reformed, adding permanent members (not said, but understood that India should be included). India’s Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj actually said that all multilateral financial and security structures have to be reformed: “Are the multilateral structures ready to deal with the new world order?” she demanded.

Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia gave a detailed account of the past 30 years’ NATO expansion at the expense of Russia’s security, “At the same time, contrary to their own declared values, Western countries cynically turn a blind eye to the spread of neo-Nazi ideology, massacres of the people in Donbas and violations of international humanitarian law by the Armed Forces of Ukraine and the national guards,” he stated. But as a result of the NATO policy, he said, “As a result, European region saw a crisis with global implications and, without exaggeration, historical consequences.” And, “Today, before our very eyes, the contours of a new world order begin to shape.)

China’s own presentation conveyed the central idea of a new security order based on sovereignty, territorial integrity, and development. “Respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, as set out as the important principle in the UN Charter, is the bedrock of contemporary international law and international relations. If this principle is ignored and abandoned, the whole system of international law will be shaken to its roots, the world will return to the law of the jungle, and common security will be totally out of the question,” said China’s Ambassador Zhang Jun—who also asserted: “In the face of differences and conflicting interests, what we should do is to find the greatest common denominator through dialogue and cooperation and resolve disputes by peaceful means. ... In this regard, the problems

triggered by several rounds of NATO's eastward expansion and the resultant lessons are profound indeed."

## COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

### Europe's Economies May Be Approaching Hyperinflation, Exported by the Fed

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—Harbingers of actual hyperinflation are appearing across Europe, most prominently in the U.K. and in Eastern Europe, and the U.S. dollar's march higher is sinking currencies all over the world, exporting inflation manufactured by the Federal Reserve and the U.S. economy.

Following the recent Bank of England forecast of annual inflation higher than 13% at the end of this year in the U.K., analysts at Citigroup have left that forecast in the dust; its chief U.K. economist foresaw 18.6% inflation by year-end; inflation to "peak" well over 20% in early 2023—the current Estonian level; and that the average retail prices for energy in the U.K. would triple from now until April 2023. At the speculative market in Brussels, the one-year future electricity price went to just under \$750/MWh, or 75 cents/KWh; if this price were actually to become current, lights and power would be off all over Europe.

The latest major strike, caused by inflation, has started at the U.K.'s most important port, Felixstowe, which handles one-third of all U.K. port freight traffic. Dockworkers turned down an 8% wage increase offer—not surprising. The eight-day strike of 2,000 dockworkers will now cause further inflation pressure, as it will create a backlog, estimated to take 24 days to clear. There is also a loose "movement" of pledges not to pay electric bills, although its extent can't be determined thus far.

In Germany, Bundesbank President Joachim Nagel said in an interview with *Rheinische Post* that Germany consumer inflation is likely to exceed 10% in the fall—one month away—and "inflation will not go away in 2023."

Zinc and aluminum smelters are starting to be shut down in Europe due to the price of electricity. Bloomberg News on Aug. 21 reported that one in Slovakia (actually owned by Norsk Hydro) and one in Netherlands (owned by the commodity conglomerate Trafigura) have already been closed. Overall production of aluminum in Europe has dropped by about 10% this year.

The German government, still insisting on the shutdown of the last three operating nuclear plants at the end of the year, is planning, according to Bloomberg News on Aug. 21, to prioritize the rail shipment of coal over passenger service. The report is actually from *Welt am Sonntag*, which said the draft plan is likely to be implemented quickly, and quoted Green Economic Robert Habeck saying the choice is “bitter but necessary.” In one sense this continues the decade-long story of the *Energiewende* (energy exit) taking Germany out of the nuclear age and back into coal, while promoting wind and solar. But now there is also the loss of Russian natural gas, and the partial loss of river transport of coal due to drought (keeping in mind that the Rhine level was even lower in 2018). *Die Welt* apparently warned of possible chaos on the Deutsche Bahn rail system since all train schedules normally prioritize passenger traffic.

The Federal Reserve, having since 2019 systematically created the current runaway inflation, is now making the U.S. dollar a powerful exporter of inflation to the world. Going into this week’s Jackson Hole, Wyoming bankers’ conference, statements by various Fed governors and regional presidents have been so insistent on continuing to drive up interest rates that all major currencies are being driven down against the dollar. The euro has again fallen below \$1.00; the yen is approaching 140/dollar; the pound is at record lows around \$1.17; the renminbi is almost down to 6.9/dollar; similarly for the Canadian dollar. U.S. long-term interest rates are now marching up again, driving credit card charges to record highs and crushing mortgages. But above all, this process exports more rapid inflation to developing nations across the Global South.

## **China Daily Identifies Fed's Wrecking Ball, as China Lowers Rates Slightly**

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—The *China Daily* today published a color composite of charts of currencies around the world relative to the dollar, with one-sentence epitomes of the economic hardships suffered in each as a result; “Fed Hikes Harm Global Economies” is its headline. It adds a pictogram of “How a stronger dollar can hurt other countries”; and then concludes: “Some of the blow can be cushioned by a stable U.S. economy. But when the dollar strengthens because America is on the brink of recession? That’s tough.”

The People’s Bank of China central bank has been making interest rate reductions, which have been portrayed in financial press as emergency moves, but are actually changes in several rates, and all small changes. The Bank’s 5-year rate, mainly a reference for mortgage rates, has been lowered by 0.15% to 4.3%; the 1-year rate, more relevant to business loans, by just 0.05% to 3.7%. Combined with other cuts in recent months, the average of interest rates has moved down by about 0.35%. The point of this has been the serious credit and debt problems in the residential mortgage sector, with homebuilding being delayed in many cities even after mortgage down payments were made. In addition, southern provinces’ industries now face power cuts due to high temperatures and serious drought around the Yangtze Basin. Last year’s flow into the giant (48 GW) Three Gorges Dam reservoir was well above average; this year, well below.

## **California Power Overseer Statewide Alert To Cut Electricity Use**

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—The California Independent System Operator (ISO) issued a statewide “[flex alert](#)” on Aug. 17, with directives for people to cut electricity use, to prevent blackouts. The orders were voluntary, but with repeated high summer temperatures ahead, and insufficient power generation, nobody’s taking it easy, and more directives are expected any time.

The alert, issued Aug. 16, asked residential customers to seriously cut usage Aug. 17 between 4 and 9 p.m. They were asked to turn off lights,

desist from using washing machines, dishwashers and other appliances, use air conditioning sparingly, and otherwise, and so on. The statement said, “Consumers are urged to conserve electricity, especially during the late afternoon and early evening, when the grid is most stressed due to higher demand and less solar energy.”

## UNITED STATES

### David Ignatius Indicates Issue behind Mar-a-Lago Raid Is Russia and War

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—The *Washington Post*'s man at the CIA, [David Ignatius](#), has a column in the Aug. 21 issue on Kashyap (“Kash”) Patel, who along with John Solomon has been designated by former President Donald Trump as representing the response to the Mar-a-Lago search raid. Ignatius is building a file on Patel; he wrote columns on Patel's centrality to Trump's opposition to NATO wars, in April and May 2021. This new column shows what Ignatius cleverly tries to use it to deny; namely, that Patel himself, and his work for President Trump as well as former Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA), were major targets of that raid. Patel's rapid-fire series of assignments for Nunes, as chairman and ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, and then for President Trump at the Office of National Intelligence, the CIA and the Defense Department, had two foci: discrediting the FBI's “Crossfire Razor” and “Crossfire Hurricane” reports which tried to call Trump an agent of the Russian adversary; and executing Trump's orders to withdraw American troops from NATO wars in Afghanistan, Syria and Somalia.

Patel's brief successes in the second area of assignment were repeatedly overturned, primarily because Trump lacked the courage of his convictions and backed down whenever challenged by the military and intelligence agencies.

The former President often showed the same tendency when it came to “declassifying” secret documents. But in that area there were a series of reports Patel was and is trying to get released, which were written under his

direction or by him, and which showed, Ignatius rather admits, that the FBI and agencies working with it were aiming to define Russia as a dangerous adversary and portray Trump as working for Putin in some way—and that the “Crossfire” reports were false.

How much more Patel’s reports proved as to how the “Crossfire” investigations came into being, we do not yet know. But there lies the apparently offhand crux of Ignatius’ column: He says that his sources (which are usually at CIA) tell him that those Patel reports “probably were not what the FBI team went looking for at Mar-a-Lago, and they probably weren’t among the 11 sets of classified documents taken by FBI agents from the residence.” Right, and the lady probably doth protest too much there. The intelligence agencies have fought for years against those reports or their author coming into the light of day or into prominence.

These reports apparently do not bear on either “national security” or “sources and methods,” but rather on the U.S. stance toward Russia and other major powers, and on war policy. Thus, the use of the Espionage Act to justify the warrant.

## NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

### **North-South Corridor Transport Ministers Meet, Turkmenistan Joins Project**

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—Turkmenistan plans to join the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) being established by Russia, Iran and India, according to Turkmenistan Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov, according to Interfax. “Today Turkmenistan began the process of joining this agreement,” Meredov said at a briefing Aug. 19, following a conference of transport ministers from landlocked countries, that took place in Turkmenistan on Aug. 15-16.

Meredov said Turkmenistan will continue to work with Russia in areas such as railway, automobile, air and marine transport, and the countries have great potential for cooperation within the context of the North-South corridor. The INSTC agreement was signed by Russia, Iran and India in

1998 and it went into effect in 2000. The corridor extends from St. Petersburg, Russia on the Baltic Sea to Chahbahar, Iran on the Arabian Sea, and Mumbai, India.

Meredov also said that development of transportation is a key condition for the sustainable economic growth of countries without access to the sea, as well as to further expanding the whole range of international relations at the regional and global levels.

### **Mitsui Will Keep Its Share of Sakhalin-2 LNG Project under Russian Control**

Aug. 22 (EIRNS)—Japan's Mitsui has determined that the new Russian requirement that resources companies operating in Russia must be under Russian operators' control will not change Mitsui's contract or its ability to send the product to Japan, according to Nikkei. This issue comes in the midst of conflict between Japan and Russia under the Kishida government, which has joined in the Western sanctions regime against Russia. Mitsui has a 12.5% stake in Sakhalin-2, while Mitsubishi, which has not yet decided on its continued participation, has 10%. Gazprom held just under 50% in the operation previously, but will now hold just over 50%.