
Russia Loses « Strategic War » Against Georgia

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The West, especially the USA, is gradually boosting political and moral support for Georgia. We especially stressed one moment when the known tragic events first started in the neighbouring county that although the democratic world's mechanism of patronage of Georgia is put into operation late, it will be comprehensive and permanent. The process has started and it is gaining momentum. It is covering not only the humanitarian field, but also political and diplomatic, and military fields.

It is noteworthy that the democratic world showed a unanimous position which is rarely the case. This has reasons. Observations show that the latest developments have caused serious disappointment and concern in the West and at the same time made a fairly sobering impact on it. The point is not only about Russia's deeds which do not meet international norms. The point is also about threats created by political regimes imitating democracy in the region (or not doing it at all), the fact that they distanced themselves from the current force majeure situations and the fact that they actually left Georgia alone. This was clearly seen in the person of the Azerbaijani authorities. Imagine that almost 10 days have passed since Russian aggression, but the Baku government has not even paid tribute to the Georgian people, whereas Moscow's satellite Armenia did so.

Thus, "gaps" and "disorders" of democracy showed themselves vividly in the region. Those in the capital of democracy have understood that expectations regarding Russia's civil image have been extremely exaggerated and the policy of tender "critical dialogue" should be consigned into the dustbin of history. That is, the levers matching the Kremlin's behaviour should be put into operation and it should be talked to in its own language if need be. It seems this is the case.

Let's start from the fact that Russia has already begun to reap "bitter fruits" of its military aggression against the neighbouring country in the geopolitical and diplomatic fields. Although Moscow seems unperturbed and does not hurry to pull out its troops from Georgia, the reality shows that our northern neighbour has lost the strategic war against Georgia.

As far as the "fruits" are concerned, let's note that the latest developments will absolutely accelerate Ukraine's and Georgia's NATO membership. The West is openly declaring this. At a news conference after her meeting with Russian President Dmitriy Medvedev on 16 August, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said, standing just next to him, that the two countries would soon become the alliance's members. The capitals of democracies have so far shown a cautious position in order not to irritate the Kremlin.

No trace of that caution has already remained. On the contrary, the leading Western states seem to regret about the delay [in the two countries' membership issue]. Georgia's and Ukraine's NATO membership means that Russia will have to deal not with Georgia, but directly with NATO in the South Caucasus. Although, Moscow behaves in the neighbouring country as a winner and does not hurry to pull out its unbridled troops from there, it is clear that this is its "Pyrrhic victory". Because time does not work for the Kremlin. Russia cannot stand against NATO. The US military budget is 10 times larger than Russia's overall budget. We do not even speak about the alliance's modern army building.

Another bitter "fruit" for Moscow is that the GUAM [Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan] countries have started leaving the CIS. It is known that Tbilisi has made its own decision. Ukraine will most probably take the same step. Ukraine is not an ordinary country, but an influential state. After that no democratic state will remain in the CIS. The Azerbaijani leadership, which claims that it has taken a pro-Western line, will have to think about this. Otherwise, it will follow Russia's policy and this will cause the West's appropriate reaction.

The third "fruit" is that the West will never recognize the independence of South Ossetia and Abkhazia in any case. This is stated unequivocally. The reason for this is presumably the fact that the separatist bodies have become puppets (more precisely, into hostages) in Russia's hands and discredited themselves.

The fourth bitter "fruit" for Russia is the acceleration of talks on the missile defence shields in Poland and the Czech Republic.
