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## Marauding and Plundering as State Policy

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We live in interesting times. One by one, the masks are cracking. And now U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland is happily announcing that the U.S. administration is gratified to know that the Nord Stream 2 is a pile of metal at the bottom of the sea.

And former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson says that the Normandy format, which was created to peacefully resolve the conflict in southeast Ukraine, was a “diplomatic imitation.” The same one that resulted in the February 12, 2015 negotiations that produced the Minsk agreements.

We are not accustomed to states’ endorsement of terrorist methods. We do remember how, when Hillary Clinton was US Secretary of State in October 2011, she celebrated the assassination of the head of sovereign Libya, Muammar Gaddafi, and laughed on camera: “Come and see: he’s dead.”

Incidentally, Qassem Suleimani, commander of the Iranian Special Forces Al-Quds of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, was killed on January 3, 2020, in a missile strike ordered by... American President Donald Trump.

Later, in September 2020, U.S. President Donald Trump said on Fox News that he was ready to eliminate Assad, but Pentagon chief Mattis was against it: “I would have preferred to remove Assad.” Everything was in place for that. Mattis wasn’t willing to do that. “Mattis was a highly overrated general.” Even at the time of the interview, Trump regretted that the Syrian president could not be killed.

Why does the U.S. need these wanton assassinations and terrorist attacks? for profit and plunder. In January 2022, a giant convoy of gas tankers carrying stolen oil was spotted in Syria near the border with Iraq. In August 2022, 137 tankers of oil were removed by the U.S. military from Kurdish-held territories in northeastern Syria.

These are just the cases that hit the media. According to the Syrian government, in the first half of 2022, more than 80% of the country’s daily oil production was smuggled out by the US military.

And today, Russia is one of the few countries confronting U.S. terrorism. In August 2022, Vladimir Putin said that U.S. dominance in world politics was on the wane. That American hegemony means stagnation for the rest of the world, for all of civilization, “obscurantism and the abolition of culture.”

Herein lies the fear and hatred of the U.S. towards Russia. After all, “Russia has a nasty habit of actually doing what it says!” as Lieutenant General Mikael Klasson, Chief of Staff of the Swedish Armed Forces, said.