## Medvedev: Collapse of Ukraine is Inevitable

## **Description**



After completion of Special Operation, Ukraine might disappear after its division between Russia and a number of EU countries – Deputy Chairman of Russian Security Council Medvedev.

Collapse of Ukraine is inevitable: either the path of relatively slow erosion of Ukrainian statehood, or the path of instant collapse – Medvedev:

Deputy Chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev told how Ukraine can disappear.

"I recently wrote why Ukraine will disappear.

Now it's time to say how Ukraine will disappear, and also what is the risk of a resumption of conflict in Europe and in the world.

It will depend on which path the process of disintegration of this dying state will take as a result of the lost military conflict. There are two of them.

Or the path of relatively slow erosion of Ukrainian statehood with the gradual loss of the remaining elements of state sovereignty.

Or the path of its instant collapse with simultaneous annihilation of all signs of statehood. In any case, after such a collapse, three possible scenarios are likely.

The first. The western regions of Ukraine are coming under the control of a number of EU states with the subsequent "anschluss" of these lands by recipient states. At the same time, a certain "no-man's-

land" Ukrainian territory will remain, which is squeezed between Russia and lands that have passed under the sovereignty of a number of European countries. The remaining ownerless territory declares its succession from the former Ukraine, its international legal personality and its intention to return the lost lands by all means. Naturally, referring only to those lands that became part of Russia. At the same time, this "new" Ukraine immediately declares its desire to join the European Union and NATO, which is happening in the medium term. The armed conflict resumes after a short time, turning into a permanent one, but with the threat of its rapid flow into a full-fledged Third World War.

Second. Ukraine disappears after the completion of its own in the process of its division between Russia and a number of EU states. The government of Ukraine is being formed in exile in one of the European countries. The conflict ends with reasonable guarantees of its non-renewal in the near future, but with the preservation of the terrorist activity of the Ukrainian Nazis, who will be dispersed on the territory of the EU states that have received Western Ukrainian lands. The risk of the resumption of a full-fledged conflict or its escalation into a world war in this case can be considered moderate.

Third. The same thing happens as in the first case, but with the opposite sign. The western lands of Ukraine are joining a number of EU countries. The people of the central and some other ownerless regions of Ukraine, within the framework of Article 1 of the UN Charter, immediately declare their self-determination by joining the Russian Federation. The request is granted, and the conflict ends with sufficient guarantees of its non-renewal in the long term.

There are simply no other options. And this is already clear to everyone, even if it is unpleasant for someone out there in the West to admit it.

We may be temporarily satisfied with the second option, but we need a third one."