

Russians: Obama Adopted 'Prompt Global Strike'

An article by two Russian military analysts in the military supplement of the Russian daily *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, *Nezavisimoye Voyennoye Obozreniye* (Independent Military Review), on Dec. 23, provided an insightful analysis of the Obama Administration's continuation of the Cheney-Bush preemptive war policy—even before Obama's release of the new Defense Strategic Review Jan. 5. While not identifying the British authorship, the lengthy article's precise analysis underscores top Russians' understanding of the global confrontation being prepositioned by the British-controlled Obama Administration.

The article chronicles the nuclear strategy of the George W. Bush Administration, and documents that the Obama Administration is not only *not* abandoning it, but building on it. The role of missile defense is identified as follows: "A global layered US missile defense system is an integral part of a new triad: Missile Defense-Precision Weapons-Nuclear Weapons, which integrates within a single system nuclear and conventional offensive assets, active and passive defense, and a flexible infrastructure that supports their rapid buildup." Indeed, the authors argue, in this triad, missile defense is the "de-

termining factor in the game planned by Washington for the geopolitical arena of today's 21st Century world."

Pursuit of this plan means Obama is continuing to develop the Cheney-Bush "Prompt Global Strike" (PGS) concept, they correctly report. This is based on Bush's (read: Cheney's) preemptive-preventive strike concept, and, the authors state, requires a decision by the U.S. President alone to order a strike.

After further specifying how Obama is pursuing this concept, including with European missile defense installations along Russia's perimeter, the authors point to the potential of a U.S. first strike:

"In the conception of America's strategic command, the components of the new strategic triad 'Missile Defense-Precision Weapons-Nuclear Weapons' are to become the forces of 'global strikes.' PGS is providing the tools for the realization of a new counterforce potential that is to ensure for the United States the capability to mount a preventive disarming strike against the Russian Federation's Strategic Nuclear Forces without the onset of irreversible environmental consequences."

The authors basically call for enhanced Russian retaliatory capabilities under the Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) doctrine, to deter such a strike. Other Russian leaders have put SDI-SDE proposals on the table, which the U.S., after Obama is removed, can immediately accept.