

Reminiscence of the Future...

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Why? Would You Ask?

Very simple--embarrassment.

MOSCOW, Sept 20 (Reuters) - Russia on Friday accused the United States of brazenly threatening it after a senior U.S. general said Washington had drawn up a plan in case it needed to destroy air defences in Russia's Kaliningrad exclave in Europe. U.S. General Jeffrey Harrigian said on Tuesday that "If we have to go in there to take down, for instance, the Kaliningrad IADS (Integrated Air Defense System), let there be no doubt we have a plan to go after that," the Breaking Defense magazine reported. Kaliningrad is a Russian region that lies on the Baltic Sea between EU members Lithuania and Poland. Moscow captured the region from Germany towards the end of World War Two. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova criticised the comments by Harrigian, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, at her weekly briefing in Moscow. "Firstly we consider this a threat. Secondly, we consider such statements to be absolutely irresponsible," she said. Russia's Ministry of Defence rejected Harrigian's assertion and said the region was well defended. "The region of Kaliningrad is reliably protected from any aggressive 'plans' developed in Europe by U.S. generals passing through," it said in a statement.

Actually, the response in Russia was much harsher than reported and included this:

Поставленные в Турцию зенитные ракетные системы С-400 способны «десакрализировать» американские истребители F-35, заявили в Минобороны России. Ведомство заявило, что Калининградская область надежно защищена от любой агрессии, подчеркнув, что возможности системы ПВО «хорошо известны всем натовским пилотам, приближавшимся к воздушным границам РФ на Балтике», передает РИА «Новости». «В полной мере это касается и «невидимых», только для американских налогоплательщиков и зарубежных покупателей, американских истребителей 5-го поколения. Трепет и волнение Пентагона по поводу вероятной десакрализации истребителей F-35 турецкими же расчетами ЗРС С-400 небезосновательны», — отметило ведомство.

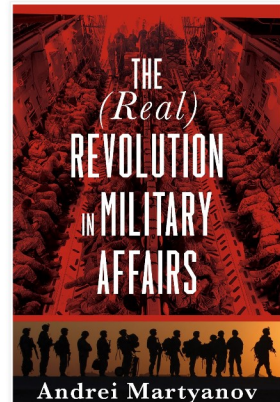
Translation: "S-400 systems delivered to Turkey are capable to desacralize American fighters F-35 was stated in MoD of Russia. MoD stated, that Kaliningrad Region is reliably defended against any aggression and underscored that capabilities of Air Defense System there are known to NATO pilots approaching Russia's air border over Baltic Sea, RIA News reports. In full measure this also covers "invisible", primarily for American taxpayers and foreign buyers, US 5th generation aircraft. Pentagon's trembling and worries about possible "desacralization" of F-35 by Turkish combat teams operating S-400 are not without justification."

But why such a spike of militant rhetoric? Here is why:

For A Nice Shot Of Bourbon And A Good Cigar

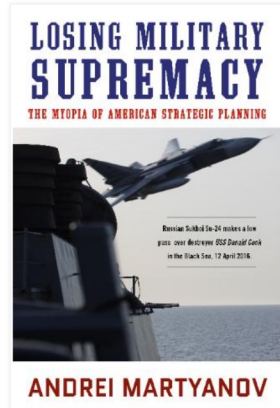


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The above summary does not do justice to Martyanov's truly seminal book. I can only say that I consider this book as an absolutely indispensable "must read" for every person in the USA who loves his/her country and for every person who believes that wars, especially nuclear ones, must be avoided at all



The area of oil refineries had a complete radar field with excellent overlap (redundancy) by: Patriot PAC-2, PAC-3 and Aegis. Not a single missile was launched at relatively slow (subsonic) and fairly conventional drones. Not a single one! OK, I get it, I am not politically correct and I never hid my contempt to Saudi military and their modern war skills or, rather, lack thereof. But there was a number of modern detection and AD systems in the area which failed to react!!! How could this be? Russia MoD was flat out unemotional when stated yesterday (in Russian): *because they do not match declared capabilities*. And in English, *here*. Attack on Saudi oil facilities became a dramatic confirmation of this fact. I can wax technical whatever I want here, including discussing dead (blind) zones on elevation for Patriots with 7 degrees on elevation above horizon, or about the fact that sector aiming is still needed to be performed, as opposed to Russian S-series AD systems where missiles are launched vertically and then take "a ride on the beam" towards target.

Is this whole affair an embarrassment? Of course it is, especially when such people like Mike Pompeo *begin to come up with technically illiterate lame excuses* thus rubbing salt into already badly wounded ego. Can he at least shut up for a minute? Now, we are all not kiddies here, we all understand that ramifications are much greater that even rising risks of war in the Gulf Region, albeit give DJT a credit where the credit is due—he at least holds his ground, for now, in terms of attacking Iran. No, I am talking about the mid to long term ramifications for American military technology and, as an inevitable result, further acceleration of a departure from already lost to a large degree position of only superpower. So it is not surprising at all that Saudi Prince called Moscow immediately after the attack. Evidently General Jeffry Harrigan could not control his frustration and spilled the beans in a sense of classic Sun Tzu: paraded his weakness. Recall this great quote from Senator Fulbright:

"It is simply not necessary for us to go around forever proclaiming: 'I am the greatest!' The more one does this sort of thing, in fact, the more people doubt it...."

The doubt has turned into a strong conviction globally now and this has all signs of an impending and recognizable complete collapse of the remnants of Pax Americana.

Posted by [smoothiex12](#) at 10:18 AM

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costs.

Asia Times About The Book



In *Losing Military Supremacy*, his latest, groundbreaking book, crack Russian military-naval analyst Andrei Martynov deconstructs in detail how, "the United States faces two nuclear and industrial superpowers, one of which fields a world-class armed forces. If the military-political, as opposed to merely economic, alliance between Russia and China is ever formalized – this will spell the final doom for the United States as a global power."

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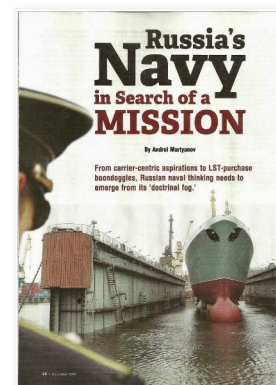
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**Arctic_Fox** • an hour ago

Considering the abysmal-poor state of US air defense, the attack on Saudi "ought" to be a Sputnik Moment. The event wasn't simply embarrassing. It was a calamitous exposure of the backwardness of this particular element of US tech. And battle command & organization. And doctrine. And training. And scenario planning. And operational-strategic thinking. And fundamental thinking & research into issues of waging war. Or defending peace.

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Molon labe should have been enough.

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**smoothieX12** . Mod → WHAT • 2 hours ago

True, but what is also true--Iran doesn't want war, Trump doesn't want war, Saudis want war but only if American GIs will be dying (so does Israel). But no one in their own mind, bar neocon lunatics in D.C., wants to fight.

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**WHAT** → smoothieX12 . • an hour ago • edited

I meant in Kaliningrad. Iskander-M is not going to sit idly while S-400 is shooting shit up.

And as for Saudi bullshit, I simply go to retarded forums like ZH and take in the agonized spin factory shenanigans. They were all looking the other way simultaneously, you see, because it was all a false-flag to help with Aramco IPO, and possible investors are none the wiser, oh no. And S-300 can't shoot down an Israeli plane because 48N6 suddenly grew an IFF transponder!

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**smoothieX12** . Mod → WHAT • 2 minutes ago

Yeah, I practically never go there--"investing" (lol) and real geopolitics (and military) do not go well together.

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**Casey** • an hour ago

Does MBS have the ability to keep the regime change-dogs off if he buys S400?

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**smoothieX12** . Mod → Casey • 3 minutes ago

I, honestly, don't know. KSA itself is pretty much artificial "nation".

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