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The Chinese threat on Northern Black Sea Coast

The Chinese policy in Georgia and in Ukraine creates more threats. And while emissaries from the European Union and NATO in a humiliating for human dignity form do examinations for the Georgian political elite, China increases the economic influence which will create, in the next years, a basis for demographic entry into space of Northern Black Sea Coast.

Surprising is the fact that China which in words, is for maintaining territorial integrity of Georgia and Ukraine, supports the Russian economic projects in the occupied regions of these two countries. Especially it concerns the Crimea and Abkhazia. Tactical interests of Moscow and Beijing coincide today. Both powers don't wish expansion of NATO and the EU. An aggravation of the Turkish-Russian relations have positive outcome first of all for China. Russia weakened by economic sanctions will be ready to do any political concessions to China to hold control in Northern Black Sea Coast, possibly also to the Caspian direction. The Russian-Turkish format of "Erdogan-Medvedev" which was created as a result of August war of 2008 and assumed joint control of advance of not regional players on the Black Sea – is actually dissolved. This format will be somewhat replaced by Chinese-Russian. And it is absolutely new type of



threats which the countries of the region have not faced yet. Thus, the problem of the Turkish-Chinese relations will be put in the forefront. It is favorable for China not only weakening of Turkey in the region of the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, but also reduction of internal problems with Uyghurs. From the economic point of view, for China it will be especially favorable to replace Turkey in all Russian and the Post-Soviet market.

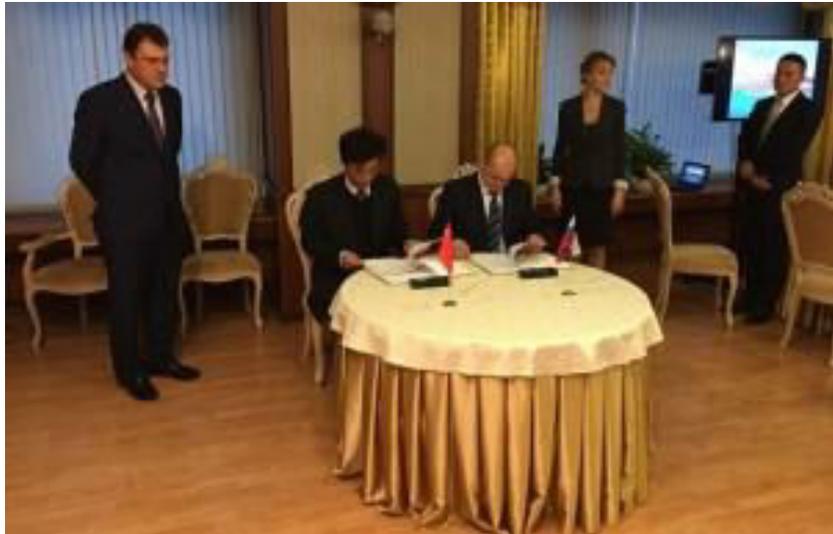
Further China will by all means protect its economic niches and practically it will be very difficult to eliminate its presence in the region.

The memorandum of construction of the highway in the North Caucasus is signed

The large international infrastructure project will be realized in the North Caucasus. Highway will connect the Russian Republics of Karachay-Cherkessia (KChR) and Kabardino-Balkaria (KBR) with the Black Sea coast of Abkhazia.

It will be constructed by experts of one of the world leaders of the construction industry — the Chinese corporation China Railway in cooperation with the Russian company "Regional Projects". The mountain part of a highway will pass from Azau's Glade (KBR) through the Kuban gorge (KChR) to the Kodory Gorge in Abkhazia.

In the principles and order of interaction of the memorandum signed in Moscow by the companies is included the implementation of the project of complex development of the mountain and recreational territory "Elbrus". Within the next year contracts for construction of the airport near the city of Baksan, seaport near the city of Ochamchira (Abkhazia) will be also signed. Experts estimate a total cost of these works at \$2,7 billion. Implementation of the planned transport projects allows to unite the elements of already existing infrastructure separated at the moment and to start self-sustaining multiplicative effect from work of all system in general. When signing the memorandum there were representative delegations from Abkhazia, Kabardino-Balkaria and Karachay-Cherkessia who declared support of the project. According to the vice-president of Abkhazia Vitaly Gabnia, "reanimation of the project of the Sukhumi



military road is good idea, and construction of large modern port with a binding to "road", will give the steady growth and multiplicative dynamics to national economy". "In the North Caucasus live people closely related to Abkhazians, with Abazins we represent the uniform people divided by the Caucasian spine" — he said. "On signing of the memorandum Abkhazia acted as the observer that doesn't incur direct obligations, however we are interested in the project, we support and are ready to take part in the working group, having at the end presented it on court of the public" — Gabnia emphasized.

"Karachay-Cherkessia is ready for realization of this major project for North Caucasus region and the country in general, — declared to TASS the envoy of the Karachay-Cherkess Republic at the Russian President Boris Batchayev. — We will give it every possible practical help and support".

"In Kabardino-Balkaria are convinced that these large-scale infrastructure projects have interregional and interstate value, and their successful realization will create conditions for a long-term sustainable development of all

South of Russia" — the Minister of Economic Development of KBR Boris Rakhayev noted in turn.

"This project on creation of a new, ultramodern transport construction and profile objects together with recreational zones and mountain resorts is extremely important today. Undoubtedly, it will give a new, qualitative impulse to social and economic growth in the south of Russia — the chairman of presidium of the Russian Congress of the People of the Caucasus (RCPC) Ali Totorkulov emphasized in conversation with the correspondent of TASS. — In fact, it can become one of the most important components of a state program "Development of North Caucasus federal district till 2025". The project will be demanded taking into account new Eurasian reality. "It is waited in the North Caucasus long ago, and it got approval of the authorities of regions of North Caucasus federal district and brotherly Abkhazia" — he added. Besides, according to Ali Totorkulov, indisputable advantages of the project are cooperation with China Railway — one of the largest and most effective companies in China and the world, and also that important factor that realization of "Elbrus" will be made due to attraction of foreign investments".

"JSC Chinese railway corporation China Railway" has a wide experience of design and building of large infrastructure objects in the sphere of transport and power, we have experience of construction of the airports and seaports — the representative of the Chinese party Yao Huytsyn assured. — For us participation in these projects is important not only because our commercial benefit. Russia — the great country, and collaboration will serve strengthening of friendship and mutual understanding between our people in these projects. We are grateful for the offer to participate in implementation of drafts of the Elbrus program. Chinese Railroads group (CREC) — the largest world construction

company main stock holder of which is the People's Republic of China. CREC fields of activity — infrastructure construction, design researches, design, the engineering equipment, development. The annual turnover of the company makes more than \$60 billion, the number of employees reaches more than 200 thousand people. The enterprises entering CREC participated in construction more than 22 thousand kilometers of the electrified railway lines that makes about 95% of total length of the electrified railway lines in the People's Republic of China. CREC constructed more than 4 thousand km of bridges, more than 3,9 thousand km of tunnels, 3,4 thousand km of highways.

"The big Elbrus project represents the program of construction of a number of large interconnected infrastructure objects, and also series of profile objects — the chairman of the board of directors of company of the Regional Projects Alexander Filatov explained. They are united by the general strategic line of creation in the North Caucasus of an extensive recreational zone, including mountain resort cluster at the level of the best world samples".

It is supposed that Vnesheconombank will become the financial operator of the project. "The projects similar to "Elbrus" promote real rapprochement of economies of Russia and China" — the CEO of the Web Asia Company, VEB group member noted. The project doesn't provide attraction of budget money, all programs are realized at the expense of investments, Aleksandr Filatov emphasized. "Elbrus" is segmented on separate independent self-sustaining projects on which local feasibility reports are developed, business plans, and also there are allowing documents of local government bodies on the beginning of production of project, prospecting and construction works. The beginning of an active phase of the program is planned for 2016, and realization of all its stages is planned to finish by 2025.

What does Beijing do, when Russia and the West are quarreling?

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The main aim of modern China is “to promote their commercial interests and to improve the image its leadership around the world”. Business and Politics in China are closely intertwined. Russia for China is the source of the oil, gas and weapons as well as a barrier against Western influence. At the same time, China does not support the separatists in other countries, because does fear the own. Openly and “on the sidelines” Beijing is neutral with regard to the annexation of Crimea and to the war in Donbas started and supported by Kremlin. Beijing calls for a political solution, but do not try to promote it actively. In this regard, China has no quarrel with the United States or EU.

Unfortunately, now the Chinese business begins to probe the limits of its participation in projects on the territories occupied by Russia and unrecognized by the civilized world.

October 11, 2015 in one of the occupied ports of Kerch (Kamysh-Burunsky port) in violation of the international sanctions was arrived the cable layer vessel JIAN JI 3001 under the flag of China (MMSI 413375460). After the occupation and annexation of Crimea this port has been expropriated by the “puppet government” (all of ports in Kerch were merged into one company). The Kerch port is included in the sanctions lists as well as in the recently updated sanction lists of the US Treasury.

Thus, the owner not only violated the laws of

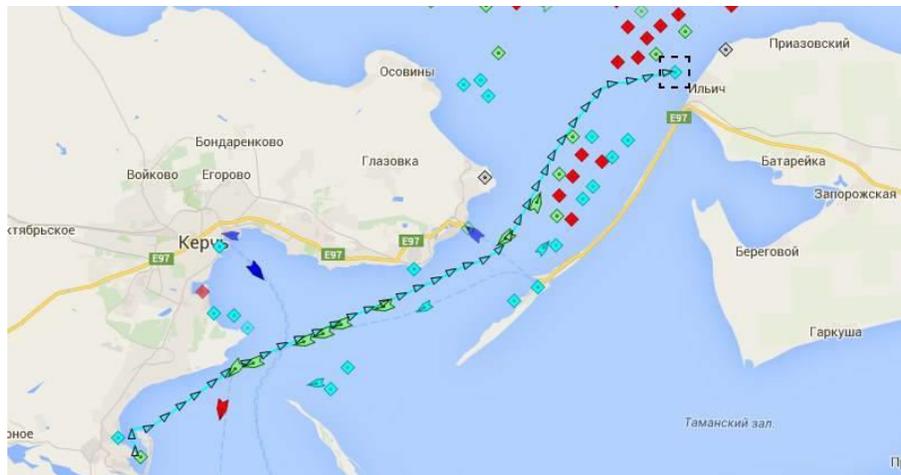


Ukraine, the EU sanctions, the British Commonwealth etc., but he drew also attention of the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the US Treasury - The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), included in the counter-terrorist and Financial Intelligence - Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI).

To disguise the long “jump” of the ship from Shanghai to Crimea was created a great scheme: in all online systems AIS the “cable layer” named JIAN JI 3001 on the board was displayed as JIANGONG1. At the same time JIAN JI 3001 is a fishing vessel in databases. With the same number MMSI 413375460. JIAN JI 3001 started its trip from Shanghai on September 1. On October 6 it came to Novorossiysk. The transmitter of the AIS system was disconnected during the route.

The crew members are the citizens of China. Technicians servicing special staff (60 people) are Chinese too. They have received permission from the Federal Migration Service to work in Russian Federation.

The company owner and operator - Shanghai Foundation Engineering Group Co, Ltd - specializes in the construction of bridges, tunnels, railways and is part of one of China's largest construction corporations - Shanghai Construction Group (SCG).



JIANGONG1 ship after a long staying headed on November 22 at 9:30 GMT to the point of building of the energy bridge. Navigation equipment was switched on at 3:28 p.m., shortly after a supplying of the electricity from the mainland Ukraine was stopped.

Docked at the ports of Crimea occupied and annexed by Russia the owners, captains and crews of vessels except the violation of international sanctions were committing a crime under Article 332-1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (the Law of Ukraine "On ensuring the rights and freedoms of citizens and legal regime in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine").

So, we see that the Chinese Business with example of this cable layer ship is trying to

probe the reaction of Ukraine and the world community to the violation of sanctions in connection with the annexation of the Crimea. China checks: if this response will be sluggish, other companies will realize several other projects in occupied by Russia territories. For example with other "transition" from the Taman peninsula to the annexed Crimea: the energy bridge, the bridge, and possibly a gas pipeline ... The General Prosecutor's Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine have already started the relevant "communication" with the Chinese side. And the international community should ponder very intensive, if it really still considers Crimea as a part of Ukraine.

NI named five "centers" which can unleash the third world war

Leaders of the countries have to understand, games in war can be very dangerous, and do everything possible not to allow growth of five most explosive crises, writes the American edition.

TBILISI, 21 Nov — Sputnik. Each global war begins with a spark, notes the American

magazine National Interest and provides the list from five "the ignition centers" to which the world should pay attention.

The first of all edition names the **Syrian conflict**. Spread of "The Islamic state" (IS) causes concern of the majority of the leading world powers, including France, Russia and

the USA. But even with the advent of the coalition uniting these countries between allies there can be collisions because of different views on the future of Syria. In turn, active military operations between external forces in Syria can quickly attract Turkey, Iran and Saudi Arabia, and, perhaps, to extend on other parts of the globe.



One more of such "centers"

— **contradictions between India and Pakistan** which, though exist already many years, can become aggravated at any time. If the radical groups sponsored by Pakistan make something similar to acts of terrorism in Mumbai, the patience of India can burst. And if Pakistan suffers serious defeat, use of the tactical nuclear weapon can seem the only way out to it. Further the USA which recently become closer to India and China which can decide to rise in defense of Pakistan can enter the conflict.

On the third place NI puts a **situation in the East China Sea** where in the last two years China and Japan conduct dangerous game round the archipelago of Senkaku. Both countries make a claim for islands, and everyone developed armed forces in their vicinities. If the conflict between China and Japan breaks out, to the United States which are connected with Japan by the contract on mutual protection, it will be difficult to avoid intervention, and China will try to affect an advancing, attacking the American military facilities in the region.

Besides, the situation in the South China Sea also causes fears because of **dangerous**

confrontation of the United States with the Chinese sea and air divisions. Loss of self-control of one of the parties can lead to terrible consequences. The American-Chinese war itself would be a disaster, and Japan and India still can interfere in it.

At last, the last point of article the author names succession of events in Ukraine which depends, in many respects, on as far as in NATO are ready to interfere with a situation in the country. If Russia is sure of intervention of NATO, she can take measures to outstrip mobilization of alliance. And any attack or serious threat of attack on one of the countries of NATO can be the cause for alliance to begin military operations.

National Interest notes that the countries don't have understanding of that today, games in war are extremely dangerous. Leaders of the most powerful countries of the world have to be vigilant and prevent crisis escalation, the author of article sums up.

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The Turkish-“Turkmen” operation in Syria

"About the situation which developed in the Russian-Turkish relationship we asked to comment on the famous expert, turkologist, Aleksandr Sotnichenko, who did much good for development of the bilateral and multilateral relations between Russia and Turkey.

Situation is very bad. There are many negative materials about Turkey and Turks in the Russian press. The authorities, and also members of the media, have to understand that responsible for the tragedy is the political elite, but not the people.

The decision is precisely made by the leadership of Turkey and behind bombings of our aircraft are Turkmen. There is a situation similar to Donbas - Turks finance the Turkmen groups, deliver the weapon, volunteers make about 50%. Putin warned on G20 that if they won't lay down arms, will perform operation together with the Syrian army.

Prospects are bad. Untill Erdogan is in power there will be no reconciliation. I hope also wars too. All the projects will stop. In Turkey it is quite possible to arrange orange revolution, prospects are very good for this purpose, but Russia has no such technologies and experience at all.

The conflict from the economic point of view will shake both economies, but for Turkey it will be worse, than for Russia. Till 2018 they can't refuse to reduce consumption of the Russian gas, we can refuse tourism here and now and so forth"

"Traditionally Turkmens compactly live in Syria in regions of Lazkiye, Aleppo, Homs, Hama and Golan. Turkish authorities started supporting the Syrian Turkmens since 1994 when in Iskenderun the organization of mutual aid for Turkmen, Bayir-Bujak was created. Activity of the Turkish authorities on the Turkmen direction was sharply stirred up.

In 2011 some Ali Ozturkmen who had the prosecutor's rank in Syria ran to Turkey and by means of local intelligence services based "The Syrian Turkmen movement" there. It is important that the movement was created generally through social networks and urged to take control over certain streets in the cities of Syria, following tactics of "color revolutions". In Turkey "The Syrian Turkmen movement" held conference for "Changes in Syria" which played a role in formation of the Syrian national council which is officially proclaimed on June 1, 2011. Turkmens are by all means presented on all actions of the Syrian opposition in Turkey today.

Practically at the same time "The Syrian Turkmen group" was created by 180 Syrian Turkmens from Diaspora and new migrants. It was headed by Bekir Atachan, and the



purpose proclaimed protection of the rights of the Turkmen in the territory of Syria. "The Syrian Turkmen movement" and "The Syrian Turkmen group" united in November, 2011, having created "The Syrian Turkmen block". The head of the block, Yusuf Molla – the Syrian Turkmen, for years was living in Turkey.

"The Syrian Turkmen block" created a network of bureaus on border and in a number of the Turkish cities, attaching to these bureaus defined "responsibility zones" in Syria. So, the bureau in Yayladagi coordinates activity of Turkmen in Lattakia, Gaziantep office is connected with Aleppo, and the office in Akcakale works in Ar-Raqqah.

Part of the activists who left "Block" soon based "The Syrian democratic Turkmen movement". The new organization was headed by Abdulkerim Aga, after Ziyad Hassan replaced him.

These two projects – "The Syrian Turkmen block" and "The Syrian democratic Turkmen movement" – originally had different ideology, various zones of influence, each of them had their own paramilitary forces, but in December, 2012 "Movement" and "Block" combined the efforts.

Under control of "Movement" are NGO, acting directly in the territory of Syria: youth branches, Labour organization, Brotherly organization of the Syrian Turkmen, Association of solidarity with families of martyrs, "Veterans and captives", Centers of humanitarian aid, Turkmen news agency. Among plans of "Movement" – opening of Voice of the Syrian Turkmen radio station and issue of magazines and newspapers. Besides, "Movement" already opened two schools near Aleppo, teaching in the Turkish language. All activities of the Syrian Turkmen is focused on turkization of northern part of Syria, which in long term can

lead to requirements of an autonomy, separation and accession of these areas to Turkey ...

As for "The Syrian Turkmen block", it is generally engaged in creation of the military organization, urging "to turn on the Turkmen of Syria in fight". The militarized structures of the Syrian Turkmen are already created in Lattakia and Aleppo where they actively cooperate with rebellious gangs.

Now the military structure of Turkmen consists of 12 groups united by the general name "Crew of the Turkmen Mountain". The crew is commanded by Mohammed Awad, under his supervision are the fighters in the province of Lattakia. In Aleppo the armed groups of Turkmen are directed by Ali Basher.

It is necessary to emphasize that all Syrian Turkmen live in different areas therefore they don't accept the "Syria after Assad" project developed in Turkey and assuming federalization (a partition of Syria). Turkmen are for "uniform Syria", and the Turkish intelligence services should consider it in the activity, approving different projects. One of them carries the name "Syrian Turkmen Platform". The Turkish foreign minister Ahmet Davutoglu was present at constituent conference of members of this organization in Istanbul on December 15, 2012 where he promised to support the "Platform". The part of the Turkmen businessmen already joined this project, aiming participation in political life of "future Syria". "Platform" sets a task to create in Syria Assembly of Turkmen as a part of 350 delegates.

Except the listed structures there are a number of youth groups which are engaged in the organization of antigovernment protests, delivery of the weapon, and also provide new members to fighters. These are Turkmen youth movement operating in Yayladagi, the youth movement in the province of Lattakia,

the Syrian Turkmen youth association and the Syrian Turkmen youth. Thus, in blasting work which is conducted against Syria from the territory of Turkey, among other "actions" the bet is also on the Turkmen project.

P.S. The Syrian Turkmen or the Syrian Turks are the Turkic people living in the territory of

modern Syria, which count the third people of this country, after Arabs and Kurds. The self-name – Siriye Turkmenleri, Siriye Turkleri. In the territory of modern Syria live about 100 thousand Syrian Turks (the Turkmen). Are descendants of the Anatolian Turks, speak one of the Anatolian dialects of the Turkish language.

Caspian dimension of the Syrian conflict

Actually, the Russian planes bombed the Turkish allies in Syria. And in response to this bombing the joint Turkish-Turkmen answer was given.

Turks brought down the bomber, and the Syrian Turkmen brought down the helicopter which was directed on searches of the catapulting pilots. One pilot was rescued by Syrian special troops, another, the Turkmen fighters shot in the sky. Also one of marines of the fallen helicopter was lost. For some reason about it is written and spoken a little.

It isn't known yet how Turkmenistan will react to this incident (in spite of the fact that it is not about citizens of Turkmenistan, but about Turkmen of Syria). And it can't be indifferent for Russia taking into account that this country has gas on which the Russian transit infrastructure depends. It is very important to Moscow to see among allies in the Syrian campaign the Muslim countries and first of all - the regional allies. First of all, it concerns Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

However, complication of the Turkish-Russian relations can change also balance of forces in Caspian region. Azerbaijan took the peacekeeper's position, having expressed



readiness to promote process of the Russian-Turkish settlement. Kazakhstan conducts active politics of consultations with some opposition forces in Syria, and also with the countries of the region, in particular with Qatar because of whose gas the unfortunate Syrian people suffers. Perhaps, Putin should solve a super complex problem – to resist at the same time to two solidarities – "Turkic solidarity" and "Islamic solidarity".

Thus it is necessary to consider that the Russian jet and the helicopter were hit by the Turkish-Turkmen forces with information support of Americans. They will also try to heat a situation on the Caspian direction for the purpose of creation of new front line for Russia.