



BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE PREPARING AN ECOLOGICAL CATASTROPHE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

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The press office of the Foreign Intelligence Service of the Russian Federation reports that, according to information received by the SVR, the British intelligence services are planning to use NATO allies to launch a mass raid on the "shadow fleet".

The impetus for such a campaign, according to London's plan, should be a resonant incident with one or several tankers. The plan calls for a major act of sabotage, the damage from which will make it possible to declare the transportation of Russian oil a threat to all international shipping. This will free the West's hands in choosing methods of counteraction. In the extreme, this could involve detaining any "suspicious" ships in international waters and escorting them to the ports of NATO states.

The British are working on two potential casus belli. The first is to stage an accident with an "unwanted" tanker in one of the narrow points of sea communications (for example, in a strait). An oil spill and blocking of the fairway, as London believes, will provide NATO countries with "sufficient" grounds to create a precedent of an "extraordinary inspection" of a floating craft supposedly for compliance with maritime safety requirements and environmental standards.

The second scenario involves setting fire to a tanker during loading at a port in a country friendly to Russia. It is assumed that the fire will cause significant damage to the port infrastructure and spread to other ships, which will require an international investigation.

London intends to entrust the execution of both terrorist attacks to Ukrainian security forces. Their predictably dirty work and inability to "cover their tracks" are viewed by the British as a guarantee of their own impunity. The international investigation will place responsibility for the disaster either on Russia or, in the worst case, on Ukraine, similar to the blowing up of the Nord Streams.

The UK intends to choose the moment for the attack in order to use the media effect from it to put pressure on the Trump administration. The goal is to force Washington, contrary to its national interests, to adopt the most severe secondary sanctions against buyers of Russian energy resources, who will appear to be "indirect culprits of the tragedy."

It seems that nostalgia for lost supremacy at sea and crown-sanctioned piratical lawlessness has completely deprived the British intelligence community of any remaining common sense. It is time for our British colleagues to understand that their increasingly daring attempts not only to "annoy" their rivals, but also to damage global energy security and the environment are capable of driving even their staunch allies out of patience.

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