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ROLE OF RUSSIA IN THE SCO AND CENTRAL ASIA: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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«National Security Strategy», «National Military Strategy» and «Nuclear Posture Review» directly target national security sphere of the SCO members

The SCO is confronted with the Cold War 2.0 which has been imposed by the key Western community actors, headed by the USA

In the next 5 years the USA will allocate \$ 3,6 trillion in its military budget with the emphasis to contain the PRC and Russia

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan as a SCO full-fledged member is also under constant pressure from the USA under the 'South Asia Strategy'

Moscow is grateful to Islamabad for such tireless contribution to deliver a decisive blow to terrorist activity. Later this year our two countries will conduct anti-terrorist exercises that are essential in combatting terrorism

In general terms Russia is happy that its relationship with Pakistan are developing very actively and rapidly along all directions

The Donald Trump administration is unable to control the situation in **Afghanistan despite its intention to increase the number of the U.S. and NATO-led 'Resolute Support' military operation totally up to 29,000 military personnel. During prolong U.S. and NATO military presence in Afghanistan 19 more terrorist organizations have been created in addition to two already existed there, namely Al-Qaeda and Taliban.**

Russia regards as a very alarming the overt threat contained in the recent U.S. 2018 NPR that has reaffirmed that **North Korean nuclear program must be completely and irreversibly eliminated **by using all means.****

(in pink color are areas controlled by Damascus)

ситуация далека от разрешения. Некоторые эксперты даже говорят о начале **третьей мировой** на этом клочке ближневосточной земли. «Комсомолка» перечисляет стороны противостояния, их интересы и отмечает их присутствие на военной карте Сирии.



Израиль официально никак не участвует в конфликте. Однако о реальном нейтралите

После разгрома запрещенного в России ИГ* главные силы боевиков сконцентрировались «Нусра» (она же «Хайят Тахрир аш-Шам» - новое название сирийской «Аль-Каиды»). Изначально это был проект Саудовской Аравии и Турции. Но впоследствии Саудовская Аравия поглотила протурецких головорезов.

Главная цель саудитов - свержение нынешнего правительства в Сирии.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR STRATEGY

it has the first use of NW clause and lowers the threshold for utilizing NW - even under the pretext of 'technological surprises'

it permits to use low-yield nuclear warheads

it stamps 'escalation of the de-escalation' concept

it transforms conventional drills into nuclear ones

**IT HAS DEEPLY ROOTED ON
UNCONDITIONAL OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR DETERRENCE**

SOA BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE USA

NEW START LIMITS	USA	RUSSIA
WARHEADS: 1550	1350	1444
LAUNCHERS: 800 operationally deployed/operationally non-deployed	800	779
LAUNCHERS operationally deployed	652	527

As it stands for February 22nd, 2018

B 61-12

B61-12 TEST
FLIGHT BODY 2
3A1156D03-000
SERIAL 08

CHOCK
AND
SWAY
BRACE
AREA

0,3/1,5/10/50 kt

NEW U.S. STRATEGIC TRIAD (2025-2080 +) = US \$ 1,2 TRILLION

TYPE	YEAR	LAUNCHERS	PRICE TAG
LRSB B-21 «RAIDER»	2025	60	US \$ 266 bn
GBSD «M-IV»	2029	400	US \$ 149 bn
SSBN "COLUMBIA"	2031 (on patrol)	16 БРПЛ X 12 = 192	US \$ 313 bn

**$\Sigma = 652 + 1,000$
ALCM-N**

The Restricting First-Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017 introduced in both chambers of Congress would prohibit the President from using the
“Armed Forces of the United States to conduct a first-use nuclear strike unless such strike is conducted pursuant to a declaration of war by Congress that expressly authorizes such strike.”

THE N-ORDER WILL REACH U.S. SOA WITHIN 3-5 MIN
THE U.S.N-STRIKE WILL BE DELIVERED IN 3-12 MIN
ALL U.S. SOA ARE IN FULL READINESS

It expedient to enact the
no-first use (NFU) pledge
between all nuclear armed
nations



**93 U.S. VIOLATIONS OF THE INF TREATY SINCE 2001:
BMD INTERCEPTIONS OF SRBM, MRBM, IRBM**

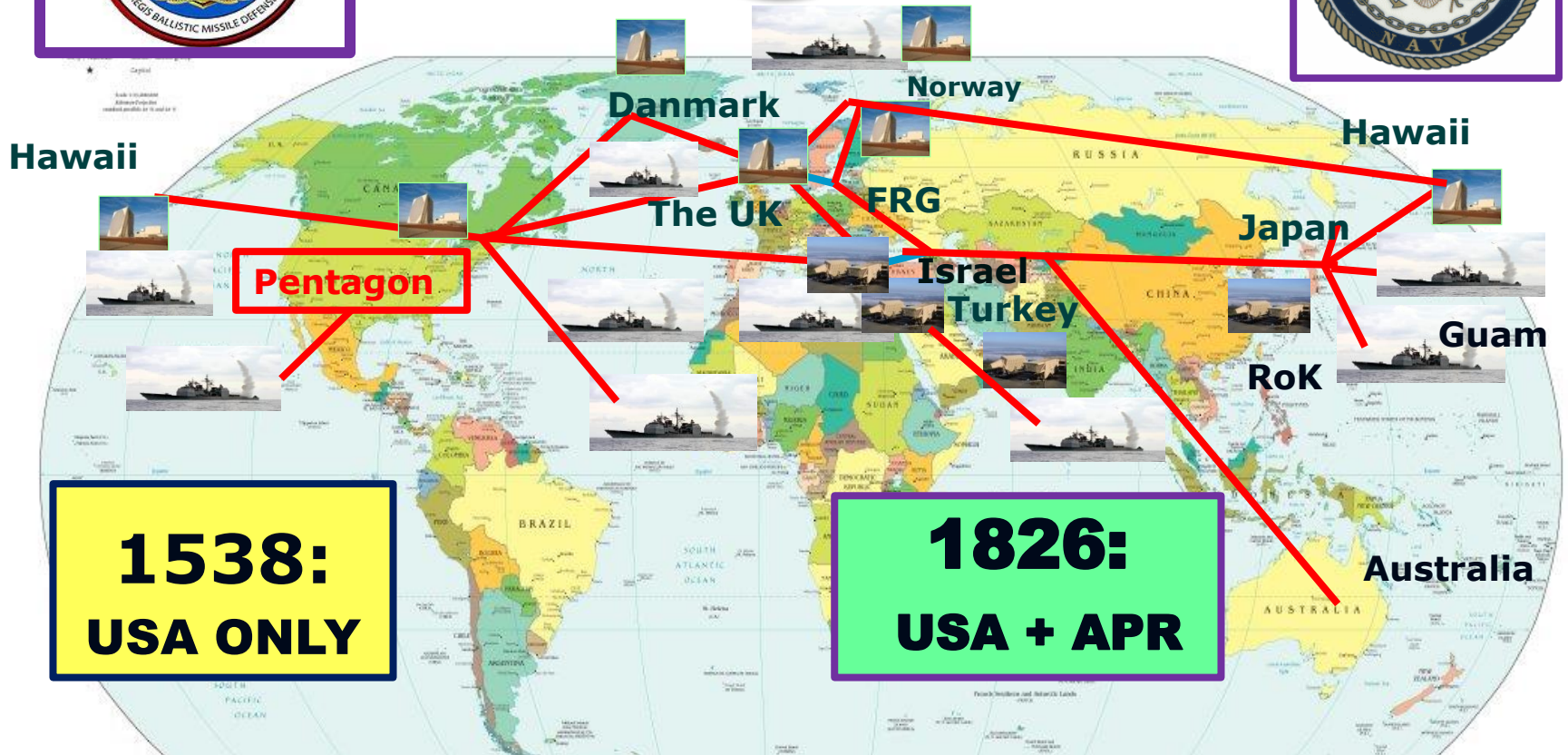
500 km → 5,500 km

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1987 INF TREATY

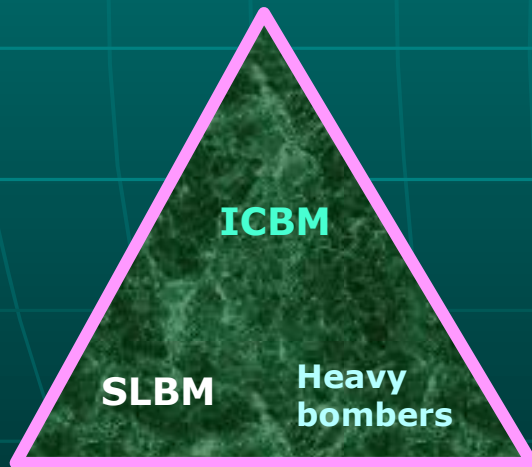
**ICBM: RS-24,
RS-26**

**UNJUSTIFIABLE U.S. CLAIMS
ON RUSSIA'S INF 'NON-COMPLIANCE'
(93:0 in favor of the USA)**



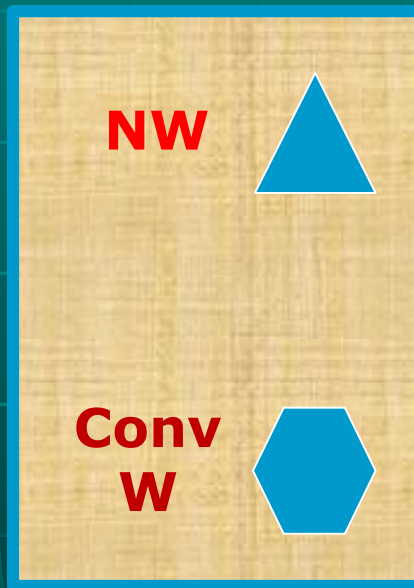
GLOBAL U.S. AND ALLIES' BMDS INTERCEPTORS' NETWORK

AT NATO SUMMIT IN CHICAGO (2012) A QUALITATIVELY NEW TRIAD - "THE CHICAGO TRIAD" - HAS BEEN CREATED



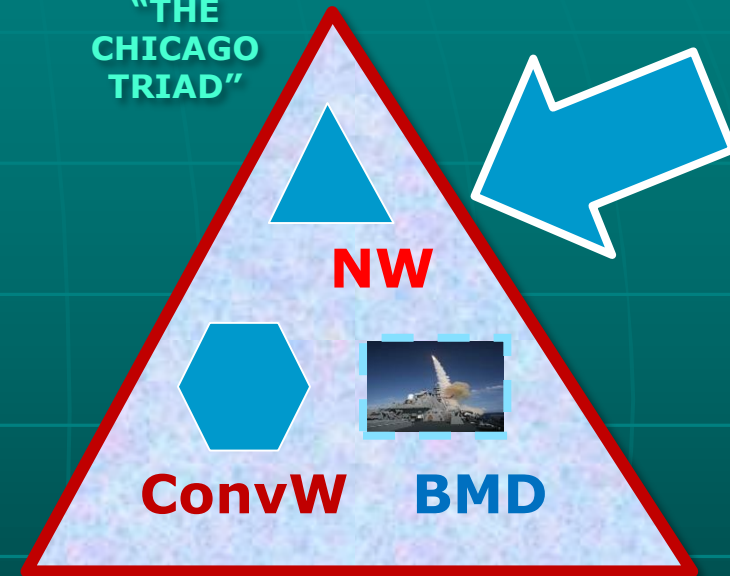
Traditional SOA nuclear triad

PREVIOUS SUMMITS



"Old" diad

"THE CHICAGO TRIAD"



New combined triad involving strategic/tactical nuclear and conventional weapons plus ballistic missile defense systems

OTHER CHALLENGES STEMMING FROM OUTSIDE THE SCO

The U.S. + its allies have **1826** BMD land-based and sea-based interceptors, **excluding the Patriot PAC-2/PAC-3 AAD/BMD missiles.**

Interference of the USA into the domestic affairs of the SCO members.

The forward-based 'Chicago Triad' – a strategic mix of nuclear, missile defense and conventional weapons deployed on the globe

The USA has turned down 20 positive proposals preventing to make outer space as a **'Star Wars'** battleground.

Current U.S. National Security Strategy has openly proclaimed the U.S. 'leadership' and 'freedom of action' in space.

The SCO has very broad and multifaceted opportunities to overcome these and other imminent challenges

Frank and deep-seated discussion covering current global developments in military-political sphere and in the arms control domain is needed

**Center for Combatting
New Challenges and
Threats**

**Security Cooperation
Coordination Committee**

**the SCO Peacekeeping
Units**

**Special National Military
Advisers' Group**

New Security Issues Prognosis Center

The multiplied and amplified voice of the SCO in the military-political domain will be more effective, if it is delivered openly and straightforwardly to the world community on behalf of its organization

**THE SCO HAS NOT INITIATED THE COLD WAR 2.0,
AND DOES NOT WANT IT TO CONTINUE**

