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Comment by Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova on a recent statement by US National Security Council official John Kirby

The Biden administration continues sending contradictory signals in which speculation on the "Russian nuclear threat" alternates with assurances that the US is interested in achieving a peaceful settlement in Ukraine as soon as possible. In this case, John Kirby, who refused to comment on the act of terror on the Crimean Bridge, told a leading US television channel that Russia was preventing the start of peace negotiations.

This rhetoric comes amid large-scale arms supplies to the pro-Nazi Ukrainian regime. It looks like Washington is not going to stop them at all despite the escapades of its emboldened client in Kiev. These false appeals for peace are nothing less than hypocrisy and a poorly concealed attempt to continue fighting to inflict a "strategic defeat" on us.

We repeat for the US once again: the objectives we set in Ukraine will be achieved. Russia is open to diplomacy, the terms are known. The longer Washington encourages Kiev's bellicosity, encouraging rather than preventing terrorist incursions by Ukrainian saboteurs, the more difficult the search for a diplomatic settlement will become.



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