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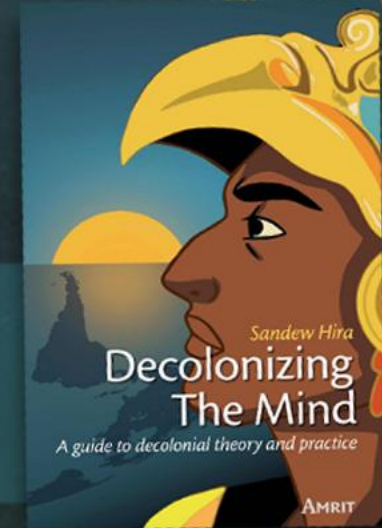
# World Affairs

A decolonial analysis of current world affairs

## Russia: the nuclear shield for Iran



Decolonizing The Mind,  
the final frontier of colonialism  
with Sandew Hira



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# Topics

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- ❑ What is a nuclear bomb?
- ❑ Who will start a nuclear war and why?
- ❑ How Russia provides a nuclear shield for Iran and why?

# What is a nuclear bomb?

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- ❑ A nuclear bomb is based on a nuclear reaction to create an explosion. When a nuclear bomb explodes, it generates a blast wave, intense light, heat, and radiation.
- ❑ Nagasaki bomb: 8 kilograms of plutonium, temperature 100 million degrees Celsius, pressure is millions of times greater than normal atmospheric pressure, power of 21 kiloton (1 kiloton=1000 TNT). TNT=unit of power of explosion
- ❑ One warhead in 2023: 20.000.000 kilotons TNT
- ❑ Nuclear war: not one bomb, but 13.000.

# Effects of nuclear war

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- ❑ Immediate death of hundreds of millions people and animals
- ❑ Ground of earth will vaporize, melt, and pulverize because of firestorms
- ❑ Start of nuclear winter: dust particles go into stratosphere and blot out the sun, cause severe ozone depletion, and the surface of the earth will cool, global temperatures could drop between 15° and 25° Celsius.
- ❑ Food production and distribution would come to a halt. Mass starvation.
- ❑ Human civilization end: small groups of survivors will take thousands of year to build a new one

# Who will start a nuclear war?

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- ❑ Colonial capitalists in the military industrial complex in the USA, not politicians and generals
- ❑ Why: to maintain capitalist economic order by military means

# Military Industrial Complex

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- ❑ Collection of private companies that produce military arsenal, including nuclear weapons.
- ❑ They fund campaigns of Democrats and Republicans
- ❑ They attract generals of the US arm in their board. Example Loyd Austin

## Private sector [\[ edit \]](#)

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Immediately after retiring as CENTCOM Commander, Austin joined the board of [Raytheon Technologies](#), a military contractor, in April 2016.<sup>[49][50]</sup> As of October 2020, his Raytheon stock holdings were worth roughly \$500,000 and his compensation, including stock, totaled \$2.7 million.<sup>[49]</sup> On September 18, 2017, he was appointed to [Nucor](#)'s board of directors.<sup>[51]</sup> On May 29, 2018, Austin was appointed as an independent director on the board of [Tenet Healthcare](#).<sup>[52]</sup> He also operates a consulting firm and has been a partner at Pine Island Capital, an investment company with which [Secretary of State Antony Blinken](#) and [Michèle Flournoy](#) are affiliated.<sup>[53][49]</sup>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lloyd\\_Austin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lloyd_Austin)

# Colonial capitalist organize the war

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- ❑ Politicians carry the message
- ❑ Generals execute the plan

Caldicott provides astonishing details of how the network of these companies influence policy making in the US. To give just one example: *“In early March 2003, just before the Iraqi invasion, the army gave Lockheed Martin 100 million dollars for 212 PAC-3s to be used in Iraq. Not coincidentally, Lockheed Martin played a significant role in organizing the Iraqi invasion. Bruce Jackson, former LM vice president, chaired the 2002 Coalition for the Liberation of Iraq, formed with the explicit support of the Bush administration. Jackson also helped draft the statement signed by the ten ‘New Europe’ members in support of the war, deriding France, Germany, and other members of ‘Old Europe’ because they would not support Bush’s push to invade Iraq. Lockheed Martin receives, on average, 105 dollars annually from each U.S. taxpayer to support its weapons construction.”*<sup>1029</sup>

On January 22, 2022, President Biden appointed Lloyd Austin as the Secretary of Defense. He had been on the board of Raytheon Technologies, a major defense contractor, since 2016.

*p. 512 DTM book*



# Motives for colonial wars

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- Bernal Díaz del Castillo (1492–1584): *"We came here to serve God and the king, and also to get rich"*.

From ExxonMobil and Chevron to BP and Shell, the West's largest oil companies have set up shop in Iraq. So have a slew of American oil service companies, including Halliburton, the Texas-based firm Dick Cheney ran before becoming George W. Bush's running mate in 2000.

The war is the one and only reason for this long sought and newly acquired access.

<https://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/19/opinion/iraq-war-oil-juhasz/index.html>

# Stopping the decline of Western colonialism

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- ❑ Economic boycott to stop the rise of the global south
- ❑ War in Ukraine to kill Russian military power
- ❑ Israel as guardian for colonial power in Western Asia
- ❑ 800 US military basis for military control of the world
- ❑ Start wars and military coups when needed: Iraq, Lybia, Bolivia
- ❑ A new US rule based order

# Russia can stop US nuclear power

**Table 10.1.** World nuclear forces, January 2021

All figures are approximate and are estimates based on assessments by the authors. The estimates presented here are based on publicly available information and contain some uncertainties, as reflected in the notes to tables 10.1–10.10.

State	Year of first nuclear test	Deployed warheads <sup>a</sup>	Stored warheads <sup>b</sup>	Other warheads	Total inventory
United States	1945	1 800 <sup>c</sup>	2 000 <sup>d</sup>	1 750 <sup>e</sup>	5 550
Russia	1949	1 625 <sup>f</sup>	2 870 <sup>g</sup>	1 760 <sup>e</sup>	6 255
United Kingdom	1952	120	105	–	225 <sup>h</sup>
France	1960	280	10 <sup>i</sup>	..	290
China	1964	–	350	–	350
India	1974	–	156	..	156
Pakistan	1998	–	165	..	165
Israel	..	–	90	..	90
North Korea	2006	–	..	[40–50]	[40–50] <sup>j</sup>
<b>Total<sup>k</sup></b>		<b>3 825</b>	<b>5 745</b>	<b>3 510</b>	<b>13 080</b>

.. = not applicable or not available; – = nil or a negligible value; [] = uncertain figure.

*Sipri yearbook 2021, p. 334*

# Putin: Russia's strategic goals

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Today, Russia is not just actively participating in the formation of a new, fairer multipolar world with equal rights and opportunities for all countries and civilisations. We are not only one of the leaders of this objective historical process, but I will say more, and everyone knows this: Russia is fighting on the battlefield for our future, for the principles of a just world order, for the freedom of countries and peoples. We are fighting consistently, and our soldiers and officers, our heroes, are fighting and losing their comrades-in-arms.

I will repeat again: the ruling elites of the United States and its satellites are behind the tragedy of the Palestinians, the massacre in the Middle East in general, the conflict in Ukraine, and many other conflicts in the world – in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and so on. This has become obvious to everyone. It is they who install their military bases everywhere, who use military force on every pretext and without any pretext, who send weapons to conflict areas. They are also channelling financial resources, including to Ukraine and the Middle East, and fuelling hatred in Ukraine and the Middle East.

*<http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/72618>*

How will Russia stop the nuclear threat?

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# Escalation of the war in Palestine

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- ❑ Russia's stance on Israel and Palestine are changing in favor of Palestine
- ❑ When war escalates: US behind Israel, Russia behind Palestine
- ❑ Will the escalation start tomorrow: Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah will deliver a speech on Friday 3 November 2023 at 14.00 CET

# Next episode: the role of Hezbollah

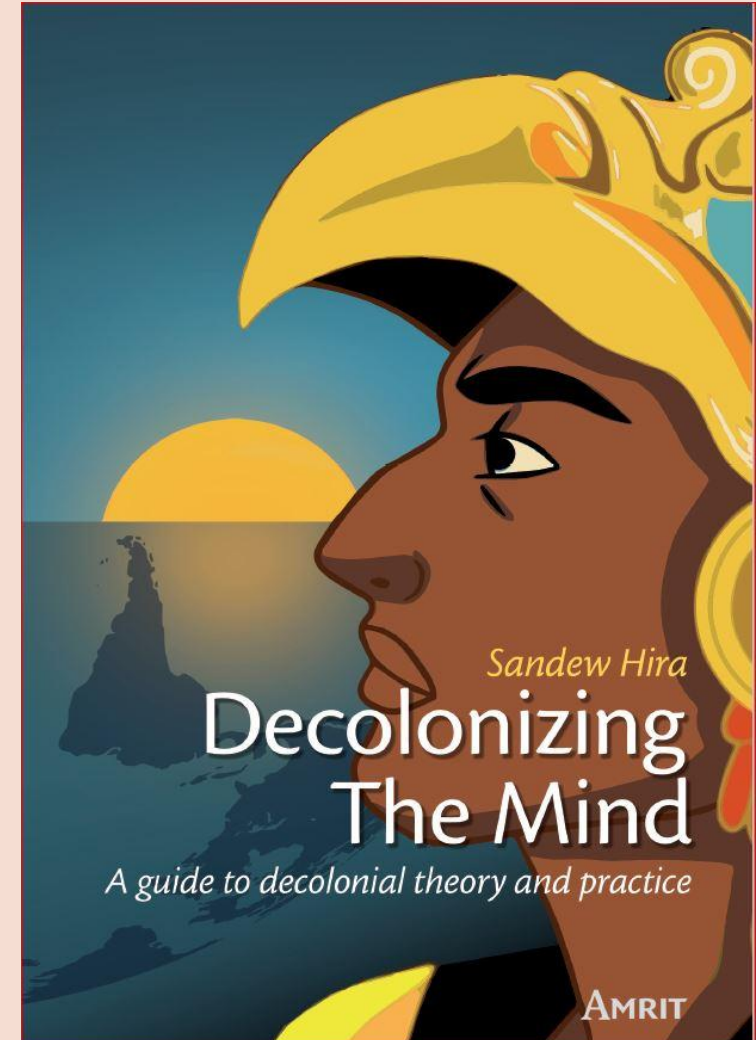
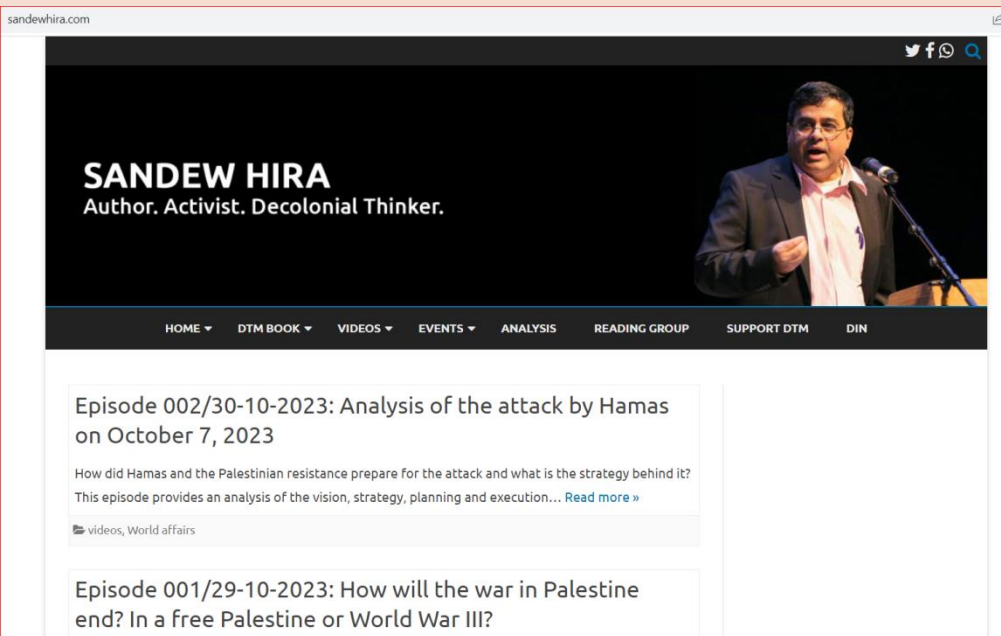
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- ❑ Understanding the history of Hezbollah
- ❑ The relationship between Hezbollah and the resistance in Palestine
- ❑ An analysis of the speech of Secretary General Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah



# Source in the DTM book

- Par. 13.4.3.2 World War III will be a nuclear war
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