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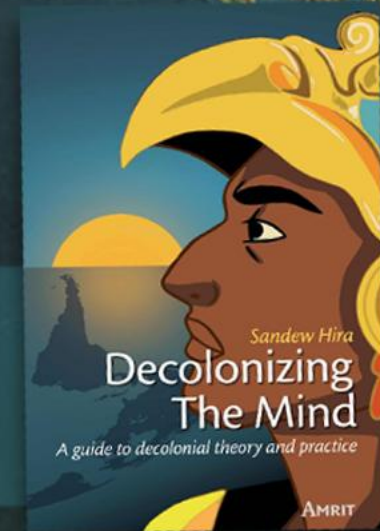
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The soap opera of president Trump: week 11



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Ukraine cease fire plan

Putin: We are supportive, but there are nuances. Ukraine would benefit from a 30-day truce considering the situation in the Kursk Region.

Putin: *"You know, on the face of it, the US-Ukraine meeting in Saudi Arabia may look like the Ukrainian side made this decision under pressure from the United States. In fact, I am absolutely convinced that the Ukrainian side should have asked the Americans for this decision most emphatically, in view of the situation evolving on the ground, as has just been mentioned here."*

If we cease hostilities for 30 days, what does that imply? Will everyone inside simply leave without resistance? Are we to allow them to exit after they have committed numerous crimes against civilians? Or will the Ukrainian leadership issue a command to lay down arms? How will this unfold? It remains uncertain."

Economic boycott of Russia

The West's sanctions have provided Russia with a robust foundation for "independence and sovereignty."

Russia is prepared to welcome returning companies: "To those who wish to come back, we say: 'Welcome, at any moment.' However, there will be no preferential treatment: "If certain niches are filled, they will remain so. We will not create special advantages for anyone returning to our markets."

Russia Eurasia initiative

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov: Eurasia needs a continent-wide structure akin to the African Union or CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States).

Greater Eurasian Partnership (GEP) concept proposed by Putin in 2015, would replace the outdated "Greater Europe" (from Lisbon to Vladivostok) plan: A network of free trade zones, Inter-bloc trade and economic partnerships, Expanded settlements in national currencies & independent payment systems, Development of Eurasian transport corridors, A foundation for indivisible security on the continent, Territorial integrity, economic sovereignty and cultural and social protection for member states, A common platform to settle disputes and prevent conflicts

How Did GEP Evolve?

2015: Putin proposed GEP as part of the path to a just, multipolar world order based on equal and mutually beneficial cooperation.

2016: He named the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) as a key integration hub, stating the project is open to all, including the EU. Moscow "holds no grudges" but won't play a one-sided game.

2017: Putin described GEP as a "civilizational project" that would transform Eurasia's political and economic landscape. "We must set an example for a joint, innovative, and constructive future."

2022: Amid Western sanctions and asset freezes, Putin called for a comprehensive GEP economic strategy, stressing that more nations are pursuing independent policies.

June 2024: Putin urged expanded settlements in national currencies, independent payment systems, and transport corridors within GEP. The same month Putin emphasized GEP's role as the socio-economic foundation of a "new system of indivisible security" and instructed the Foreign Ministry to advance international agreements accordingly.

March 2025: Russia is not imposing anything but rather initiating a discussion on a vision for Eurasia's continental structure, which could serve as the foundation for a future security architecture.

Xi Jinping: mutual learning among civilizations

Tolerance, coexistence, exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations play an irreplaceable role in advancing humanity's modernization process when the future of all countries are closely connected.

It came from Chinese President Xi Jinping, delivered to congratulate the inauguration of the China-Greece Center for Mutual Learning of Civilizations in the time-honored university in February 2023.

In the letter, Xi noted that over 2,000 years ago, China and Greece, two civilizations glittering at each end of the Eurasian continent, made groundbreaking contributions to the evolution of human civilization.

Iran, Russia, China deal - 1

The vice foreign ministers of China, Russia, and Iran held a trilateral meeting in Beijing, and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with delegation heads and outlined China's five-point proposal on the Iranian nuclear issue.

First, stay committed to peaceful settlement of disputes through political and diplomatic means, and oppose the use of force and illegal sanctions.

Second, stay committed to balancing rights and responsibilities, and take a holistic approach to the goals of nuclear nonproliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Iran should continue honoring its commitment to not developing nuclear weapons, and all other parties should fully respect Iran's right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy as a State Party to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

Iran, Russia, China deal - 2

Third, stay committed to the framework of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) as the basis for new consensus. China hopes that all parties will work toward the same direction and resume dialogue and negotiation as early as possible. The United States should demonstrate political sincerity and return to talks at an early date.

Fourth, stay committed to promoting cooperation through dialogue, and oppose pressing for intervention by the U.N. Security Council (UNSC).

Fifth, stay committed to a step-by-step and reciprocal approach, and seek consensus through consultation.

Iran's reaction to Trump

Iran's Pezeshkian rejects Trump's offer of nuke talks: "It is unacceptable for us that they [the US] give orders and make threats. I won't even negotiate with you. Do whatever the hell you want."

Pezeshkian doubles down as Iran conducts joint naval drills with China and Russia amid US threats over nuclear program

Trump Gaza plan

The US and Israel have contacted officials of three East African countries to discuss using their territories for resettling Palestinians from Gaza, the Associated Press reported on Friday, citing US and Israeli officials. Officials stated that Sudan rejected the offer, while Somalia and Somaliland said they weren't aware of any offer.

Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said the government will set up an “immigration directorate” to implement US President Donald Trump’s plan to displace Palestinians from the Gaza Strip and resettle them in a third country: *“If we remove 10,000 people a day, seven days a week, it will take six months. If we remove 5,000 people a day, it will take a year. Of course, this is assuming we have countries willing to take them, but these are very, very, very long processes.”*

Trump attacks Yemen

Yemen: The US-UK aggression on Yemen, which saw several raids targeting several Yemeni cities, could lead to an escalation in support for Gaza. Israeli-linked vessels will not pass through the designated naval zone.

Yemen will continue this support, whatever the consequences.
Yemen's Supreme Political Council: "The punishment of the aggressors against Yemen will be carried out professionally and painfully"

Israel war plan: start with Yemen, attack Iran

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