

## Tanks, Reservists and the Second Formation

It appears that all the troop movements and equipment movements for Exercise Vostok 2018 are not heading to the exercise area.

*Russia is mobilizing for its biggest military exercise since the height of the Cold War, the Kremlin says, citing a tense international climate that is "frequently aggressive and unfriendly toward us."*

*The exercises, which are set to involve nearly 300,000 Russian troops, 1,000 aircraft and 900 tanks, will also include units from China for the first time. They will start on Sept. 11.*

***But while Russia is talking about its "war games" in the east, they are moving THOUSANDS of Reserve Troops and TANKS to their western and southern military districts which border EUROPE!***

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Here's the problem . . . While this "war game" is supposed to take place in the Eastern Russia Military District. RESERVES and TANKS from that same Eastern district are being quietly moved to the WESTERN AND SOUTHERN Military Districts! (<http://haltunnerradioshow.com/index.php/news/world-news/3072-ominous-russia-war-games-in-the-east-but-moving-reserve-troops-and-tanks-west>)

*Over the past 24 hours, the unstable situation in eastern Ukraine has gotten demonstrably worse. A high ranking leader of break-away province Donetsk, Alexander Zakharchenko, was assassinated via Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated in a cafe where he was eating breakfast.*

*Officials in Donetsk are blaming the Ukraine federal government in Kiev; so are neighboring Russians.*

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*Troops from Russia's Eastern and Central Military Districts have been diverted from the upcoming Military Exercise Vostok2018 and are being sent to the Ukraine Border.*

*Further developments will be reported below in updates.*

### **UPDATE 4:49 PM EDT --**

*Trainloads of T-62 Tanks (old, but recently up-armored) now in rail yard at Kamensk-Shakhtinskiy, Russia near Ukraine Border:*

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*Donetsk People's Republic (dpr) put on lockdown after assassination of their leader. State of emergency declared, no one allowed to enter or leave.*

### **TANKS DEPLOYING IN THE STREETS!**

*First Vice Premier of the DPR, Aleksandr Timofeyev, also died in the explosion at the Separatist Cafe.*

*All military units under the command of the DPR separatists have been called up to their highest state of readiness following assassination of their leader,*

<http://haltturnerradioshow.com/index.php/news/world-news/3086-serious-developments-in-ukraine-armed-forces-moving>)

Analysis. Russia and the Soviet Union have long used what is called the “second formation” system. All of the commanders down to the company level have deputies. At the company level it is a selected platoon leader. When the unit mobilizes, all of the deputy commanders stay at the unit’s garrison. They become the commanders of the units to be formed by the call up of reserves. Inside of two to three weeks, the new unit can be sent to the front combat ready using old equipment from the stock piles but with a completely trained command staff that has worked together for months if not years.

Why, the Russians say, would we give fat reservists new equipment? They trained on the equipment coming out of the stock piles. It won’t take as long to train them because it is more memory refreshment and physical training. This is how the Red Army produced so many divisions so quickly after Hitler invaded the Soviet Union.

Russia may, or may not, have known of the assassination plot to kill the Ukrainian ministers of the Donetsk Republic. I suspect the FSB did know of the plot and plans to use it as an excuse to invade and conquer most of the Ukraine up to the Dneiper River. That will put Kiev under Russian heavy artillery. Not sure the current Russian Army can do a river crossing that big. It also depends upon when Winter arrives in Ukraine.

This is a very explosive situation easily comparable to the Middle East. I suggest you follow developments on [www.haltturnerradioshow.com](http://www.haltturnerradioshow.com)