

# The warmonger in chief

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Healthcare workers protest mass starvation in Gaza, in Cape Town, South Africa, on

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Donald Trump's claim of stopping "six wars" since January 2025 — boasting he's "averaging about a war a month" — is a farce meant to obscure his actual warmongering. Fact-checkers rate his sweeping declaration as "Mostly False."

The president's bombastic rhetoric reached its peak during his July 28 meeting with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer in Scotland, where he theatrically announced solving his "sixth" conflict with the Cambodia-Thailand ceasefire.

Trump cited several conflicts, including those between India and Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda, Serbia and Kosovo, Egypt and Ethiopia, Israel and Iran, as well as Thailand and Cambodia.

Fact-checkers note that while Trump claims to have had a hand in temporary ceasefires, there are no permanent resolutions or direct U.S. intervention in any of the cited cases. Indian officials, including External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, have explicitly denied any U.S. involvement in the India-Pakistan ceasefire, stating there was "no third-party intervention."

And Trump has not ended the major U.S. wars in Gaza and Ukraine or the massive military buildup against China in the Pacific.

The farce is revealed in the reports that President Donald Trump and his supporters have coined a new nickname for him: the "[peacemaker-in-chief](#)," saying that he deserves a [Nobel Prize](#) for this.

### **The U.S.-NATO proxy war expands**

President Trump said he will be meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Aug. 15 in Alaska. [NBC News](#) reports that Trump is considering inviting Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky to Alaska.

As background, the U.S.-NATO proxy war against Russia was triggered by the expansion of NATO surrounding Russia, with NATO's 2008 Bucharest pledge to incorporate Ukraine and Georgia.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, NATO expanded to nearly every country in Eastern Europe, aiming to lock in capitalist retrenchment in the formerly socialist countries.

The countries put under NATO include Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

In 2008, NATO put the inclusion of Ukraine and Georgia, both bordering Russia, on the table.

The threatened expansion of NATO's military force to Ukraine, on the border of Russia, along with NATO naval operations in the Black Sea, were direct provocations aimed at Russia. As Leon Panetta — White House Chief of Staff under Bill Clinton, CIA Director and Secretary of Defense under Barack Obama — explained, the conflict in Ukraine is a NATO "proxy war" against Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's special military operation in Ukraine was primarily motivated by NATO's eastward expansion, a strategic concern that continues to shape Moscow's demands for Ukrainian neutrality.

In December 2021, Putin formally demanded that NATO roll back its presence in Eastern Europe, viewing the imperialist alliance's expansion as an existential threat. His draft treaty, presented to President Joe Biden, explicitly called for "pushing NATO away from Russia's borders."

The "Special Military Operation" (SMO) in 2022 was aimed at denazification (neo-Nazis governing Ukraine) and demilitarization, as well as the protection of Donbass.

The Ukraine regime was imposed in February 2014 by a U.S.-backed coup that overthrew the elected government. The far-right regime represents Western imperialist interests, local oligarchs and neo-Nazis. The residents of Ukraine's Donetsk and Lugansk regions did not recognize the new regime. In April 2014, in the Donbass mining region, the autonomous Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) were declared.

The Kiev regime, backed by U.S. military and political advisers, never recognized the autonomous republics and began military operations against Donetsk and Luhansk. Bombing and air raids targeted the civilian population, killing at least 15,000. Kiev massed an occupation army in the region. In February 2022, the DPR and LPR asked Russia for aid. That's when Russia began its Special Military Operation, sending troops into DPR and LPR to secure their territorial integrity.

What Russia has demanded is the demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine and the removal of NATO. That's nonnegotiable.

That's not what Trump is offering. Instead, Trump is expanding NATO around Russia into Armenia and Azerbaijan.

On Aug. 8, the White House hosted Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev for a U.S.-brokered agreement that will expand NATO's presence in the strategic South Caucasus region bordering Russia.

The two countries will withdraw from the Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO). And the Russian news agency TASS reports that the U.S. privately offered both Armenia and Azerbaijan a path to NATO membership.

TASS also reports that U.S. troops may deploy to Armenia, ostensibly as peacekeepers or military advisers. The White House has not confirmed these claims, but if true, it would mirror U.S. tactics in Ukraine before the 2022 Russian special

military operation.

### **Trump fuels Gaza genocide**

During his 2024 campaign, Trump promised to end the war in Gaza. On the campaign trail, Trump repeatedly expressed his intention to wrap up the conflict quickly and bring peace to the region. He notably said, “Get it over with and let’s get back to peace and stop killing people.”

On Aug. 9, [The Hill reported](#), President Trump gave a tacit green light for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to take over the Gaza Strip.

Actually, this fits with Trump’s long-term proposal to take over the Gaza Strip, “level the site” (i.e., total war), and transform it into a luxurious resort destination — explicitly likening it to a potential “Riviera of the Middle East.” That’s not peace for the people of Palestine, that’s total destruction and genocide.

Zionist-occupied Palestine — “Israel” — is an apartheid settler state, more like a U.S. colony. Joe Biden famously said in 1986: “If there were not an Israel, we’d have to invent one.”

Since its beginning, Israel has been a U.S.-funded and armed military outpost. Gen. Alexander Haig, Ronald Reagan’s Secretary of State, said in 1971 that Israel is “the largest American aircraft carrier in the world that cannot be sunk.”

### **Imperialist escalation against China**

The United States and its NATO allies appear determined to spark another devastating conflict, this time in the Taiwan Strait. Washington is arming Taiwan’s military with advanced strike systems capable of hitting deep into the Chinese mainland, bringing most of China’s largest cities within range of U.S.-made missiles.

The Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS- pronounced “Attack ‘ems”) is a long-range, precision-guided missile system developed by the United States. The arms deal includes 84 launch vehicles — both M270 tracked and M142 wheeled variants. The first batch of 11 launchers arrived in November 2024, with the first M142 units formally deployed this July. These weapons give the U.S. military new long-range strike capabilities, openly aimed at the People’s Republic of China.

These mobile launchers fire compact missiles that can be deployed in large numbers, enabling the unleashing of hundreds of strikes on mainland targets. This would put major population centers such as Shanghai, Nanjing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong directly in the crosshairs.

Washington’s ATACMS systems have already been battle-tested in Ukraine, where they have been used — with U.S. and NATO satellite and targeting support — to hit Russian air defense sites, radars, ballistic missile launchers, and even civilian infrastructure such as energy pipelines as well as Russia’s civilian population centers.

The island of Taiwan — internationally recognized by the UN and most of the world as part of China — has been a focal point of imperialist interference for over a century. First seized by Japan, then used by the United States after 1949 as a Cold War outpost, Taiwan has long been exploited as a lever to undermine Beijing’s sovereignty. While the opposition Kuomintang acknowledges that Taiwan cannot survive without economic and political ties to the mainland, the ruling Democratic Progressive Party has aligned itself with Washington’s imperialist agenda.

Washington’s militarization of Taiwan goes beyond missiles. U.S. arms manufacturer Anduril Industries is supplying “Altius-600M” loitering munitions — AI-driven kamikaze drones — under a new deal with Taiwan’s defense ministry. Anduril’s partnerships with other Pentagon-linked tech firms, including Palantir, are accelerating the integration of advanced U.S. military technology into Taiwan’s

forces. Similar AI-based systems have already been used in Ukraine.

