

# RUSSIA RELATED ANALYTICAL DIGEST ON FEBRUARY 2025

**“THE US WILL NOT SUCCEED IN  
BREAKING THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN  
MOSCOW AND BEIJING!”**

The world needs a proactive strategy on Russia, taking the initiative by developing and communicating a clear strategic vision for Ukraine, along with a plan to contain and counter Russian influence.

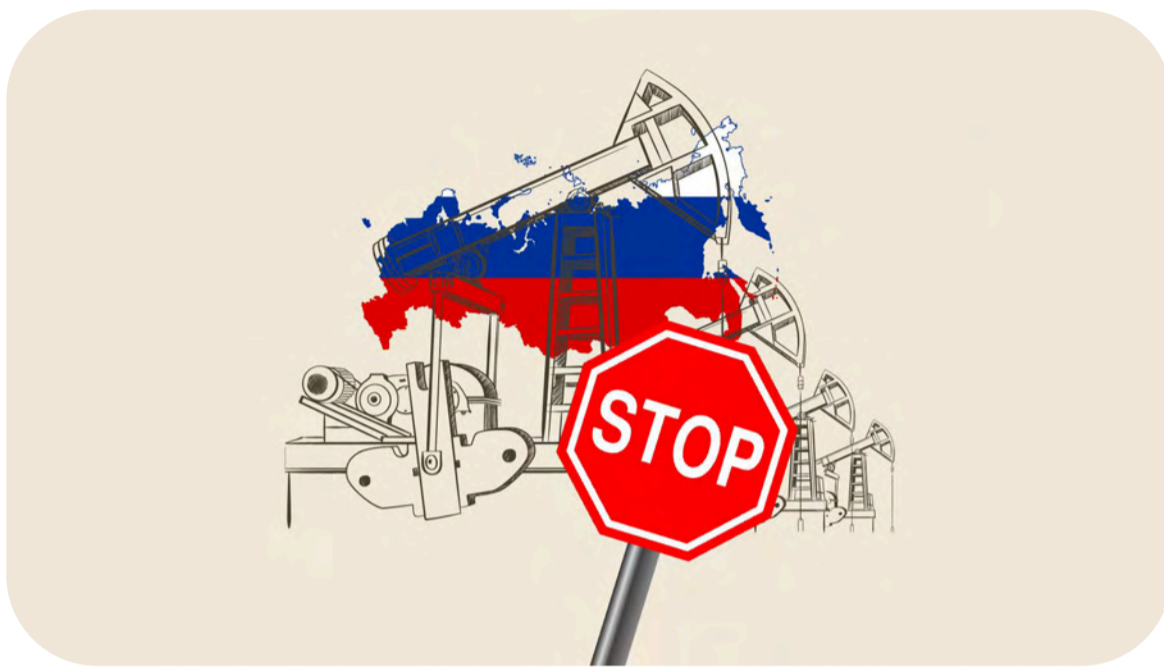
The [NGO ANTS](#) conducts monitoring and research work on the state not only of the Ukrainian economy and society, but of the Russian economy and Russian society as well in order to have a true picture of the situation in this country, and not be satisfied with the bluff, hybrid aggression and desinformation that Vladimir Putin loves so much.

Fortunately, in today's world it is difficult to hide anything, and realistic conclusions can be drawn if information is analyzed in a timely and correct manner, having instant access to the Russian and international information field, and an excellent understanding of the context and social processes.

**The head of our organization, Dr. Hanna Hopko, former head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine,** is making great efforts in the international arena to advocate for the cessation of appeasement of the aggressor, who should not be irrationally feared, because his economy and social processes are far from being in the best shape.



# 10 reasons to stop the transit of Russian oil to Europe



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The aggressor country receives \$6 billion from the sale of oil to the EU through the Druzhba pipeline, which passes through Ukrainian territory. This money is then used to produce missiles and Shahed drones, but this is not the only reason to stop this transit.

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## Mosaic of Russian economic news for February 2025

Despite the boom in defense factories, which churn out tanks and bombs for the war in three shifts, the civilian sectors of the economy have been in crisis or stagnating since mid-2023. This is especially true for the coal, metallurgy, forestry, and agriculture industries. And record defense spending has pushed the economy into an inflationary spiral, which even the increase in the Central Bank of the Russian Federation rate to a 20-year high of 21% per annum has been powerless to stop.

Russia has reoriented itself from Europe to China in economic terms and this integration is extremely deep, so the US attempts to tear it away from China are expected to end in failure.

Since the beginning of the war, Russia has lost more than half of its foreign direct investment, or \$262 billion, experienced a record capital outflow, and lost 2 million

workers as a result of mass recruitment to the front and the emigration of hundreds of thousands of citizens abroad.

To balance a budget that for the first time since Soviet times is spending every third ruble on the military, the government has spent two-thirds of the currency and gold reserves in the National Welfare Fund, whose liquid assets have shrunk to their lowest since the fund was created in 2008.

Russia is unable to sell millions of barrels of oil due to sanctions and is preparing to cut production. The "farewell" sanctions of the Joe Biden administration, which affected Gazprom Neft, Surgutneftegaz, and 180 tankers of the "shadow fleet", have led to Russia having an excess of oil that cannot be exported abroad.

As a result, over a month of sanctions, oil producers have accumulated 17 million unsold barrels that are drifting in tankers converted into floating storage facilities. By the beginning of summer, this volume could grow to 50 million barrels, analysts at Goldman Sachs predict.



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## **Mosaic of socio-political news from Russia for February 2025**

The Russian army is being exhausted by the creeping advance at the front, as is Russian society, which is suffering from depopulation, authoritarianism and psychological pressure.

The economic situation has divided Russian society into those who earn or benefit from the war, as well as those whose incomes have been significantly reduced due to inflation, a constant rise in prices.

Russia does not abandon attempts to destabilize Europe through subversion and sabotage.

Russia ignores the needs of its own citizens, cutting social spending even on the most necessary things – assistance to the sick, injured civilians, social infrastructure such as kindergartens.

At the same time, the militarization of society is taking place from childhood, which means setting up for a long existence in war mode. At the same time, it is clear that Putin needs a break from the war to restore the army's combat capability.



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