

RUSSIA RELATED ANALYTICAL DIGEST ON NOVEMBER 2025

“GOLD, SANCTIONS, AND SURVEILLANCE: RUSSIA ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE”

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.

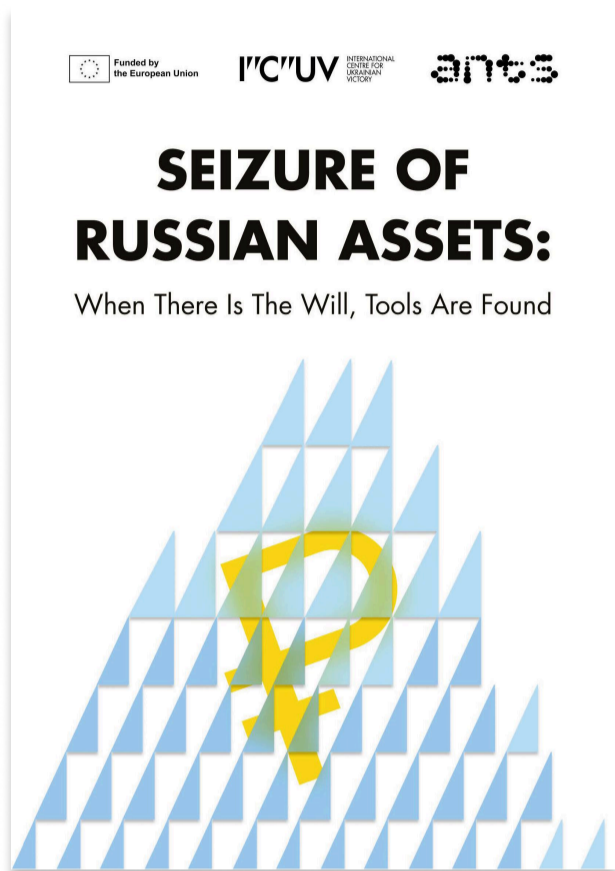
Fortunately, in today's world it is difficult to hide anything, and realistic conclusions can be drawn if information is analyzed in a timely and correct manner, having instant access to the Russian and international information field, and an excellent understanding of the context and social processes.

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.



Analytical column:

SEIZURE OF RUSSIAN ASSETS: When There Is The Will, Tools Are Found



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Mosaic of Russian economic news for November 2025

Fiscal and Energy Turmoil: Gold Sales, Oil Losses, and Workforce Cut

Gold and FX Reserves Collapse

Reserves fell by \$25B due to gold price drop, real sales of gold from the NWF began to fund the budget.

Oil and Gas Revenue Pressure

US sanctions on Rosneft and Lukoil may cut exports by 25% and reduce budget revenues by over 1T rubles.

Budget Crisis

The 10-month deficit reached 4.2T rubles, December spending must be cut 15.5% to avoid collapse.

Corporate and Industry Strain

Coal losses reached 309.2B rubles, oil and gas profits nearly halved, electronics projects delayed due to underfunding.

Labor and Social Pressure

254K people on downtime or reduced hours, medical staff shortage up to 80%, restaurants closing in Patriarch Ponds.

Economic Contraction

Manufacturing PMI at 48, container market down 4–6%, Central Bank may raise rate to 20% due to GDP decline.

International Cooperation

Russia trains Chinese sailors for the Northern Sea Route to boost cargo traffic.

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Mosaic of socio-political news from Russia in November 2025

State Pressure Intensifies: Data, Youth, and Education Under Watch

Repression Surge: Russia Hits New Records

Prison sentences now 67% of politically sensitive cases and grey-zone charges rising sharply.



Consent Abolished: Personal Data Rules Relaxed

Russians no longer give individual consent for data in healthcare tourism education or utilities sectoral rules will govern processing.

Runet Isolation: White Lists and Closed Internet

Authorities test a tightly controlled internet allowing only whitelisted content isolated from the global web.

Patriotic Schools: Music Replaces Bells

Schools play patriotic songs to promote unity shared values and love for the homeland.

Life Sentences Spike: Record 54 in H1 2025

Life sentences grow especially for captured Ukrainian soldiers overall convictions drop grey-zone charges increase.

Vehicles Confiscated for War

Over 5,500 cars seized from offenders sent to military front or occupied regions reducing drunk driving.

Youth Surveillance: Generation Index

Authorities track young Russians' attitudes toward war and Western influence red-zone results trigger urgent measures.

Public Disengagement: People vs Party

Most citizens favor compromise with Ukraine domestic issues gap grows between desired and expected policies.

Insurers to Share Data with Security Agencies

Insurance companies will transmit client info to law enforcement expanding state monitoring.

Higher Education Restricted in 42 Fields

Admission limited for programs like law journalism economics engineering narrowing opportunities for students.

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