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Context

Imaginary situation where the current Russian Foreign Affairs Minister, Sergej Lavrov, dies under mysterious circumstances during the most recent G20 meeting, on the 14th of November 2022. The doctors who conducted his autopsy say that he perished due to natural causes, because he was old and apparently sick. President Vladimir Putin does not believe this was the case: in his view, the fact that it occurred during a G20 meeting where several Western leaders were present was not a coincidence: Lavrov was poisoned. In his view, this amounts to a declaration of war from the West, and in this speech he delivers a powerful message to his people in the colossal Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow (and through a live-stream video transmitted on all Russian national broadcasters), saying that an “all-out” war against the West is now unavoidable.

Speech

My friends, citizens of the Motherland Russia,

It is with unimaginable sorrow that I am announcing that our Foreign Minister, Sergej Lavrov, has died yesterday in Bali during the G20 meeting. He was a remarkable person, politician and, most importantly, a friend. He always put the national interest over his personal one, even when the two did not coincide, without EVER hesitating. During these difficult times, he was an extraordinary ally to me and to you, my friends, who are now at the border proudly defending our Motherland against the Neo-Nazi threat.

You are probably now hearing doctors saying he died of natural causes, that he was already sick and therefore it was expectable. This, my friends, is utterly wrong: Sergej was in perfect health, so there is no reason to believe he died naturally: he was poisoned.

As you probably know, my friends, there are several venoms which are easy to overlook during an autopsy: I can think of ricin, for example. It can be assumed orally and has no taste. It makes it look, to an uncareful eye, like the person died naturally.

It is no coincidence that Sergej died during the G20 meeting: this was a clear move from the West to further disrupt our Motherland, to erase any possibility for appeasement and ceasefire to this terrible conflict. They sanctioned us in the hope we would submit to their colonialist, imperialist and unjust order they call “liberal” and “democratic”. We decided not to succumb to this injustice, and we answered by cutting the supply of natural gas, so they could finally freeze in their luxurious homes. Their response was nothing new: blood. That is the price to pay if you do not obey their rules, and history is here to prove it to us.

Do you know, my friends, what happened in Africa before WW1? Did you ever hear of the so-called “scramble for Africa”? In this situation, millions of indigenous people were enslaved, tortured and killed by Western elites, who were there to (IN AN IRONIC VOICE) “bring civilization”, as they like

to say.

They say that they have changed, they say that something like this would never happen again, they draft their void Human Rights documents, conventions in the hope to gain legitimacy for their bloodbaths. The time for peaceful diplomacy is done. The assassination of Sergej is a clear declaration of war from the West, who, despite our best efforts to the contrary, refuses the idea of finding a non-violent solution to this crisis. Unfortunately, my friends, a military conflict is the ONLY solution to the Western threat, since this is the ONLY language they understand.

(WITH A PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE VOICE) The Western dictatorship needs to end.

The people deserve it.

The Motherland deserves it.

Thank you.