After Crimea gamble, is Russian diplomacy heading for a new era?

The Crimea standoff has underlined Moscow’s resolve to draw a line with the West over its vital security interests. Moscow will now be increasingly looking East to promote and protect its economic and geopolitical interests.

Dmitry Baruch

Russia now has a new diplomacy after it abandoned its old one in Crimea, which is more an “occupator” by the Western powers and a “vassal” by a majority of the Russians and their allies abroad.

There are two extremes in answering this question: one says that Moscow is trying to recover its old Soviet might, probably even beyond the borders of the former Soviet Union. The other version is to say that what happened in Crimea was an “improvisation” and they will be forced back to business as usual – with Russia supposedly accepting the inclusion into the Western sphere of influence of new territories of the former Soviet Union to the tune of half a billion “people in the area of security and prosperity.” The truth, an alibi, is between the two.

Russia does not want isolation and exclusion from the international exchange of trade, capital and knowledge, even though its hopes in Euro-Atlantic and EU integration are happily trying to impose on it just this kind of exclusion, remarkably, for example, the right to vote for the Russian delegation to pretend to be a member of the European Union. Russia is one such territory. But it does not mean that Russia plans to become a member of the EU, stepping into the shoes of the defunct Soviet Union, nor to “befall exquisite, the editor-in-chief of “Russia in Global Milions,” a Russian-bought research institute.

There are some scholars who don’t exclude an “Afghan option” for Eastern Europe, with Ukrainian guerrillas acting as the Afghan mujahideen.

In Russia’s relations with the US and European Union, henceforth security will be seen as an even more important criterion than profitability.

As for Russia’s “isolation,” the West’s exaggeration seems to be based on recent events, it will be easy for the US for now to recover its former position. It is especially worth noting that Russia is not questioning its membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. It is noteworthy that against the background of the very emotional debates about the line. In everything other than the line. In everything else, Moscow is not going to come to an automatic separation from the EU.

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In the West’s view, the operation in Crimea indicated, in the words of controversial Russian TV anchor Dmitry Kiselyov, that we are moving toward a level of general confrontation. Hardly. Russia is not the Soviet Union. It makes no claims on other world dominion or ideological dominance. Moscow is drawing a line around what it considers vital (including Ukraine, certainly), interests, and its actions will not be reversible. But its goal in the international arena is not to simply oppose the US. However, this may be the way that Russia remembers others about the line. In everything else, Moscow is not going to come to an automatic separation from the EU.

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**Russia to supply ‘Mango’ anti-tank shells to India**

According to a Russia-India agreed statement in late March, 20,000 Mango anti-tank shells will be delivered to India. The ministry of defence of India has been informed that the supply of this very modern weapon, a winged green-powder projectile for 120-mm caliber tank gun is capable of piercing the armor of even the best T-72 tanks at a distance of two kilometers. RIA Novosti

**India tests fire advanced version of BrahMos missile**

The Indian Army recently conducted a successful fire of an advanced version of the BrahMos missile at an advanced integrated coastal test range in Goa. The missile was launched from a mobile four-wheel launch vehicle. Its flight path was observed from the front and from the back, using multi-sensor detection system. The missile successfully hit the target on water. The strike on target was confirmed by multi-sensor detection system. The missile was launched from a mobile four-wheel launch vehicle. Its flight path was observed from the front and from the back, using multi-sensor detection system. The missile successfully hit the target on water. The strike on target was confirmed by multi-sensor detection system.

**BNP Paribas:** Russia to begin shipping potash to India

Russia may sell up to 20 reactor power modules in India, Sergei Kovalski of Uralchem said on Thursday. The company’s president Vasily Yakimkin at FIBO Group believes that the current sanctions will not affect India’s demand for potash. Jyrki Katainen, the European Commission vice-president, has already indicated that the EU could sustain sanctions against Russia only for a short time. The rule of the Taliban returning to power in Afghanistan is expected to become operational only by 2021. While the US and the EU have been struggling to agree on sanctions, India’s committed relations with Pakistan will most likely cause all nations of involved not to commit any to such an investment immediately.

**Bloomberg**

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**The Economic Times**

India’s top potash manufacturer has agreed to sell 8,000,000 tonnes of soil nutrient to IPL at $322 per tonne, saving India massive forex. uralkali (URKA), the world’s largest potash producer, has concluded a long-term contract with the key buyer in Europe. Uralkali will sell this volume at the price of $322 per tonne. The contract volume is based on the terms of the fertilizer industry being in favor of India. The terms of the new contract are very clear and advantageous for India. Uralkali will supply 8 million tonnes of potash over the lifetime of the contract. Uralkali is a key buyer for India. Uralkali supplies Europe with about 10 million tonnes of potash of the total 70 million tonnes imported by Europe in 2012. The contract volume is based on the terms of the fertilizer industry being in favor of India. Uralkali will supply 8 million tonnes of potash over the lifetime of the contract. Uralkali is a key buyer for India. Uralkali supplies Europe with about 10 million tonnes of potash of the total 70 million tonnes imported by Europe in 2012.

**India Today**

A unique Indian exhibition opens at Moscow Kremlin

A unique exhibition held in Moscow attracting nearly 200 array of jewellery from Indian and European designers, head of Rosneft was chief guest. The exhibition brought from private collections and museums in India and other countries and took place at the Republic of Sakha in a major diamond production country RBK

**Diplomacy**

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It is a Moscow of high style, and the 35th edition of the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Russia kicked off on Wednesday, 16 April with the participation of many of the top designers of the country.

The fashion week is held in various locations across Moscow, from the Manezh exhibition hall to the National Centre of Contemporary Art. The event is considered one of the most important fashion events in the region and attracts some of the most prestigious fashion brands from around the world.

The fashion week is open to the public, and anyone can attend the shows and events. The event is also attended by fashion industry professionals, including buyers, designers, and journalists.

Shivaji Dutta, a designer from India, presented his collection at the event. The collection was inspired by the local culture and traditions, and featured sustainable and ethical fashion.

DOLCE & GABANNA

Beauty, elegance, dressing up: It’s all in the DNA of Russian women!

Celebrity Italian designers speak to RBTH about Russian women’s love for high fashion & style

INNA FEDOROVA, RBTH

He is not your first idea for Moscow. What do you see as your chance to conquer the Russian capital?

Shivaji Dutta: We came to Moscow to revolutionize the way women dress.

What would you say about the way Russian women dress?

Shivaji Dutta: It has been a wonderful market for us. We have been able to share our vision of fashion and beauty with the Russian audience.

And how did you choose your collection for the show?

Shivaji Dutta: Our collection was inspired by the local culture and traditions of Moscow, and we wanted to create something that was unique and special for the Russian audience.

How do you see the Russian luxury market?

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How do you see the Russian luxury market? Is it a market where you can do business and make profits?

Shivaji Dutta: Yes, we are very interested in the Russian market. Our goal is to create a strong brand presence in Russia.

What would you say about the way Russian men dress?

Shivaji Dutta: We have noticed that Russian men are very similar to Russian women, and we believe that our fashion is well received by both genders.

And what about Russian men?

Shivaji Dutta: Russian men love to be loved. They want to be looked at, and they take care of their appearance.

How do you see the future of Russian fashion?

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