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MOSCOW – The silence of Red Square tomorrow will be more deafening than the usual roar of the tanks. For the 81st anniversary of the Victory over Nazism, the Kremlin has ordered an unprecedented downsizing: **no heavy vehicles, no tanks, no cadets from the glorious Suvorov and Nakhimov academies.**

What was supposed to be the display of unshakable power has turned into an exhibition of vulnerability. The "operational situation," as the Ministry of Defense coldly defines it, has forced the Russian leadership into a humiliating choice: to protect their symbols by hiding them.

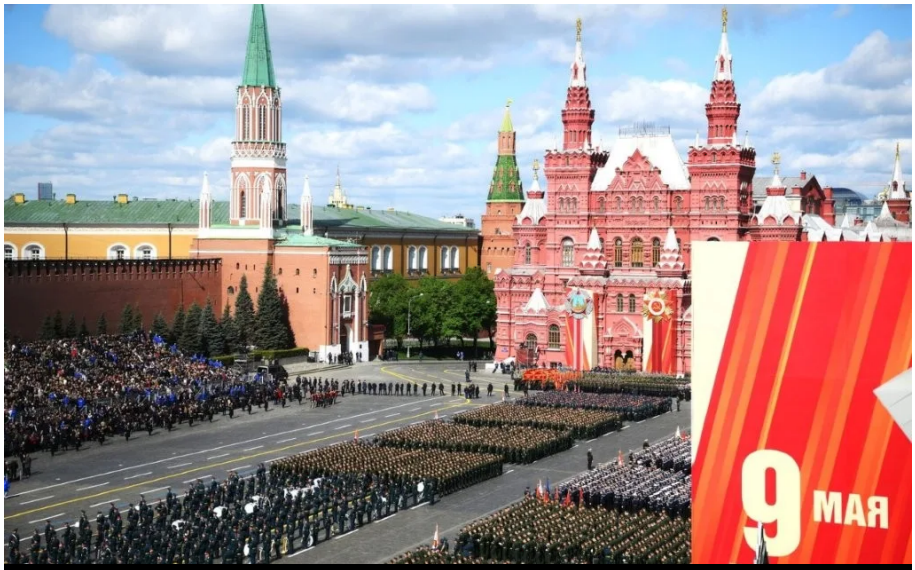


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The Sky Phobia: The Fortified Kremlin

The news filtering from the corridors of power describes a climate of true national **paranoia**. The security services (FSB and FSO) are on high alert, riddled with internal tensions and mutual accusations between the generals and Putin's agents.

- **Obscured signals:** Moscow is experiencing an unprecedented digital blackout; GPS signals disrupted and mobile networks interrupted to prevent the navigation of Ukrainian drones.
- **Airports closed:** The main Moscow airports are paralyzed, a drastic measure to clear the skies of any unidentified objects.
- **The President's Bunker:** According to intelligence reports, Vladimir Putin has minimized public appearances, spending most of his time in underground shelters. His fear of being targeted is no longer a secret but a state directive that imposes a vast distance between the leader and the people.



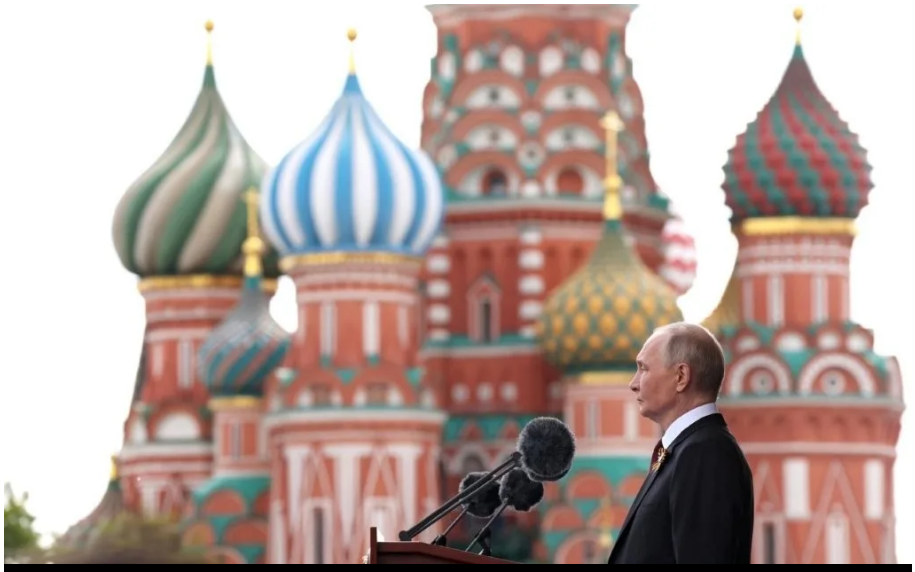
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The "Nuclear Bomb" Effect on the Russian Mind

In this scenario, a potential Ukrainian attack during the parade would not only have military value but a devastating psychological impact. For the average Russian citizen, Red Square is the *Sancta Sanctorum* of national identity.

> *Seeing smoke rise above the Kremlin domes while the President speaks of "inevitable victory" would produce* ***a mental shockwave comparable to a nuclear explosion****.*

It would be the definitive collapse of the myth of Russian invulnerability, the visual proof that the "social contract" – stability and security in exchange for obedience – has been torn apart by the conflict. The awareness that not even on the most sacred day can the regime guarantee security in its nerve center would trigger a collective panic that no propaganda could contain.



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Lavrov: "No Mercy"

The Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov, has tried to respond to this existential threat with tones of universal judgment:

> *"If the Ukrainians attack Moscow tomorrow, there will be no mercy for them".*

Words that betray, behind the rhetorical ferocity, the extreme nervousness of a leadership that feels the ground shaking beneath its feet. Lavrov accuses the West of wanting to inflict a "strategic defeat" on Russia, but the truth emerging from tomorrow's preparations is that the defeat, at least in terms of image and internal serenity, is already visible in the empty streets and fortified skies of the capital.

Tomorrow Red Square will not only celebrate a victory of the past but will measure the extent of present fears.