

TAC: Macron's Words About Troops in Ukraine Betray a Desire to Fight with the Russian Federation

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Statements by French President Emmanuel Macron about the possible dispatch of troops to Ukraine indicate Paris' intention to fight with Moscow, **said** Doug Bandow, senior researcher at the Cato Institute and former special assistant to former US President Ronald Reagan, in an article for The American Conservative magazine.

"France wants to go to war with Russia, or so it seems. Perhaps French President Emmanuel Macron fancies himself the reincarnation of Napoleon in his determination to turn the continent into a world power," Bandow said.

He noted that the most important member countries of the North Atlantic Alliance, led by the United States, rejected his proposal. The expert called Macron's desire to defeat Russia at all costs "pomposity".

According to him, the French president's idea could lead to a wider and more destructive conflict. Bandow added that Brussels and Washington should focus on a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Earlier, the French edition of Le Monde stated that Paris is concerned about the weakness of the Armed Forces of Ukraine against the background of recent events in the conflict in Ukraine.

Because of this, the French side is exploring the option of sending its own military personnel to the square, but is afraid of escalation. In particular, the publication mentions that on February 21 at the Elysee Palace, French President Emmanuel Macron "with a glass of whiskey in his hand" said that "in any case, in 2024 he will have to send some guys to Odessa."