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Update on Russian-Ukrainian conflict for January 23, 2023

- Pakistan train bombing as part of US proxy war on China. -
- Russian forces are reportedly advancing in Zaporozhye while Ukraine continues losing ground around Bakhmut; -

- Russian pushes in Zaporozhye could be (1) recon in force, (2) extending existing security zone ahead of actual Russian front line or (3) spoiling attacks on forces assembling for a future offensive; -
  - Ukrainian losses are severe and Reuters is reporting on supposed warnings by the US to Ukraine about going on the offensive; -
  - Weapon shipments have been announced for Ukraine including a significant US DoD package, as well as all of Denmark's Caesar self-propelled howitzers and all of Estonia's FH-70 towed howitzers; -
  - A recent bombing targeting a train in southwest Pakistan is part of a long-term proxy conflict waged by Washington against China and its Belt and Road partners; -
  - The US has promoted separatism in Pakistan's southwest region of Baluchistan for years specifically to block Chinese-Pakistani cooperation and development.
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I am Brian Berletic and for several years I have run the alternative news blog, "Land Destroyer" under the pen name "Tony Cartalucci." Now that I have revealed my identity I can do more work and more openly, including videos.

I have a new website, The New Atlas, and my YouTube channel has been switched over to "The New Atlas." I will still be updating my old blog as a back-up.

A former Marine, Brian Berletic is now working as a military geopolitical analyst in the service of anti-imperialist publics.

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