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RUSSIA INTENT ON UKRAINE

ANALYSIS SUMMARY – 23rd February 2022

TANGENT® analyzed the 'Russia intent on Ukraine', given the gradual increase of Russian forces on Ukraine's border, a large part of which came through Belarus.

The historical, political, economic and racial aspects, among others were analyzed. Adding to this were the latest media and social media reviews, including body language analyses.

Following is a summary of **TANGENT**®'s analysis:

- 1. This is not (simple) posturing by Russia, as is the opinion of many (organizations), even in Pakistan. It appears that Russia's intent is very close to what is publicly stated.
- 2. Russia wants to make a strong and long lasting 'statement' with a focus on NATO's desire for expansion.
- 3. It appears that Russia wants NATO to become occupied in more directions. Our analysis concludes that it is within Europe and in Mid East.
- 4. Russia has calculated that this will result in economic costs. Gold reserves have tripled since 2014, and US Dollar reserves have been brought down to 19%.

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