

# *Washington Still Considering Military Option against Russia*

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Washington, January 26 (RHC)-- The United States is still considering the military option against Russia over Ukraine, according to an analyst in Belgrade, Serbia.

Joaquin Flores, geostrategist and director at Center for Syncretic Studies, made the remarks in a phone interview with Press TV on Sunday while commenting on U.S. President Barack Obama's claim that Washington is not seeking a military confrontation with Russia over the Ukraine crisis.

"I've been very clear that it would not be effective to engage in a military conflict with Russia on this issue," Obama said during his visit to India on Sunday.

Flores said: "At first this might sound like a positive development." But "it must be understood in context," he added. "Peeling back the layers of doublespeak and hypocrisy, we find that since the coup that the U.S. launched in Ukraine about a year ago, it has been the U.S. that has spearheaded the present military conflict there today."

"It has been the U.S. that has been funding and supporting the various extremist elements...in Ukraine," he added. Last year, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Victoria Nuland disclosed that Washington has "invested" about \$5 billion in "promoting democracy" in Ukraine over the past two decades.

In February 2014, Nuland visited Ukraine and held meetings with anti-Kremlin politicians who organized anti-government protests that led to the ouster of Viktor Yanukovich, the country's democratically-elected president.

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