## Parade amid pandemic — apocalyptic realities in Russia

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Over the past 24 hours, from March 31 to April 1, Russia officially reported 440 new coronavirus cases (although few still believe the official data released there), which brings the total count to 2,777 with 24 deaths. Meanwhil, preparations are ongoing for the May 9 Victory Parade on Red Square, with a large-scale rehearsal being part of it.

Despite the rapidly developing pandemic, the scale of which in Russia has been concealed for several months, tas well as the lack of necessary equipment, medications and professionals to fight the coronavirus, Moscow is not suspending its propaganda projects. And it's pretty clear that Victory Day parade is not about paying tribute to the Soviet soldiers killed in World War II but primarily the propaganda stunt to promote the "greatness" of the Russian army.

Today, a video of a major rehearsal was posted on social networks, shocking users.

The fact is that during the event involving several thousand Russian troops, not one was seen wearing personal protective gear. No face masks in sight, not to mention gloves to protect hands or goggles to protect a mucous membrane of the eyes.

On the other hand, it seems that the issue of holding a large-scale parade has already been agreed directly in the Kremlin. After all, today, Putin's press secretary Dmitry Peskov told reporters that there have been no decisions to change plans for the Victory Parade in Moscow on May 9 because of the

## coronavirus!

It should be noted that the Red Square parade scheduled for May 9 is set to take place precisely at the time when the coronavirus epidemic in Russia will reach its peak, according to experts. As international organizations state that Russia isn't effectively countering Covid-19, while hiding its failures through propaganda efforts and rigged stats on the epidemic scale, this peak period could lead to truly catastrophic consequences.

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