

POLITICAL-MILITARY DECISIONS WITH MAJOR IMPACT

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Abstract: *The article discusses the political-military decisions related to some important moments in human history, namely: the European crusades in the East, World War I, World War II, the Cuban missile crisis, the agreements between Reagan and Gorbachev.*

Western and Central Europe carried out crusades in the Near East between 1096 and 1270 with the aim of freeing the tomb of Christ in Jerusalem from Muslim occupation. Although it started from religious purposes, the crusades were based on political-military decisions at a strategic level.

The First World War was a military conflict of global proportions. It was a global war started in Europe, which took place between July 28, 1914 and November 11, 1918, and in which more than 70 million soldiers participated, including 60 million mobilized Europeans.

World War II was also a global conflict that took place from 1939 to 1945, although some conflicts associated with it began even earlier. The war involved the vast majority of the world's countries, including all the great powers, who formed two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis.

Last but not least in importance are decisions regarding the Cuban Missile Crisis and the end of the Cold War.

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Numerous specialists, analysts, managers, academics and scientific researchers, all have defined the concept of decision starting from the provisions of dictionaries on various fields and from practical activity. The decision represents "The decision taken following the examination of a problem, a situation, etc. adopted solution (among several possible), resolution. Decision taken by a body of the state administration..."

In the political-military field, the value of the decision-making process decisively determines the evolution of society in general, but also of the military body, and in case of war, the final result.

Political-military phenomena have a special complexity in the 21st century. The increase in complexity is generated by the ever-increasing number of possible solutions, by the weight of predicting the long-term consequences of decisions as a result of increasing the degree of uncertainty, the consequences of errors in decision-making can be unfavorable due to the complexity of operations and the chain reaction that error can generate it.

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