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The situation around Syrian Kurdistan is dramatically changing the situation not only in the region, but also in the world. The consent of US President Donald Trump to a military operation in northern Syria led not only to the **victory** of Russian President Vladimir Putin, but also to the emergence of serious questions about who can now guarantee security in Eurasia, the Welt newspaper writes.

According to columnist Michael Sturmer, the Russian president this week managed to "win without war" in Syria. While US special forces hastily evacuated their bases on the orders of Donald Trump, "the territories they abandoned were occupied by the Russians."

Now no one will be able to prevent Putin from "continuing to move forward in the near abroad and in the Eurasian security zone," and now "no one will stop him: neither China, nor the USA, nor **NATO**," the author is sure. At the same time, however, the Welt indicates that "even Putin may get proud", and Donald Trump's America serves as a warning to him. After all, it was the United States that in 1991 arrogantly proclaimed the "new world order".

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