

Five Minutes to Moscow: Putin Warns of U.S./NATO Anti-ballistic, Hypersonic Missiles in Ukraine, Says Russia Has “Nowhere to Retreat”

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Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed Moscow’s great concern over the deployment of the US Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Systems near Russian borders, including their possible location in Ukraine.

“We are highly concerned over the deployment of the US ABM systems near Russian [borders],” the head of state noted at the expanded meeting of the Defense Ministry Board on Tuesday.

According to Putin, “if this infrastructure advances, if the US and NATO missile systems appear in Ukraine, then their flight time to Moscow will be reduced to 7-10 minutes, and speaking about hypersonic weapons – to 5 minutes.”

“For us, this is a serious hurdle, a challenge to our security,” the Russian leader noted.

“The buildup of US and NATO forces directly at the Russian borders, as well as holding large-scale drills, including unplanned ones, causes serious concern,” Putin pointed out.

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[Russia simply has “nowhere to retreat” if US weapons appear in Ukraine – Putin](#)

The United States and its allies need to understand that Russia simply “has nowhere to retreat” if its weapons appear in Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday at an expanded meeting of the Defense Ministry board.

“They [the US] simply do what they want. But what they are doing on the territory of Ukraine now, or trying to do and going to do – this is not thousands of kilometers away from our national border. This is at the doorstep of our home. They must understand that we simply have nowhere to retreat further,” Putin said.

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“Do they think we don’t see these threats? Or do they think that we are so weak-willed to simply look blanky at the threats posed to Russia? [Good question] That is the problem: we simply have nowhere to move further, that’s the question,” Putin said.

Standard Missile 3 of the sort currently deployed in Romania and soon in Poland.

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