

Russia tells US ambassador it will retaliate over Sevastopol missile strike

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There is a definite shift in Moscow's narrative intimating that it will retaliate. Crimea is considered to be part of the Russian Federation. Sevastopol is home to Russia's Naval base on the Black Sea.

See the report by al-Jazeera below.

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Moscow blames US, says retaliation will 'definitely follow'

Russia has blamed the United States for a "barbaric" attack in Crimea that relied on US-provided [missiles](#) and killed at least four, including children, and wounded 151 others.

Russia's Foreign Ministry summoned US Ambassador Lynne Tracy on Monday and **accused the US of waging a "proxy war" and said retaliatory measures would "definitely follow"**.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, Moscow has persistently claimed that it is effectively fighting a proxy war with the West. Speaking to reporters on Monday, US Department of State spokesperson Matthew Miller said that the US provides Ukraine with weapons so that it can defend its sovereignty and that Tracy conveyed regret over any civilian loss of life.

A recent decision by the US allowing Ukraine to use weapons it supplies on targets inside Russian territory risks escalation and will incur “consequences”, the Kremlin said.

The Ukrainian attack on the Russian-occupied Crimean Peninsula was conducted with five US-supplied Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) missiles, the Russian Ministry of Defence said on Sunday.

It added that four had been shot down and that a fifth had detonated in midair. The ministry claimed that US specialists had set the missiles’ flight coordinates on the basis of information from US spy satellites. There has been no response from the US, which began supplying Ukraine with the missiles earlier this year. There was no immediate response from Kyiv.

“Such actions by Washington ... will not be left without response,” Russia’s Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Monday as it summoned the ambassador. “There will definitely be response measures.”

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called the attack “absolutely barbaric” and said in a news conference that Moscow would react to the US involvement.

“You should ask my colleagues in Europe, and above all in Washington ... why their governments are killing Russian children,” he suggested to reporters present.

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The report by TASS quotes the Foreign Ministry which intimates that the attack was sponsored by Washington:

“Response measures will definitely follow,” the Russian Foreign Ministry underscored

US Ambassador to Moscow Lynne Tracy was summoned to the Russian Foreign Ministry over Sunday’s deadly attack on Sevastopol on Monday.

“During a conversation with head of the US diplomatic mission to Russia Tracy at the Russian Foreign Ministry on June 24, a protest was issued to her over another deadly crime by the Kiev regime, being sponsored and armed by Washington, which conducted a deliberate missile attack on civilians in Sevastopol, causing numerous casualties, including among children,” the ministry said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said that the United States, which is waging a hybrid war against Russia, has actually become party to the conflict by “supplying the Ukrainian army with the most advanced weapons, including ATACMS missiles, equipped with cluster warheads, used against residents of Sevastopol, whose flight paths are programmed by American military specialists, bears equal responsibility with the Kiev regime for this atrocity.”

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