

# **On the Brink. Scott Ritter**

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There's an old saying, "Fool around and find out." On November 19, Ukraine fired six USmade missiles at a target located on Russian soil. On November 20, Ukraine fired up to a dozen British-made Storm Shadow cruise missiles against a target on Russian soil. On November 21, Russia fired a new intermediate-range missile against a target of Ukrainian soil.

#### Ukraine and its American and British allies fooled around.

# And now they have found out: if you attack Mother Russia, you will pay a heavy price.

In the early morning hours of November 21, Russia launched a missile which struck the Yuzmash factory in the Ukrainian city of Dnipropetrovsk. Hours after this missile, which was fired from the Russian missile test range in Kapustin Yar, struck its target, Russian **President Vladimir Putin** appeared on Russian television, where he announced that the missile fired by Russia, which both the media and western intelligence had classified as an experimental modification of the RS-26 missile, which had been mothballed by Russia in 2017, was, in fact, a completely new weapon known as the "Oreshnik," which in Russian means "hazelnut." Putin noted that the missile was still in its testing phase, and that the combat launch against Ukraine was part of the test, which was, in his words, "successful."

Putin declared that the missile, which flew to its target at more than ten times the speed of sound, was invincible.

"Modern air defense systems that exist in the world, and anti-missile defenses created by the Americans in Europe, can't intercept such missiles," Putin said.

Putin said the Oreshnik was developed in response to the planned deployment by the United States of the Dark Eagle hypersonic missile, itself an intermediate-range missile. The Oreshnik was designed to "mirror" US and NATO capabilities.

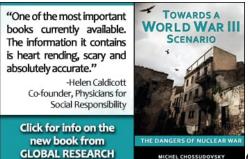
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