

Russia Says It Will Make Official Diplomatic Protest to Britain Over Putin's Claims UK Trained Ukrainian Nuclear Power Plant Hit Squad

After Vladimir Warned of 'Consequences'

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Below is an excerpt of the Daily Mail's Report on **Russia's official protest regarding the training of Ukrainian hit squads**.

This report is followed by an excerpt of the U.K Ministry of Defense CONFIRMING that **"British Commandos train hundreds of Ukrainian Marines in UK programme"**

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*[Russia](#) will lodge an official diplomatic protest to Britain over **Vladimir Putin's** claims that the [United Kingdom trained a Ukrainian hit squad](#).*

The Kremlin dictator offered no proof for his charges that an intercepted team was aiming to damage power lines from a Russian [nuclear power](#) plant.

He claimed the squad admitted under interrogation that they were 'under supervision of British instructors' and threatened dire consequences, admitting his words would be interpreted as 'nuclear blackmail'.

Now Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman **Maria Zakharova** has said [Moscow](#) will lodge a formal diplomatic protest against [London](#) over the unproven allegations.

Russia would convey its anger over the alleged plot through both 'open channels' and

'diplomatic channels', she said.

During a speech at an economic forum in the far eastern city of Vladivostok yesterday, Putin claimed his FSB security service had interrogated a Ukrainian team operating inside Russia.

'It turned out to be a sabotage group of Ukrainian special services,' he said.

'Interrogation showed they had been tasked to damage one of our nuclear stations by exploding a power line... to damage the work of the power plant.

'And this is not the first attempt,' he claimed.

He then alleged:

'During interrogation, they admitted they were trained under supervision of British instructors.'

'Do [the British] understand what they are playing with, or not? Are they provoking our response at Ukrainian nuclear sites, nuclear stations, or what?' he said.

'Does the British leadership, or the Prime Minister [of the United Kingdom. Rishi Sunak] know what their special services are engaged with in Ukraine?

'Or do they have no clue at all? I assume this is possible, too. I assume it is possible British special services act on the orders of the Americans. Either way, we know the final beneficiary.

'But do they realise what they are playing with? I am afraid they simply underestimate.... I know there will be howling that starts after my words like 'These are threats!', 'Nuclear blackmail!', and so on.'

Putin - a former KGB spy in the Cold War - told his audience at the 2023 Eastern Economic Summit:

'I assure you this is the total pure truth. So these guys are telling this to us during interrogation.

'I know some can say, "They will say anything under a gun". This is not true. And the leadership of the British special services knows I am telling the truth. But I am not sure the leadership of Great Britain understands what's going on.

'These kinds of things are seriously concerning, because they [the UK] don't feel the ground - which can lead to serious consequences.'

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British Commandos train hundreds of Ukrainian Marines in UK

programme

By [Ministry of Defence](#) and [The Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP](#), August 11, 2023

Nearly 1,000 Ukrainian marines are returning home after being trained by Royal Marines and Army Commandos, during a six-month UK programme supported by international partners.

The training, announced by the Prime Minister during President Zelensky's visit to the UK in February, has seen British **Commandos training Ukraine's forces in small boat amphibious operations - conducting beach raids using inflatable boats.**

It is the first programme of amphibious training delivered by the UK to Ukraine, culminating with the Ukrainian marines planning and conducting raids by both day and night.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said:

The UK has led the way in training the Armed Force of Ukraine, providing world-leading training in frontline combat skills to more than 20,000 of Ukraine's Army recruits through Operation Interflex.

This programme of training, delivered by elite British commandos, will support Ukraine to build its own distinct marine force and expand its capability to operate in a maritime environment.

Approximately 900 Ukrainian marines have completed the course, which included training to use Next Generation Light Anti-Tank Weapons (NLAW) and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, use of mortars and drones for reconnaissance, and explosive demolition of obstacles such as Dragon's Teeth anti-vehicle fortifications.

Equipment used in the training is the same as some of the military support the UK has provided to Ukraine, with more than 10,000 anti-tank weapons including thousands of NLAW systems already provided.

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