

Russia Slams UK Plans to Send Depleted Uranium Shells to Ukraine

Moscow warns of consequences to people, agriculture from use of depleted uranium munitions

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Russia slammed the UK on Wednesday for its plan to supply Ukraine with shells containing depleted uranium.

In a statement on its website, the Russian Foreign Ministry said the initiative was "further proof of London's intention to aggravate the confrontation" and contradicted the UK's claim of being "committed to the post-conflict rebuilding of that country."

"London has apparently forgotten about the well-known serious consequences of the use of toxic and radioactive munitions by the West during the conflicts in Yugoslavia and Iraq. A desire to increase the suffering of civilians and to do irreparable environmental damage shows that the British have no regard whatsoever for the Ukrainian people," it stressed.

The ministry called the British policy "openly cynical," showing "who the real aggressor and warmonger in Ukraine is."

"London must know that it will bear full responsibility for violating the fundamental norms of international law...We will respond to such actions accordingly," it said.

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