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# Moscow will respond if NATO gives nukes to 'Nazi regime in Kiev' – Medvedev

France and the UK are considering covertly handing nuclear capabilities or a 'dirty bomb' to Kiev, Russian intel has claimed



Dmitry Medvedev © Sputnik / Ekaterina Shtukina

Russia would launch a nuclear response if NATO countries supplied atomic weapons to Ukraine, former President Dmitry Medvedev has warned.

Medvedev, who now serves as deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council, was commenting to RT on Tuesday on claims by Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) that London and

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Paris are considering ways to provide nuclear weaponry or related components to Kiev.

*"I will be blunt and state the obvious,"* Medvedev said, adding that the reported intention by the UK and France to hand over nuclear capabilities to the *"Nazi regime in Kiev"* would change the situation entirely.

*"This is a direct transfer of nuclear weapons to a country at war,"* he stated.

According to the SVR, British and French officials are weighing the *"covert transfer of relevant European-made components, equipment, and technologies to Ukraine,"* and preparing an information campaign to portray any resulting capability as domestically developed.

*"There should be no doubt whatsoever that in such a scenario Russia would be forced to use any means at its disposal, including non-strategic nuclear weapons, against targets in Ukraine that threaten our country,"* Medvedev stated. *"And if necessary, against the supplier nations now implicated in a nuclear conflict with Russia. This is the kind of symmetrical response that the Russian Federation would be entitled to,"* he added.

The SVR also alleged that another option under discussion was the provision of a complete French TN 75 nuclear warhead used on submarine launched ballistic missiles, or assistance in building a radioactive *"dirty bomb"* using conventional explosives and nuclear materials. Kiev could seek *"more advantageous terms"* in any negotiations if it possessed such weapons, the SVR suggested, adding that Germany had *"prudently refused"* to participate.



Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described the reported plans as *"potentially very dangerous,"* saying they would threaten the global non-proliferation regime.

Ukraine has argued that it gave up its nuclear arsenal in exchange for security guarantees that later proved worthless. While a significant portion of Soviet nuclear forces were stationed in Ukraine, Kiev never controlled the missiles.

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The 1994 Budapest Memorandums provided assurances – but not legally binding guarantees – to Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan that their territorial integrity would be respected after transferring Soviet nuclear weapons to Russia. At the 2022 Munich Security Conference, shortly before the Ukraine conflict escalated, Ukraine’s Vladimir Zelensky suggested Kiev could reconsider its non-nuclear status.

Moscow maintains that after the 2014 Western-backed coup in Kiev, Ukraine’s new authorities breached the neutrality pledge underpinning its post-Soviet independence by making NATO membership a key foreign policy goal.

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Does Russia know where France and the UK store their nuclear weapons? Yes of course. It is pretty much public. The rest is a task for a good secret service. Does Russia observe these sites with satellites? Of course it does. Would it be possible for these countries to transfer nuclear weapons without Russia knowing every step? Nope. Until this is happening, we don't need to worry about the topic.

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