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# Russia winning ammunition race over NATO – Rutte

The country produces three times as much ammunition in three months as the bloc does in a year, the secretary-general has said



FILE PHOTO: NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte. © Omar Havana / Getty Images

Russia's military production is dwarfing that of NATO, Secretary-General Mark Rutte has warned, urging Western nations to ramp up defense spending.

In an interview with the New York Times on Saturday, Rutte sounded the alarm about Russia's military capabilities, noting that the country is "reconstituting itself at a pace and a speed which is unparalleled in recent history."

He said Moscow is "producing three times as much ammunition in three

months as the whole of NATO is doing in a year."

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Rutte pointed to a proposal to boost NATO defense spending to 5% of GDP – a figure US President Donald Trump has been insistent on – with 3.5% going to the core military budgets and another 1.5% earmarked for areas such as cyber defenses and preparing civilian infrastructure. *“Yes, this is an enormous amount of spending. But if we don’t, we’ll have to learn Russian,”* the NATO chief said.

Asked whether the increased defense spending risks fueling an arms race with Russia, Rutte said: *“We have to make sure that the deterrence is there,”* noting Russia’s heavy investment in tanks, artillery, air defense, and ammunition.

*“What I’m particularly worried about is the defense industrial output... because we simply lack the defense industrial base to produce the weapons we need to make sure that we can deter the Russians or the North Koreans or whoever.”*

Rutte’s comments come amid speculation in Western media and among some officials that Moscow will eventually attack NATO countries. Russian President Vladimir Putin has dismissed the accusation as *“nonsense,”* saying Moscow has no interest in invading the US-led bloc.

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As the Ukraine conflict rages on, Russia has significantly ramped up defense spending. Last year, Putin stated that Russia’s defense industry increased its output of ammunition fourteenfold, drones fourfold, and armored vehicles by 3.5 times since the start of the hostilities. He also said Russia outproduces all NATO countries combined tenfold in missile manufacturing.

In late June, Putin revealed that Russia is spending 13.5 trillion rubles (\$151 billion) on defense – around 6.3% of GDP. He acknowledged that the figure is high and has fueled inflation, while noting that the US has spent even more during past conflicts – 14% of GDP during the Korean War and 10% during the Vietnam War.

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Captain Obvious speaks!!! 🤔😄😄

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**יהודה ron** 7/6/2025 at 5:52 PM ↑

Captain wannabe.

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**Abdurraheem** 7/6/2025 at 5:52 PM

«We need to make sure that we can deter the Russians or the North Koreans or whoever. ELSE  
«We'll have to learn Russian!» Yes it's very interesting how Mr Brussels always uses a bogeyman to pimp  
the EU citizens

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**יהודה ron** 7/6/2025 at 5:52 PM

It's Great Russia against all the little nato minions.

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**Ancien** 7/6/2025 at 5:51 PM

Russia winning all races with NATO bunch of gays.

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**Z Zigga** 7/6/2025 at 5:48 PM


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There are three spheres of influence left in the world.

Russia  
China  
And Islam

The rest can be considered the third world.


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 **Winston Smith** 7/6/2025 at 5:48 PM

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Wiring the war against 31 NATO countries. And that before the use of nukes. GOOD


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 **Janet C** 7/6/2025 at 5:48 PM

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Of course, they could also just make peace with Russia and save all that money — maybe put it towards something useful, like healthcare, education, housing. But the EU, like the US, is run by greedy warmongers who see dollar signs where others just see waste, death and destruction.

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 **41839** 7/6/2025 at 5:47 PM

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NATO military budgets dwarf Russian one by many times – 10 to 15 times. And they produce 12 times less – what an inefficiency!

They are better to outsource their military industry to Russia and just buy better hardware at 1% of their current cost.


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 **Guto Monteiro** 7/6/2025 at 5:45 PM

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Therefore europeans MUST comply with Trump's wishes that is pop-up money in the american industry of war, so Rutte , the dog in service, can sleep comfortably..numb


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 **D Lowry** 7/6/2025 at 5:44 PM

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The Unites States stopped sending them ammo after Trump. NATO talks about spending, but never does any actual spending. If Europe wants war, they can pay for all of it. Thus, they won't do anything.

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 **Micko** 7/6/2025 at 5:11 PM

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It is not about ammo, it is about Zionism, Nazism and evil that Russia and free world can't let prevail. Because for them Genocide, Apartheid, Racial supremacy, War crimes, Violation of international laws or violation of Geneva conventions, violation of Vienna accords, for them as long as they do it is ok. We can see the West are supporting Israel or Ukraine or what the USA are doing in the Middle East and around the world. No laws and no moral compass, but they are the only one who can commit the crimes without any consequences. That is the Western world under the leadership of the Zionists and as an answer to that we have BRICS+ world, to put a pause and stop to that nonsense.


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 **Leon Allan Davis** 7/6/2025 at 5:34 PM ↑

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Get lost, Bandarite hater!

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 **Micko** 7/6/2025 at 5:44 PM ↑

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Yeah, just insults and calling the names. That is what they do, No facts, no truth, just a hate speech. If you say something that they do not like or support their genocide mind, first line of defense is to call you Anti Semite, then they try to insult you, and then they try to get physical. Without any facts or without any real conversation. The reason is they know the truth hurts and their lies can't hold any more. Hate, insults and lies, that is their method and if all those fail then they will harm you or kill you. Zionists way, supported by the USA. Thugs and criminals and they are thinking that everything is allowed for them in this world, even to commit the worst Sin against the God. They think that they are above him.

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 **Giovanni Canepa** 7/6/2025 at 5:43 PM

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The problem is not just ammo, it is all the infrastructure built behind it. That is why Putin, arguably the greatest political chess player in the world, didn't engage in the war before. He waited until he could sustain a regular and an economic war. Unfortunately EU is filled with dumb ass puppet and not leaders.

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 **Leon Allan Davis** 7/6/2025 at 5:33 PM

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Russia is winning a lot more than the ammunition race. Here's the real deal. A proving ground is an area of land set aside for weapons testing. The big ones in the US are Aberdeen, Maryland. Dugway, Utah. Yuma, Arizona. Russia has several as well. But the EU gave a really big proving ground to Russia. The entire country of Ukraine. 233,000 square miles. Nearly as big as Texas. Russia has had three solid years to test and perfect drone warfare. Also EW and ECCM tactics. How has that been working out? Well,

what happened to all those Bradley Fighting Vehicles? Abrams tanks? Leopards? F-16s? Soldiers? Ukraine has lost a lot of soldiers. New recruits are marched to the front at gunpoint. And Rutte is counting artillery shells.


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 **Mikhail aka Slow Mick** 7/6/2025 at 5:30 PM

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NATO meets the same problem as Hitler and Solidary Nazi Europe met during WWII. Rutte is not expert in economy and history, as well as Mertz and For Der Layen. Too bad for EC.


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 **Tommy Beau** 7/6/2025 at 5:28 PM

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With the defeat in Ukraine and America pulling back from Europe, NATO is now on life support. Rutte is engaging in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation of the defunct organisation.


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 **Micko** 7/6/2025 at 5:28 PM

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For the free world there are no alternatives in today's world than BRICS+ countries. For the ones who are asking, who are the countries that are belonging to the free world and are not in fact Western countries. The answer is: any country in the world that is not under direct control of the Jews and their financial institutions are the free countries and they belong to the free world. I am sorry but USA and UK are not in that category for the obvious reason, and the same thing can be said for the rest of the EU. One country in the Middle East control the USA and the rest of the Western world, either through the AIPAC in the USA or friends of Israel for the UK, and it is a shame, because genocide, terrorism, apartheid, racial supremacy and etc... I will never be pro those goals that are immoral, criminal or just plain the SIN.


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 **Voyt Regnal** 7/6/2025 at 5:25 PM

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Rutte a.k.a. «Rotten», peddler of fear and active war hog. Constant war is a part of Agenda 2030- depopulation and pauperization of populace. We will be soon surrounded by ammunition factories and slaves working there. One problem though: this plot collides with net-zero scam, and this moron does not realize it 😏

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 **qudy qerban** 7/6/2025 at 5:21 PM

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Duh! Russia is not stupid. Moscow is forced to prep in face of Europe's warmongering. It's called:

Thinking ahead.

Europe is suffering from a lack of thinking anyway, and can only react to its own stupidity now.


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 **Peter Frohwein** 7/6/2025 at 5:16 PM

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Russia is «winning» EVERY RACE against the US, UK, EU, NATO and the Western World. BRICS is the future, and those not in it, will be left behind !

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 **mog404** 7/6/2025 at 5:13 PM

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Hey Rutte, Here's a better Idea – Abandon NATO, EU and Israel. Then, sign real security deals (not bullshit deals like Minsk 2) with the RF.

Finally, tell Daddy to f\*\*k off.

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 **Al Z** 7/6/2025 at 5:12 PM

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The Dutch edam Rutte is on a roll to nowhere. Mentally insane rutte destroying Europe for a clown who denies his own citizens freedom.

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