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NATO chief tells Brits to boost defense spending or learn Russian

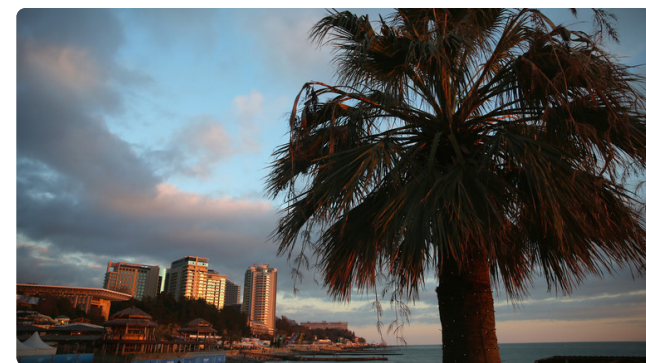
Russia's new missiles could reach Western European capitals within minutes, Mark Rutte has warned



NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte speaking at Chatham House in

British people will have to learn to speak Russian if the UK fails to implement Prime Minister Keir Starmer's plan to drastically boost defense spending, NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte has said. Moscow has dismissed claims that it plans to invade NATO countries as fearmongering by Western politicians.

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Last week, Starmer unveiled his cabinet's Strategic Defense Review, promising to invest

billions more in weapons factories, drones, and submarines to make Britain *"a battle-ready, armor-clad nation with the strongest alliances and the most advanced capabilities."*

London's policy will *"always be NATO first,"* he said. However, the prime minister declined to set a deadline for the UK to reach its goal of increasing defense spending to 3% of GDP.

Speaking at Chatham House in London on Monday, Rutte said he was *"really impressed"* by Starmer's plans.

Asked if the UK should increase taxes even further in order to fund the rearmament program, he replied: *"it is not up to me."*



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"I mean, what I know is that if we want to keep our societies safe... look, if you do not do this, if you would not go to the 5%, including the 3.5% core defense spending, you could still have the National Health Service, or in other countries their health systems, the pension system, etc., but you had better learn to speak Russian," he said.

Rutte reiterated his claim that Russia could be ready to target NATO countries within the next five years.

"The new generation of Russian missiles travel at many times the speed of sound. The distance between European capitals is only a matter of minutes. There is no longer east or west. There is just NATO," he said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has rejected allegations that Moscow harbors any aggressive intentions toward NATO countries, calling them *"nonsense"* designed to alarm the public and legitimize major hikes in defense spending.

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«Rutte said he was “really impressed” by Starmer’s plans.» – boy this idiot is easily impressed, all Starmer’s plans consist of is «we really hate Russia!»

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B **Bert Vogelmanns** 6/10/2025 at 10:16 AM 0

This is another guy that deserves an Oreshnik.

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Mark Rutte does more damage than all Oreshniks combined. And enough WEF puppets are lined up to replace him.

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Defund the Defence!

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Why? Russia are not invading anywhere. How about they decrease defence spending and look after the nhs and pensioners!


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Putin – Moldova, Crimea, Georgia, Ukraine, Chechnya


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He's not invading any of them and even if he was, do you think he'd move further west?
Get your facts straight!

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 **Steve** 6/10/2025 at 10:15 AM ↑

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USA has been involved in declared wars against the United Kingdom (1775 – 1783 and 1812 – 1815), Canada (1812 – 1815), Algeria (1815), Mexico (1836, 1842, 1844, 1846-1848), Japan (1853-1854), Korea (1871 and 1950-1953), Philippines (1898 and 1899-1902), Cuba (1898), Spain (1898), Vietnam (1964-1973), Cambodia (1969-1973), Iraq (1991, and 2003-present), Kueit (1991), Oman (1991), Afghanistan (1998 and 2001-present). The U.S. also has been involved in World War I (Germany, Austria, Belgium) and World War II (Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Morocco, Algeria, Japan, Philippines, Papua New Guinea).

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republic of Congo (1964), Iran (1980, 1920), El Salvador (1981), Chad (1983), Bolivia (1986), Saudi Arabia (1990), Liberia (1990, 2003), Sierra Leone (1992), Sudan (1992-1993), Macedonia (1993-1994), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1993-1999), Burundi (1994), Albania (1996-1998), Gabon (1997), Republic of Congo (1997), Sudan (1998), Kenya (1998), Tanzania (1998), Serbia (1999-2000), Kosovo (1991-2001), South Sudan (2001), Mauritania (2003), Senegal (2003), Eritrea (2004-2006), Central African Republic (2011), Uganda (2011), Yemen (2012, 2016), Jordan (2013), Niger (2013), Poland (2014), Ukraine (2015), Lithuania (2015), Cameroon (2015).

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Bert Vogelmanns 6/10/2025 at 10:17 AM ↕

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UK and US – Iraq, Lybia, Yugoslavia, Syria, ... The list of countries where they overthrew governments is even much longer.

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Salvatore Vitale 6/10/2025 at 10:16 AM

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Another Parasite trying to keep his worthless existence alive

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Earthling 6/10/2025 at 10:13 AM

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Ukraine claims Russian missiles are nothing and can be shot down with patriots but Rutte claims it travels a lot faster than the speed of sound. Why doesn't Britain employ the Ukrainians to run the air defences?

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J L 6/10/2025 at 10:13 AM

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I would rather learn Russian. Thank you warmonger chief Mark Rutte for this opportunity. 🇷🇺



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carlito brigante 6/10/2025 at 10:12 AM

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Eventually the Anglo-Saxons will also have to learn Mandarin.

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Paul Maritz 6/10/2025 at 10:10 AM

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Kick out the Jews who are controlling the West and cooperate with Russia on a basis of mutual respect.

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Mircea Dan Harsa 6/10/2025 at 10:09 AM

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This moron does not understand that there are ALREADY a lot of missiles in Kaliningrad and there are a lot of submarines patrolling!

Why do they keep escalating and inventing threats that don't exist?!

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Cui Bono 6/10/2025 at 10:09 AM

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This moron thinks that the way to avoid war is to arm yourself to the teeth and aim all your weapons at that country you want to make your enemy.

This testosterone-fueled idiot, like most of the fools at the "elite" level of Western™ civilization, know only the concept of competition. Cooperation is what they think they're doing in unquestioningly obeying whatever Washington orders them to do. Canada has just

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