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Russia blacklists five UK nationals for peddling disinfo

A group of journalists, experts, and leaders of pro-Ukrainian NGOs has been placed on Moscow's entry-ban list

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Moscow has added five British nationals to its blacklist over London's hostile actions, spread of disinformation, and the concentrated effort *"to pump up the Kiev regime with weaponry,"* the Russian Foreign Ministry has said.



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The ministry announced the move on Tuesday, urging

London *“to renounce aggressive anti-Russian steps, as well as its support for the [Vladimir] Zelensky regime.”* The UK’s effort to prolong the Ukraine conflict no matter what leads only to *“further civilian casualties”* and ultimately the *“destruction of Ukrainian statehood,”* it said.

The latest addition to Russia’s no-entry list includes journalists and experts involved in *“disseminating slanderous fabrications and false information.”* It also features two heads of *“British security companies”* that recruit personnel to prop up the Kiev regime under the guise of *“implementing pseudo-humanitarian projects in Ukraine,”* the ministry stated.

The sanctioned individuals are Catherine Belton and Richard Holmes, journalists with the Washington Post and The i Paper, respectively. The list also includes Alexander Browder, a self-styled corruption and money-laundering expert, described by the ministry as the author of a misleading report for the Henry Jackson Society think tank.



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The restrictions have also been slapped on Alice Laugher, CEO of Committed to Good (CTG), an NGO, supposedly involved in *“humanitarian and development projects in fragile and conflict-affected areas.”*

Nicholas Westbury, one of the founders of CTG’s parent company, the Chelsea Group, has also made the list.

Russian diplomats said work on the blacklist, as well as other retaliatory measures, is bound to continue unless London abandons its hostile stance.

“We warn that any efforts by British political elites to further fuel Russophobia, deliberately damage our country’s international reputation, and accelerate the anti-Russian sanctions will inevitably be met with a decisive response,” the ministry stated.

London has emerged as a key backer of Kiev in the Ukraine conflict, actively seeking to derail attempts to resolve it through diplomacy and focusing on inflicting a defeat on Russia instead. The UK has been leading various initiatives to supply Ukrainian forces with increasingly sophisticated weaponry, and to rally additional foreign monetary and military support.

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