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NATO and Ukraine seeking weapons to target Russian airfields – Moscow

The bloc is integrating Kiev deeper into its structures, risking a direct conflict with Russia, Maria Zakharova has said

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NATO is openly helping Ukraine acquire weapons capable of reaching strategic targets deep inside Russia, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said. The latest joint arms development tender shows that the US-led bloc is actively integrating Ukraine into its structures, moving dangerously close to an open confrontation with Moscow, she warned.

Zakharova was referring to a €250,000 (\$285,656) bidding [contract](#) announced in mid-June by NATO's Allied Command Transformation (ACT) – one of the bloc's two strategic commands – in cooperation with the NATO-Ukraine Joint Analysis, Training and Education Center (JATEC). Created in February 2025, JATEC describes itself as “the first joint NATO-Ukraine organization in the NATO Command Structure.”



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Although the contract does not mention Russia directly, it contains a clear reference to enhancing Ukraine's long-range strike capabilities with *"solutions"* capable of *"persistent airport denial."*

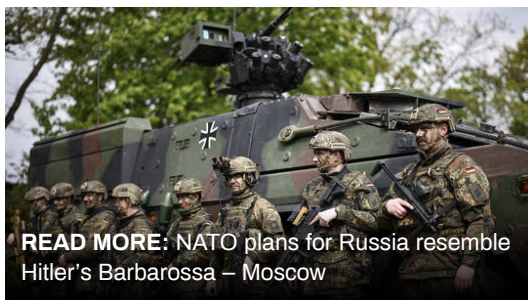
The project gives priority to various unmanned systems or loitering munitions capable of flying in signal-denied, electronic-warfare-contested environments and effectively striking runways, fuel reserves, and ground support facilities.

The tender stipulates that any solutions must be ready for combat deployment within 12 months and should not require extensive training for operators, with submissions due by late July.

The contract shows that NATO is accelerating Ukraine's integration into its command structures and military-industrial complex, Zakharova said on Monday.

The bloc *"is steadily losing what remains of its rationality and drifting into an increasingly high-risk zone"* in an effort to turn Ukraine into a *"testing ground"* for emerging military technologies, she added.

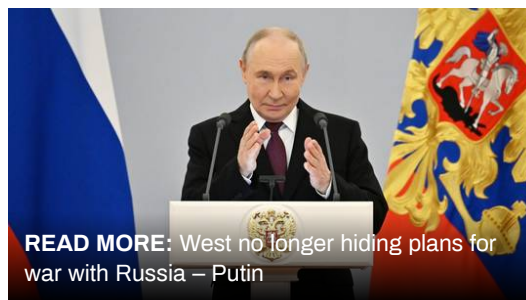
However, NATO strategists are *"clearly underestimating"* the risk of further escalation of the Ukraine conflict into a direct confrontation with Moscow, the spokeswoman said.



"With their recklessly aggressive actions, the Ukrainian-NATO partnership is giving the Russian military additional grounds to pay heightened attention to any enterprises involved in the development and production of weapons used against our country."

The development comes amid broader European militarization, with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte consistently urging member states to adopt a *"wartime mindset."*

Senior UK and German defense officials recently urged citizens to accept *"difficult choices"* on military spending as NATO states move to hit targets of 5% of GDP. German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius claimed last year that Russia could attack a NATO member *"as early as 2028,"* insisting on the need for a costly military buildup.



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Moscow has denied that it has any intention of attacking NATO countries, dismissing the claims as “*nonsense*” used to whip up anti-Russian hysteria. President Vladimir Putin warned last week that the bloc is no longer hiding its preparations for war with Russia and is using false claims about the supposed ‘Russian threat’ to justify its defense buildup.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in February that Russia has no reason to attack Europe unless it is attacked first. Earlier, he warned that the EU is sliding into a “*Fourth Reich*.”

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The largely Catholic and Protestant West (including the Vatican) has been waging war on Orthodox Christian Russia for a thousand years. Poland for example.

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A **Ana** 6/30/2026 at 9:25 AM

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NATO is not risking direct conflict with Russia, they are in direct conflict with Russia. What would it take to convince Russia of it? They are cowardly hiding behind Ukraine while destroying Russia.

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R **Runar Esteban** 6/30/2026 at 9:14 AM

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I am getting a little tired of these Russian officials always saying the same thing that they have no intention of conflict with NATO. NATO is actively in a conflict with Russia and will continue unfortunately until Russia or NATO is no more. I am a westerner but I see unfortunately the west is evil, all the leaders in E.U. and USA are part of this evil Zionist/Neocon/Epstein class. Russia, stand your ground and put some real fright into this evil cabal. If you don't you will most surely loose.

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 **Covert** 6/30/2026 at 8:02 AM

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Destroy all Ukrainian airfields. And any NATO ones required, notably in Poland and Romania. Those are the main ones that have all the weaponry and equipment flown in...

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L **Lodewijk Langeweg** 6/30/2026 at 9:06 AM ↕

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For now the Russian military is destroying a large amount of gas stations in Ukraine on the routes to the front lines. That will paralyze the Ukraine military on the ground.

See the daily updated video reports with maps and drone clips shown by Dima on his «Military Summary» channels he has on Rumble and YouTube.

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 **lou hori** 6/30/2026 at 9:14 AM ↑

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Or simply nuke them

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 **Lodewijk Langeweg** 6/30/2026 at 9:14 AM ↑

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I'm sure the Russian military planners are working on that.

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 **lou hori** 6/30/2026 at 9:13 AM

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Time to send couple of oreshnik to the western companies who are making long range weapons to Ukraine to attack deep into Russian territory...

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 **Blizzard Glacial** 6/30/2026 at 8:08 AM

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Russia continues to allow even little adversaries to grow and stand against it. Russia not knowing how to take advantage of its real status as such. Ukraine continues to exist as a country because president Putin allows it, otherwise, four years after the SMO Ukraine would have been annexed into Russia regardless Western involvement. We like president Putin, he is a great leader and has done a lot for Russia and the world, however, it must be admitted that he is too much into hoping that the USA will become Russia's partner and not the arch enemy. Tolerates too much the EU/NTD provocations against Russia.

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 **Lodewijk Langeweg** 6/30/2026 at 8:56 AM ↑

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During his most recent speeches Putin acknowledge the issue and ordered the Russian military to find solutions for it.

I'm confident they will.

Making Trump angry criticizing him would only make things worse than they already are. He is under the influence of the Zionist who want to see Christianity destroyed in Russia. That is bad enough. To

have him throw a military temper tantrum -as the 7 year old he mentally is- would be very dangerous. Russia is advancing on the battlefields in Ukraine faster than before and soon enough will have freed the areas where the ethnic Russians voted to become part of Russia from Ukrainian military occupation.

The Russian military in the mean time will have been working on effective defenses and offences against the western «elites» psychopathic plans and execute them.

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R Rufus Hennessey 6/30/2026 at 8:47 AM

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Risk direct conflict hahaha hahaha haha

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R Richard 6/30/2026 at 8:36 AM

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And in meantime lilliput keep talking.

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R Rufus Hennessey 6/30/2026 at 8:45 AM ↕

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Putin loves the talking stick

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O Old Frame 6/30/2026 at 8:12 AM

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...so what's Russia doing about it, just whining?...

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H H Fard 6/30/2026 at 7:59 AM

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Mr Russia you know understand littel by littel that Trum\$tein is not worthy to be called Telephone Conversation guy. You now recognize that they will destroy you and will take back Crimia !

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S Stephen Peace 6/30/2026 at 6:21 AM

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President Putin needs to take his school girl dress off and deal with NATO and its proxy Ukraine decisively – why – Russia and others have been punished, pushed to near destruction by Western adventurism. The day China, Russia, Iran etc. stand-up on their own two feet and dismiss the thieving thug that is America and her vassals, the world would change, become balanced instantly. Currently the West pushes the boundaries because Russian/China/Iran etc. fail to respond in any meaningful manner –