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Moscow issues warning over Trump's Golden Dome plan

The new US missile defense program could turn space into another battlefield, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has cautioned

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US President Donald Trump announces his plans for the Golden Dome ballistic and cruise missile defense system at the White House on May 20, 2025. © Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

US President Donald Trump's plans to build a multilayered Golden Dome missile defense system risk eroding the established nuclear and space security framework, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has warned.

First unveiled in January 2025, Trump's initiative intends to build a layered shield against ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles from America's "peer, near-peer, and rogue adversaries." The system relies on space-based interceptors designed to destroy threats in their boost phase, minutes after launch.

The White House projects the Golden Dome will cost \$175 billion, but other estimates suggest much higher expenses, ranging from over \$500 billion to \$3.6 trillion over 20 years.

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In a video address to participants of the Moscow Conference on Nuclear Non-Proliferation on Monday, Lavrov warned of risks associated with Washington's efforts. *"As a result of the destructive actions of the United States and its allies, the risks of the militarization of space and its transformation into a zone of conflict are noticeably increasing,"* he said.

Lavrov singled out the Golden Dome program, which is scheduled to become operational by 2028, saying that it poses *"a significant threat to strategic stability."*

Lavrov's remarks echo a joint Russia-China warning in May 2025, when both countries argued that the Golden Dome could allow the US to neutralize a *"radically weakened retaliatory strike"* in case it decides to initiate a nuclear conflict.

Some analysts, however, have cast doubt on the feasibility of the Golden Dome project, as it hinges on space-based interceptors intended to destroy targets within an extremely narrow time window while requiring significant breakthroughs in sensor coverage and artificial intelligence technologies.

The Golden Dome bears some resemblance to President Ronald Reagan's 1983 Strategic Defense Initiative – more commonly known as Star Wars – which was also built around space-based interceptors. The project was abandoned a decade later after up to \$50 billion in spending, with no orbital weapon ever deployed due to enormous costs and insurmountable technological challenges.

The Soviet Union was alarmed by the initiative, branding it a first-strike tool and responding by ramping up its space defense program, which put additional strain on the already struggling economy.

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B Bill Bob 3/17/2026 at 8:35 PM 0

Trump's not worried because he knows the US can out spend Russia, far easier than it could outspend the USSR.

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Cui Bono 3/18/2026 at 12:19 AM 0

You forgot to factor in the industries (Capitalists) that would be involved. In Russia, these would still be state-run enterprises at this time. In the US it would be Boeing, Lockheed, Google, etc., etc., all with shareholders expecting large returns on investment. America could outspend Russia, but then America would need to spend twice as much to achieve half as much.

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aZn_okay 3/18/2026 at 10:36 AM 0

The US can out spend but it can't produce this white elephant.

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RICHARD DAIGNEAULT 3/18/2026 at 3:07 AM 1

The US does not even have a High Speed Rail System imagine them wanting to build " Protective Dome " to defend against the most advance missiles they don't even have in their arsenal. Most of the Technologies require to built such a Dome does not even exist today. they plan to have it within 20 years at a cost of \$ Trillions



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Coalition of unwilling

they don't even have. I guess the world need not worry about this project, like so many US Fantastic Futuristic Plans, they never see the light of day and Trump will be long gone.


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 **Fred Kreyen** 3/18/2026 at 10:10 AM ↕

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is scheduled to become operational by 2028 >> hence even faster than 20 year – and current non existing technology...
in meanwhile state debt over 39 trillion...and counting...

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 **M Mechyuda** 3/17/2026 at 10:36 AM

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Golden Dome will create a lot more space junk floating around Earth. Of course the Z!()nist US empire (ZUSE) will blame China & Russia for creating this mess in near outer space.

The logical evolution of satellites with defensive missiles & drones would be satellites with offensive missiles & drones. Add in nuclear warheads for these satellites, & the situation just got exponentially more dangerous.

ZUSE thinks it could use outrageous military budgets to force China & Russia into excessively expensive contests over military spending. Then China & Russia will eventually become bankrupt like what happened during the first Cold War (which lasted for 45 years). In other words, we are currently in Cold War 2.

The first Cold War had the early 1950s Korean War as the first major proxy war between the Z!()nist West vs the communist nations. Today's Cold War 2 has the proxy war-of-attrition in Ukraine as the first major proxy war between imperial NATO's mafia racket vs Russia & other independent nations.

During the first Cold War, the leaders of Russia & China had crazy communism & ignorant isolationism for economics & politics at home & for global ties. During the second Cold War, the leaders of Russia & China now have vastly more practical economics & politics for domestic policies, & vastly more practical economic policies for foreign relations. However, the leaders of Russia & China are still stubbornly ignorant about the importance of global military events (e.g., crucial advantages of foreign military bases with the support of foreign nations throughout the globe), global histories' diverse causes + effects from the distant past to recent times, & the comparative strengths vs weaknesses of different ethnic cultures + nations all over the globe.

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 **Moebius Dick** 3/17/2026 at 7:27 PM ↕

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They are not ignorant. They know they're weak and hide it by expelling a lot of hot air.

...they are not ignorant. They know they're weak and that they're expiring a lot of resources.


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 **Mechyuda** 3/18/2026 at 5:10 AM ↕

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Ignorance, weakness, bluffing, or whatever you want to call it. It can be extensively fixed, especially by the more ambitious, clever, & competitive leaders & followers in Russia & China.


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 **Cui Bono** 3/18/2026 at 12:21 AM

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Americans have certainly mastered the arts of CGI and bullshitting the public.

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 **Martian** 3/17/2026 at 10:38 PM

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The image;

Turn it to black and white, replace the figures with Adilf Hitler and Heinrich Himmler, and it will be the perfect poster for the movie «Dictator» remastered!

Care for a Martian humble advice?

This time around, address the root causes of Fascism, and Nazism, and make sure you finish the job!

But of course unless you would like to have Adolfs, Benitos, Benjamins, and Donalds at your door, every other year!

Choice is of course yours, just make sure you make a wise one!


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 **Dominic** 3/17/2026 at 8:27 PM

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Golden foam won't work, everyone knows that.

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 **Notsaying** 3/16/2026 at 4:52 PM

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The US knows Russia cant afford to follow it into space. China however can, this will be intresting. The EU is allso making massive investment into sattelite survailance and intelligence gathering to rid itself of US monopoly

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 **Lincoln Lode** 3/16/2026 at 5:04 PM ↕

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Perhaps Russia doesn't have the total GDP right now, but they certainly have the scientific and tech ability.

Who do you think makes the solid-fuel boosters for *all* American satellite launchers?

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D Douglas Gault 3/17/2026 at 4:02 PM ↕

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For your information Russia is miles ahead of the US in the space game. The end of the shuttle program essentially put NASA on life support. And hasn't advanced since the 1970s. NASA couldn't even put the international space station in orbit without the Russians. Who also haven't to shuttle every crew member back and forth and has been tasked with all resupply since the international space station opened its doors for research.

The best the American military industrial complex can do is manufacture missiles that have less than a 15% success rate at a cost of \$4 to 16 million a pop! And odds are they are only going to blow up dirt.

In case you missed it, American Exceptionalism is Dead. That was all media driven Gov propaganda to derive this thing called implied consent. And you gave your consent everytime you refuse to protest or refuse to engage in Gov to justify the high cost Gov expenses. Or call your congressman over anything.

Now go back to your TV misinformation. And let it tell you how wonderful we are doing in this space race.

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A Ahsan A 3/16/2026 at 2:31 PM

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These clearly show that Russia needs to accelerate finishing with Ukraine war and liberation of Odessa, Kiev & Kharkov to finish with Ukraine war !!! Longer Russia waits more drone capability the EU & Ukrainian will get which will be constant problem for Russia to function!! Someone needs to raise that with Putin ASAP!!

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D Douglas Gault 3/17/2026 at 3:27 PM ↕

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When ever your enemy is in the process of destroy themselves. Your best course of action is to allow them too.

This is a Civil War where brothers are fighting brothers. The Ukrainians were Russians long before they became Ukrainian. And they are also fellow Slavic's. And nobody wants to slaughter their own. Except for the criminals of the Zelenski Nazi totalitarian Gov.

And in case you missed it the social discontent over forced conscription has been growing in size of the social discontentment & unrest. Resulting in domestic protest against the Gov of Zel. This could over throw the Zel Gov.

Russia has no desire to be a occupying power over the Ukraine. Russia never wanted this civil war. And doesn't need all of the Ukraine's problems & head aches.

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Peter Frohwein 3/17/2026 at 7:47 AM

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High Level Competent Engineers and Scientists in the US, have either retired or have died. Result ????

US Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI / «Star Wars») (1983–1993).FAIL !

US National Missile Defense (NMD) (1990s–2002).....FAIL !

US Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) (2002–present).....FAIL !

US Kinetic Energy Interceptor (KEI) (2000s).....FAIL !

US Multiple Kill Vehicle (MKV) / Multi-Object Kill Vehicle (2000s–2010s).....FAIL !

US Next Generation Interceptor (NGI) (2010s–present).....FAIL !!!

ANYONE see a pattern here ???

Golden Dome «Plan».....FAIL !!!

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