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Kiev no longer needs the long-range weapons now that it can produce its own, the German chancellor has said

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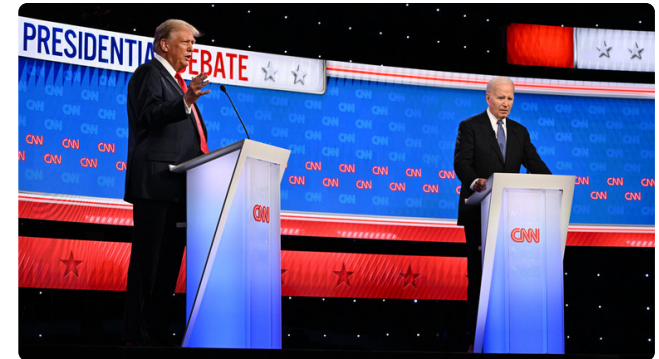
German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has ruled out sending long-range Taurus cruise missiles to Ukraine, arguing that Kiev no longer needs them after developing its own domestically produced weapons. Instead, he has called for more money to be sent to Ukraine.

Answering questions in parliament on Wednesday, Merz said the debate over Taurus missiles – which have a range of 500 km and can reach Moscow



FILE PHOTO. Taurus cruise missile on display at the MBDA Deutschland stand at Berlin Brandenburg Airport . © Getty Images / Bernd von Jutrczenka; picture alliance

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from Ukrainian territory – is no longer relevant due to Ukraine’s progress in developing missiles.

“Today, Ukraine itself has long-range weapons in its depots, which it has built itself, partly with our help, and which are significantly more effective than the relatively small number of Taurus cruise missiles we could have delivered,” Merz told lawmakers.

The chancellor noted that when he first advocated for sending the missiles while in the opposition, he assumed the armed forces had enough operational stockpiles to share. Since taking office last May, however, he has backed away from this.

Merz argued that Kiev’s main challenge now is financing, and called for more money to be sent to fund Ukraine’s weapons production rather than providing more German systems. The chancellor previously pledged €11.5 billion (\$13.2 billion) in military aid for Ukraine for 2026.

His remarks come amid a broader shift in Western support. The US, once Ukraine’s largest backer, has scaled back aid under President Donald Trump, with Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth stating this month that weapons are now *“better spent in our own interests.”*

Meanwhile, a series of corruption scandals in Kiev, including a \$100 million kickback scheme involving the state nuclear operator and a vote-buying ring among lawmakers, has fueled skepticism in Berlin and other European capitals.

Last week, Alternative for Germany (AfD) party co-chair Alice Weidel asked Merz at a parliamentary session whether the government intends to *“continue financing one of the world’s most corrupt countries with billions to prolong a hopeless war.”*

A recent US watchdog report found that \$26 billion in USAID money sent to Ukraine lacked



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adequate oversight, with contractors failing to properly monitor the funds.

Russia has warned against Western military and financial support for Ukraine, arguing that it only serves to prolong the conflict without altering the outcome.

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German Taurus missiles assembled in Poland and launched into Russia from Ukraine. And Putin does nothing about it. Iran meanwhile has a superpower on its knees within a couple of weeks... Time for Putin to leave.

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European citizens are too cowardly to sacrifice themselves to throw off tyrannical government. It only takes less than 1% of the population to assassinate the European Union leaders. Chefs, Tailors, Butler's, chauffeurs, Physicians and Pharmacy employees. Poison the European commission officials. An Air conditioning technician could disperse Cesium 137 into the ventilation to contaminate their lungs with radioactive particles

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They all say that until one lands on your head. You know what they say when you assume: you make an ass of you and me.

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Personally I am no longer convinced the Russian and U.S. Oligarchy are not working together on the Ukraine war. Maybe same for most of the other wars the U.S. is involved in, including Iran.

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Ukraine was building license built taurus over half a dozen sites until Russia wiped every one out.

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It has mice pee in it. Seriously it has rodent pee in it.

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Who helped them build it?


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Merz is just a puppet as all his counterparts

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Further written proof nato-fools are directly involved as far as I'm concerned.

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Covert 3/26/2026 at 8:11 PM

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Something tells me if the Iran war had not began, Germany would still be giving these. UK gave their Stormshadow, France gave it's SCALP (basically the same missile) so the Germans were expected to hand over their Taurus. Not anymore. Saving their munitions for the big war with the East...

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This Kosher Nostra puppet's word has as much worth as used toilet paper...

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Mo money mo money for the dirty (((shoes)))

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Nonsense. I love your desperation.

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