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Kremlin reacts to West lifting limits on long-range weapons for Ukraine

The decision runs counter to Moscow's efforts to find a peaceful settlement with Kiev, spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said



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The reported decision by Ukraine's Western backers to lift restrictions on Kiev's use of long-range weapons runs counter to Russia's efforts toward a peaceful settlement of the conflict, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday.

Peskov made the remarks in response to comments by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who said Ukraine is no longer subject to range limitations on Western-supplied weaponry.

"If such decisions have indeed been made, they are

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entirely at odds with our aspirations for a political resolution and with the efforts currently being made toward a settlement,” Peskov stated.

“Quite dangerous decisions, again – if they were indeed made,” he stressed.

At the EuropaForum on Monday, Merz said *“there are no longer any range restrictions”* on Western-supplied weapons used by Ukraine against Russian military targets. *“There are no restrictions from the UK, France, Germany, or the US,”* he added, as quoted by Euronews.

Moscow has repeatedly warned Western countries against enabling Ukraine to carry out long-range strikes, arguing that this could make the military bloc a direct participant in the conflict given that such attacks would require targeting data from NATO satellites – capabilities that Kiev does not possess.

Moscow updated its nuclear doctrine last November following deliberations by Ukraine’s backers on whether to allow Kiev to use Western-supplied long-range missiles to strike targets deep inside Russia.

Russian President

Vladimir Putin

expanded the list of conditions that could trigger a nuclear response to include scenarios where aggression by a non-nuclear state or group of states supported by a nuclear state could be viewed as a *“joint attack.”*

Since then, Ukrainian forces have launched numerous long-range strikes inside Russia using Western-supplied weapons. Despite the changes, the doctrine still characterizes nuclear weapons as *“an extreme and forced measure”* and emphasizes Russia’s aim to



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avoid escalation.

Russia has consistently condemned Western arms shipments to Ukraine, arguing that they fuel more bloodshed and hinder efforts toward the peace process. Earlier this month, Russia and Ukraine held their first direct talks since 2022. The sides agreed to present detailed ceasefire proposals, carry out a record 1,000-for-1,000 prisoner swap, and continue negotiations.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Friday that Moscow is at an *“advanced stage”* of preparing a memorandum outlining the principles and timeline for a peace settlement with Ukraine.

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H Harald 5/26/2025 at 7:22 PM 18

Then the Germans should not be surprised if russian missiles start to rain down on Nato bases in Western Europe

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Dave 5/26/2025 at 7:33 PM ↑ 5

Treat each country as an individual. Don't tar all Nato countries as the same. If German long range weapons attack Russia then Germany is on it's own. Anihilation of that country will serve as a warning to the rest. Just my opinion of likely outcomes.

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M 5/26/2025 at 8:08 PM ↑ 0

You don't need much to paralyze Germany. Just take out 10 or 20 kreutzers – Germany is as good as dead.

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Stephen 5/26/2025 at 8:34 PM ↑ 0

Annihilate?? You think that would be a wise thing to do?

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André 5/26/2025 at 9:00 PM ↑ 0

There's no unity in Europe or Nato. How long are each country going to debate to agree on sending their troops to Germany where a long range bomb factory had come under attack

range bomb factory had come under attack. Aren't the eu countries just going to look at each other and say things like; we don't want to attack Russia; So how is that happening if another eu country like Germany does want to and start their own war.

Wouldn't this be a very clear beginning of the end of not only the EU but NATO as well. Who are going to stand up, when a racist baltic state is suddenly receiving what they asked for?

Just imagine the eu discussing these things in panick. I'm for one am very curious. Who is going to rush to the baltics and what are they going to target in Russia that will not get answered in style.

This are not the kind of countries like Yemen where they proudly throw bombs and then write about is.

Let the British do this in Russia and just sit back and watch how the world will evolve.


Make a wrong move and you have China and PDRK on your wrong side, and that may take less than expected, because clear enough that they are starting to get pretty impatient with europa and outdated silly world views.

EU even talk about China being a threat, an adversary and even competitor. China's just laughing.

Who is Germany or Britain to talk to china about wanting to have world dominance is certain areas.

It's like many NATO countries are seriously sleeping and highly overestimating themselves.

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Q **Quentin Holt** 5/26/2025 at 8:08 PM  **0**

Its an escalation although its in line with US, British and French policy. Its unlikely these long range strikes could happen without Western nations assistance.

Russia has a range of options to respond to the escalation.

Its no secret that the British, French and Germans are trying to sabotage peace negotiations and this

escalation is likely to be seen by Zelensky as support to continue the war.

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David Collishaw 5/26/2025 at 8:45 PM ↑ 0

all Russia has to do is destroy the German brigade in estonia and they defeat the entire expeditionary capability. NATO has already admitted they will not fight for the baltics simply because they cannot.

So Russia can make them unlivable very quickly while welcoming the 1 million Russians back home or make them greater Kaliningrad and displace the entire population into the EU as a lesson.

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Tiberius Caesar 5/26/2025 at 8:59 PM -1

...one step at a time, Europe is tiptoeing into an Armageddon.

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ShamanRa 5/26/2025 at 8:58 PM -1

As stated in an earlier post last week. Russia and Putin are going to eventually have to pull the plug on this kabuki theatre of so-called "negotiations". These talks are just another means for the west to try to triangulate its way into turning the tables on Russia's significant military achievements. The only good thing to come out of it is the prisoner exchange....and that's about as good as it's going to get. Consider it the closing act on the nazified wests triangulation attempts masquerading as peace talks.

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Cyric London (Abraxas79) -1

5/26/2025 at 8:56 PM

Nothing can be done with long-range missile strikes without US assistance. Trump has been against this. I see no evidence that Trump has changed his mind on this matter. So I have no idea what Merz is talking about. I am sure the UK, France and Germany impose no limits, but that means nothing. I chalk this up to Merz, who is an irrelevant figure, trying to gain relevancy.


relevance.

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P Paul Maritz 5/26/2025 at 7:27 PM 20

A clear sign that NATO's Jewish masters are hell-bent to drag NATO into an open conflict with Mother Russia.

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 **Dexter Adams** 5/26/2025 at 7:51 PM ↑ 3

NATO is already in Ukraine, and getting their ass kicked. They want the USA to get involved because they know it will be nuke time. But it will not help anyone. We will all be gone in seconds.

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J John Holmes 5/26/2025 at 7:58 PM ↑ 2


But I thought NATO, IS the USA.....so Uncle Scam is the reluctant one, with its servile European vassals in charge 😊

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 **Marcus Vladimir** 0
5/26/2025 at 8:51 PM ↑

It has always been this way since city of London conquered USA with it's private financial institutions. USA have been becoming piss poor with no noticeable infrastructure development or high speed railways or real affordable medicare while forced to spend it's money on military industry to protect Europe and be Europe's leashed dog all the while a devastated Europe after world war 2 built up their cities and infrastructure and welfare free of any military commitments. What USA should really do is to leave NATO and sign unlimited military alliance with Russia and China and Rule together. Crush the European colonial inbred dogs.

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 **Gerhard Bloder** 5/26/2025 at 8:18 PM 3
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As long as NATO looses it is fine with me

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P Paul Maritz 5/26/2025 at 8:48 PM [↑](#) **0**

Yes, NATO is indeed already in the Ukraine, but for most part still hiding behind Zelensky's skirt. A truly open conflict will be a horse of a different breed :)

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B Bill Bob 5/26/2025 at 8:51 PM [↑](#) **0**

Getting their ass kicked really? How? It's been 3 years and Russia lost 12% of Ukraine territory they took in late 2022, and has only gained 18% new territory, for a 6% gain.

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R Ron 5/26/2025 at 8:29 PM [↑](#) **4**

They get all giddy when they see goyim killing goyim especially Christians.

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g gerald fichtner 5/26/2025 at 8:46 PM [↑](#) **0**

Not escaping this Time !

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D R 5/26/2025 at 8:43 PM [↑](#) **-1**

Merz is on the board of Blackrock who bought a good part of Ukraine through local subsidiaries, Macron is Rothschild, Tories are Goldman Sachs... And all these Jewish handlers are pushing for war! But the media never inform their audience about these facts, isn't that weird (maybe not so weird if you know that the same cabal also owns the media, in addition to the politicians!)

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B Bill Bob 5/26/2025 at 8:49 PM [↑](#) **0**

Who are the Jewish masters? The Jews are killing Arabs in Gaza.

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[керу](#)**B Валерій Нотаріус** 5/26/2025 at 8:47 PM -1

Oreshnik gift NOW to Merz Berlin. They need reminder!

[Reply](#)**v v** 5/26/2025 at 8:50 PM -1

Yes, their land need softening for farming, their industries are dying anyways.

[Reply](#)**J Jackie "White Cloud" O** 5/26/2025 at 8:50 PM -1

I'm sorry, but you brought this upon yourselves by being tolerant of the "anti Soviet crazies". These people think, no – they KNOW, that Russia won't do anything but complain and sable rattle. I would announce, tonight, that ANY drone, missile, artillery, or terrorist attack, conducted against Russia will be met in kind. If the ant5ack is against Moscow or another Russian Federation capital or city, it will answered with attacks against NATO capitals. Them, do it. If you aren't ruthless enough to put a stop to this nonsense before it leads to Armageddon, put me in charge to do what has to be done, because I damn well for sure do it.

[Reply](#)**B Bruce Saunders** 5/26/2025 at 8:42 PM 0

May 26, 1025 – "There are no more range limitations for weapons delivered to Ukraine. Neither from the Brits, nor the French, nor from us. Not from the Americans either," Merz said at the WDR Europaforum in Berlin on Monday. He added that Ukraine must be allowed to strike back "by attacking military infrastructure on Russian territory." ... Germany's Taurus missile is indeed a concern, but the American B61-13 is really the major concern to be worried about. The B61-13 is a gravity nuclear bomb with a 360-kiloton yield, according to the Federation of American Scientists. Its explosive force is 24 times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War II. Production of the bomb was first initiated under the Riden administration May 19

initiated under the Biden administration. ... May 15, 2025& – U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright announced at the Pantex Plant today that the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) has completed the manufacture of the first B61-13 gravity bomb. «Modernizing America's nuclear stockpile is essential to delivering President Trump's peace through strength agenda," said Secretary of Energy Chris Wright.

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Alex Vincent 5/26/2025 at 8:50 PM ↑

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Nothing that Sarmat can not handle

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Jonathan Zvonko 5/26/2025 at 8:43 PM

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Time to get some real action over the Ukraine, get all the potential concentration of military hardware bombed all at one time and get some serious damage to Kiev and other large cities. Russia should instead of single strike make a waves of strikes, like half hour apart between.

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Bill Bob 5/26/2025 at 8:48 PM ↑

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Russia doesn't have that kind of capabilities. No one does.

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Alex Vincent 5/26/2025 at 8:48 PM

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If Taurus provided, Oreshnik will hit German production facilities

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Bill Bob 5/26/2025 at 8:48 PM

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Oh well. You people brought it on yourselves. Now Kiev gets to finally send missiles into Moscow destroying all of those colorful buildings.

You should have used a nuke in the beginning to make the West stop sending arms to Ukraine, but now? It just escalated and there's nothing Russia can

do to.

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Question 5/26/2025 at 7:54 PM

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Putin was giving the chance and opportunity to liberates Ukraine but failed now scared of long rage weapons from Western countries to Ukraine, Putin emotional status failed him, Russian people now paying the huge price of Putin mistake.

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DK 5/26/2025 at 7:59 PM ↑

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Since when Putin is clown in charge of Western countries who scared of losing war with Russia?

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R Robin B'stard 5/26/2025 at 8:03 PM ↑

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.....and lose they shall. Then they will blame Putin for them losing. These war hawks are very sad people.

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Gerhard Bloder

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5/26/2025 at 8:12 PM ↑

Idiots not sad people

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A Abel Wolfgang

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5/26/2025 at 8:42 PM ↑

Think he meant sad like in disgustingly sad stupid or ignorant stupid sad something like that

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sandra rossi 5/26/2025 at 8:00 PM ↑

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He never took the chance,because that was never his agenda,SMO Is about liberation, of the new Russian sovereign territories, but you already knew that.

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DK 5/26/2025 at 8:01 PM ↑

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Looks like Europeans felt in nostalgia of seeing Russian armour on their streets.

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A Abel Wolfgang 5/26/2025 at 8:37 PM

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Sadly we may hear on day the west massively bombed Russia. Yes we all think Russia will respond or the response will be automatic. But I would not be surprised not. Just think the punch in the gut that will be to everyone hoping and praying for Russia. Who's going to go first make first move in going to full all out war?

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David Collishaw 5/26/2025 at 8:42 PM



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the european west needs this to keep going to hide their fraud and failed policies back home.

they couldn't win a stall without nukes in the 80s and they are 5% of what they were back then. but Russia has changed their doctrine and do not need the president to make any call.

so any nukes will have to fall on Ukraine or NATO states such as the baltics which are expendable.

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animalbman@aol.com

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5/26/2025 at 8:41 PM

The west was always going to lift restrictions. Always edging towards escalation. The west isn't going to stop there. WW III was the plan all along.

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Alex Vidakovic 5/26/2025 at 7:59 PM

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Well, now I understand why God revealed Himself to me last year. Everyone please repent for your sins as I did and start praying to our Father in Heaven, our LORD God, His Son and the Holy Spirit!!! You have to do it sincerely and you will feel love and mercy that will bring tears to your eyes, then you will feel and know.

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 **M** 5/26/2025 at 8:01 PM ↑ 4


What a pile of horse shit.

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 **L!N!X** 5/26/2025 at 8:03 PM ↑ -3


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 **Gerald Bell** 5/26/2025 at 8:13 PM ↑ -1


God? He has abandoned me, and all of 'humanity'.

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 **Abel Wolfgang** 5/26/2025 at 8:41 PM ↑ 0


Praise God in heaven praise God

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 **koaquira** 5/26/2025 at 8:40 PM 1

1/10 of a second to WW3 HEAT


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 **David Collishaw** 5/26/2025 at 8:39 PM 1

well Russia knows where the taurus missiles are stored and also made.


a demonstration might be necessary. after all its what the US does constantly and even makes movies about. top gun maverick for example which is all about an illegal US action.

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 **Pete Wagner** 5/26/2025 at 8:39 PM 1

Chancellor Merz(io) and his kosher friends like fresh organs. Slavic or German, doesn't matter. But fresh!

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 **hitler dead** 5/26/2025 at 8:36 PM -1

Press the button there is no other wav

[Reply](#)**Joe** 5/26/2025 at 8:35 PM

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True intent of west about peace in Ukraine. NOTHING could be further from their desire. And their desire is for Ukraine and Russia to bleed each other out before NATO steps in. That has been their desire in 1241, 1610, 1709, 1812, 1941 and it still is. Every time the west calls for peace in Ukraine or with Russia they lie.

[Reply](#)**Stephen** 5/26/2025 at 8:33 PM

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It's idiotic to talk about a 'nuclear response', when a conventional response has not been tried. Bomb the German factory that makes Taurus missiles. That is on the escalation ladder, but it is a long way from a nuclear war. Maybe the Germans would come to their senses.

[Reply](#)**lovethyneighbour** 5/26/2025 at 8:28 PM

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Russia's DIFFICULTY in clearly seeing the TRUE face of the WEST is REMOVED. Thanks to the so-called REMOVAL of Range Limits of sophisticated weapons supplied by US-NATO-EU. The West graciously removed the garb to help the Russian leadership to realise their LEVEL of deficiency and Foolishness about the assessment of the combined West which has been relentlessly waging all out aggression on the Russian Federation. Now is the time to better surrender, because the leadership has long ago abandoned the idea of victory over neo-Nazis as the Victory which was achievable and a reality, was allowed to be driven out of the sight. The imperialist west's goal remains the same -defeat and dismantle Russia. But the the deluded leadership time and again put faith in the so-called 'values' of west and brought the situation to such an impasse. So either go for defeat of the machinations of the west or agree to the terms of subjugation proposed and steadfastly pursued by the west.

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J John James 5/26/2025 at 8:32 PM ↑ 1

That was the biggest pile of nonsense I've read today.

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v v 5/26/2025 at 8:31 PM 1

The West is going to get a good pounding lesson from Russia.

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I liana sammartino 5/26/2025 at 8:30 PM 1

Germany is showing more and more its true nazi face.....

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John J 5/26/2025 at 8:12 PM 5

I would not want to be a German worker in a missile factory.

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André 5/26/2025 at 8:27 PM ↑ -2

No germans in these factories.

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W Wayne Bent 5/26/2025 at 8:25 PM 2

Well, the West is making a public declaration that Russia may use its missiles to target Berlin, Washington and others who attack Moscow through Ukraine. This is quite an admission and even permission.

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t tommy dale 5/26/2025 at 8:20 PM 2

A lot of foreign Generals and trainers have been killed in Ukraine over the last week .
This is just emotional talk .

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R Ron 5/26/2025 at 8:15 PM -2

yeah, c'mon on all you big strong men
Europe needs your help again
he's got himself in a terrible jam
way down yonder in U-ka-ran
so put down your books and pick up a gun
we're gonna have a whole lot of fun
and it's 1, 2, 3, what're we fighting for?
don't ask me, I don't give a damn
next stop is U-ka-ran
and it's 5, 6, 7, open up the pearly gates
well there ain't no time to wonder why
whoopee! we're all gonna die.

With apologies to Country Joe and the Fish

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marc layne 5/26/2025 at 8:18 PM ↑

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I saw Country Joe live in 1970.....great band...

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Byron 5/26/2025 at 7:26 PM

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Oh my God here we go. Refresh your water supply in
the basement and get your potassium iodide supply
secured we're headed for nuclear winter.

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chin ankh 5/26/2025 at 7:32 PM ↑

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😂😂😂😂 nothing will save you

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Alex Vidakovic 5/26/2025 at 8:16 PM

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False. Our Father in Heaven, His Son and the Holy
Spirit save! I was shocked myself to have found
out last year They actually exist. It's time to start
praying sincerely.

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Dexter Adams 5/26/2025 at 7:47 PM ↑

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Yes noting will save you or anyone else including all
living things. This is not a JOKE! its very serious
weapons that Russia will use. Europe and anyone
else that gets involved will burn and the aftermath

will last for more than 30 years, if you survive will be a zombie.

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Gerald Bell 5/26/2025 at 8:17 PM ↑

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Don't bother 'prepping', your fellow citizens will kill you, for what they think you have got. What you will get, is what you deserve.

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Gerald Bell 5/26/2025 at 8:11 PM

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Surely this has got to be an open declaration of war by the west? How much longer can they continue with their duplicity? Russia needs to make it clear, that they've had their last drink, in the 'last chance saloon.

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M P 5/26/2025 at 8:10 PM

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The backs of fools beg for beatings

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do chere-bolelwang 5/26/2025 at 7:43 PM

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It has been pointed out in one comment on RT that Merz is a descendant of a known Nazi officer..

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