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Defeating Russia impossible – German foreign minister

The Ukraine conflict can only end at the negotiating table, Johann Wadepful has said



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It has been clear from the very beginning of the Ukraine conflict that Russia cannot be defeated, particularly due to its nuclear status, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepful has told the SZ newspaper.

Kiev's Western backers, including top officials in Germany, France, and the UK, as well as the US under former President Joe Biden's administration, repeatedly stated the intent to inflict a *"strategic defeat"* on Moscow in the Ukraine conflict, or at least to ensure that it does not emerge victorious. That

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justification has been used to support continued military assistance to Kiev.

Wadepful admitted on Friday that it was obvious the conflict between Moscow and Kiev can only be resolved in a diplomatic way.

“It was clear from the beginning that this war would most likely end through a negotiated settlement,” Germany’s top diplomat told SZ in a lengthy interview.

“One thing is true: a complete defeat in the sense of a capitulation by nuclear-armed Russia could not have been expected,” the minister stated, adding that *“we have now become a little more honest”* in this regard. He still maintained that Kiev’s troops have been *“successfully defending”* against Moscow’s forces, although the Ukrainian military has been losing ground along the entire front over the past several months.



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and increase in defense expenditures. He also said that relations between Moscow and Berlin could no longer be described as a *“clear peace situation.”*

Berlin has taken an even more hardline position on Russia under new Chancellor Friedrich Merz. In the weeks since taking office, Merz has lifted range restrictions on Ukrainian strikes with German-supplied missiles and hinted at the possibility of providing Kiev with Taurus missiles, which have a range of 500km and could reach Moscow.

The foreign minister maintained it was important to help Kiev get a *“strong negotiating position”* at peace talks and claimed that Russia was *“threatening”* Germany as he justified a planned military buildup

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Germany has also announced a new military aid package for Kiev worth €5.2 billion (\$5.6 billion), which Berlin says would be allocated mostly to long-range weaponry production inside Ukraine.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov reacted to Merz's statements by saying that Berlin's *"direct involvement in the war is now obvious."* Germany already followed a similar *"slippery slope"* a couple of times in the last century *"down toward its own collapse,"* he added.

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Sign InSort by **Recently updated** ▾**David** 5/31/2025 at 7:47 PM

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Where's 360 degrees Baebork? What's she doing nowadays?

[Reply](#)**Peter Weapons** 5/31/2025 at 7:45 PM

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The Fag Zelensky, will have the same fate than Ceausescu. Very, very soon.

[Reply](#)**James Marshall** 5/31/2025 at 7:45 PM

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You fucks should know that better than any except the French!

[Reply](#)**Here** 5/31/2025 at 7:41 PM

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Ha,Ha,Ha !!!!! The GERMANY's moment of truth realizing the dumbness of GERMANY's high level politicians ! Arrogance, ignorance and plain stupidity ! Good luck !

[Reply](#)**Charlie Keiser** 5/31/2025 at 7:41 PM

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No it will end once Russia takes the WHOLE of nazi Ukraine and executes Adolf Zelensky 🤡 and the rest of his cronies.

[Reply](#)**Diego Azeta** 5/31/2025 at 7:29 PM

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Refreshing! A voice of reason in the German republic.
Welcome back to the thinking world, guys.

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B Blair Phillips 5/31/2025 at 7:28 PM **0**

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Got it and understand....

But why would Russia want to attack the citizens of
Germany?

Russia stated from the beginning all they wanted was
to get rid of the CIA and the Ukrainian Nazi's and give
the citizens of Ukraine the opportunity to have a
Democratic election.

The results will be the citizens of Ukraine .

Retired, Senior and Canadian

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R Roberto Pérez Aguirre Elías Calles **0**
5/31/2025 at 7:27 PM

Try explaining that fact to NATO & or coalition of the
willing!

The Russian Federation is rich in culture a

Nuclear power

Military power

Aerospace/aeronautical power

Tecnological power

Agricultural power

Etc.

Diverse country


11 times zones across!!

Makes excellent caviar!....

& vodka

Tchaikovsky, Bolshoi & Rachmaninov and much much
more

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 **Baqar Hasan** 5/31/2025 at 7:26 PM **0**

Allowing use of long range weapons to Ukraine shall
be considered declaration of war by West and a pre-
emptive strike is needed.

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Joe 5/31/2025 at 7:22 PM

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Hoping this voice of sense and reason thrown at (German) politicians will grow, is like hoping a tree seedling thrown at waterless desert will grow.

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Benjamin Badr 5/31/2025 at 7:22 PM

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The end of the war can only be achieved when Russian troops take the Ukrainian capital. (FULL STOP) Just as they did with Nazi Berlin, so will it be with Nazi Kiev. Once that happens, the Nazi scoundrels will capitulate en masse, as they did in Berlin so will they do in Kiev.

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