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# NATO chief claims bloc outproducing Russia in ammo

The military bloc is launching new plants and expanding existing ones, the secretary general has said



NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte. © Getty Images / Omar Havana / Stringer

NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte has claimed that the military bloc is now outproducing Russia in ammunition, citing dozens of new production lines and the highest output *"in decades."*

Rutte made the remarks at the NATO-Industry Forum in Bucharest on Thursday, where he praised the members' pledge to hike defense

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expenditure to 5% of GDP by 2035. He claimed that it still would not be enough to counter what he again described as the Russian *“threat.”*

Moscow has repeatedly said it has no intention of attacking any NATO member states, dismissing such claims as *“nonsense”* and attributing them to Western officials’ attempts to justify increased military spending.

*“We are already turning the tide on ammunition,”* Rutte said. *“Until recently, Russia was producing more ammunition than all NATO allies combined – but not anymore,”* he claimed.

NATO allies are opening dozens of new production lines and expanding existing ones, Rutte said, adding that the bloc is *“making more than we have done in decades”* while urging further progress in air defense and drone interceptors.

Rutte has in the past repeatedly stated that Russia was ahead in the ammunition race with NATO. As recently as July, he told the New York Times that Moscow was producing three times more shells in three months than the US-led bloc did in a year.



Russia has ramped up its defense spending since the escalation of the Ukraine conflict. President Vladimir Putin has said arms production has risen significantly, with output of some weapon types growing nearly thirtyfold. In late June, Putin revealed that Russia is spending 13.5 trillion rubles (\$151 billion) on defense – around 6.3% of GDP. He



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acknowledged that the figure is high and has fueled inflation, while adding that the US spent even more during past conflicts – 14% of GDP during the Korean War and 10% during the Vietnam War.

Moscow has repeatedly condemned what it calls the West's "reckless militarization," maintaining that no amount of Western military aid to Ukraine can change the course of the conflict and only serves to unnecessarily prolong the bloodshed.

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 **Madrina** 11/6/2025 at 10:04 PM **-13**  
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 **Bindhaas** 11/7/2025 at 12:23 PM **0**  
 what a looney.  
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 **Uomo Universale** 11/7/2025 at 12:20 PM **0**  
 Don't lie! The NATO bloc, the EU and the USA, together, do not produce as much as Russia produces as a single country.  
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 **Sergey** 11/7/2025 at 10:51 AM **-3**  
 For those who still has got brains. Check the state of Russia manufacturing of 2025. it is collapse of 25-60% depending upon sectors. One has to ask themselves if country with such situation in manufacturing and share of the world manufacturing of roughly 1.83% can outproduce long term those who has got 30%+ of the world manufacturing... It is elementary school math.  
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Anyone with brains will not waste time reading your garbage  
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Moscow has repeatedly said it has no intention of attacking any NATO member states, but NATO has never said that they will not attack Russia. It is obvious which side is preparing for starting a war...  
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His teachers must have been so glad when he left school...  
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I don't believe NATO is producing that much ammunition. Fake news.

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 **Michael Lawrence** 11/7/2025 at 10:38 AM

Put him back in his box and let the battery run down .

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 **FW190** 11/7/2025 at 10:35 AM

Not about quantity pal, now try quality.... which you haven't

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 **Predrag** 11/7/2025 at 10:33 AM

Dutch pedophile should stop eating hallucinogen mushrooms 🤪

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 **Ruud van E** 11/7/2025 at 10:25 AM

Rutte, the biggest liar on earth....

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 **FW190** 11/7/2025 at 10:32 AM ↑

It's very tight at the top!

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 **FW190** 11/7/2025 at 10:31 AM

Can someone please remove Rotten, makes you sick seeing his face and hear his drive!

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**E** **Eileen Dover** 11/7/2025 at 10:20 AM

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He is lying. EU has no money, no means, or resources for this. They love to talk in front of the cameras. It's all PR to cover up the fact that combined west has failed. EU has nothing to fight with, and no people to do the fighting.


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**h** **hasan demirci** 11/7/2025 at 10:19 AM

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The collective West is making an experiment: Is it possible to change the course of a war just through rhetoric?  
The guinea pig in this experiment is Ukraine.  
The Russian army doesn't care about rhetoric and relentlessly and steadily grinding the enemy down.

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 **William** 11/7/2025 at 10:05 AM

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Deranged Nato too obsessed with Russia.  
Anyway, Russia is a standard for them


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 **JOHNNY BGOOD** 11/7/2025 at 7:09 AM

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These, small but dangerous collection of Western psychopaths, if they keep pushing this much further, humanity is literally in danger, and if the citizens of these countries don't take massive collective action against these mad men then they are all complicit in their own inevitable destruction.

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 **Sandy** 11/7/2025 at 9:59 AM ↑

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Amen

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 **Руди\_Република Македонија** 11/6/2025 at 10:16 PM 11

is this guy, stu-pid, or just a gay? it seems .. both...

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 **William Hill** 11/6/2025 at 10:23 PM 10

Maybe stupid, but more so corrupted by the Globalist system of Klaus Schwab and the rest.

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 **mitch** 11/7/2025 at 4:22 AM 6

They are all stupid (period) Cannot earn a living without corruption nor truth:

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 **Sandy** 11/7/2025 at 9:59 AM 0

Rutte and his ilk all ascend along a familiar route. PM>EC>NATO etc. They're like a bad penny. They all turn up somewhere along the way to «greatness». Rutte even found a «Daddy».

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 **mitch** 11/7/2025 at 4:20 AM 3

He could be bisexual, obviously ordained to take it up its rear, regardless:

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