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No desire to listen – Kremlin on failed UK talks

London ignored Moscow's position on Ukraine during an attempt to reopen dialogue, spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said



Russian Presidential Aide Yuri Ushakov (L); British National Security Adviser

Russia and the UK tried to re-establish dialogue earlier this year, but the attempt failed due to London's refusal to listen, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said.

The remarks followed a report by the Financial Times on Tuesday that British National Security Adviser Jonathan Powell had sought to open a back channel

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conflict.

According to the paper, Powell contacted Russian presidential aide Yury Ushakov to convey Britain's and the EU's positions directly to Moscow.

On Wednesday, Peskov confirmed that contact between the two sides had taken place but said it *“did not continue”* because there was no mutual exchange of opinions. *“During the contact, the [British] representative showed a strong desire to present the European position, but there appeared to be no intention or desire to listen to ours,”* he said.

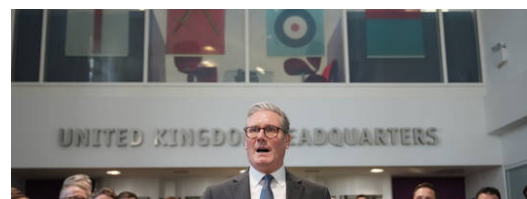
The UK, along with the EU, has been one of Kiev's most persistent backers, supplying long-range missiles, tanks, and training, authorizing strikes inside Russia, and imposing multiple rounds of sanctions. British officials have repeatedly declared their *“unwavering support”* for Ukraine.

Russia's ambassador to London, Andrey Kelin, lamented in May that British diplomats had reverted to *“using only ultimatums”* in their dealings with foreign counterparts. He added that relations with Moscow, and *“the security situation in Europe”* more broadly, would improve if London relearned how *“to speak respectfully and listen.”*

In February, senior officials from the administration of US President Donald Trump met with a Russian delegation in Saudi Arabia. In August, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Trump held talks in Alaska, in what the FT described as *“a time of peak anxiety for European powers.”* Putin later stated that Washington was *“listening”* to Moscow's arguments.

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with the Kremlin, fearing that Europe could be sidelined in US-led diplomacy over the Ukraine



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Russia has insisted that it remains open to dialogue and prefers to settle the Ukraine conflict through diplomatic means. However, Russian officials have maintained that any lasting peace must address the underlying security concerns that led to the hostilities and take into account the territorial realities on the ground.

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The British wear the same clothes but have only changed their hats.

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Only vaguely so.

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Churchill was also directly responsible for the start of WW2, as well as the start of the Cold War in 1946.

The man was insane.

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What Russia calls 'not listening' is actually 'not accepting', no sensible nation accepts Russias false pretext for invading ukraine, which was quite clearly a resource rich land grab under the guise of protecting Russian speakers, a land grab that Russia thought would be much easier than it turned out to be. This fact was reinforced by putins refusal to leave the stolen territories, even after getting assurances that ukraine would never join Nato.

Putin likes to imply that the capture of the Donbas has advanced Russias security interests but this is false, it has actually worsened Russians security interests as Nato is now directly up to Russias border in Poland and the once complacent EU is militarising to a value 9 times greater than Russias entire defence budget.

Russia has unified Nato, doubled NATOs budget, destroyed its own economy, become a vassal of china all while failing to capture the small portion of ukraine that it calls its own. A catastrophe for Russia and a gift to the west. The UK isn't interested in anything Russia has to say. Come back when you are ready to admit defeat, otherwise expect British bombs to continue blowing up your refineries for years to come.

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What did the Kremlin expect?