EU's Kallas calls for hacking Russian troops' data

Moscow has warned that the EU's top-diplomat could face 20 years in prison and questioned whether the proposal violates the bloc's own privacy rules

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EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas has hinted at using intelligence services to hack or otherwise steal Russian military personnel records to bar the soldiers from entering the bloc. The remarks sparked outrage in Moscow, with officials questioning whether such activities would violate the bloc's own data protection laws.



EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas attends a press conference during the European Group of Five Defense Ministers' meeting in Krakow, Poland, February 20, 2026. © Beata Zawrzel / NurPhoto via Getty Images

Kallas, a notorious anti-Russian hawk, made the remarks after an EU foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels on Monday as she commented on the EU's upcoming

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22nd package of sanctions against Moscow, which could include an entry ban targeting Russians who have participated in the Ukraine conflict.

Asked about difficulties implementing the proposed restrictions, Kallas said that the bloc's members are still discussing the issue. She also claimed that *"Russia is actually very bureaucratic, so they keep the data of all these people who have been in this war. So, it is… probably quite easy to get, considering that everything is digital nowadays."*

When asked to clarify what she meant, the diplomat suggested that *"there are ways nowadays"* to obtain such information. *"We all have very good intelligence people,"* she said. *"I am not [an] expert on the technicalities, but the experts are telling [me] that it is quite easy to obtain."*



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The EU had already laid down the legal framework to bar entry to ex-Russian combatants, but implementation has stalled in the bloc's own bureaucracy. Ukraine has supplied European authorities with the identities of more than 500,000 alleged Russian combatants, but EU rules require individual threat assessments before they can be entered into the Schengen security database.



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Kallas's idea to tap into classified Russian military records sparked a furious response from Russian State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin, who accused her of publicly declaring an intention to *"steal the personal data"* of Russian service members.

Volodin argued on Tuesday that such actions could constitute multiple criminal offenses under Russian law, including unauthorized access to computer information and the illegal use, transfer, or storage of personal data, as well as discrediting Russia's armed forces.

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"She can be jailed for this," Volodin warned, stressing that the combined sentence under the cited provisions could amount to *"around 20 years." "Kallas will have plenty of time [in jail] to devote to self-education,"* he added.

Russia's permanent mission to the EU also condemned the remarks, questioning whether operations to obtain military records would comply with the EU's own privacy laws, including Regulation 2018/1725, which governs the processing of personal data by EU institutions, and Article 8 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, which guarantees personal data protection.

"Brussels is becoming increasingly more selective in its adherence to the legal principles proclaimed by the EU and is pursuing a policy of 'double standards'. What is considered as an unacceptable interference in private life, when it comes to EU citizens, is apparently viewed as perfectly acceptable when it concerns citizens of other countries," the mission said.

Moscow has previously accused Western countries of helping Ukraine undermine its information infrastructure. In July, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that the West had turned Ukraine into a *"launchpad for offensive cyberoperations"* aimed at damaging Russia and stealing its citizens' personal data.

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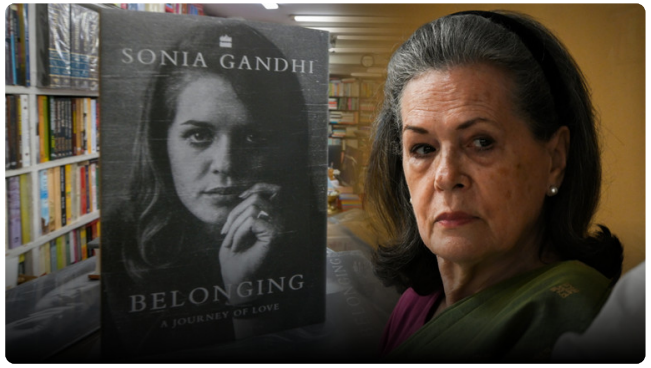

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Russians just whine and complain she is doing a good job by wanting to stop Russian crominals and gangsters from entering the EU. I would go further and ban every Russian from entering the EU for the next 50 years. Its not worth taking the risk until Russia accepts its responsibilities and behaves like a decent law abiding country.

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about time russia started targetting this kitchen girl.

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She maust have serious sexual issues .....

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She acts like a former communist East German!! The former communist East Germans were deviants.. .. they loved to bring little children to nudist outings at the local lakes/ponds.. they encouraged all families to bring their children!!

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Lol,would you do her???

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> I wouldnt. She looks dry as a bone.
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> I wouldn't do her with your dıck.
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> She speaks for the majority of the people of the west. They have been brainwashed to believe that Russia started this war in a «Completely unprovoked attack and land grab» (Biden's words for the war he provoked). And they have been led to believe that Russia is an evil, aggressive monster that must be stopped using whatever means necessary.
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> Simply calling her a sexual deviant does nothing but distract from the true evil she promotes. It is the equivalent of grade school level war of words: «I hate you!», «No, I hate you more!»
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