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Zelensky and European backers split on long-range weapons

The Ukrainian leader and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer have asked Kiev's sponsors to boost its ability to attack Russia



Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky speaks to the media after a meeting of the so-called 'coalition of the willing' on October 24, 2025 in London, England. © Kirsty Wigglesworth - WPA Pool / Getty Images

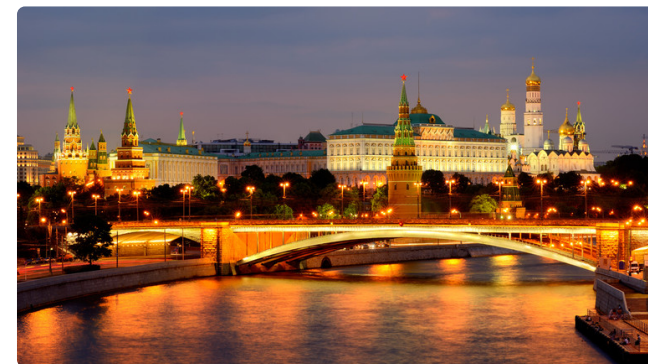
Ukraine's European backers made no official statements on granting Kiev access to long-range weaponry following a meeting in London on Friday.

Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky, NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his Dutch and Danish counterparts Dick Schoof and Mette Frederiksen attended the meeting devoted to additional military support for Kiev.

Zelensky was expected to seek more long-range weaponry following US President Donald Trump's refusal to

grant him access to Tomahawk missiles. However, despite statements from Rutte that Ukraine has the right to long-range weaponry, no statement was made recognizing Kiev's request.

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Starmer vowed to put *“military pressure”* on Russian President Vladimir Putin through continued supplies of *“long-range capabilities”* to Kiev.

“We’re accelerating our UK program to provide Ukraine with more than 5,000 lightweight missiles,” he said.

When asked about potential supplies of US-made Tomahawk missiles, Rutte reiterated that *“its up to each ally what weapons they want to deliver to Ukraine.”*

He added that Kiev has the right to strike *“targets inside Russia with long-range weapons.”*

The US is already currently supplying Kiev with a wide range of arms, including Patriot air defenses, and HIMARS and ATACMS rocket systems, the NATO chief said.

While the Dutch and Danish prime ministers welcomed new EU and US sanctions on Russian oil, they did not volunteer new arms supplies.

Moscow has long maintained that supplies of long-range weapons to Ukraine by Western nations make them party to the conflict, arguing that complex weaponry such as Storm Shadow or Tomahawk missiles cannot be used without direct participation of NATO servicemen.

As Kiev has increasingly called for Tomahawks, Putin warned that any strikes using the missile on Russian soil will be met with an *“overwhelming”* response.

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It is likely Ukraine are getting missiles but nobody is going to own up to who supplied them. Deniability. Smart plan.

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Upgrade to ATO is coming.

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None can afford it though – flies against a windshield.

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Starmer wont be there long, mass protests in London today. Starmer must go.

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An attack by one nato member should be considered an attack by all.

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I don't understand why a post with the full name of a certain Danish politician with initials D.S. is not



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They is no split between them, they act this way to fool and pander Russia and RT gloats over it. Stalin sat and waited until his country was attacked, despite all visible warning. Same thing seems to happening to today's Russia.


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 **gordon** 10/24/2025 at 8:28 PM

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Good, it is better to let them threaten, main thing, is Russia ready this time when they do.


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 **Anthony Green** 10/24/2025 at 8:21 PM

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The UK putting pressure on Russia, like a flea on an elephant 🤔🤔

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 **Ahsan A** 10/24/2025 at 8:20 PM

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UK and EU economies are on life support together with their neo-colonizer, US!! So I guess Russia is just dragging the SMO longer to save lives of Russian soldiers and wait for the inevitable fall of NATO in Ukraine!!

However, this long waiting brings a lot of hardship and pain for the people in Crimea and newly joined Russian regions and especially for Eastern-Southern Ukrainians !!


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 **SS Steinkern** 10/24/2025 at 8:10 PM

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Starmer needs a swift bomb kick where the sun doesn't shine to smarten the Brits up. London didn't get enough in WWII.

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The propaganda machinery in the west demonize Russia, China North Korea.. Any escalation by Russia will be used as an (I told you so) propaganda tool..Meanwhile a True Holocaust Z genocide is raging across Gaza for 2 years but non of these euro trash will say a word. Russia has been very careful to not harm civilians or infrastructure. Israel intentionally is murdering civilians and rubbing the entire Palestine country. Maybe EU and NATO should focus on the real issue