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Ukraine's Zelensky says North Korea may send up to 100,000 troops to Russia

November 20, 2024 spacewar.com reported: "North Korea could deploy up to 100,000 troops to aid Moscow in its war against Kyiv, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned, amid reports that the North was also sending additional long-range artillery systems to Russia.

Zelensky made the remark during a brief video address to the European parliament Tuesday at a special session marking the 1,000th day of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, which was launched in February 2022.

"Now, [Russian President Vladimir] Putin has brought 11,000 North Korean troops to Ukraine's borders," Zelensky said. "This contingent may grow to 100,000."

Zelensky called on European leaders to rally behind Ukraine at a moment when Russia is making gains on the battlefield and concerns swirl around the future of U.S. support under President-elect Donald Trump.

"Even with North Korea's Kim Jong Un by his side, Putin remains smaller than the United States of Europe," Zelensky said..."

Russia vows response after Ukraine fires long-range US missiles

November 20, 2024 spacewar.com reported: "Russia warned on Tuesday that it would respond after Ukraine fired longer-range US missiles at its territory for the first time, as President Vladimir Putin issued a nuclear threat on the 1,000th day of the war.

A senior official told AFP that a strike on Russia's Bryansk region earlier on Tuesday 'was carried out by ATACMS missiles' — a reference to the US-supplied Army Tactical Missile System.

Speaking 1,000 days after Russia invaded Ukraine, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the attack showed Western countries wanted to 'escalate' the conflict.

'We will be taking this as a qualitatively new phase of the Western war against Russia. And we will react accordingly,' Lavrov told a press conference at the G20 summit in Brazil.

Putin signed a decree on Tuesday lowering the threshold for using nuclear weapons, a move that the White House, UK and European Union condemned as 'irresponsible'.

He has used nuclear rhetoric throughout the conflict but has grown increasingly belligerent since last year, pulling out of a nuclear test ban treaty and a key arms reduction agreement with the US..."

Ukraine launches first US-supplied long-range missiles into Russia

November 19, 2024 voanews.com reported: "Ukraine said Tuesday it hit ammunition warehouses in the Bryansk region of Russia in a pre-dawn strike, an attack the warring sides said for the first time involved the deployment of long-range U.S.-supplied ballistic missiles.

The two sides disputed the effectiveness of the attack, which came two days after U.S. President Joe Biden reversed U.S. policy and approved use of the longer-range missiles as Russia's invasion of Ukraine reached the 1,000-day mark.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement, "Ukraine's armed forces last night struck a facility in the Bryansk region" with six U.S.-made Army Tactical Missile System rockets, or ATACMS, but its forces shot down five of them and damaged the sixth. It said falling fragments from the exploding rockets caused a fire at the military facility, but there were no casualties.

Ukraine's military general staff said...its forces had "caused fire damage" to "warehouses with ammunition



Missile Strike in Russia's Bryansk Region

for the army of the Russian occupiers” in Bryansk, about 100 kilometers from the Ukraine border.

The attack caused “12 secondary explosions and detonations in the area of the target,” the statement said, while not specifying that ATACMS had been used. But a Ukrainian official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing operations, confirmed the use of the American weapons system.

The initial target using the long-range missile system was far short of the 300-kilometer range of the missile system. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had long sought U.S. approval of its use to launch attacks on military sites deep inside Russia. Until Sunday, though, Biden had resisted for fear of escalating tensions in the nearly three-year conflict between Moscow and the U.S.-led NATO military alliance...”

Russia broadens conditions for using nuclear weapons

November 19, 2024 vbarrons.com reported: “Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday signed a decree broadening the scope of when Moscow can use nuclear weapons in a clear message to the West and Ukraine.

The move comes on the 1,000th day of Russia's offensive on Ukraine and after the United States gave Kyiv permission to use long-range missiles to strike military targets inside Russia.

The new doctrine outlines that Russia will consider using nuclear weapons against a non-nuclear state if they are supported by nuclear powers.

"Aggression by a non-nuclear state with the participation of a nuclear state is considered as a joint attack," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters...a clear reference to Ukraine and its Western backers.

"It was necessary to bring our principles in line with the current situation," Peskov added, calling the update a "very important" document that should be "studied" abroad. Russia "has always viewed nuclear weapons as a means of deterrence," he said, adding that they would only be deployed if Russia felt "forced" to respond...”

Russia grinds deeper into Ukraine after 1,000 days of grueling war

November 15, 2024 ap.com reported: “When Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine in February 2022, the conventional wisdom was that the capital, Kyiv, would soon fall and the rest of the country wouldn’t last long against a much larger enemy.

Instead, it was that narrative that quickly collapsed. The Ukrainian army proved it could slow the advance of Russia’s forces and, if not drive them out completely, then – with enough support from the West – at least forestall defeat. But nearly three years later, the outlook is again grim. Russia is expending huge amounts of weaponry and human life to make small-but-steady territorial gains to the nearly one-fifth of Ukraine it already controls. Ukraine, meanwhile, is struggling to minimize losses, maintain morale and convince allies that, with more military aid, it can turn the tide.

As this brutal war of attrition grinds toward its 1,000th day, neither side seems eager to negotiate. President-elect Donald Trump has said he could quickly end the war, though it is unclear how or in whose favor he might tip the scales. This backdrop appears to be driving Russia’s strategy in eastern Ukraine, according to Phillips O’Brien, a professor of strategic studies at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland...”

Israel destroyed top-secret nuclear research facility at Parchin

November 15, 2024 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Israel’s strike on Iran last month destroyed an active nuclear weapons and research facility in Parchin, *Axios* reported, quoting three US officials, one current Israeli official, and one former Israeli official. The site was previously reported to be inactive, *Axios* added. However, it is now clear that the strike ‘significantly damaged’ Iran’s efforts to resume nuclear weapons research. Iran has consistently denied that it is working to achieve a nuclear weapon, and its mission to the United Nations declined to comment on the story...”



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