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Trump Orders Nuclear Subs in Position After Russian Threat

President Donald Trump appears to be taking threats made by a former Russian president seriously. On Friday, he announced that he ordered two nuclear submarines in position near Russia “just in case these foolish and inflammatory statements are more than just that.”

Trump made the announcement in a Truth Social [post](#).

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— Pete Hegseth (@PeteHegseth)
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Russian Threat

On Monday, Dmitry Medvedev, who now serves as deputy chairman of the Russian Security Council, issued an outright threat in response to Trump’s decision to give Russia “10 or 12” days to make peace with Ukraine before facing secondary sanctions. Medvedev shot back. He said Russia was not Iran or Israel and that Trump can’t push Russia around. And he said that every new ultimatum brings the two countries — America and Russia — “toward war.”

Trump's playing the ultimatum game with Russia: 50 days or 10... He should remember 2 things:

1. Russia isn't Israel or even Iran.
2. Each new ultimatum is a threat and a step towards war. Not between Russia and Ukraine, but with his own country. Don't go down the Sleepy Joe road!

— Dmitry Medvedev (@MedvedevRussiaE) [July 28, 2025](#)

Breakdown in U.S.-Russia Relations

The move is the latest sign that relations between the U.S. and Russia are cooling after a short thaw. While the Biden administration had a policy of no communication whatsoever with the Kremlin, Trump entered office with a mission to talk to Russia’s leader, Vladimir Putin, and bring an end to the vicious war in Ukraine. The two had spoken several times since January. Some rumors claimed they had talked before Trump was ever inaugurated.

Trump emerged from the first few discussions optimistic. But as the war continued, the American president started to suspect that Putin was stringing him along without any genuine desire to end the war. Putin’s position, though, was that the issues that prompted his invasion needed to be addressed, top among them the guarantee that Ukraine will never be part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).



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A few weeks ago, Trump told reporters that his conversations with Putin were “meaningless.” Afterward, he began caving in to pressure to get tough with Russia. Among the tools he vowed to leverage was secondary sanctions, which would target Russia’s energy revenue.

Founders’ Foreign Policy

There would be no need to position nuclear submarines near Russia if the Trump administration would adhere to the noninterventionist foreign policy prescribed by the Founding Fathers. Russia and Ukraine are on the other side of the world. Without U.S. meddling, there is no reason to suspect that either nation poses a threat to the U.S. homeland. If America minds her business and stays strong at home, no nation would be foolish enough to attack her.

Russia and Ukraine consistently rank as the most corrupt in Europe. Each one’s government is led by self-interested oligarchs who control the media, imprison dissenters, and don’t hold elections. Despite attempts by Western media to paint Ukraine as a beacon of “democracy,” as we’ve shown, that is far from the case. To risk nuclear war over Ukraine is criminal.

American intervention is a policy favored by the nation’s ruling elites and rejected by the regular people of the country. It is creating a tense global environment that could lead to nuclear war. And the aftermath of such an event would disproportionately impact average people. Americans should create pressure through their federal representatives to stop American meddling in other parts of the world and focus on the homeland, where we have several issues that deserve the full attention of the White House.

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