Breakdown of Diplomacy: Ukraine Government Arrests Russian Embassy Staff in Kiev

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Russia insists on the immediate release of staff members of the Russian embassy in Kiev, detained on August 28, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

“We urge to stop provocations against Russian diplomatic institutions in Ukraine and our diplomatic staff members,” the ministry said.

According to the ministry, “another revolting action against the Russian embassy security guards, including the personal guard of the ambassador,” was staged in Kiev on August 28. They were detained at the exit of a cafe under an openly manufactured pretext of having grenades, despite the fact that they produced diplomatic passports.

“We demand the immediate release of the embassy staff members and prevention of any future violations of international conventions on diplomatic immunity,” the ministry said.

Russia urges the Ukrainian parties and Western partners to show goodwill towards solving problems exclusively by peaceful means, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

“This is the only way whether the West really advocates for the interests of obedient Ukrainian politicians, the Ukrainian multinational people and the Ukrainian state the future of which can and should be ensured by searching for nationwide accord,”the ministry said.

“Russia will consistently do its best to create conditions for resolving the crisis in negotiations through strengthening confidence-building measures between the conflicting parties and taking concrete measures to de-escalate the situation and assist to civilians,” the ministry said.

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