

## Kiev Fires Ballistic Missiles into Eastern Ukraine

Pentagon intentionally withholds information on Kiev's indiscriminate use of ballistic missiles in populated areas.

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<u>CNN has reported</u> that the regime in Kiev launched several short-range ballistic missiles into eastern Ukraine – each missile containing warheads of up to 1,000 lbs (450 kg). The missiles fired were OTR-21 Tochka also known by their NATO reporting name as SS-21 Scarabs and are considered far from "precision" weapons.

While smaller than the infamous "Scud" missile, SS-21s are similarly inaccurate and their use in combat against an enemy entrenched in populated areas is almost guaranteed to cause indiscriminate mass casualties. In fact, when Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi allegedly fired Scuds at NATO-backed Al Qaeda terrorists, according to the Telegraph in its article, "Col Gaddafi fires scud missile at rebel territory as Nato braces itself for final violent showdown," one Western official claimed:

That it didn't hit anything or kill anyone is not the point. It's a weapon of mass destruction that Col Gaddafi is willing to train on his own people.



Clearly the West's conscience has shifted and now weapons of mass destruction Ukraine is

willing to train on its own people appears more than acceptable.

The US Department of Defense admittedly holds information regarding Kiev's use of the ballistic missiles but is refusing to disclose it, only confirming that indeed the weapons have been used. In the CNN report, Major General James A. "Spider" Marks claimed that the reasoning behind the Pentagon's decision was because "Ukraine has a right to defend itself," before admitting that SS-21s are used offensively ahead of an invasion or other armed incursion.

What it appears the West is doing by admitting to what is otherwise a crime against humanity by their own definition, is acclimatizing what is left of their impressionable audiences to an increasingly brutal campaign of indiscriminate violence against the whole of eastern Ukraine in an effort to not only break armed resistance, but the civilian population that has rejected Kiev's authority. The use of such weaponry, just as the Telegraph and others noted before the fall of Libya, hints at tactical weakness and impending strategic defeat – and while the West covers for Kiev's numerous and multiplying atrocities, the fact that Kiev must resort to increasingly brutal and indiscriminate measures indicates a failure no amount of Western support can undo.

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