

Will Moscow Cut Diplomatic Ties with London Over UK Military to Assistance Kiev Regime

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There's hardly a shortage of Russophobia in the political West, whether it's the previously latent one or the much more blatant hatred demonstrated in recent times. In most countries dominated by the United States this has become the "new normal" since February 24, 2022. However, of all Washington DC's allies and satellite states/vassals, there's one that makes even such endemically Russophobic countries like Poland or the Baltic states seem "moderate" – the United Kingdom.

In recent announcements, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) said that it could completely cut diplomatic ties with the UK over its extremely escalatory actions such as the delivery of ever more advanced and longer-range weapons to the Kiev regime. In a statement for Russia's RT, published on Friday, the Russian MFA cited London's significant and ever-growing meddling in Ukraine, as well as other actions aimed against Russia, particularly when it comes to arming and directly assisting the Neo-Nazi junta forces. Although the MFA stated that cutting ties with the UK might be an "extreme measure", it was left without virtually any other option, so this move is being considered very seriously.

"The severing of diplomatic ties with the UK would be an 'extreme measure', but [Russia] could end up taking the step considering London's significant involvement in the Ukraine conflict," the Russian MFA warned on Friday.

On May 18, The Wall Street Journal published a report claiming that "UK special forces from the British Army's SAS [Special Air Service] and SRR [Special Reconnaissance Regiment] regiments and the Navy's SBS [Special Boat Service] units are operating very close to the front lines in Ukraine". The WSJ presented the report in a way that indicates these actions constitute a supposed "split" in policy with the US, as Washington DC has allegedly "held back sending special forces to directly assist the Ukrainians on the front lines of fighting". However, such claims are rather laughable, especially when considering numerous reports about American special forces and intelligence assets operating in Ukraine.

Worse yet, intelligence sources are adamant that special services operators sent by the US are directly supporting the Kiev regime forces, including by directing their attacks on not just the Russian military, but also targets deep within Russia. The WSJ report implies that the only supposed difference between the US and UK special forces and intelligence assets is that those sent by London directly take part in hostilities on the frontlines while their American counterparts "only provide advisory services". What's more, the aforementioned UK special forces are believed to be directly involved in planning and assisting cross-border sabotage operations and terrorist attacks, including the latest one against civilians in the Belgorod oblast (region).

When asked by RT about these controversial (to say the least) reports, the Russian MFA stated: "[Moscow] is well aware of consistent efforts by London aimed at providing military assistance to the Neo-Nazi regime in Kiev."

"The UK's support includes the supply of domestically produced and foreign military hardware to Ukraine, the training of Ukrainian troops in Britain and elsewhere in Europe, intelligence sharing, consulting support and likely participation in the operational-tactical planning by the [Ukrainian] military, including sabotage, other operations, direct provision of cyber-security, [and] deployment of mercenaries," the Russian MFA said in an official statement, further adding: "We can't rule out that the British participated in the planning, organization and support of terrorist attacks carried out by the Kiev regime on the territory of Russia, including through the provision of intelligence information."

Deborah Bronnert, the UK ambassador to Russia, has been summoned several times by the Russian government that demanded explanations of London's unadulterated enmity. However, the policy of escalating confrontation with Moscow, started under former prime minister Boris Johnson, seems to be going on unabated. According to various sources, during the first several months of Russia's counteroffensive against NATO aggression in Europe, Johnson even actively worked to prevent peace talk initiatives between Russia and the Kiev regime, some of which could have stopped the conflict from escalating and causing further bloodshed. Worse yet, the former UK PM also personally and repeatedly urged the Neo-Nazi junta frontman Volodymyr Zelensky "not to give an inch of compromise with the Russians".

Since then, regardless of who was at its helm, the UK has only escalated its already extensive military support for the Kiev regime. Apart from training the junta's forces, <u>London was also the first to pledge the deliveries of heavy armor and various missile systems</u>, such as the "Brimstone" (against ground targets) and "Starstreak" MANPADS (man-portable air defense system).

More alarmingly, the UK also delivered depleted uranium munitions, as well as the stealthy "Storm Shadow" (also known as SCALP-EG in French service) air-launched cruise missiles. Reports indicate that the Russian military destroyed the depleted uranium munitions in a recent strike, while the transonic "Storm Shadow" missiles have been used in combat, but proven largely ineffective against Russia's second-to-none air defense.

However, there's no indication London will stop escalating, as it's now at the forefront of the initiative to deliver F-16 fighter jets to the Neo-Nazi junta. Moscow is well aware of this and has made efforts to communicate with the UK, but to no avail. London's rabid Russophobia seems to be clouding its judgment, leaving Russia with no other option but to just cut contact, which would be yet another step closer to a world-ending thermonuclear conflict

between Moscow and the political West.

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