

New Cold War? Deployment of US anti-missile defense (AMD) close to Russian border

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MOSCOW — Russia was convinced that there were no missile threats for Europe either now or in future, which could justify deployment of anti-missile defense (AMD) close to Russian borders, Russia's Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said on Tuesday.

"We are convinced that neither presently nor in future there were missile threats to justify that an anti-missile defense system must be deployed near Russian borders," the FM official web-site reported.

Nesterenko said Russia was ready to cooperate with the U.S. in AMD sphere only on equal basis.

"We would only welcome the United States and NATO's preparedness to cooperate as equal partners with Russia in shaping the future European missile defense architecture," Nesterenko told the press, quoted by Interfax news agency.

"However, good intentions here differ with real doings," he added.

On July 3, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Polish counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski signed in Krakow amendments to the Bush-initiated agreement on anti-missile defense outlining the deployment of the U.S. SM-3 from 2015 to 2018.

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