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Biden Authorizes Long-range Missile Strikes Inside Russia. WW3, Nuclear War Ahead?

President Joe Biden has moved toward involving the United States in a war with Russia and possibly starting WWIII, which might well result in a globally devastating exchange of nuclear missiles.

The mentally incapacitated president has authorized Ukraine to use American missiles on targets almost 200 miles inside Russia.

In March, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia will use nuclear weapons in its war with Ukraine, and perhaps on the West, if Western countries continue to escalate involvement in the war.



AP Images
ATACMS missile being fired

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Ukraine has been fighting Russia since it invaded in February 2022 after a U.S.-backed coup in 2014 and NATO's ever-increasing membership near Russia's borders. Ukraine has been losing that war — and not least half of its population — as deceased American journalist [Gonzalo Lira explained](#). Ukraine's corrupt Zelensky regime [murdered Lira](#) by medical neglect in a prison after arresting him when he tried to flee the country. Lira had warned Ukraine could not defeat Russia and unnecessarily committing national suicide.

Escalating the War

Now, in a move that could enmesh the United States in a direct war with Russia that President-elect Trump must handle as of January 20, Biden told Ukraine it could hit Russia with American missiles.

“The weapons are likely to be initially employed against Russian and North Korean troops in defense of Ukrainian forces in the Kursk region of western Russia,” [officials told *The New York Times*](#) for a story published yesterday:

Mr. Biden's decision is a major change in U.S. policy. The choice has divided his advisers, and his shift comes two months before President-elect Donald J. Trump takes office, having vowed to limit further support for Ukraine.

Allowing the Ukrainians to use the long-range missiles, known as the Army Tactical Missile Systems, or ATACMS, came in response to Russia's surprise decision to bring North Korean troops into the fight, officials said.

Worse still, Ukrainian dictator Volodmyr Zelensky said that he'll do his talking with the missiles, not with words.

“‘Today, many in the media are talking about the fact that we have received permission to take appropriate actions,’ he told Ukrainians in his nightly address,” the [Times reported](#). “But blows are



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not inflicted with words. Such things are not announced. The rockets will speak for themselves.”

The latest isn't the first time Biden has escalated American participation in the war. In 2023, leaked video [showed U.S. Special Forces](#) operating in the country.

<https://twitter.com/TheChiefNerd/status/1646142967017603073>

And in May, Biden said Ukraine could use shorter-range missiles against Russia “directly across the border,” the *Times* noted.

But those missiles fly only 50 miles. The ATACMS can hit targets 190 miles away.

[Continued the Times:](#)

While the officials said they do not expect the shift to fundamentally alter the course of the war, one of the goals of the policy change, they said, is to send a message to the North Koreans that their forces are vulnerable and that they should not send more of them.

The officials said that while the Ukrainians were likely to use the missiles first against Russian and North Korean troops that threaten Ukrainian forces in Kursk, Mr. Biden could authorize them to use the weapons elsewhere.

Responding to the sane administration officials who worry that Putin might retaliate against the United States or NATO, “U.S. officials said they thought those fears were overblown.”

Putin's Threat

In May, Putin again said he might use nuclear weapons if the United States escalates participation in the war.

“President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Russia is ready to use nuclear weapons if its sovereignty or independence is threatened, issuing another blunt warning to the West just days before an election in which he's all but certain to secure another six-year term,” [The Associated Press reported:](#)

The Russian leader has repeatedly talked about his readiness to use nuclear weapons since launching a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. The most recent such threat came in his state-of-the-nation address last month, when he warned the West that deepening its involvement in the fighting in Ukraine would risk a nuclear war.

Putin also said, however, that Biden was too wise a politician to escalate matters.

Still, “Putin's comments appeared to be a message to the West that he's prepared to use all means to protect his gains in Ukraine,” [AP continued:](#)

He said that in line with the country's security doctrine, Moscow is ready to use nuclear weapons in case of a threat to “the existence of the Russian state, our sovereignty and independence.”

“All that is written in our strategy, we haven't changed it,” he said.

Foreign-policy hawks inside the administration, the [Times reported](#), think “Biden and his advisers have been too easily intimidated by Mr. Putin's hostile rhetoric, and they say that the administration's incremental approach to arming the Ukrainians has disadvantaged them on the battlefield.”



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Continued the *Times*:

Proponents of Mr. Biden's approach say that it had largely been successful at averting a violent Russian response.

Allowing long-range strikes on Russian territory using American missiles could change that equation.

True, but it might also provoke Putin into hitting Ukraine or even some NATO countries with nuclear weapons.

Who Wins a Nuclear War?

Frighteningly, some analysts have discussed winning a nuclear war.

[Writing for *The Wall Street Journal*](#) in April 2022, just after Russia invaded Ukraine, Seth Cropsey of the Yorktown Institute explained that the United States "should show it can win a nuclear war," as the opinion piece was titled.

"The reality is that unless the U.S. prepares to win a nuclear war, it risks losing one," he wrote, and it must "recalibrate its strategic logic for a nuclear environment."

"A nuclear war should never be fought," he continued:

But the Kremlin seems willing to fight one, at least a limited one. If the U.S. demonstrates it is unwilling to do so, the chance that the Kremlin will use nuclear weapons becomes dangerously real."

In fact, the Kremlin's use of nuclear weapons is becoming "dangerously real" because NATO and the United States involved themselves in Ukraine, which now threatens to use American-supplied missiles to strike almost 200 miles inside Russia.

Were a similar threat to the United States positioned inside Mexico, the missiles could hit major cities such as Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Antonio, San Diego, and Tucson.



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