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Defense Ministry Slammed

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Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev has sharply criticized Defense Ministry officials for achieving poor results in defense procurement.

Speaking at a Cabinet meeting, Medvedev said that the Defense Ministry had signed only two thirds of the contracts necessary for supplying the military with weapons in 2013.

"That means that there are mistakes in the planning and implementation of contracts," Medvedev said Monday, addressing his criticism to deputy prime ministers, including Dmitry Rogozin.

But Rogozin said that the situation with defense contracts is changing for the better, compared with last year.

Defense Ministry officials have often complained in the past that defense factories supply them with low-quality weapons and threatened to turn to foreign producers for certain kinds of arms.

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