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France Says Aid Delivery Could Be Pretext for Russian Incursion in Ukraine

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French Foreign Affairs Minister Laurent Fabius speaks during a news conference with Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister for Energy Hussain al-Shahristani in Baghdad, Iraq.

PARIS — French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said Tuesday that a Russian convoy of 280 trucks taking humanitarian aid to Ukraine could be an attempt by Moscow to install a permanent presence in the country.

"We must be extremely careful because this could be a cover for the Russians to install themselves near Lugansk and Donetsk and put us before a done deed," he told France Info radio. "This [convoy] is only possible, only justifiable, if the Red Cross authorises it."

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