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Cameron: Russia to Be Hit With More Sanctions If Ukraine Crisis Worsens

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Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron drinks a glass of water as he delivers a speech in Hastings, southern England on Feb. 23, 2015.

LONDON — British Prime Minister David Cameron has said Russia's "illegal" actions in Ukraine have reached a new level and that any attempts by pro-Russian separatists to expand their territory will draw tougher Western sanctions against Moscow.

"Far from changing course, Russia's totally unjustifiable and illegal actions in eastern Ukraine have reached a new level with the separatists' blatant breach of the cease-fire to take control of Debaltseve, made possible only with the supply of Russian fighters and equipment," Cameron told parliament on Monday.

Cameron spoke after Kiev accused pro-Russian rebels of opening fire with rockets and artillery at villages in southeastern Ukraine, all but burying a week-old European-brokered cease-fire deal.

"Russia must be in no doubt that any attempts by the separatists to expand their territory —

whether towards Mariupol or elsewhere — will be met with further significant EU and U.S. sanctions," said Cameron.

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