

Kremlin Blasts Russian Trucks Standoff in Ukraine

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Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has described the blocking of Russian trucks by Ukrainian activists in Ukraine as “lawlessness” and “outrageous,” the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

“In any case it is absolutely contrary to international law,” he said, according to Interfax.

Peskov did not comment on the Russian authorities’ decision to temporarily suspend the movement of trucks registered in Ukraine on Russian territory nor on the official suspension of Russian trucks, which the Ukrainian government announced on Monday.

He said, however, that the Kremlin is “closely monitoring the situation.”

The Russian Transport Ministry declared that its suspension was in response to the obstruction of its trucks transiting through Ukraine. Kiev then took similar official measures

against Russian trucks.

Ukrainian activists began to interfere with the passage of trucks with Russian license plates last week.

The action began in the western Zakarpattia region and later spread to Lviv and Volyn regions. Delays affected trucks that were headed in the direction of Slovakia, Hungary and Belarus.

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