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Kremlin Buys New Media Monitoring System

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Katyusha multiple rocket launchers are a type of rocket artillery fielded by the Soviet Army in World War II. **Wikicommons**

Russia's presidential administration is to splash out 79 million rubles ($1.2 million) on a new media monitoring service until the end of the year, the Vedomosti newspaper reported Friday.

The system named "Katyusha," was developed by Moscow-based tech company M-13 over the past five years.

The program monitors more than 20,000 media sources , and was developed without public funds, said M-13 CEO Alexander Badikov.

"The system allows real-time,

high-precision monitor
ing on a wide range of topics,
so
that information and its spread can be assessed, and that the user can quickly respond
to threats,”
he said.

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