

Russia Reacts to New U.S. Cyber-Warfare Sanctions

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The Kremlin and the Russian Foreign Ministry reacted sharply to the Obama administration's announcement of new sanctions in response to alleged interference in the U.S. presidential election.

Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova was one of the first to respond to the news with a statement on her Facebook page late Thursday night.

"We talked about it for several years, that the people who lived in the White House for eight years are not an administration, but a group of angry and short-sighted foreign policy losers," Zakharova wrote in her post.

According to her, the American people have been "humiliated" by their own president.

On Friday morning the Kremlin weighed in on the matter, promising an "adequate response."

"From our point of view, such an action (the introduction of new anti-Russian sanctions)

from Washington, the current Washington administration is a manifestation of unfortunately unpredictable, and you could even say aggressive, foreign policy," Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev also opined through his English language Twitter account.

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It is regrettable that the Obama administration, which started out by restoring our ties, is ending its term in an anti-Russia agony. RIP

— Dmitry Medvedev (@MedvedevRussiaE) [December 30, 2016](#)

Also on Friday morning, CNN reported that Russian authorities had ordered the closure of the Anglo-American School of Moscow.

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[#BREAKING](#): A US official says Russian authorities ordered the Anglo-American School of Moscow to close as retaliation for US sanctions

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The Moscow Times' requests for comment from the school have gone unanswered so far.

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