

# Russia Accuses Ukraine of Provoking Incident in Kerch Strait

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Russia's foreign ministry on Monday accused Ukraine of deliberately provoking an incident in the Kerch Strait near Crimea in which Russia seized three Ukrainian vessels.

Moscow will summon a senior Ukrainian diplomat to complain about the incident, foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on state television.

Russia on Sunday seized two small Ukrainian armored artillery vessels and a tug boat, which Moscow said had illegally entered Russia's territorial waters.

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