

Russia Will Deploy New Missiles Targeting Europe if U.S. Does, Envoy Warns

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Moscow will deploy new missiles with a strike range over the entirety of Europe if the United States puts missiles on the continent, Russia's ambassador to the U.S. warned Monday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree on Monday [suspending](#) Russia's participation in the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty with the United States, citing U.S. violations. Washington said last month that it would withdraw from the treaty because of Russian violations.

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“We are very much concerned that after the decision of the United States to withdraw from the INF treaty, missiles could be deployed on the territory of [America’s] European allies,”

Russian Ambassador to Washington Anatoly Antonov [said](#) Monday.

“We will be forced to deploy our missiles,” Antonov said at the Henry L. Stimson Center, a Washington security think tank, as he [displayed](#) a map of Europe. “And here you will see that the whole territory of European countries will be covered.”

The 1987 INF pact banned either side from stationing short and intermediate-range, land-based missiles in Europe and its demise raises the prospect of a new arms race between Washington and Moscow.

Putin [warned](#) last month that Russia would not only target the European countries where new missiles would be deployed, but the United States itself.

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