

# Russia Expels Deputy Chief of U.S. Mission in Moscow – Reports

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Bart Gorman, the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. **Vladimir Gerdo / TASS**

Russia has expelled the United States' deputy chief of mission to Moscow at the height of bilateral tensions over the Ukraine crisis, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency [reported](#) Thursday.

The U.S. Embassy promised a response to Bart Gorman's expulsion.

"Gorman was the second most senior official at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow after the ambassador and a key member of the embassy's senior management team," Embassy spokesman Jason Rebholz was quoted as saying.

The blog Diplopundit reported Monday that Gorman had [departed](#) Moscow with his family last Thursday — the same day as Russia's Diplomats' Day holiday, it noted.

His expulsion came as the United States issued increasingly detailed warnings of a possibly imminent Russian invasion of neighboring Ukraine.

Gorman served as charge d'affaires at the U.S. mission in Moscow after the 2019 resignation of ex-President Donald Trump's appointee Jon Huntsman.

Gorman continued as deputy chief of mission after the appointment of Ambassador John Sullivan under President Joe Biden in 2020.

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