

Moscow Says Sanctions Need To Be Lifted To Avoid Food Crisis

By [AFP](#)

May 25, 2022



Donat Sorokin / TASS

International sanctions imposed on Moscow over its military campaign in Ukraine need to be lifted to avoid a global food crisis, a Russian deputy foreign minister said on Wednesday.

"Solving the food problem requires a comprehensive approach, including the removal of sanctions that have been imposed on Russian exports and financial transactions," Andrei Rudenko said in remarks carried by Russian news agencies.

Related article: [A Naval Corridor for Ukraine Cargo Ships? Easier Said Than Done](#)

"It also requires Ukraine to de-mine all ports where ships are docked and Russia is ready to provide the necessary humanitarian passage," Rudenko added.

Russia's military campaign in Ukraine and a barrage of sanctions on Moscow over the

offensive have disrupted supplies of fertilizer, wheat and other commodities from both countries.

The West has accused the Kremlin of using hunger as a weapon during its offensive in Ukraine.

Russia and Ukraine alone produce 30% of the global wheat supply.

The United Nations has urged Russian authorities to release grain stuck in Ukrainian ports due to Moscow's military campaign.

Original url:

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2022/05/25/moscow-says-sanctions-need-to-be-lifted-to-avoid-food-crisis-a77797>