

Russia Says Ramping Up Ammunition Production for Ukraine War

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Rostec CEO Sergei Chemezov. **Kirill Zykov / Moskva News Agency**

Russia's defense industry has stepped up production of ammunition for the military to use in Ukraine, Sergei Chemezov, who heads the state defense conglomerate Rostec, [said](#) Friday.

"Our enemies' chatter about Russia allegedly running out of missiles, shells, etc. is complete nonsense," Chemezov told the state-run RIA Novosti news agency.

"We have increased the production of ammunition on orders by the Defense Ministry several times over," he added without providing figures.

Chemezov acknowledged a spike in the use of various types of ammunition as Russia's military campaign in Ukraine nears its one-year mark.

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U.S. military officials have recently [claimed](#) that Russia could use up its "fully serviceable"

ammunition by early 2023 and may soon be forced to use older and less reliable stocks.

President Vladimir Putin had [urged](#) Russia's defense industry to boost output for the Armed Forces during the war in Ukraine.

Chemezov, who is believed to be a close associate of Putin's, previously boasted of Rostec's factories [working "around the clock"](#) to produce military equipment, including warplanes and tanks.

The U.S.-based Institute for the Study of War (ISW) [said](#) Friday that the latest series of deadly missile and drone strikes across Ukraine showed that Russian forces have enough drones for "a few more large-scale strikes" without a fresh delivery from Iran.

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