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Netherlands Summons Russian Ambassador as Kyiv Embassy Hit

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The Dutch Embassy in Kyiv. **Government of the Netherlands**

The Dutch government summoned the Russian ambassador in the Netherlands on Thursday, after the Dutch Embassy in Kyiv suffered minor damage when a projectile landed near the building.

Dutch Foreign Minister Tom Berendsen said a projectile had struck behind the Dutch embassy in Kyiv on Thursday afternoon. No one was injured.

Berendsen told Dutch broadcaster RTL the incident was "unacceptable" and a reason to summon Russia's ambassador in The Hague.

The Russian Embassy in the Netherlands had said on Thursday it was becoming "increasingly difficult to regard the Netherlands as a mere bystander" in the war in Ukraine.

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"Through its actions, The Hague is consistently deepening its involvement in the conflict, contributing to its prolongation and further escalation," the embassy said.

Earlier this week, Netherlands-based defense company Destinus said its missiles were the only foreign-made weapons used in Ukraine's attack on Tuesday on the Crimean Bridge.

Dutch newspaper NRC on Thursday reported that Destinus employees had been active in Ukraine, where it said they had tested the company's drones on Russian targets.

In a response, Destinus said its staff had only supported the Ukrainian military in line with contracts.

It was unclear whether there was any relation between the incident in Kyiv and the reports about Destinus.

Then on Friday, the Russian embassy in the Netherlands said it had urged the country to take seriously its recommendation that foreign diplomats leave Kyiv.

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