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## Top Putin Ally Shrugs Off Trump's Ukraine Aid Moves

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Former Russian President and current Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev has dismissed President Donald Trump's recent pledge to bolster Ukraine's defenses, describing the gesture as hollow and unthreatening to Moscow.

Medvedev, one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's closest allies, took to social media to characterize Trump's announcement as a "theatrical ultimatum." He argued that while

European nations braced for a dramatic response, Russia felt no genuine concern.

“The world shuddered, expecting the consequences. Belligerent Europe was disappointed. Russia didn’t care,” Medvedev wrote, underscoring the Kremlin’s longstanding confidence in its position on Ukraine.

On Monday, Trump confirmed plans to dispatch additional Patriot air defense missile systems originally designated as “Phased Array Tracking Radar for Intercept of Target” to Ukrainian forces. Alongside the missile batteries, he pledged to supply more advanced offensive weapons, with the cost largely covered by Kyiv’s European allies.

The move was intended to reinforce Ukraine’s defenses as the conflict drags on, though it also signaled to Russia and Europe alike that Washington remains ready to exert pressure through military channels.

Despite the bold tone of the announcement, Medvedev’s remarks reflect a view within Moscow that Western arms shipments are more about public posturing than altering the balance of power. The Kremlin has repeatedly suggested that foreign assistance will not change its strategic calculations or weaken its resolve.

Trump’s decision to expand military support underscores his effort to project American strength abroad, even as many European governments grow uneasy over the costs and risks of prolonging the war. Critics contend that while bolstering Ukraine’s arsenal may delay Russian advances, it could also entrench a dangerous stalemate without offering a credible path to peace.