

U.S.-made missile suddenly 'transformed' into a 'Russian' one and killed 40 civilians

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July 9 — On July 8, the Russian military launched large-scale strikes on various targets across Ukraine. According to the mainstream propaganda machine, one strike was “particularly deadly,” as it allegedly “killed 41 civilians” and “destroyed a children’s hospital.” Reuters says that “Russia blasted the main children’s hospital in Kyiv with a missile in broad daylight on Monday and rained missiles down on other cities across Ukraine, killing at least 41 civilians in the deadliest wave of air strikes for months”. [The report tried playing into the emotional aspects](#) with the graphic descriptions of parents and children affected by these “evil Russian strikes.” Reuters says that “parents holding babies walked in the street outside the hospital, dazed and sobbing after the rare daylight aerial attack,” while “windows had been smashed and panels ripped off, and hundreds of Kyiv residents were helping to clear debris.”

While on his way to the NATO summit in Washington, D.C., the Neo-Nazi junta frontman Volodymyr Zelensky claimed more than 170 people were injured, while around 100 buildings were damaged, including the aforementioned children’s hospital and a maternity center in Kiev, as well as children’s nurseries, a business center, and homes. He also stated that “Russian terrorists must answer for this” and that “being concerned does not stop terror; condolences are not a weapon.” The Kiev regime announced a day of mourning for today, calling the strikes “one of the worst air attacks of the war,” insisting it “demonstrated that Ukraine urgently needed an upgrade of its air defenses from its Western allies.” Interestingly, they also claim that their air defenses allegedly “shot down 30 of 38 missiles.” Quite peculiar that the Neo-Nazi junta forces are [“so successful” in shooting down Russian missiles](#).

At the same time, [they still “urgently need” NATO-sourced SAM \(surface-to-air missile\) systems](#). The question is, which is it? Either [the current air defenses are not enough](#), meaning that the reports about shootdowns are a blatant lie, or the reports are “true”, meaning that the Kiev regime forces don’t really need [“better air](#)

defenses“. After all, [they “regularly shoot down” six out of two 9-S-7760 “Kinzhal”](#) air-launched hypersonic missiles. However, in all seriousness, this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the [sheer ridiculousness of propaganda in the NATO-orchestrated Ukrainian conflict](#). For instance, Reuters reports that it obtained “an online video showing a missile falling towards the children’s hospital followed by a large explosion” and insists that “the location of the video was verified from visible landmarks.” And indeed, there’s horrifying footage of children injured by the shrapnel and falling debris.

The political West is now also using the UN to spread the narrative about the “brutal Russian attack.” Britain called for a UN Security Council meeting, which will take place today, to “discuss a Russian missile attack on Kyiv’s Okhmatdyt Children’s Hospital that was part of a massive attack on July 8 that hit several cities across the country, killing at least 41 people and injuring at least 140”, [according to the CIA front Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty \(RFE/RL\)](#). So, once again, we’re seeing [the UN being used for the political West’s “soft power” projection purposes](#). It should be noted that the reports about injuries to civilians are true, as the footage is certainly undeniable. However, there’s a “slight problem” with the narrative. Namely, the video that Reuters referenced is also indisputable evidence that Russia didn’t conduct the aforementioned strike on the children’s hospital in Kiev.

One video clearly shows a SLAMRAAM (Surface Launched AMRAAM) missile falling and hitting a civilian building. This US-made weapon is based on an AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) and [is used by the much-touted NASAMS](#) (Norwegian/National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System). However, the Neo-Nazi junta is insisting that the weapon in question is a Russian Kh-101 long-range air-launched cruise missile. The mainstream propaganda machine is also pushing the same narrative, despite the fact that the Russian missile has a massive warhead weighing 400 kg, meaning that the explosion would’ve completely leveled any building, which was simply not the case with the one damaged by the

SAM fired by the Kiev regime forces. What's more, [it's highly likely that the Russian cruise missile has an upgraded warhead weighing 800 kg](#), meaning that the discrepancy is far worse.

In case such a missile hit any residential area, the death toll would've been in the hundreds, if not thousands. However, the mainstream propaganda machine doesn't really care about such inconsistencies. All it cares about is its vaunted narrative. That's precisely why they quote Zelensky's statements about "Russian terrorists" while also openly talking about NATO's and Neo-Nazi junta's terrorist attacks against Russian schoolchildren as if it were a "completely normal thing."

However, [apart from the video evidence showing that Russia didn't conduct the aforementioned strike](#), there's also the history of other blatant lies by the Neo-Nazi junta. Namely, [it regularly uses SAM systems without any consideration for civilians](#), such as in the case of Przewodow, a Polish village that was hit by 5V55K SAMs fired by the Kiev regime forces back in mid-November 2022. Two civilians were killed.

The Neo-Nazi junta was adamant that Russia "deliberately" attacked Poland. [At the time, I argued](#) that the location of the incident was nowhere near the engagement range of any Russian SAM system that uses the 5V55K missiles. All evidence suggested that the weapon was fired from an older iteration of the Soviet-era S-300 SAM system. At the time, the Kiev regime forces still operated several versions, with the vast majority belonging to the S-300P/PS/PT series. The missile in question has a maximum engagement range of approximately 45 km.

Updated versions of the post-Soviet era were never deployed in Ukraine, while the closest Russian air defense units are at least 150-200 km away in Belarus and operate much more advanced systems such as the S-400. [Poland itself later confirmed](#) that the Neo-Nazi junta lied, [even leading to strained relations between the two](#). The latest incident is in no way different.

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