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## Embassy comment on new provocative anti-Russian statements by the Foreign Secretary

Visiting NATO's "Eastern flank" has once again led members of the British establishment to engage in provocative anti-Russian stunts. Not so long ago L.Truss appeared on a tank pronouncing threats against Russia. Now it was James Cleverly's turn to resort to a particularly direct attack which was subsequently followed up by the media.

To recall, on 30 May the Foreign Secretary, whilst visiting Estonia and commenting on the Ukrainian Armed Forces' attempted terrorist attacks in Moscow and the Moscow Region, stated that the Kiev regime was allegedly endowed with some sort of legitimate right to "project force" beyond its borders against "legitimate military targets" in Russia.

It seems British officials, aiming to take on new heights in ratcheting up the Ukrainian conflict, have now managed to surpass their overseas partners in their reckless rhetoric.

Belligerent statements by the head of British "diplomacy" cannot be considered anything less than emboldening the Kiev regime to commit new acts of terror against civilian infrastructure and peaceful citizens of Russia. It seems those looking out the windows in the Foreign Office (or in Estonia) view residential buildings in Moscow as "legitimate military targets". We therefore assume that such statements are indicative of Mr Cleverly's readiness to assume responsibility for the harm and suffering inflicted on Russians, as well as the extremely dangerous escalation of the conflict.

According to common knowledge, the Brits have acquired extensive experience in "force projection" in Iraq, Libya and Syria. Dire consequences of these actions will be felt for a long time far beyond the Middle East and North Africa. And now London seems ready to share its expertise with its Kiev apprentices.



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