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# Putin orders Satan II to be ready to deploy for nuclear war. What is it?

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Ombination screenshot of Russian military video of Satan missile tests Photograph: (Others)



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Russia-Ukraine war update: President Vladimir Putin has reportedly ordered that the intercontinental ballistic missile Satan II be ready to deploy. The likely deployment of these missiles that can carry nulcear warhead would be a massive escalation in Ukraine war. Here is what you should know

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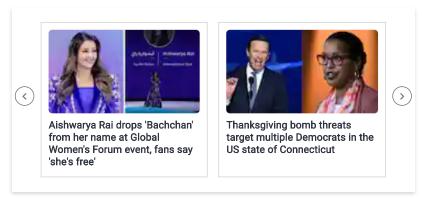
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According to multiple reports citing Russian state media, Putin ordered that Satan II be ready for battle 'as soon as possible.'

The move comes after Ukraine used US-made ATACMS missiles on November 25 and UK-supplied Storm Shadow missiles against Russia a couple of days later.

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ATACMS stands for Army Tactical Missile System. These are supersonic tactical ballistic missiles.

The Storm Shadow is a Franco-British long-range air-launched cruise missile that can escape detection.

### What is Satan II?

Satan is a huge intercontinental ballistic missile, originally called the RS-28 Sarmat.

It can deliver nuclear warheads thousands of kilometres away and can potentially hit targets in the US or Europe.

It is named after the Sarmatians, a nomadic clan from history who fought Atila the Hun.

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Satan II is a rather derogatory name given to the ICBM, mostly by the Western media.

The three-stage missile is launched from silos and is liquid-fueled.

But one of these missiles exploded during testing in September, which was seen as a big setback for Putin.

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Putin's reported order to accelerate the deployment of Satan came amid threats of retaliation by Russia over Ukraine's use of ATACMS inside its territory.

The Western media had reported that US President Joe Biden could give nuclear weapons to Ukraine before leaving office in January 2025.

Russian foreign ministry warned on Wednesday (Nov 27) that tic could be an insane idea that can prove to be a catastrophe.

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