



United States Mission to the OSCE
**On Russia's Missile Attacks on Ukraine, Including
on Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital in Kyiv,
on 8 July 2024**

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As world leaders gather for NATO's 75th anniversary summit in Washington, Russia launched 40 missiles at Ukraine on July 8th. This horrific attack killed over 40 people, wounded more than 150, and hit Ukraine's largest children's hospital. Russia's barrage also damaged residential buildings in Kyiv and other cities.

Kyiv's Okhmatdyt Hospital — one of two damaged on Monday — is Ukraine's largest oncological facility and provides treatment to some of the country's sickest children. Patients and staff were among the injured, and staff and parents were forced to evacuate sick children. At another hospital, the attack killed four and injured three. We condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms and lay the blame solely on Russia.

This latest bombardment is yet another example of how Russia threatens European security. Throughout its brutal war of aggression, Russia has shown a total disregard for human life. NATO leaders will announce significant further support for Ukraine this week, including to strengthen Ukraine's air defenses. Russia's latest assault underscores the importance of supporting Ukraine's ability to defend itself.

If the Russian Federation objects to these meetings, it should stop its senseless war immediately. You started it, you can end it. It's on you.

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