



US Intel Assisted In Sinking Russian Flagship Vessel: Officials Claim Bombshell Escalation

Description

Less than 24 hours after *The New York Times* issued a provocative report citing unnamed US officials who are celebrating that American intelligence-sharing with Ukraine's military has helped [take out multiple Russian generals](#) since the Feb.24 invasion, NBC News is out with yet another bombshell claim sourced to the ~~deep state~~ US intel officials.

Amid what seems escalation after escalation, and new revelations of Washington's deepening and perhaps increasingly direct role in fighting Russia in Ukraine, NBC brings us [this doozy...](#) “**Intelligence shared by the U.S. helped Ukraine sink the Russian cruiser Moskva**, U.S. officials told NBC News, confirming an American role in perhaps the most embarrassing blow to Vladimir Putin's troubled invasion of Ukraine.”



Image later leaked of the April 15 sinking of the Moskva

As a reminder of just how hugely significant the claim is – and just how *dangerous* in terms of representing a massive escalation – the ***Moskva* was considered the flagship of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet, had 510 crewmen on board** before Neptune anti-cruise ship missiles scored a direct hit in mid-April, and was **the most embarrassing single blow to President Putin’s war effort** of the whole conflict thus far.’

“The attack happened after Ukrainian forces asked the Americans about a ship sailing in the Black Sea south of Odesa, U.S. officials told NBC News,” the report continues. “The U.S. identified it as the Moskva, officials said, and **helped confirm its location, after which the Ukrainians targeted the ship.**” This comes after the NY Times revealed in a report the night prior that much of the intel-sharing is focused on Russian troop and equipment movements.

According to further details based on anonymous [US senior officials](#):

The U.S. did not know in advance that Ukraine was going to target the Moskva, officials said, and was not involved in the decision to strike. Maritime intelligence is shared with Ukraine to help it defend against attack from Russian ships, officials added.

The U.S. role in the sinking has not been previously reported.

Biden admin officials in the days after the Moskva sinking had been relatively silent, possibly suggesting that they knew more about the details than what their quiet public stance let on.

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— Amber Smith (@AmberSmithUSA) [May 5, 2022](#)

The April 15 event had initially also been met with lack of answers from Moscow as it attempted to deal with the crisis of its flagship missile cruiser sinking to the bottom of the Black Sea after it was hit off Odessa, and as it later said all the crew were evacuated. However some Ukrainian and Western officials said the ship suffered casualties.

It goes without saying that this fresh NBC report will be viewed by Moscow as an outrageous acknowledged escalation by Washington, though **so far Russian leadership’s public response has been rather muted...**

“Russian military is well aware that the US, UK and NATO are constantly transmitting intel Ukraine”, Peskov says

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The Kremlin had previously warned it would hold external countries supplying arms and other forms of assistance “responsible” – and that “decision-making” centers including Kiev would come under

increased attack. Meanwhile, cruise missile strikes even as far west as Lviv do appear to be expanding this week.

There is intelligence openness or transparency and then there is this idiocy. Leaks like this by the Biden anniversary are beyond moronic. This will get people killed. No questions

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Indeed it seems that these intentional “leaks” to the media, likely as part of a deliberate strategy of seeking to intimidate Russia in hopes it will more quickly back off its military operations, will instead only serve to ratchet things further as broader great power tensions hit boiling point.

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