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US held talks with Russia on nuclear risk in Ukraine

The US national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, held talks earlier this month with aides to Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, with the aim of reducing the risk that the war in Ukraine could spill over or escalate into a nuclear conflict. The White House confirmed that Sullivan had held confidential conversations in recent months with the Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov and Russian security council secretary, Nikolai Patrushev, that were not made public. Russia's foreign ministry issued a statement on 2 NOV about "the inadmissibility of a nuclear war in which there can be no winners" and said it was committed to reducing nuclear weapons. Putin went so far as to claim Russia had never discussed the possibility of using any nuclear weapons in the Russo-Ukrainian War. END

CMCD Note

Rhetoric from senior Russian officials claim a nuclear war will not result in any winners. They claim they are committed to reducing nuclear weapons, and that nuclear weapons were never discussed in regards to detonation in the war. With the onset of the winter, Russia and Ukraine will have to endure the cold and manage resources before continuing the war. Ukraine is more likely to survive the winter because of the import of resources from UN countries and allies. Although Russia is exporting oil to China and India, it will have to utilize funds for necessities. If nuclear weapons are to be used, it is unlikely that they will be used by 30 NOV to escalate-to-deescalate, as the Russian Nuclear Doctrine states.

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