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Germany, Poland and Sweden on Monday each expelled a Russian diplomat, days after Moscow kicked out diplomats from the three EU countries for attending a protest in support of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

A spokesperson for the German Foreign Ministry said a staff member of the Russian Embassy in Berlin has been declared persona non grata. The spokesperson added that Russias move was in no way justified and the German diplomat in question was merely observing developments in Russia by lawful means.

Ann Linde, Swedens foreign minister, said on Twitter that a person from the Russian embassy is asked to leave Sweden. This is a clear response to the unacceptable decision to expel a Swedish diplomat who was only performing his duties.

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