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## **UKRAINE IS THE BLIND SPOT IN MACRON'S MILITARY SPLURGE**

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France is boosting defense spending on space, cyber and oceans, but is delaying deliveries for tanks and fighter jets.
French President Emmanuel Macron wants to ramp up military expenditure to imbillion over the next seven years, but critics say the 30 percent spending boost isnt taking into account whats happening on the ground in Ukraine.
The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been marked by a voracious use of artillery and rockets return to a more traditional type of warfare that post-Cold War planners had eschewed in favor of smaller, high-tech and highly trained forces able to deploy far from home.
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