
KYIV 'CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC' AFTER DISCUSSING DEEP STRIKES IN RUSSIA WITH US

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Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said on Wednesday he was "cautiously optimistic" after discussing with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken the possibility of conducting deep strikes on Russia as well as Euro-Atlantic integration.

Kyiv has long been lobbying for Western allies to allow long-range attacks on military targets inside Russia, while also pressing for an invitation to join the NATO alliance.

Allies including the United States have been unwilling to permit long-range attacks for fear of further escalating the conflict, and some are opposed to inviting Ukraine to join NATO.

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