
MERKEL REJECTS CRITICISM OVER RUSSIA GAS DEALS

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Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel has told the BBC the gas deals she made with Russia were intended to help German firms and kept the peace with Moscow, as she insisted the war with Ukraine would have started earlier if she hadn't blocked Kyiv's entry into Nato in 2008.

Angela Merkel led Germany for 16 years. She was there during the financial crisis, the 2015 migrant crisis and, significantly, Russias 2014 invasion of Ukraine.

Was she too soft on Moscow? Too slow to help Kyiv? If she hadn't blocked Ukraines Nato membership in 2008, would there be a war there now?

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