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## Russia expels Six UK diplomats over Espionage allegations



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In a sharp escalation of diplomatic tensions, Russia has expelled six British diplomats, accusing

them of engaging in espionage and activities deemed harmful to national security. The announcement, made by Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, alleged that the diplomats were involved in intelligence gathering inconsistent with their official roles.

The United Kingdom swiftly rejected the accusations, calling them unfounded and politically motivated. Officials in London condemned the move as unjustified and described it as a deliberate distraction from Russia's own international conduct. The expulsions are seen by many as a response to the UK's firm stance on Russia's actions abroad, particularly in Ukraine.

Tensions between the two nations have been growing steadily, with the UK offering substantial military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine. The British government has also played an active role in rallying international support against Moscow's policies, contributing to a series of retaliatory actions on both sides.

This latest development follows a pattern of tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions between Russia and several Western countries over the past year. Just months earlier, the UK had expelled a senior Russian diplomat over similar allegation.

In response to the latest incident, the British government has summoned the Russian ambassador in London to demand an explanation. Officials emphasized the need for continued diplomatic dialogue and warned against further actions that could damage already strained relations.

As global attention turns to the ongoing fallout, international observers express concern over the deepening divide between Russia and the West, and the broader implications for global diplomatic stability amid ongoing geopolitical conflicts.