

Kremlin Says Nuclear Deterrence Prevents Global Conflict Outbreak



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MOSCOW, June 24— The overall potential for regional and global conflicts is increasing, and nuclear deterrence remains the only restraining force, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said on Wednesday.

“Beyond nuclear deterrence, there is nothing left in the world,” Peskov said at the 12th

International Forum “Primakov Readings,” adding that it is the only force preventing a global war, though it cannot fully prevent regional conflicts, whose likelihood is, he said, rising.

He noted that scientific progress may lead to new non-nuclear weapons systems capable of matching the destructive power of nuclear arms in the future.

Commenting on diplomatic efforts, Peskov said Russia values the memorandum between the United States and Iran and welcomes mediators’ efforts to halt hostilities.

In a statement marking the forum’s opening on Tuesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia continues to support universally binding norms of international law, the authority of the United Nations Security Council, and principles of mutual respect, equality among states, and each country’s right to choose its own development path.