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## Russia Intends to Counter US Plans to Deploy Long-Range Weapons in Germany

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Moscow, July 11 (QNA) – Moscow will develop a military strategy to counter the threat from the Pentagon’s plans to deploy long-range weapons in Germany, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said, according to TASS news agency.

“We will develop a military response to the new threat calmly, with a cool head,” the senior diplomat told reporters on the sidelines of the 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, ruling out any repeat of what happened during the Cold War, when a dual decision from NATO on missile deployment eventually led to talks on their elimination.

“It’s hard for me to say what the US and Germany expect in this situation as the two parties that will implement the agreement. I don’t think they believe it’s possible that history will repeat itself. The situation has changed radically,” Ryabkov noted.

Washington and Berlin said earlier in a joint statement that the US would begin deployments of long-range fires capabilities in Germany in 2026, which have significantly longer range than current land-based fires in Europe.

The planned deployment of the missiles is also set to begin more than a year after the US presidential election in November, amid fears that the plan could be abandoned if former President Donald Trump returns to the White House.

In 1979, NATO announced the stationing of intermediate-range nuclear missiles and cruise missiles in Western Europe, while negotiations with the former Soviet Union were under pressure at the time, eventually leading to important nuclear disarmament agreements in the 1980s.