
GERMANY'S MERZ UNDER FIRE OVER REMARKS ON LONG-RANGE WEAPONS FOR UKRAINE

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German Chancellor Friedrich Merz wanted to use Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyys visit to Berlin on Wednesday to project resolve in the face of Russias escalating war on Ukraine.

Instead, the chancellor is under fire from within his own ranks over unclear statements he made this week on whether Germany is prepared to provide Ukraine with long-range Taurus missiles that could strike deep into Russian territory. The previous left-leaning government rejected making that move so as not to provoke nuclear-armed Moscow.

Ahead of Zelenskyys visit, Roderich Kiesewetter, a senior conservative parliamentarian belonging to Merzs center-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU), sharply criticized the chancellor for making contradictory statements on the matter.

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