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Belarusian forces remain unlikely to attack Ukraine despite a snap Belarusian military readiness check on December 13.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko ordered a snap comprehensive readiness check of the Belarusian military on December 13.

The exercise does not appear to be cover for concentrating Belarusian and/or Russian forces near jumping-off positions for an invasion of Ukraine.

Ukrainian officials continue to assess that Belarus is unlikely to attack Ukraine as of December 13.

Senior Israeli officials stated that Iran seeks to limit the range of missiles it plans to provide Russia.

Ukrainian intelligence reported that Russian forces are striking Ukraine with missiles that Ukraine transferred to Russia in the 1990s.

US officials stated on December 13 that the Pentagon is finalizing plans to send Patriot missile defense systems to Ukraine.

Russia continues to use concepts of terrorism as a legal framework for domestic repression.