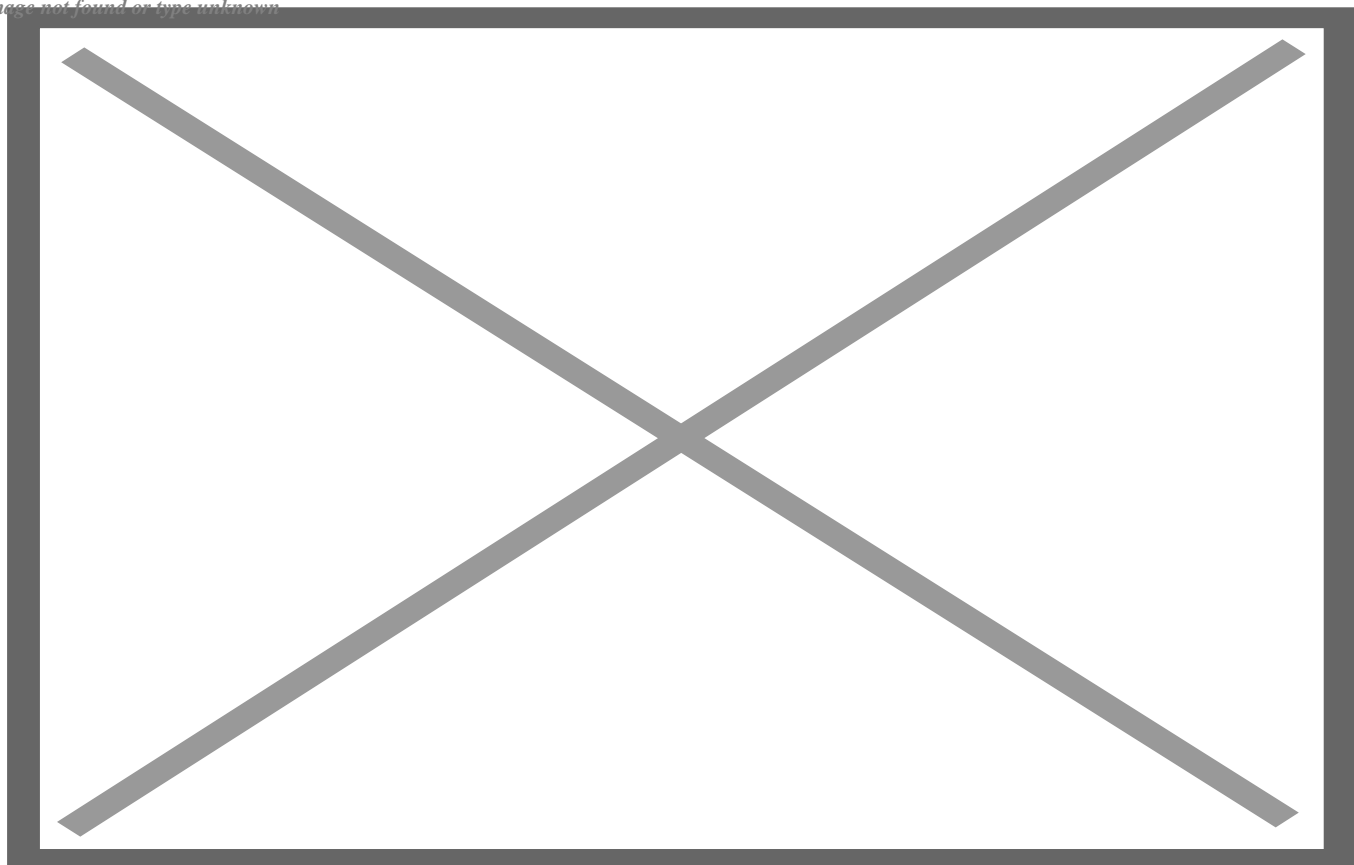


# *Russia denounces aggressive hybrid warfare by the West*

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Moscow, September 1 (RHC)--Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov denounced the implementation of an aggressive hybrid war by the West against his country after learning of its failure to turn Ukraine into an anti-Russian zone.

Those attempts also became more intense when the "collective West" understood that it was impossible to make Ukraine a platform for Russia's war containment, the foreign minister said at a Moscow Institute of International Relations conference.

In this regard, he said that the West is hysterical and now tries, with its unprecedented aggression, to compensate for the inability to act following the norms of mutual respect and equality.

When they understood that, during all these years, our proposals and attempts to convince them were based on concrete bases, following the interests of our state, then they went into hysteria, he commented.

The Western powers will not be able to weaken Russia in any way, as no one was able to do it in the past, Lavrov said.

For the head of Russian diplomacy, the history of his country had much more complicated stages when its role and place in the international arena gave rise to our Western partners' desires to weaken Russia.

The United States, Canada, Japan, European Union countries, and other Western powers waged an economic war against Russia after President Vladimir Putin announced last February 24 a military operation to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine.

More than seven thousand punitive measures were applied against this country, including the freezing of half of the assets of the Central Bank, with more than 500 billion dollars, the suspension of the Swift system of the leading Russian banks, and the embargo on the purchase of oil.

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