

Russia Slams NATO Over Ukraine



Moscow, April 10 (Xinhua – RHC), -- Moscow said Thursday that NATO took the roles of judge and jury in Kosovo and Libya, but are turning a blind eye on extremist forces in Ukraine.

"In recent months, we have not heard any constructive agenda or care about sooner normalization of situation in Ukraine from NATO Secretary General, Anders Fogh Rasmussen," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement, blaming Rasmussen for his "active employment of double standards."

NATO is attempting to use the crisis in Ukraine to "close ranks" within the bloc which, in its view, allegedly faces threat from Russia, said the statement.

NATO accents "increasing militarization of Russia" to prove that NATO is still needed in the 21st century, it added.

Russia said it was not surprised by NATO's attempt to represent itself as an "elite club" bearing some special political legitimacy and ignoring international institutions, including the U.N. Security Council.

Earlier this month, Rasmussen highlighted the alliance's steadfast commitment to collective defense and decided to suspend all civilian and military cooperation with Russia.

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