

U.S. cruise missiles to return to Germany

Russia is prepared to take military measures in response to a U.S. decision to deploy longer-range missiles in Germany for the first time since the 1980s

■ **1987:** U.S. and Soviet Union sign **Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF)** treaty, banning ground-launched missiles with ranges of 500-5,500km

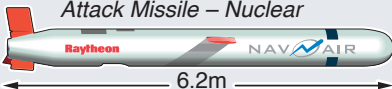
■ **2014:** U.S. accuses **President Putin** of violating pact with new **9M729** nuclear-capable cruise missile



■ **2019:** **President Trump** pulls out of INF treaty – Russia follows suit

■ **2024:** U.S. announces deployment of Tomahawk cruise, SM-6 and hypersonic missiles in Germany from 2026

BGM-109 Tomahawk Land Attack Missile – Nuclear



■ Weapons to be deployed include new **Typhon** launcher (above) – modified 12-metre shipping container able to conceal up to four vertically launched missiles, including Tomahawks