Ukraine missile interceptions fall

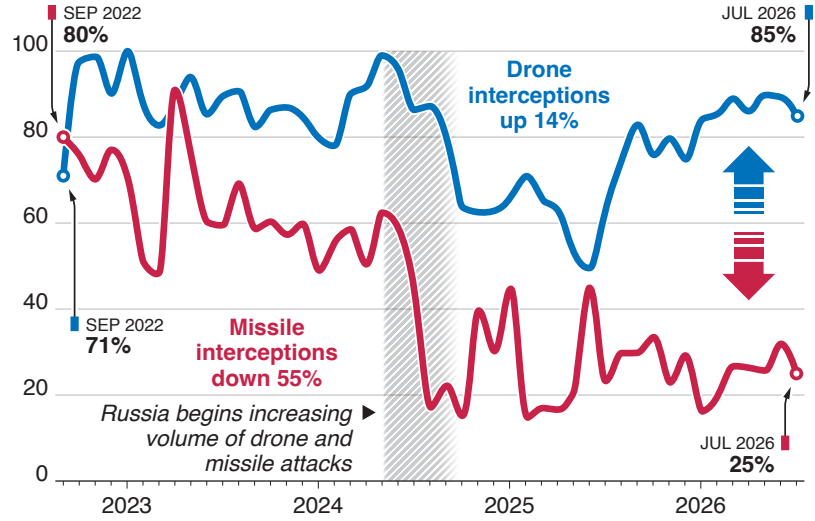
Ukraine's ability to take down Russian missile attacks has fallen sharply since the first year of the war as it struggles to cope with a shortage of U.S.-made Patriot missile interceptors



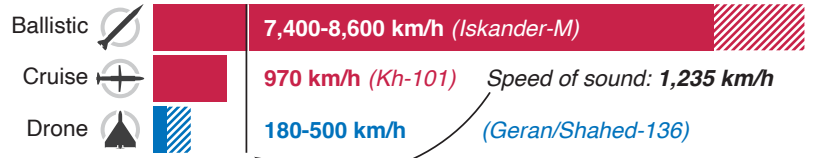
***Dormition Cathedral** in Kyiv burns after Russian missile strike, Jun 15, 2026*

INTERCEPTION RATE OF RUSSIAN MISSILES AND DRONES

(monthly average since Sep 2022, %)



Ukraine is better at taking down drones because they travel so much slower than cruise *(jet engine)* **or ballistic** *(rocket engine)* **missiles**



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