Ukraine deploys new ballistic missile

The first combat use of the domestically produced FP-7 ballistic missile marks a milestone in Kyiv's push to build its own strike weapons as Russia intensifies its campaign against Ukrainian infrastructure

FIRE POINT FP-7 "PELICAN"

- External layout based on Soviet-era ***48N6*** missile, currently used in Russia's ***S-300*** and ***S-400*** air defence systems
- Flight control and guidance systems are entirely Ukrainian



- Airframe built from composite materials to reduce overall weight and maximise range
- Missile uses "hot launch" method that ignites its solid-fuel motor on inclined trailer-mounted rail *(pictured)*

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Longer-range ***FP-9*** expected to be operational in autumn 2026

FP-7 cost
Estimated at up to $800,000 – half as much as U.S. ***ATACMS*** missile



Specifications	Length	Warhead	Range	Accuracy	Speed
FP-7	**7.5m**	**200kg**	**250km**	**14m**	**Mach 4.3**
FP-9	**9.5m**	**800kg**	**850km**	**20m**	**Mach 6.7**

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