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## Turkey cannot be blamed for Ukrainian UAVs, Çavuşoğlu says

### *Чавушоглу: не можна звинувачувати Туреччину у створенні БПЛА*

*Міністр закордонних справ Туреччини М. Чавушоглу заявив, що безпілотні літальні апарати, які використовуються українськими військовими, могли бути зроблені в Туреччині, але в цьому відношенні не можна звинувачувати Анкару, оскільки вони були продані Україні. Виступаючи перед пресою після зустрічі зі своїм російським колегою С. Лавровим у кулуарах саміту G-20 у Римі, М. Чавушоглу сказав, що ця зброя більше не може називатися турецькою зброєю після їхньої угоди про продаж.*

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Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said late Saturday that unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) used by the Ukrainian military may have been manufactured in Turkey, but Ankara cannot be blamed in this regard as they were sold to Ukraine.

Speaking to the press after his meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Rome, Çavuşoğlu said that these weapons cannot be referred to as Turkish weapons anymore after their agreement of sale.

“It was produced in Turkey, but it belongs to Ukraine,” he said.

Çavuşoğlu added that the Turkish military find weapons from different countries, including Russia, during its fight against terrorism, but it has never blamed Russia for this.

The Kremlin said Wednesday that its fears about Turkey's decision to sell strike drones to Ukraine were being realized and that the Turkish drones risked destabilizing the situation in eastern Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov was commenting on the deployment by Ukrainian government forces of a Turkish-made Bayraktar TB2 drone to strike a position in eastern Ukraine controlled by Russian-backed separatists.

Ukraine has bought sophisticated Turkish drones to boost its military and has struck a deal with Ankara to produce the same drones at a factory close to Kyiv, the capital.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces said it had deployed the drone to compel pro-Russian separatists into a cease-fire on Tuesday.

It said the drone had destroyed an artillery unit belonging to pro-Russian separatists using a guided bomb. It said the drone had not crossed the line of contact between the two warring sides.