

Russian prime minister warns US against ramping up sanctions

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He said that Russia will retaliate "with economic means, political means and, if necessary, other means. Our American friends should understand that." He didn't elaborate.

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