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Phone call between the French Minister for the Armed Forces and Sergei Shoigu

The Minister for the Armed Forces spoke with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Shoigu, on Wednesday, April 3rd 2024.

After the terrorist attack perpetrated by the Islamic State near Moscow on March 22, the French Minister reiterated France's strong condemnation of this attack, as well as its solidarity with the victims and their families. He confirmed that France does not have any information establishing a link between this attack and Ukraine. He called on Russia to put an end to any instrumentalisation of the attack. He also recalled that France is prepared for increased exchanges with the aim of combating terrorism as effectively as possible, as has always been the case in the fight against this threat.

The French Minister also condemned without any reservation Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. He recalled that France will continue to support Ukraine as long and as intensively as needed in its fight for freedom and sovereignty, in order to bring back peace and security to the European continent.

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