

## Russian sea and air assets move into Syria

The Russian Defense Ministry last month announced the deployment of ships from its Black Sea Fleet to the eastern Mediterranean Sea to carry out military drills. Included were:

**1 Cruiser** (Moskva)

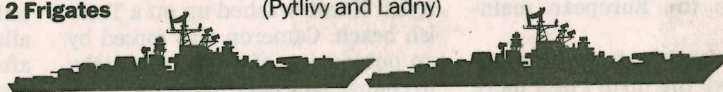


**1 Destroyer** (Smetlivy)



**2 Frigates**

(Pytlivy and Ladny)



Russia has deployed a variety of military aircraft to Bassel al-Assad International Airport in Latakia, including:

**4 Su-34** Fullback fighter-bombers



**12 Su-24** Fencer attack aircraft



**12 Su-25** Frogfoot close-air-support aircraft



Other aircraft at the airport in Latakia:

**4 Su-30** Flanker multi-role fighters



**12+ MI-24** Hind attack helicopters



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# List of Russian military bases abroad

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Russia has or had military bases and military objects in foreign countries, mostly on the territory of former Soviet republics, called "near abroad" in Russian political parlance.

Following the breakup of the Soviet Union many of the early-warning radar stations ended up in former Soviet republics. Some, such as the radars at Skrunda-1 in Latvia and Dnepr radars in Ukraine are no longer part of the Russian early warning network. Others such as the radars in Belarus and Kazakhstan are rented by Russia.<sup>[1]</sup>

In 2003, *Kommersant* newspaper published a map of the Russian military presence abroad.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## List of current bases

Country	Type	Number
Armenia	102nd Military Base in Gyumri; Russian 3624th Air Base in Erebuni Airport near Yerevan	In Gyumri: 3,214 <sup>[3]</sup> or 5,000 personnel according to another source. <sup>[4]</sup>
Belarus	Volga-type radar station near Hantsavichy and Baranovichi (operational since 2002). <sup>[5][6]</sup> Naval communication center near Vileyka. <sup>[3]</sup> Jets deployment at the 61st air base in Baranovichi. <sup>[7]</sup>	1,500 personnel.
Georgia (disputed regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia)	Abkhazia: On the site of the former Bombora airfield, near Gudauta (7th Military Base). <sup>[8]</sup> South Ossetia: The Russian 4th Military Base has 2 main compounds: one on the northwestern outskirts of Tskhinvali and another in Java. <sup>[8]</sup> There is also a large number of troops stationed in the Leningor District. <sup>[8]</sup>	Abkhazia: Up to 3,500 personnel. South Ossetia: Up to 4,000 personnel.
Kazakhstan	Dnepr radar station in at Balkhash-9 near Lake Balkhash. <sup>[3]</sup> Sary Shagan testing grounds. <sup>[9]</sup> Baikonur Cosmodrome, <sup>[10][11]</sup> A regiment of the transport aviation (Kostanay)	
Kyrgyzstan	Russian military presence at Kant Air Base, the 338th Russian Navy's long-haul communications center, anti-submarine torpedo weapons testing grounds (Karakol, Issyk Kul)	
Moldova (disputed territory of Transnistria)	Operational group in Transnistria, consisting of staff, separate maneuver brigades, anti-aircraft missile regiment, independent regiment and air group.	Up to 1,500 personnel.
Syria	Naval facility in Tartus	
Tajikistan	201st Russian Military Base present in Dushanbe, Kulob and Qurghonteppa.	7,500 personnel.
Ukraine (disputed area of Crimea)	Base of the Russian Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol. <sup>[3]</sup> See Russia–Ukraine relations, Crimean status referendum, 2014 and Annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation for further details.	26,000 <sup>[3]</sup>
Vietnam	Cam Ranh Base. In 2002 Russian military pulled out of the base. In 2013 Russia and Vietnam signed a new military cooperation agreement.	

## List of former bases



Country	Type	Number
Azerbaijan	Gabala Radar Station was rented until 2012. In 2013 the Gabala radar station building was transferred to Azerbaijan, <sup>[12]</sup> but the equipment was dismantled and transported back to Russia. <sup>[13]</sup>	Up to 1,400 personnel.
Cuba	Lourdes SIGINT Station was closed in 2002. In July 2014, after Putin's visit to Cuba, there were rumors about its reactivation, <sup>[14]</sup> quickly officially denied. <sup>[15]</sup>	
Georgia	In 1995, Russia and Georgia signed a 25-year agreement for rental of military bases in Vaziani, Akhalkalaki and Batumi. Due to the political changes eventually the Russian bases were liquidated by 2007, <sup>[16]</sup> with the exception of the breakaway territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, see Russia–Georgia relations.	
Uzbekistan	From 2006 to 2012, when Uzbekistan was part of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, Russian troops had access to the Karshi-Khanabad Air Base for operative deployment in Central Asia	

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# Russia's Targets in Syria

The United States and other nations have called on Russia to stop striking rebel groups other than the Islamic State. Detailed data on who controls which areas of the country shows that most of the Russian airstrikes have hit in rebel-controlled territory. **TIMOTHY WALLACE**

