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Russia to sell cruise missiles to Syria



P-800 Yakhont supersonic anti-ship missile

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Russian Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov says the country plans to sell P-800 Yakhont supersonic anti-ship cruise missiles to Syria.

"We will supply Yakhont to Syria, we will fulfill the (2007) contract," he told reporters on Friday.

Israel has been trying to prevent the deal, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asking his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin to stop the military contract.

However, Sergei Prikhodko, a senior adviser to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, said Moscow would fulfill all agreements it had made with foreign countries and would not halt the deal.

The P-800 Yakhont missiles have a range of 300 kilometers and can carry a 200-kilogram warhead.

The weapon's unique feature is its ability to cruise several meters above the surface, making it difficult to be identified and intercepted by radar.

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Herald

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I agree with many of the comments on the Russians, the Jews are constantly begging them not to sell Islamic nations weapon Technology, Syria must not be allowed however to become another Lebanon (has the World forgotten what the Jews done there) China would be a more reliable supplier & the equipment would be of better quality, most of the Wests computers are made in China, along with just about everything else!

Fat Eddie

9/18/2010 6:23:51 PM

For the Russians to say they "would fulfill all agreements" is kind of pointless when it's already been shown that they cant live up to their promises... I refer you to the S-300 deal..

Musab

First they sell weapons to Israel and now to Syria.They are trying to stir the pot.

sali

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Yeh, Russia playing games, why did they really took so long to fulfil their committment.

Realist

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Better buy arms at USA. At least they stand in for theri allies. Russia is unreliable and openly engaged in dirty games.

Nduka Tolefe

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What a joke the Kremlin has become, 3 years later..These countries need to turn to China because Russia is not reliable as a partner or an Ally at least the USA takes care of it's allies.

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Russia would not harm israhell, afraid missiles might as well be duds now.And in any event if these were used to sink an israhell ship all hell will follow. AS that might be the plan. hmm watch this place

sasha

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russia is a lost cause, they try to show to the world they are independent since if the world sees they have lost the power to make independent decisions it will be the end of russian arms industry.. so they try and play this down, but it is obvious, Tel Aviv tells moscow what to do and how to do it, and what it cannot do, .. as i said, russia is a lost cause, ..china on the other hand.. is not!..

scott

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it is only right the nation of Syria has right to protect there nation against one of the biggest threats to peace in the middle east Israel i rest my case

kj

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More importantly, Russia has demonstrated its inability to stand by defensive weapon sales contracts. This pretty much means other countries have had Russian cooperation in building counter measures for this defensive weapon (300 KM range) Playing the buy time game is not a competitive advantage for Russia. It has become a clear pattern. Sign contracts with countries that abide by the terms and time frames of the contracts.

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