

Footage Captures NATO Intercept Attempt of Plane Carrying Russian Defense Minister

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Russia's Defense Ministry has published dramatic video Tuesday showing another close encounter between its military planes and NATO jets over the Baltic Sea, but this time it involved a dangerous intercept as the NATO aircraft came just off the wing of a large passenger plane carrying Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu.

A TASS news agency correspondent aboard Defense Minister Shoigu's plane captured the moment when a pair of Russian Su-27 escorts drove off the NATO F-18 aircraft in what is the most serious incident in the neutral skies over the Baltic to date.

A Russian Su-27 jet propels an F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet away from the aircraft of Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu in the sky over the Baltic Sea. [#Russia](#) [#USA](#) [#Baltic](#) pic.twitter.com/uUeTebiYDd

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TASS describes the incident [as follows](#) (based on rush translation):

The plane carrying Shoigu was accompanied by an escort of two fighter aircraft of the Baltic Fleet Su-27 as it went from Kaliningrad to Moscow.

Above the neutral waters of the Baltic, the NATO F-18 aircraft tried to approach the defense minister's plane, but the Russian pilots pushed the fighter out, not allowing it to come close to the liner.

One of the Russian Su-27's can be seen banking hard into the NATO F-18, after which the F-18 continues its path away from the defense minister's plane.

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