

Potential Military Confrontation: Russia Arms Syria with Powerful Ballistic Missiles

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Global Research Editor's Note

We bring to the attention of Global Research readers the following news excerpt from hamsayeh.net regarding the delivery of Russian Iskander missiles to Syria in response to the deployment of US Patriot missiles in Turkey.

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by Reza Kahlili

Hours after NATO agreed on Tuesday to send Patriot missiles to Turkey because of the crisis in Syria, Russia delivered its first shipment of Iskander missiles to Syria.

The superior Iskander can travel at hypersonic speed of over 1.3 miles per second (Mach 6-7) and has a range of over 280 miles with pinpoint accuracy of destroying targets with its 1,500-pound warhead, a nightmare for any missile defense system.

[According to Mashregh](#), the Iranian Revolutionary Guard media outlet, Russia had warned Turkey not to escalate the situation, but with Turkey's request for Patriot missiles, it delivered its first shipment of Iskanders to Syria.

Reporting today, Mashregh said the handover occurred when Russian naval logistic vessels docked at Tartus in Syria.

The Iskandar is a surface-to-surface missile that no missile defense system can trace or destroy, Mashregh said. Russia had earlier threatened that should America put its missile defense system in Poland, it would retaliate by placing its Iskander missiles at Kaliningrad, its Baltic Sea port.



Russia's delivery of Iskanders to Bashar Assad's embattled regime clearly shows that the security and stability of Syria remains Russia's red line, Mashregh said. It is unknown how many of these missiles have been delivered but the numbers given are sufficient to destroy any Patriot missiles in Turkey, it said.

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