

Pacific Fleet to Get Warships

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The Russian Pacific Fleet will start receiving new warships in 2014 for the first time since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the fleet's commanders said.

"Rather large-scale deliveries of new equipment and new warships to the Pacific Fleet will start in 2014," Rear Admiral Sergei Avakyants said in an interview with Rossia 24 television on Thursday.

Avakyants emphasized the fact that the last time the fleet received a new warship was in 1991.

According to the Russian military, at least one of the two Mistral-class helicopter carriers being built in France for the Russian navy is intended for the Pacific Fleet, which has already prompted concerns in Japan.

Several Project 20380 Steregushchy-class corvettes are being built for the Pacific Fleet at the Amur Shipyard in the Far East with estimated delivery in 2014-2015.

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