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U.S. Warships Head to Black Sea Before Games Begin

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WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say the first of two American warships heading into the Black Sea in advance of the Olympic Games has sailed from Italy. In another sign of U.S. efforts to protect Americans at the Winter Games, the FBI says at least two dozen agents are going to Sochi.

Islamic militants have threatened to derail the Winter Games in Russia.

The USS Mount Whitney got underway Friday from Gaeta, Italy, and the Navy frigate USS Taylor had been expected to leave from Naples, Italy, on Saturday. The officials spoke about the warships on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to publicly disclose ship movements.

FBI Director James Comey told reporters in New Mexico on Friday that the FBI is in constant contact with Russian authorities as the Games approach.

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