

Russian Planes Must Undergo Cargo Checks to Use Bulgarian Airspace

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Bulgaria would allow Russian supply flights to Syria to use its airspace if Moscow agrees to checks of their cargo at a Bulgarian airport, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Daniel Mitov said Wednesday.

The Balkan country said Tuesday it had refused a Russian request to use its airspace for the flights due to serious doubts about the cargo on board planes Russia says contain aid for Syria.

"If our Russian colleagues agree for these flights to be checked at a Bulgarian airport we will issue permission," Mitov told reporters.

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