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Russian Planes Targeting 'a List' of Syrian Groups — Kremlin

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President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that assertions that civilians had been killed in Russian air strikes in Syria were an "information attack".

The Kremlin said Thursday that Russian airstrikes in Syria were targeting a list of well-known terrorist organizations and that it was too early to say whether President Vladimir Putin was satisfied with the campaign so far.

Speaking a day after Moscow launched a series of strikes against what it said were Islamist extremist targets inside Syria, Dmitry Peskov, Putin's spokesman, said:

"These organizations [on the target list] are well-known and the targets are chosen in coordination with the armed forces of Syria."

When asked whether Putin was satisfied with the way the Russian air campaign was shaping up, Peskov said: "It is too early to talk about that."

Russia's strikes on Wednesday represented its biggest Middle East intervention in decades

and plunged the four-year civil war into a volatile new phase as Putin moved forcefully to stake out influence in the unstable region.

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