

Deliveries of S-300 Missiles to Iran Under Way – Putin's Aide

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Russia has begun deliveries of its advanced S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems to Iran, presidential aide Vladimir Kozhin was quoted by the state-run TASS news agency as saying Thursday.

“The contract is in action ... it has begun,” said Kozhin, who advises President Vladimir Putin on military-industrial trade with foreign nations.

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Putin in April lifted a presidential ban on the delivery of S-300 missile systems to Iran, which was put in place by then-President Dmitry Medvedev in 2010 after the United Nations imposed sanctions on Iran for its nuclear program.

Iran filed a lawsuit against Russian state arms export agency Rosoboronexport in 2010 for violating its \$800 million contract for several S-300 units. The new contract stipulates that Iran will withdraw its suit after the first stage of the contract is fulfilled.

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