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Russia Is Shipping More Supplies to Syria Than It Is Removing - Reuters

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Russia is continuing to deliver equipment and supplies to Syria even after the announcement of a Russian military withdrawal from the country, the Reuters news agency reported Wednesday.

Reuters reported the story after analyzing official information from maritime security sources, as well as photographs of Russian ships passing through the Strait of Istanbul that were distributed by bloggers.

According to Reuters, in the two weeks following Russian President Vladimir Putin's March 14 announcement that Russian Aerospace Forces operations will end, Russia is shipping more equipment to Syria than is being removed.

The size of fleets in the Mediterranean Basin, despite the announcement, has not changed, according to Reuters.

Putin's announcement that Russia would withdraw troops from Syria brought to an end military operations in the country that began at the end of September 2015. After the

withdrawal, the Interfax news agency reported that around 1,000 military pilots remained in Syria to oversee the observation of a partial cease-fire.

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