

Putin Signs New Decree for Military Rearmament, Kremlin Confirms

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President Vladimir Putin has signed Russia's updated military armament strategy, his spokesperson confirmed on Monday.

Russia's previous state armament program, which is said to have [cost](#) the nation around \$1 trillion, sought to [overhaul](#) 70 percent of the armed forces' Soviet-era hardware by 2020.

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Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov confirmed that the Russian president had signed the updated 10-year program before the New Year, Interfax [reported](#) on Monday.

"This is a secret presidential decree so I can't disclose anything," he told reporters.

Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin [told](#) the Kommersant business daily Monday that the updated 2018-2027 program was amended based on assessments of the country's military

operations in Syria.

Around 19 trillion rubles (\$340 billion) would be allocated on the new rearmament program, Kommersant [reported](#) last year, with priority given to developing nuclear deterrence, precision-guided munitions and a vertical take-off and landing jet.

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