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Russia Tests New Anti-Ballistic Missile Designed to Protect Moscow From Attack

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Russian Ministry of Defence

Russia has test-launched a new anti-ballistic missile at a time of strained relations between Moscow and the West over missile control.

The latest test comes a month after President Vladimir Putin unveiled an array of nuclear-capable arms that he warned was "not a bluff." Last week, Russia test-launched a newly developed intercontinental ballistic missile, known in the West as "Satan-2," while Poland signed a 4.75 billion dollar deal to buy the Patriot missile defense system from the United States.

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The launch of Russia's new anti-ballistic missile took place at the Sary-Shagan missile testing site in Kazakhstan, the Russian Defense Ministry said Monday.

A video released by the ministry showed an anti-ballistic missile complex arriving at the range and a missile being launched. It cited a senior ministry official as saying that the missile launch was successful.

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The ministry said in a statement that the tested missile has already been deployed to protect the city of Moscow from potential attacks from air.

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