

Britain Scrambles Jets After Russian Bombers Approach U.K. Airspace

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Britain said on Wednesday it had scrambled Typhoon jets to monitor two Russian "Blackjack" bombers which approached the United Kingdom's airspace.

The two Russian Tupolev Tu-160 long-range bombers flew in international airspace off Britain's northeastern coast.

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"We can confirm that RAF quick reaction alert Typhoon aircraft from RAF Lossiemouth scrambled to monitor two Blackjack bombers while they were in the UK area of interest," a Royal Air Force spokesman said.

"At no point did the Russian aircraft enter UK territorial airspace," the spokesman said.

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