

Russia Completes Delivery of Su-35 Fighter Jets to China for \$2.5Bln

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Russia has completed the delivery of Su-35 combat aircraft to China in defiance of U.S. sanctions, Russia's military and technical cooperation agency told state media Tuesday.

Russia and China [signed](#) a \$2.5 billion deal on the delivery of 24 Sukhoi Su-35s in 2015, making it the first foreign buyer of the fourth-generation multirole air superiority fighter. The United States [imposed](#) sanctions on the Chinese military last September for buying 10 Su-35s in 2017 and missile systems in 2018 from Russia.

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"In compliance with the contract, all the Su-35 planes have been delivered to the foreign customer," the Federal Service for Military and Technical Cooperation [told](#) the state-run TASS news agency.

The first batch of 10 Su-35s was delivered to China in December 2016, followed by 10 more in December 2017, according to Tokyo-based [The Diplomat](#) news magazine. The last batch was expected to be delivered in December 2018.

The U.S. [found](#) China's Equipment Development Department (EDD), the branch of the Chinese military responsible for weapons and equipment, in breach of a sweeping U.S. sanctions law punishing Moscow for meddling in the 2016 U.S. election.

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