

Russia Tests New Missile Defense System, Military Says

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Russia has tested a new unidentified missile at a launch site where the country had previously test-launched missiles designed to protect Moscow's airspace, the Russian military said.

The Russian Defense Ministry [test-launched](#) its anti-ballistic missile at the Sary-Shagan missile testing site in Kazakhstan at least twice in 2018. Those tested missiles had been [deployed](#) to protect Moscow — whose missile defense capability consists of the A-135 system armed with nuclear-tipped short-range interceptors — from potential air attacks.

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Video published by the Defense Ministry-run Zvezda television channel on Tuesday [shows](#) the unnamed system being transported, loaded and launched into the air.

“The air and missile defense crew of the Russian Aerospace Forces has successfully conducted

another test launch of a new Russian missile defense system at Sary-Shagan,” the ministry was [quoted](#) as saying by the state-run TASS news agency.

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The missile hit its target with precision, it said.

The Defense Ministry did not name the missile that was tested.

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