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Russia Says It Intercepted U.S., Swedish Spy Jets Over Baltic Sea

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Russia's Defense Ministry said on Tuesday its Su-27 jet intercepted U.S. and Swedish reconnaissance planes over the Baltic Sea where NATO is holding Baltops 2019 naval drills.

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"On June 10, Russia airspace control means over the neutral waters of the Baltic Sea detected two air targets approaching Russia's state border," the ministry said in a statement.

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It also said a Su-27 fighter jet of the Baltic Fleet's Air Defence Force was scrambled to intercept the targets. The Russian fighter identified them as U.S. RC-135 and Swedish

Gulfstream reconnaissance jets. Both were escorted to prevent "the violation of Russia's state border," the Defense Ministry said.

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