

Russian Air Force Flies Nuclear-Capable Bombers Near Alaska

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Russian Defense Ministry

Russia's Defense Ministry [said](#) Wednesday that the air force performed a scheduled flight of two nuclear-capable Tu-95ms bombers over neutral waters near Alaska, with the U.S. military saying the warplanes were not seen as a threat.

The Tu-95ms were escorted by a Su-35s and a Su-30sm fighter jet of the Russian aerospace forces during the 15-hour flight, the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

Video shared by the military showed the aircraft taking off at night, refueling in mid-air during the day and landing at an undisclosed airfield during the night.

"Long-range aviation pilots regularly fly over the neutral waters of the Arctic, the North Atlantic, the Black and Baltic seas, as well as the Pacific Ocean," the Russian military said.

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The U.S. military [said](#) it detected and tracked the four Russian warplanes in international airspace on Tuesday. The aircraft did not enter American or Canadian airspace, it added.

“This Russian activity in the Alaska ADIZ [Air Defense Identification Zone] occurs regularly and is not seen as a threat,” North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said in a statement.

The latest flight stands out from previous Russian warplane maneuvers near Alaska, which the U.S. military periodically criticizes as [unsafe](#).

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