

Putin ready for war: Russia test fires air defence missile with menacing explosion video

VLADIMIR Putin's latest anti-missile system - designed to protect the Kremlin and key Moscow installations from enemy strikes - has been successfully tested, say Russia's defense ministry.

Spectacular footage shows the tests at the Sary-Shagan range in Kazakhstan, just days after the Kremlin announced it was also boosting its airforce with a dozen new fighter jets.

Today Russia boasted it now possessed a "significantly" more powerful air defence missile system after the successful test.

Andrei Prikhodko, the deputy commander of Russia's Aerospace Forces' air and missile task force, said: "We have successfully test fired a new upgraded air defence missile.

"The missile's tactical and technical characteristics regarding the range, precision and operational lifetime are significantly higher compared to present-day weapons."

he range of the rocket is about 62 miles, with the altitude of the interception of incoming missiles at up to 19 miles.

Moscow boasts that the latest missile system is entirely made by Russian manufacturers without any "foreign parts".

The tests were announced by Red Star newspaper which is affiliated to the Russian Defense Ministry. Russia did not name the upgraded missile.



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Menacing video shows Russia testing a new air defense missile

Earlier this week Russia revealed it was also trialing a terrifying new fighter jet.

Russia's deputy defence minister Yuri Borisov said it is purchasing 12 Su-57 stealth fighter jets, which could enter service as soon as next year.

He revealed: "We are buying Su-57 jets for combat trials. The first stage of state trials has been concluded."

Mr Borisov said, during a visit to the Komsomolsk-on-Amur Aircraft Plant where the remaining planes will be constructed, intensive trialing will take place.



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The new missile is said to be a significant upgrade

He told Russian reporters: “There has only been one flight. Everything seems normal, but as you might imagine, this is a whole range of trials.

“Many test flights must be carried out. As a rule, such testing requires two-three years.”

The Su-57 is a specialist fighter jet with a new avionics system capable of rapid analysis of battle situations.

The jet also boasts an incredibly powerful radar which can locate ground and air forces at huge distances before neutralizing any threats with long-range air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles.

The jet and missile trials come just days after a shock new report warned Russia is moving closer to war with Europe.

The annual Munich Security Report, this year entitled ‘To The Brink - And Back?’, said the erosion of arms control agreements, deployment of additional weapons and tensions over military exercises have increased the risk of an inadvertent armed clash.

The report warned: “In this dire state of affairs, miscalculations and

misunderstandings could well lead to an inadvertent military clash.”

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