

Russia to conduct naval exercises in Caribbean

June 6 (UPI) — Russia will begin air and naval exercises in the Caribbean next week, according to Cuban and U.S. government officials.

The exercise involves three Russian Navy ships and a nuclear-powered submarine, which will arrive on June 12 at the Port of Havana in Cuba and stay for one week, according to a statement from the Cuban military per the Miami Herald.

Cuban officials said the visit is part of the “friendly” relations between Russia and Cuba and does not pose a threat to the region because “none of the ships carry nuclear weapons.”

U.S. officials similarly do not see the naval exercises as a direct threat, despite heightened tensions between the United States and Russia over the latter country’s invasion of Ukraine.

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