

Russian navy to start sorties in Mediterranean

Russia is to begin the first major naval sortie into the Mediterranean since Soviet times, the latest move by President Putin to assert Moscow's military might

Picture: AP



★ Russian Fleet Headquarters

Baltic Sea

★ Kaliningrad Baltic Fleet

Barents Sea

★ Severomorsk Northern Fleet.

Also planning sorties into northern Atlantic

★ Sevastopol Black Sea Fleet.

Based in Ukraine under agreement due to expire in 2017

UKRAINE

RUSSIA

400km
250 miles

★ Black Sea

★ SYRIA

Mediterranean Sea

Tartus: Russian technical base in Syria.
Seen as possible base for permanent Russian presence in Mediterranean

Dec 5: 11 ships – including aircraft carrier **Admiral Kuznetsov** – backed up by 47 aircraft, dispatched from Northern and Black Sea fleets

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