

Russia calls new U.S. missile shield a threat

Negotiations are set to start on a U.S. proposal to place missile interceptors in Romania as part of a revamped missile shield. But the move, which the U.S. insists is in response to Iran's missile capabilities, is viewed by Russia as a threat to its national security

MISSILE DEFENCE SYSTEM

★ Possible sites

UK
Fylingdales
Existing radar

POLAND
Battery of Patriot missiles

Range of Iranian **Shahab-3**: 2,000km

RUSSIA
Kaliningrad (RUSSIA)

CZECH REP.

ROMANIA
SM-3 missile interceptors

TURKEY
Radar bases

IRAN

STANDARD MISSILE 3
Designed to intercept ballistic missiles

Aegis radar: Panels on each side provide 360° coverage

BLACK SEA: Two U.S. ships equipped with Aegis system and SM-3 missiles

Main weapon system: 90 vertical launch tubes below deck for **Standard** and **Tomahawk** missiles, plus **ASROC** anti-submarine torpedoes