Russia may have launched "satellite killer"

A mysterious object has raised concerns that Russia may have revived a Cold War project by testing a satellite capable of chasing down other spacecraft, a technology that could be used to destroy or disable them

Dec 25, 2013: May 5, 2014: Russia reveals Nov 9: Manoeuvres Russia launches launch sent four satellites culminate with close seemingly routine into orbit instead of three. approach to Briz-KM mission to add Radar observations - upper stage of three Rodnik show fourth satellite rocket that originally communications Kosmos 2499 launched all four satellites to performing unusual satellites into orbit existing military manoeuvres to constellation change orbit

> Yubileiny satellite: Carried as "piggyback" on previous Rockot missions, could indicate size and mass of Kosmos 2499

Length: 3m Weight: 100kg

Rockot booster

POK

Russian mission follows similar tests by U.S., which launched ANGELS satellite in July 2014, and China, which launched Shijian 15 satellite in July 2013

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Explicit testing of such weapons in space is prohibited by international treaties