

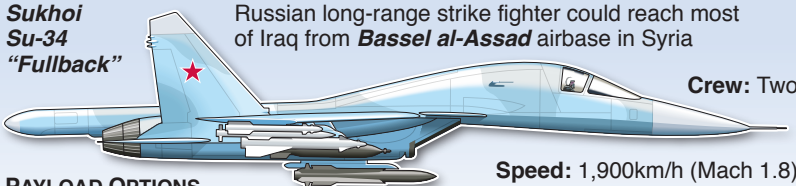
# Russia could expand airstrikes to Iraq

Russia has the ability to expand its Syrian air operations to strike Islamic State targets in Iraq if requested to do so by Baghdad, but it would put Russian forces in the same battlespace as U.S. troops

**Sukhoi  
Su-34  
"Fullback"**

Russian long-range strike fighter could reach most of Iraq from **Bassel al-Assad** airbase in Syria

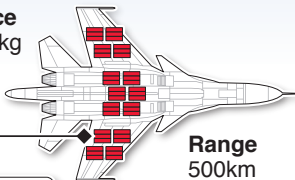
Crew: Two



## PAYLOAD OPTIONS

**1** Shorter range, heavier load

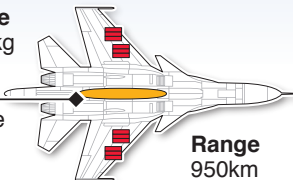
**Ordnance**  
42 x 250kg  
bombs



Range  
500km

**2** Longer range, lighter load

**Ordnance**  
12 x 250kg  
bombs  
3,000-litre  
external  
fuel tank



Range  
950km

## Airbases

- ★ Russia
- ★ U.S.-led coalition

