

Russia sending additional forces to Syria

Russia is building a formidable military presence in Syria, adding base facilities and deploying more warplanes, ships and missiles in support of government forces

Hmeimim: Main Russian airbase to become permanent facility, with extra infrastructure and aircraft capacity

AIRCRAFT

Su-25 "Frogfoot"



■ **Su-25:** Ground-attack aircraft, similar to U.S. A-10 "Warthog", set to return to Syria. Su-25s flew 1,600 missions in six months before being withdrawn from Hmeimim in March

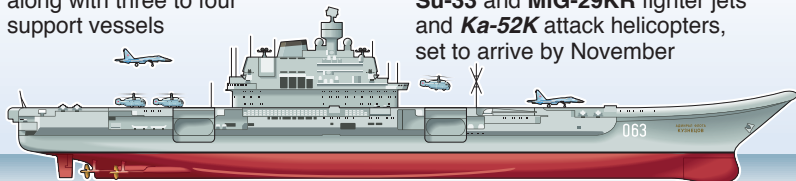
■ **Su-24, Su-34:** More strike fighters sent to Hmeimim in September

GROUND FORCES

Around 4,500 Russian personnel now in Syria, mostly at Hmeimim – increase of 2,500 since Sep 2015

NAVAL FORCES

■ Six warships from Russia's Black Sea fleet stationed off Syrian coast, along with three to four support vessels



AIR DEFENCE MISSILES

S-300 battery – highly mobile launchers capable of engaging aircraft and missiles at ranges up to 250km – transported to Russia's Tartus naval base. More advanced **S-400** system already deployed at Hmeimim



■ Russian flagship **Admiral Kuznetsov** (below), equipped with **Su-33** and **MiG-29KR** fighter jets and **Ka-52K** attack helicopters, set to arrive by November