

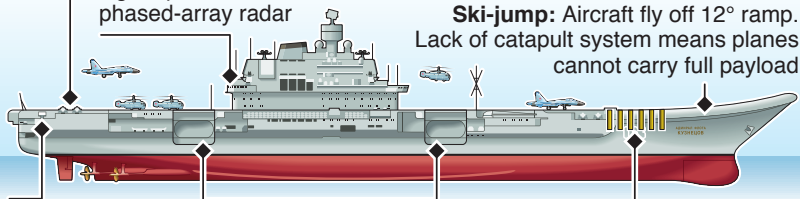
# Big Russian task force heading to Syria

Russia is reinforcing its presence in Syria with one of the biggest demonstrations of naval power in recent years, including its flagship aircraft carrier **Admiral Kuznetsov** and seven escort ships

## ADMIRAL KUZNETSOV AIRCRAFT CARRIER

**Air defence armament:** 24 missile launchers (range 12km), eight CIWS\* mounts, six 30mm AA guns

**Island:** Houses bridge, flight operations and phased-array radar



## Aircraft

15 **Su-33** and **MiG-29K** fighters, over 10 helicopters

**Ski-jump:** Aircraft fly off 12° ramp. Lack of catapult system means planes cannot carry full payload

## Anti-submarine armament

60 rockets (range 3km)

## Two aircraft elevators

**Main armament:** 12 launchers for nuclear-capable **SS-N-19 Shipwreck** cruise missiles (range 600km)

**Displacement** 58,500 tonnes

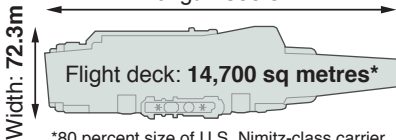
**Propulsion** Four steam turbines, 200,000hp

**Top speed** 30 knots (56km/h)

**Range** 15,700km at 18 knots

**Crew** 2,626 (including air group)

Length: **306.5m**



\*80 percent size of U.S. Nimitz-class carrier



**Syria:** Admiral Kuznetsov, battlecruiser **Pyotr Veliky**, two destroyers and four support vessels will join 10 Russian warships in eastern Mediterranean