

Russia says Syrian missile shot down aircraft

Russia's Defence Ministry says one of its reconnaissance aircraft with 15 people on board has been brought down by a Syrian surface-to-air missile over the Mediterranean Sea

Ilyushin Il-20M, NATO reporting name "*Coot-A*"
Russian electronic surveillance aircraft



Side-looking airborne radar (SLAR)

Length	35.9m
Wingspan	37.4m
Powerplant	Four turboprops
Crew	5 + 8 mission specialists
First observed	1978

Sep 17, 20:00GMT: Aircraft hit 35km offshore as it was returning to base. Russian military says plane was caught in crossfire as four Israeli jets attacked targets in northwest Syria

