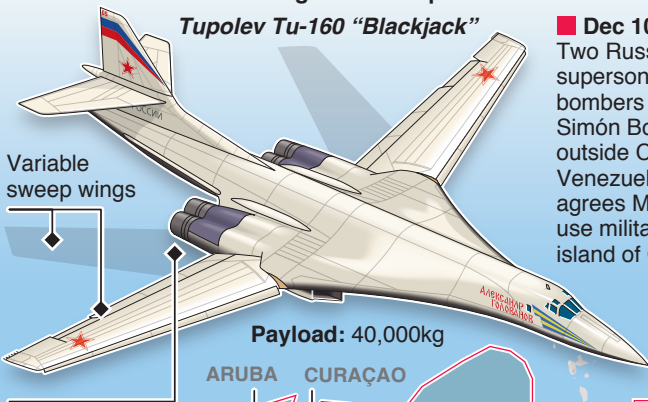


Russian military involvement in Venezuela

Russia's military footprint in Venezuela is growing as the government in Caracas comes under greater U.S. political and economic pressure

Tupolev Tu-160 "Blackjack"

■ Dec 10-14, 2018
Two Russian TU-160 supersonic strategic bombers deployed to Simón Bolívar airport outside Caracas. Venezuela reportedly agrees Moscow can use military base on island of Orchila



Payload: 40,000kg

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Four Samara NK-321 turbofans

Caribbean Sea

ARUBA CURAÇAO

Maritime and Insular

Orchila

Caracas

Occidental

Central

Oriental

Capital

Los Llanos

GRENADA

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Los Andes

COLOMBIA

VENEZUELA

Guyana

GUYANA

BRAZIL

**300km
185 miles**



■ Mar 23, 2019

Two Russian planes with nearly 100 troops – believed to consist of special forces including cybersecurity personnel – land at Simón Bolívar airport