

Fighter jets sent to Ukraine

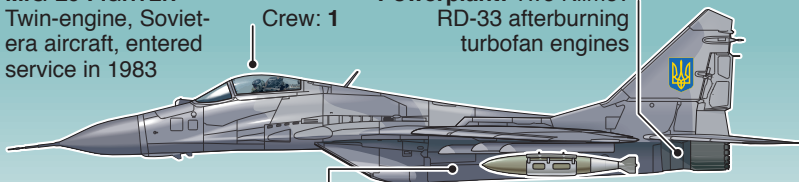
NATO members Poland and Slovakia are to send MiG-29 fighter jets to Ukraine in the first shipments of combat aircraft, marking a significant new level of western military support to Kyiv

MiG-29 FIGHTER

Twin-engine, Soviet-era aircraft, entered service in 1983

Crew: 1

Powerplant: Two Klimov RD-33 afterburning turbofan engines

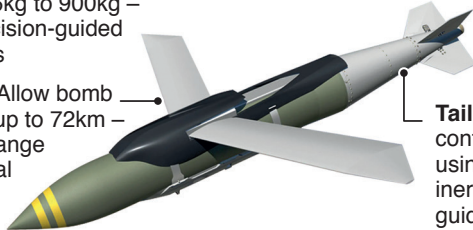


JDAM-ER (Joint Direct Attack Munition-Extended Range)

Recent integration of U.S.-delivered munition into MiGs in Ukraine, makes fixed-wing aircraft more useful on battlefield

JDAM-ER kit converts unguided “dumb” bombs – from 225kg to 900kg – into precision-guided weapons

Wings: Allow bomb to glide up to 72km – tripling range of original weapon



Maximum altitude:
18,000m

Speed: **2,450km/h**

Range: **1,430km**



Length: **17.3m**

Wingspan: **11.4m**



Tail: Steerable fins control bomb's course using GPS-assisted inertial navigation guidance system