

Ukraine downs prized Russian aircraft

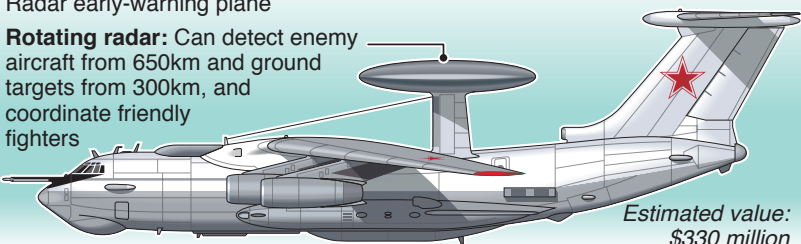
The loss of two planes vital to Moscow's coordination of ground operations in Ukraine represents a significant blow to Russian air power, with only a limited number of the planes in service

BERIEV A-50, NATO reporting name "Mainstay"

Radar early-warning plane

A-50M/U

Rotating radar: Can detect enemy aircraft from 650km and ground targets from 300km, and coordinate friendly fighters



Estimated value:
\$330 million

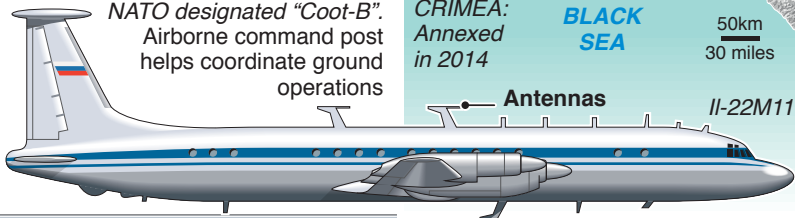
Length	49.59m
Wingspan	50.50m
Powerplant	Four turbofans
Crew	5 + 10 mission specialists
Remaining planes in service	8*

Jan 14: A-50 shot down on entering patrol zone off Kyrylivka, likely killing all 15 crew on board



ILYUSHIN IL-22

NATO designated "Coot-B".
Airborne command post
helps coordinate ground
operations



Length	35.9m
Wingspan	37.4m
Powerplant	Four turboprops
Crew	10
Remaining planes	Less than 12

Jan 14: IL-22 hit while on patrol in Strilkove area – makes emergency landing in Anapa.

Kyiv believes plane is damaged beyond repair