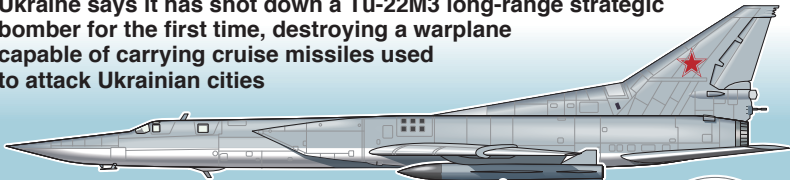


# Ukraine shoots down Russian bomber

Ukraine says it has shot down a Tu-22M3 long-range strategic bomber for the first time, destroying a warplane capable of carrying cruise missiles used to attack Ukrainian cities



**Kh-22 missile**

Speed: Mach 4.6  
(5,600km/h)



**Apr 19: Tu-22M3 crashes in Russia's Stavropol region after returning to base following combat mission on Ukraine**



**Tu-22M3** (NATO codename Backfire)

Manufacturer	<b>Tupolev</b>
Length	<b>42.46m</b>
Wingspan	<b>23.3m</b>
Powerplant	<b>Two turbofans</b>
Range	<b>2,500km</b>
Crew	<b>4</b>
Planes in service	<b>57</b>

