

UK warns Putin over Russian spy ship

The British Army says “military options” are on the table after a Russian ship long suspected of mapping the UK’s undersea cables targeted British pilots in patrol planes with lasers

YANTAR: Part of **Main Directorate for Deep Sea Research (GUGI)**,

which reports directly to Russia’s defence ministry

Length: 107.8 metres

Helipad

Antennae

Described by Moscow as oceanic research vessel

Radar Dome

ROV launch and control tower

Picture: MoD

Thrusters: Allows ship to loiter in position

Area believed to be where Yantar used lasers to disrupt RAF pilots

Hangar: For two deep-sea submersibles capable reaching depths of 6,000 metres – almost twice as deep as wreck of *Titanic*

