

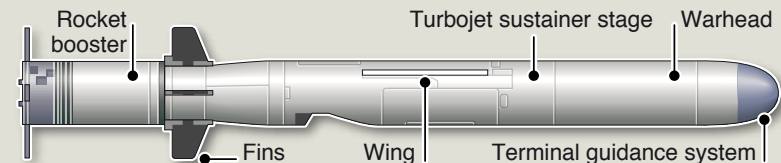
Russia's military assets in Syria

Russia has combat-tested more than 200 new advanced weapons systems in Syria since September 2015. Weapons deployed include long-range air- and sea-based Kalibr and Kh-101 cruise missiles. Russia's advanced weaponry will be demonstrated for the first time at Moscow's Red Square military parade on May 9.

The Russian Navy Kalibr-PL or Kalibr-NK, also known as SS-N-30, is a long-range cruise developed as part of the Kalibr ship-borne missile system. This weapon is intended to hit targets with pinpoint accuracy at ranges of up to 2,500 kilometres, equipped with a conventional warhead and flying at altitudes of 50 to 150 metres from the ground.

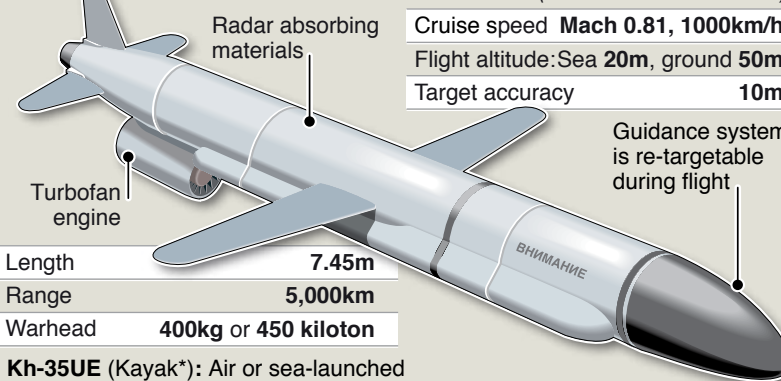
The Kalibr-NK cruise missile was combat-tested in October 2015, when four Russian ships launched 26 rockets against targets in Syria from the Caspian Sea, travelling 1,500km. Western intelligence was unaware of the existence of the Kalibr-NK missile at that time.

Kalibr-NK (SS-N-30*) Sea-launched cruise missile



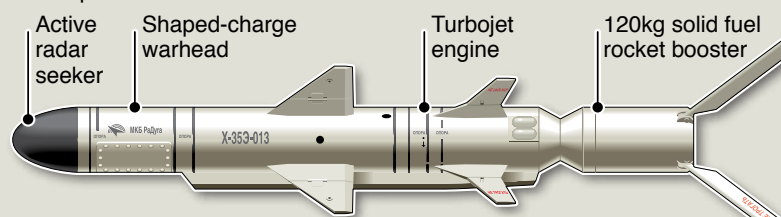
Length	8.2m	Cruise speed	Mach 0.8, 987km/h
Range	2,600km	Flight altitude	50m
Warhead	400kg	Target accuracy	Within 3m

Kh-101/102: Air-launched cruise missile (conventional or nuclear)



Length	7.45m	Cruise speed	Mach 0.81, 1000km/h
Range	5,000km	Flight altitude: Sea	20m, ground 50m
Warhead	400kg or 450 kiloton	Target accuracy	10m

Kh-35UE (Kayak*): Air or sea-launched anti-ship cruise missile



Length	3.75m	Cruise speed	Mach 0.8, 987km/h
Range	260km	Flight altitude	10-15m
Warhead	145kg	Seeker lock-on range	50km

Sources: Global Security, Rosoboronexport *NATO designation © GRAPHIC NEWS

ISIS given 48hrs to surrender



A convoy of pro-Syrian government fighters arrives in Syria's northern region (WSJ)

ISIS militants have been given 48 hours to agree to withdraw from an enclave they control south of Damascus, the pro-Syrian government newspaper al-Watan reported on Thursday.

"If they refuse, the army and supporting forces are ready to launch a military operation to end the presence of the organization in the area," it said.

The jihadist-controlled enclave is centered around the Palestinian Yarmouk camp and the al-Hajar al-Aswad area south of Damascus. The area is much smaller than the eastern Ghouta region where the Syrian government recently defeated insurgents.

A commander in the regional military alliance that backs the Syrian government said the Syrian army had begun shelling the jihadist enclave on Tuesday in preparation for an assault.

Yarmouk, some 8 km (5 miles) from the center of Damascus, was home to Syria's largest Palestinian refugee community before the Syrian war erupted in 2011. Although most residents have fled, the United Nations has said several thousand remain.

The Syrian government has recovered swathes of territory from rebels by letting them leave to other rebel-held parts of the country after years of siege and ferocious military assaults backed by Russia and Iran. Meanwhile, state television showed live footage of buses entering the town of Dumayr, northeast of Damascus, to bring out fighters and their families, while soldiers stood by the roadside.

Twenty buses would be used to transfer about 5,000 people, including 1,500 rebels, to north Syria after they surrendered their heavy weapons, Syrian TV said.

Iraq carries out strikes on targets in Syria

Baghdad

Iraq carried out air strikes on Islamic State positions in Syria a week after Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said his country would defend itself from militant threats across the border.

Iraqi F-16 warplanes crossed into Syria to carry out the strikes after coordination with Syrian government. "Carrying out air strikes on Daesh gangs is because of the dangers posed by said gangs to Iraqi territories," Iraqi military said in a statement.

Joyalukkas, LuLu Hypermarket, Dajeej, Kuwait showroom inauguration



The showroom was inaugurated by Mohammad Ismael Safar Bahzad (Director, Joyalukkas, Kuwait), in the presence of Mohamed Haris (Regional Director, LuLu International Group, Kuwait) along with local dignitaries, VIPs and Joyalukkas Group Chief Executives