

Breaking: Russia Establishes No-fly Zone Over Latakia Province - Diplomat

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*The Russian military has established a no-fly zone over the Latakia province of western Syria, Russian Senator and former Air Force commander **Viktor Bondarev** stated on Monday.*

“The establishment of a no-fly zone over the Russian military base in Latakia will prevent a repeat of the IL-20 aircraft tragedy,” Bondarev told the Russian Federation’s Council this evening.

“After creating a no-fly zone in Latakia, it is necessary to announce that any unauthorized objects in the sky over Hmeimim Airport will definitely be eliminated,” he added.

The Russian senator would add that the S-300 will not only be deployed at the Hmeimim Airbase, but also, in several parts of the country.

Earlier this evening, Russian **President Vladimir Putin** and Israeli **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** spoke on the phone to discuss the current situation in Syria.

Reports from Moscow indicated that Putin informed Netanyahu that Russia does not accept Israel’s version of the events that took place on the night of the September 17th.

Russia expects its relations with Israel to remain the same, despite the upcoming delivery of the S-300 air defense system to Syria.

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