

# “Yes, These Are Bombers Capable of Carrying Nuclear Weapons”: Russian Strategic Aircraft, Troops to Jointly Patrol Belarusian Borders

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*Russian and Belarusian forces will carry out joint combat alert patrols along the Union State’s borders with Poland, the Baltic states and Ukraine, according to an agreement reached between Russia and Belarus, Belarusian **President Alexander Lukashenko** said on Thursday, the presidential press office reported.*

**“...This ring around the Baltic states, Poland and Ukraine must be monitored by Russian and Belarusian servicemen,”** Lukashenko said at a government meeting.

“We have agreed with Russia on that. There is no time for jokes. The situation is very serious there. The most serious thing is that they have departed from the accords. We do not know what they want,” Lukashenko said.

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Russian strategic bombers were sent to Belarus on Thursday, he said.

“We must constantly monitor the situation on the border. Let them scream and cry. Yes, these are bombers capable of carrying nuclear weapons. But we have no other way out. We must see what they are doing outside,” the head of state said.

The Belarusian Defense Ministry reported on Thursday that two Russian Tu-160 strategic missile-carrying bombers practiced training tasks in the republic’s airspace, including simulated bombing on an aviation training ground. The ministry also issued a statement, pointing to Poland’s inadequate behavior as the Polish authorities amassed 15,000 troops, the armor and air defense capabilities on the border with Belarus over the migration crisis.

As the Belarusian Defense Ministry pointed out, these moves more resemble the creation of

a strike group and run counter to bilateral agreements between Warsaw and Minsk.

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