
Russian-Made S-400 Air Defense System is En Route to Turkey

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on Monday morning that Russia’s S-400 air defense missiles are currently being prepared to be flown to Turkey.

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Speaking to reporters before leaving for Bosnia on Monday, Erdogan wouldn’t say, however, when the Russian missile defense system would reach Turkey or where they will be deployed.

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The delivery of the systems could bring Turkey closer to U.S. sanctions. U.S. officials have warned that Turkey would face economic sanctions as well as being expelled from a program to produce the F-35 fighter jets.

Turkey has refused to pull back from the deal, despite the ongoing pressure from Washington and their NATO allies.

The S-400 is one of the newest anti-aircraft missile systems produced inside the Russian Federation. In addition to Turkey, world superpowers India and China currently possess this anti-

aircraft system.

Turkey and Russia first discussed the purchase of the S-400 system shortly after Ankara's reconciliation with the Kremlin.

Previously, Russia and Turkey were at odds following the downing of a Russian plane inside Syria; however, they would later settle their differences and agree to work together.
