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Russian satellite-gagging jammer field tests announced

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*"The system is meant to jam enemy aviation, carrier-launched, tactical and strategic, and jam the signals of foreign military satellites," Yury Maevsky, deputy head of KRET, told TASS*

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KRET is a leading producer of military hardware, including advance electronic warfare equipment. Its latest long-range jammer, Krasukha-4, entered service in 2013 and is gradually replacing older variants, while smaller-scale systems provided security during last year's Olympics in Sochi.

The new jammer currently in development would have ground-based, aircraft and naval variants, Maevsky said. Despite targeting enemy satellite signals, no space-based variant is planned as it would be a violation of international treaties, he stressed.

His aide, Vladimir Mikheev, added that the ground-based version is to enter field trials later this year.

*"It will be used against cruise missiles and jab enemy radar stations. It would effectively 'turn off' enemy weapons," he said.*