



# **Syria Warns Israel to “Think Twice” Before Launching Attacks. Russia Is Equipping Syria with a S-300 Surface-to-Air Missile System.**

Russia is equipping Syria with a new S-300 surface-to-air missile system following an incident last week that left 15 Russian airmen dead. A Russian Ilyushin-20 reconnaissance aircraft was mistakenly downed by the Syrian military, which was attempting to repel an Israeli missile attack in Latakia, Syria. The Israeli army admitted earlier this month that it carried out more than 200 airstrikes in Syria over the last year. GEG

Damascus warned Israel on Tuesday to think twice before it strikes Syrian targets in the future once it acquires the S-300 missile defense system from Russia.

In an interview with China's *Xinhua news agency*, Syria's Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad stressed that although the S-300 system will only be used if Israel attacks Syria, although it has the capability of reaching Israeli territory.

Israel, “which is accustomed to launching many aggressions under different pretexts, will have to make accurate calculations if it thinks to attack Syria again,” Mekdal said

on Tuesday.

Moscow promised to deliver its S-300 missile defense system to Syria after a Russian military plane was mistakenly downed by the Syrian army, which [it blamed on Israel](#).

Israel, which had bombed targets in Syria, admitted to the airstrikes but argued that Russia was warned as per usual.

Since Russia entered the Syrian war in 2015, Jerusalem and Moscow have had a close security cooperation to avoid any military clashes.

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