

Syria accidentally shot down a Russian plane while fending off an Israeli missile strike, report says

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Damascus skies erupt with surface-to-air missile fire as the US launches an attack on Syria targeting different parts of the Syrian capital, April 14, 2018. Hassan Ammar/AP Photo

- US military officials believe Syrian forces accidentally shot down a Russian aircraft, according to a CNN report.
- Russia also announced it had lost contact with an IL-20 aircraft carrying 14 service members.
- Syrian forces reportedly responded to a number of Israeli missiles that were launched towards the city of Latakia, when it accidentally shot the Russian maritime patrol aircraft

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Syria, Russia's ally in a prolonged proxy war in the region, claimed its air defenses "intercepted a number" of the missiles headed toward the city, Reuters reported on Monday, citing state-media.

Russia's defense ministry also announced it had [lost contact](#) with an IL-20 aircraft carrying 14 service members, Syria's state-run media reported. Russia's presence in Latakia includes a large naval base, which was reportedly under attack by an unclaimed missile strike that Syria alleges to have come from Israel.

Although Israeli Defense Forces also declined to comment on the missile strikes, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday that his country will be "taking action to prevent our enemies from arming themselves with advanced weaponry."

overwhelming" strikes.

"The Syrian response was remarkably ineffective in all domains," US Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie [said at the time](#).