

NATO Scrambles Jets

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RIGA, Latvia — NATO scrambled two fighter aircraft during an alliance exercise in Latvia to check on two Russian bombers that flew through nearby Baltic Sea air space without identifying themselves, Latvia's Defense Ministry said.

Airis Rikveilis, a ministry spokesman, said two Russian Air Force Su-24s were spotted flying over international Baltic waters between the Latvian ports of Liepaja and Vetspils on Monday.

“[They] were flying in the direction of Kaliningrad,” Rikveilis said. “It is not a friendly gesture. [But] our security was not threatened.”

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