

# Missiles for Kuril Islands

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A group of islands at the center of a growing dispute with Japan will be armed with anti-ship missiles and attack helicopters, the armed forces' General Staff said Tuesday.

P-800 rockets, known as Yakhonts, will be deployed on the islands, called the southern Kurils by Moscow and the Northern Territories by Tokyo, Interfax quoted a representative of the General Staff as saying.

The rockets have a 300-kilometer range, allowing Russia to target ships well into Japanese waters.

Russia also plans to send Mi-28N battle helicopters to the islands, Interfax said.

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