

Russian Military Inspectors to Fly Over Norway

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Russian military inspectors will make surveillance flights over the territory of Norway under the international Open Skies Treaty over a period starting Monday, a Russian Defense Ministry spokesman said.

Russian experts will conduct the inspection flights on board an Antonov An-30B aircraft between July 1 and 6, the spokesman told journalists.

During the flights, Russian and foreign specialists will monitor the operation of surveillance equipment on board the aircraft as set out in the Open Skies Treaty.

This will be Russia's eighteenth observation flight this year under the agreement. The Open Skies Treaty, which entered into force on January 1, 2002, establishes a regime of unarmed aerial observation flights over the territories of its 34 member states to promote openness and the transparency of military forces and activities.

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