

Romanian President Says New Warship to Come to Black Sea

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PORT OF CONSTANTA, Romania — Another U.S. warship will come to the Black Sea after destroyer "USS Donald Cook" will leave, Romanian President Traian Basescu told reporters in the Black Sea port of Constanta on Monday.

The "USS Donald Cook" arrived in the Black Sea last week for exercises and operations to improve interoperability, increase readiness and enhance relationships. A French vessel is also in Constanta to show support, Basescu said.

Last month, a U.S.-guided missile destroyer conducted naval drills with Romania and Bulgaria in the Black Sea, in a show of Washington's military reach, in operations officials said were planned before Russia's annexation of Crimea.

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