

Russia Suspends Visa-Free Travel for Turkish Citizens

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Russia has suspended visa-free travel for Turkish citizens from Jan. 1, 2016, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Friday.

The move comes as the Russian government announces a series of economic measures against Turkey after a Turkish F-16 interceptor shot down a Russian Su-24 bomber on the Turkish-Syrian border on Tuesday, resulting in the death of two servicemen.

Lavrov did not say how long the suspension would last, but said Turkey was the source of a “very real threat” of terrorism, according to the Interfax news agency.

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