

Putin warns Turkey after shooting of warplane

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Russia's President Vladimir Putin has warned Turkey that it would pay for the downing of one of its war planes on Tuesday. This comes after two Turkish F-16

fighter jets shot down a Russian Su-24, saying the Russian jet was flying over Turkish airspace. Moscow denies this and said its plane was in Syrian airspace. Turkey has warned Russia several times before after Russian planes flew over Turkish territory. Turkey said its fighter pilots warned the Russian planes 10 times before it fired missiles at it. However, the Russian pilot who survived the shooting said he received no warnings at all and that he was not flying in Turkish airspace. Russia said the shooting was planned beforehand.

President Putin has advised all Russians to avoid going to Turkey. He has also said Russia would cut many economic ties with Turkey. Several major Russian holiday firms have removed packages to Turkey. This could hurt Turkey as 4.4 million Russians go there on vacation each year. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said a number of big joint projects between the two countries would be stopped. In addition, Turkish companies with strong trading ties to Russia will also face more difficult trading conditions. Turkey imports almost all of its energy from Russia, including 60 per cent of its gas and 35 per cent of its oil. Russia is also due to build Turkey's first nuclear power station, which is a \$20 billion project.

Sources: *IrishTimes / Reuters / RussiaToday*

Writing

What are the pros and cons of air strikes in Syria? What is the best thing to do?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Vladimir Putin / warplanes / fighter jets / denies / several times / territory / pilots / avoid / economic ties / vacation / trading ties / imports / energy / nuclear power

True / False

- The article says President Putin asked Turkey to pay money to Russia. T / F
- A Russian F-16 fighter jet was shot down by Turkish warplanes. T / F
- Turkish pilots said they gave 10 warnings to the Russian pilots. T / F
- The Russian pilot said he heard two of the warnings. T / F
- President Putin does not want Russians to holiday in Turkey. T / F
- The article says 4.4 million Russians will holiday in Turkey this year. T / F
- Turkey gets 60 per cent of its gas from Russia. T / F
- Russia had planned to build Turkey's first nuclear power station. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. warned | a. in advance |
| 2. denies | b. encounter |
| 3. several | c. contests |
| 4. territory | d. refrain from |
| 5. beforehand | e. advised |
| 6. avoid | f. enterprise |
| 7. ties | g. a number of |
| 8. face | h. expected |
| 9. due | i. land |
| 10. project | j. links |

Discussion – Student A

- How does this affect Russia and Turkey fighting IS?
- What would happen if Turkey shot down another Russian plane?
- How serious could this situation become?
- What will Turkey's economy be like without Russia?
- Do you think Russia will cut off Turkey's energy supply?
- Is the world becoming safer or more dangerous?
- Could this lead to World War III?
- What questions would you like to ask the leaders?

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Phrase Match

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| 1. it would pay for the downing of | a. survived the shooting |
| 2. the Russian jet was flying | b. times before |
| 3. Turkey has warned Russia several | c. conditions |
| 4. the Russian pilot who | d. beforehand |
| 5. Russia said the shooting was planned | e. going to Turkey |
| 6. Putin has advised all Russians to avoid | f. power station |
| 7. cut many economic | g. over Turkish airspace |
| 8. face more difficult trading | h. energy from Russia |
| 9. Turkey imports almost all of its | i. one of its warplanes |
| 10. build Turkey's first nuclear | j. ties with Turkey |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Who do you believe – Russia or Turkey?
- How serious is this situation?
- Why did Turkey feel it had to shoot down the Russian plane?
- What do you think Russia will do to Turkey?
- Which countries are doing what in Syria?
- What will the situation be like in a few weeks from now?
- What advice do you have for the leaders of Russia and Turkey?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. c	3. g	4. i	5. a
6. d	7. j	8. b	9. h	10. f

Role Play

Role A – United Nations

You think the United Nations is best at bringing peace to Syria. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their organization / country would not bring peace. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): Arab League, NATO or Russia.

Role B – Arab League

You think the Arab League is best at bringing peace to Syria. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their organization / country would not bring peace. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): United Nations, NATO or Russia.

Role C – NATO

You think NATO is best at bringing peace to Syria. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their organization / country would not bring peace. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): Arab League, United Nations or Russia.

Role D – Russia

You think Russia is best at bringing peace to Syria. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their organization would not bring peace. Also, tell the others which would be the least effective of these (and why): Arab League, NATO or United Nations.

Speaking – Peace

Rank these with your partner. Put the one that would be best to bring peace in Syria at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • United Nations | • Saudi Arabia |
| • Iran | • NATO |
| • Russia | • Arab League |
| • USA | • Turkey |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.