

Turkey's Russian missile defense system purchase angers U.S.

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Relations between the USA and Turkey have soured following the purchase by Turkey of a Russian missile defense system. Turkey received the first deliveries of the Russian-made S-400 missile defense system on Friday. The USA had warned Turkey not to buy

defense equipment from Russia. The USA and Turkey are both allies in NATO - a defense organization created in 1949 to counter any possible military aggression by Russia. NATO consists of 29 North American and European nations. The USA has the biggest military among the member states. In recent years, Turkey has been establishing closer ties with Russia. This has caused security concerns for the USA and other NATO member countries.

The U.S. has warned Turkey it will face economic sanctions if it goes ahead and installs the S-400 defense system. It also said Turkey would not be allowed to play any part in a program to manufacture the USA's high-tech F-35 fighter jets. The U.S. wants Turkey to buy its Patriot missile defense system instead. U.S. officials argue the Russian system would be incompatible with NATO systems and would expose F-35 fighter jets to possible Russian subterfuge. Turkey said the S-400 would not be integrated into NATO systems and would not pose a threat to the NATO alliance. Turkey's president said the decision to purchase the S-400 system did not mean it is seeking "alternatives" in its relations with the West.

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Writing

Turkey should not buy missile defense systems from Russia. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

relations / purchase / missile / defence / equipment / military / NATO / security / economic / sanctions / manufacture / fighter jets / subterfuge / threat / alternatives

True / False

- a) The article reported on soured relations between the USA and Turkey. T / F
- b) Russia will make its first delivery of equipment in the year 2020. T / F
- c) NATO was created in 1949. T / F
- d) NATO now consists of over 30 countries. T / F
- e) Turkey has threatened the USA with economic sanctions. T / F
- f) The US wants Turkey to buy an American-made missile defence system. T / F
- g) The US is worried about Russian subterfuge. T / F
- h) Turkey said it isn't trying to find alternatives to the West. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. soured | a. gear |
| 2. purchase | b. substitutes |
| 3. equipment | c. spoiled |
| 4. aggression | d. trickery |
| 5. ties | e. acquisition |
| 6. sanctions | f. hostility |
| 7. incompatible | g. danger |
| 8. subterfuge | h. links |
| 9. threat | i. unsuited |
| 10. alternatives | j. penalties |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about missiles?
- b) What do you think about missiles?
- c) Should the USA be telling Turkey not to buy missile defense systems?
- d) What do you know about NATO?
- e) How important are military alliances?
- f) What do you think of your country's allies?
- g) Are there any problems with Turkey having closer ties with Russia?
- h) What advice do you have for Turkey's president?

Phrase Match

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| 1. Relations between the USA and | a. with the West |
| 2. defense | b. sanctions |
| 3. military | c. countries |
| 4. This has caused security | d. NATO systems |
| 5. NATO member | e. aggression |
| 6. it will face economic | f. Turkey have soured |
| 7. manufacture the USA's high- | g. the NATO alliance |
| 8. incompatible with | h. concerns for the USA |
| 9. pose a threat to | i. tech F-35 fighter jets |
| 10. seeking "alternatives" in its relations | j. equipment |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think about missile defense systems?
- How effective are economic sanctions?
- Should Turkey buy the USA's Patriot missile defense system?
- What do you know about US relations with Russia?
- Do you think Russia would use the S-400 system for subterfuge?
- What alternatives are there to relations with the West?
- What questions would you like to ask Turkey's president?

Spelling

- Relations between the USA and Turkey have oursed
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- pose a threat to the NATO lnaeacil
- it is seeking alsetvnriate

Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Military Ties

You think military ties are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): economic ties, cultural ties or religious ties.

Role B – Economic Ties

You think economic ties are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): religious ties, cultural ties or military ties.

Role C – Cultural Ties

You think cultural ties are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): economic ties, religious ties or military ties.

Role D – Religious Ties

You think religious ties are the most important between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ties aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): economic ties, cultural ties or military ties.

Speaking – Ties

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important ties for countries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • sporting ties | • military ties |
| • political ties | • economic ties |
| • historical ties | • cultural ties |
| • technology ties | • religious ties |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.