

Breaking News English.com

Turkey's Russian missile defense system purchase angers US –July 14, 2019

Level 4

US-Turkey relations soured after Turkey purchased the Russian S-400 missile defense system. The first deliveries were made on Friday. The US warned Turkey not to buy the equipment from Russia. The USA and Turkey are both allies in NATO - a defense organization created to counter a military threat from Russia. The USA has the biggest military in NATO. Turkey has recently established closer ties with Russia. This has worried the USA.

The U.S. warned Turkey of economic sanctions if it installed the S-400 system. It also said Turkey would not be part of the USA's F-35 fighter jet programme. U.S. officials say the Russian system is incompatible with NATO systems and would risk the security of F-35 fighter jets. Turkey will not integrate the S-400 with NATO systems and says there is no threat to NATO. Turkey said buying the S-400 did not mean it is seeking "alternatives" in relations with the West.

Level 5

U.S.-Turkey relations have soured after Turkey purchased a Russian missile defense system, the first deliveries of which were made on Friday. The USA had warned Turkey not to buy the S-400 missile defense equipment from Russia. The USA and Turkey are both allies in NATO - a defense organization created to counter any possible military aggression by Russia. NATO consists of 29 North American and European nations. The USA has the biggest military in NATO. Turkey has recently been establishing closer ties with Russia. This has caused security concerns for the USA.

The U.S. warned Turkey it would face economic sanctions if it installed the S-400 system. It also said Turkey would not be part of the USA's high-tech F-35 fighter jet programme. The U.S. wants Turkey to buy its Patriot missile defense system. U.S. officials say the Russian system is incompatible with NATO systems and would risk F-35 fighter jets to possible Russian trickery. Turkey has no plans to integrate the S-400 with NATO systems and says it would pose no threat to NATO. Turkey said the purchase of the S-400 did not mean it is seeking "alternatives" in its relations with the West.

Level 6

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.