

# ***MORE RUSSIAN NAVAL SHIPS OBSERVED NEAR LATVIAN WATERS***

Russian naval ships observed near Latvian waters recently is an attempt to test Latvia's reaction capabilities, The Latvian Defense Ministry has said.

*The Russian naval ship Syzran*



A Russian naval ship was observed near Latvian territorial waters earlier this week, LETA reports. Defense Ministry spokesman Kaspars Galkins explained that Russia had been regularly attempting to show its military might' over the past several months with flights of military aircraft near Latvian borders, and obviously wants to show its naval might as well.

The Latvian Navy has reacted to every instance, and will continue to do so, Galkins said. NATO naval ships are not currently roaming Latvian waters, but are currently on-duty in waters in other Baltic areas.

The Russian naval ship **Syzran** was observed approximately 6.5 nautical miles from Latvian territorial waters, near Liepaja.

The ship had not entered Latvian waters, thus the Latvian Navy only observed the ship's movements. Similar incidents took place last month when the Russian naval ships **Soobrazitelny** and **Boikiy** were observed near Latvian waters.

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