

Russia test-fires ballistic missile

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MOSCOW - Russia's Navy said Thursday it successfully test-fired a new ballistic missile from a nuclear submarine in the White Sea.

Navy spokesman Igor Dygalo told Interfax-AVN the target was the Kura testing ground in Kamchatka.

The launch was conducted from the submerged Dmitry Donskoi in northern Russia's White Sea.

Interfax said the missiles are expected to become the mainstay of the Russian Navy's strategic nuclear forces.

The R-30 Bulava ballistic missile was developed at the Moscow Institute of Thermal Technology. It can carry up to 10 nuclear warheads and has a range of about 5,000 miles, Interfax said.

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