



RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY EXPECTS INDUSTRY TO PRODUCE MORE THAN 200 AIRCRAFT IN 2015

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ZHUKOVSKY (Moscow region), August 25. /TASS/. Russia's Defense Ministry expects the national industry to produce more than 200 aircraft this year, Deputy Defense Minister Yuri Borisov told reporters on Tuesday.

"More than 200 aircraft, including transport planes and helicopters," he said, answering a question about the number of aircraft that the military will receive in 2015.

Borisov said that "most industrial enterprises had arranged for smooth supplies of military hardware."

"We have no special fears about compliance with the defense contract," he said.

Borisov believes that the situation improved dramatically with the introduction of quarterly deadlines for the manufacturers to dispatch their products to military units.

"In the contracts we establish quarterly dates of delivery and make advance payments and final settlements accordingly. This new discipline has yielded good results," Borisov said.

Colonel-General Viktor Bondarev, the current commander of Russia's Aerospace Forces, said the military would receive about 360 aircraft, air defense weapons and pieces of radio-technical equipment this year. Last year the Air Force received 140 planes and 135 helicopters.

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