



Turkey to Establish S-400 Missile Defense Regiment Command

OE Watch Commentary: The accompanying passage from Turkish daily *HaberTurk* discusses plans for an “S-400 Missile Defense Regiment Command” to be established within the Turkish Armed Forces, to handle the S-400s that are being purchased from Russia. According to the passage, the regiment will consist of two battalions and four squadrons, and will have 36 launchers, each with the capacity to fire four missiles, for a total capacity of 144 missiles. In addition to discussing the components of the system, the passage also notes that the system will integrate a “friend-enemy recognition system.” As the passage notes, Turkey is the first country to purchase the system from Russia, in a deal worth \$2.5 billion. Delivery of the first system is planned for the first quarter of 2020.

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“The ‘S-400 Missile Defense Regiment Command’... will consist of two battalions and four squadrons. The Turkish Armed Forces will deploy an S-400 battalion at two different points across the country, each having 72 missiles, for a total of 144 missiles.”

Source: “S-400 sistemi için ‘S-400 Füze Savunma Alay Komutanlığı’ kurulacak (S-400 Missile Defense Regiment Command to be established for the S-400 system),” *Haberturk.com.tr*, 4 January 2018. <http://www.haberturk.com/s-400-sistemi-icin-s-400-fuze-savunma-alay-komutanligi-kurulacak-1781973>

The two S-400 systems purchased from Russia will be organized in the Turkish Armed Forces under a “S-400 Missile Defense Regiment Command.” The regiment command will consist of two battalions and four squadrons. The Turkish Armed Forces will deploy an S-400 battalion at two different points across the country, each having 72 missiles, for a total of 144 missiles.

... Each S-400 system will include missile ramps called “launchers,” along with long-range missiles called “Big Bird,” an engagement radar which guides missiles called “Grave Stone,” and a command-control tool named “55K6E.” Each of the elements that make up the system are placed on a vehicle with wheels. As such, they can be transported to whichever region needs it during a crisis.

... According to the current plans, ...there will be a total of 36 launchers in the regiment. Each launcher has the capacity to fire four missiles [at once]. Thus, there will be a capacity to fire 144 missiles at once.

Turkey will be the first NATO member to purchase S-400s from Russia. According to the agreement, Russia will be paid \$2.5 billion,... the payment will be made in rubles. 45% of the total will be made up front. The other 55% will be credited by Russia.... Delivery of the first system is planned for the first quarter of 2020.

The S-400 system’s control will be completely in the hands of the Turkish Armed Forces. While it will not be integrated into the NATO system, it will also not be in Russia’s control. The system will integrate a “friend-enemy recognition system.” ... With the system, each squadron will be able to recognize 36 separate enemy threats and respond.

