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New S-500 Prometheus air defense system to protect Moscow and Central Russia

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The first regiment of state-of-the-art anti-aircraft missile system S-500 will cover Moscow and the center of Russia, commander of the air defense and missile troops, Major-General Andrei Demin said.

"I am sure that after the development and tests, the first regimental group of S-500 will enter service for covering the center of Russia and Moscow," Demin told reporters after attending military drills on Ashuluk range ground.

Earlier, it was reported that the drills with the participation of air defense missile systems S-300 and S-400 were held within the framework of the scheduled large-scale tactical exercises combining air and missile defense forces on Ashuluk range ground in the Astrakhan region.

S-500 "Prometheus" is a Russian anti-aircraft missile system, which was developed by JSC Almaz-Antey as a new generation of anti-aircraft missile systems, in which it is supposed to apply the principle of separate solution of tasks to destroy ballistic and aerodynamic targets. The prime goal of the complex is to counter medium range ballistic missiles, hypersonic cruise missiles, UAVs, hypersonic missiles, low-orbit satellites and space weapons launched from hypersonic aircraft, as well as attack drones and hypersonic orbital platforms.