



**CZECHOSLOVAKIA-USSR: Reaction to INF Countermeasures**

The announcement by Czechoslovakia that it will accept Soviet missiles as a countermeasure to INF has prompted "lively discussions" among the population, according to Radio Prague.

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[Redacted] Senior Czechoslovak officials have told visitors the population is neither eager nor ready to have new Soviet missiles on Czechoslovak soil.

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**Comment:** The announcement will heighten anti-Soviet feelings and public disaffection with the regime, but the government will not back down and will quickly quell any overt protest. The reaction in Czechoslovakia strengthens the argument Poland and Hungary reportedly made to the Soviets that deployment in these countries might provoke public opposition. [Redacted]

**USSR-SYRIA: Possible SA-5 Shipment**

The Soviets may be shipping more SA-5 surface-to-air missile equipment to Syria.

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**Comment:** The two ships that arrived in Syria may have carried the SA-5 equipment [Redacted]

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This new equipment presumably is intended for the two SA-5 complexes in Syria, as spares or possibly to replace malfunctioning equipment. No SA-5 missile launchers have been seen at Nikolayev since January, nor has any new activity been observed to indicate construction of a third complex. [Redacted]





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