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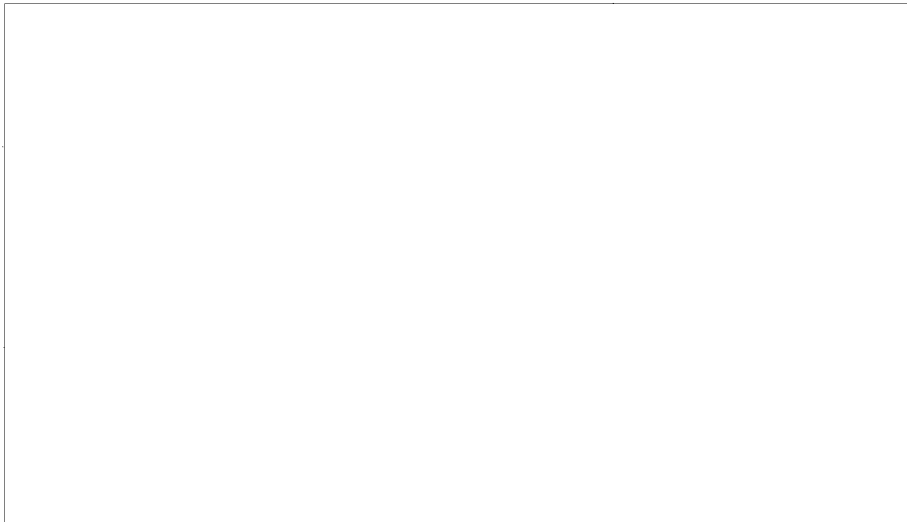


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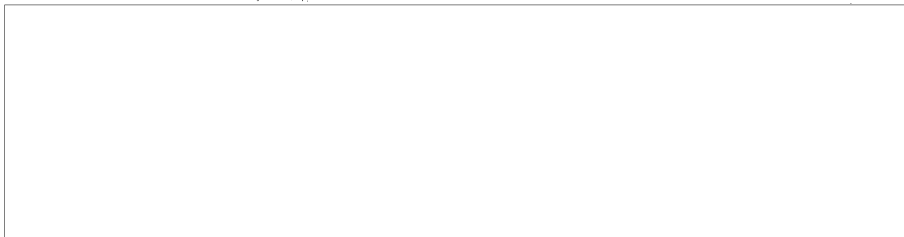
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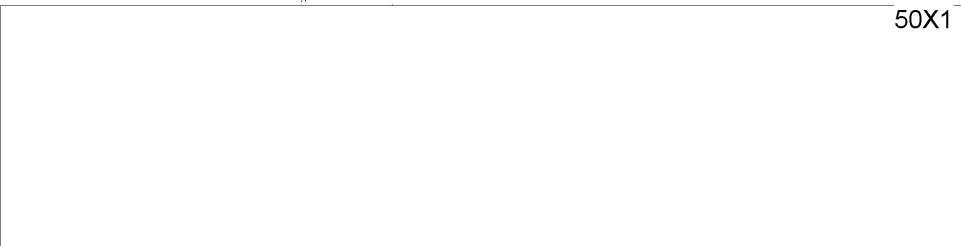
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Recent satellite photography reveals that Syria's first SAM site is now operational. Located near an airfield serving

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Damascus, it probably will be used for training while other sites are set up. Soviet equipment for this and, presumably, future SAM sites has been in Syria for at least six months.

SOVIET AFFAIRS

Security and political preparations for the anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia on 20 August are being given priority attention by the leaders of both countries. Czechoslovak party chief Husak and President Svoboda have gone to the Crimea, where they were joined by Brezhnev and Podgorny for talks which have continued since last weekend. There has been a press blackout on their activities, which suggests that major issues connected with the anniversary are being decided. The political chief of the Soviet armed forces, General Yepishev, arrived yesterday in Prague for "mutual consultations" with Czechoslovak military leaders.

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The Soviet space center appears to be in late stages of preparation for a manned flight and for a lunar mission. Since these preparations overlap, Soviet intentions are not clear. We think it most likely, however, that the two operations are separate: there will be an unmanned moon shot and a manned shot in earth orbit.

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