



## Russia Tests Powerful 'Sarmat' Missile



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Russia has conducted another test of its nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), the "Sarmat." Known by NATO as "Satan-2," the missile is considered one of the world's most powerful ICBMs. Russian President Vladimir Putin said the missile is expected to be added to the country's military arsenal by the end of this year. Moscow claims the missile has a range of nearly 35,000 kilometers and is capable of penetrating any missile defense system. According to Russian state television, the Sarmat missile was developed to replace the Soviet-era Voyevoda missile system. Development of the project began in 2011. However, one of its test launches in 2024 reportedly failed after a major explosion. Analysts say international concerns over Russia's growing nuclear capabilities are increasing amid the ongoing war in Ukraine. Research organizations estimate that Russia currently controls one of the world's largest nuclear warhead stockpiles.