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## Bomber patrols back in action

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RUSSIA has revived its Soviet-era practice of continuous long-range bomber patrols, in a series of moves apparently designed to show off the nation's new-found assertiveness.

Last week, Britain's Ministry of Defence said two Royal Air Force Typhoon jets had shadowed one of those bombers, a Russian Bear-H aircraft, over the North Atlantic Ocean.

Other flights came near Alaska and Guam. Russia, angered by US plans to place missile defence assets in eastern Europe, said the flights were resumed due to security threats.

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