

Today (15 Sept), two Tupolev TU 160 bombers (NATO codename Blackjack) are expected to overfly Cuba.

They are taking part in a training exercise which saw the aircraft's first-ever transatlantic flight and first-ever landing outside the former Soviet Union.

The Blackjacks flew from Murmansk to Venezuela, and were intercepted en-route by both the Norwegian and US airforces.

It is believed that Russia and Venezuela are about to sign a major arms deal which could see 70 aircraft following the Blackjacks....