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Flash: Russians Successfully Test-Fire Bulava Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) from Alexander Nevsky Nuclear Submarine

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Looks like the Russians finally got their Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) to work. Took 'em long enough. They apparently test-fired it successfully yesterday from the Alexander Nevsky nuclear submarine. The Bulava has a range of almost 5,000 miles, and the Russians claim it can "penetrate any prospective military defense", according to the AP.

The Russians are about to spend more than $400 billion on new weapons through 2020 as part of their military modernization program. That, combined with what appears to be an increasingly-cozy Sino-Russian (Chinese-Russian) alliance, is legitimate cause for concern for the United States, so it needs to be closely monitored. A Chinese-Russian combined military force will be a formidable adversary in the future, and one the U.S. must prepare for diligently.

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