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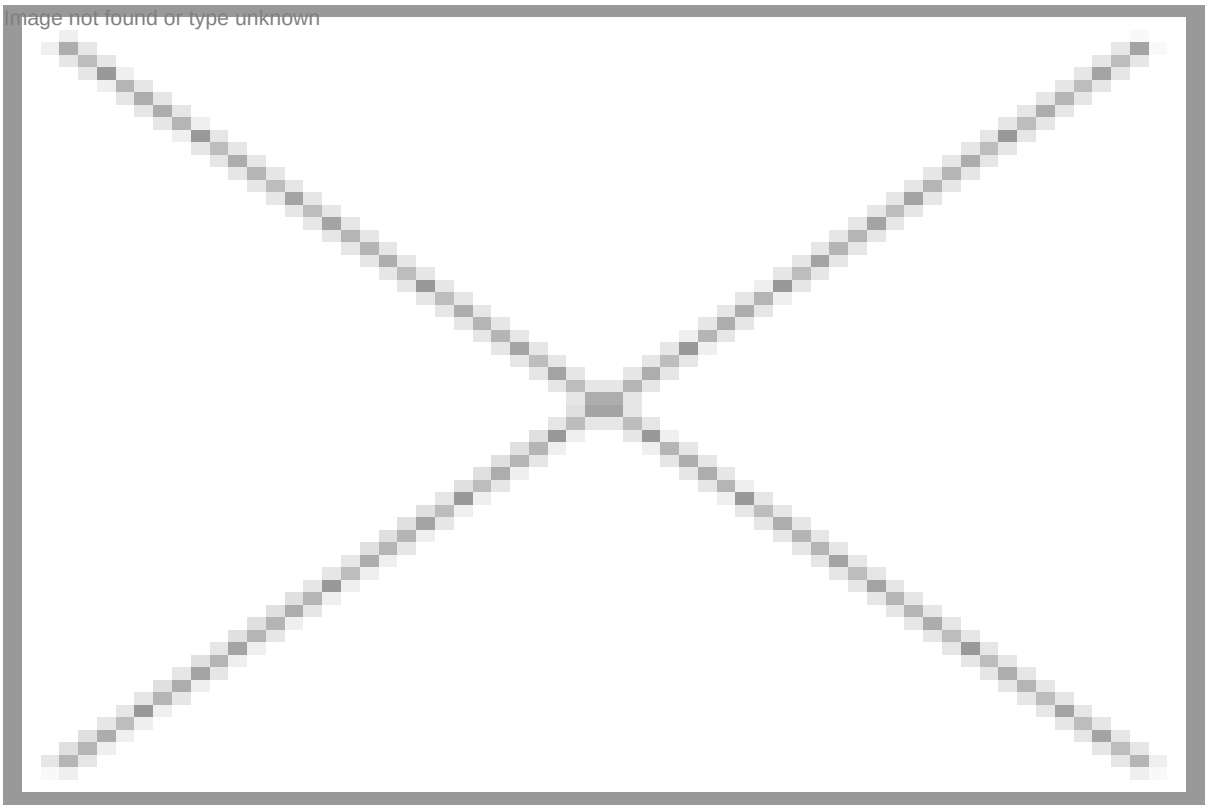


A contract on the construction of an aircraft carrier for the Russian Navy may be signed by late 2025, Deputy Defense Minister Yuri Borisov said on Thursday.

"I believe this will most likely take place closer to the end of 2025. We have three projects offered by the Krylov Center. They are fairly good and a decision on the aircraft carrier will be made closer to 2025," he said.

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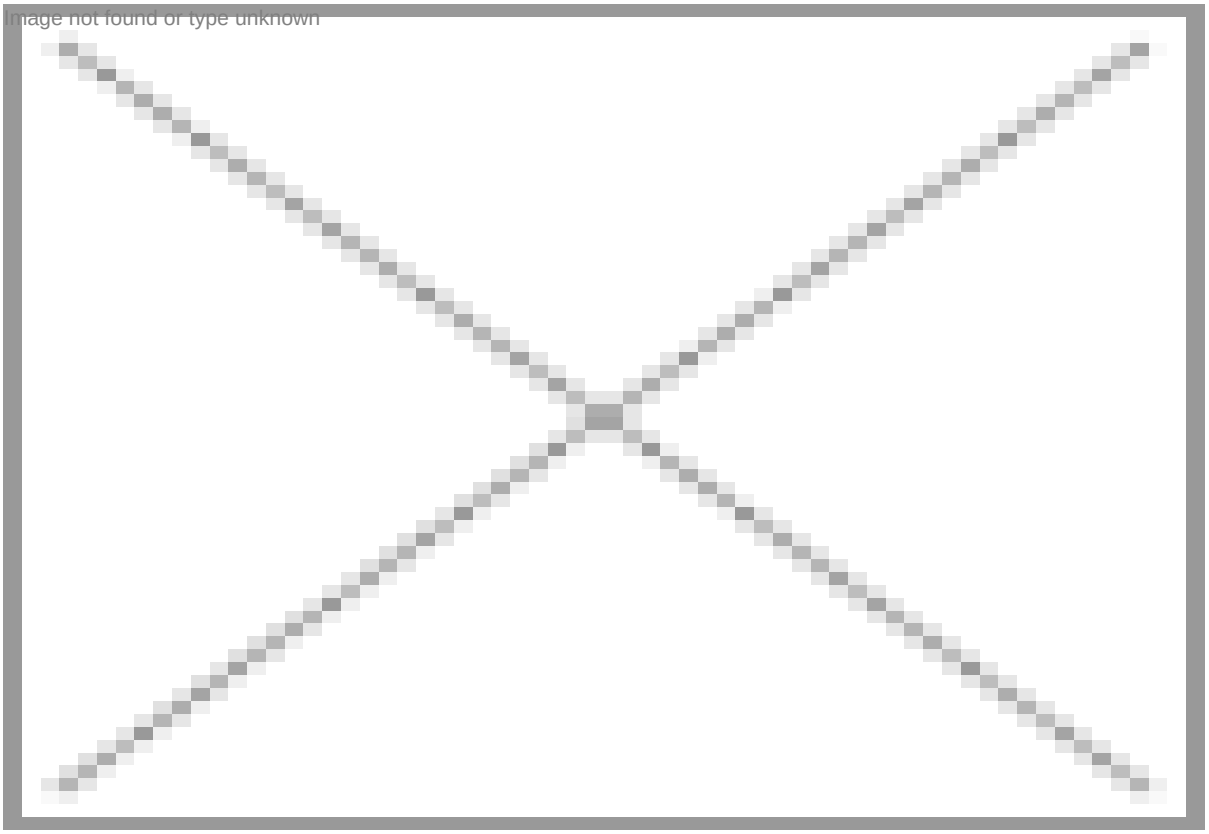


As of today, the Russian Navy operates the sole heavy aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov.

Head of the Russian Navy Shipbuilding Department Vladimir Tryapichnikov said in January this year the Russian Navy expected to receive an advanced aircraft carrier with a nuclear power unit by late 2030.

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