## Iran Confirms Quds Force Commander Visit to Moscow in Defiance of UN Travel Bans

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We posted yesterday on *Fox News* reporting the visit of Iran's Special Forces Quds Force Commander Qasem Soleimani to Moscow in defiance of UN travel bans to visit Russian President Putin. We also noted that he also visited with senior Defense Ministry officials. *FoxNews* today cited an Iranian news agency confirmation of Gen Soleimani's visit in defiance of UN travel bans, The new *Fox* report also confirmed that he visited with Russian Defense Minister, Gen. Sergei Shogui regarding delivery of the advanced S300/S400 air defense system, <u>"Iran confirms trip by Quds Force Commander to Moscow</u> to discuss arms shipments":

Iranian officials confirmed Friday that General Qassem Soleimani, the heavily sanctioned Revolutionary Guard Quds Force commander, traveled to Russia last month and was conducting weapons deals, including discussion of the S-300 missile system, according to Reuters.

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According to two separate Western intelligence sources, Soleimani arrived in Moscow on Iran Air flight 5130 from Tehran on July 24, ten days after the nuclear agreement between Iran and six world powers was announced that included a provision to lift the arms embargo on Iran.

Three days later, Secretary of State John Kerry testified about the Iran nuclear deal before the Senate Armed Services Committee, assuring Congress pressure would remain on Iran's shadowy general. "Under the United States' initiative, Qassem Soleimani will never be relieved of any sanctions," Kerry told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

In Moscow, Soleimani met with President Vladimir Putin and Russia's defense minister.

In June, Russia announced it would send S-300 anti-aircraft missiles to Iran by next year according to officials.

Watch this latest *Fox News* report on Quds Force General Soleimani: