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## **RUSSIAN MILITARY SEEKS TO OUTMUSCLE U.S. IN ARCTIC**

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Last year, on one of the northernmost air bases in the world, Russias military laid the final stretch of reinforced concrete on a runway to make it long enough to handle modern jet fighters and strategic bombers.

The finishing touches to Nagurskoye Airbase, located on a largely ice-locked archipelago in the Arctic Ocean, are turning a once-abandoned staging point for Soviet aircraft into one of Russias most advanced military outposts. It is one in a string of new and refurbished bases meant to service the Kremlins ambitions in the resource-rich Arctic.

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