
INDONESIA DISMISSES REPORT OF RUSSIAN REQUEST TO BASE AIRCRAFT IN PAPUA

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Indonesia dismissed on Tuesday (Apr 15) a report in defence publication Janes that Russia has requested basing military aircraft in Papua, its easternmost province, after the issue caused concern in Australia.

"The report is incorrect," said Frega Wenas, the spokesperson of Indonesia's defence ministry.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation said Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles spoke to his Indonesian counterpart Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin who said there would be no Russian air force planes based in Indonesia.

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