

Turkey Shoots Down Russian Jet & They're Totally Cool With it  
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**“Simply a minor booboo!”**

Saying that it wasn't anything serious, Russian authorities let Turkish officials know that they take full responsibility for the incident which left one of their fighter jets downed.

“We've got, like, a hundred of these,” President Vladimir Putin reminded NATO, “Losing one isn't a huge deal at all.” The leader of Russia spoke to the press in order to quell any misplaced confusion or rumour of aggression in retaliation for this “harmless encounter”. The president was all smiles in the news conference and his usual cheerful demeanor was unchanged.



Citing previous instances of moderate and calm response to crises such as this one, he informed Turkish Prime Minister that they felt upset about causing such an interruption, and not only accept full responsibility for tiptoeing too close to their airspace, but will do everything they can to “make it up to them”. Putin followed up with one of his famous, completely innocuous, chuckles, that often put other world powers at ease.

The Russian jet was shot down after Turkish military authorities gave it repeated warnings that it was violating their boundaries and was not complying. The two Turkish jets had flown back and forth past the jet, relaying their ultimatum, while the Russian pilot kept pointing to their headset and shaking their head, finally shrugging and ignoring them completely.

In the news conference, a Turkish official quietly made the point that Russia has often violated their airspace, and that they were just not really happy about it this time and they hoped a peaceful and constructive conclusion would come of this, before sitting down and doing all they could to avoid looking in his audience's direction.

Putin stared steadily at the official, as though he was trying to memorize his features or perhaps increase the pressure within his skull. After the speaker sat down he merely murmured, “Yes....peaceful....mhmm....constructive....I see....of course....”, clearly displaying his approval of the notion.

Turkish-Russian relations have been strained in the past, the NATO backed Turkey supporting rebels in Syria, while Russia backing Assad, and having one of their drones downed last month in another defiant stand by Turkey. But hey, the phrase 'Feel Free to Anger Russia as Winter Approaches' doesn't exist for no reason.

The Russian president, lost in thought must have been distracted, as he snapped his pencil in his fist while thinking to himself, causing the Turkish official to fall backwards off his chair. Putin glanced over with a mirthless grin. I'm sure we can all foresee a reasoned response to these latest developments.