RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTER ARRIVES TO INDIA FOR VISIT

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Russian Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu has arrived to India on Wednesday. On December 13, he will hold the 18th session of the Russian-Indian inter-governmental commission on military-technical cooperation together with Indian Defense Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

"During the session, the sides plan to discuss the results of past year's work and set priority tasks in the sphere of developing military-technical cooperation," the Russian Defense Ministry's press secretary Rossiyana Markovskaya.

"They also plan to discuss practical issues of boosting bilateral cooperation in the framework of agreements reached during Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India on October 4-5," she added.

"In his visit to India, the defense minister is accompanied, along with officials from the defense ministry, by a representative delegation of leaders of Russia's military-industrial complex," Markovskaya noted.

The sides plan to sign a protocol at the end of the session, which will determine promising spheres for cooperation and will specify the ways of implementation of scheduled projects.

The Russian-Indian inter-governmental commission on military-technical cooperation was set up in accordance with the agreement between the two countries' cabinets of ministers from 3 October 2010. The commission convenes once a year, alternating between Moscow and New Delhi.

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