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**ROMANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER CALLS FOR NATO BLACK SEA MISSION TO DETER RUSSIA**

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Radu Dumitrescu

Romanian defense minister Radu Miruță said NATO should deploy counter-drone equipment, radars, and air defense missiles to the Black Sea as part of a new allied mission to deter Russia, according to Politico.

The official, who spoke to Politico during the Munich Security Conference, argued that Russia has a huge interest in the Black Sea and that its designs should be countered by NATO.

We are seeing drones coming over the Black Sea to Ukraine, Miruță said, and activity is increasing. Its difficult to scan this entire land 24 hours per day. We are scanning everything, but we are focusing our resources especially in the areas where the population resides."

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