South Korea scrambles jets as Chinese, Russian planes enter air defense zone

Dec. 14 (UPI) — South Korea scrambled fighter jets on Thursday after Chinese and Russian military aircraft flew into its air defense identification zone, Seoul's military said.

Two Chinese and four Russian aircraft entered and departed South Korea's air defense identification zone, known as KADIZ, in the East Sea from 11:53 to 12:10 p.m., the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a text message to reporters.

"Our military identified Chinese and Russian military aircraft before they entered the KADIZ and deployed Air Force fighter jets to take tactical measures to prepare for contingency situations," the JCS said.

There was no airspace violation, it added.

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