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KIEV CVHG
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THE KIEV-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE VTOL AIRCRAFT CARRIER 'MINSK' (CVHG) IS AT AN OFFSHORE ANCHORAGE NEAR VLADIVOSTOK. THIS CLASS OF FOUR SUCH SHIPS WAS THE FIRST SOVIET VESSEL DESIGNED TO CARRY FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT. CONSTRUCTION OF THE MINSK CVHG WAS STARTED IN DECEMBER 1972 AND BECAME OPERATIONAL IN 1978. SHE CARRIES A COMPLEMENT OF 28-30 HELICOPTERS AND 16-17 FORGER VTOL AIRCRAFT. THE MINSK CVHG DEPLOYED TO THE INDIAN OCEAN IN 1982 AND APPARENTLY HAD ENGINEERING PROBLEMS ON THE RETURN LEG OF THE DEPLOYMENT. (SWN)

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