

First Russian Su-35S Flanker-E Confirmed Destroyed In Ukraine



The wreckage of the Su-35S that crashed in Ukraine. (via Twitter)

The Su-35S crashed near Izium, Ukraine. It looks like it was setup for SEAD (Suppression Enemy Air Defenses) objective.

Images of the wreckage of an airplane of the Russian Aerospace Forces (VKS) have begun to flow online in the afternoon (European time) on Apr. 3, 2022. The jet went down near Izium, in eastern Ukraine, some 120 kilometers to the southeast of Kharkiv.

Single seater, without canards, equipped with the L-265M10P/R ECM wingtip pods and including heat guards on the stabilizers: the airplane was rapidly recognized as an Su-35S Flanker-E multirole 4++ generation supermaneuverable jet. The very first to be lost considering that the start of the Russian intrusion in Ukraine.

A Russian Sukhoi Su-35 downed near Izyum pic.twitter.com/YmoasatJBP

— Illia Ponomarenko ?CHELOR'SDEGREE? (@IAPonomarenko) April 3, 2022

We can see Russian domination in the air. pic.twitter.com/onNogXuBik

— Kriegsforscher (@OSINTua) April 3, 2022

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— Necro Mancer (@666_mancer) April 3, 2022

The pilot of the Flanker derivative endured the ejection and was caught by the Ukrainian forces:

One of the pilots of the downed Russian Su-35 fight airplane in the Izyum Oblast was caught by the Ukrainian military previously today.

So far, efforts by the Russians to evacuate the pilots by helicopters have failed.
pic.twitter.com/aaKEYGAtGn

— CaucasusWarReport (@Caucasuswar) April 3, 2022

According to the Ukrainian sources, the Su-35S was shot down by the Ukrainian air defenses, although this can't be confirmed at the minute. A video apparently revealing the airplane, in flames, coming down, has emerged.

Russian airplane supposedly shot down near Izyum pic.twitter.com/9y4DTZt68H

— OSINTtechnical (@Osinttechnical) April 3, 2022

The Su-35S “Flanker E” is the 4++ generation alternative of the Su-27 Flanker airplane.

The multirole airplane functions thrust-vectoring, radar-absorbent paint, Irbis-E passive digitally scanned selection radar, IRST (Infra-Red Search and Track), the Khibiny radar jamming system along with the capability to usage some intriguing weapons, consisting of the ultra-long variety R-37M air-to-air rocket that might target HVAA (High Value Air Assets) such as AWACS and tanker airplane.

Dealing with the objective the Su-35S was flying, our factor and pal Guy Plopsky pointed out the pictures of the crash website likewise program what might be stays of a Kh-31 anti-radiation rocket (ARM). This suggests it may have actually been entrusted with a SEAD (Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses) objective, to disable the opponent ground-based air defense systems radars.

This Su-35S was potentially on a SEAD objective. Note what appears to be the residues of a Kh-31P-series rocket (perhaps a Kh-31PK or PM) under the wing in the picture above.

Similar loadout revealed in a Russian MoD clip from earlier: <https://t.co/7SlpFAEBah>

— Guy Plopsky (@GuyPlopsky) April 3, 2022



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