Turkey and Russia to spark new Cold War: Now Putin accuses Turks of HELPING ISIS in Syria

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In the first, a health facility backed by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) was completely destroyed during an attack on Maaret al Numan, about 170 miles north of the capital Damascus.

In a second attack, at least 14 civilians were killed when missiles hit a children's hospital, a school and other locations in the rebel-held Syrian town of Azaz, near the Turkish border.

Turkey immediately blamed Russian jets for the bombing, which left at least 14 people dead and 30 wounded.

A resident said a refugee shelter south of the town was also hit by bombs dropped by jets believed to be Russian.

But the Kremlin quickly responded to the allegations, accusing Ankara of assisting "fresh jihadi groups and armed mercenaries" to penetrate Syria illegally to replenish battle-battered Islamic State fighters.

REUTERS /The destroyed building said to be a Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)
supported hospital



REUTERS / Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) said in a statement that at least eight
staff were missing

REUTERS / Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev

Without referring specifically to the rocket attacks on two hospitals, Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement: "Moscow expresses its most serious concern about the aggressive actions by the Turkish authorities regarding the neighbouring state."

As tensions threaten to boil over between the increasingly belligerent foes, German authorities attempted to defuse the situation by rubbishing claims of a new Cold War.