

RUSSIA NAVY TO RECEIVE NEW SUBMARINE FOR BLACK SEA FLEET

Project 636.5 Varshavyanka head diesel-electric submarine **Novorossiysk** produced for Russian Black Sea Fleet will be handed over to the country's Navy on August 28, a high-ranking source in the military and industrial sector told ITAR-TASS on Friday. "A festive St. Andrew naval flag-hoisting ceremony will be held aboard **Novorossiysk** at the Admiralty Wharfs in the city of St. Petersburg on August 28," the high-placed military source said.

He recalled that this submarine would be put on trials at Northern Fleet's deep-water ranges after it is taken into naval service, before being sent to a naval base on the Black Sea coast.



New diesel-electric submarine for Russia's Black Sea Fleet launched **Novorossiysk** was laid in August 2010.

Submarines of this project belong to the third generation developed by St. Petersburg-based Design Bureau of Marine Engineering Rubin and considered to be noise lowest in the world and have a higher combat capability than submarines of previous projects.

Varshavyanka project submarines are upgraded fundamentally especially for Russian Navy provided with missile and torpedo weaponry, radioelectronic and hydroacoustic equipment.

Submarines of this project has a surface speed of 20 knots (37 kph), maximum submersion of around 300 metres, can go on autonomous sailing of 45 days, has a crew of 52 and underwater displacement of around four thousand tonnes.

The fifth and sixth submarines are to be laid down in October - November this year, for the 310th anniversary of Admiralty Shipyard.

The submarines will be named Veliky Novgorod and Kolpino. Admiralty Shipyard Director General Aleksandr Buzakov said previously that this year the enterprise should deliver to the Russian Navy three submarines of Project 636.3 - **Novorossiysk**, **Rostov-on-Don** and **Stary Oskol**.