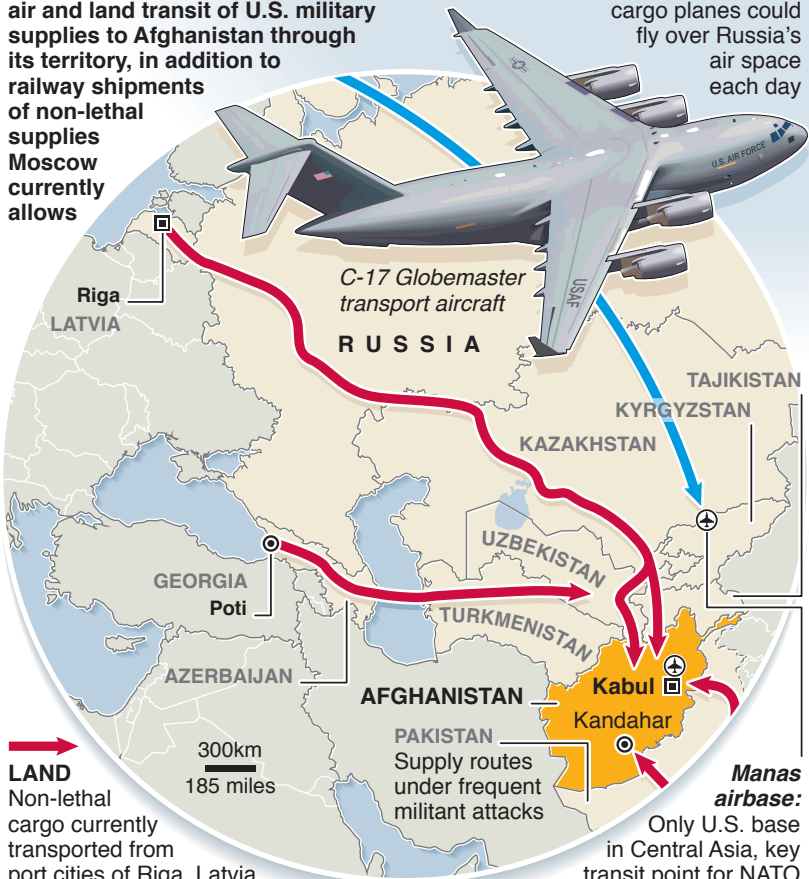


Russia to allow U.S. military cargo to Afghanistan

In a deal that could be signed during President Obama's visit to Moscow, Russia will allow air and land transit of U.S. military supplies to Afghanistan through its territory, in addition to railway shipments of non-lethal supplies Moscow currently allows

AIR
Around 12 U.S. cargo planes could fly over Russia's air space each day



LAND
Non-lethal cargo currently transported from port cities of Riga, Latvia, and Poti, Georgia, via rail and/or road. Most enters Afghanistan via Uzbekistan

Manas airbase:
Only U.S. base in Central Asia, key transit point for NATO and U.S. operations

New deal could involve hundreds of containers a month – at reported charge of over \$4,000 each

Under another deal, U.S. will pay \$60 million in annual rent to Kyrgyzstan – up from \$17.4m – in return for keeping base