

# NATO defences boosted over Ukraine crisis

The United States and NATO are deploying additional forces and conducting military exercises near the borders of Ukraine amid continuing tensions over Russia's invasion of Crimea



**Boeing E-3 Sentry:** Surveillance plane equipped with radar that can detect aircraft, ships and vehicles from up to 400km away



**1 Black Sea:** U.S. Navy warship *USS Truxtun* to conduct drills with three Romanian naval vessels and Bulgarian frigate *Drazki* in international waters southeast of Romanian port of Constanta

**2 Surveillance:** NATO E-3 Sentry aircraft flying from RAF Waddington in UK and Geilenkirchen in Germany to conduct reconnaissance flights over Poland and Romania

**3 Poland:** U.S. sending at least 12 F-16 fighter jets with 300 service personnel to Lask air base to take part in joint exercises

**Crimea:** More than 30,000 Russian troops reportedly in control of disputed region. Several Ukrainian military bases surrounded



**USS Truxtun**  
guided-missile  
destroyer

**4 Lithuania:** Ten U.S. F-15 fighters and over 200 troops stationed at Siauliai air base to step up NATO air patrols over Baltic states