Big surge in NATO and Russian war games The border between Russia and eastern Europe has seen a surge in NATO and Russian military drills following the annexation of Crimea in March 2014 and the subsequent conflict in the east of Ukraine Kaliningrad NATO* Atlantic RUSSIA Ocean **NATO EXERCISES** 1 Mar 2015: U.S., Canadian and German ships conduct war games in Black Sea with Bulgarian, Romanian and

2 Apr: Exercise Noble Jump simulates deployment of over 1,500 troops from 11 countries

Turkish navies

in eastern Europe

3 May: 100 aircraft and 4,000 soldiers conduct trials in Exercise Arctic Challenge

4 Jun 1-19: 7,000 troops conduct drills in Latvia, Lithuania and Poland in Exercise Sabre Strike

5 Jun 5-12: BALTOPS exercise with 5,600 troops, 49 warships, 61 aircraft

and landing craft in Baltic Sea

6 Feb 2015: 2,000 Russian

Ukraine

paratroops conduct drills in Pskov region bordering Estonia and Latvia

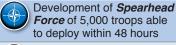
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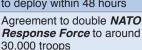
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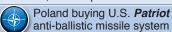
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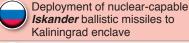
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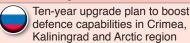
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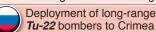












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