

# Russia warns U.S. over plans for border troops

Moscow has said it will strengthen its forces in eastern Europe if the U.S. decides to station tanks and heavy weapons in NATO states on Russia's border for the first time since the end of the Cold War

## U.S. PLANS

■ To store equipment for brigade of up to 5,000 U.S. troops in Baltic and East European states to deter possible Russian aggression

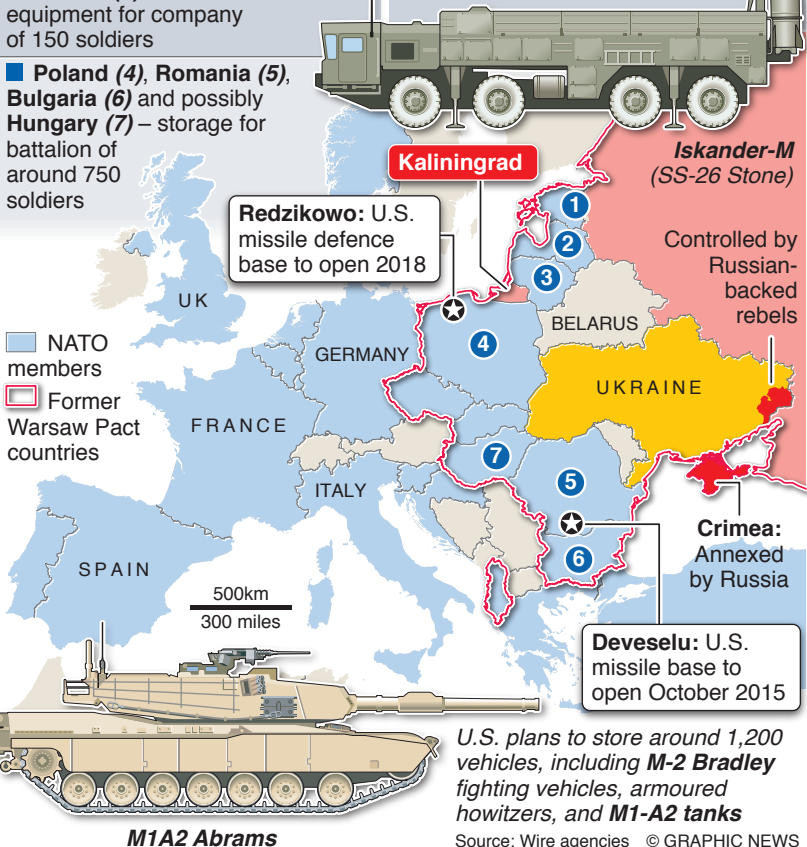
■ **Estonia (1), Latvia (2), and Lithuania (3)** each to store equipment for company of 150 soldiers

■ **Poland (4), Romania (5), Bulgaria (6)** and possibly **Hungary (7)** – storage for battalion of around 750 soldiers

## RUSSIAN RESPONSE

■ Says move would violate tacit agreements of 1990s

■ Moscow could speed up deployment of **Iskander** missiles to Kaliningrad, and beef up forces in Belarus



U.S. plans to store around 1,200 vehicles, including **M-2 Bradley** fighting vehicles, armoured howitzers, and **M1-A2 tanks**

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