

# NATO boosting forces in eastern Europe

NATO is preparing to deploy 4,000 troops on the Russian border from early next year, backed by a 40,000-strong rapid-reaction force, in its biggest military build-up since the Cold War

 **NATO members\***



## United States

Deploying "battle-ready" task force of 900 soldiers to Poland, as well as armour across eastern Europe. Also sending troops to Norway for first time



## UK

Sending fighter jets to Romania and 800 soldiers plus tanks to Estonia, backed by French and Danish troops



**Canada:** Contributing around 450 troops to NATO mission in Latvia, to be joined by 140 military personnel from Italy



**Germany:** Sending between 400 and 600 soldiers to Lithuania, with additional forces from Netherlands, Norway, Belgium, Croatia and Luxembourg



## NATO Response Force

40,000 troops can deploy worldwide in 5-30 days. "Spearhead" component ready within 48 hours



## RUSSIA'S RESPONSE TO NATO

- 1** Around 330,000 troops believed to be stationed near Moscow
- 2** Baltic Sea base at Kaliningrad reinforced with two cruise-missile-armed warships. Nuclear Iskander missiles moved to territory
- 3** Ongoing support for Ukraine rebels and Syrian regime

