





Russian war games raise tensions





Baltic defence officials are urging NATO allies to deepen security co-operation as Zapad-2017, a joint military exercise involving Russian and Belarusian forces, gets underway. NATO's four multinational battle groups in the Baltic states and Poland are now fully operational

ZAPAD-2017 (Russian official figures)

	Total troops:	12,700		Artillery units:	250
	(Belarus 7,200, Russia 5,500)				
	Armoured vehicles (including 200 tanks):	370		Aircraft and helicopters:	70

Some Western analysts believe up to 100,000 troops could be involved



1 ESTONIA	2 LATVIA	3 LITHUANIA	4 POLAND
 UK (Lead nation)	 Canada	 Germany	 U.S.
Troops UK 800 France 300 Hungary 100 Total: 1,200	Canada 450 Spain 300 Italy 160 Poland 160 Slovenia 50 Albania 18 Total: 1,138	Germany 450 Netherlands 250 Norway 200 Belgium 100 Luxembourg 22 Total: 1,022	U.S. 1,000 UK 150 Romania 120 Total: 1,270