

# Russia challenges to northern Europe



**1** 2007: Kremlin launches cyber attacks on Estonia

**2** 2010: Sweden ends conscription

**3** Mar 2013: Russia stages mock air strikes against Sweden

**4** 2014: Russia annexes Crimea, supports separatist war in Ukraine

**5-8** Aug 2016 NATO deploys battle groups to Baltic states and Poland

**9** Oct: Russia moves nuclear-capable Iskander missiles to Kaliningrad

**10** Mar 2017: Sweden reintroduces military conscription

**11** Apr: NATO deploys brigade to defend strategic Suwalki Gap

**12** Sep 2017: Russia's Zapad war games seen as dress rehearsal for seizing NATO's Baltic states

**13** Jan 2018: Sweden creates new military regiment to defend Gotland

**14** Jun: All 22,000 Swedish volunteer soldiers take part in surprise military exercise

**15** Oct 25: NATO's Trident Juncture military exercise – with 40,000 participants – takes place in Norway