

NATO marks 70 years

- ▶ **Apr 4, 1949:** U.S., Canada and 10 West European states sign **North Atlantic Treaty**
- ▶ **1955:** West Germany joins NATO – Soviet Union and seven East European states form **Warsaw Pact**
- ▶ **1966:** France pulls out of NATO's integrated military structure in protest at dominance of U.S. commanders
- ▶ **1967:** NATO moves HQ from France to Belgium
- ▶ **1987:** U.S. and USSR sign **Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF)** treaty,
- ▶ **1989:** Fall of Berlin Wall
- ▶ **1991:** Warsaw Pact dissolved
- ▶ **1995:** NATO launches first military operation – airstrikes against Bosnian Serbs shelling Sarajevo
- ▶ **1999:** NATO conducts air strikes against Yugoslavia over Kosovo – first use of force without UN approval
- ▶ **2001:** NATO invokes **Article 5** for first time, declaring 9/11 attacks on U.S. to be attack against whole alliance
- ▶ **2003:** NATO takes control of **International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)** in Afghanistan – first major operation outside Europe

- ▶ **2007:** NATO-member Estonia comes under first known cyber-attack on entire nation
- ▶ **2008:** Moscow occupies around fifth of Georgia's territory after five-day war
- ▶ **2009:** France announces return to NATO's military command
NATO begins anti-piracy patrol off Horn of Africa

- ▶ **2011:** NATO takes on responsibility for enforcing no-fly zone over Libya
- ▶ **2014:** Russia annexes Crimea, prompting biggest East-West showdown since Cold War
NATO members commit to spending 2% of GDP on defence by 2024
- ▶ **2018:** NATO opens new headquarters in Brussels



- ▶ **Feb 2019:** U.S. and Russia suspend compliance with INF treaty
- ▶ **Apr 3:** NATO Secretary General **Jens Stoltenberg** (above) addresses U.S. Congress as alliance celebrates 70th anniversary

