

# 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

► **Jul 2018:** U.S. President **Donald Trump** (above) demands that NATO leaders double defence spending to 4% of GDP, up from current goal of 2%



► **Feb 2019:** U.S. and Russia suspend compliance with INF treaty

► **Dec 4:** London summit marking 70th anniversary. Allies likely to adopt Franco-German proposal for reform after Trump questioned its relevance

