

Russia fury as Poland renames Kaliningrad

The Kremlin has said that Poland's decision to rename Russia's exclave of Kaliningrad is a "hostile act"

■ **Before World War II:** East Prussian city known as **Königsberg**

■ **1945:** Renamed **Kaliningrad** to honour Bolshevik leader **Mikhail Kalinin*** following annexation by Soviet Union

■ **1991:** Cut off from Moscow when Lithuania becomes independent during break-up of Soviet Union

■ **2023:** Warsaw says Kalinin's link to **Katyn Massacre** has negative connotations and that exclave should be called **Królewiec** – Polish translation of Königsberg



Aerial view of Kaliningrad Cathedral



*One of six Soviet Politburo signatories to order execution of over 21,000 Polish prisoners of war in Katyn in 1940