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NATO troops conduct exercise in Latvia

From 19 SEP to 30 SEP, approximately 4200 troops from 17 allied nations trained in the Camp Adazi training area in Latvia as part of exercise Silver Arrow 2022. This exercise was planned along the lines of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) role as a defensive alliance. Silver Arrow 2022 is being led by the Latvian Land Forces Mechanized Infantry Brigade, with goals of demonstrating NATO combat readiness and capabilities, showcasing the unity of NATO forces, and to certify the enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group Latvia. END

CMCD Note

We assess with high confidence that it is likely that exercise Silver Arrow 2022 is not only an opportunity to increase NATO interoperability capabilities but also an overt show of force that NATO does not feel threatened by recent aggressive statements made by Russia. Ever since the establishment of the eight Eastern European NATO battlegroups, NATO has ensured a constant enlarged presence on and near Russia's western border. It is highly likely that this force is not intended to be used in an aggressive manner, but to ensure that Russia does not expand the war beyond Ukraine.

Sources

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