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HQ unit of German 41st *Panzer*grenadier Brigade arrives in Lithuania

On 04 SEP approximately one hundred German soldiers arrived in Lithuania as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) goal of increasing presence on the Alliance's eastern flank. These soldiers are members of Germany's 41st *Panzer*grenadier Brigade and make up the command unit. This unit will be permanently stationed, while the combat groups join for exercises routinely. NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu acknowledged the importance of the new brigade in strengthening NATO's defense and deterrence while also conveying a message that NATO will defend its territory. END

CMCD Note

We assess with high confidence that it is highly unlikely Russia intends to attack eastern NATO member states. NATO has stated that this move comes as a part of a larger series of moves in order to deter potential Russian aggression. NATO established four battlegroups in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Poland in 2014 and established another four in Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovakia shortly after the Russo-Ukraine War began. It is highly likely that NATO will continue to maintain an elevated military presence in Eastern Europe as long as the Russo-Ukraine war continues.

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