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Date	Location	Category	Headline	Event Summary	Source
October 6, 2016	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT ENTERS ESTONIAN AIRSPACE	On <b>October 6th, 2016</b> a Russian Su-27 fighter jet <b>violated</b> Estonian airspace for approximately one minute according to the Estonian Defense Ministry. This was the seventh instance in 2016 of a Russian violation of Estonian airspace.	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia/estonia-finland-say-russia-entered-airspace-before-u-s-defense-pact-idUSKCN1270ID">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia/estonia-finland-say-russia-entered-airspace-before-u-s-defense-pact-idUSKCN1270ID</a>
October 7, 2016	Gulf of Finland	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT INTERCEPTED OVER FINNISH AIRSPACE	On <b>October 7th, 2016</b> , two Russian Su-27 fighter jets were <b>intercepted</b> by Finnish aircraft after entering Finnish airspace the same day as a bilateral defense cooperation meeting was held between U.S. and Finnish officials in Helsinki.	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia/estonia-finland-say-russia-entered-airspace-before-u-s-defense-pact-idUSKCN1270ID">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia/estonia-finland-say-russia-entered-airspace-before-u-s-defense-pact-idUSKCN1270ID</a>
October 1 - 31 December, 2016	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	35 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	From <b>October 1st to December 31st, 2016</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission made 35 intercepts of Russian Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.	<a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2016/news_archive_2016_-_10.html</a>
March 16, 2017	Stockholm, Sweden	Espionage	RUSSIA IDENTIFIED AS MAIN INTELLIGENCE THREAT TO SWEDEN	On <b>March 16th, 2017</b> Swedish Security Service (Säpo) released its <b>annual report</b> outlining threats to the country. During a press conference, Säpo Director-General Anders Thornberg identified Russia as the biggest intelligence threat to Sweden after <b>multiple attempts were made</b> to infiltrate Swedish government agencies in 2016 by Russian intelligence agents.	<a href="http://www.sakerhetspolisen.se/download/18.1beef5fc14cb83963e73914/1489594358903/Arsbok2016_webb.pdf">http://www.sakerhetspolisen.se/download/18.1beef5fc14cb83963e73914/1489594358903/Arsbok2016_webb.pdf</a>
March 24, 2017	Vardo, Norway	Military Force Projection	SIMULATED ATTACK AGAINST THE NORWEGIAN RADAR INSTALLATION BY RUSSIAN BOMBERS	On <b>March 24th, 2017</b> 12 Russian aircraft including MiG-31, Fullback [Su-34], Fencer [Su-24], and Backfire [Tu-22M] from an airbase on the Kola Peninsula <b>simulated a coordinated attack</b> against a Norwegian Globus-2 radar installation in Vardo.	<a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/03/russian-bombers-simulated-attack-against-radar-norways-barents-sea-coast">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/03/russian-bombers-simulated-attack-against-radar-norways-barents-sea-coast</a>
January 1 - March 31, 2017	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	15 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	From <b>January 1st to April 30th, 2017</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission made 15 intercepts of Russian Federation Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.	<a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_01.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_01.html</a>
May 3, 2017	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT ENTERS ESTONIAN AIRSPACE	On <b>May 3rd, 2017</b> an Ilyushin Il-96 aircraft belonging to a Russian state agency <b>violated</b> Estonian airspace without permission.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_plane_violates_estonia_s airspace_near_vaindlo_o_island/">https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_plane_violates_estonia_s airspace_near_vaindlo_o_island/</a>
May 8, 2017	Tallinn, Estonia	Espionage	GRU OPERATIVE SENTENCED IN ESTONIA	On <b>May 8th, 2017</b> a Russian citizen named Artyom Zinchenko was <b>sentenced</b> to five years in prison under §233 of the Penal Code for a non-violent act committed against the Republic of Estonia by the Harju County Court. The Estonian Internal Security Service (KaPo) found that Zinchenko was recruited in 2009 by the Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU), and had been working in Estonia as an intelligence operative since 2013.	<a href="https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf">https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/estonian_security_agency_caught_person_recruited_by_russia_s_gru/">https://www.baltictimes.com/estonian_security_agency_caught_person_recruited_by_russia_s_gru/</a>
May 8, 2017	Riga, Latvia	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN SHIPS ENTER LATVIAN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE	On <b>May 8th, 2017</b> three Russian Byuan-class corvette ships the Liven 551, Serpukhov 603 and Morshansk 824 <b>entered</b> the Latvian maritime Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) without prior arrangements or notification.	<a href="https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/vladimir-putin-sends-three-russian-10382187">https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/vladimir-putin-sends-three-russian-10382187</a> <a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/three_russian_warships_enter_latvia_s_exclusive_economic_zone/">https://www.baltictimes.com/three_russian_warships_enter_latvia_s_exclusive_economic_zone/</a>

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May 22, 2017	Kola Peninsula - Norway	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT APPROACH NATO FLEET	On <b>May 22nd, 2017</b> 12 Russian aircraft from the Olenya Air Base on the Kola Peninsula including the MiG-31, Su-24 "Fencer," Su-34 "Fullback," and Tu-22M "Backfire" <b>flew tactical flights</b> towards a fleet of NATO ships exercising in the Norwegian Sea.	<a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/03/russian-bombers-simulated-attack-against-radar-norways-barents-sea-coast">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/03/russian-bombers-simulated-attack-against-radar-norways-barents-sea-coast</a>
May 25, 2017	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN SHIP HARASSES MERCHANT FREIGHTER	On <b>May 25th, 2017</b> a self-identified Russian warship <b>harassed</b> the M/V Green Ridge, a US-flagged cargo ship in the Baltic Sea bound for a port in Klaipėda, Lithuania under a Department of Defense contract to support NATO exercise Saber Strike 2017.	<a href="https://www.defensenews.com/naval/2017/06/27/russian-military-harassed-us-flagged-merchant-ship-in-the-baltic-ahead-of-exercises/">https://www.defensenews.com/naval/2017/06/27/russian-military-harassed-us-flagged-merchant-ship-in-the-baltic-ahead-of-exercises/</a>
June 1, 2017	Tallinn, Estonia	Diplomatic Sanction	RUSSIA EXPELS ESTONIAN DIPLOMATS	On <b>June 1st, 2017</b> Russia <b>expelled</b> two Estonian diplomats, Katrin Kanarik and Jaanus Kirikmäe from the Estonian Consulate-General in St. Petersburg as retaliation for the expulsion of Russian diplomats following the poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury, U.K.	<a href="https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-expels-moldova-estonia-diplomats/2852145.html">https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-expels-moldova-estonia-diplomats/2852145.html</a> <a href="https://news.postimees.ee/4132261/russia-orders-two-estonian-diplomats-to-leave-country">https://news.postimees.ee/4132261/russia-orders-two-estonian-diplomats-to-leave-country</a>
June 19, 2017	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN FIGHTER JET "BUZZES" US AIRCRAFT	On <b>June 19th, 2017</b> a Russian Su-27 made an <b>unsafe</b> approach at a high closure speed on a U.S. RC-135U reconnaissance aircraft flying over the Baltic Sea. United States European Command deemed the intercept unsafe and provocative, and later releasing photos of the incident.	<a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/23/photos-show-dramatic-near-miss-russian-us-jets-dangerous-interception/">https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/23/photos-show-dramatic-near-miss-russian-us-jets-dangerous-interception/</a>
June 19, 2017	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN FIGHTER APPROACHES SWEDISH RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT	On <b>June 19th, 2017</b> a Russian Su-27 fighter jet <b>approached</b> a Swedish military S102B reconnaissance aircraft in international airspace above the Baltic Sea.  The Swedish Armed Forces claimed that the Russian fighter came very close to the Swedish aircraft. Russian diplomats were immediately summoned by Swedish authorities in Stockholm to discuss the incident.	<a href="https://www.apnews.com/865ed84d71bb431a13bbb4dec4bede3">https://www.apnews.com/865ed84d71bb431a13bbb4dec4bede3</a>
June 27, 2017	Copenhagen, Denmark	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN CYBER ATTACK CRIPPLES DANISH CORPORATION	On <b>June 27th, 2017</b> the destructive malware "NotPetva" developed by the Russian military targeting Ukraine caused over \$10 billion in damage to international companies such as Danish shipping corporation A.P. Møller-Maersk which lost approximately \$300 million due to the incident.	<a href="https://www.wired.com/story/notpetva-cyberattack-ukraine-russia-code-crashed-the-world/">https://www.wired.com/story/notpetva-cyberattack-ukraine-russia-code-crashed-the-world/</a>
April 1 - June 30 2017	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	30 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	From <b>April 1st to June 30th, 2017</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission made 30 intercepts of Russian Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.	<a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_04.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_04.html</a>
July 12, 2017	Vilnius, Lithuania	Espionage	RUSSIAN FSB AGENT SENTENCED IN LITHUANIA	On <b>July 12th, 2017</b> the Vilnius Regional Court <b>sentenced</b> Russian citizen Nikolay Filiphenko to ten years in prison for espionage in Lithuania while working for the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) between 2011-2014.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/lithuanian_court_sentences_russian_man_for_spying/">https://www.baltictimes.com/lithuanian_court_sentences_russian_man_for_spying/</a> <a href="https://www.newsweek.com/russian-agent-jailed-spy-plot-lithuanias-president-633852">https://www.newsweek.com/russian-agent-jailed-spy-plot-lithuanias-president-633852</a>
July 24, 2017	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN-CHINESE NAVAL EXERCISE IN BALTIC SEA	On <b>July 24th, 2017</b> Russian-Chinese Naval exercise called "Sea Interaction 2017" began in the Baltic Sea. This is the first time vessels of the Chinese navy participated in exercises in the Baltic Sea, and included three Chinese ships and approximately ten Russian ships.	<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/25/world/europe/china-russia-baltic-navy-exercises.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/25/world/europe/china-russia-baltic-navy-exercises.html</a> <a href="http://eng.mil.ru/en/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12133584%40cegNews">http://eng.mil.ru/en/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12133584%40cegNews</a> <a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/russia-china-military-exercise-kicks-off-in-baltic-sea/">https://www.baltictimes.com/russia-china-military-exercise-kicks-off-in-baltic-sea/</a> <a href="https://www.osw.waw.pl/en/publikacje/analyses/2017-07-26/russian-chinese-naval-exercise-baltic-sea">https://www.osw.waw.pl/en/publikacje/analyses/2017-07-26/russian-chinese-naval-exercise-baltic-sea</a>
July 31, 2017	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT INTERCEPTED IN FINNISH AIRSPACE	On <b>July 31st, 2017</b> NATO fighter jets from the Baltic Air Policing mission were <b>scrambled</b> to intercept 2 Russian MiG-31 aircraft and 1 AN-26 transport aircraft, which were subsequently intercepted by Finnish fighter jets upon entering Finnish airspace.	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nato-russia-estonia/nato-intercepts-russian-jets-near-estonian-airspace-idUSKBN1AH4MV">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nato-russia-estonia/nato-intercepts-russian-jets-near-estonian-airspace-idUSKBN1AH4MV</a>

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August 30, 2017	Latvia	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN ELECTRONIC WARFARE DISRUPTS LATVIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	On <b>August 30th, 2017</b> western Latvia experienced a <u>large-scale cellular network outage</u> attributed to Russian electronic warfare during the Zapad-17 military exercises across the border. A few weeks later on <b>September 13th, 2017</b> Latvia's emergency services phone number was <u>down for 16 hours</u> due to Russian electronic warfare.	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/latvias-cellphones-stopped-working-russias-war-games-may-be-to-blame/2017/10/05/449162d4-a9d3-11e7-9a98-07140d2eed02_story.html?tid=ss_tw&amp;utm_term=.426cd717de78">https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/latvias-cellphones-stopped-working-russias-war-games-may-be-to-blame/2017/10/05/449162d4-a9d3-11e7-9a98-07140d2eed02_story.html?tid=ss_tw&amp;utm_term=.426cd717de78</a>  <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/latvias-cellphones-stopped-working-russias-war-games-may-be-to-blame/2017/10/05/449162d4-a9d3-11e7-9a98-07140d2eed02_story.html?utm_term=.f262d6477282">https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/latvias-cellphones-stopped-working-russias-war-games-may-be-to-blame/2017/10/05/449162d4-a9d3-11e7-9a98-07140d2eed02_story.html?utm_term=.f262d6477282</a>
August 31, 2017	Riga, Latvia	Hybrid Action	NATO RELEASES REPORT ON RUSSIAN "BOTS"	On <b>August 31st, 2017</b> the NATO Strategic Communications Center of Excellence (StratCom) released a <u>report</u> stating that 84% of tweets in Russian about the NATO presence in Eastern Europe originated from automated or "bot" accounts.	<a href="https://www.stratcomcoe.org/robotrolling-20172">https://www.stratcomcoe.org/robotrolling-20172</a>
September 1, 2017	Stockholm, Sweden	Hybrid Action	MAN OPERATING UNDER SEVERAL ALIASES SPREADS DISINFORMATION IN SWEDISH MEDIA	On <b>September 1st, 2017</b> a man operating under the alias "Egor Putilov" began writing for Swedish right-wing alternative media outlet <i>Samhällsnytt</i> . "Putilov" was exposed in <b>Fall 2016</b> for publishing disinformative articles with multiple Swedish media outlets using various names as reported in <i>Aftonbladet</i> .  "Putilov", who at the time was working at the Sweden Democrat's (Sverigedemokraterna) parliamentary office, had previously worked for the Swedish Migration Agency (Migrationsverket). Putilov has since been denied press accreditation to Swedish Parliament as he was considered to pose a security risk.  Swedish Radio reported that in 2014 Putilov made 6 million SEK (~650,000 USD) in a suspicious property deal with a Russian businessman with ties to Russian state agencies. "Putilov" acquired the property for 6 million SEK and sold it for 12 million two months later. This connection to Russia is why Putilov is included in the tracker.	<a href="https://samnytt.se/author/egor-putilov/page/28/">https://samnytt.se/author/egor-putilov/page/28/</a>  <a href="https://www.aftonbladet.se/nyheter/a/Ql8dWQ/alexander-34-ar-sds-hemliga-desinformator">https://www.aftonbladet.se/nyheter/a/Ql8dWQ/alexander-34-ar-sds-hemliga-desinformator</a>  <a href="https://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=2054&amp;artikel=6523157">https://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=2054&amp;artikel=6523157</a>  <a href="https://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=2054&amp;artikel=6527230">https://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=2054&amp;artikel=6527230</a>
September 13, 2017	Finnmark, Norway	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN ELECTRONIC WARFARE DISRUPTS AIRCRAFT NAVIGATION	On <b>September 13th, 2017</b> commercial aircraft flying over Norway's East Finnmark district <u>lost GPS signal</u> due to <u>Russian electronic warfare</u> used in the Zapad-17 military exercises in the nearby Kola Peninsula. Norwegian Defense Minister Bakke-Jensen <u>admitted</u> that Russian jamming in Norway had never been on such a large scale.	<a href="https://www.nrk.no/finnmark/stov-fra-russland-slo-ut-gps-signaler-for-norske-fly-1.13720305">https://www.nrk.no/finnmark/stov-fra-russland-slo-ut-gps-signaler-for-norske-fly-1.13720305</a>  <a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/node/3327">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/node/3327</a>
September 14-20, 2017	Pechenga, Russia	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN ISKANDER MISSILES MOVE TO NORWEGIAN BORDER DURING EXERCISE	From <b>September 14th to September 20th, 2017</b> Russian Iskander missiles were moved to the Pechenga valley near the Russian-Finnish border during the military exercise Zapad-17.  The movement of Iskander missiles which are designed to evade anti-missile defenses exhibits an aggressive Russian force posturing and increases the overall range of offensive Russian missile capabilities into Europe.	<a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/03/russian-bombers-simulated-attack-against-radar-norways-barents-sea-coast">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/03/russian-bombers-simulated-attack-against-radar-norways-barents-sea-coast</a>
September 17, 2017	Eastern Estonia	Espionage	RUSSIAN SMUGGLER-SPY RING EXPOSED	On <b>September 17th, 2017</b> the Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism (Re:Baltica) <u>exposed</u> the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) system of recruiting smugglers to spy across the Estonian border.	<a href="https://en.rebaltica.lv/2017/09/how-smuggler-helped-russia-to-catch-estonian-officer/">https://en.rebaltica.lv/2017/09/how-smuggler-helped-russia-to-catch-estonian-officer/</a>
July 1 - September 30, 2018	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	60 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	From <b>July 1st to September 30th, 2017</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing mission made 60 intercepts of Russian Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.	<a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_07.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_07.html</a>

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October 4, 2017	Estonia	Espionage	RUSSIAN FSB INFORMANT CHARGED IN ESTONIA	<p>On <b>October 4th, 2017</b> Estonian court charged Estonian-Russian dual citizen Albert Provornikov for conspiracy against Estonia.</p> <p>Provornikov was recruited by the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) to collect intelligence on Estonian Police and Border Guard posts in the South Prefecture and structures of the Estonian Internal Security Service (KaPo) and the Kuperjanov Infantry Battalion.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf">https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf</a></p>
October 17, 2017	Estonia	Espionage	RUSSIAN FSB INFORMANT CHARGED IN ESTONIA	<p>On <b>October 17th 2017</b> Russian citizen Mikhail Petrov was sentenced to prison for long-term intelligence gathering in Estonia and collaboration with the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB).</p>	<p><a href="https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf">https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf</a></p>
October 26, 2017	Öland Island, Sweden	Hybrid Action	NATO CONCERN WITH RUSSIAN ELECTRONIC WARFARE	<p>On <b>October 26th, 2017</b> NATO announced that Russian electronic warfare during the Zapad-17 had caused a shutdown of phone services in Norway, Latvia, and Sweden's Öland island.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/10/26/nato-chief-says-allies-concerned-about-russian-phone-jamming.html">http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/10/26/nato-chief-says-allies-concerned-about-russian-phone-jamming.html</a></p>
November 4, 2017	Narva, Estonia	Espionage	RUSSIAN FSB AGENT DETAINED AND SENTENCED IN ESTONIA	<p>On <b>November 6th, 2017</b> a Russian citizen named Alexei Vasilyev was detained by Estonian authorities at the Narva border crossing suspected to be an agent of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB). Vasilyev was later sentenced to four years in prison under spying charges in March 2018.</p>	<p><a href="https://news.err.ee/641144/estonia-internal-security-service-arrests-suspected-fsb-agent-in-narva">https://news.err.ee/641144/estonia-internal-security-service-arrests-suspected-fsb-agent-in-narva</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf">https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://news.postimees.ee/6426230/spy-left-out-in-the-cold-my-homeland-forgot-about-me">https://news.postimees.ee/6426230/spy-left-out-in-the-cold-my-homeland-forgot-about-me</a></p> <p><a href="https://news.err.ee/643043/official-estonia-has-evidence-connecting-alleged-russian-agent-to-fsb">https://news.err.ee/643043/official-estonia-has-evidence-connecting-alleged-russian-agent-to-fsb</a></p>
November 21, 2017	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT ENTERS ESTONIAN AIRSPACE	<p>On <b>November 21st, 2017</b> a Russian Ilyushin Il-76 aircraft violated Estonian airspace for approximately one minute without permission for the second time in 2017.</p>	<p><a href="https://news.err.ee/689163/russian-aircraft-violates-estonian-airspace">https://news.err.ee/689163/russian-aircraft-violates-estonian-airspace</a></p>
December 5, 2017	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT ENTERS FINNISH AIRSPACE	<p>On <b>December 5th, 2017</b> Finnish authorities suspect a Russian Tu-154 violated Finnish airspace above the Baltic Sea south of Porvoo, near the capital Helsinki.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia/finland-suspects-russian-aircraft-violated-airspace-idUSKBN1DZ16S?il=0">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-finland-russia/finland-suspects-russian-aircraft-violated-airspace-idUSKBN1DZ16S?il=0</a></p>
December 10, 2017	Tallinn, Estonia	Espionage	RUSSIAN GRU OPERATIVE DETAINED AND SENTENCED IN ESTONIA	<p>On <b>December 10th, 2017</b> the Estonian Internal Security Service (KaPo) arrested Ilya Tikhanovski for collecting intelligence on national security and other state assets for the Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU). Tikhanovski was convicted in April 2018 and sentenced to four years in prison under conspiracy charges.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf">https://www.kapo.ee/sites/default/files/public/content_page/Annual%20Review%202017.pdf</a></p>
December 22, 2017	Moscow Russia	Diplomatic Sanction	RUSSIA ACCUSES SWEDEN OF HYBRID WARFARE	<p>On <b>December 22nd, 2017</b> the head of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, SVR, Sergei Narysjkin accused Sweden for waging hybrid war against the Russian Federation. This statement followed Sweden's support for Ukrainian aspiration towards EU membership.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.aftonbladet.se/senastenytt/tmyheter/inrikes/a/P3gemb/sverige-pekas-ut-i-hybridkrig-mot-ryssland">https://www.aftonbladet.se/senastenytt/tmyheter/inrikes/a/P3gemb/sverige-pekas-ut-i-hybridkrig-mot-ryssland</a></p>
October 1 - December 31, 2017	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	30 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	<p>From <b>October 1st to December 31st, 2017</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission made 30 intercepts of Russian Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.</p>	<p><a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2017/news_archive_2017_-_10.html</a></p>
December 31, 2018	Vilnius, Lithuania	Espionage	LITHUANIA DETAINS THREE SUSPECTS FOR ESPIONAGE	<p>In <b>December, 2017</b> three people were detained in Lithuania under espionage charges including a civil servant at the Šiauliai military base and a Lithuanian Air Force Reserve Officer. The two affiliated suspects were passing non-public information about military facilities to Russian intelligence services, and a third was found collecting information about objects of strategic importance in Lithuania.</p>	<p><a href="https://kam.lt/download/61270/eng.pdf">https://kam.lt/download/61270/eng.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.uawire.org/lithuania-detains-three-suspected-of-spying-for-russia">http://www.uawire.org/lithuania-detains-three-suspected-of-spying-for-russia</a></p>

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January 5, 2018	Gothenburg, Sweden	Hybrid Action	TERRORISTS TRAINED BY RUSSIAN PARAMILITARY GROUP	On <b>January 5th, 2018</b> two Swedish members of the neo-Nazi Nordic Resistance Movement <b>bombed</b> an asylum center in Gothenburg, Sweden. They received weapons and explosives <b>training in Russia</b> by a paramilitary group called Partizan, which is tolerated by the Russian state and involved in the ongoing war in Ukraine.	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-sweden-attacks-verdict/three-swedish-men-get-jail-for-bomb-attacks-on-asylum-centers-idUSKBN19S1M5">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-sweden-attacks-verdict/three-swedish-men-get-jail-for-bomb-attacks-on-asylum-centers-idUSKBN19S1M5</a> <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/08/russia-is-co-opting-angry-young-men/568741/">https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/08/russia-is-co-opting-angry-young-men/568741/</a>
January 25, 2018	Riga, Latvia	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN NAVAL VESSEL IN LATVIAN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE	On <b>January 25th, 2018</b> the Russian Navy's Alpinist-class ship <i>Syzran</i> was <b>detected</b> operating in the Latvian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) approximately 25 nautical miles from Latvian territory.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_military_aircraft_warship_spotted_near_latvian_waters_today/">https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_military_aircraft_warship_spotted_near_latvian_waters_today/</a>
January 26, 2018	Alūksne Municipality, Latvia	Espionage	LATVIAN FARMER CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE	On <b>January 26th, 2018</b> the Latvian Security Police <b>announced</b> the arrest of a farmer named Juris Stilve in the Alūksne Municipality under charges of espionage for Russia. The Vidzeme Regional Court in Madona sentenced Stilve with a three-year suspended sentence after pleading guilty.	<a href="https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/crime/farmer-given-suspended-sentence-over-espionage.a287716/">https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/crime/farmer-given-suspended-sentence-over-espionage.a287716/</a> <a href="https://en.rebalta.lv/2018/05/how-latvia-is-not-catching-russian-spies/">https://en.rebalta.lv/2018/05/how-latvia-is-not-catching-russian-spies/</a>
January 31, 2018	Kaliningrad, Russia	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN ISKANDER MISSILES DEPLOY TO KALININGRAD	On <b>January 31st, 2018</b> Iskander-M ballistic missile systems, capable of firing 5 different missile types, were placed in Kaliningrad. In conjunction with the S400 Triumph anti-aircraft weapon system, the K-300P Bastion-P and 3K60 Bal coastal mobile missile complexes compose Kaliningrad's outer Anti-Access/Area-Denial (A2/AD) capabilities.  The movement of Iskander missiles which are designed to evade anti-missile defenses exhibits an aggressive Russian force posturing and increases the overall range of offensive Russian missile capabilities into Europe.	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-nato-missiles/russia-deploys-iskander-nuclear-capable-missiles-to-kaliningrad-ria-idUSKBN1FP21Y">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-nato-missiles/russia-deploys-iskander-nuclear-capable-missiles-to-kaliningrad-ria-idUSKBN1FP21Y</a>
February 2, 2018	Alūksne, Latvia	Espionage	RUSSIAN SPY DETAINED AND CONVICTED IN LATVIA	On <b>February 2nd, 2018</b> Latvian citizen Aleksandrs Krasnopjorovs was <b>detained for espionage</b> in the Alūksne municipality after spying on the Latvian military and NATO Enhanced Forward Presence (EFP) and transferring sensitive information to Russian intelligence services. His home was <b>searched December 19th, 2017</b> for supporting evidence to support the prosecution, and the suspected spy pleaded guilty. He was <b>convicted</b> in May, 2017 to 18 months in prison.	<a href="https://en.rebalta.lv/2018/05/how-latvia-is-not-catching-russian-spies/">https://en.rebalta.lv/2018/05/how-latvia-is-not-catching-russian-spies/</a> <a href="https://uawire.org/latvian-citizen-is-charged-with-engaging-in-espionage-for-russia">https://uawire.org/latvian-citizen-is-charged-with-engaging-in-espionage-for-russia</a> <a href="https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/for-mer-latvian-railways-employee-sentenced-for-espionage.a280103/">https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/for-mer-latvian-railways-employee-sentenced-for-espionage.a280103/</a>
February 2, 2018	Riga, Latvia	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN MILITARY INCURSIONS NEAR LATVIA	On <b>February 2nd, 2018</b> the <i>Alexander Shabalin</i> , a Russian Navy Ropucha-class landing ship was <b>spotted</b> entering Latvian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) while a Russian Su-27 fighter jet was detected flying over the Baltic Sea in international airspace.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_military_aircraft_warship_spotted_near_latvian_waters_today/">https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_military_aircraft_warship_spotted_near_latvian_waters_today/</a>
March 2, 2018	Stockholm, Sweden	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA TARGETS SWEDEN	On <b>March 2nd, 2018</b> the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) addressed persistent Russian influence operations propagating negative narratives about Sweden. The narratives consisted of Sweden not upholding law and order, being morally decadent and secular, controlled by the U.S. and "russophobic".	<a href="https://www.svt.se/nyheter/inrikes/msb-ryssland-forsoker-splitta-sverige">https://www.svt.se/nyheter/inrikes/msb-ryssland-forsoker-splitta-sverige</a>
March 14, 2018	Finnmark, Norway	Hybrid Action	FLIGHTS HALTED FROM RUSSIAN GPS JAMMING	On <b>March 14th, 2018</b> commercial flights in Norway's Eastern Finnmark region experienced another <b>GPS outages</b> due to Russian electronic warfare interference, resulting in the use of radio signals to navigate.	<a href="https://www.aldrimer.no/ber-russiske-myndigheter-stoppe-gps-jamming/">https://www.aldrimer.no/ber-russiske-myndigheter-stoppe-gps-jamming/</a>
March 17, 2018	Moscow, Russia	Diplomatic Sanction	RUSSIA BLAMES SWEDEN & OTHERS FOR NOVICHOK PRODUCTION	On <b>March 17th, 2018</b> the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs <b>placed blame</b> on the U.K., Sweden, Slovakia, Czech Republic, and the U.S. as possible producers of Novichok, the deadly substance used in the poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury, U.K.	<a href="https://www.rferl.org/a/timeline-deny-distort-novichok-russia-changing-stories-poisoning/29113561.html">https://www.rferl.org/a/timeline-deny-distort-novichok-russia-changing-stories-poisoning/29113561.html</a>

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January 1 - March 31	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	20 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	From <b>January 1st to March 31st, 2018</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission made 20 intercepts of Russian Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.	<a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_01.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_01.html</a>
April 4-6, 2018	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN MISSILES SHUT DOWN BALTIC AIRSPACE	From <b>April 4th to April 6th, 2018</b> the Russian Navy's Baltic Fleet fired missiles within Latvia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the Baltic Sea, causing disruption to commercial flights and a partial shut down of Baltic airspace.	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-latvia-missiles/russian-rocket-tests-force-partial-closing-of-baltic-sea-airspace-idUSKCN1HB1O3">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-latvia-missiles/russian-rocket-tests-force-partial-closing-of-baltic-sea-airspace-idUSKCN1HB1O3</a>
April 12, 2018	Baltic Sea	Hybrid Action	INFORMATION WARFARE REPORT EXPOSES RUSSIAN INFLUENCE	On <b>April 12th, 2018</b> the RAND Corporation released a report entitled "Russian Social Media Influence Understanding Russian Propaganda in Eastern Europe".  The report claimed that Russia aims to drive wedges between ethnic Russian or Russian-speaking populations and their host governments, NATO, and the European Union in its neighboring countries and to achieve policy paralysis by sowing confusion, stoking fears, and eroding trust in Western and democratic institutions.	<a href="https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_report/s/RR2237.html">https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_report/s/RR2237.html</a>
April 16, 2018	Curonian Lagoon, Lithuania	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN VESSEL ENTERS LITHUANIAN WATERS	On <b>April 16th, 2018</b> a Russian patrol border guard vessel entered Lithuanian territory in the Curonian Lagoon near Klaipeda, Lithuania for approximately two minutes without permission.	<a href="https://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/defence/russian-border-patrol-vessel-entered-lithuanias-waters-monday-border-guard-service.d?id=77732029">https://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/defence/russian-border-patrol-vessel-entered-lithuanias-waters-monday-border-guard-service.d?id=77732029</a>
April 19, 2018	Riga, Latvia	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION TARGETS LATVIA	On <b>April 19th, 2018</b> the Latvian Defense Ministry condemned a Russian disinformation story propagated by "rusvesna.su" about the Latvian military training Ukrainian saboteurs with NATO in the Donbas region.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/article_about_latvian_soldiers_training_ukrainian_saboteurs_is_typical_russian_fake_news_-_defense_ministry/">https://www.baltictimes.com/article_about_latvian_soldiers_training_ukrainian_saboteurs_is_typical_russian_fake_news_-_defense_ministry/</a>
May 1, 2018	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN FIGHTER JET INTERCEPTS U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT	On <b>May 1st, 2018</b> a Russian Su-27 fighter jet intercepted a U.S. Navy P-8 surveillance aircraft over the Baltic Sea. The US Department of Defense called the action "unprofessional" after the Russian jet flew within 20 feet of the U.S. aircraft.	<a href="https://edition.cnn.com/2018/05/01/politics/russian-jet-intercept-us-navy-plane/index.html">https://edition.cnn.com/2018/05/01/politics/russian-jet-intercept-us-navy-plane/index.html</a>
May 24, 2018	Tallinn, Estonia	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN BALTIC MONEY LAUNDERING	On <b>May 24th, 2018</b> reports surfaced that transfers of money and securities from Russia comprising \$13 billion from 2011 to 2016 were of dubious origin. Baltic banks typically serve as the conduit of Russian funds into the European Union's market, and Danske Bank's Estonian branch was found to have robust non-resident accounts facilitating Russian money laundering.	<a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-09-23/danske-threat-to-denmark-s-aaa-rating-triggers-political-action">https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-09-23/danske-threat-to-denmark-s-aaa-rating-triggers-political-action</a>  <a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-danske-bank-moneylaundering/danske-bank-set-to-shed-light-on-russian-money-flows-to-europe-idUSKCN1LY37W">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-danske-bank-moneylaundering/danske-bank-set-to-shed-light-on-russian-money-flows-to-europe-idUSKCN1LY37W</a>
May 30, 2018	Jelgava, Latvia	Espionage	LATVIAN SPYING FOR RUSSIA CHARGED	On <b>May 30th, 2018</b> Latvian Railroad worker Aleksandrs Krasnopjorovs was charged with spying on the movement of Latvian and other NATO military equipment and collecting confidential military information for a Russian agent.	<a href="https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/for-mer-latvian-railways-employee-sentenced-for-espionage.a280103/">https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/for-mer-latvian-railways-employee-sentenced-for-espionage.a280103/</a>
June 6, 2018	Tallinn, Estonia	Diplomatic Sanction	FORMER ESTONIAN PRESIDENT ON RUSSIAN NO-ENTRY LIST	On <b>June 6th, 2018</b> Russia delivered a list of European citizens denied entry to Russia to include the former Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, which came shortly after the mysterious death of Sergei Magnitsky in Russia and subsequent Magnitsky acts. Swedish MEP Anna Maria Corazza Bildt among many other Baltic and Scandinavian public figures were placed on a similar list in 2015.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/estonia_s_ex-president_toomas_hendrik_ilves_among_those_blacklisted_by_russia/">https://www.baltictimes.com/estonia_s_ex-president_toomas_hendrik_ilves_among_those_blacklisted_by_russia/</a>  <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/30/russia-entry-ban-european-politicians-eu-moscow">https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/30/russia-entry-ban-european-politicians-eu-moscow</a>
June 13, 2018	Barents Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN NAVAL EXERCISE DISRUPTS CIVILIAN FLIGHTS AND SHIPPING	From <b>June 13th to June 17th, 2018</b> the Russian Navy's Northern Fleet conducted its largest exercise in the last decade to include 36 ships, submarines and support ships and approximately 20 aircraft. Civilian shipping and overflights by civilian passenger aircraft over the Barents Sea were cancelled for the duration of the Russian naval exercise.	<a href="https://function.mil.ru/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12180537@egNews">https://function.mil.ru/news_page/country/more.htm?id=12180537@egNews</a>  <a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/06/36-russian-warships-sails-out-barents-sea">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/06/36-russian-warships-sails-out-barents-sea</a>

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June 20, 2018	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT IN ESTONIAN AIRSPACE	On <b>June 20th, 2018</b> a Russian Tu-154M aircraft belonging to Russia's Interior Ministry violated Estonian airspace near the Vaindloo island, off the country's northern coast.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_aircraft_violates_estonia_s_airspace_near_vaindloo_island/">https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_aircraft_violates_estonia_s_airspace_near_vaindloo_island/</a>
April 1 - June 30, 2018	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	45 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	From <b>April 1st to June 30th, 2018</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission made 45 intercepts of Russian Federation Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.	<a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_-_04.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_-_04.html</a>
July 11-13, 2018	Helsinki, Finland	Hybrid Action	CYBER ATTACKS TARGET FINLAND BEFORE TRUMP-PUTIN MEETING	From <b>July 11th to July 14th, 2018</b> Finland was targeted by a spike in denial of service (DDoS) attacks from Russia leading up to the Trump-Putin meeting on <b>July 16th, 2018</b> .	<a href="https://www.f5.com/labs/articles/threat-intelligence/cyber-attacks-spike-in-finland-before-trump-putin-meeting">https://www.f5.com/labs/articles/threat-intelligence/cyber-attacks-spike-in-finland-before-trump-putin-meeting</a>
July 12, 2018	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT ENTERS ESTONIAN AIRSPACE	On <b>July 12th, 2018</b> a Russian Il-96 military aircraft violated Estonian airspace without prior air clearance or communication with Estonian authorities.	<a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_aircraft_again_violates_estonia_s_airspace_near_vaindloo_island/">https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_aircraft_again_violates_estonia_s_airspace_near_vaindloo_island/</a>
July 14-17, 2018	Narva, Estonia	Hybrid Action	ANTI-RADAR EQUIPMENT SMUGGLING	From <b>July 14th to July 17th, 2018</b> the Estonian Police and Border Guard confiscated 17 pieces of anti-radar equipment from vehicles crossing the Russian-Estonian border.	<a href="https://news.err.ee/102419/police-confiscating-more-radar-detectors">https://news.err.ee/102419/police-confiscating-more-radar-detectors</a>
July 16, 2018	Baltic Sea	Territorial Violation	PUTIN'S AIRCRAFT ENTERS ESTONIAN AIRSPACE	On <b>July 16th, 2018</b> two Russian aircraft violated Estonian airspace without clearance each for less than one minute. The Ilyushin-96 was carrying Russian President Vladimir Putin en route from Moscow to Helsinki for a bilateral summit with U.S. President Donald Trump, which violated Estonian airspace within the same hour as a Russian Airbus A319.	<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/17/world/europe/putin-summit-plane-estonia.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/17/world/europe/putin-summit-plane-estonia.html</a> <a href="https://news.err.ee/847171/two-russian-aircraft-violate-estonian-airspace-near-vaindloo-island">https://news.err.ee/847171/two-russian-aircraft-violate-estonian-airspace-near-vaindloo-island</a>
August 7, 2018	Riga, Latvia	Espionage	LATVIA SENTENCES SPY TO PRISON	On <b>August 7th, 2018</b> a Latvian citizen was sentenced in court for spying on Latvian military infrastructure for a Russian agent and possessing firearms, ammunition and explosives..	<a href="https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/russian-court-goes-soft-on-latvian-man-wanted-for-bribery.a289359/">https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/society/russian-court-goes-soft-on-latvian-man-wanted-for-bribery.a289359/</a> <a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/man_charged_with_spying_for_russia_handed_down_suspended_sentence/">https://www.baltictimes.com/man_charged_with_spying_for_russia_handed_down_suspended_sentence/</a>
August 18, 2018	Öland, Sweden.	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN TV PROGRAM SHOWS MISSILE LOCK	On <b>August 18th, 2018</b> a Vesti Kaliningrad television program highlighting a Russian anti-ship missile battery showed (6:20) missiles lock onto a civilian ship off the southern coast of Öland, Sweden.  This televised event exhibits extremely dangerous behavior on behalf of Russian military forces personnel operating an anti-ship battery.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJY3BwA-yWA&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJY3BwA-yWA&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>
July 1 - August 19, 2018	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	33 INTERCEPTS OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT	From <b>July 1st to August 19th, 2018</b> the NATO Baltic Air Policing mission made 33 intercepts of Russian Air Forces due to non-compliance with international flight regulations in the Baltic Sea region.	<a href="http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_-_08.html">http://kam.lt/en/news_1098/news_archives/news_archive_2018/news_archive_2018_-_08.html</a>
August 30, 2018	Baltic States	Hybrid Action	BALTIC MEDIA OUTLETS RUN BY RUSSIAN STATE	On <b>August 30th, 2018</b> an investigative report revealed that the pro-Kremlin Baltic news outlet BaltNews was directed by a media agency called Rossiya Segodnya tied to the Russian government, which also directs Sputnik and RIA Novosti. The report also revealed that BaltNews was being funded through several secret companies in Serbia and Cyprus.	<a href="https://meduza.io/en/brief/2018/08/30/the-real-russia-today">https://meduza.io/en/brief/2018/08/30/the-real-russia-today</a>

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September 5, 2018	Tallinn, Estonia	Espionage	TWO RUSSIAN SPIES EXPOSED IN ESTONIAN MILITARY	<p>On <b>September 5th, 2018</b> two Russian-Estonian citizens, Deniss Metsavas and his father Pjotr Volin were <u>arrested under suspicion of spying</u> for the Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU). Both men were suspected of passing classified information to GRU offices, as informed during a joint press conference of the prosecutor's office, the Estonian Internal Security Service (KaPo) and the Commander of the Armed Forces. A Tallinn court <u>approved</u> placing them both in custody.</p> <p>Pjotr Volin previously served in the KGB frontier guard department during the Russian occupation of Estonia, and his son Deniss Metsavas served in the Estonian military for nearly twenty years, retiring as a Major.</p>	<p><a href="https://warsawinstitute.org/russian-spy-estonian-army/">https://warsawinstitute.org/russian-spy-estonian-army/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/ap-estonia-suspects-former-officer-father-spied-for-russia-2018-9?r=US&amp;IR=T">https://www.businessinsider.com/ap-estonia-suspects-former-officer-father-spied-for-russia-2018-9?r=US&amp;IR=T</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/amhtml/world/2018/09/24/its-not-great-time-be-russian-spy-europe/?_twitter_impresion=true">https://www.washingtonpost.com/amhtml/world/2018/09/24/its-not-great-time-be-russian-spy-europe/?_twitter_impresion=true</a></p>
September 19, 2018	Tallinn, Estonia	Hybrid Action	DANSKE BANK REPORT EXPOSES RUSSIAN MONEY LAUNDERING	<p>On <b>September 19th, 2018</b> Danske Bank released a <u>report</u> outlining the money laundering scandal in its Estonia branch thought to consist of around \$150 billion in transactions mainly from Russia.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2018/09/22/denmarks-biggest-bank-reports-on-its-estonian-shambles">https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2018/09/22/denmarks-biggest-bank-reports-on-its-estonian-shambles</a></p>
September 20, 2018	Baltic Sea	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN STRATEGIC BOMBERS INTERCEPTED	<p>On <b>September 20th, 2018</b> two Russian Tu-160 "Blackjack" bombers were <u>intercepted</u> by Royal Air Force fighter jets after refusing to talk to air traffic control flying through the North Sea off the coast of Norway.</p> <p>The T-160 "Blackjack" is a strategic supersonic bomber used for long-range missions not typically flown in the Baltic Sea region except to overtly project military force.</p>	<p><a href="https://twitter.com/MattEichenlaub/status/1042841800363388928">https://twitter.com/MattEichenlaub/status/1042841800363388928</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6189973/RAF-jet-scrambled-amid-reports-Russian-bombers-North-Sea.html">https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6189973/RAF-jet-scrambled-amid-reports-Russian-bombers-North-Sea.html</a></p>
September 22, 2018	Sakkiluoto, Finland	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN BUSINESS RAIDED FOR SUSPICIOUS GEOSTRATEGIC PROPERTY	<p>On <b>September 22nd, 2018</b> the Finnish Security Intelligence Service (Supo) <u>raided</u> 17 properties acquired by Russian real estate company Airiston Helmi with suspected connections to the Russian military. The company was set up in part by Pavel Melnikov, a Russian businessman <u>suspected</u> of large-scale money laundering and property acquisition for Russian Military Intelligence.</p> <p>The properties owned by Melnikov and Airiston Helmi were near Finnish military installations and along geostrategic shipping routes in southwest Finland. The company, with offices in Moscow and St. Petersburg, was investigated by the Finnish National Bureau of Investigation which led to the raid. It was discovered that the property suspiciously <u>included</u> a helipad, sophisticated monitoring systems, 9 piers, satellite communications, and water transports capable of sustaining military operations.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/31/world/europe/sakkiluoto-finland-russian-military.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/31/world/europe/sakkiluoto-finland-russian-military.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.osw.waw.pl/en/publikacje/analyses/2018-11-07/finland-suspicious-russian-properties">https://www.osw.waw.pl/en/publikacje/analyses/2018-11-07/finland-suspicious-russian-properties</a></p> <p><a href="https://yle.fi/uutiset/3-8664889">https://yle.fi/uutiset/3-8664889</a></p> <p><a href="https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/yle_examines_russian_businessman_behind_turku_firm_suspected_of_money_laundering/10424822">https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/yle_examines_russian_businessman_behind_turku_firm_suspected_of_money_laundering/10424822</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.iltalehti.fi/kotimaa/706914fb-20c5-4833-a39b-44f142c10a29_uo.shtml">https://www.iltalehti.fi/kotimaa/706914fb-20c5-4833-a39b-44f142c10a29_uo.shtml</a></p>
September 24, 2018	Riga, Latvia	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN STATE-OWNED MEDIA TRIES TO INFLUENCE LATVIAN ELECTION	<p>On <b>September 24th, 2018</b> a report by the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab <u>examined</u> Russian state-owned media Sputnik Latvia and BaltNews clear preference for pro-Russian Latvian political parties Saskana and LKS through disproportionate image usage ahead of the <b>October 5th, 2018</b> parliamentary election.</p> <p>In particular, the Russian Union of Latvia (LKS) accounted for approximately one-third of election-related images on Sputnik Latvia and BaltNews while only polling at 0,2%.</p>	<p><a href="https://disinfoportal.org/electionwatch-graphic-preference-from-russian-media-in-latvia/">https://disinfoportal.org/electionwatch-graphic-preference-from-russian-media-in-latvia/</a></p>
September 25, 2018	Malmö, Sweden	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN MEDIA ATTEMPTS TO CREATE CIVIL DIVIDE IN SWEDEN	<p>On <b>September 25th, 2018</b> Russian media outlet <i>Sputnik</i> <u>reported</u> on a Swedish migrant resistance movement organizing in Malmö intending to codify a perception of Sweden as a state in crisis and create social divide within Swedish society.</p>	<p><a href="https://sputniknews.com/europe/20180925/068315463-sweden-migrants-resistance/">https://sputniknews.com/europe/20180925/068315463-sweden-migrants-resistance/</a></p>



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September 25, 2018	Baltic Sea/Gulf of Finland	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN STRATEGIC BOMBERS INTERCEPTED	<p>On <b>September 25th, 2018</b> two Russian Tu-160 "Blackjack" bombers in international airspace were <u>intercepted</u> by NATO fighter jets from Germany and Belgium over the Baltic Sea after flying <u>through the Gulf of Finland</u>.</p> <p>The T-160 "Blackjack" is a strategic supersonic bomber used for long-range missions not typically flown in the Baltic Sea region except to overtly project military force.</p>	<p><a href="https://twitter.com/MattEichenlaub/status/104457719379083264">https://twitter.com/MattEichenlaub/status/104457719379083264</a></p> <p><a href="https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DnqY7CNXoAUHTrU.jpg">https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DnqY7CNXoAUHTrU.jpg</a></p>
October 6, 2018	Riga, Latvia	Hybrid Action	LATVIAN SOCIAL MEDIA SITE HACK IMPLANTS PRO-RUSSIA MESSAGING	<p>On <b>October 6th, 2018</b> and election-day in Latvia, the social media platform Draugiem.lv was hacked and its login page replaced with the Russian flag and photos of Vladimir Putin, accompanied by the Russian national anthem and a message to visitors exclaiming: "Fellow Latvians, this concerns you. The Russian border has no limits!"</p>	<p><a href="https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/crime/draugiemlv-social-network-hacked-with-pro-russia-message.a294979/">https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/crime/draugiemlv-social-network-hacked-with-pro-russia-message.a294979/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.baltictimes.com/cyber_attack_on_draugiem_lv_not_a_threat_to_national_security_-_cert_lv/">https://www.baltictimes.com/cyber_attack_on_draugiem_lv_not_a_threat_to_national_security_-_cert_lv/</a></p>
October 8, 2018	Riga, Latvia	Hybrid Action	PHISHING ATTEMPTS ATTRIBUTED TO RUSSIA	<p>On <b>October 8th, 2018</b> the Latvian Constitution Protection Bureau released information that the Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU) repeatedly attacked state and private institutions over the past few years.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.voanews.com/a/latvia-says-russia-targets-its-foreign-defense-bodies-with-cyber-attack/4605395.html">https://www.voanews.com/a/latvia-says-russia-targets-its-foreign-defense-bodies-with-cyber-attack/4605395.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.leta.lv/eng/home/important/133F0108-048C-38D7-3AD9-CCC638856305/">http://www.leta.lv/eng/home/important/133F0108-048C-38D7-3AD9-CCC638856305/</a></p>
October 17, 2018	Stockholm, Sweden	Hybrid Action	SWEDISH BANK ACCUSED OF RUSSIAN MONEY LAUNDERING	<p>On <b>October 17th, 2018</b> Swedish authorities received a formal complaint from the Hermitage Capital investment fund accusing Nordea of fraud and laundering \$175 million of Russian money between 2007 and 2013 following the Danske Bank scandal in September.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.thelocal.se/20181018/swedish-bank-nordea-targeted-in-money-laundering-allegations-after-danske-bank-scandal">https://www.thelocal.se/20181018/swedish-bank-nordea-targeted-in-money-laundering-allegations-after-danske-bank-scandal</a></p>
October 27 - November 3, 2018	Norwegian Sea, Norway	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN STRATEGIC BOMBERS INTERCEPTED OVER NATO EXERCISE	<p>From <b>October 27th to November 3rd, 2018</b>, Russian long-range Tu-95 and supersonic Tu-160 strategic bombers were <u>intercepted four times</u> by Norwegian F-16 fighter jets as they flew through the area of operations used for the large NATO exercise Trident Juncture.</p>	<p><a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/11/four-strategic-bomber-missions-week-along-coast-norway">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/11/four-strategic-bomber-missions-week-along-coast-norway</a></p>
November 1-3, 2018	Norwegian Sea, Norway	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN NAVY FIRES MISSILES DURING NATO EXERCISE IN SAME AREA	<p>From <b>November 1st to November 3rd, 2018</b> the Russian military conducted a snap exercise using live naval munitions and missiles at the same time and in the same vicinity as the large NATO exercise Trident Juncture 2018 off the coast of southern Norway. Alerts for rocket launches were sent out on the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) system.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.rt.com/news/442665-norway-russia-missile-drills/">https://www.rt.com/news/442665-norway-russia-missile-drills/</a></p>
November 2, 2018	Kirkenes, Norway	Hybrid Action	RUSSIAN ELECTRONIC WARFARE DISRUPTS AIRCRAFT NAVIGATION	<p>On <b>November 2nd, 2018</b> commercial aircraft flying to Kirkenes over Norway's East Finnmark district <u>lost GPS signal</u> due to Russian electronic warfare jamming. Pilots were warned and alerts were posted to the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) system.</p>	<p><a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/11/pilots-warned-jamming-finnmark">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/11/pilots-warned-jamming-finnmark</a></p> <p><a href="http://norwaytoday.info/news/planes-lose-gps-signal-blames-russia/">http://norwaytoday.info/news/planes-lose-gps-signal-blames-russia/</a></p>
November 6-9, 2018	Barents Sea, Norway	Military Force Projection	RUSSIAN NAVY FIRES MISSILES DURING NATO EXERCISE IN SAME AREA	<p>From <b>November 6th to November 9th, 2018</b> the Russian military conducted another snap exercise using live naval munitions and missiles at the same time and in the same vicinity as the large NATO exercise Trident Juncture 2018 off the coast of Finnmark, Norway in the Barents Sea. Alerts for rocket launches were <u>sent out</u> on the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) system.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.dagbladet.no/nyheter/russerne-rasler-med-sablene/70401166">https://www.dagbladet.no/nyheter/russerne-rasler-med-sablene/70401166</a></p> <p><a href="https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/10/russian-navy#_W9n9z3f_S9Y.twitter">https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/security/2018/10/russian-navy#_W9n9z3f_S9Y.twitter</a></p>