

A chessboard with pieces scattered across it, set against a dark red background. The board is tilted, and the pieces are in various positions, suggesting a game in progress or a strategic analysis. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the pieces and the checkered pattern of the board.

Europese veiligheid in de schaduw van München: Terug naar de Koude Oorlog?

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Europe Has Run Out of Time

With Trump's Return, the Continent Must Take Charge of Its Own Security—and Quickly

By Norbert Röttgen November 22, 2024

The Ukrainian Review @theukrainianreview.bsky.social · 4h

UK PM Starmer: "Putin's invasion won't stop at Ukraine's borders."



Russia can be ready to attack NATO within 5 years—assessment by the Danish Intelligence Service
Russia has undertaken a major reform of its military production&armed forces since it invaded Ukraine, today it's able to devote resources also to rearmament with a view to a war against NATO in the future



Ulrike Franke @RikeFranke · 8h



"Let me put it in a sentence that may be a little shocking at first glance ... we are not at war, but we are no longer at peace either," German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Sept. 29.

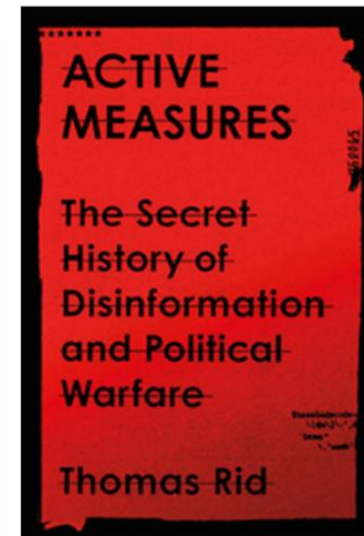
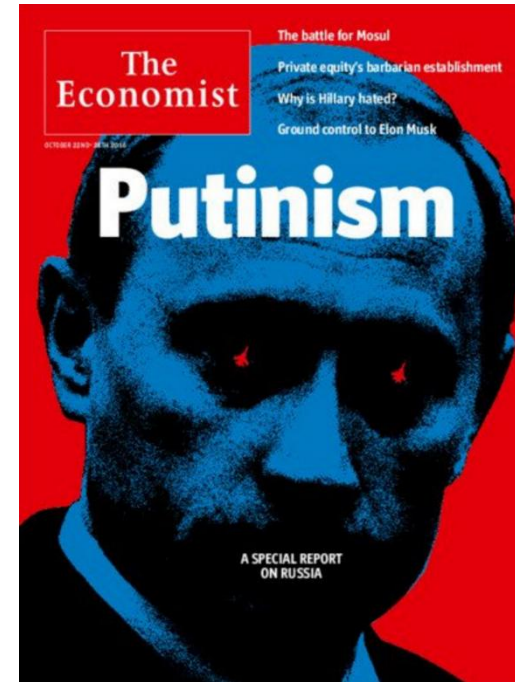


Trump, Putin, Xi and the new age of empire

The leaders of America, Russia and China are now all committed to territorial expansion

2014: The shock of the old & Europe's apathy

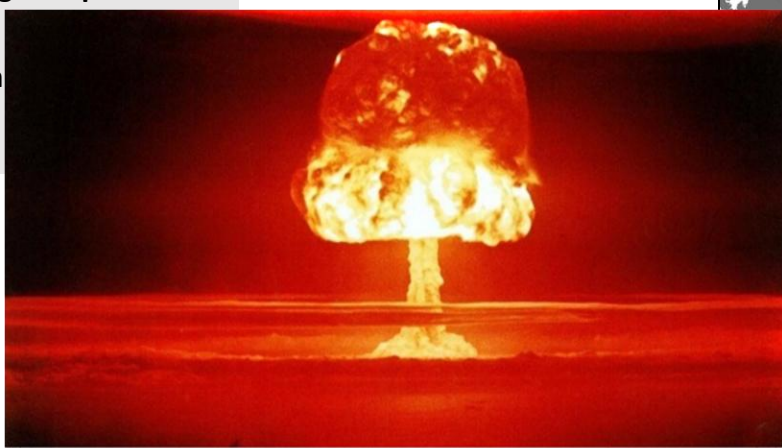
- Great Power Competition re-emerges
- China re-asserts itself as peer competitor
- Russia: Anti-western/Anti-liberal
- Narrative of fabricated mythological identity
- Return of buffer zone
- Restore prestige as superpower
- Power & fear as currency
- NATO Refocus on Art 5
- 2% defence spending?





Russia's missile deployment in Kaliningrad ups the stakes for Nato

[Jonathan Marcus](#) Diplomatic correspondent
9 October 2016



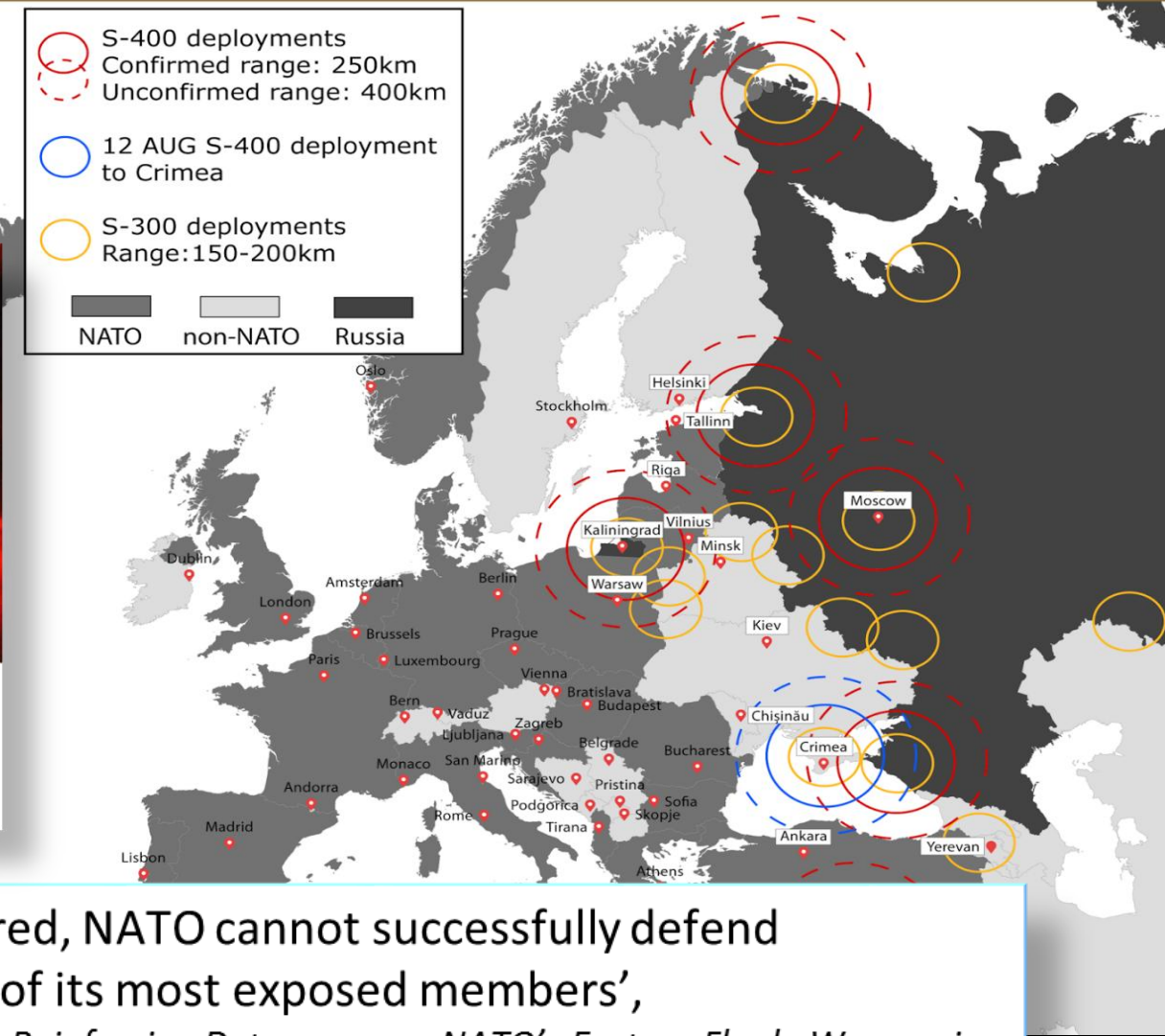
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Welcome to the Third Nuclear Age
Old strategies won't help NATO deter Russia.
By Karl Heinz Kamp

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ISW INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR
Russian Anti-Access and Area Denial (A2AD) Range: August 2016

- S-400 deployments
Confirmed range: 250km
Unconfirmed range: 400km
- 12 AUG S-400 deployment to Crimea
- S-300 deployments
Range: 150-200km

NATO	non-NATO	Russia



'As currently postured, NATO cannot successfully defend the territory of its most exposed members',
David A. Shlapak and Michael Johnson, *Reinforcing Deterrence on NATO's Eastern Flank: Wargaming the Defense of the Baltics*, Santa Monica, CA: RAND, 2016, p.1.

NL defensieuitgaven in % BNP

Koude Oorlog

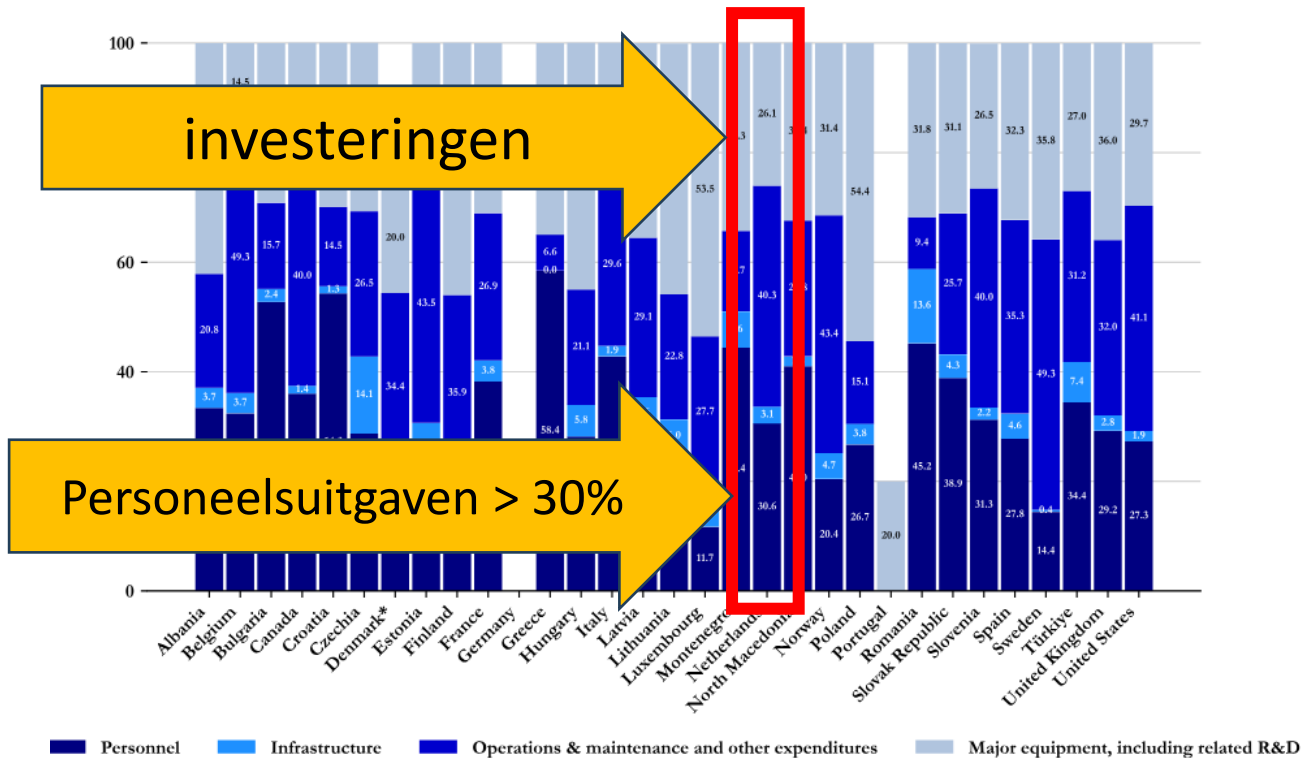
1962	1972	1982	1992	2002	2012
4,12%	2,82%	3,09%	2,21%	1,45%	1,25%

Illusie van strategische pauze

Nieuwe Koude Oorlog

2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	2025
1,12%	1,13%	1,19%	1,37%	1,39%	2,00%	2,49%

Graph 8: Main Categories of defence expenditure (%) 2025e (percentage of total defence expenditure)



Trump vowed he'd 'never' help Europe if it's attacked, top EU official says

'By the way NATO is dead,' the former (and potential future) US president added in private meeting.

New realities for defence policy

- Genocidal war, return of total war
- Existential war & war for the future of Europa (says Lavrov)
- **New Cold War but much more unstable**
- **US Mil contribution huge, essential & uncertain**
- **Support Ukraine, buy strategic time**
- **3% to Fund NATO SC 2022: Towards a new deterrence strategy**
 - Deterrence by denial, Defend is that fails
 - Prevent Russian limited fait accompli incursion
 - Prevent but also prepare for attritional warfare
 - Rediscover nuclear deterrence
 - Prepare for industrial war
- **+ 0,5% for reducing US dependency**
- **+ 1.5% for societal resilience**

BREAKING NEWS

Sergey Karaganov, Putin's adviser: "This is a war against the West, the goals in Europe could be achieved"

In an interview with **Putin warns the West: Russia is ready for nuclear war** and said that they want to re: **nuclear war** nality, expelling non-patric

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21. We will significantly strengthen our deterrence and defence posture to deny any potential adversary any possible opportunities for aggression.

To that end, we will ensure a substantial and persistent presence on land, at sea, and in the air, including through strengthened integrated air and missile defence.

We will deter and defend forward with robust in-place, multi-domain, combat-ready forces, enhanced command and control arrangements, prepositioned ammunition and equipment and improved capacity and infrastructure to rapidly reinforce any Ally, including at short or no notice.

We will adjust the balance between in-place forces and reinforcement to strengthen deterrence and the Alliance's ability to defend.

Commensurate with the threats we face, we will ensure our deterrence and defence posture remains credible, flexible, tailored and sustainable



German Units

- NIKE-HERC**
 (3) FlaRakBtl 23
 (5) FlaRakBtl 22
 (8) FlaRakBtl 21
 (10) FlaRakBtl 25
 (12) FlaRakBtl 24
 (13) FlaRakBtl 26

- HAWK**
 (44) FlaRakBtl 32
 (45) FlaRakBtl 33
 (46) FlaRakBtl 34
 (61) FlaRakBtl 35
 (62) FlaRakBtl 31
 (63) FlaRakBtl 36
 (64) FlaRakBtl 37
 (65) FlaRakBtl 38
 (66) FlaRakBtl 39

Dutch Units

- NIKE-HERC**
 (7) 1 GGW
 (9) 2 GGW

- HAWK**
 (58) 3 GGW
 (59) 4 GGW
 (60) 5 GGW

Belgian Units

- NIKE-HERC**
 (2) 13 Wing
 (4) 9 Wing

- HAWK**
 (56) 62 Artillerie
 (57) 43 Artillerie

American Units

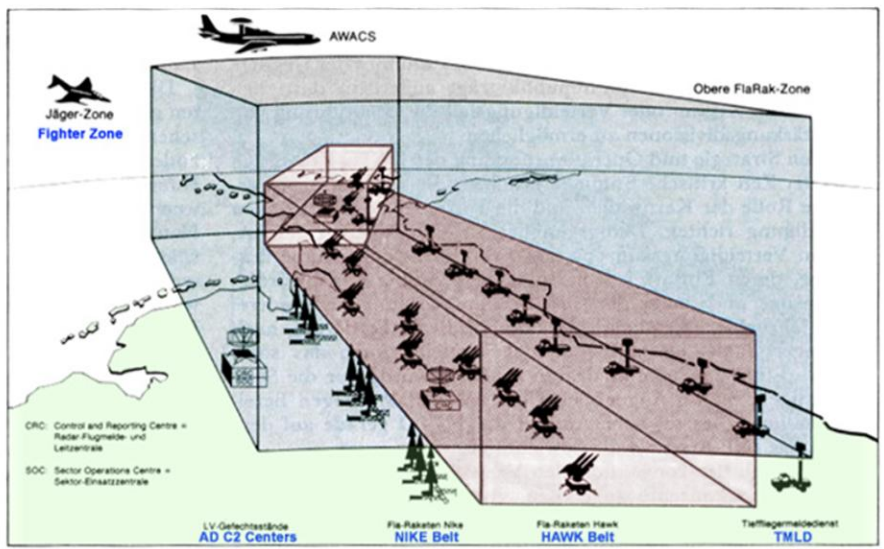
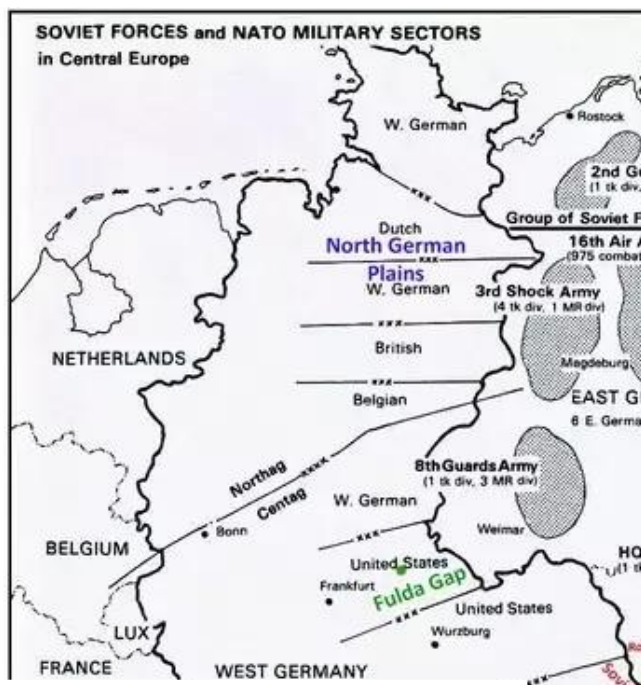
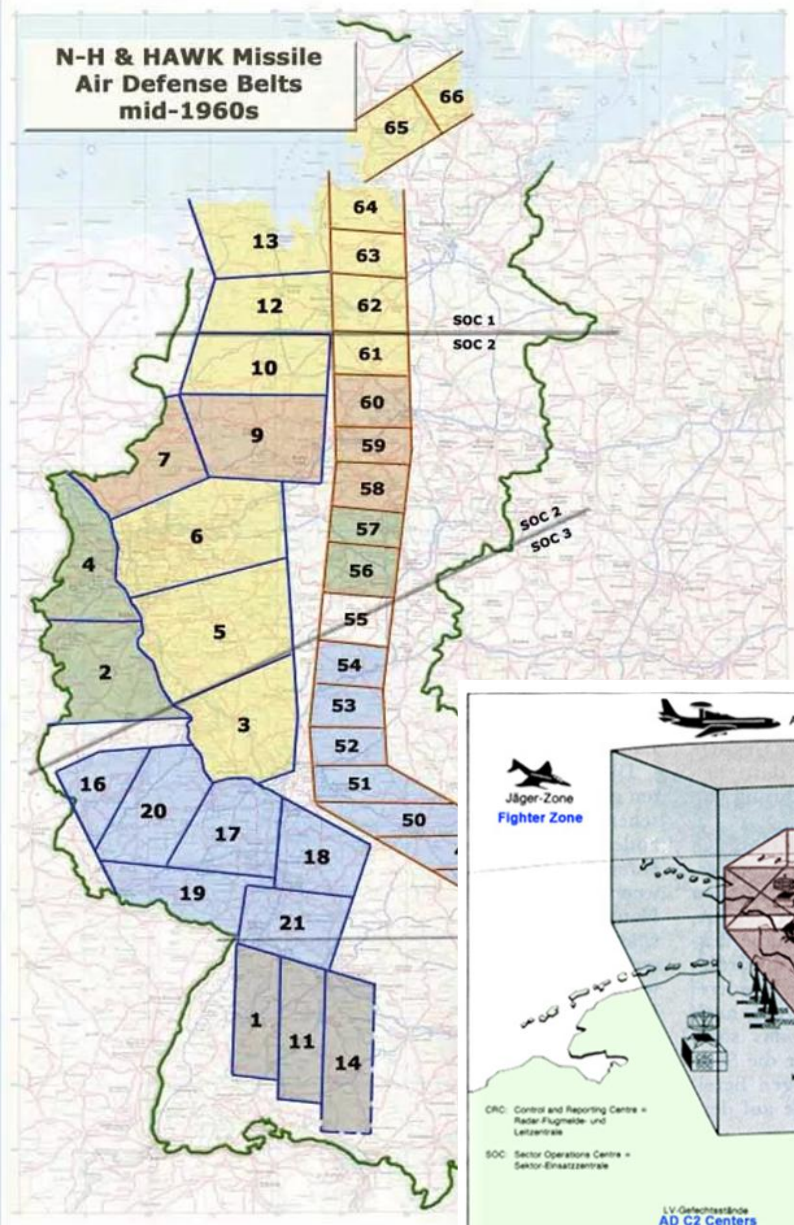
- NIKE-HERC**
 (16) 4th MSL Bn, 6th Arty
 (17) 5th MSL Bn, 1st Arty
 (18) 1st MSL Bn, 67th Arty
 (19) 2nd MSL Bn, 56th Arty
 (20) 5th MSL Bn, 6th Arty
 (21) 3rd MSL Bn, 71st Arty

- HAWK**
 (43) 6th MSL Bn, 62nd Arty
 (47) 6th MSL Bn, 61st Arty
 (48) 6th MSL Bn, 60th Arty
 (49) 4th MSL Bn, 57th Arty
 (50) 6th MSL Bn, 52nd Arty
 (51) 3rd MSL Bn, 7th Arty
 (52) 6th MSL Bn, 59th Arty
 (53) 6th MSL Bn, 562nd Arty
 (54) 6th MSL Bn, 517th Arty

French Units

- NIKE-HERC**
 (1) S20° BA
 (11) S21° BA
 (14) never deployed

- HAWK**
 (41) 403e RAA (?)
 (42) 402e RAA



Das Luftverteidigungssystem der NATO

Nato should 'prepare for Russian missile strikes in Europe'

Alliance may have only three years before a possible offensive with Putin's forces targeting military infrastructure in Germany, senior generals warn



War in Ukraine + Add to myFT

Wider war in Europe 'no longer a fantasy', warns EU's top diplomat

Josep Borrell says Russia threatens the continent beyond the conflict in Ukraine



Can Europe arm Ukraine—or even itself?

More weapons production is a hedge against a Trump presidency



West believes Russia produces 3 times more shells than US and Europe for Ukraine war – CNN

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The parallels are haunting.

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British foreign minister says the current situation is similar to the 1930s when the West tried to appease Hitler – Politico

In a podcast to the publication, David Cameron states that the war in Ukraine remains his absolute number one priority.



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RUSSIA'S WAR ON UKRAINE

NATO WARNS WEST NEEDS TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR WITH RUSSIA

Admiral Rob Bauer | Chair, Military Committee of NATO

CNN

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Nato has three years to prepare for Russian attack, warns Poland



Jürgen Nauditt @jürgen_nauditt

Europe has 3 to 5 years to prepare for Russia to pose a serious threat to NATO's eastern flank, Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas told The Times

the Post explains, it is about how soon NATO troops will be able to be ready to face the forces of Russia, which have regained their strength.

Russia will threaten Nato borders within three years, says Estonia

Prime minister warns that alliance must 'keep posture' over Ukraine to ward off attack



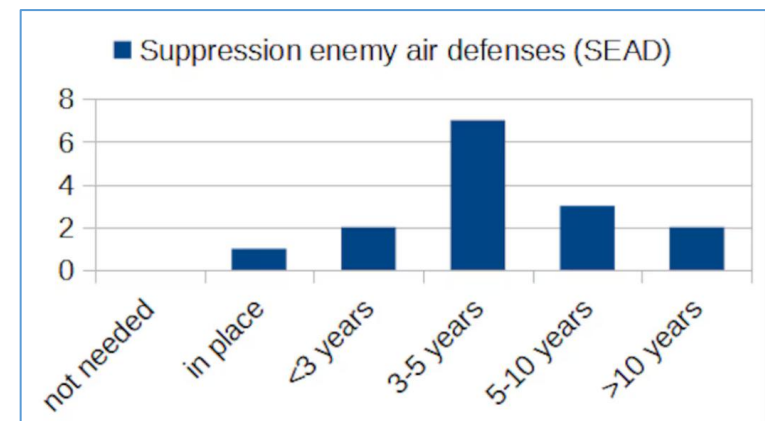
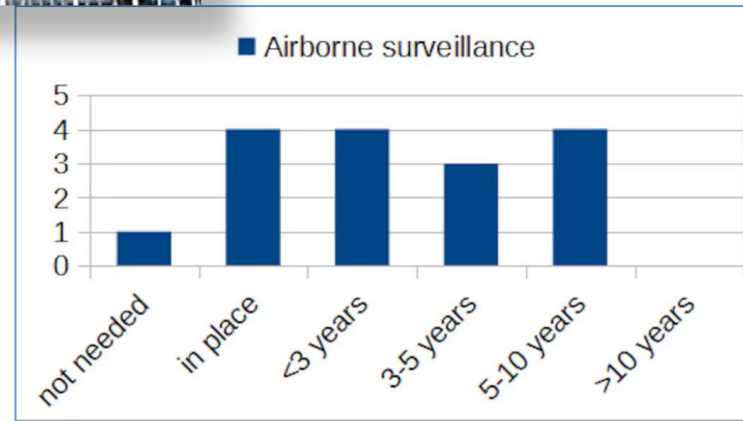
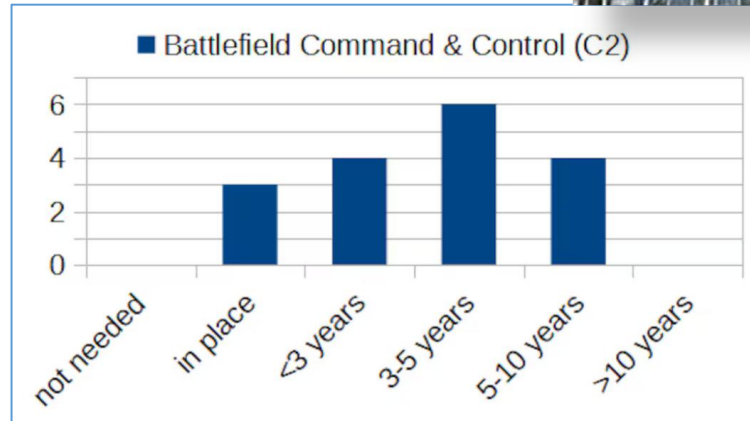
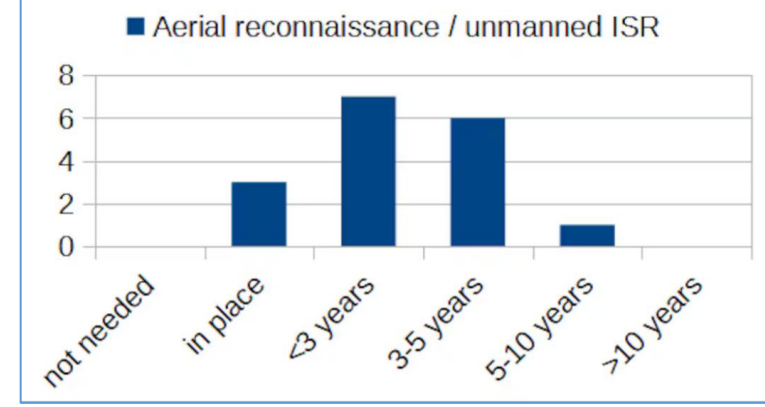
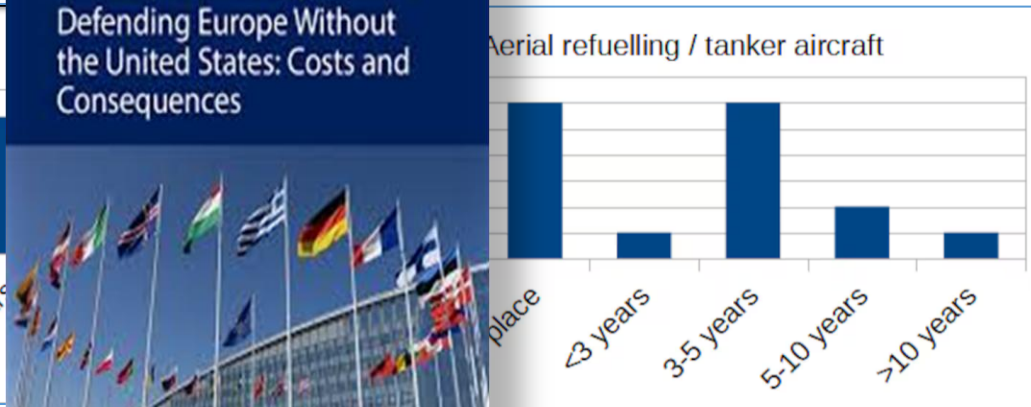
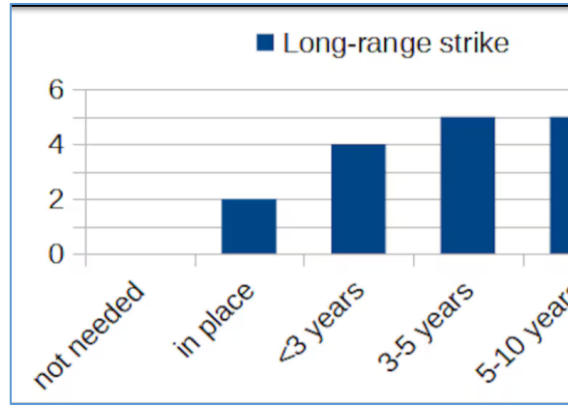
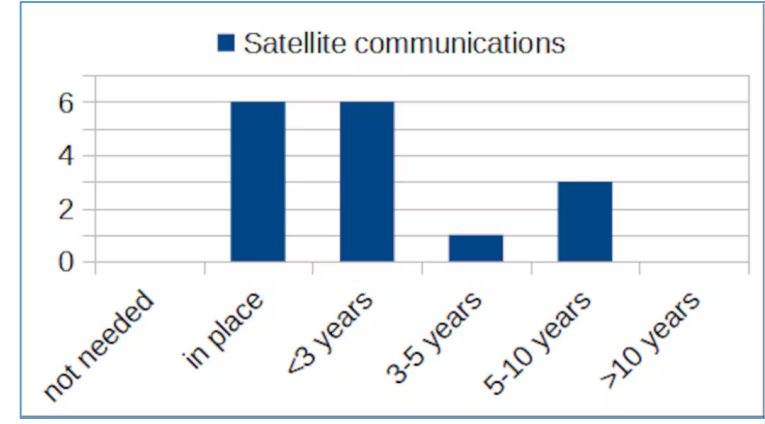
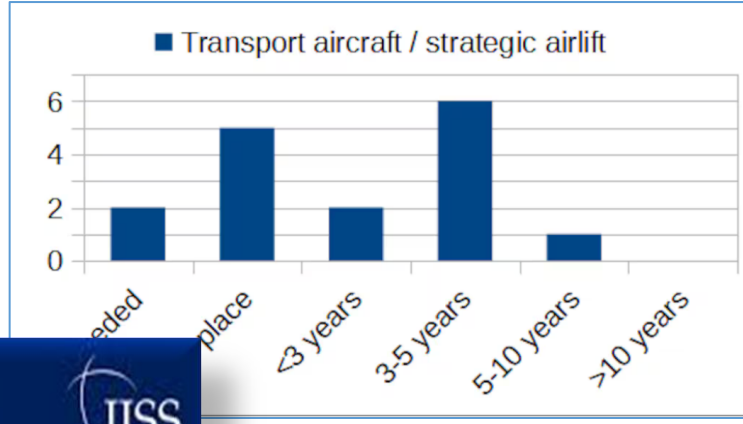
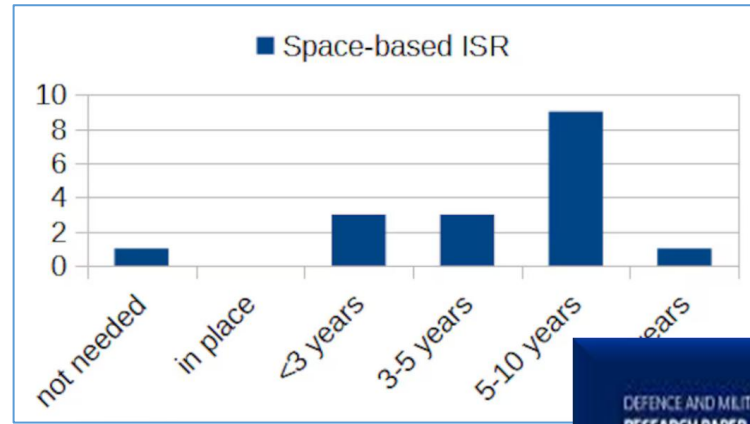
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Why 3-3,5%: new deterrence strategy & capability shortfalls

- Field between 70 and 80 percent of the forces and of the enablers
- **increase overall readiness** of large combat forces:
 - 100,000 troops in ten days (tier 1), 300,000 within ten to thirty days (tier 2), 500,000 more within one to six months (tier 3), be prepared to field 70 to 80 percent of these forces by the end of the decade.
 - Build up a six-month inventory of ammunition, fuel, and spare parts at high consumption rate
- **Solve Europe's lack of critical enablers & long-range strike capabilities**
- **Reduce overdependency on US: Acquire / develop**
 - Integrated drone, air & missile defence
 - aerial refueling & heavy lift
 - intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets
 - electronic warfare, airborne surveillance
 - maritime patrolling
 - space-based capabilities
 - suppression of enemy air-defense (including 5th Gen fighters)
 - Long range precision strike.





<https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2025/02/25/mind-the-gaps-europes-to-do-list-for-defense-without-the-us/>



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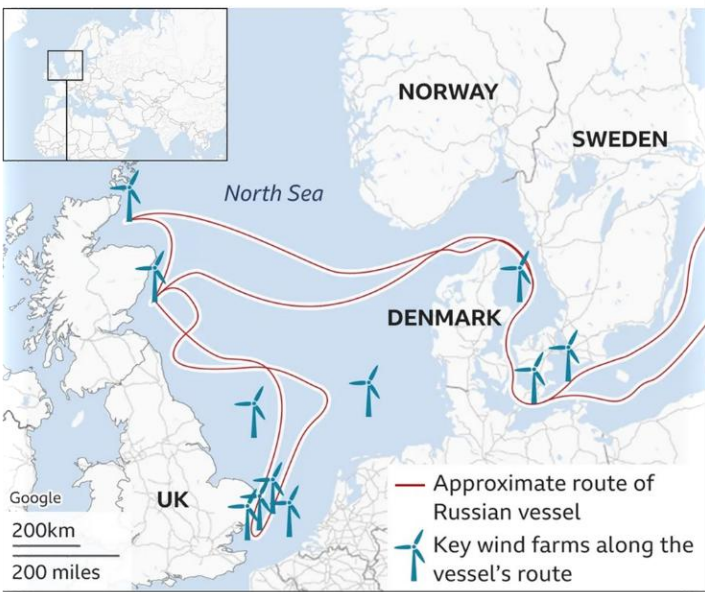
A Russian spy ship has been escorted out of the Irish Sea after it entered Irish-controlled waters and patrolled an area containing critical energy and internet submarine pipelines and cables, - The Guardian



Espionage

Russian spy ship escorted away from area with critical cables in Irish Sea

The Admiral Vladimirsky passed several offshore wind farms



Europe in 'actual war' with Russia, former UK intelligence chief says

"I think we have to face up to the fact that the Russians think they're in a state of war with us," Richard Dearlove, the former head of MI6, told Sky News on ...



The Guardian

Swedish PM says Baltic sea now 'high risk' after suspected cable sabotage

Regional leaders meet after undersea telecoms cables severed, while Chinese ship remains at anchor nearby



Russia Suspected of Jamming GPS for E.U. Leader's Plane, Officials Say

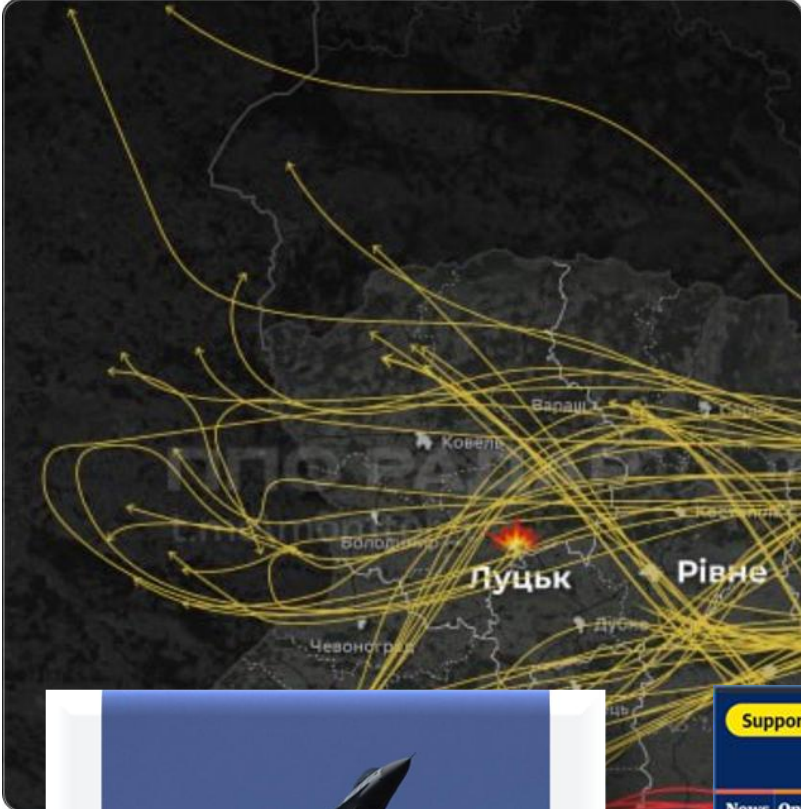
The Bulgarian authorities believe that Russia disrupted navigation signals that would have been used by a plane carrying Ursula von der Leyen, European ...

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Russia's sabotage of western targets 'could trigger Nato defence clause'

German intelligence chief warns continued hybrid warfare by Moscow increases risk of alliance invoking Article 5

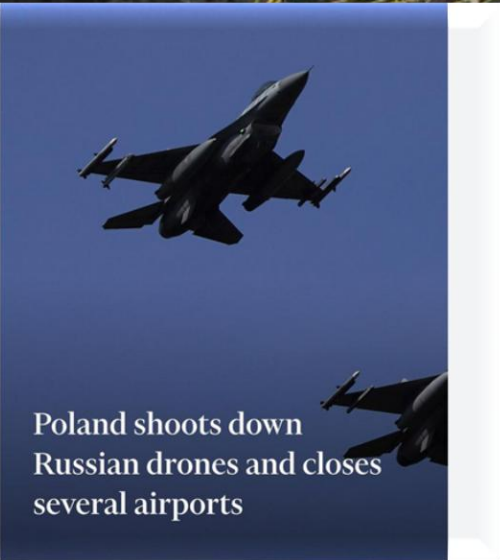




Russian MiG jets stayed in Estonian airspace for over 20 minutes without flight plans, with transponders off, and made no contact with air traffic control, according to Estonia's Ministry of Defence.

Nato intercepts Russian fighter jets on 'reckless' violation of Estonian airspace

Italian air force heads off three MiG-31s over Gulf of Finland amid increased tension on alliance's eastern border



Poland shoots down Russian drones and closes several airports

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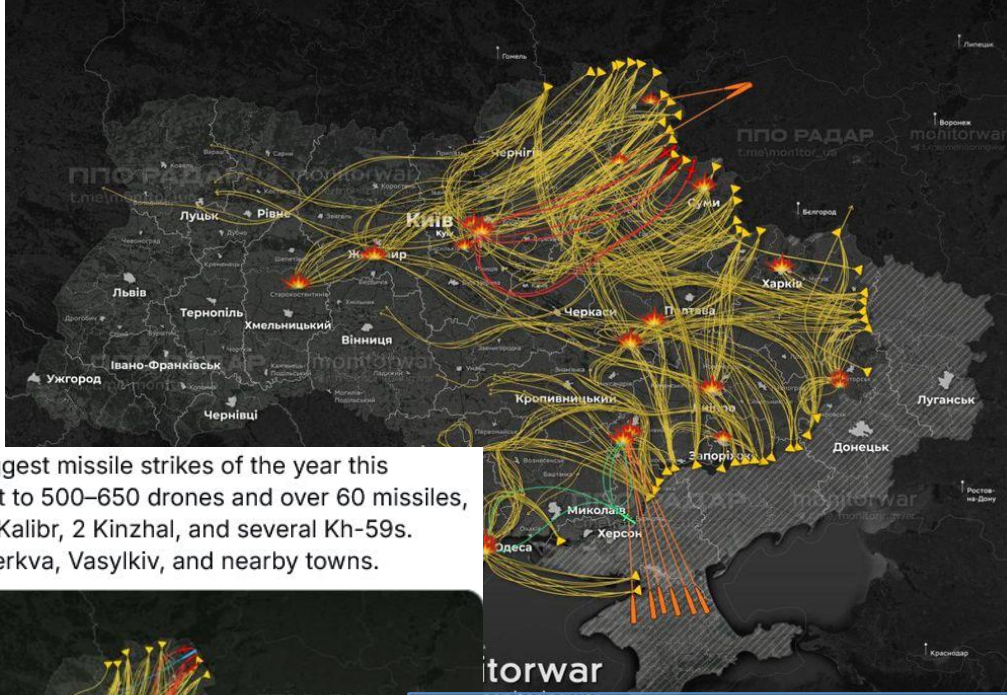
Airline industry
Thousands of flights to and from Europe affected by suspected Russian jamming

About 46,000 aircraft have logged GPS problems over Baltic Sea since August, says report

Gwyn Topham Transport correspondent

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Poland's PM warns prospect of military conflict 'closer than at any time since second world war' amid Russian drone incursion - follow live



Russia launched one of its biggest missile strikes of the year this morning. Early estimates point to 500–650 drones and over 60 missiles, including up to 55 Kh-101s, 8 Kalibr, 2 Kinzhal, and several Kh-59s. Targets included Kyiv, Bila Tserkva, Vasylykiv, and nearby towns.



100 Zelensky: Since the beginning of this year, the Russian army has carried out strikes on Ukraine using almost 27,700 aerial bombs, almost 11,200 "Shaheds" and almost 9,000 strike drones of other types, as well as more than 700 missiles, including ballistic ones. This is in less than half a year.

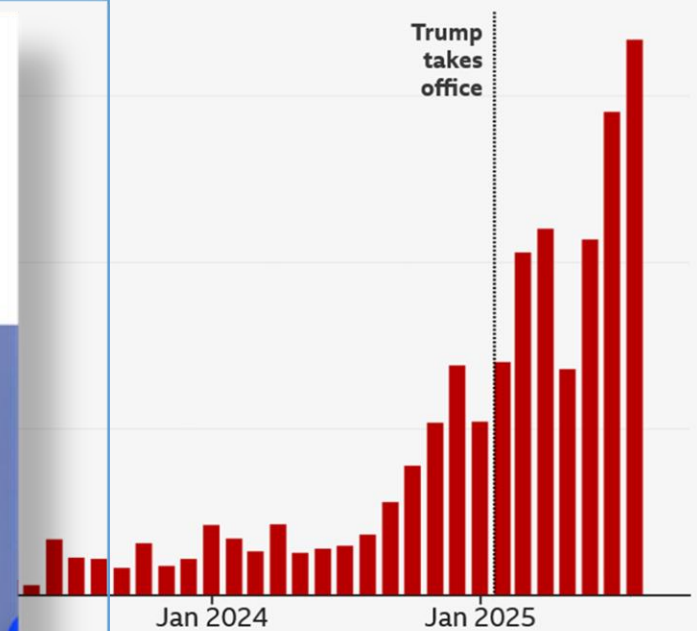


Monthly missile and drone launches from Russia

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NATO's Rutte calls for 400% increase in air defenses to counter Russia, Bloomberg reports

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Source: CSIS (Dr Yasir Atalan), Petro Ivaniuk, UAF



"What is most worrying now is that literally any scenario is possible. **We have not had a situation like this since 1945.** I know it sounds devastating, especially to people of the younger generation, but we have to mentally get used to a new era. **We are in a prewar era.**"^[84]

Donald Tusk • Polish Prime Minister, interview, March 29, 2024

'We're in 1938 now': Putin's war in Ukraine and lessons from history

