

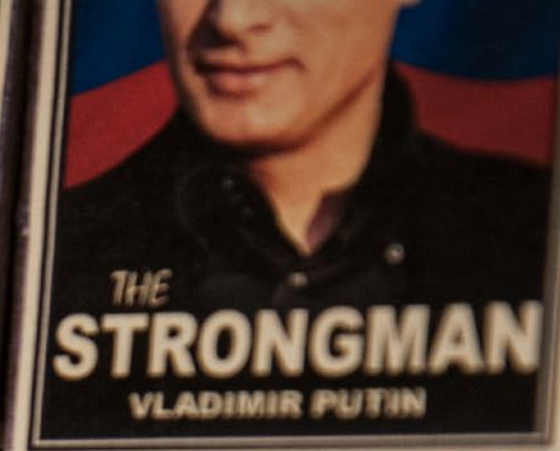
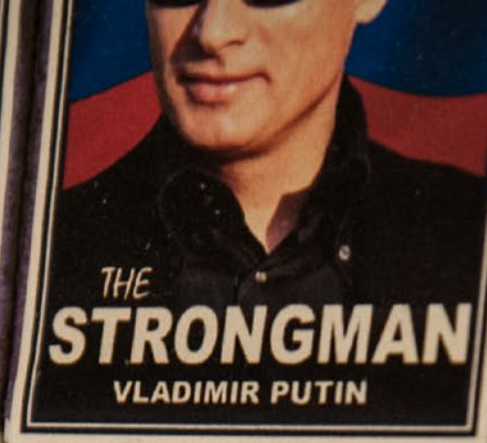
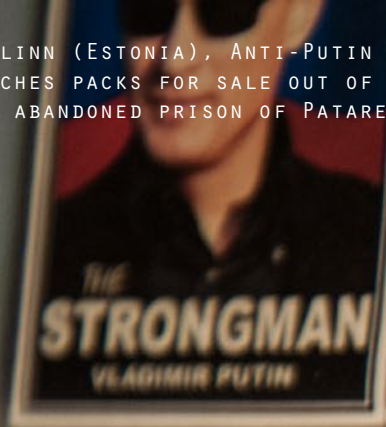


IS **ESTONIA** THE NEW CRIMEA?

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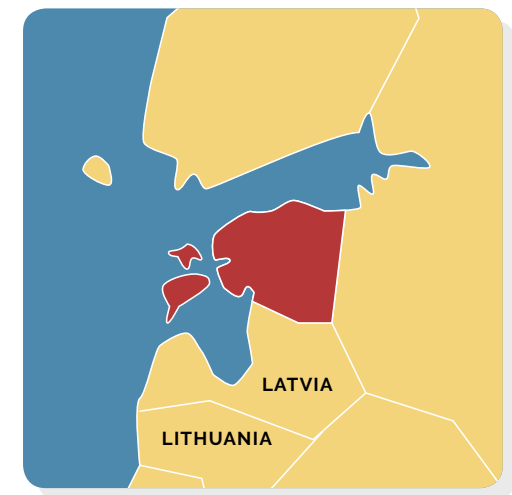


TALLINN (ESTONIA), ANTI-PUTIN
MATCHES PACKS FOR SALE OUT OF
THE ABANDONED PRISON OF PATAREI



THERE'S A NEW IRON CURTAIN IN EUROPE, AND IT'S IN ESTONIA, ONE OF THE BALTIC STATES BORDERING RUSSIA. ESTONIA IS A EU AND NATO MEMBER, IT WAS FOR A LONG TIME PART OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND IT'S RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NEW COLD WAR BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. SINCE RUSSIA ANNEXED CRIMEA IN 2014, ESTONIA (A COUNTRY INCLUDING AT ITS EASTERN BORDER A HUGE PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKING, PRO-PUTIN, NOT-INTEGRATED PEOPLE) FEARS TO BE THE NEXT VICTIM OF RUSSIAN EXPANSIONISM. ALONG THE BALTIC BORDER (THE ONLY ONE WHERE NATO AND RUSSIA ARE PHYSICALLY FACE-TO-FACE, EXCEPT IN THE ENCLAVE OF KALININGRAD) THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS INTENSIFYING ITS MILITARY PRESENCE: THE PLANS FOR 2017 SEE AN "INVESTMENT" OF 3.4 USD BILLIONS AND THOUSANDS MORE SOLDIERS.

MORE: IN ESTONIA MILITARY EXERCISES RAMPED UP, AND MILITIAS VOLUNTEERS' NUMBER GROWS DAY AFTER DAY. OVERREACTION? "RUSSIA'S MILITARY BUDGET TRIPLICATED IN THE LAST DECADE. WE'VE BEEN OCCUPIED SOVIETS ONCE, – IT'S THE ANSWER OF A CORPORAL OF ESTONIAN ARMY – WE DON'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN AGAIN. IT'S A DETERRENT. AS ROMANS SAID: IF YOU WANT PEACE, PREPARE FOR WAR".



VÕRU (ESTONIA), RECRUITS OF
THE ESTONIAN ARMY TRAINING
NEAR THE RUSSIAN BORDER





NARVA (ESTONIA), A RELIGIOUS
CEREMONY IN THE ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL OF VOSKRESENSKY

NARVA (ESTONIA), THE BRIDGE
ALONG THE NARVA RIVER,
CONNECTING THE NAMESAKE
ESTONIAN CITY WITH THE RUSSIAN
TOWN OF IVANGOROD



VÕRU (ESTONIA), MEMBERS OF A ESTONIAN
MILITIA DURING A MILITARY CELEBRATION



ESTONIA, ÄMARI NATO BASE,
THE ARRIVAL OF A GERMAN
EUROFIGHTER TYPHOON BACK FROM A
RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT





NARVA (ESTONIA), RUSSIAN-SPEAKING
BALLERINAS PREPARING FOR A SHOW
AT THE GENEVA THEATER

VÕRU (ESTONIA), RECRUITS OF
THE ESTONIAN ARMY TRAINING
NEAR THE RUSSIAN BORDER



TALLINN (ESTONIA), AN OPERATING
THEATER INSIDE THE ABANDONED
PRISON OF PATAREI, IN USE
DURING USSR PERIOD



VÕRU (ESTONIA), A MOMENT DURING
THE SHOOTING OF A MOVIE BY
ESTONIAN DIRECTOR MOONIKA SIIMETS.
IT TAKES PLACE IN THE USSR PERIOD,
AND TELLS THE STORY OF AN ESTONIAN
WOMAN SENT TO SIBERIA



ESTONIA, ÄMARI NATO BASE,
RECRUITS OF THE ESTONIAN ARMY
DURING TRAINING



NARVA (ESTONIA), BOWLING CLUB,
A GROUP OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKING
YOUNGSTERS PLAYING BOWLING AT NIGHT



VÕRU (ESTONIA), MEMBERS
OF AN ESTONIAN VOLUNTEER'S
MILITIA DURING
A MILITARY CELEBRATION



NARVA (ESTONIA), THE
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF
VOSKRESENSKY



NARVA (ESTONIA), TWO WOMEN
IN A GYM FACING THE NARVA
RIVER OBSERVING THE RUSSIAN
FORTRESS OF IVANGOROD



VÕRU (ESTONIA), RECRUITS OF
THE ESTONIAN ARMY TRAINING
NEAR THE RUSSIAN BORDER



TALLINN (ESTONIA), THE
SEAPLANE HARBOUR MUSEUM,
HOSTED IN AN OLD HANGAR FOR
SEAPLANES. AT THE CENTER,
THE ESTONIAN SUBMARINE
LEMBIT, BUILT IN 1936



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NARVA (ESTONIA), TWO RUSSIAN
SPEAKING LADIES AT AN EXHIBITION
IN THE GENEVA CULTURAL CENTRE





Võru (ESTONIA), A FOREST ALONG
THE ROAD TO PIUSA



NARVA (ESTONIA), TWO RUSSIAN-SPEAKING YOUNGSTERS TAKE SOME PICTURES IN FRONT OF A SOVIET TANK T-34, STILL THERE IN MEMORY OF WORLD WAR II

ESTONIA, ÄMARI NATO BASE,
A GERMAN EUROFIGHTER
TYPHOON ALMOST READY FOR A
RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT



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