



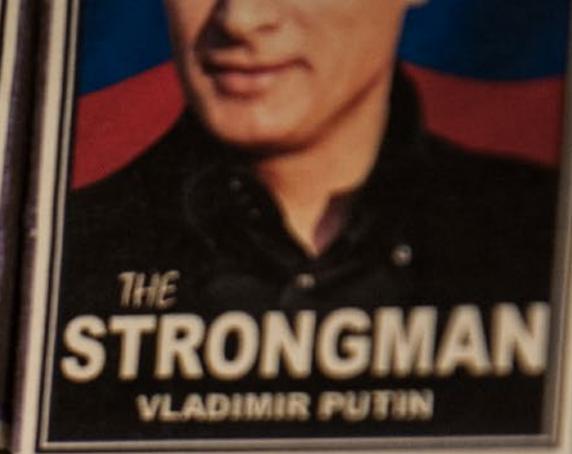
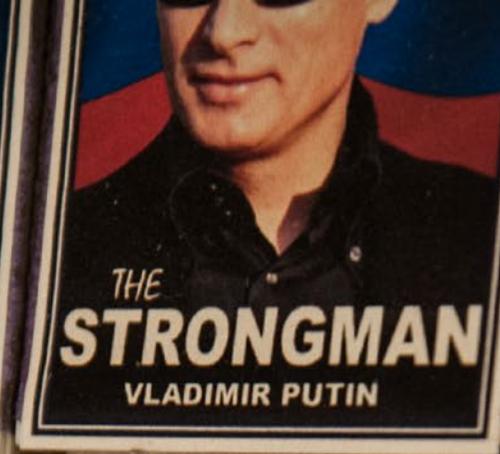
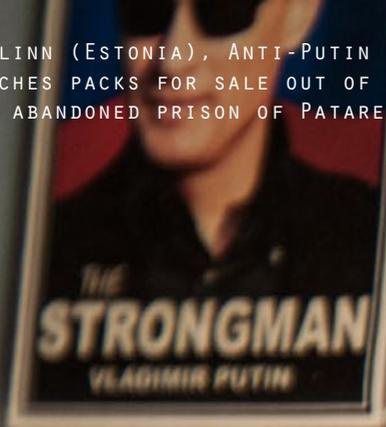
**ESTONIA**

## The Next Russian Target?

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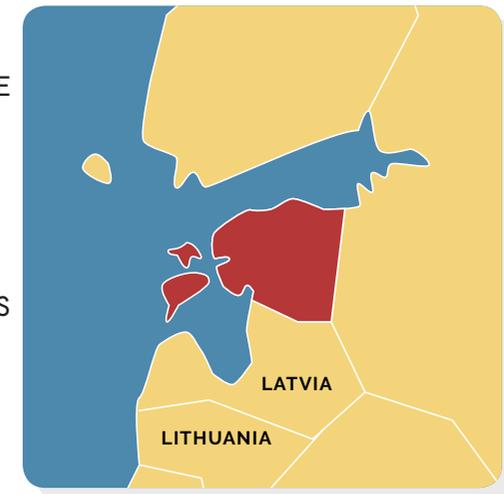


TALLINN (ESTONIA), ANTI-PUTIN  
MATCHES PACKS FOR SALE OUT OF  
THE ABANDONED PRISON OF PATAREI



WITH THE WAR IN UKRAINE FULLY UNDER WAY, OTHER NATIONS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY FEARFUL OF PUTIN'S RUSSIA. ONE SUCH COUNTRY IS ESTONIA, HOME TO ONE OF EUROPE'S LARGEST (AND LEAST INTEGRATED) RUSSIAN-SPEAKING POPULATIONS. ESTONIA, WHICH USED TO BE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE EU SINCE 2003, TOGETHER WITH ITS NEIGHBOR LATVIA ARE THE ONLY NATO COUNTRIES TO SHARE A LAND BORDER WITH RUSSIA. IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THEN THAT IN FEBRUARY 2022 THE MILITARY BASE IN ÄMARI SAW SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENTS WITH A VIEW TO DEFENDING NATO AND ITS NORTHEASTERN BORDERS, A DEPLOYMENT THAT HAS BEEN GATHERING PACE IN RECENT YEARS.

IN THIS PART OF EUROPE THE NEW IRON CURTAIN FOLLOWS THE BORDERS OF THE BALTIC STATES AND SINCE 2014, THE YEAR RUSSIA ANNEXED CRIMEA, ESTONIA HAS FEARED POSSIBLE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS FROM RUSSIA. AS A RESULT, ESTONIAN MILITARY EXERCISES ALONG THE BORDER HAVE INTENSIFIED, AS HAS CIVILIAN MEMBERSHIP OF VOLUNTARY MILITIAS TO DEFEND AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION. "WE'VE BEEN OCCUPIED BY SOVIETS ONCE," EXPLAINS A CORPORAL OF THE ESTONIAN ARMY, "WE DON'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN AGAIN. IT'S A DETERRENT. AS THE 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 PIIUSA



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



