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Eastern Europe	Middle East	Western Europe & The Nordics
<p>U.S. Army deploys approximately 60 helicopters to Germany, Poland and Latvia – Defence Blog</p> <p>The U.S. Army has announced that it is deploying approximately 60 military helicopters from La Rochelle, France, and fly to training locations in Germany, Poland and Latvia. The Baltic Security also reported that from July 13 to 20, about 10 U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters assigned to 101st Combat Aviation Brigade will arrive at Lielvārde Air Base, Latvia, for a nine-month rotation in support of Atlantic Resolve. During these dates, residents of Siauliai and neighboring communities may see a large formation of helicopters. These flights will adhere to standard noise abatement procedures. ;Since April 2014, U.S. Army Europe has led the Department of Defense’s Atlantic Resolve land efforts by bringing units based in the U.S. to Europe for nine months at a time.</p> <p>Will Poland and Romania Jointly Produce Military Equipment? – Defence 24</p> <p>Russia-aligned hackers running anti-Nato fake news campaign – report – The Guardian</p> <p>Lithuania accept delivery of NASAMS medium-range air defense systems– Defence Blog</p>	<p>Strategic pause: What explains Russia’s inertia in eastern Syria? – Middle East Institute</p> <p>Unlike Iranian proxies and Syrian regime military units that attacked American soldiers near the Conoco oil field on the same day that bomb went off — and on one recent occasion opened fire on a U.S. patrol — Moscow has been scaling down its activities in the eastern part of the country. Unlike Iranian proxies and Syrian regime military units that attacked American soldiers near the Conoco oil field on the same day that bomb went off — and on one recent occasion opened fire on a U.S. patrol — Moscow has been scaling down its activities in the eastern part of the country. This stands in contrast to earlier attempts by Russian forces to solidify their position in the Trans-Euphrates area and compete with American patrols in undeclared “road wars.”</p> <p>How Southern Syria Has Been Transformed Into a Regional Powder Keg – Carnegie Middle East Center</p> <p>Saudi Arabia and Pakistan: Unease and Reassurance Amid Changing Regional Realities – RUSI</p> <p>What kind of industrial cooperation will be improved Israel-UAE relations produce? – Defense News</p> <p>How Tripoli’s port ‘stepped in’ after ‘apocalyptic’ Beirut blast – Al Jazeera</p>	<p>EU prepares options against Turkey’s military stance in eastern Mediterranean – Janes</p> <p>With tensions between Greece and Turkey at their highest in decades over competing claims for territorial rights and gas reserves in the eastern Mediterranean, “all options” will be on the table to persuade Ankara to cease its belligerent behaviour in the region, according to EU officials. “This situation could lead to an unwanted escalation: it needs to be defused,” German Defence Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer told reporters after a 26 August meeting in Berlin with her EU counterparts. She said new naval exercises in the region involving the two opponents “are not helpful and we all agree on that”, adding that “we must create more space to allow talks to start”.</p> <p>Finland’s \$12 billion fighter plan dodges the post-pandemic budget ax – Defense News</p> <p>Greek and Turkish warships collide in the Aegean Sea – Reuters</p> <p>Israeli Air Force touches down in Germany for first time – Janes</p> <p>UK and Belgium to collaborate on Protector RPAS – Airforce Technology</p> <p>Spanish Army 8x8 Contract Awarded – European Security & Defence</p>

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